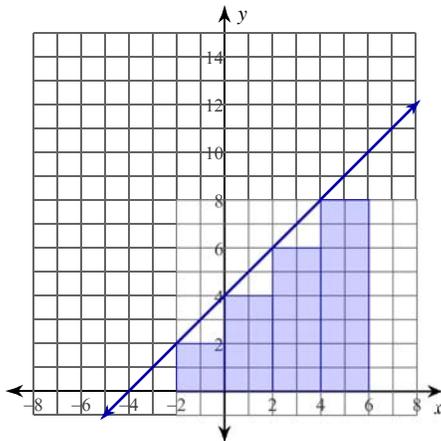


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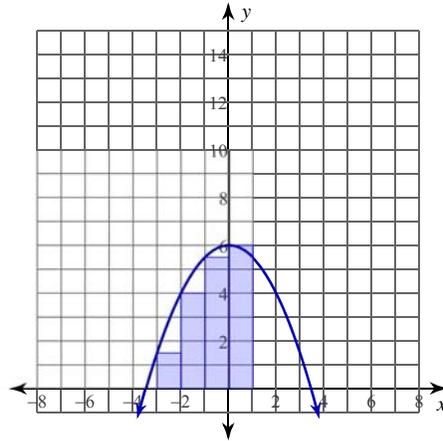
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For each problem, approximate the area under the curve over the given interval using 4 left endpoint rectangles.

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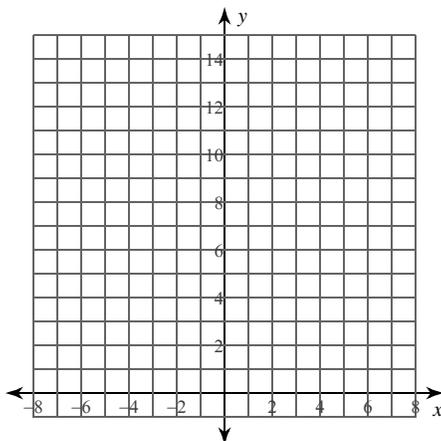


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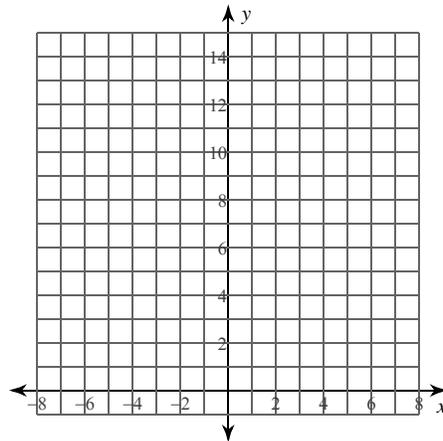


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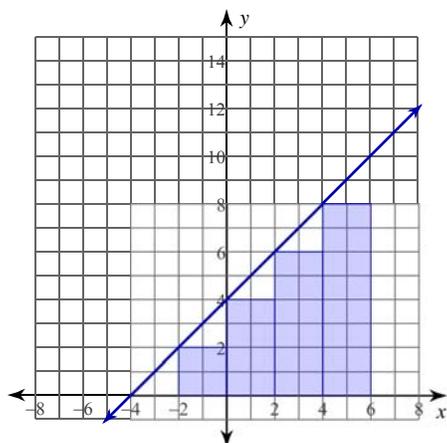
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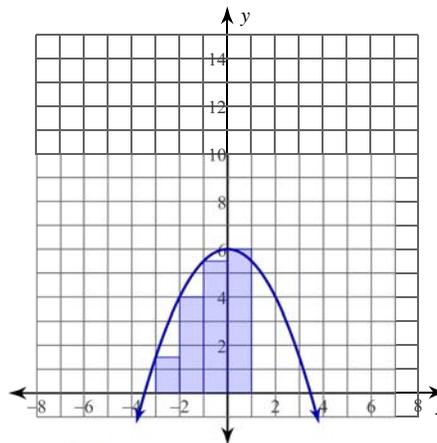
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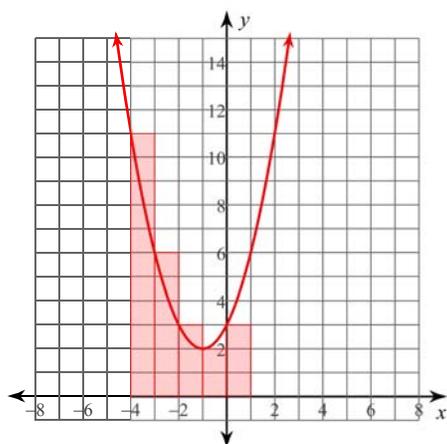
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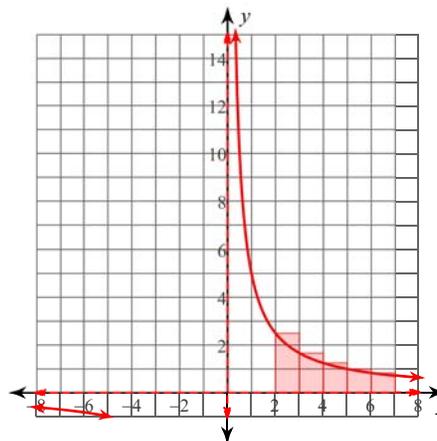
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 $\frac{29}{4} = 7.25$ **Critical thinking question:**

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The approximated areas for problems 1 and 2 appear to be less than the actual. Problems 3 and 4 appear greater. More rectangles would improve our approximation.