

Integral Approximations

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$$\Delta x = \frac{a-b}{n}.$$

If m_i is the midpoint of each subinterval,

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$$M_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(m_i)\Delta x.$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n = \int_a^b f(x)dx.$$

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Using endpoints at $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$,

$$\text{set } T_n = \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)].$$