Unit #4: Area and Volume

Topic: Finding the Area Between Two Curves

Objective: SWBAT find the area between two curves by using integration.

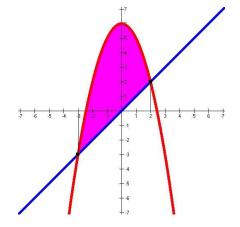
Warm Up #3:

What is the area of the region between the graph of $y = 4x^3 + 2$ and the *x*-axis from x = 1 to x = 2?

What if ...?

We have seen previously that you can use integrals to find the area of the region between a curve and the x-axis, but what if we want to find the area between the two functions shown below?

How can we do this?





Finding the Area between Two Functions

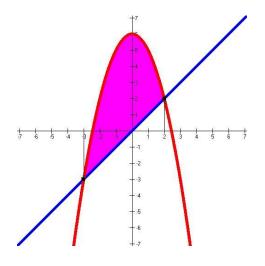
If f and g are continuous functions on the interval [a,b], and if $f(x) \ge g(x)$ for all x in [a,b], then the area of the region bounded above by y = f(x), below by y = g(x), on the left by x = a, and on the right by x = b is:



$$A = \int_{a}^{b} \left[f(x) - g(x) \right] dx$$
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Bottom

Model Problem #1:

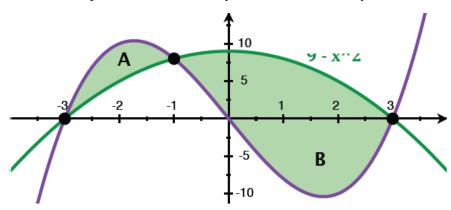
Find the area of the region bounded by $f(x) = 6 - x^2$ and g(x) = x, as shown in the diagram below.





Model Problem #2:

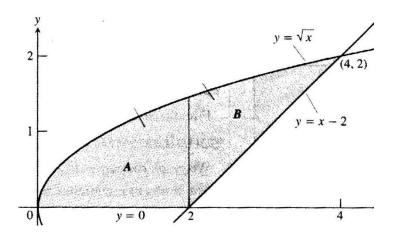
Find the area bounded by the two curves $y = x^3 - 9x$ and $y = 9 - x^2$.



Model Problem #3:

Find the area of the region in the first quadrant that is bounded above by $y = \sqrt{x}$ and below by the x - axis and the line y = x - 2.

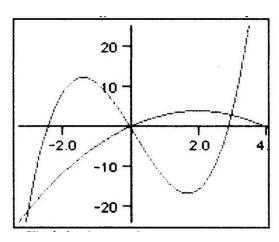




Problem Set #3:

1. Find the area of the region bounded by $y = x^2 - 2x$ and $y = 4 - x^2$.

2. Find the area of the region bounded by $y = 2x^3 - x^2 - 14x$ and $y = 4x - x^2$.

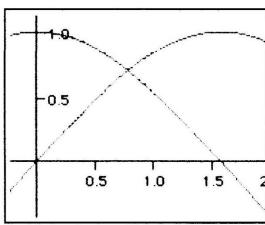


3. What is the area enclosed by the curves $y = x^3 - 8x^2 + 18x - 5$ and y = x + 5? (Calculator required)

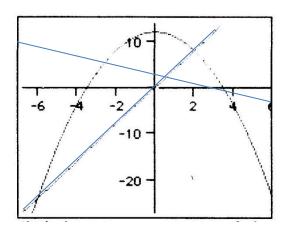
- 4. The area of the region enclosed by the graphs of $y = x^2$ and y = x is
 - (A) $\frac{1}{6}$

- (B) $\frac{1}{3}$ (C) $\frac{1}{2}$ (D) $\frac{5}{6}$
- (E) 1

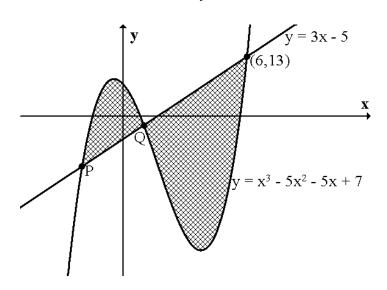
5. Find the region bounded by the graphs x = 0, and the first intersection of y = sinx and y = cosx.



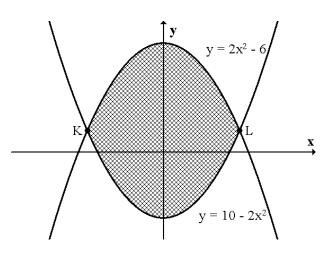
6. Find the area of the region bounded by the graphs $y = 12 - x^2$, y = -x, and y = 4x.



7. What is the area enclosed by the curves $y = x^3 - 5x^2 - 5x + 7$ and y = 3x - 5?



8. Find the area of the region bounded by the graphs of $y = 2x^2 - 6$ and $y = 10 - 2x^2$.



9. What is the area enclosed by the curves y = sinx and $y = 1 - x^2$? (*Calculator required*)

Answer Key:

- 1) 9 square units
- 2) 81 square units
- 3) 71/6 square units
- 4) A
- 5) $\sqrt{2} 1$ square units
- 6) 320/3 units squared
- 7) 863/3 units squared
- 8) 128/3 square units
- 9) 1.670 units squared