

6.5 Average value of a function

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For #1 - #7, find the avg. value of the function on the given interval.

$$1. f(x) = 4x - x^2, [0, 4]. \quad f_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{1}{4-0} \int_0^4 [4x - x^2] dx = \frac{1}{4} \left[2x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^4 = \frac{1}{4} \left[32 - \frac{64}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{96-64}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{32}{3} \right] = \boxed{\frac{8}{3}}$$

$$3. g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}, [1, 8]. \quad g_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{8-1} \int_1^8 x^{\frac{1}{3}} dx = \frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \left[\frac{4}{3} x^{\frac{4}{3}} \right]_1^8 = \frac{3}{28} \left[8^{\frac{4}{3}} - 1 \right] = \frac{3}{28} [16-1] = \frac{3}{28} \cdot 15 = \boxed{\frac{45}{28}}$$

$$5. f(t) = t e^{-t^2}, [0, 5]. \quad f_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{5-0} \int_0^5 t e^{-t^2} dt = -\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{25} e^u du = -\frac{1}{10} [e^u]_0^{25} = -\frac{1}{10} [e^{25} - e^0]$$

Let $u = -t^2$ $\begin{array}{c|c} t & u \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -25 \end{array}$

$du = -2t dt$ $\begin{array}{c|c} u & \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ 25 & -1 \end{array}$

$$= -\frac{1}{10} \left[\frac{1}{e^{25}} - 1 \right] \text{ OR } \frac{1}{10} \left[1 - \frac{1}{e^{25}} \right]$$

$$7. h(x) = \cos^4 x \sin x, [0, \pi]. \quad h_{\text{avg}} = \frac{(-1)}{\pi-0} \int_0^\pi \cos^4 x \sin x dx = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_1^{-1} u^4 du = -\frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{u^5}{5} \right]_1^{-1} = (\text{next line})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{5} \right]$$

u = cos x $\begin{array}{c|c} x & u \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ \pi & -1 \end{array}$

$$du = -\sin x dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{2}{5} \right] = \boxed{\frac{2}{5\pi}}$$

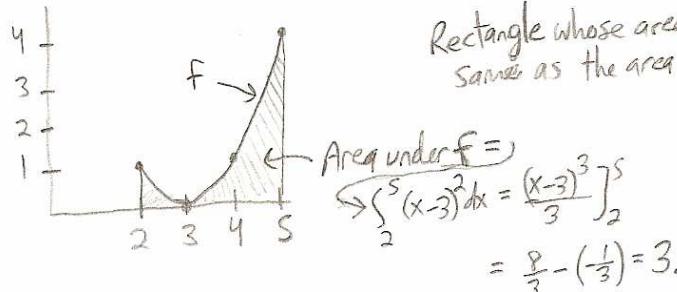
9. Given $f(x) = (x-3)^2$ on the interval $[2, 5]$:

a) Find f_{avg} . $f_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{5-2} \int_2^5 (x-3)^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-1}^2 u^2 du = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{u^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^2 = \frac{1}{9} [2^3 - (-1)^3] = \frac{1}{9} [8+1] = \boxed{1}$

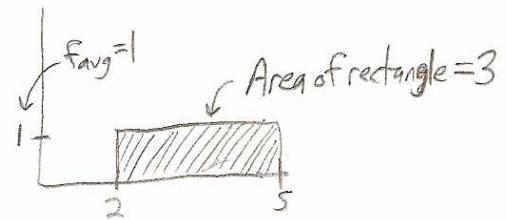
$u = x-3, du = dx$ $\begin{array}{c|c} x & u \\ \hline 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{array}$

b) Find c such that $f_{\text{avg}} = f(c)$. $f_{\text{avg}} = f(c) \Rightarrow 1 = (c-3)^2 \Rightarrow \pm 1 = c-3 \Rightarrow c = 3 \pm 1 \Rightarrow c = 4 \text{ or } 2.$

c) Sketch the graph of f and a rectangle whose area is the same as the area under the graph of f .

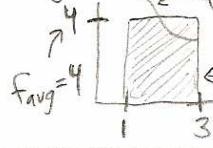


Rectangle whose area is the same as the area under f :



13. If f is continuous and $\int_1^3 f(x) dx = 8$, show that f takes on the value 4 at least once on the interval $[1, 3]$.

$f_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{3-1} \int_1^3 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}(8) = 4$. Since $f_{\text{avg}} = 4$, by the Mean Value Theorem for Integrals f must take on the value 4 on the interval $[1, 3]$ at least once.



the area under f to equal the rectangle's area.

17. In a certain city the temperature (in °F) t hours after 9 a.m. was modeled by the function

$T(t) = 50 + 14 \sin \frac{\pi t}{12}$. Find the average temperature during the period from $\underline{9\text{ am}}_{t=0}$ to $\underline{9\text{ pm.}}_{t=12}$.

$$T_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{12-0} \int_0^{12} [50 + 14 \sin \frac{\pi t}{12}] dt = \frac{1}{12} \left[50t - \frac{14 \cos \frac{\pi t}{12}}{\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)} \right]_0^{12} = \frac{1}{12} \left[50t - 14 \cdot \frac{12}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi t}{12} \right]_0^{12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \left[\left(600 - \frac{168 \cos \pi}{\pi} \right) - \left(0 - \frac{168 \cos 0}{\pi} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{12} \left[600 + \frac{168}{\pi} + \frac{168}{\pi} \right] = \frac{1}{12} \left[600 + \frac{336}{\pi} \right] \\ = \boxed{50 + \frac{28}{\pi}^{\circ}\text{F}} \approx \boxed{58.9^{\circ}\text{F}}$$

19. The linear density in a rod 8m long is $\frac{12}{\sqrt{x+1}} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}}$, where x is measured in meters from one end of the rod.



Find the average density of the rod.

$$\text{Avg. density of the rod} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{1}{8-0} \int_0^8 \frac{12}{\sqrt{x+1}} dx = \text{(next line)}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \int_0^8 (x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = \frac{3}{2} \int_1^9 u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{3}{2} \left[2u^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_1^9 = 3[3-1] = \boxed{6 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}}}$$

$$u=x+1, du=dx$$