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- Consider the rectangle in the first quadrant of the xy -plane as in the figure with thick black lines.
 - Label the bottom horizontal edge of the rectangle $y = c$.
 - Label the sides of the rectangle Δx and Δy .
 - What is the area of the rectangle?
 - There are also 2 rectangles whose base is the x -axis, the larger of which contains both the smaller and the original rectangle. Express the area of the original rectangle as the difference between the areas of these 2 rectangles.
- On the grid below, draw any simple, closed, piecewise smooth curve C , all of whose segments C_i are parallel either to the x -axis or to the y -axis. Your curve should **not** be a rectangle. Pick an origin and label it, and assume that each square is a unit square.

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- Compute the area of the region D inside C by counting the number of squares inside C .
- Evaluate the line integral $\oint_C y \hat{x} \cdot d\vec{r}$ by noticing that along each segment either x or y is constant, so that the integral is equal to $\sum_{C_i} y \Delta x$.
Can you relate this to Problem 1?
- Are your answers to the preceding two calculations the same?
- Would any of your answers change if you replaced $y \hat{x}$ by $x \hat{y}$ in part (b)?