

**Exercise 1.** *When was calculus developed? And who were the main developers?*

**Exercise 2.** *Which developer used the binomial theorem as his starting point? And, how is his approach reflected today?*

**Exercise 3.** *Which developer used the infinitesimals as his starting point? And, how is his approach reflected today?*

**Exercise 4 (8.2.1).** *Find  $1 + 2 + \cdots + n$  by summing the identity  $(m + 1)^2 - m^2 = 2m + 1$  from  $m = 1$  to  $n$ . Similarly find  $1^2 + 2^2 + \cdots + n^2$  using the identity*

$$(m + 1)^3 - m^3 = 3m^2 + 3m + 1$$

*together with the previous result. Likewise, find  $1^3 + 2^3 + \cdots + n^3$  using the identity*

$$(m + 1)^4 - m^4 = 4m^3 + 6m^2 + 4m + 1$$

*and so on.*

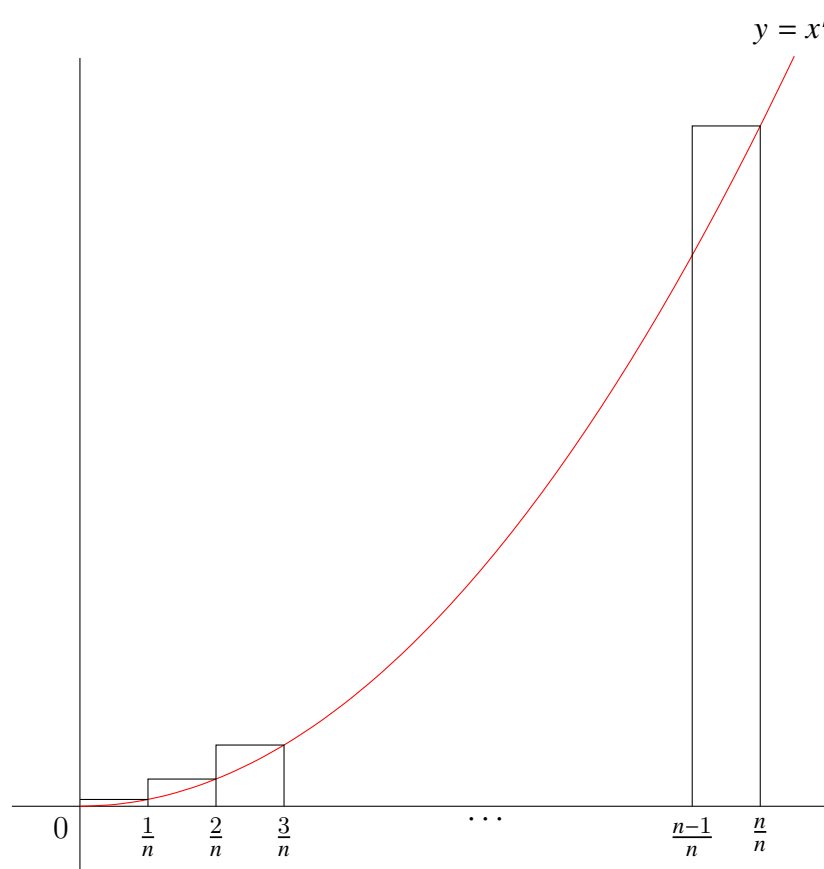


Figure 8.1: Approximating an area by rectangles

**Exercise 5 (8.2.2).** *Show that the approximation to the area under  $y = x^2$  by rectangles in Figure 8.1 has value  $(2n + 1)n(n + 1)/6n^3$ , and deduce that the area under the curve is  $1/3$ .*