

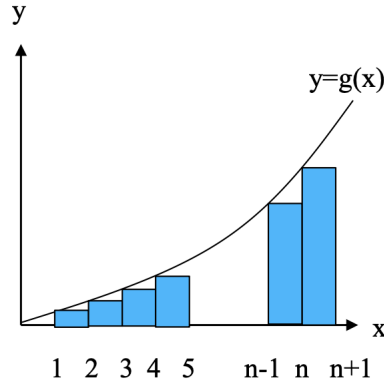
## Q5

### Proof:

Given a non-decreasing function  $f(x) : N \rightarrow R^+$ , we want to show that:

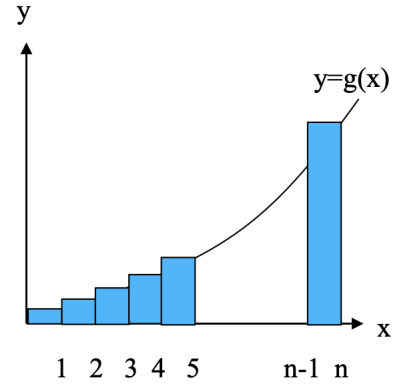
$$\int_0^n f(x) dx \leq \sum_{k=1}^n f(k) \leq \int_1^{n+1} f(x) dx$$

□  $f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n g(i)$ , where  $g$  is a nondecreasing function



Thus:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n g(i) \leq \int_1^{n+1} g(x) dx$$



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$$\int_0^n g(x) dx \leq \sum_{i=1}^n g(i)$$

### Explanation:

1. The left side ( $\int_0^n f(x) dx$ ) represents the area under the curve of the function  $f(x)$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = n$ .
  2. The middle part ( $\sum_{k=1}^n f(k)$ ) represents the sum of function values at discrete points  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  (blue rectangles).
  3. The right side ( $\int_1^{n+1} f(x) dx$ ) represents the area under the curve of the function  $f(x)$  from  $x = 1$  to  $x = n + 1$ .
- Therefore, we show that the inequality is true.

$$\int_0^n f(x) dx \leq \sum_{k=1}^n f(k) \leq \int_1^{n+1} f(x) dx$$

**For  $f(x) = x^2$ :**

1. **Leftmost Inequality:**

$$\int_0^n x^2 dx = \frac{n^3}{3}$$

2. **Middle Inequality:**

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{6}$$

3. **Rightmost Inequality:**

$$\int_1^{n+1} x^2 dx = \frac{(n+1)^3 - 1}{3} = \frac{n^3}{3} + n^2 + n$$

$$\frac{n^3}{3} \leq \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{6} \leq \frac{n^3}{3} + n^2 + n$$

**For  $f(x) = 2^x$ :**

1. **Leftmost Inequality:**

$$\int_0^n 2^x dx = \frac{2^n - 1}{\ln(2)}$$

2. **Middle Inequality:**

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

3. **Rightmost Inequality:**

$$\int_1^{n+1} 2^x dx = \frac{2^{n+1} - 2}{\ln(2)} = \frac{2^n - 1}{\ln(2)} \cdot 2$$

Divide sides with  $(2^n - 1)$  hence we get;

$$\frac{1}{\ln(2)} \leq 2 \leq \frac{2}{\ln(2)}$$

**For  $f(x) = 1$ :**

1. **Leftmost Inequality:**

$$\int_0^n 1 \, dx = n$$

2. **Middle Inequality:**

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

3. **Rightmost Inequality:**

$$\int_1^{n+1} 1 \, dx = n$$

So,  $n \leq n \leq n$