

Extra Riemann Sum, Definite Integral Example

Evaluate $\int_1^5 5 - 2x - x^2 dx$ using Riemann Sums and the limit definition of the definite integral.

Here $f(x) = 5 - 2x - x^2$, $a = 1$, $b = 5$, $\Delta x = \frac{5-1}{n} = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{4}{n}$
 and $x_i = a + i\Delta x = 1 + i \left(\frac{4}{n} \right) = 1 + \frac{4i}{n}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_1^5 5 - 2x - x^2 dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(1 + \frac{4i}{n}\right) \frac{4}{n} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(5 - 2\left(1 + \frac{4i}{n}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{4i}{n}\right)^2 \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(2 - \frac{16i}{n} - \frac{16i^2}{n^2} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 2 - \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{16i}{n} - \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{16i^2}{n^2} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1 - \frac{64}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i - \frac{64}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8}{n} (n) - \frac{64}{n^2} \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) - \frac{64}{n^3} \left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 8 - \frac{64}{2} \left(\frac{n}{n} \right) \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right) - \frac{64}{6} \left(\frac{n}{n} \right) \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right) \left(\frac{2n+1}{n} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 8 - 32(1) \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^0 - \frac{32}{3}(1) \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^1 \left(2 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^0 \\
 &= 8 - 32(1)(1) - \frac{32}{3}(1)(1)(2) = -24 - \frac{64}{3} = -\frac{72}{3} - \frac{64}{3} = \boxed{-\frac{136}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$