**1.** Evaluate the following sums

**a.** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{8} 2k - 1 = 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 + 13 + 15 = 64$$

**b.** 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{5} 2^n = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 = 63$$

**c.**  $\sum_{k=0}^{100} 2$ . This sum has 101 terms and they are all just the number 2. So the sum is  $101 \cdot 2 = 202$ .

**2.** Using left endpoints approximate  $\int_{1}^{9} (x^2 + 1) dx$  using n = 4 rectangles. **Solution:** First, note that  $\Delta x = \frac{9-1}{4} = 2$ . Our first interval is from 1 to 3 and the left endpoint is 1. So the first rectangle has area  $2 \cdot (1^2 + 1) = 4$ . The second interval is from 3 to 5 so the left endpoint is 3 and thus the area is  $2 \cdot (3^2 + 1) = 20$ . We do this twice more and the answer is:

$$2 \cdot (1^2 + 1) + 2 \cdot (3^2 + 1) + 2 \cdot (5^2 + 1) + 2 \cdot (7^2 + 1) = 4 + 20 + 52 + 100 = 176.$$