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1. Solve the initial value problem:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 5x, y'(0) = 8, y(0) = 2$$

Solution. We evaluate

$$y' = \int 5x dx = \frac{5}{2}x^2 + c_1$$

Then we apply the initial condition y'(0) = 8 and get

$$y'(0) = \frac{5}{2}(0)^2 + c_1 = c_1 = 8$$

Hence

$$y' = \frac{5}{2}x^2 + 8$$

Next, we evaluate

$$y = \int \frac{5}{2}x^2 dx = \frac{5}{6}x^3 + 8x + c_2$$

Then we apply the other initial condition y(0) = 2 and get

$$y(0) = \frac{5}{6}(0)^3 + 8(0) + c_2 = c_2 = 2$$

Therefore,

$$y = \frac{5}{6}x^3 + 8x + 2$$

2. Use finite approximation to estimate the area under the graph of the following function using left-hand rule with four rectangles of equal width.

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1, -2 \le x \le 2$$

Solution. We divide [-2,2] into 4 subintervals and each subinterval has the length 1. Then we apply the left-hand rule

$$A \approx f(-2) \cdot 1 + f(-1) \cdot 1 + f(0) \cdot 1 + f(1) \cdot 1 = ((-2)^2 + 1) + ((-1)^2 + 1) + ((0)^2 + 1) + ((1)^2 + 1)$$

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