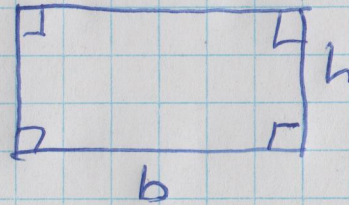


Finding Areas - welcome to integration and  
defining the definite integral

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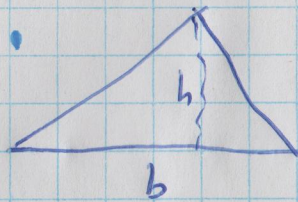
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Easy for rectangles:



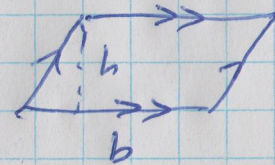
$$\text{Area} = bh$$

triangles:



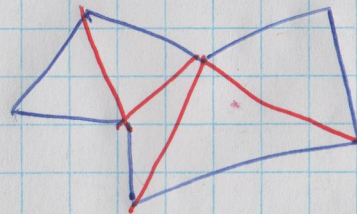
$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

parallelograms:



$$\text{Area} = bh$$

polygons:



Divide it up into  
triangles & add  
up their areas.

Harder for curved shapes: circles, parabolas, trig curves, ...





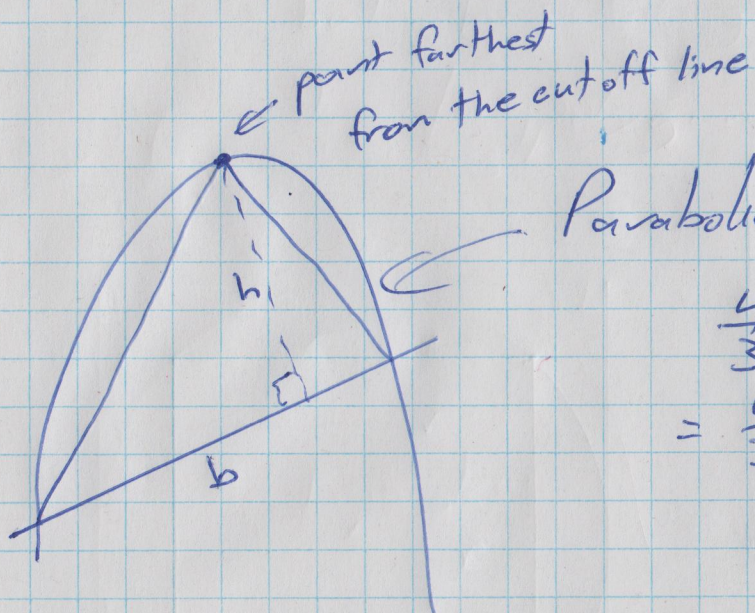


→ parabolas

Archimedes  
(277-212 BC)

Quadrature of the Parabola

(3)

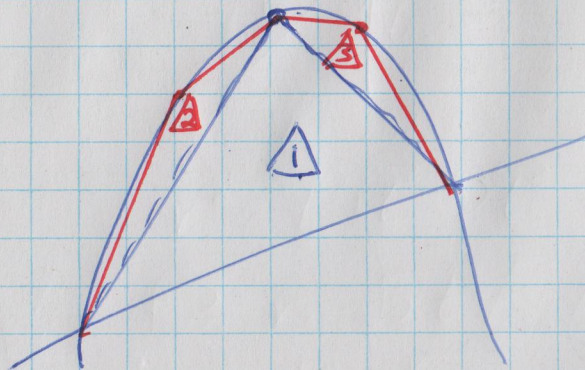


Parabolic segment has area

$$\frac{4}{3} \cdot \text{area of the triangle} \\ = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}bh.$$

How did he get this? The key result he needed is that if you repeat the process:

Archimedes does with  
Euclidean geometry  
& centers of mass  
of cross-sections...



$$(\text{area of } \triangle 1) = \frac{1}{4}$$

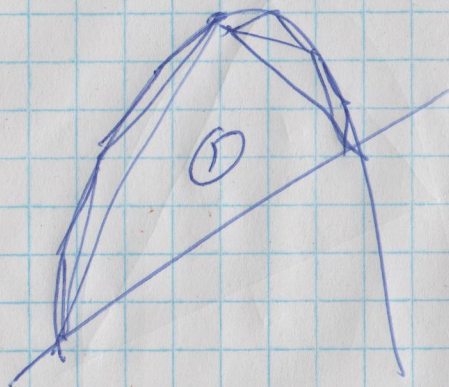
$$= [(\text{area of } \triangle 2) + (\text{area of } \triangle 3)]$$

If you repeat it again, you get 4 triangles whose total area is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the original.



Thus the area of the <sup>original</sup> parabolic segment

(4)



is (area of triangle ①)

+  $\frac{1}{4}$  ( — " — )

+  $(\frac{1}{4})^2$  ( — " — )

+  $(\frac{1}{4})^3$  ( — " — )

$\frac{4}{3}$  (area of triangle ①)

||

0  
+  
6

$$= \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{4^3} + \dots \right) (\text{area of triangle ①})$$

but

$$\left( 1 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{4^3} + \dots \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{4^3} + \dots - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4^2} - \frac{1}{4^3} + \dots$$

$$\text{so } 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{4^3} + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{4}{3} = 1$$



How do we do it? We approximate the region whose area we want by rectangles and then take a limit of the areas of the rectangles as you shrink their width to 0. (5)

The area under  $y = 4 - x^2$  & above the x-axis is ?

- Approximating with (four) rectangles & heights determined at the midpoints of the base gives area 11 units<sup>2</sup>.

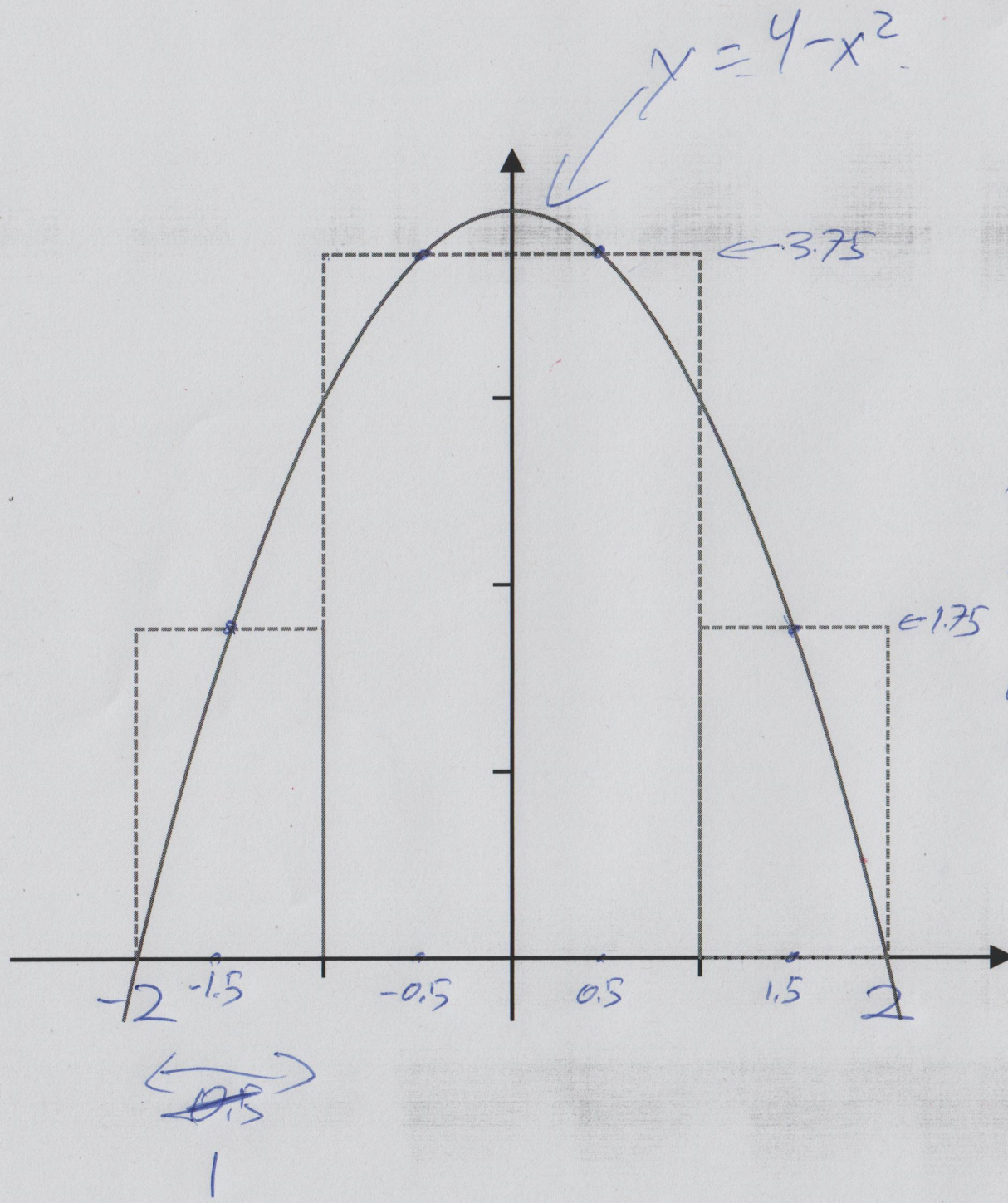
- Approximating in the same way with eight rectangles gives area 10.75 units<sup>2</sup>.

⋮

The limit turns out to be  $10\frac{2}{3} = 10.666\dots$  and that's the area under the parabola.



5A



Area of the region between  $y = 4 - x^2$  & the x-axis, approximated by 4 rectangles of equal width, namely  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and height determined by evaluating  $4 - x^2$  at the midpoint of the base of each rectangle.

Area of rectangles

$$= 1.75 \times 0.5$$

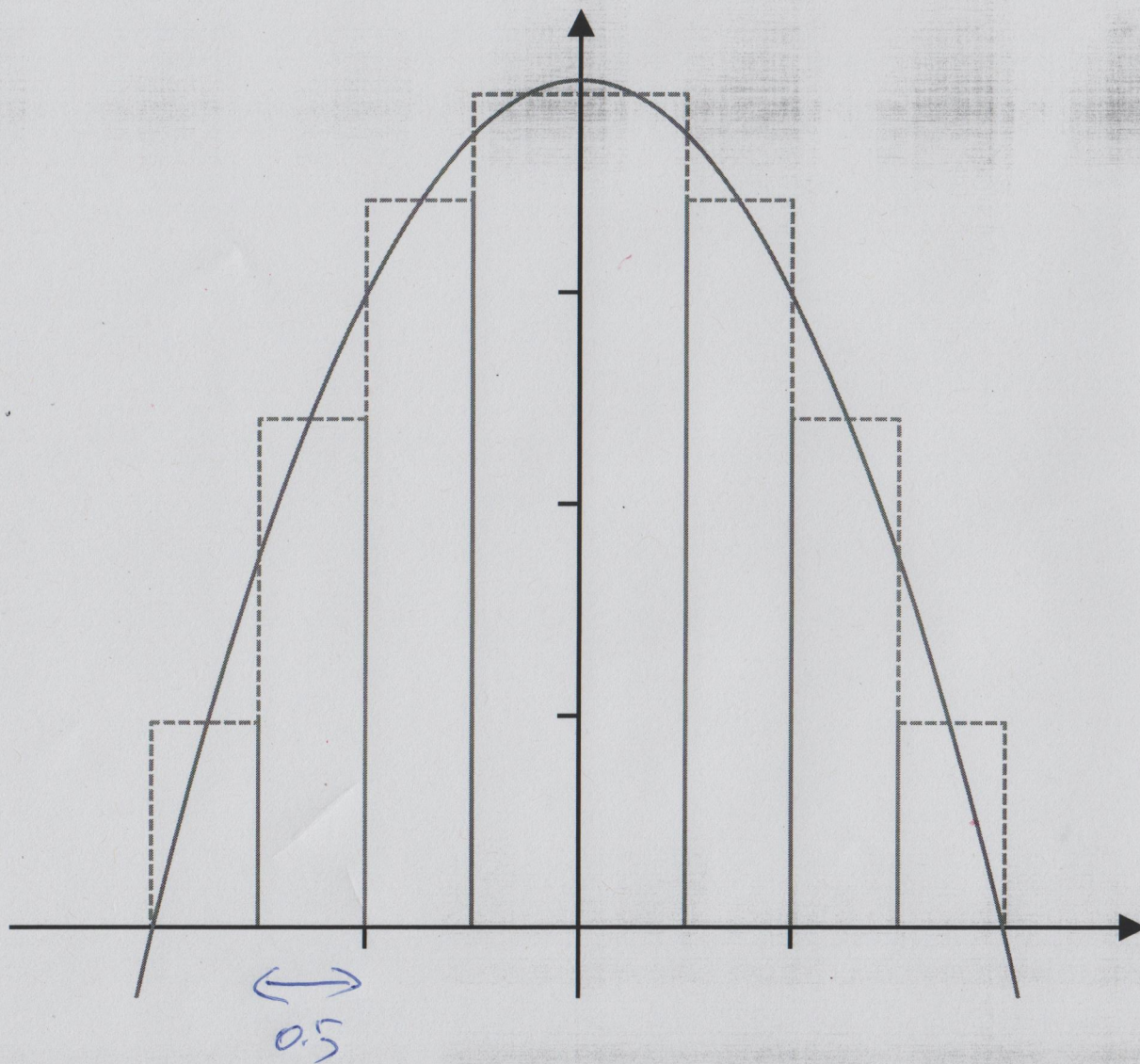
$$+ 3.75 \times 0.5$$

$$+ 3.75 \times 0.5$$

$$+ 1.75 \times 0.5$$

$$= 11$$





The calculation is  
twice as long...  
& works out to  
an area of  
10.75 for  
all the  
rectangles...



⑥

This is a very cumbersome process, so we'll simplify it a bit by evaluating the heights at the right-hand endpoint of the base of each rectangle

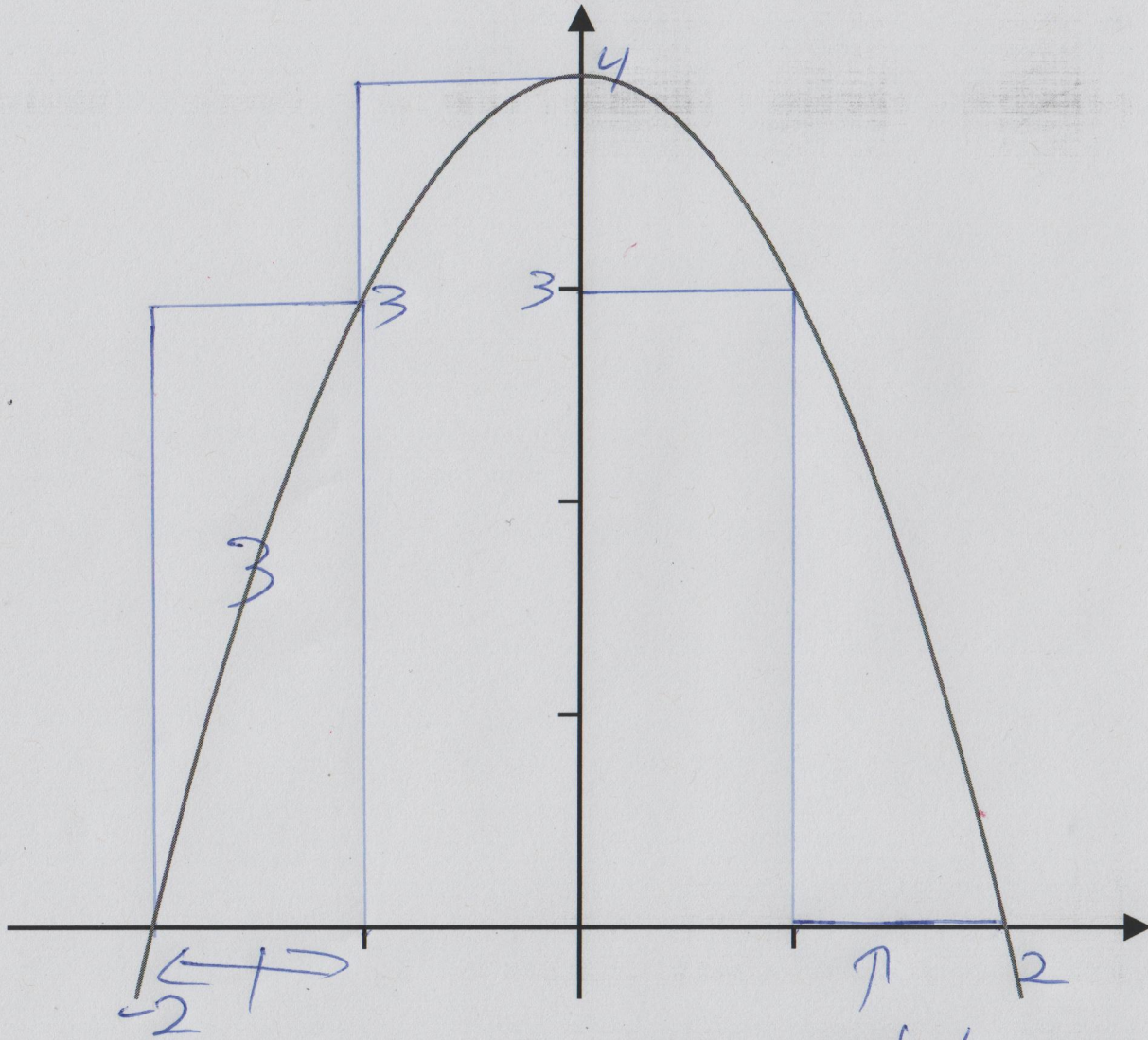
For the region below  $y = 4 - x^2$  and above the  $x$ -axis this gives an area (for  $n$  rectangles)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4}{n} \left( 4 - \left[ \left( -2 + i \frac{4}{n} \right)^2 \right] \right).$$

We can simplify and then take a limit of this:

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4}{n} \left( 4 - \left[ (-2)^2 + 2(-2)i \frac{4}{n} + \left( i \frac{4}{n} \right)^2 \right] \right) \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4}{n} \left( \cancel{4} - \cancel{4} + \frac{16i}{n} - \frac{16i^2}{n^2} \right) \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{64}{n^2} \left( i - \frac{i^2}{n} \right) = \frac{64}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( i - \frac{i^2}{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$



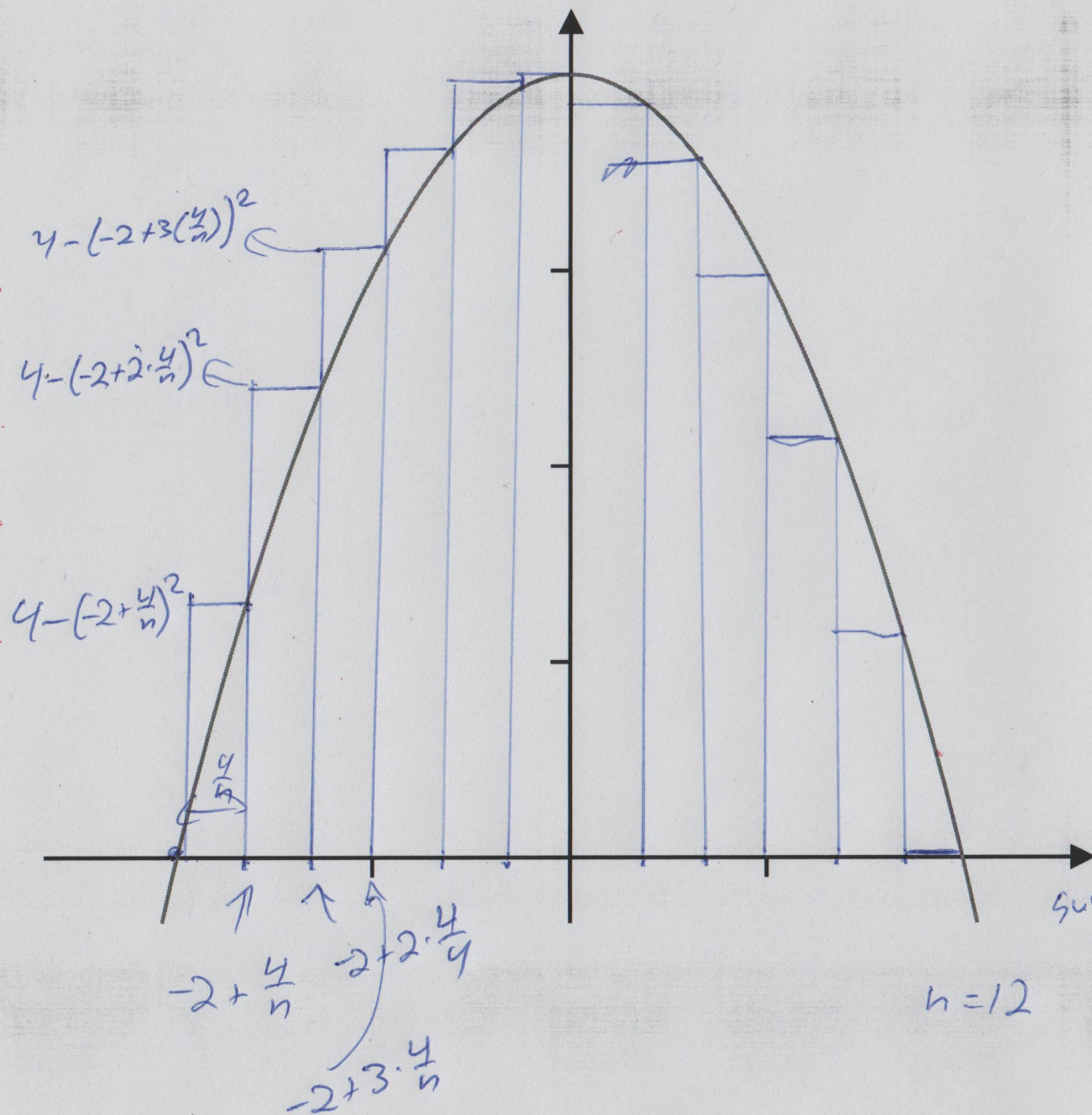


total area of  
the rectangles is  
 $3 + 4 + 3 + 0$

$$= 10 \left[ \approx 10\frac{2}{3} \right]$$

rectangle  
with height 0





If we divide up 6B  
 the interval  $[-2, 2]$   
 into  $n$  equal pieces

Each has width

$$\frac{2 - (-2)}{n} = \frac{4}{n}$$

and areas

$$\frac{4}{n} \cdot (4 - (-2 + \frac{4}{n})^2)$$

$$+ \frac{4}{n} \cdot (4 - (-2 + 2 \cdot \frac{4}{n})^2)$$

$$+ \frac{4}{n} \cdot (4 - (-2 + 3 \cdot \frac{4}{n})^2)$$

...

$$+ \frac{4}{n} (4 - (-2 + \frac{n \cdot 4}{n})^2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4}{n} (4 - (-2 - \frac{i \cdot 4}{n})^2)$$



$$= \frac{64}{h^2} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i \right) + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^2}{h} \right) \right] \quad (7)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{64}{h^2} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i \right) \right] + \left[ \frac{64}{h^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^2}{h} \right]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i$$

$$= 1+2+3+\dots+n$$

$$= \frac{64}{h^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{64}{h^3} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \right)$$

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

$$= \frac{32}{h} (n+1) + \frac{64}{h^3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

$$= 1^2+2^2+\dots+n^2$$

$$= 32 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{h} \right) + \frac{32}{3h^2} \cdot \frac{(2n^2+3n+1)}{1}$$

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

$$= 32 + \frac{32}{h} - \frac{32}{3} \left( 2 + \frac{3}{h} + \frac{1}{h^2} \right) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0$$

$$= 32 - \frac{32}{3} \cdot 2 = \frac{32}{3}$$

Which is the actual area! Cambersome process... and that's where calculus comes in!