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[MULTIPLE CHOICE] Suppose that the midpoint sum overestimates, and the right endpoint sum underestimates, SCORE: ___ / 1 POINT
the area under $f(x)$ on $[a, b]$. Which of the following could describe $f(x)$?

- [a] increasing & concave down [b] increasing & concave up [c] decreasing & concave down [d] decreasing & concave up

LETTER OF CORRECT ANSWER: [C]

Compute the area under $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 3$ over $[-2, 1]$ using the limit of the left endpoint sum.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(a + (i-1)\Delta x) \Delta x \quad a = -2 \quad \Delta x = \frac{1 - (-2)}{n} = \frac{3}{n} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(3\left(-2 + \frac{3(i-1)}{n}\right)^2 - 4\left(-2 + \frac{3(i-1)}{n}\right) + 3 \right) \frac{3}{n} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(3\left(4 - \frac{12(i-1)}{n} + \frac{9(i-1)^2}{n^2}\right) + 8 - \frac{12(i-1)}{n} + 3 \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(12 - \frac{36}{n}i + \frac{36}{n} + \frac{27}{n^2}i^2 - \frac{54}{n^2}i + \frac{27}{n^2} + 8 - \frac{12}{n}i + \frac{12}{n} + 3 \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(12 + \frac{36}{n} + \frac{27}{n^2} + 8 + \frac{12}{n} + 3 \right) + \left(-\frac{36}{n} - \frac{54}{n^2} - \frac{12}{n} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n i + \frac{27}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n} \left(n \left(23 + \frac{48}{n} + \frac{27}{n^2} \right) + \left(-\frac{48}{n} - \frac{54}{n^2} \right) \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{27}{n^2} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 \left(23 + \frac{48}{n} + \frac{27}{n^2} - \frac{24(n+1)}{n} - \frac{27(n+1)}{n^2} + \frac{9(n+1)(2n+1)}{2n^2} \right) \\
 &= 3(23 + 0 + 0 - 24 - 0 + 9) \\
 &= 24
 \end{aligned}$$