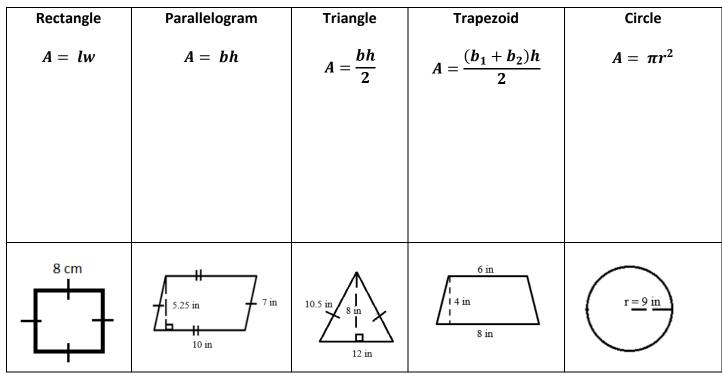
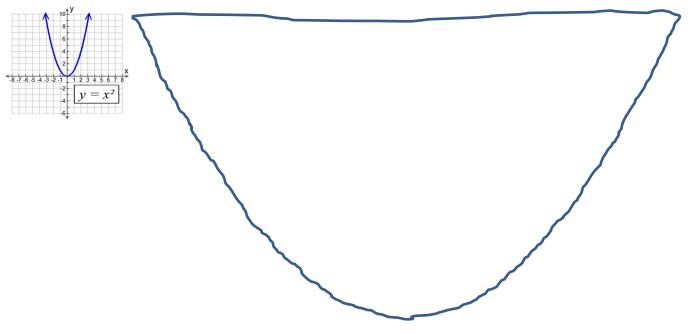
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# Calculus (Integration) for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math & Algebra I Students

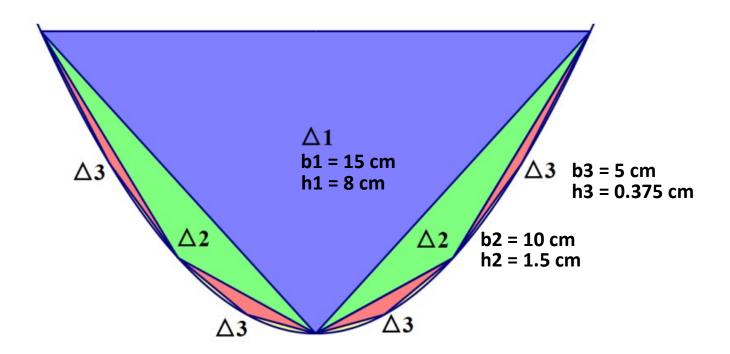
**Engage:** Use the area formulas to calculate the area of these 2D shapes. Use your calculator, but substitute values into the formulas first to show your work!



**Explore:** How can we approximate the area inside this "parabola" using our skills for calculating the area of 2D shapes? (Note: when measuring your shapes, use centimeters.)



Explain: How did Archimedes calculate the area inside this parabola?



Calculate the area inside the parabola using Archimedes' triangles. Note: You do not need to measure the dimensions yourself.

Step 1: Calculate the area of each triangle.

Purple area 
$$=\frac{bh}{2}=$$

2

Green area 
$$=\frac{bh}{2}=$$

Red area  $=\frac{bh}{2}=$ 

Step 2: Fill in the table and do some calculations to approximate the area inside the parabola.

Areas of Triangles	x num of triangles	Area covered inside parabola
Purple triangle area:	x 1 =	
Green triangle area:	x 2 =	
Red triangle area:	x 4 =	
Approximate area inside parabola:		

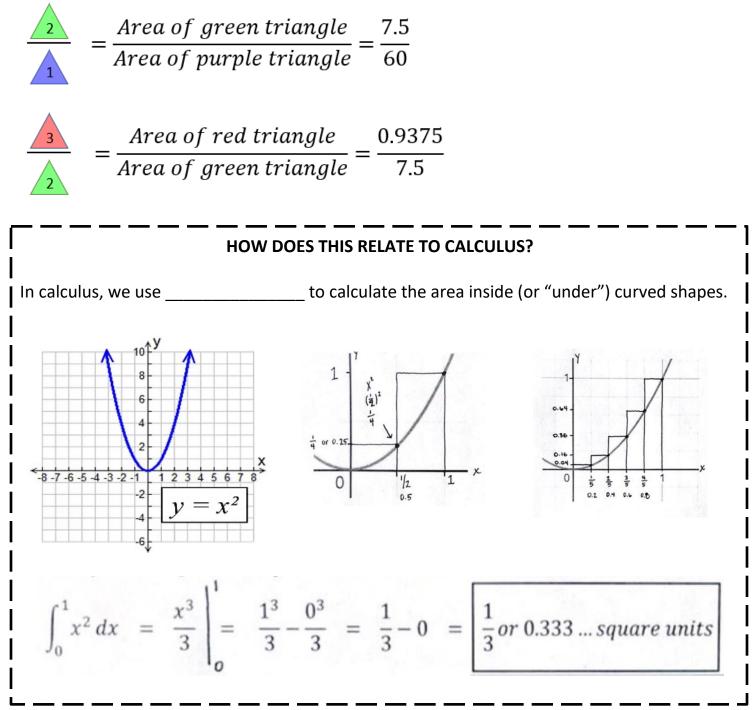
Class Discussion: Answer the questions below and be prepared to discuss what you think.

- Why isn't our answer accurate?
- What could we do to make our answer more accurate?
- Why is it difficult to get an accurate answer?

Archimedes found an accurate answer.

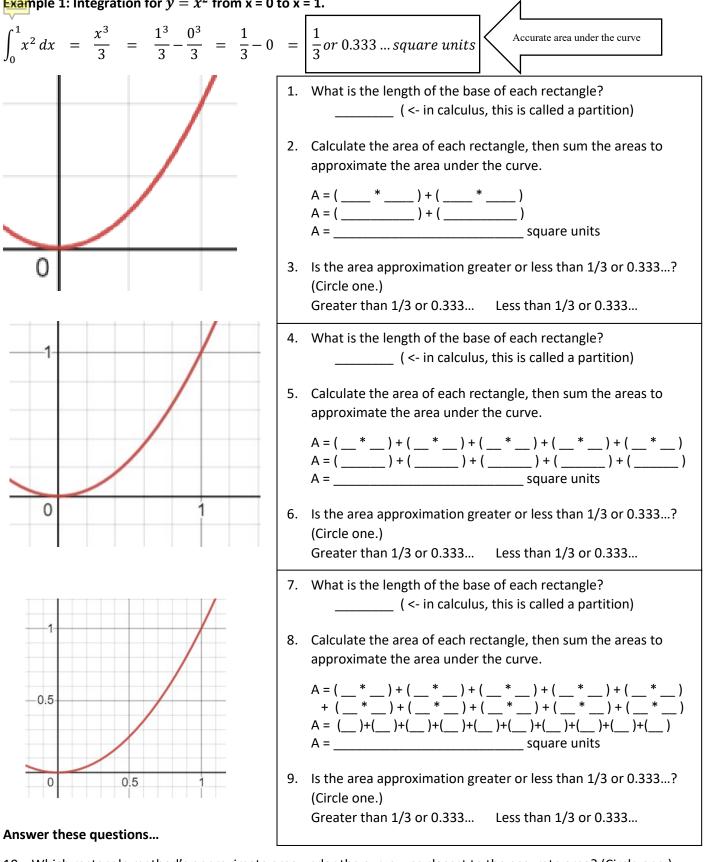
How did he do it? He noticed a pattern.

Can you find it? (Hint: simplify the fractions or convert them to decimals.)



**Elaborate:** In addition to Archimedes "triangle method," there are other ways to approximate the area inside shapes with curves. Let's learn about Sir Isaac Newton's "rectangle method."

#### **Example 1:** Integration for $y = x^2$ from x = 0 to x = 1.



10. Which rectangle method's approximate area under the curve was closest to the accurate area? (Circle one.)

Rectangles with a partition of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Rectangles with a partition of 1/5

Rectangles with a partition of 1/10

11. All of the area approximations are greater than the accurate answer (1/3 or 0.333...). Why do you think that is?

Example 2: Integration for  $y = 2x^2$  from x = 0 to x = 1.

$$\int_{0}^{1} 2x^{2} dx = \frac{2x^{3}}{3} = \frac{2(1^{3})}{3} - \frac{2(0^{3})}{3} = \frac{2}{3} - 0 = \left[\frac{2}{3} \text{ or } 0.666... \text{ square units}\right]$$
Account area under the curve
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & &$$

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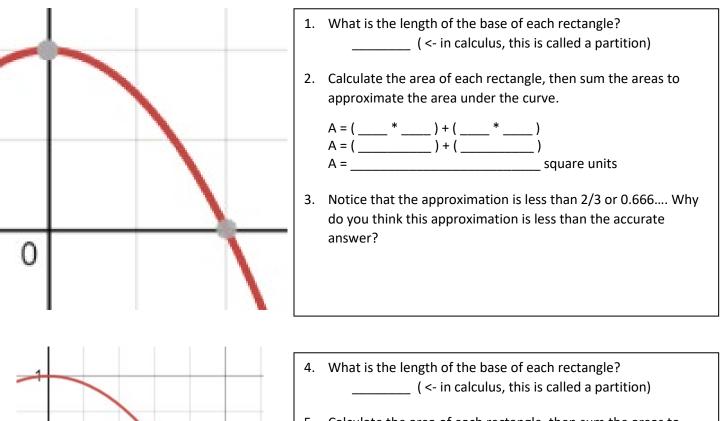
### Answer these questions...

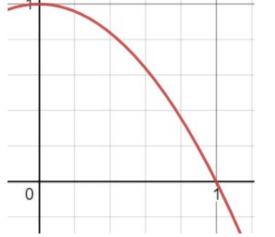
7. How does the size of the partition change the accuracy of the approximation of the area under the curve? Why?

# Evaluate: Complete Example 3 on your own. You can do it!

# Example 3: Integration for $y = -x^2 + 1$ from x = 0 to x = 1.

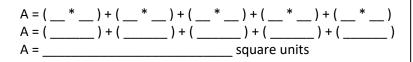
$$\int_{0}^{1} -x^{2} + 1 \, dx = \frac{-x^{3}}{3} + x = \left(\frac{-(1^{3})}{3} + 1\right) - \left(\frac{-(0^{3})}{3} + 0\right) = \frac{-1}{3} + 1 = \left|\frac{2}{3} \text{ or } 0.666... \text{ square units}\right|$$





#### Answer this question...

5. Calculate the area of each rectangle, then sum the areas to approximate the area under the curve.



- 6. Which approximation (the approximation above with a partition of ½ or this approximation with a partition of 1/5) is closer to the accurate answer? Why?
- 7. What did you learn today in your own words? Give as much detail as you can.