

5. [9 points] Before calculators existed, it was a difficult task for scientists and engineers to compute values of special functions like logarithm. In this problem, we will use simple arithmetic operations to approximate the value of $\ln 2$.

Note that for $x > 0$,

$$\ln x = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt.$$

- a. [3 points] Approximate the integral $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{t} dt$ using LEFT(4). Write out each term in your sum.

Answer: _____

- b. [3 points] Which of the following are equal to the LEFT(n) approximations for $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{t} dt$? Circle the one best answer.

i. $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{i}$

iv. $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$

ii. $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{1+i/n}$

v. $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n}^n \frac{1}{1+i/n}$

iii. $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{1+i/n}$

vi. $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{1+1/n}$

- c. [3 points] How many subintervals would be needed so that a scientist who lived before calculators were invented would be certain that the resulting left-hand Riemann sum approximates $\ln(2)$ to within 0.01? Justify your answer.

Answer: _____