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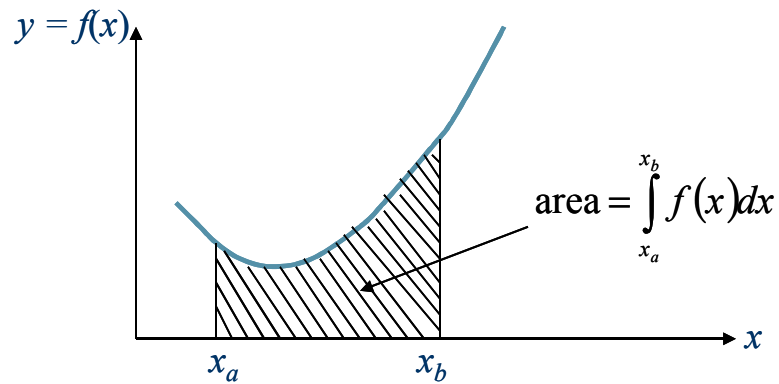
- In calculus, integration is used to find the area under the curve.
- In engineering applications, the area under the curve can have physical interpretation and implications.
- For example, it can mean finding the total energy or rate of flow Q through a cross section of a river.



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■ Area Under the Curve



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■ Examples

$$y = f(x) = 1 + x$$

$$I = \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 (1 + x) dx = \left[x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = f(x) = x^3 - e^x + \sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int y dx &= \int f(x) dx = \int (x^3 - e^x + \sin x) dx \\ &= \frac{x^4}{4} - e^x - \cos x + c \end{aligned}$$



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■ Need for Numerical Integration

In general, the function to be integrated will typically be in one of the following forms:

1. A simple continuous linear function such as a polynomial, an exponential, or trigonometric function, such as

$$f(x) = 3x^5 - 2x + 20$$

$$f(x) = 1 - e^{2x}$$

$$f(x) = 32 + \sin x$$



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■ Need for Numerical Integration

2. A complex non-linear continuous function that is difficult or impossible to integrate directly such as

$$f(x) = \frac{1 + x^3 + \sin x^2}{1 + \cos x}$$

$$f(x) = x^4 - \frac{1}{x} + x(\tan x - e^x)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{3 + x^2} + x \ln x - \frac{\cos x}{x}$$



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3. A tabulated continuous function where values of the independent variable x and $f(x)$ are given at a number of discrete data points as is often the case with experimental or field data such as distance traveled by a car vs. time:

t (sec)	0	2	4	6	8	10
D (ft)	0	10	50	150	330	610



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■ Need for Numerical Integration

- In the first case, the integral of a simple function may be computed analytically using calculus.
- For the second case, analytical solutions are often impractical and sometimes difficult or impossible to obtain.
- In these situations as well as in the third case, approximate methods must be used.



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■ Need for Numerical Integration

- Pre computers and computational devices, a visually oriented approach were used to integrate tabulated data and complicated functions.
- In this approach, the function is plotted on a grid (see figure), and the number of boxes that approximate the area are counted.



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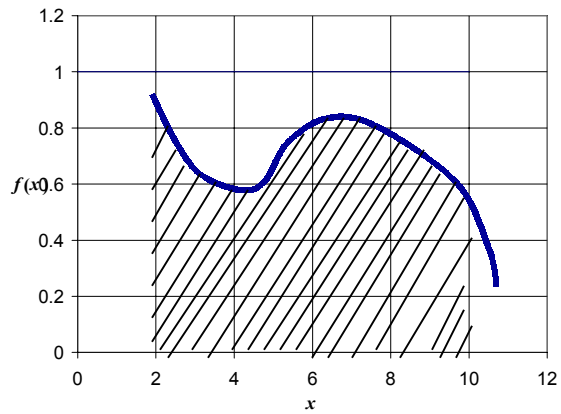
- This number is multiplied by the area of each box to give a rough estimate of the total area under the curve.
- This estimate can be refined at the expense of additional effort by using a finer grid.



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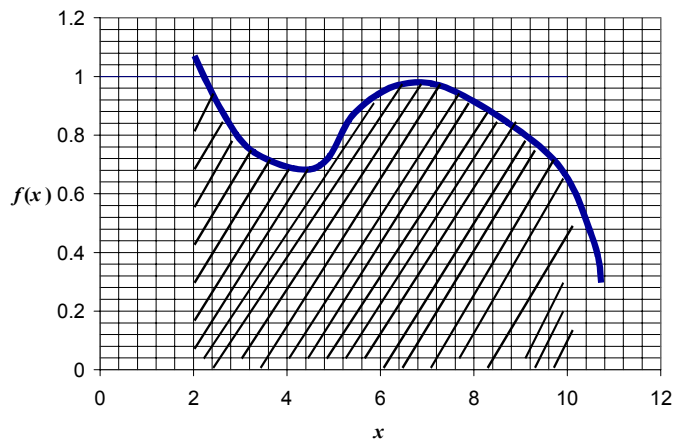
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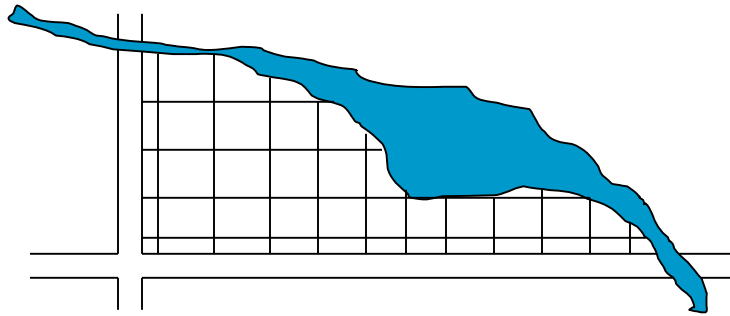


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Engineering Applications

- A surveyor might need to know the area of a piece of land bounded by a meandering stream and two roads



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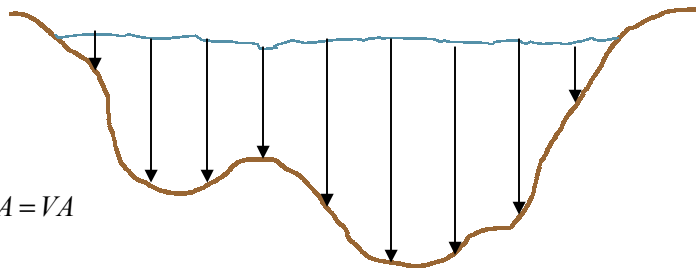


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Engineering Applications

- A water-resource engineer might need to know the cross-sectional area of a river to calculate the rate of flow Q .



$$Q = \int V dA = VA$$

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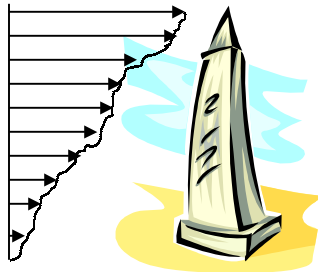
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Engineering Applications



- A structural engineer might need to determine the net lateral force due to non-uniform wind blowing against a side of a tall building.



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Integration Using Interpolating Polynomial

- The general form of an interpolating polynomial is given by

$$f(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3 + \dots + b_nx^n$$

- This polynomial can be integrated analytically as follows:

$$\int f(x)dx = b_0x + \frac{b_1x^2}{2} + \frac{b_2x^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{b_{n-1}x^n}{n} + \frac{b_nx^{n+1}}{n+1}$$



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■ Integration Using Interpolating Polynomial

- The Gregory-Newton method for deriving an interpolation formula can also be used to evaluate the integral of a function.
- Recall G-N method:

$$f(x) = a_1 + a_2(x - x_1) + a_3(x - x_1)(x - x_2) + a_4(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) + a_n(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) + a_{n+1}(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n)$$



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■ Integration Using Interpolating Polynomial

- The terms could be rearrange to form an n th-order polynomial of the type

$$f(x) = b_1x^n + b_2x^{n-1} + \dots + b_{n+1}$$

- This polynomial can be integrated analytically as

$$\int f(x)dx = \frac{b_1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + \frac{b_2}{n}x^n + \dots + b_{n+1}x$$



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■ Example 1

Derive a second-degree interpolation polynomial to fit the following data points, and then using the fitted polynomial to approximate

$$\int_{1.5}^{2.5} f(x) dx$$

Compare your result with that of the exact integral (i.e., $x^4/4$).

x	1	2	3
$f(x)$	1	8	27



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

- The general form of the interpolation polynomial is given by

$$f(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3 + \dots + b_nx^n$$

- In our case it is

$$f(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$$



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

- We need to find the coefficients b_0 , b_1 , and b_2 .
- We notice that we have three unknowns, $n = 3$, that require solving 3 simultaneous linear equations using the pair, x_i and $f(x_i)$, of the given data as follows:



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

x	1	2	3
$f(x)$	1	8	27

$$f(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$$

$$1 = b_0 + b_1(1) + b_2(1)^2$$

$$8 = b_0 + b_1(2) + b_2(2)^2$$

$$27 = b_0 + b_1(3) + b_2(3)^2$$



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

$$b_0 + b_1 + b_2 = 1$$

$$b_0 + 2b_1 + 4b_2 = 8$$

$$b_0 + 3b_1 + 9b_2 = 27$$

– OR

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

– The solution of this set of equations yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -11 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad f(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$$

– Therefore, the interpolation polynomial is

$$f(x) = 6 - 11x + 6x^2$$

– And its anti-derivative (integral) is

$$\int f(x)dx = 6x - \frac{11}{2}x^2 + \frac{6}{3}x^3 + c$$

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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

The result is

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{1.5}^{2.5} f(x) dx &= \left[6x - \frac{11}{2}x^2 + 2x^3 \right]_{1.5}^{2.5} \\ &= \left[6(2.5) - \frac{11}{2}(2.5)^2 + 2(2.5)^3 \right] - \left[6(1.5) - \frac{11}{2}(1.5)^2 + 2(1.5)^3 \right] \\ &= 11.875 - 3.375 \\ &= 8.5\end{aligned}$$



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

– Evaluation of the exact integral is as follows:

$$\int_{1.5}^{2.5} f(x) dx = \int_{1.5}^{2.5} x^3 = \left. \frac{x^4}{4} \right|_{1.5}^{2.5} = \frac{(2.5)^4 - (1.5)^4}{4} = 8.5$$

– In this example, the approximation is identical to the true value.



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■ The Trapezoidal Rule

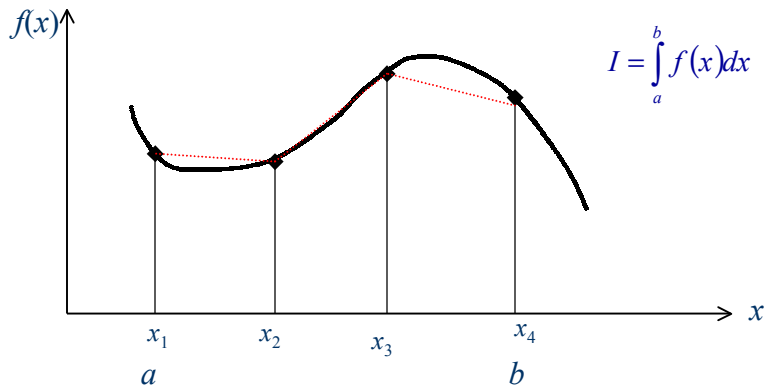
- The trapezoidal rule approximates the area of a function defined by a set of discrete points by fitting a trapezoid to each pair of adjacent points that defines the dependent variable and summing the individual areas as shown in the figure.



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■ The Trapezoidal Rule





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■ The Trapezoidal Rule

– Derivation

- The trapezoidal rule can be derived by fitting a linear interpolating polynomial to each pair of points.
- Using, for example Gregory-Newton formula, an expression for a linear polynomial can be obtained as follows:

$$f(x) = a_1 + a_2(x - x_1) + a_3(x - x_1)(x - x_2) + a_4(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) + a_n(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) + a_{n+1}(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n)$$



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■ The Trapezoidal Rule

– Derivation

- If we denote the values of the two independent variables as x_i and x_{i+1} , then G-N formula gives

x	$f(x)$
x_i	$f(x_i)$
x_{i+1}	$f(x_{i+1})$

$$f(x) = a_1 + a_2(x - x_i)$$

$$f(x_i) = a_1 + a_2(x_i - x_i)$$

$$f(x_i) = a_1$$



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– Derivation

x	$f(x)$
x_i	$f(x_i)$
x_{i+1}	$f(x_{i+1})$

$$f(x) = a_1 + a_2(x - x_i)$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) = a_1 + a_2(x_{i+1} - x_i) = f(x_i) + a_2(x_{i+1} - x_i)$$

Therefore,

$$a_2 = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$



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■ The Trapezoidal Rule

– Derivation

– Hence, the linear polynomial is given by

x	$f(x)$
x_i	$f(x_i)$
x_{i+1}	$f(x_{i+1})$

$$f(x) = a_1 + a_2(x - x_i)$$

$$f(x) = f(x_i) + \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}(x - x_i) \quad (1)$$



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■ The Trapezoidal Rule

– Derivation

- Integrating Eq. 1 between two points, say a and b :

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = f(x_i)x + \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)(x - x_i)^2}{x_{i+1} - x_i} \Big|_a^b$$

$$= f(x_i)b + \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)(b - x_i)^2}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

$$- f(x_i)a - \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)(a - x_i)^2}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

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■ The Trapezoidal Rule

– Derivation

Or

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{b-a}{x_{i+1} - x_i} \left[\frac{(b+a)}{2} (f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)) - x_{i+1}f(x_i) - x_i f(x_{i+1}) \right]$$

Letting $b = x_{i+1}$ and $a = x_i$, results in

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x)dx = \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{2} [f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)]$$

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■ The Trapezoidal Rule

The trapezoidal rule can be used to approximate the integral between two points x_1 and x_n of a function. It is given by

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_n} f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) \frac{f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{2} \quad (2)$$



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■ Geometric Interpretation the Trapezoidal Rule

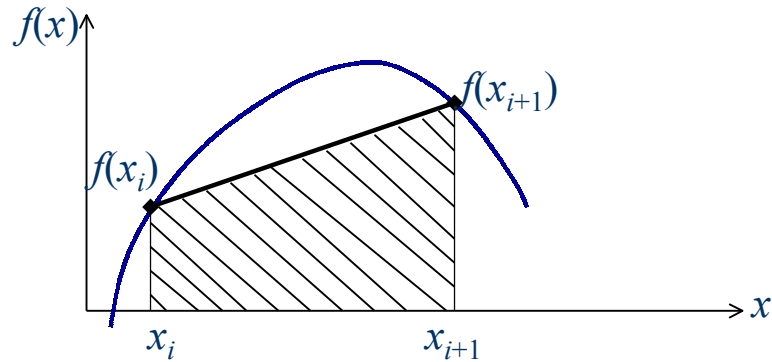
- The trapezoidal rule can also be derived geometrically.
- The trapezoidal rule is equivalent to approximating the area of the trapezoid under the straight line connecting $f(x_i)$ and $f(x_{i+1})$ as shown in the following figure:



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■ Geometric Interpretation the Trapezoidal Rule



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■ Geometric Interpretation the Trapezoidal Rule

- Recall from geometry that the formula for computing the area of a trapezoid is the height times the average of the bases as shown in the figure.
- Therefore, the integral estimate can be represented as

$$I \approx \text{width} \times \text{average height}$$

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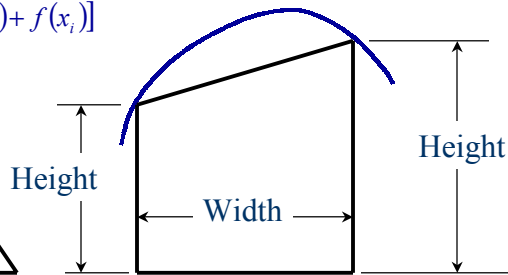
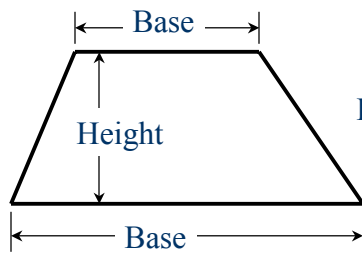


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Geometric Interpretation the Trapezoidal Rule

$$I \approx \text{width} \times \text{average height}$$

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx = \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{2} [f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)]$$



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Example 2

Using the trapezoidal rule, estimate the area under the curve, that is

$$I = \int_1^4 f(x) dx$$

for the following function given in tabulated form:

i	1	2	3	4
x_i	1	2	3	4
$f(x_i)$	3	-1	-3	3



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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

Using Eq. 2,

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_n} f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) \frac{f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^4 f(x) dx &\approx (2-1) \frac{[3+(-1)]}{2} + (3-2) \frac{[-1+(-3)]}{2} + (4-3) \frac{[3+(-3)]}{2} \\ &= 1 + (-2) + 0 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

i	1	2	3	4
x_i	1	2	3	4
$f(x_i)$	3	-1	-3	3