4.2 Area

Sigma Notation

The sum of n terms $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_n$ is written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_n$$

where i is the **index of summation,** a_i is the ***i*th term** of the sum, and the **upper and lower bounds of summation** are n and 1.

In Exercises 1–6, find the sum. Use the summation capabilities of a graphing utility to verify your result.

1. $\sum_{i=1}^{5}(2i + 1)$

In Exercises 7–14, use sigma notation to write the sum.

11. $\left[\left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^3 - \frac{2}{n}\right]\left(\frac{2}{n}\right) + \cdots + \left[\left(\frac{2n}{n}\right)^3 - \frac{2n}{n}\right]\left(\frac{2}{n}\right)$

THEOREM 4.2 Summation Formulas

1. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} c = cn$

2. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$

3. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^2 = \frac{n(n + 1)(2n + 1)}{6}$

4. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^3 = \frac{n^2(n + 1)^2}{4}$

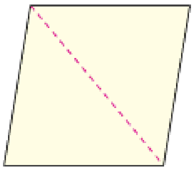
In Exercises 15–20, use the properties of summation and Theorem 4.2 to evaluate the sum. Use the summation capabilities of a graphing utility to verify your result.

20. $\sum_{i=1}^{10} i(i^2 + 1)$

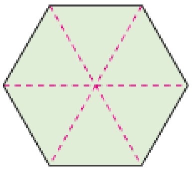
Area

In Euclidean geometry, the simplest type of plane region is a rectangle. Although people often say that the *formula* for the area of a rectangle is $A = bh$, as shown in Figure 4.5, it is actually more proper to say that this is the *definition* of the **area of a rectangle.**

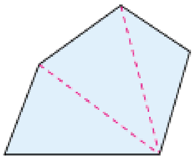
From this definition, you can develop formulas for the areas of many other plane regions. For example, to determine the area of a triangle, you can form a rectangle whose area is twice that of the triangle, as shown in Figure 4.6. Once you know how to find the area of a triangle, you can determine the area of any polygon by subdividing the polygon into triangular regions, as shown in Figure 4.7.



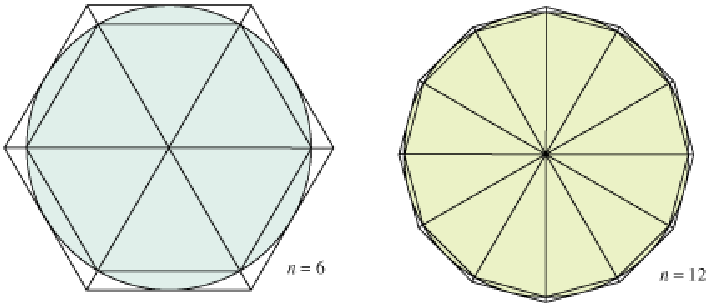
Parallelogram



Hexagon



Polygon



The exhaustion method for finding the area of a circular region

The Area of a Plane Region

Upper and Lower Sums

The procedure used in Example 3 can be generalized as follows. Consider a plane region bounded above by the graph of a nonnegative, continuous function $y = f(x)$, as shown in Figure 4.10. The region is bounded below by the x-axis, and the left and right boundaries of the region are the vertical lines $x = a$ and $x = b$.

To approximate the area of the region, begin by subdividing the interval $[a, b]$ into n subintervals, each of width $\Delta x = (b - a)/n$, as shown in Figure 4.11. The endpoints of the intervals are as follows.

$$\overbrace{a + 0(\Delta x)}^{a = x_0} < \overbrace{a + 1(\Delta x)}^{x_1} < \overbrace{a + 2(\Delta x)}^{x_2} < \cdots < \overbrace{a + n(\Delta x)}^{x_n = b}$$

Because f is continuous, the Extreme Value Theorem guarantees the existence of a minimum and a maximum value of $f(x)$ in *each* subinterval.

$f(m_i) =$ Minimum value of $f(x)$ in ith subinterval

$f(M_i) =$ Maximum value of $f(x)$ in ith subinterval

Next, define an **inscribed rectangle** lying *inside* the ith subregion and a **circumscribed rectangle** extending *outside* the ith subregion. The height of the ith inscribed rectangle is $f(m_i)$ and the height of the ith circumscribed rectangle is $f(M_i)$. For *each* i, the area of the inscribed rectangle is less than or equal to the area of the circumscribed rectangle.

$$\begin{pmatrix}\text{Area of inscribed} \\ \text{rectangle}\end{pmatrix} = f(m_i)\,\Delta x \le f(M_i)\,\Delta x = \begin{pmatrix}\text{Area of circumscribed} \\ \text{rectangle}\end{pmatrix}$$

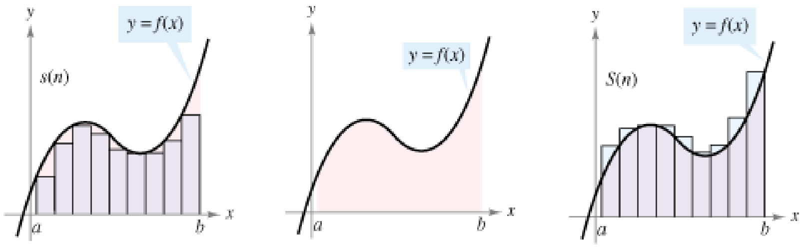
The sum of the areas of the inscribed rectangles is called a **lower sum,** and the sum of the areas of the circumscribed rectangles is called an **upper sum.**

$$\text{Lower sum} = s(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(m_i)\,\Delta x \qquad \text{Area of inscribed rectangles}$$

$$\text{Upper sum} = S(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(M_i)\,\Delta x \qquad \text{Area of circumscribed rectangles}$$

From Figure 4.12, you can see that the lower sum $s(n)$ is less than or equal to the upper sum $S(n)$. Moreover, the actual area of the region lies between these two sums.

$$s(n) \le (\text{Area of region}) \le S(n)$$



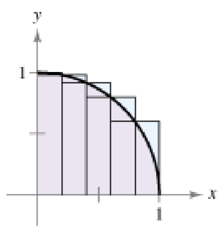
Area of inscribed rectangles is less than area of region.

Area of region

Area of circumscribed rectangles is greater than area of region.

In Exercises 27–30, use upper and lower sums to approximate the area of the region using the indicated number of subintervals (of equal width).

30. $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$



In Exercises 39–44, find a formula for the sum of n terms. Use the formula to find the limit as $n \to \infty$.

43. $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(1 + \frac{i}{n}\right)\left(\frac{2}{n}\right)$

THEOREM 4.3 Limit of the Lower and Upper Sums

Let f be continuous and nonnegative on the interval $[a, b]$. The limits as $n \to \infty$ of both the lower and upper sums exist and are equal to each other. That is,

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n\to\infty} s(n) &= \lim_{n\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(m_i)\,\Delta x \\ &= \lim_{n\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(M_i)\,\Delta x \\ &= \lim_{n\to\infty} S(n)\end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta x = (b - a)/n$ and $f(m_i)$ and $f(M_i)$ are the minimum and maximum values of f on the subinterval.

Definition of the Area of a Region in the Plane

Let f be continuous and nonnegative on the interval $[a, b]$. The area of the region bounded by the graph of f, the x-axis, and the vertical lines $x = a$ and $x = b$ is

$$\text{Area} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(c_i)\,\Delta x, \qquad x_{i-1} \le c_i \le x_i$$

where $\Delta x = (b - a)/n$ (see Figure 4.14).

In Exercises 47–56, use the limit process to find the area of the region between the graph of the function and the x-axis over the indicated interval. Sketch the region.

	Function	*Interval*
52.	$y = 1 - x^2$	$[-1, 1]$

In Exercises 57–62, use the limit process to find the area of the region between the graph of the function and the y-axis over the indicated y-interval. Sketch the region.

58. $g(y) = \frac{1}{2}y,\ 2 \le y \le 4$

In Exercises 63–66 use the *Midpoint Rule*

$$\textbf{Area} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i-1}}{2}\right)\Delta x$$

with $n = 4$ to approximate the area of the region bounded by the graph of the function and the x-axis over the indicated interval.

	Function	*Interval*
65.	$f(x) = \tan x$	$\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$