

Proof of area formula:

$$A = \underbrace{2b\Delta x}_{\text{rectangle}} + \int_{-\Delta x}^{\Delta x} f(\frac{t}{\Delta x}) dt \quad \text{where } f(0)=0$$

See illustration & below.

$$f(-\Delta x) = a - b \quad \& \quad f(\Delta x) = c - b$$

& f is quadratic

$$f(t) = pt^2 + qt \quad (\text{because } f(0)=0)$$

$$(a+c-2b) = f(-\Delta x) + f(\Delta x) = 2p\Delta x^2$$

$$p = \frac{a+c-2b}{2(\Delta x)^2}$$

$$\int_{-\Delta x}^{\Delta x} (pt^2 + qt) dt = 2p \int_0^{\Delta x} t^2 dt + 0$$

even even part
odd odd part

$$= 2p \frac{\Delta x^3}{3} = \frac{a+c-2b}{3} \Delta x \quad (\text{Next: add } 2b\Delta x)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{a+4b+c}{3} \Delta x$$

