

In this section we will: review sigma notation and evaluate a sum, understand the concept of area, approximate the area of a plane region and find the area of a plane region using limits.

**SIGMA NOTATION**

The sum of  $n$  terms  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  is written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

where  $i$  is the index of summation,  $a_i$  is the  $i$ th term of the sum, and the upper and lower bounds of summation are  $n$  and 1.

**Examples of Sigma Notation**

a.  $\sum_{i=1}^6 i = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6$   
 (Handwritten note: ← stop at  $i = 6$ )

b.  $\sum_{i=0}^5 (i + 1) = (0+1) + (1+1) + (2+1) + (3+1) + (4+1) + (5+1)$   
 (Handwritten note: ← stop at  $i = 5$ )

c.  $\sum_{j=3}^7 j^2 = 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2$

d.  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n}(k^2 + 1) = \frac{1}{n} (1^2+1) + \frac{1}{n} (2^2+1) + \frac{1}{n} (3^2+1) + \dots$   
 $= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) [ (1^2+1) + (2^2+1) + (3^2+1) + \dots ]$

e.  $\sum_{j=1}^n f(x_j) \Delta x = \Delta x ( f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + \dots )$   
 (Handwritten note: ↑ common factor)

From precalculus we know:

$$1. \sum_{i=1}^n ka_i = k \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \quad \leftarrow \text{coefficient}$$

$$2. \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \pm b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \pm \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$$

### THEOREM 4.2 SUMMATION FORMULAS

$$\star \sum_{k=1}^n c = nc$$

$$\star \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

Know !!

### Evaluating a Sum

Evaluate

$\frac{1}{n^2}$  is a coefficient

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

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n k + \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n(1) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{A}{A} \right) \left( \frac{n+1}{2n} \right) + \frac{A}{n^2}$$

$$= \frac{n+1}{2n} + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n+1+2}{2n} = \boxed{\frac{n+3}{2n}}$$

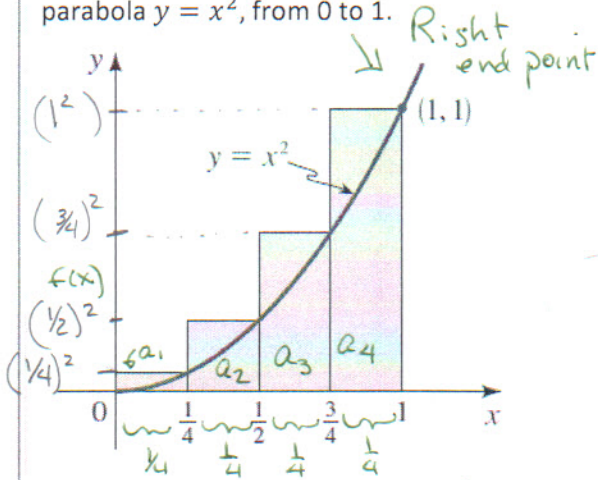
Separate summations & evaluate using above formulas

Rearrange factors & distribute  $\frac{1}{n^2}$ , simplify

(common denom.)

In geometry we found area of polygons. We had set formulas such as the area of a rectangle is length times width. A triangular area is found by calculating  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the base times the height, and so on. Calculus is used to deal with area problems that have regions containing curved boundaries. Here we can go back to our simple formula for the area of a rectangle and use it to estimate the area of a region under a curve.

Estimating an Area Using Rectangles: Use rectangles to estimate the area under the parabola  $y = x^2$ , from 0 to 1.



$$\text{Area} = (\text{width})(\text{height}) = (\Delta x)(f(x))$$

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 =$$

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 =$$

$$R_3 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 =$$

$$R_4 = \frac{1}{4} (1)^2 =$$

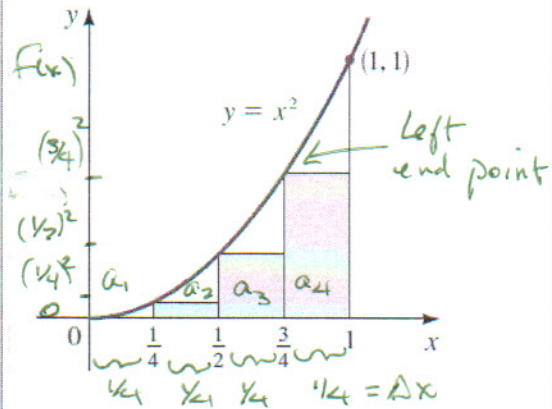
$$A_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{9}{16} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{16} + \frac{4}{16} + \frac{9}{16} + \frac{16}{16} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{30}{16} \right)$$

$$R_4 = .46875 \text{ units}^2$$

$R_4$  indicates the rectangles were created using right end points.

This is an over estimate.

‡ Subscript of 4 indicates 4 rectangles



$$R_1 = 0$$

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 =$$

$$R_3 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 =$$

$$R_4 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 =$$

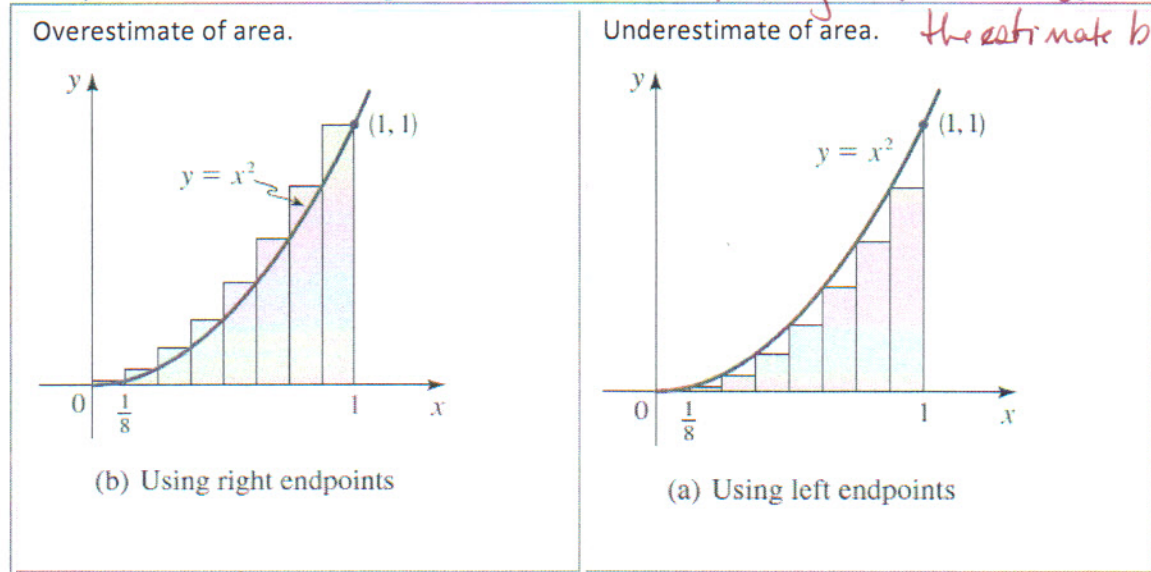
$$A_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{9}{16} \right)$$

$$L_4 = .21875 \text{ units}^2$$

$L_4$  = left end points used to make 4 rectangles (under estimate)  
Actual area:

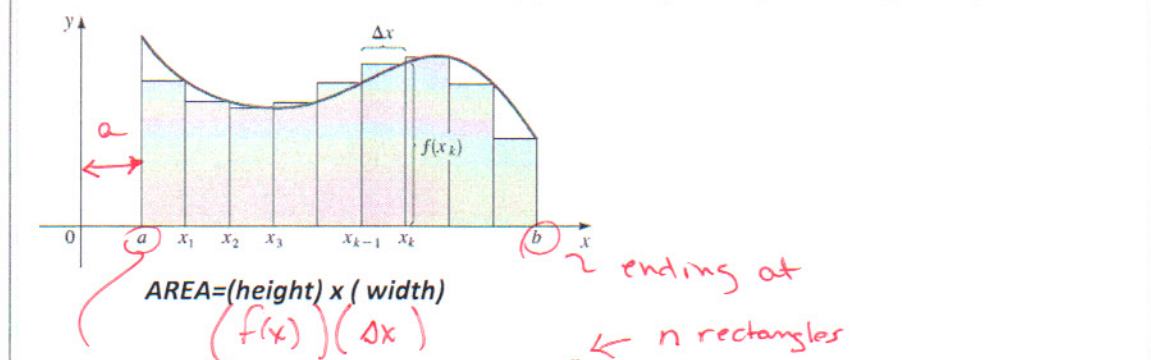
$$.21875 < A < .46875$$

Same problem...smaller rectangles *So... the more rectangles the more accurate the estimate becomes!*



*As the number of rectangles goes to infinity.....*

The area  $A$  of the region  $S$  that lies under the graph of a continuous function  $f$  is the limit of the sum of the areas of the approximating rectangles: **use right endpoints.**



*Starting at "a"*

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x$$

*But "n" goes to infinity!*

$\Delta x$  is the width of an approximating rectangle,  
 $x_k$  is the right endpoint of the  $k$ th rectangle  
 $f(x_k)$  is its height.

*n rectangles*  
 region from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$

**width:**  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$

**right endpoint:**  $x_k = a + k\Delta x$

**height:**  $f(x_k) = f(a + k\Delta x)$

### Finding the Area by the Limit Definition

Find the area of the region bounded by the function and the vertical lines  $x=0$  and  $x=1$ .

$$f(x) = x^3$$

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^3}{n^4}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{k=1}^n k^3$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \left( \frac{n(n+1)^2}{4} \right)$$

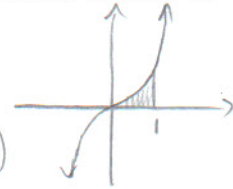
$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{n}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(\frac{n}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\right) = A$$

$$\boxed{A = \frac{1}{4}} \quad \left( \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \frac{1}{n} = 0 \right)$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1-0}{n} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$x_k = 0 + k\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$f(x_k) = f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^3$$



Factor out coefficient

Summation Formula

Rearrange

Find the area of the region bounded by the function and the vertical lines  $x=1$  and  $x=2$ .

$$f(x) = 4 - x^2$$

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(3 - \frac{2k}{n} - \frac{k^2}{n^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{3}{n} - \frac{2k}{n^2} - \frac{k^2}{n^3}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n 3 - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n 2k - \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{n} - \frac{2(n)(n+1)}{2n^2} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3} =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 - 1\left(\frac{n}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\right) - \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{n}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(\frac{2n}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$= 3 - 1 - \frac{2}{6} = 2 - \frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{5}{3} = A}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{2-1}{n} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$x_k = 1 + k\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$f(x_k) = f\left(1 + \frac{k}{n}\right) = 4 - \left(1 + \frac{k}{n}\right)^2$$

$$= 4 - \left(1 + \frac{2k}{n} + \frac{k^2}{n^2}\right) = 3 - \frac{2k}{n} - \frac{k^2}{n^2} = f(x_k)$$

Distribute

Factor out coefficients

Use Formulas

