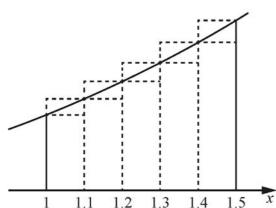
Alex is investigating the area, A, under the graph of  $y = x^2$  between x = 1 and x = 1.5. They draw the graph, together with rectangles of width  $\delta x = 0.1$ , and varying heights y.



and 0.855 respectively. [1]

(a) Use the rectangles in the diagram to show that lower and upper bounds for the area A are 0.73

(b) Alex finds lower and upper bounds for the area A, using widths  $\delta x$  of decreasing size. The results are shown in the table. Where relevant, values are given correct to 3 significant figures.

Width $\delta x$	0.1	0.05	0.025	0.0125
Lower bound for area A	0.73	0.761	0.776	0.784
Upper bound for area A	0.855	0.823	0.807	0.799

Use Alex's results to estimate the value of A correct to 2 significant figures. Give a brief justification for your estimate. [2]

[2]

(c) Write down an expression, in terms of y and  $\delta x$ , for the exact value of the area A.