Trapezia, antiderivatives and exact integrals

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Learning target: Use trapezia to approximate area, find and check antiderivatives, and evaluate definite integrals.

The trapezium rule approximates accumulation from sampled heights. Refining a partition can improve the approximation, but the shape of the curve influences whether it overestimates or underestimates. The fundamental theorem links an exact definite integral with an antiderivative's endpoint difference. Differentiate the proposed antiderivative before using it to check the calculation.

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Task 1. Approximate $\int_0^2 x^2 dx$ using two equal trapezia and then four equal trapezia. Show the heights, interval width and both sums.

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Study-design reference

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