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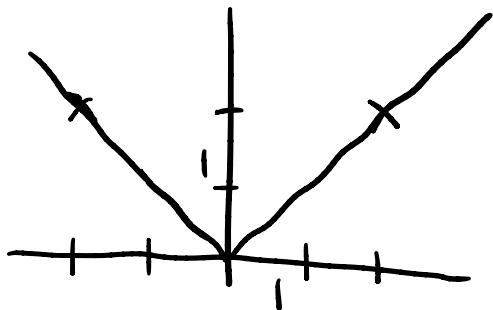
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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b-a}{n} &= \frac{2-(-1)}{n} \\ &= \frac{3}{n} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$\text{Area}^- = \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{2 \cdot 1}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{3 \cdot 1}{n} \right) + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{n \cdot 1}{n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n)$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Area}^+ + \text{Area}^- &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + 1 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} + 1 \right) \\ &= 2 + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 2\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$