

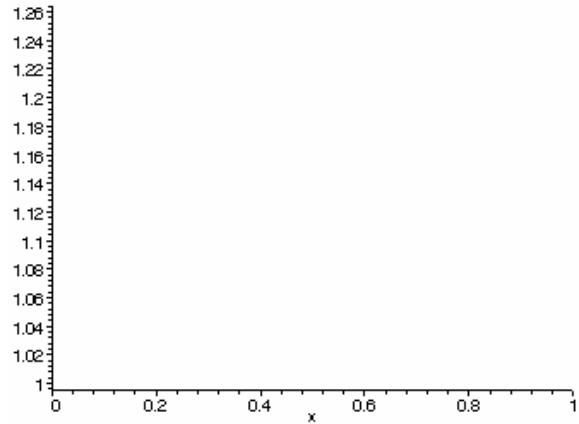
Assignment 13: Numerical Integration (4.7)
Please provide a handwritten response.

Name _____

1. To apply the estimation rules of this section to $\int_0^1 \sqrt[3]{x^2 + 1} dx$. Execute

$$f := x \rightarrow (x^2 + 1)^{1/3};$$

to define $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 + 1}$ and then use the **plot** command to graph f over $0 \leq x \leq 1$; sketch the result on the axes at right. Based on this graph, what would be your estimate of $\int_0^1 \sqrt[3]{x^2 + 1} dx$? (Be careful about where the origin is!)



2a. To apply the Midpoint Rule to this integral we must load the student package just as in the preceding assignment. Execute the command **with(student);**. We will use values of $a=0$, $b=1$, and $n=10$. Execute the commands **a:=0;**, **b:=1;**, and **n:=10;**

2b. The midpoint of each interval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ is given by $c_i = \frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}$. Find the Midpoint approximation $\sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x$ by executing

$$\text{evalf}(\text{middlesum}(f(x), x=a..b, n));$$

Is this result plausible? Enter it in the table on the next page.

3. To calculate the Trapezoid Rule approximation $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_i)}{2} \Delta x$, execute

$$\text{evalf}(\text{trapezoid}(f(x), x=a..b, n));$$

and enter the result in the table.

4. To calculate the Simpson's Rule approximation, execute

$$\text{evalf}(\text{simpson}(f(x), x=a..b, n));$$

Enter the result in the table.

n	Midpoint	Trapezoid	Simpson's
10			
20			
50			

5. Execute `n:=20`; to replace $n=10$ with $n=20$ and re-execute all of the commands in Questions 2b–4 in order. Enter the results in the table. Which of the three approximations did not change when n was increased?

6. Repeat Question 5 but with `n:=50`; instead, and enter the results in the table. Are the three approximations drawing closer together as n increases?

7. *Maple* can accurately calculate difficult definite integrals like the one we are studying. Execute the command

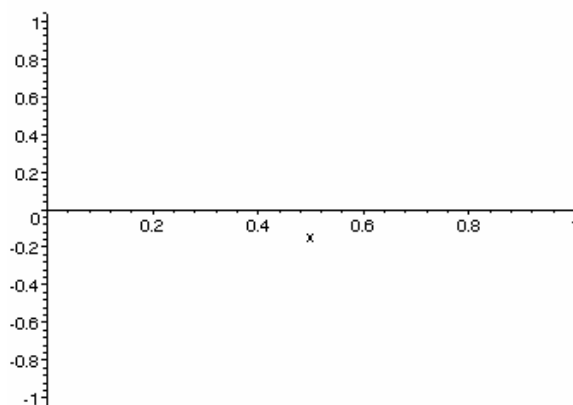
`evalf(int(f(x), x=0..1));`

and record the result below. Based on this, which of the three approximation methods applied above was most accurate?

8a. You can almost always take the results of `evalf` to be completely accurate. However, there are some unusual situations that cause trouble for `evalf`. Execute

`g:=x->sin(1/x);`

to define $g(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$ and then use the `plot` command to draw the graph of g over $[0,1]$, and sketch the result (as best you can!) on the axes at right.



8b. Execute `evalf(int(g(x), x=0..1));` to calculate $\int_0^1 g(x) dx$ and describe what happens below. Do you think the numerical result given is trustworthy?