

**6.6 Area Between Two Curves**

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**Exam:**

- Wednesday 5/8/2019; 3:30PM - 5:30PM; BUSN 106

**WebAssign on this section:**

- Sunday 5/5/2019

**Warm Up:**

- Evaluate the integral

$$\int (2 + x^2)(3 - \sqrt{x}) dx$$

- Evaluate the integral

$$\int (2x + 1)\sqrt[3]{x^2 + x} dx$$

**Warm Up (Cont)**

## AREA BETWEEN TWO CURVES

## • Area Between Two Curves

Let  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  be two continuous functions with  $f(x) \geq g(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ . Then the area between the graphs of the two curves on  $[a, b]$  is given by the definite integral

$$\int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

• Area of a curve under the  $x$ -Axis

If the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is below the  $x$ -axis on  $[a, b]$ , then the area below the  $x$ -axis and above the graph of  $y = f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$  is

$$\text{area} = - \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

## EXAMPLES

(1) Find the area between  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = x^3$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ .  $1/12$

1. Find intersection points:

$$x^2 = x^3 \Rightarrow x^3 - x^2 = x^2(x-1) = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow x = 0, 1$ .

2. Intervals:  $[0, 1]$  (int. pts. don't break up interval in this case)

3. Integrate over each interval

$$\int_0^1 f(x) - g(x) dx = \int_0^1 x^2 - x^3 dx$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{3} x^3 - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} - (0 - 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12}$$

4. Area =  $|\frac{1}{12}| = \frac{1}{12}$

- (2) Find the area between  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 3$ . Be careful with determining which curve is the bottom and which is the top.

1. Find intersection points:

$$x = x^2 \rightarrow x^2 - x = x(x-1) = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow x = 0, 1.$$

2. Intervals:  $[0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1], [1, 3]$

3. Integrate over each interval

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1]: \quad \int_0^1 f(x) - g(x) dx &= \int_0^1 x - x^2 dx \\ &= \left. \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} - (0 - 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [1, 3]: \quad \int_1^3 x - x^2 dx &= \left. \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right|_1^3 \\ &= \frac{3^2}{2} - \frac{3^3}{3} - \left( \frac{1^2}{2} - \frac{1^3}{3} \right) \\ &= -\frac{14}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \text{ Total Area} = \left| \frac{1}{6} \right| + \left| -\frac{14}{3} \right| = \frac{29}{6}$$

- (3) Find the area between  $f(x) = x + 2$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$  from  $x = -1$  to  $x = 1$ . 4

Determine the area that is bounded by the following curve and the x-axis on the interval below. (Round your answer to three decimal places.)

•  $y = x^2 - 9$ ,  $-6 \leq x \leq 1.62.667$   
 $[-6, 1]$

↳ 2nd curve is  $y = 0$

1. Find intersection points:

$$x^2 - 9 = (x-3)(x+3)$$

↳  $x = 3, -3$

2. Intervals:  $[-6, 1] \rightarrow [-6, -3], [-3, 1]$  (3 outside of  $[-6, 1]$ )

3. Integrate over each interval

$$\begin{aligned} [-6, -3]: \quad \int_{-6}^{-3} x^2 - 9 - 0 \, dx &= \int_{-6}^{-3} x^2 - 9 \, dx \\ &= \left. \frac{x^3}{3} - 9x \right|_{-6}^{-3} \\ &= \frac{(-3)^3}{3} - 9(-3) - \left( \frac{(-6)^3}{3} - 9(-6) \right) \\ &= 36 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [-3, 1]: \quad \int_{-3}^1 x^2 - 9 \, dx &= \left. \frac{x^3}{3} - 9x \right|_{-3}^1 \\ &= \frac{1^3}{3} - 9 \cdot 1 - \left( \frac{(-3)^3}{3} - 9(-3) \right) \\ &= -\frac{80}{3} \end{aligned}$$

4. Total area =  $36 + \left| -\frac{80}{3} \right| = \frac{188}{3}$

- $y = e^{2x}, \quad -2 \leq x \leq 1.3685$



Determine the area that is bounded by the graphs of the following equations. (Round your answer to three decimal places.)

•  $y = 64x$ ,  $y = x^3$  2048

1. Find intersection points:

$$64x = x^3 \rightarrow x^3 - 64x = x(x^2 - 64) = x(x-8)(x+8) = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow x = 0, 8, -8$$

2. Intervals:  $[-8, 0]$ ,  $[0, 8]$

3. Integrate over each interval

$$[-8, 0]: \int_{-8}^0 64x - x^3 dx = 32x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 \Big|_{-8}^0$$

$$= (32 \cdot 0 - \frac{1}{4} \cdot 0) - (32 \cdot 8^2 - \frac{1}{4} \cdot 8^4)$$

$$= -1024$$

$$[0, 8]: \int_0^8 64x - x^3 dx = 32x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 \Big|_0^8$$

$$= 32 \cdot 8^2 - \frac{1}{4} \cdot 8^4 - (32 \cdot 0^2 - \frac{1}{4} \cdot 0^4)$$

$$= 1024$$

4. Total area =  $1024 + 1024 = 2048$

•  $y = 3x$ ,  $y = 5x - x^2$  1.333

1. Find intersection points:

$$3x = 5x - x^2 \Rightarrow 0 = 2x - x^2 = (2-x)x$$

$$\hookrightarrow x = 0, 2$$

2. Intervals:  $[0, 2]$

3. Integrate over each interval:

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 2]: \quad \int_0^2 3x - (5x - x^2) dx &= \int_0^2 -2x + x^2 dx \\ &= -x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 \Big|_0^2 \\ &= -2^2 + \frac{1}{3}2^3 - \left(-0^2 + \frac{1}{3}0^3\right) \\ &= -4 + \frac{8}{3} \\ &= -\frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

4. Total area:  $|\frac{4}{3}| = \frac{4}{3}$

- $y = -x^2, \quad y = x^3 - 6x$  21.083

Determine the area that is bounded by the graphs of the following equations on the interval below. (Round your answer to three decimal places.)

•  $y = x^2 + 7x, \quad y = 8x + 56, \quad -4 \leq x \leq 6$  476.667

$$\bullet \quad y = 14/x, \quad y = 7, \quad 1 \leq x \leq 7 \quad 20.165$$

The graph of  $f$  is shown. Evaluate each integral by interpreting it in terms of areas.

- $\int_{20}^{28} f(x) \, dx$

- $\int_0^{36} f(x) \, dx$