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LARSON—MATH 255—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 15
Riemann Integration & Debugging.

1. Log in to your Sage/Cocalc account.
 - (a) Start the Chrome browser.
 - (b) Go to `http://cocalc.com` and sign in.
 - (c) You should see an existing Project for our class. Click on that.
 - (d) Click “New”, call it **c15**, then click “Sage Worksheet”.
 - (e) For each problem number, label it in the Sage cell where the work is. So for Problem 1, the first line of the cell should be `#Problem 1`.

Riemann Integration

Given a continuous function $f(x)$ on an interval $[a, b]$ we want to find the *area* between the curve, the x -axis and the lines $y = a$ and $y = b$. One way to do this is to slice up $[a, b]$ into n equal-sized intervals $[a_0, a_1], [a_1, a_2], \dots, [a_n, a_{n+1}]$ (where $a_1 = a$ and $a_{n+1} = b$), pick a point c_i from each interval $[a_i, a_{i+1}]$ and compute the area $f(c_i) \cdot \Delta$ of a rectangle, where Δ is the interval length $a_{i+1} - a_i$. There are different ways to pick the c_i 's. You could pick the leftmost point of the interval, the midpoint, the rightmost point, or even a random point. The *Riemann Integral* is defined to be the *limit* of these area approximations as n goes to infinity of this quantity.

2. Type in the function `leftpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n)` which computes the leftpoint Riemann sums for n equal intervals.

```
def leftpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n):
    area=0
    Delta=(b-a)/n
    for i in [0..n]:
        leftpoint=a+i*Delta
        newarea=f(leftpoint)*Delta
        area=area+newarea
    return area
```

3. Type in the function `rightpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n)` which computes the rightpoint Riemann sums for n equal intervals.

```
def rightpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n):
    area=0
    Delta=(b-a)/n
    for i in [0..n]:
        rightpoint=b-i*Delta
        newarea=f(rightpoint)*Delta
        area=area+newarea
    return area
```

- Find the value of `leftpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n)` for $f(x)=x^2$ on $[0,3]$ with $n = 2$, $n = 5$, $n = 10$ and $n = 100$. Here you are making the intervals smaller and smaller, giving a better and better approximation.
- Find the values of `rightpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n)` for $f(x)=x^2$ on $[0,3]$ with $n = 2$, $n = 5$, $n = 10$ and $n = 100$. Compare with your results for `leftpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n)`. What do you notice???
- Now lets add *print statements* to get an idea of what these programs are doing.

```
def leftpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n):
    area=0
    Delta=(b-a)/n
    for i in [0..n]:
        leftpoint=a+i*Delta
        newarea=f(leftpoint)*Delta
        area=area+newarea
        print "i,leftpoint,newarea are {},{},{}".format(i,leftpoint,newarea)
    return area

def rightpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n):
    area=0
    Delta=(b-a)/n
    for i in [0..n]:
        rightpoint=b-i*Delta
        newarea=f(rightpoint)*Delta
        area=area+newarea
        print "i,rightpoint,newarea are {},{},{}".format(i,rightpoint,newarea)
    return area
```

Can you figure out **why** these two programs give the same answers? If not, can you think of any more print statements to add that would be helpful?

- After you figure out why these programs give the same answer, adjust your code so we are calculating what we want. Then recalculate the values of `leftpoint_riemann()` and `rightpoint_riemann()` for $f(x)=x^2$ on $[0,3]$ with $n = 2$, $n = 5$, $n = 10$ and $n = 100$.
- Given a continuous function $f(x)$ on $[a,b]$, define a function `midpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n)` which computes the midpoint Riemann sums for n equal intervals.
- Find the values of `midpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n)` for $f(x)=x^2$ on $[0,3]$ with $n = 2$, $n = 5$, $n = 10$ and $n = 100$. Compare with your results for `rightpoint_riemann(f,a,b,n)`.