
Subject: Re: An approximation of the cumulative integral of Y

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Sat, 11 Jul 2009 16:43:40 GMT

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Posted by [Chris\[6\]](#) on Sun, 12 Jul 2009 19:40:05 GMT
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Chris

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Sun, 12 Jul 2009 20:00:18 GMT
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Posted by [Vijay Shah](#) on Tue, 14 Jul 2009 05:23:21 GMT
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Thanks for the the info. I don't have function but only have series of dataset to integrate.
I did find <http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/math/tsum.pro> that allows takes the discrete sequence.

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