Topics for Exam 2

1. The Area Problem

- 1.1 The area function
- 1.2 The area function as a Riemann integral

2. The Riemann Integral

- 2.1 Definition of the Reimann integral
- 2.2 Properties of the Riemann integral
- 2.3 The primitive integral of a function
- 2.4 Indefinite integrals
- 2.5 The definite integral

Relevant sections in the online lecture notes: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4.

Important Concepts: Area function, Riemann integral, primitive integral, indefinite integral, definite integral.

Important Results

• Existence of the Riemann Integral. Assume that f is a piecewise continuous function defined on an interval containing a point a. Then, for any x in that interval, $\int_{a}^{x} f(t) dt$ exists. Furthermore, for the case x > a,

$$\int_{a}^{x} f(t) \, dt = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(\tau_k) (t_k - t_{k-1}),$$

where

 $[t_o, t_1], [t_1, t_2], \dots, [t_{n-2}, t_{n-1}], [t_{n-1}, t_n], \text{ with } t_o = a \text{ and } t_n = x,$ (1)

is any subdivision of the interval [a, x] with the property that the largest length of the intervals in (1) tends to 0 as n tends to infinity, and τ_k is any point in the subinterval $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$

• Evaluating Definite Integrals. Let F denote a primitive integral of a piecewise continuous function, f, defined on an interval, I. Then, for any $a, b \in I$,

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt = F(b) - F(a).$$

Important Skills: Know how to compute the area function of a piecewise continuous function; know how to apply the properties of the Riemann integral; know how to evaluate integrals using basic integral facts.