

**Assignment 12: Integration and Riemann Sums (4.1–4)** Name \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please provide a handwritten response.**

**1a.** The **Integrate** command is used to find both indefinite and definite integrals. Execute **f[x\_] = 4x - 2Sqrt[x]** followed by

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Integrate[f[x], x]
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to find the indefinite integral  $\int (4x - 2\sqrt{x}) dx$ , and record the result below. Is the answer correct? Note *Mathematica* omits the arbitrary constant “+c”.

**1b.** Next execute **Clear[f]** followed by **f[x\_] = 2x^3/(x^4 + 1)** and

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F[x_] = Integrate[f[x], x]
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to calculate  $F(x) = \int \frac{2x^3}{x^4 + 1} dx$ ; record the result below.

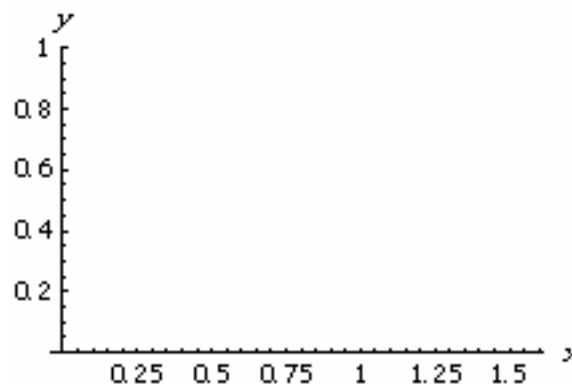
**1c.** By definition of antiderivative, what should  $F'(x)$  be? Execute **F'[x]** and record the result below; is it correct?

**2a.** Exercise 9, Section 4.3 calls for an approximation of the area under the graph of  $f(x) = \cos x$  on the interval  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ . Execute

**Clear[f]** followed by

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f[x_] = Cos[x]
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and then use the **Plot** command to graph  $f$  over  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ . (Remember that  $\pi$  is denoted by



**Pi** in *Mathematica*.) Sketch the result on the axes at right.

**2b.** Exercise 9 calls for the use of  $n = 50$  rectangles in our approximation; moreover, in this case, our endpoints  $a$  and  $b$  are given by  $a = 0$  and  $b = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Execute in order the commands **a = 0.0**, **b = Pi/2**, **n = 50** and **deltax = (b - a)/n**. (The decimal point in the value for **a** is a handy way to make sure that the final answer will be reported as a decimal, not a cumbersome “exact” value.) What value for  $\Delta x$  did *Mathematica* give? Is this correct?

**2c.** It will be convenient to enter  $x_i = a + i\Delta x$  as a separate *Mathematica* function. Execute

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x[i_] = a + i*deltax
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and record the result below.

**2d.** The Riemann sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)\Delta x$  for right-hand evaluation can be found using the **Sum** command; execute

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Sum[f[x[i]]*deltax, {i, 1, n}]
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and record the result below. Is this a plausible approximation to the area?

**2e.** The Riemann sum for left-hand evaluation is  $\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i-1})\Delta x$ . Execute

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Sum[f[x[i - 1]]*deltax, {i, 1, n}]
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and record the result below. Is your answer greater or less than your result in part **d**? Why should this be so?

**2f.** Likewise, the Riemann sum for midpoint evaluation is  $\sum_{i=1}^n f\left[\frac{1}{2}(x_{i-1} + x_i)\right]\Delta x$ . Execute

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Sum[f[(1/2)(x[i - 1] + x[i])]*deltax, {i, 1, n}]
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and record the result below.

**2g.** Execute **Clear[a, b, n, deltax, x]** and re-execute all of the commands in parts **b–f** in order with **n = 50** replaced by **n = 100**. Do the three approximations in parts **d–f** become more spread out or closer together? Is this what you would expect?

**3.** The exact value of the area we approximated in Question **2** is given by  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x \, dx$ . The **Integrate** command can also find such definite integrals: Execute **Clear[x]** (to make *Mathematica* forget about  $x_i$ !) followed by

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Integrate[f[x], {x, 0, Pi/2}]
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and record the result below. Based on the evidence we have already gathered, is this answer plausible?