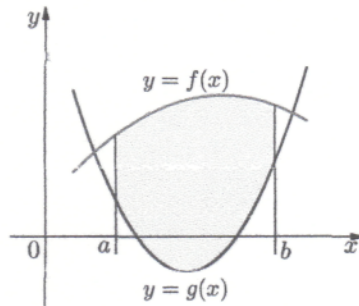


Chapter 7. Applications of integration  
Section 7.1 Areas between curves

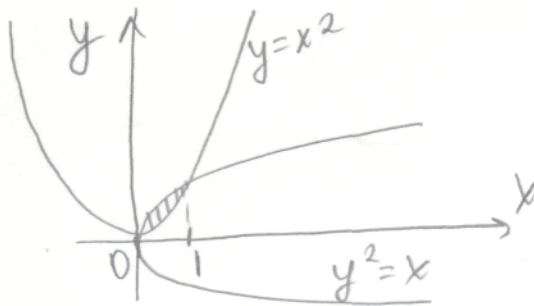
The area of the region bounded by the curves  $y = f(x)$ ,  $y = g(x)$ , and the lines  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions and  $f(x) \geq g(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ , is

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



**Example 1.** Find the area of the region bounded by

1.  $y = x^2$ ,  $y^2 = x$

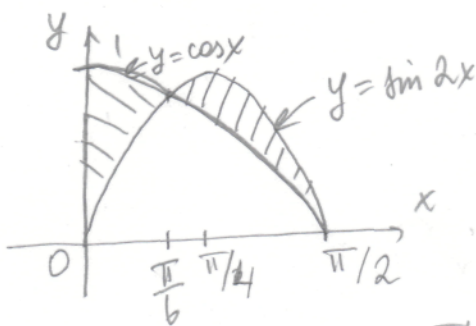


Points of intersection:  
 $x^4 = x$ ,  $x^4 - x = 0$ ,  $x(x^3 - 1) = 0$   
 $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$

$$A = \int_0^1 (\sqrt{x} - x^2) dx = \left( \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

2.  $y = \cos x$ ,  $y = \sin 2x$ ,  $x = 0$ ,  $x = \pi/2$



points of intersection:

$$\cos x = \sin 2x$$

$$\cos x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$(2 \sin x - 1) \cos x = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2 \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

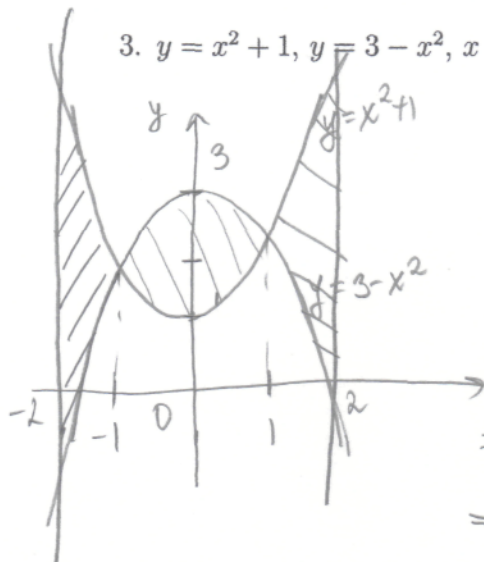
$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$A = \int_0^{\pi/6} (\cos x - \sin 2x) dx + \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} (\sin 2x - \cos x) dx = \sin x \Big|_0^{\pi/6} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \Big|_0^{\pi/6} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \Big|_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2}$$

$$- \sin x \Big|_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 0 - \frac{1}{2} \cos \pi + \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \sin \frac{\pi}{2} + \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

3.  $y = x^2 + 1, y = 3 - x^2, x = -2, x = 2$



Points of intersection:

$$x^2 + 1 = 3 - x^2$$

$$2x^2 = 2$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

$$A = 2A_1 = 2 \left( \int_{-2}^{-1} (3 - x^2 - x^2 - 1) dx + \int_{1}^{2} (x^2 + 1 - 3 + x^2) dx \right)$$

$$= 2 \left( \int_{-2}^{-1} (2 - 2x^2) dx + \int_{1}^{2} (2x^2 - 2) dx \right)$$

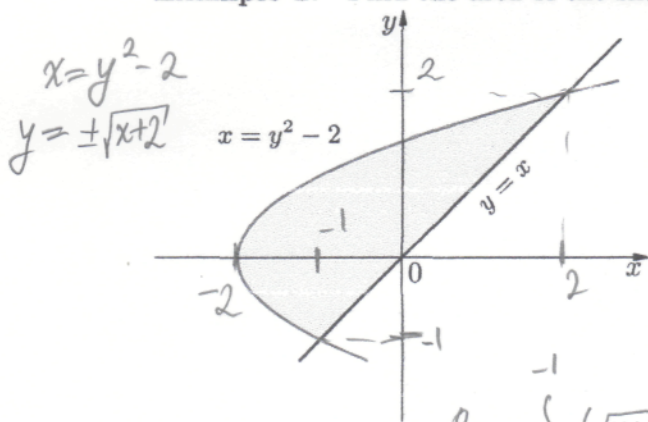
$$= 4 \left( \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-2}^{-1} + \left( \frac{2x^3}{3} - 2x \right) \Big|_{1}^{2} \right) = 4 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{8}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - 2 + 1 \right)$$

$$= \boxed{8}$$

In general case, the area between the curves  $y = f(x), y = g(x)$  and between  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ , is

$$A = \int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)| dx$$

**Example 2.** Find the area of the shaded region.



Points of intersection:

$$y^2 - 2 = y$$

$$y^2 - y - 2 = 0$$

$$y_1 = -1, y_2 = 2$$

$$x_1 = -1, x_2 = 2$$

$$A = \int_{-2}^{-1} (\sqrt{x+2} - (-\sqrt{x+2})) dx + \int_{-1}^2 (\sqrt{x+2} - x) dx$$

or

$$A = \int_{-1}^2 (y - (y^2 - 2)) dy = \left( \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{3} + 2y \right) \Big|_{-1}^2 = \frac{4}{2} - \frac{8}{3} + 4 - \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - 2 \right)$$

$$= 2 - \frac{8}{3} + 4 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + 2 = \boxed{\frac{9}{2}}$$

If a region is bounded by curves with equations  $x = f(y)$ ,  $x = g(y)$ ,  $y = c$  and  $y = d$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions and  $f(y) \geq g(y)$  for all  $y$  in  $[c, d]$ , then its area is

$$A = \int_c^d [f(y) - g(y)] dy$$