

(\*)1. Find the following limits:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 12} - 4}{x - 2}$  [2007 exam question]

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(6x)}{36x^2}$  [2008 exam question]

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x+5}}{\sqrt{x}+5}$

2. Consider the function  $f(x) = x$  over the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Estimate the area under the graph by subdividing the interval into  $n$  equal subintervals, and calculating the

*upper sum*  $A_n = \sum_{k=1}^n f(c_k) \Delta x$ , for (i)  $n = 2$ , (ii)  $n = 4$ , and (iii) general  $n$ .

3. Evaluate the finite sums:

(a)  $\sum_{j=2}^4 \frac{(-1)^{j-1}}{j-1}$

(b)  $\sum_{k=1}^n (k+2)(k-1)$