

# Integral Test \_\_\_\_\_

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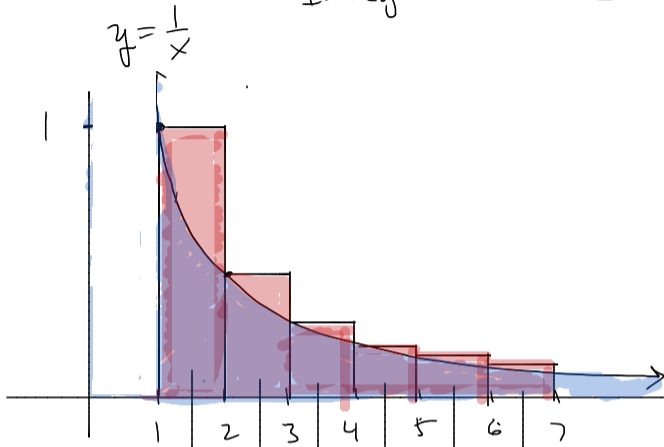
Calc I

Definite  
Integrals

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Calc II

Infinite  
Series



Area

1    $\frac{1}{2}$     $\frac{1}{3}$     $\frac{1}{4}$     $\frac{1}{5}$     $\frac{1}{6}$    ...

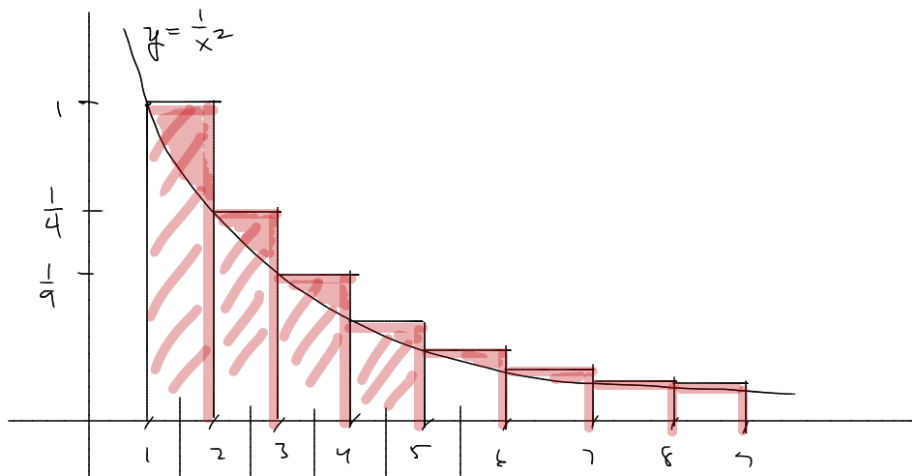
Total Area in 'Red'  
Rectangles

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \gg \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$= \infty$

$\Rightarrow$  thus  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverge to infinity

Next — Repeat:



Area  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots = \text{Area of Rectangles} \geq \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

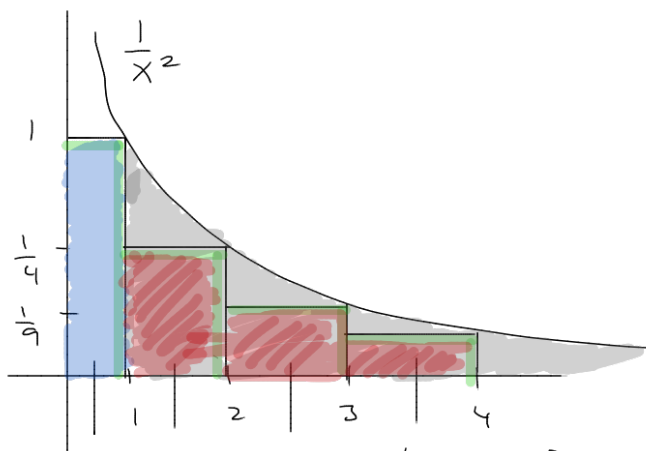
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \geq 1$$

this isn't saying much

$x^{-2}$

$$\left. \frac{-1}{x} \right|_1^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\infty} - \left( \frac{-1}{1} \right) = 0 + 1 = 1$$



Area:  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow$

Total Area in Rectangles  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \text{Red Rectangle} \leq 1 + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx \leq 2$  (see above)

$\Rightarrow$  this series is convergent

(idea:  $b < c$   $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx < \infty$  the sum must be  $< \infty$  too.)

## Integral Test

Theorem: Let  $a_n = f(n)$  where  $f(x)$  is decreasing, positive for  $x \geq 1$

(1) If  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges

(2) If  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  diverges then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges

Idea: If  $f$  is suitable — we integrate to determine conv/div —

Ex Determine whether

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

converges or diverges

$$1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \dots$$

Since the integral diverges the series diverges too

Use the integral test

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int_1^{\infty} x^{-1/2} dx = 2x^{1/2} \Big|_1^{\infty} = 2\sqrt{\infty} - 2 = \infty$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} 2\sqrt{x} \Big|_1^b = 2(\sqrt{b} - 1) = \infty$$

this works b/c  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{-1/2}$

is

- cts

- decreasing when  $x \geq 1$

- positive

decreasing:  $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x^3}}$

note: this is  $< 0$  if  $x \geq 1$

Wednesday:

— P-Test! —

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \quad \text{here } p = \frac{1}{2}$$

we just learned  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

diverges

p-test will classify these results

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$p = 1$$

↓  
∞

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$p = 2$$

↓  
converges