

Chapter Goals:

- Understand how to use basic summation formulas to evaluate more complex sums.
- Understand how to compute limits of rational functions at infinity.
- Understand how to use the basic summation formulas and the limit rules you learned in this chapter to evaluate some definite integrals.

Assignments:

Assignment 19

Assignment 20

The rules and formulas given below allow us to compute fairly easily Riemann sums where the number n of subintervals is rather large. We can also get compact and manageable expressions for the sum so that we can readily investigate what happens as n approaches infinity.

► **Summation rules:**

$$[\text{sr}_1] \quad \sum_{k=1}^n c = nc \qquad [\text{sr}_2] \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (c a_k) = c \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \qquad [\text{sr}_3] \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k \pm b_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \pm \sum_{k=1}^n b_k$$

Note: The summations rules are nothing but the usual rules of arithmetic rewritten in the Σ notation. For example, $[\text{sr}_2]$ is nothing but the distributive law of arithmetic

$$c a_1 + c a_2 + \dots + c a_n = c(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)$$

$[\text{sr}_3]$ is nothing but the commutative law of addition

$$(a_1 \pm b_1) + (a_2 \pm b_2) + \dots + (a_n \pm b_n) = (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) \pm (b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n)$$

► **Summation formulas:**

$$[\text{sf}_1] \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \qquad [\text{sf}_2] \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Proof: In the case of $[\text{sf}_1]$, let S denote the sum of the integers $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Let us write this sum S twice: we first list the terms in the sum in increasing order whereas we list them in decreasing order the second time:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 1 + 2 + \dots + n \\ S &= n + n-1 + \dots + 1 \end{aligned}$$

If we now add the terms along the vertical columns, we obtain

$$2S = \underbrace{(n+1) + (n+1) + \dots + (n+1)}_{n \text{ times}} = n(n+1).$$

This gives our desired formula, once we divide both sides of the above equality by 2.

In the case of $[\text{sf}_2]$, let S denote the sum of the integers $1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots, n^2$. The *trick* is to consider the sum

$\sum_{k=1}^n [(k+1)^3 - k^3]$. On the one hand, this new sum collapses to

$$(\cancel{2^3} - 1^3) + (\cancel{3^3} - \cancel{2^3}) + (\cancel{4^3} - \cancel{3^3}) + \dots + (\cancel{n^3} - \cancel{(n-1)^3}) + ((n+1)^3 - \cancel{n^3}) = (n+1)^3 - 1^3 = \underline{\underline{n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n}}$$

On the other hand, using our summation rules together with $[\text{sf}_1]$ gives us

$$\sum_{k=1}^n [(k+1)^3 - k^3] = \sum_{k=1}^n [3k^2 + 3k + 1] = 3 \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + 3 \sum_{k=1}^n k + \sum_{k=1}^n 1 = 3S + 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n$$

Equating the right hand sides of the above identities gives us: $3S + 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n = n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n$.

If we solve for S and properly factor the terms, we obtain our desired expression.

More summation rules:

The next formulas can be verified in a sequential order using the same type of trick used in the proof for [sf₂]. The proofs get increasingly more tedious.

$$[\text{sf}_3] \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

$$[\text{sf}_4] \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^4 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)(3n^2+3n-1)}{30}$$

Example 1: Evaluate the sum $\sum_{k=1}^9 (5k+8)$.

$$\sum_{k=1}^9 (5k+8) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^9 (5k)}_{\substack{\text{use property} \\ [\text{sf}_3]}} + \sum_{k=1}^9 8 = 5 \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^9 k}_{\substack{\text{use} \\ \text{property} \\ [\text{sf}_2]}} + \sum_{k=1}^9 8 = 5 \cdot \underbrace{\frac{9 \cdot (9+1)}{2}}_{\substack{\text{use} \\ [\text{sf}_1]}} + \underbrace{9 \cdot 8}_{\substack{\text{use} \\ [\text{sf}_1]}}$$

$$= 5 \cdot 45 + 72$$

$$= \boxed{297} \leftarrow$$

Example 2: Evaluate the sum $\sum_{k=1}^8 (5k^2 + 8k + 1)$.

$$= 5 \left(\sum_{k=1}^8 k^2 \right) + 8 \left(\sum_{k=1}^8 k \right) + \sum_{k=1}^8 1$$

$$= 5 \cdot \frac{8 \cdot (8+1) \cdot (16+1)}{6} + 8 \cdot \frac{8 \cdot (8+1)}{2} + 8 \cdot 1$$

$$= 5 \cdot 204 + 8 \cdot 36 + 8$$

$$= \boxed{1,316} \leftarrow$$

Example 3: Evaluate the sum $\sum_{k=7}^{12} (k+1)$.

$$= \sum_{k=7}^{12} k + \sum_{k=7}^{12} 1$$

we add 1 exactly $(12-7+1)$ times

trick

$$= \left(\sum_{k=1}^{12} k - \sum_{k=1}^6 k \right) + 6 \cdot 1$$

$$= \left(\frac{12 \cdot 13}{2} - \frac{6 \cdot 7}{2} \right) + 6 = (78 - 21) + 6 = \boxed{\underline{\underline{63}}} \leftarrow$$

Example 4: Evaluate the sum $\sum_{k=3}^{100} (2+5k)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\sum_{k=3}^{100} 2 \right) + 5 \left(\sum_{k=3}^{100} k \right) \\
 &= 2 \cdot (100-3+1) + 5 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{100} k - \sum_{k=1}^2 k \right) \\
 &= 2 \cdot 98 + 5 \left(\frac{100 \cdot (101)}{2} - \frac{2 \cdot 3}{2} \right) \\
 &= 2 \cdot 98 + 5 (5050 - 3) = \boxed{25,431} \leftarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 5: Evaluate the sum $1 + 5 + 10 + 15 + 20 + \dots + 245$.

Rewrite the sum as

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 + 5(1+2+3+4+\dots+49) \\
 &= 1 + 5 \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^{49} k \right) = 1 + 5 \cdot \frac{49 \cdot (50)}{2} \\
 &= 1 + 5 \cdot 1,225 = \boxed{6,126} \leftarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 6: Evaluate the sum $24 + 27 + 30 + 33 + 36 + \dots + 90$.

Observe that the terms are of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &3 \cdot 8 + 3 \cdot 9 + 3 \cdot 10 + 3 \cdot 11 + 3 \cdot 12 + \dots + 3 \cdot 30 \\
 &= 3 (8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 + \dots + 30) \\
 &= 3 \left(\sum_{k=8}^{30} k \right) = 3 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{30} k - \sum_{k=1}^7 k \right) \\
 &= 3 \cdot \left(\frac{30 \cdot 31}{2} - \frac{7 \cdot 8}{2} \right) = 3 (465 - 28) = \boxed{1,311} \leftarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 7: Evaluate the sum $-5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 + 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 30$.

Observe that we can rewrite the sum as

$$-(5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1) + 0 + (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 30)$$

$$= -\left(\sum_{k=1}^5 k\right) + 0 + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{30} k\right)$$

$$= -\frac{5 \cdot 6}{2} + 0 + \frac{30 \cdot 31}{2} = -15 + 0 + 465 = \boxed{450} \leftarrow$$

Example 8: If we write $\sum_{k=1}^n k^4 = \frac{4n(n+1)(2n+1)(3n^2+3n-1)}{A}$. What is the value of A?

(Hint: Substitute a convenient value of n to help you evaluate A.)

The formula has to be true for any n . Let's substitute

for example $n=1$. We get

$$1^4 = \frac{4 \cdot (1) \cdot (1+1) \cdot (2 \cdot 1 + 1) \cdot (3 \cdot 1^2 + 3 \cdot 1 - 1)}{A}$$

$$\text{or } 1 = \frac{4 \cdot (2) \cdot (3) \cdot (5)}{A} \quad \text{or } \boxed{A = 120} \leftarrow$$

Example 9: If $\sum_{k=1}^n (k^2 - k) = \frac{2n(n+1)(n-1)}{A}$, find A.

As in the previous problem the formula has to be true for any n .

But for $n=1$ we get $1^2 - 1 = \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot (1+1) \cdot (1-1)}{A}$

so $0 = \frac{0}{A}$ it doesn't give us any info

Try $\boxed{n=2}$ we get

$$(1^2 - 1) + (2^2 - 2) = \frac{2 \cdot (2) \cdot (2+1) \cdot (2-1)}{A}$$

$$\text{or } 2 = \frac{12}{A}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{A=6} \leftarrow$$

► **Limits at infinity:** We need to be able to evaluate limits of the form $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(n)}{q(n)}$, where $p(n)$

and $q(n)$ are both polynomials in n . E.g., how does $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 - 3n^2 + 2n - 1}{5n^3 + 4n^2 + 3n + 1}$ behave?

There is a general principle that makes computing these limits easy. The **idea** is that, for large values of n , the term with the highest power of n has the most influence on the behavior of the polynomial. In other words, when n is very large, the term with the highest power dominates the other terms.

Theorem: Let $p(n)$ and $q(n)$ be polynomials. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(n)}{q(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{highest order term of } p(n)}{\text{highest order term of } q(n)}$.

Example 10: Find the limit as n tends to infinity.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8n^2 + 7n + 9}{4n^2 + 2n + 1}$$

We already encountered limits at infinity in Chapter 3

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8n^2}{4n^2} = \frac{8}{4} = \boxed{2} \leftarrow$$

Example 11: Find the limit as n tends to infinity.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n + 1)^2}{5n^2 + 2n + 1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2 + 4n + 1}{5n^2 + 2n + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2}{5n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{5} = \boxed{\frac{4}{5}} \leftarrow$$

Example 12: Find the limit as n tends to infinity.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4 + n^2 + 13}{n^3 + 8n + 9}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4}{n^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = +\infty \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{\underline{DNE}}$$

► **Computing limits of Riemann sums:**

Let f be a positive valued function defined on an interval $[a, b]$. In Chapter 8 we started studying the problem of finding the area of the region in the xy -plane underneath the graph of the function f and lying above the x -axis. We first partitioned the interval $[a, b]$ into n subintervals of lengths $\Delta x_1, \Delta x_2, \dots, \Delta x_n$, respectively. For $k = 1, \dots, n$ we picked representative points p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n in each of the n subintervals in which $[a, b]$ has been partitioned. We then formed the Riemann sum

$$\sum_{k=1}^n f(p_k) \cdot \Delta x_k.$$

The definite integral of f from a to b was defined as $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(p_k) \cdot \Delta x_k$, if the limit exists.

Alternatively, if we set $\|P\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{\Delta x_i\}$ we can write the above limit as $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=1}^n f(p_k) \cdot \Delta x_k$.

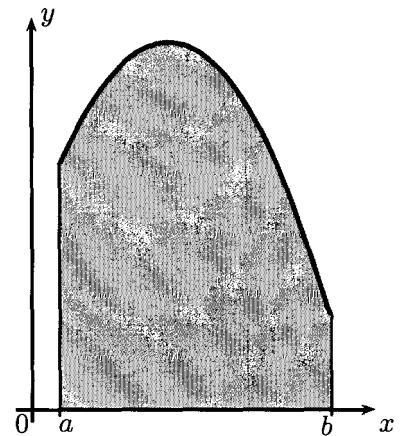
This means that we are taking the limit as the length of the longest subinterval of the partition of $[a, b]$ is approaching zero.

As we observed in Chapter 8, it is computationally easier to partition the interval $[a, b]$ into n subintervals of equal length: $\Delta x = (b - a)/n$. If we then use the right endpoints of this regular partition we have seen that:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(a + k \cdot \Delta x) \cdot \Delta x.$$

Definite integrals and areas:

We stress again the fact that if the function f takes on only positive values then the definite integral is nothing but the area of the region underneath the graph of f , lying above the x -axis, and bounded by the vertical lines $x = a$ and $x = b$.

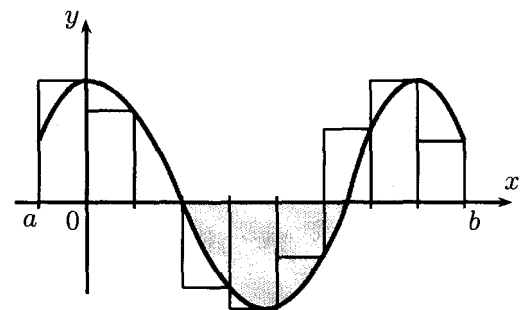


Distance traveled by an object:

If the positive valued function under consideration is the velocity $v(t)$ of an object at time t , then the area underneath the graph of the velocity function and lying above the t -axis represents the total distance traveled by the object from $t = a$ to $t = b$.

What if the function takes on also negative values?

If f happens to take on both positive and negative values, then the Riemann sum is the sum of the areas of rectangles that lie above the x -axis and the negatives of the areas of rectangles that lie below the x -axis.



Passing to the limit, we obtain that, in general, a definite integral can be interpreted as a difference of areas:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = [\text{area of the region(s) lying above the } x\text{-axis}] - [\text{area of the region(s) lying below the } x\text{-axis}]$$

Example 13: Evaluate the limit as n tends to infinity. Note that you will have to use the summation formulas to first simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k+9}{n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n (k+9) \right) \right) \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{n^2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k + \sum_{k=1}^n 9 \right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{n^2} \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 9 \cdot n \right) \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \left(\frac{n(n+1) + 18n}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + n + 18n}{2n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 19n}{2n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{2n^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Example 14: Evaluate the limit as n tends to infinity. Note that you will have to use the summation formulas to first simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(k \frac{7}{n} \right)^2 \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{7^2}{n^2} k^2 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{49}{n^2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 \right) \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{49}{n^3} \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{49}{n^3} \cdot \left[\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{49 \cdot [2n^3 + \dots]}{6n^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{49 \cdot 2n^3}{6n^3} = \boxed{\frac{49}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

OBSERVE THAT $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(k \cdot \frac{7}{n} \right)^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{7} \left(k \cdot \frac{7}{n} \right)^2 \right)}_{\Delta x} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{7}{n} \right)}_{\Delta x} = \int_0^7 \frac{1}{7} x^2 dx$

Example 15: The integral $\int_0^5 x^2 dx$ is computed as the limit of the sum $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A}{n} \left(k \frac{A}{n} \right)^2$.

What value of A must appear in the sum?

A must be " $b-a$ " ie. $5-0 = \boxed{5=A}$

So $\int_0^5 x^2 dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{5}{n} \cdot \left(k \frac{5}{n} \right)^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5^3}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 =$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5^3}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5^3 (2n^3 + \dots)}{6n^3} = \frac{5^3 \cdot 2}{6} = \boxed{\frac{125}{3}}$

Good practice!

Example 16: The integral $\int_7^{10} x^2 dx$ is computed as the limit of the sum $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{3}{n} \left(A + k \frac{3}{n} \right)^2$.
 What value should be used as A ?

$$x_k = 7 + k \cdot \Delta x = 7 + k \cdot \frac{10-7}{n} = 7 + k \frac{3}{n}$$

$k=1, \dots, n$

$\therefore \boxed{A=7}$

Example 17: The limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{3}{n} \left(\frac{n+k}{n} \right)^2$$

is obtained by applying the definition of the integral to

$$\int_1^2 f(x) dx.$$

What is the function $f(x)$?

Rewrite the limit as

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n 3 \cdot \left(\underbrace{1 + k \cdot \frac{1}{n}}_{1+k \Delta x} \right)^2 \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{n}}_{\Delta x}$$

$$= \int_1^2 3x^2 dx \quad \text{So } \boxed{f(x) = 3x^2}$$

Example 18: Evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{4 - \left(k \frac{2}{n} \right)^2}$$

Hint: What limit would you compute to evaluate the area under the curve $y = \sqrt{4-x^2}$ for x between 0 and 2? What is this area in geometric terms?

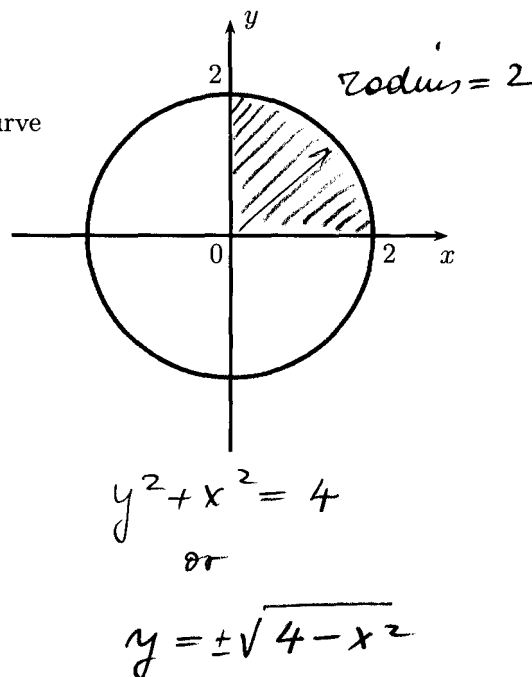
We are computing

$$\int_0^2 \sqrt{4-x^2} dx$$

= area of the circle in the first quadrant

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot (\pi \cdot 2^2) = \pi$$

area of the whole circle



Example 19:

Given that the area of the ellipse $49x^2 + y^2 = 49$ is 7π , evaluate the integral

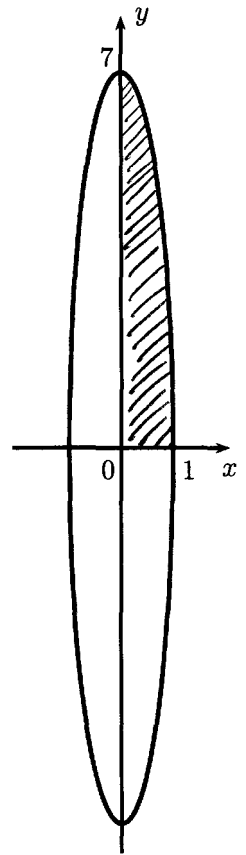
$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{49 - 49x^2} dx$$

(Hint: Think of the definite integral as an area.)

$\int_0^1 \sqrt{49 - 49x^2} dx$ represents the area under the graph of the ellipse in the 1st quadrant

$\therefore = \frac{1}{4}$ (total area of the ellipse)

$= \frac{7\pi}{4}$

**Example 20:** A car is traveling due east.

Its velocity (in miles per hour) at time t hours is given by

$$v(t) = -2.5t^2 + 10t + 50.$$

How far did the car travel during the first five hours of the trip?

distance traveled $= \int_0^5 (-2.5t^2 + 10t + 50) dt$

points in subdivision $x_k = 0 + k \frac{5-0}{n} = \frac{k \cdot 5}{n}$

so $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\left(-2.5 \left(\frac{k \cdot 5}{n} \right)^2 + 10 \cdot \left(\frac{k \cdot 5}{n} \right) + 50 \right)}_{v(x_k)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{5}{n}}_{\Delta x}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(-\frac{2.5 \cdot 25}{n^2} \cdot k^2 + \frac{50}{n} \cdot k + 50 \right) \cdot \frac{5}{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \left(-\frac{2.5 \cdot 125}{n^3} k^2 + \frac{250}{n^2} k + \frac{250}{n} \right) \right] =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{2.5 \cdot 125}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + \frac{250}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k + \frac{250}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (1) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-2.5 \cdot 125}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{250}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{250}{n} \cdot n \right]$$

Riemann sum with $n = 20$ terms

$$= -\frac{2.5 \cdot 125 \cdot 2}{6} + \frac{250}{2} + 250 = \frac{270.8\bar{3}}{\leftarrow}$$

