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Subject: Mathematics

Class: I2

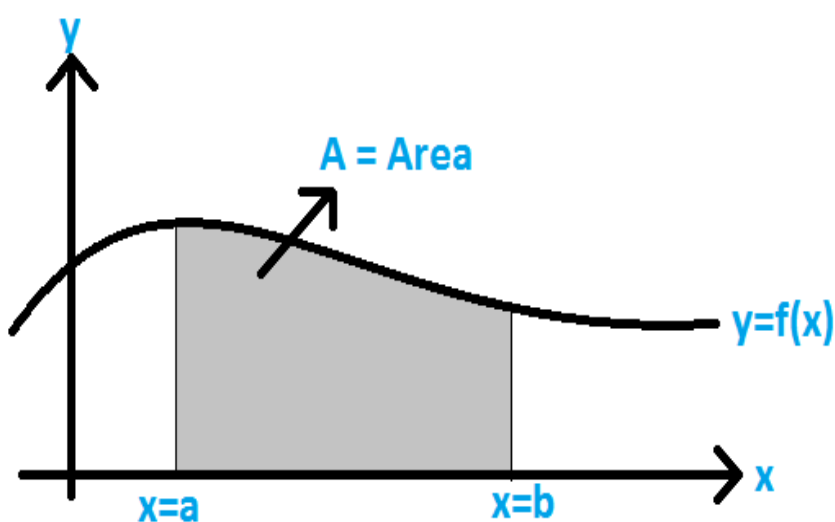
Day: Saturday (16/11/24)

Lesson: Integration (Chapter#3)

Area under the Curve Formula

The area under a curve between two points is found out by doing a definite integral between the two points. To find the area under the curve $y = f(x)$ between $x = a$ & $x = b$, integrate $y = f(x)$ between the limits of a and b .

This area can be calculated using integration with given limits.



The formula for Area under the Curve = $\int_a^b f(x) dx$

Solved Example

Question : Calculate the area under the curve of a function, $f(x) = 7 - x^2$, the limit is given as $x = -1$ to 2 .

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$$Area = \int_{-1}^2 (7 - x^2) dx$$

$$= \left(7x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right) \Big|_{-1}^2$$

$$= \left[7 \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{3}(8) \right] - \left[7(-1) - \frac{1}{3}(-1) \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{42 - 8}{3} \right] - \left[\frac{1 - 21}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{34 + 20}{3}$$

$$= \frac{54}{3}$$

$$= 18 \text{ sq.units}$$

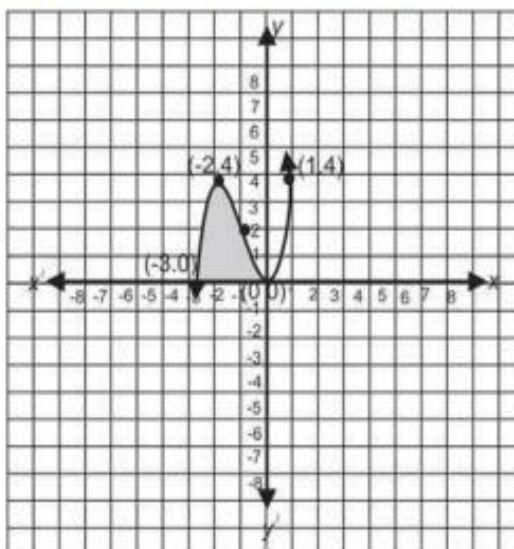
Example 2. Find the area bounded by the curve $y = x^3 + 3x^2$ and the x -axis.

Solution: Putting $y = 0$, we have

$$x^3 + 3x^2 = 0$$

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

The curve cuts the x -axis at $(-3, 0)$ and $(0, 0)$ (see the figure).



Thus the required area $= \int_{-3}^0 (x^3 + 3x^2) dx$

$$= \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + x^3 \right]_{-3}^0$$

$$= \left(\frac{0}{4} + 0 \right) - \left(\frac{(-3)^4}{4} + (-3)^3 \right)$$

$$= 0 - \left(\frac{81}{4} - 27 \right) = -\left(\frac{81 - 108}{4} \right) = -\left(-\frac{27}{4} \right) = \frac{27}{4}$$

Example 3. Find the area bounded by $y = x(x^2 - 4)$ and the x -axis.

Solution: Putting $y = 0$, we have

$$x(x^2 - 4) \Rightarrow x = 0, x = \pm 2$$

The curve cuts the x -axis at $(-2, 0)$, $(0, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$. The graph of f is shown in the figure and we have to calculate the area of the shaded region.

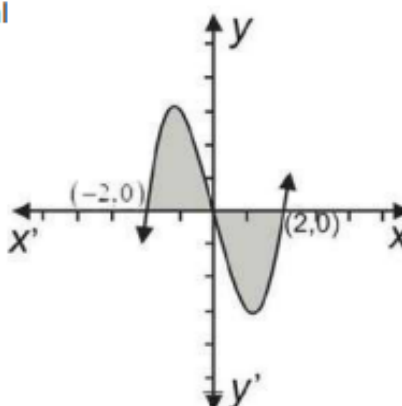
$$f(x) = x(x^2 - 4),$$

$f(x) \geq 0$ for $-2 \leq x \leq 0$, that is, the area in the interval $[-2, 0]$ is above the x -axis and is equal to

$$\int_{-2}^0 x(x^2 - 4) dx$$

$$= \int_{-2}^0 (x^3 - 4x) dx = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} - 4\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \right]_{-2}^0 = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} - 2x^2 \right]_{-2}^0$$

$$= 0 - \left(\frac{(-2)^4}{4} - 2(-2)^2 \right) = 0 - \left(\frac{16}{4} - 8 \right) = -(4 - 8) = 4$$



$f(x) \leq 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2$, that is, the area in the interval $[0, 2]$ is below the x -axis and is

equal to $-\int_0^2 (x^3 - 4x) dx = -\left[\frac{x^4}{4} - 2x^2 \right]_0^2$

$$= -\left[\left(\frac{16}{4} - 2(4) \right) - 0 \right]$$

$$= -[4 - 8] = -(-4) = 4$$

Thus the area of the shaded region $= 4 + 4 = 8$

- You can review this topic from page 53-56 from your textbook.
- Create notes in your Notebook after referring to the given text and the formulas in your textbook.
- Solve the following exam style questions to assess the extent of your learning.

Solve Q (1 to 13) of Exercise 3.7

