Area Under a Curve Part 2

Goal:

• Can approximate the area under a curve using midpoint and trapezoids

Terminology:

None

Discussion question: Is using the average of the left and right enpoints to determine height the same as using the midpoint?



We have two new calculators to find the area

https://www.desmos.com/calculator/bilc70rubs https://www.desmos.com/calculator/mkfcz7p8el

Example: Approximate the area under the curve $f(x) = e^{x-x^2}$ on the interval [-2, 2] using 4 subintervals using rectangles with left, right, and middle endpoints AND separately with trapezoids. Use the calculator to approximate the area with 100 subintervals. (The exact area is 2.23684246999...)



Practice: Determine the area under the curve $f(x) = \frac{4}{x+1} + x$ on the interval [0, 6] using 3 subintervals

