

Solutions to Question Sheet 10, Riemann Integration. v1 2019-20

1. Let $f(x) = x^3$ on $[0, 1]$ and let \mathcal{P}_n be the arithmetic partition that splits $[0, 1]$ into n equal subintervals.

Evaluate $U(\mathcal{P}_n, f)$ and $L(\mathcal{P}_n, f)$.

Thus show that f is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$ and find the value of

$$\int_0^1 x^3 dx.$$

You may need to recall $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = n^2(n+1)^2/4$.

Solution The arithmetic partition of $[0, 1]$ is

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \left\{ \frac{i}{n} : 0 \leq i \leq n \right\}.$$

The function $f(x) = x^3$ is increasing on \mathbb{R} , so

$$M_i = \sup \left\{ f(x) : \frac{i-1}{n} \leq x \leq \frac{i}{n} \right\} = \left(\frac{i}{n} \right)^3,$$
$$m_i = \inf \left\{ f(x) : \frac{i-1}{n} \leq x \leq \frac{i}{n} \right\} = \left(\frac{i-1}{n} \right)^3,$$

Thus

$$U(\mathcal{P}_n, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i}{n} \right)^3 \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{i=1}^n i^3,$$
$$L(\mathcal{P}_n, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i-1}{n} \right)^3 \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (i-1)^3 = \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j^3,$$

on writing $j = i - 1$. Sum these arithmetic series using the given recollection to get

$$U(\mathcal{P}_n, f) = \frac{1}{n^4} \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2,$$
$$L(\mathcal{P}_n, f) = \frac{1}{n^4} \frac{(n-1)^2 n^2}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^2.$$

From the theory of integration we have,

$$L(\mathcal{P}_n, f) \leq \int_a^b f \leq \int_a^b \overline{f} \leq U(\mathcal{P}_n, f)$$

or, in our case,

$$\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \leq \int_0^1 f(x) dx \leq \int_0^1 \overline{f} dx \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2$$

for all $n \geq 1$. Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ to see that we must have equality in the centre, that is $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \overline{f} dx$. Thus $f(x) = x^3$ is Riemann integrable over $[0, 1]$. The common value is $1/4$ so

$$\int_0^1 x^3 dx = \frac{1}{4}.$$

2. i) Integrate $f(x) = x^2$ over $[1, 2]$ by using the arithmetic partition of $[1, 2]$ into n equal subintervals.
- ii) Integrate $f(x) = x^2$ over $[1, 2]$ by using the geometric partition

$$\mathcal{Q}_n = \{1, \eta, \eta^2, \eta^3, \dots, \eta^n = 2\},$$

where η is the n^{th} -root of 2.

Solution i. The arithmetic partition of $[1, 2]$ is

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \left\{1 + \frac{i}{n} : 0 \leq i \leq n\right\}.$$

Since $f(x) = x^2$ is increasing on \mathbb{R} we have

$$M_i = \sup \left\{ f(x) : 1 + \frac{i-1}{n} \leq x \leq 1 + \frac{i}{n} \right\} = \left(1 + \frac{i}{n}\right)^2,$$

$$m_i = \inf \left\{ f(x) : 1 + \frac{i-1}{n} \leq x \leq 1 + \frac{i}{n} \right\} = \left(1 + \frac{i-1}{n}\right)^2,$$

Since the expression for M_i is slightly simpler than that for m_i we consider first the Upper Sum:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U(\mathcal{P}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{i}{n}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{2i}{n} + \frac{i^2}{n^2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \left(n + \frac{2n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right) \\
 &= \frac{6n^3 + 6n^2(n+1) + n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3} \\
 &= \frac{14n^2 + 9n + 1}{6n^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the Lower Sum we wish to reuse work and so attempt to relate the Lower Sum to the Upper Sum.

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\mathcal{P}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{(i-1)}{n}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{j}{n}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{j}{n}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n} + \left(1 + \frac{0}{n}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n} - \left(1 + \frac{n}{n}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n} \\
 &= U(\mathcal{P}_n, f) + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{4}{n} \\
 &= \frac{14n^2 + 9n + 1}{6n^2} - \frac{3}{n} \\
 &= \frac{14n^2 - 9n + 1}{6n^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

As in the last question the theory gives

$$\frac{14n^2 - 9n + 1}{6n^2} \leq \int_1^2 f(x) dx \leq \overline{\int_1^2 f(x) dx} \leq \frac{14n^2 + 9n + 1}{6n^2}.$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ to deduce that the Riemann integral exists and

$$\int_1^2 x^2 dx = \frac{7}{3}.$$

ii. Let

$$\mathcal{Q}_n = \{\eta^i : 0 \leq i \leq n\}$$

with $\eta = \sqrt[3]{2}$, be the geometric partition of $[1, 2]$. Then

$$M_i = \sup \{f(x) : \eta^{i-1} \leq x \leq \eta^i\} = (\eta^i)^2,$$

$$m_i = \inf \{f(x) : \eta^{i-1} \leq x \leq \eta^i\} = (\eta^{i-1})^2,$$

Again the expression for M_i is slightly simpler than that for m_i , so consider

$$\begin{aligned} U(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^i)^2 (\eta^i - \eta^{i-1}) = (1 - \eta^{-1}) \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^3)^i \\ &= (1 - \eta^{-1}) \frac{\eta^3}{\eta^3 - 1} (\eta^{3n} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

on summing the geometric series,

$$\begin{aligned} &= (1 - \eta^{-1}) \frac{7\eta^3}{\eta^3 - 1} \quad \text{since } \eta^n = 2, \\ &= \frac{7(1 - \eta)\eta^2}{(1 - \eta)(1 + \eta + \eta^2)} = \frac{7\eta^2}{1 + \eta + \eta^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note in evaluating $U(\mathcal{Q}_n, f)$ do **not** argue as

$$U(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^i)^2 (\eta^i - \eta^{i-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^i)^2 \eta^i - \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^i)^2 \eta^{i-1}.$$

Having two summations simply doubles the chance of making an error.

For the Lower Sum we first express m_i in terms of M_i so we can write the Lower Sum in terms of the Upper Sum and then reuse the calculation above. (No need to do the same work twice.) Thus

$$m_i = (\eta^{i-1})^2 = \eta^{-2} (\eta^i)^2 = \eta^{-2} M_i.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (x_i - x_{i-1}) = \eta^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n M_i (x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &= \eta^{-2} U(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) = \frac{7}{1 + \eta + \eta^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{7}{1 + \eta + \eta^2} \leq \int_1^2 f(x) dx \leq \overline{\int_1^2 f(x) dx} \leq \frac{7\eta^2}{1 + \eta + \eta^2}.$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ when $\eta \rightarrow 1$ and we again deduce that the Riemann integral exists and

$$\int_1^2 x^2 dx = \frac{7}{3}.$$

3. Integrate $f(x) = 1/x^3$ over $[2, 3]$ by using the geometric partition

$$\mathcal{Q}_n = \{2, 2\eta, 2\eta^2, 2\eta^3, \dots, 2\eta^n = 3\},$$

where η is the n^{th} -root of $3/2$.

Solution Let

$$\mathcal{Q}_n = \{2, 2\eta, 2\eta^2, 2\eta^3, \dots, 2\eta^n = 3\},$$

where η is the n^{th} -root of $3/2$. Then for $1 \leq i \leq n$ we have

$$[x_{i-1}, x_i] = [2\eta^{i-1}, 2\eta^i].$$

The function $f(x) = x^{-3}$ is decreasing so

$$M_i = \sup \{f(x) : 2\eta^{i-1} \leq x \leq 2\eta^i\} = \frac{1}{(2\eta^{i-1})^3},$$

$$m_i = \inf \{f(x) : 2\eta^{i-1} \leq x \leq 2\eta^i\} = \frac{1}{(2\eta^i)^3}.$$

Since the expression for m_i is slightly simpler we look first at the Lower Sum.

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (2\eta^i)^{-3} (2\eta^i - 2\eta^{i-1}) = \frac{2}{2^3} (1 - \eta^{-1}) \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^{-2})^i \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1 - \eta^{-1}) \frac{\eta^{-2}}{1 - \eta^{-2}} (1 - \eta^{-2n}) \end{aligned}$$

on summing the geometric series,

$$= \frac{1}{4} (1 - \eta^{-1}) \frac{1}{\eta^2 - 1} \frac{5}{9} \quad \text{since } \eta^n = 3/2,$$

$$= \frac{5}{36} \frac{\eta - 1}{\eta} \frac{1}{(\eta + 1)(\eta - 1)} = \frac{5}{36\eta(1 + \eta)}.$$

For the Upper Sum we have

$$M_i = \frac{1}{(2\eta^{i-1})^3} = \frac{\eta^3}{(2\eta^i)^3} = \eta^3 m_i.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} U(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n M_i (x_i - x_{i-1}) = \eta^3 \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &= \eta^3 L(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) = \frac{5\eta^2}{36(1+\eta)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ when $\eta \rightarrow 1$ and we again deduce that the Riemann integral exists and

$$\int_2^3 \frac{dx}{x^3} = \frac{5}{72}.$$

4. i) If the function $h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, Riemann integrable and satisfies $h(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, show that

$$\int_a^b h(x) dx \geq 0.$$

Hint What does $h(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$ say about any Lower Sum? What does it then say about the Lower Integral of h ? Use also the fact that h is Riemann integrable implies that the lower and upper integrals both exist and are equal.

- ii) Prove that if the functions f and g , are bounded on $[a, b]$, and satisfy $f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then

$$\underline{\int_a^b} f \leq \underline{\int_a^b} g \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{\int_a^b} f \leq \overline{\int_a^b} g.$$

- iii) Prove that if the Riemann integrable functions f and g satisfy $f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f \leq \int_a^b g.$$

Solution i. For any partition \mathcal{P} of $[a, b]$, the fact that $h(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$ means that $L(\mathcal{P}, h) \geq 0$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b h &= \underline{\int_a^b} h \quad \text{since } h \text{ is integrable,} \\ &= \text{lub } \{L(\mathcal{P}, h) : \mathcal{P} \text{ partition}\}, \quad \text{by definition of } \underline{\int_a^b}, \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

ii. Let a partition \mathcal{P} of $[a, b]$ be given. On any interval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$, the inequality $f(x) \leq g(x)$ means that

$$\begin{aligned} M_i^f &= \text{lub}_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \leq \text{lub}_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} g(x) = M_i^g, \\ m_i^f &= \text{glb}_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \leq \text{glb}_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} g(x) = m_i^g. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$L(\mathcal{P}, f) \leq L(\mathcal{P}, g) \quad \text{and} \quad U(\mathcal{P}, f) \leq U(\mathcal{P}, g) \quad (1)$$

for all \mathcal{P} .

By definition $\underline{\int_a^b} g$ is an upper bound for all $L(\mathcal{P}, g)$ as \mathcal{P} varies. From (1) we then get that $\underline{\int_a^b} g$ is an upper bound for $\{L(\mathcal{P}, f) : \mathcal{P}\}$. Yet by definition $\underline{\int_a^b} f$ is the *least* of all upper bounds of this set, and so

$$\underline{\int_a^b} f \leq \underline{\int_a^b} g. \quad (2)$$

Similarly, $\overline{\int_a^b} f$ is a lower bound for all $U(\mathcal{P}, f)$ as \mathcal{P} varies. Again from (1) we then get that $\overline{\int_a^b} f$ is a lower bound for $\{U(\mathcal{P}, g) : \mathcal{P}\}$. Yet by definition $\overline{\int_a^b} g$ is the *greatest* of all lower bounds of this set, and so

$$\overline{\int_a^b} g \geq \overline{\int_a^b} f.$$

iii. The fact that f and g are Riemann integrable gives

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f &= \int_a^b f && \text{since } f \text{ is Riemann integrable,} \\ &\leq \int_a^b g && \text{by (2),} \\ &= \int_a^b g && \text{since } g \text{ is Riemann integrable.}\end{aligned}$$

5. Integrate $f(x) = x^2 - x$ over $[2, 5]$ by using

- i) the arithmetic partition of $[2, 5]$ into n equal length subintervals and
- ii) the geometric partition of $[2, 5]$ into n intervals.

Solution i. Let $f(x) = x^2 - x$ and

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \left\{ 2 + \frac{3i}{n} : 0 \leq i \leq n \right\},$$

an arithmetic partition of $[2, 5]$. The function f is increasing for $x > 1/2$ and thus on this interval. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}M_i &= \sup \left\{ f(x) : 2 + \frac{3(i-1)}{n} \leq x \leq 2 + \frac{3i}{n} \right\} \\ &= \left(2 + \frac{3i}{n} \right)^2 - \left(2 + \frac{3i}{n} \right), \\ m_i &= \inf \left\{ f(x) : 2 + \frac{3(i-1)}{n} \leq x \leq 2 + \frac{3i}{n} \right\} \\ &= \left(2 + \frac{3(i-1)}{n} \right)^2 - \left(2 + \frac{3(i-1)}{n} \right),\end{aligned}$$

Consider first the Upper Sum:

$$\begin{aligned}
U(\mathcal{P}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \left(2 + \frac{3i}{n}\right)^2 - \left(2 + \frac{3i}{n}\right) \right\} \frac{3}{n} \\
&= \frac{3}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(2 + \frac{9i}{n} + \frac{9i^2}{n^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{3}{n} \left(2n + \frac{9}{n} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{9}{n^2} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\right) \\
&= \frac{(12n^3 + 27n^2(n+1) + 9n(n+1)(2n+1))}{2n^3} \\
&= \frac{57n^2 + 54n + 9}{2n^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the Lower Sum

$$L(\mathcal{P}_n, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \left(2 + \frac{3(i-1)}{n}\right)^2 - \left(2 + \frac{3(i-1)}{n}\right) \right\} \frac{3}{n}.$$

Change variable from i to $j = i - 1$ so the sum now runs from 0 to $n - 1$:

$$L(\mathcal{P}_n, f) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left\{ \left(2 + \frac{3j}{n}\right)^2 - \left(2 + \frac{3j}{n}\right) \right\} \frac{3}{n}.$$

Next, express this in terms of $U(\mathcal{P}_n, f)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\mathcal{P}_n, f) &= U(\mathcal{P}_n, f) + \left\{ \left(2 + \frac{3 \times 0}{n}\right)^2 - \left(2 + \frac{3 \times 0}{n}\right) \right\} \frac{3}{n} \\
&\quad - \left\{ \left(2 + \frac{3 \times n}{n}\right)^2 - \left(2 + \frac{3 \times n}{n}\right) \right\} \frac{3}{n} \\
&= U(\mathcal{P}_n, f) + \frac{6}{n} - \frac{60}{n} \\
&= \frac{57n^2 + 54n + 9}{2n^2} - \frac{54}{n} \\
&= \frac{57n^2 - 54n + 9}{2n^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

From the theory we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{57n^2 - 54n + 9}{2n^2} &\leq \int_2^5 f(x) dx \\ &\leq \overline{\int_2^5 f(x) dx} \leq \frac{57n^2 + 54n + 9}{2n^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ to deduce that the Riemann integral exists and

$$\int_2^5 (x^2 - x) dx = \frac{57}{2}.$$

ii) Let

$$\mathcal{Q}_n = \{2\eta^i : 0 \leq i \leq n\}$$

with $\eta = \sqrt[n]{5/2}$, be the geometric partition of $[2, 5]$. Then, since f is increasing on $[2, 5]$,

$$\begin{aligned}M_i &= \sup \{f(x) : 2\eta^{i-1} \leq x \leq 2\eta^i\} = (2\eta^i)^2 - 2\eta^i, \\ m_i &= \inf \{f(x) : 2\eta^{i-1} \leq x \leq 2\eta^i\} = (2\eta^{i-1})^2 - 2\eta^{i-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
U(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left((2\eta^i)^2 - 2\eta^i \right) (2\eta^i - 2\eta^{i-1}) \\
&= (1-\eta^{-1}) \left(8 \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^3)^i - 4 \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^2)^i \right) \\
&= (1-\eta^{-1}) \left(8 \frac{\eta^3}{\eta^3-1} (\eta^{3n}-1) - 4 \frac{\eta^2}{\eta^2-1} (\eta^{2n}-1) \right) \\
&\quad \text{on summing the geometric series,} \\
&= 117 (1-\eta^{-1}) \frac{\eta^3}{\eta^3-1} - 21 (1-\eta^{-1}) \frac{\eta^2}{\eta^2-1} \\
&\quad \text{since } \eta^n = 5/2, \\
&= \frac{117 (1-\eta) \eta^2}{(1-\eta) (1+\eta+\eta^2)} - 21 (1-\eta) \frac{\eta}{(1-\eta) (1+\eta)} \\
&= 117 \frac{\eta^2}{1+\eta+\eta^2} - 21 \frac{\eta}{1+\eta}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the Lower Sum we have

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\mathcal{Q}_n, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left((2\eta^{i-1})^2 - 2\eta^{i-1} \right) (2\eta^i - 2\eta^{i-1}) \\
&= (1-\eta^{-1}) \left(\frac{8}{\eta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^3)^i - \frac{4}{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta^2)^i \right) \\
&= 117 \frac{1}{1+\eta+\eta^2} - 21 \frac{1}{1+\eta}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{117}{1+\eta+\eta^2} - 21 \frac{1}{1+\eta} &\leq \int_{\underline{1}}^2 f(x) dx \\
&\leq \overline{\int}_1^2 f(x) dx \leq 117 \frac{\eta^2}{1+\eta+\eta^2} - 21 \frac{\eta}{1+\eta}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ when $\eta \rightarrow 1$ and we again deduce that the Riemann integral exists and

$$\int_1^2 (x^2 - x) dx = \frac{117}{3} - \frac{21}{2} = \frac{57}{2}.$$

6. **Definition** If f is continuous on (a, b) and F is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) with $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in (a, b)$ then F is a **primitive** for f .

Find primitives for

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(i)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, & \text{(ii)} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, & \text{(iii)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}. \\ \text{iv)} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}, & \text{v)} \frac{1}{1+x^2}, & \text{vi)} \frac{x}{1+x^2}. \end{array}$$

Solution A primitive of

i. $1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ is $\arcsin x$, by Question 8ii, Sheet 7,

ii. $x/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ is $-\sqrt{1-x^2}$

iii. $1/\sqrt{1+x^2}$ is $\sinh^{-1} x$, by Question 10i, Sheet 7,

iv. $x/\sqrt{1+x^2}$ is $\sqrt{1+x^2}$.

v. $1/(1+x^2)$ is $\arctan x$, by Question 8iii, Sheet 7,

vi. $x/(1+x^2)$ is $\ln \sqrt{1+x^2}$.

7. The **Fundamental Theorem of Calculus** says, in part, that if f is continuous on (a, b) then $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ is a primitive for $f(x)$ on (a, b) .

Prove that $\ln x$, defined earlier as the inverse of e^x , satisfies

$$\ln x = \int_1^x \frac{dt}{t}$$

for all $x > 0$.

Hint: Find two primitives for $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto 1/x$ and note that primitives are unique up to a constant.

Solution From the notes we know that (as an example of differentiating inverse functions)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$$

for $x > 0$ and so $\ln x$ is a primitive for $1/x$ in this range. But, since $1/t$ is Riemann integrable and continuous on $(0, \infty)$ we know, from the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, that

$$F(x) := \int_1^x \frac{dt}{t} \left(= - \int_x^1 \frac{dt}{t} \text{ if } x < 1 \right)$$

is also a primitive for $1/x$. Primitives are unique up to a constant, so

$$\ln x = \int_1^x \frac{dt}{t} + C$$

for some constant C . Put $x = 1$ to find that $C = 0$.

Solutions to Additional Questions

8. Integrate $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 10$ over $[2, 5]$ using the arithmetic partition of $[2, 5]$ into $3n$ equal length subintervals.

Note how we look at \mathcal{P}_{3n} and not \mathcal{P}_n , ask yourself why.

Solution Let $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 10$ on $[2, 5]$. This time $f'(x) = 2x - 6$ so f increases for $x > 3$ and decreases for $x < 3$.

Look at the partition

$$\mathcal{P}_{3n} = \left\{ 2 + \frac{3i}{3n} : 0 \leq i \leq 3n \right\} = \left\{ 2 + \frac{i}{n} : 0 \leq i \leq 3n \right\}.$$

We have chosen $3n$ instead of n so that one of the points in the partition is $x = 3$, (when $i = n$) where the function has a turning point. Note that the width of the intervals in the partition is $1/n$.

Because of the minimum at $x = 3$, i.e. $i = n$, we have

$$M_i = \sup \{f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\} = \begin{cases} f(x_{i-1}) & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(x_i) & \text{for } n+1 \leq i \leq 3n. \end{cases}$$

Similarly

$$m_i = \sup \{f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\} = \begin{cases} f(x_i) & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(x_{i-1}) & \text{for } n+1 \leq i \leq 3n. \end{cases}$$

Note that

$$f(x_i) = f\left(2 + \frac{i}{n}\right) = \frac{i^2}{n^2} - 2\frac{i}{n} + 2,$$

and so

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

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
U(\mathcal{P}_{3n}, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{(i-1)^2}{n^2} - 2\frac{(i-1)}{n} + 2 \right) \frac{1}{n} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=n+1}^{3n} \left(\frac{i^2}{n^2} - 2\frac{i}{n} + 2 \right) \frac{1}{n} \\
&= \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i^2 - \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i + 2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{i=n+1}^{3n} i^2 - \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{i=n+1}^{3n} i + 4.
\end{aligned}$$

We can combine two pairs of summations, noting that the $i = n$ term is missing in both. So

$$\begin{aligned}
U(\mathcal{P}_{3n}, f) &= \frac{1}{n^3} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{3n} i^2 - n^2 \right) - \frac{2}{n^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{3n} i - n \right) + 6 \\
&= \frac{1}{n^3} \left(9n^3 + \frac{7}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n \right) - \frac{2}{n^2} \left(\frac{9}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n \right) + 6 \\
&= \frac{12n^2 + 5n + 1}{2n^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\mathcal{P}_{3n}, f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i^2}{n^2} - 2\frac{i}{n} + 2 \right) \frac{1}{n} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=n+1}^{3n} \left(\frac{(i-1)^2}{n^2} - 2\frac{(i-1)}{n} + 2 \right) \frac{1}{n} \\
&= \frac{12n^2 - 5n + 1}{2n^2}
\end{aligned}$$

It matters not that we have $3n$ in place of n in

$$L(\mathcal{P}_{3n}, f) \leq \int_2^5 f \leq \int_2^5 \overline{f} \leq U(\mathcal{P}_{3n}, f).$$

Thus

$$\frac{12n^2 - 5n + 1}{2n^2} \leq \int_2^5 f(x) dx \leq \overline{\int_2^5 f(x) dx} \leq \frac{12n^2 + 5n + 1}{2n^2}.$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ to deduce that the Riemann integral exists and

$$\int_2^5 (x^2 - 6x + 10) dx = 6.$$

Note In this proof we have essentially calculated $\int_2^3 f$, $\int_3^5 f$ and added the results together. That you can do this is a result we have not had time to cover in the course.

9. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $f(0) = 0$ and, for $x \in (0, 1]$,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{n} \text{ where } n \text{ is the largest integer satisfying } n \leq \frac{1}{x}.$$

Draw the graph of f . Show that f is monotonic on $[0, 1]$.

Deduce that f is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$.

Find

$$\int_0^1 f.$$

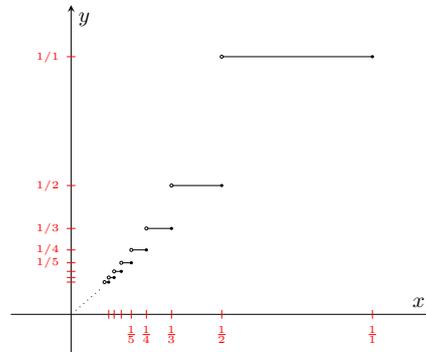
Hint. First calculate the integral over $[1/N, 1]$ for any $N \geq 1$. Then use this in evaluating the upper and lower integrals of f over $[0, 1]$.

Solution Let $0 \leq x < y \leq 1$ be given. Write n_x for the largest integer $n_x \leq 1/x$ so $f(x) = 1/n_x$. Similarly n_y is the largest integer $\leq 1/y$. Then

$$x < y \implies \frac{1}{y} < \frac{1}{x} \implies n_y \leq n_x \implies f(x) = \frac{1}{n_x} \leq \frac{1}{n_y} = f(y).$$

Hence f is a monotonic (in fact, increasing) function.

Graph of $y = f(x)$:



It can be shown that any monotonic function is Riemann integrable. Here, though, we will not assume this but first note that f is Riemann integrable over the interval $[1/N, 1]$ for any $N \geq 1$. In fact

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \int_{\frac{1}{j+1}}^{\frac{1}{j}} \frac{1}{j} = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{j} \left(\frac{1}{j} - \frac{1}{j+1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{j^2} - \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{j(j+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have a ‘telescoping’ series,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{j(j+1)} &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left(\frac{1}{j} - \frac{1}{j+1} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{N-1} - \frac{1}{N} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{N}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{j^2} - 1 + \frac{1}{N}.$$

We cannot justify letting $N \rightarrow \infty$, instead we examine the upper and lower integrals of f .

First $f \geq 0$ implies

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \geq \int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx = \int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx,$$

the last step following from f being Riemann integrable over the interval of integration.

For an upper bound we note that if $0 < x < 1/N$ then $N < 1/x$. So if N_x is the largest integer $\leq 1/x$ we have $N_x \geq N$. Yet by definition $f(x) = 1/N_x$ and so $f(x) \leq 1/N$. That is,

$$0 < x < \frac{1}{N} \implies f(x) \leq \frac{1}{N}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(x) dx &= \int_0^{1/N} f(x) dx + \int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx \\ &\leq \int_0^{1/N} \frac{1}{N} + \int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{N^2} + \int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Combining we have

$$\int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx \leq \int_0^1 f(x) dx \leq \int_0^1 f(x) dx \leq \frac{1}{N^2} + \int_{1/N}^1 f(x) dx.$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{j^2} - 1 + \frac{1}{N} &\leq \int_0^1 f(x) dx \\ &\leq \int_0^1 f(x) dx \leq \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{j^2} - 1 + \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now let $N \rightarrow \infty$, concluding that the lower and upper integrals agree and so f is Riemann integrable over $[0, 1]$. Further, the value of the integral is the common value,

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2} - 1 = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1.$$