

PROGRAM : INTEGRAL by Jan Zijlstra, Middle Tennessee State University.

PURPOSE : To estimate the area bounded by the graph of a the function $f(x)$ and the x -axis.

PLATFORM: Texas Instruments TI 83/84 graphing calculator

The following approximations of the area under a curve on the interval $[a,b]$ are computed:

■ *Left (-hand) Sum* : $L_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i-1})\Delta x_i$

■ *Right (-hand) Sum*: $R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)\Delta x_i$

■ *Trapezoid Rule* : $T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_i)}{2} \Delta x_i = \frac{L_n + R_n}{2}$

■ *Midpoint Rule* : $M_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(\frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}\right)\Delta x_i$

■ *Simpson's Rule* : $S_n = \frac{2M_n + T_n}{3}$

Input : The function $f(x)$ is stored in y_1 prior to running the program. The limits of integration (a and b) and the number of subdivisions n are prompted for by the program.

Output: The estimates described above, stored in L , R , T , M and S .

Note: For the program to successfully estimate the area under a curve make sure that the area is *bounded* on the interval $[a, b]$ (no vertical asymptotes)

PROGRAM INTEGRAL	Command Locations
:ClrHome	ClrHome: Catalog
:Prompt A,B,N	Prompt: prgm I/O
:(B-A)/N → H	-: Sto
:0 → R	
:0 → M	
:For(I,1,N,1)	For: Prgm Ctl
:R+Y₁(A+IH)*H →R	Y ₁ : VARS YVARS Function 1
:M+Y₁(A+(I-1/2)*H)*H →M	
:End	End: Prgm Ctl
:R+H*(Y₁(A)-Y₁(B)) →L	
:(L+R)/2 →T	
:(2M+T)/3 →S	
:ClrHome	ClrHome: Catalog
:Output(1,1,"L:")	Output: Prgm I/O 6
:Output(1,3,L)	
:Output(2,1,"R:")	
:Output(2,3,R)	
:Output(3,1,"T:")	
:Output(3,3,T)	
:Output(4,1,"M:")	
:Output(4,3,M)	
:Output(5,1,"S:")	
:Output(5,3,S)	

EXAMPLE: Using program INTEGRAL, we can approximate the area under the curve

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \text{ on the interval } [1,3] \text{ with } n=4 \text{ subintervals as:}$$

Method	Estimate	Relative Error (%):
Left Sum	1.28333	16.8
Right Sum	0.95000	-13.5
Trapezoid Rule	1.11667	1.64
Midpoint Rule	1.08975	-.81
Simpson's Rule	1.09872	0.01

The relative error is expressed in percent of the true value $\int_1^3 \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln 3$

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$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \text{ on the interval } [0,1] \text{ with } n=4 \text{ subintervals as:}$$

Method	Estimate	Relative Error (%):
Left Sum	0.518283	-22.2
Right Sum	0.768283	15.2
Trapezoid Rule	0.643283	-3.51
Midpoint Rule	0.672977	0.95
Simpson's Rule	0.663079	-0.54

The relative error is expressed in percent of the true value $\int_0^1 \sqrt{x} dx = \frac{2}{3}$

EXERCISES:

1. Estimate the area bounded by the graph of $f(x) = \ln(x)$ on the interval $[1,3]$ Using the trapezoid rule with 6 subintervals. (Answer: $T=1.289696$)
2. Estimate the area bounded by the graph of $f(x) = \sin(x)$ on the interval $[0, \pi]$ Using Simpson's rule with 5 subintervals. (Answer: $T=2.000109$)
Estimate the area bounded by the graph of $f(x) = \sin(x)$ on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ Using Simpson's rule with 10 subintervals. (Answer: $T=0$). Why is the area zero?