

## Honors Calculus II [2423-001] Quiz I

Q1]...[10 points] Write down the expressions (formulas) for

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i \quad \text{and for} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

**Solutions:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Compute the definite integral below using limits of Riemann sums.

$$\int_1^2 x^2 - x \, dx$$

**Solution:** Using  $n$  subintervals of equal width, we see that the widths are  $\Delta x_i = (2-1)/n = 1/n$ , and that the right-hand endpoints of the intervals are  $x_i = 1 + i/n$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Thus the Riemann sums (using right-hand endpoints) become

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n ((1 + i/n)^2 - (1 + i/n)) \Delta x_i &= \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + 2i/n + i^2/n^2 - 1 - i/n) (1/n) \\ &= (1/n^2) \sum_{i=1}^n (i + i^2/n) \\ &= (1/n^2) [n(n+1)/2 + n(n+1)(2n+1)/6n] \\ &= \frac{3n^2 + 3n + 2n^2 + 3n + 1}{6n^2} \\ &= \frac{5n^2 + 6n + 1}{6n^2} \end{aligned}$$

which tends to  $5/6$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .