# Welcome to MAT135 LEC0501 (Assaf)

As you come in, introduce yourself to someone you haven't met yet.

#### S5.1&5.2 – Riemann Sums, Erors, and Areas

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" In the morning I'd awake And I couldn't remember What is love and what is hate The calculations error "

 $-\ensuremath{``}$  In The Morning of the Magicians  $\ensuremath{''}$  , The Flaming Lips

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#### Announcements

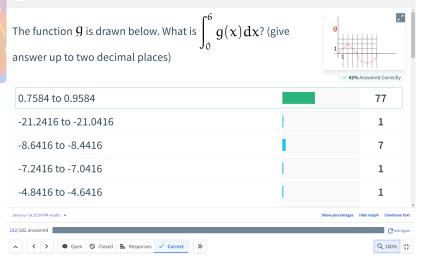
- Read the syllabus (it's on Quercus).
- WeBWork is due the night before class
- We do not answer e-mails sent via WeBWork
- TopHat is graded by participation only. If it becomes meaningless, this will change!

#### Integrals and Areas

In your groups, write a sentence explaining the geometric interpretation of the expression:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$







The integral of a function between *a* and *b* is the signed area between the function and the *x*-axis.

Let 
$$f(x) = log(log(x))$$
. Then the integral  $\int_3^5 f''(x) dx$  is

✓ 67% Answered Correctly

A Positive, and I'm confident in my answer.	18
B Positive, and I'm not confident in my answer.	32
C Negative, and I'm not confident in my answer.	58
D Negative, and I'm confident in my answer.	70
E I have no idea.	12

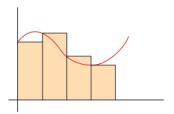


#### Takeaway

# The fundamental theorem can allow us to compute hard integrals in an instant. We just need to identify them as derivatives!

# Computing Integrals – An Idea

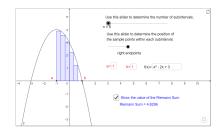
- Draw the function
- Divide the interval
- Pick left- or rightrectangles
- Add up areas



How does this work in practice?

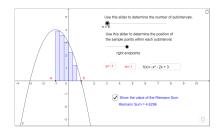
In groups, spend five minutes playing around with the applet:

https://www.geogebra.org/m/xJsZTG2i



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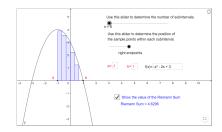
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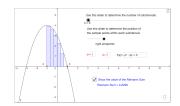
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The integral is somewhere between the left and right Riemann sums:

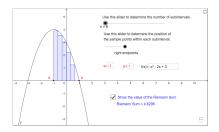
$$---- \leq \int_{-1}^{1} (-x^2 - 2x + 3) dx \leq ----$$

Which Riemann sum goes where?



$$R.H.S \leq \int_{-1}^{1} (-x^2 - 2x + 3) dx \leq L.H.S$$

Rainbow the cat wants to compute the area under the curve using a left-Riemann sum. He wants to know how far away from the true area his computation be.



We know:

$$R.H.S = \Delta t \left( f\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) + f\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + f(0) + f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + f(1) \right)$$
  
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What is L.H.S - R.H.S?

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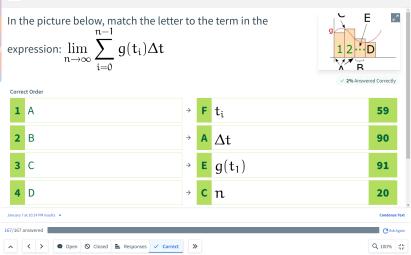
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We know  $\Delta t = \frac{2}{n}$ , so to make  $\Delta t < 0.005$ , we need *n* to be at least 400.

#### Takeaway

#### When a function is monotonic, we have a good way to estimate the error between the left- and the right- Riemann sums

Submissions Closed



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"When we take the limit as  $n \to \infty$ , the left and the right Riemann sums converge to the same thing. This is the signed area under the function, or, the definite integral."

# Plans for the Future

For next time: WeBWork 5.3 and read section 5.3