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VCE Mathematical Methods $\frac{3}{4}$
Integration I [4.2]
Homework Solutions

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Section A: Compulsory Questions

Sub-Section: Basics



Question 1



Consider the function $f(x) = x^2 + 1$.

- a. Approximate the area under the curve $y = f(x)$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 2$ using two rectangles of equal width with left endpoints.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x &= \frac{2 - 0}{2} = 1 \\ f(0) &= 0^2 + 1 = 1 \text{ and } f(1) = 1^2 + 1 = 2 \\ A &= 1 \times (1 + 2) \text{ 1M} \\ &= 3 \text{ 1A}\end{aligned}$$

- b. Is this approximation an overestimate or an underestimate of the true area? Explain briefly.

Since $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ is increasing on $[0, 2]$ **1M**
the left-endpoint method underestimates the area. **1A**

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Question 2

Find the area bounded by the curve $y = 1 - x^2$ and the x -axis.

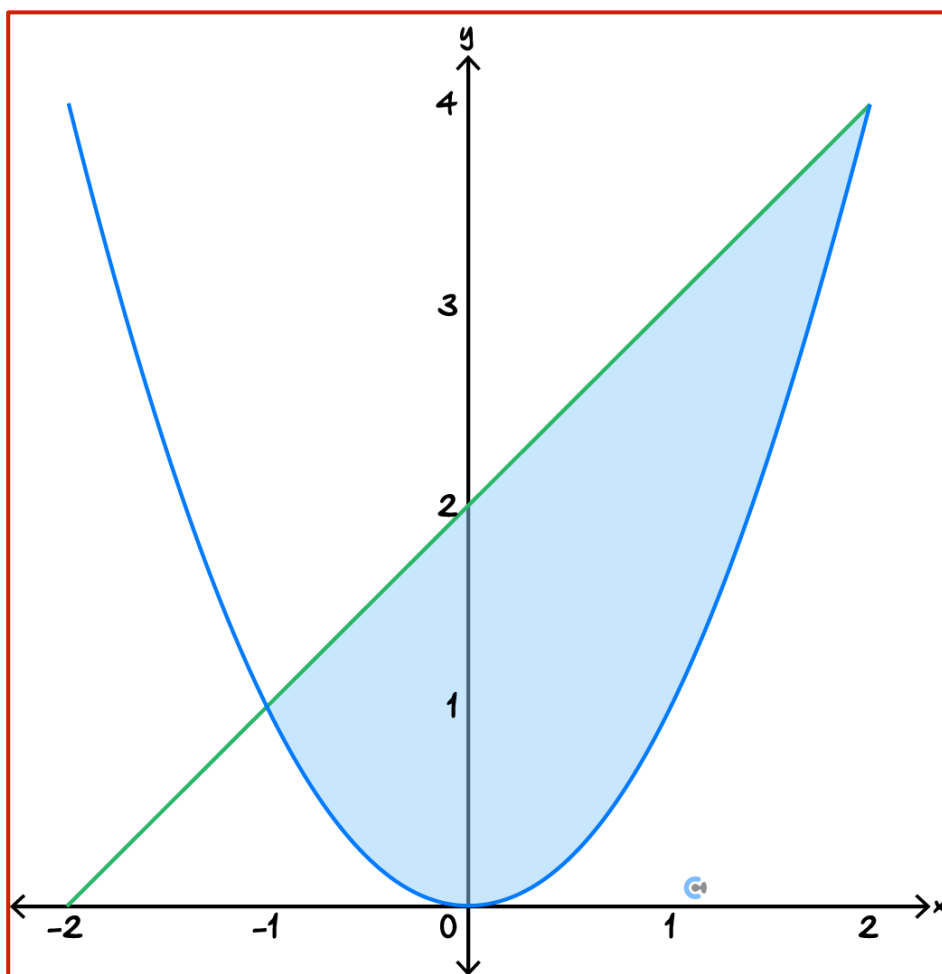
$$\begin{aligned}
 1 - x^2 &= 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = -1, 1. \\
 \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2) dx &\quad \mathbf{1M} = \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 \quad \mathbf{1M} \\
 &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) - \left((-1) - \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right) \right) \\
 &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) - \left(-1 + \frac{1}{3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} - \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{4}{3}. \quad \mathbf{1A}
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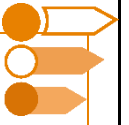
Question 3

Find the area enclosed between the curve $y = x + 2$ and $y = x^2$.



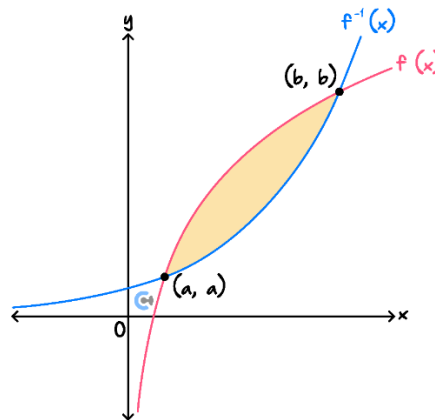
$$\begin{aligned}
 x + 2 &= x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 2)(x + 1) = 0, \\
 &x = -1, 2. \quad \mathbf{1M} \\
 \int_{-1}^2 [(x + 2) - x^2] dx \quad \mathbf{1M} &= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + 2x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^2 \quad \mathbf{1M} \\
 \text{At } x = 2: &\quad \frac{2^2}{2} + 2(2) - \frac{2^3}{3} = 2 + 4 - \frac{8}{3} = \frac{10}{3}, \\
 \text{At } x = -1: &\quad \frac{(-1)^2}{2} + 2(-1) - \frac{(-1)^3}{3} = \frac{1}{2} - 2 + \frac{1}{3} = -\frac{7}{6}, \\
 \text{Difference:} &\quad \frac{10}{3} - \left(-\frac{7}{6}\right) = \frac{10}{3} + \frac{7}{6} = \frac{27}{6} = \frac{9}{2}. \quad \mathbf{1A}
 \end{aligned}$$

Sub-Section: Problem Solving



Question 4

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.



$$2 \int_a^b x - f^{-1}(x) dx$$

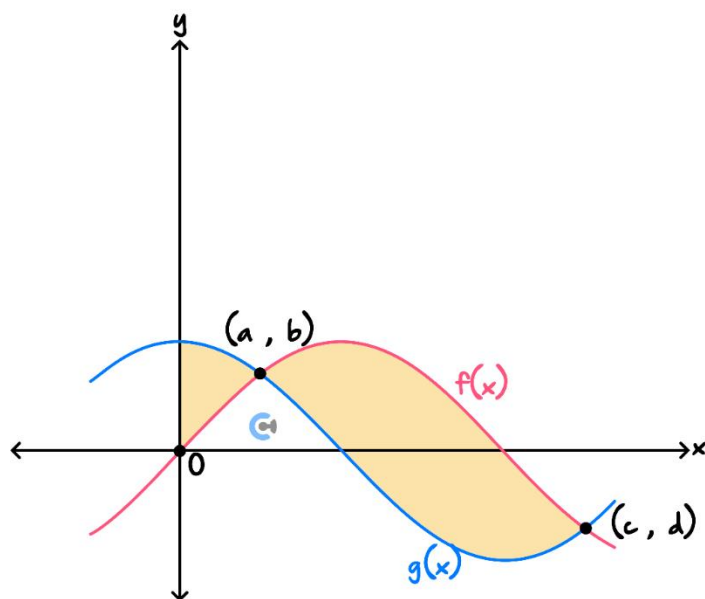
$$2 \int_a^b f(x) - x dx$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) - f^{-1}(x) dx$$

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Question 5

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.

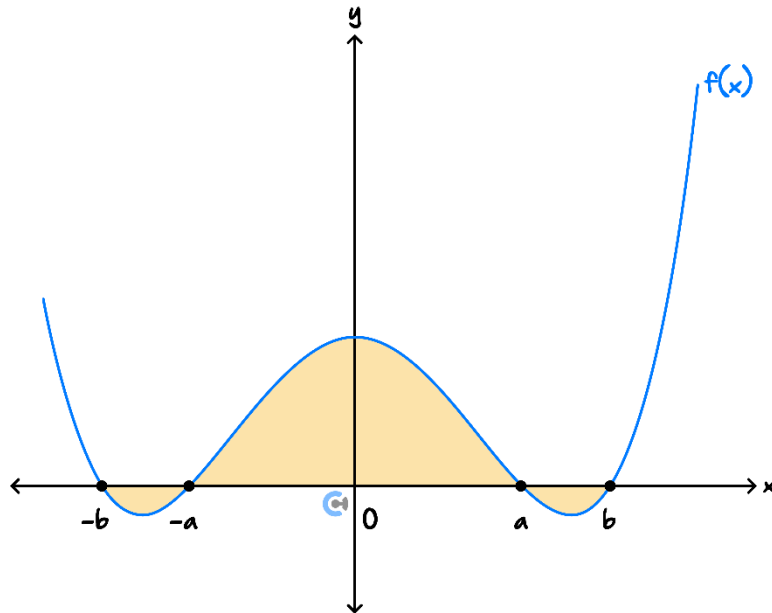


$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^a g(x) - f(x) dx \right. \\ & \left. + \int_a^c f(x) - g(x) dx \right| \\ & \int_0^c |f(x) - g(x)| dx \end{aligned}$$

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Question 6

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.



$$2 \left(\int_0^a f(x) dx - \int_a^b f(x) dx \right)$$

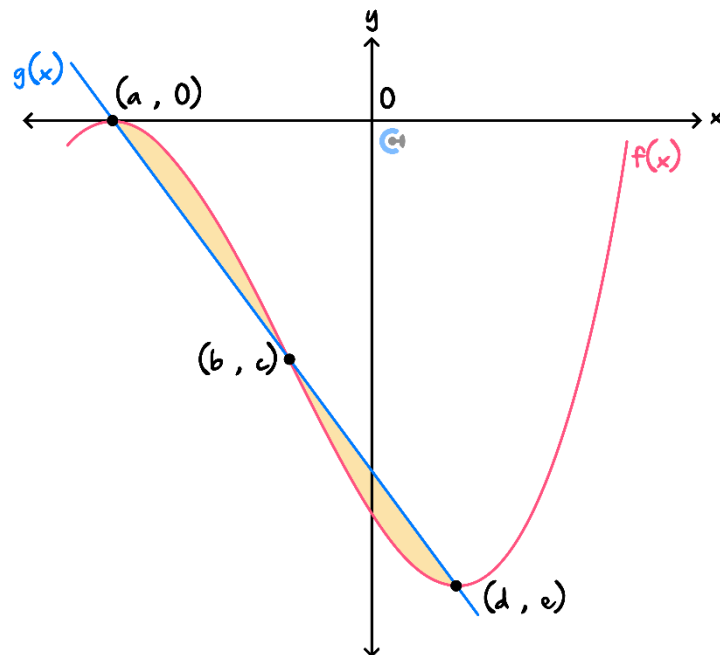
$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx - \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$- \int_{-b}^{-a} f(x) dx$$

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Question 7

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.



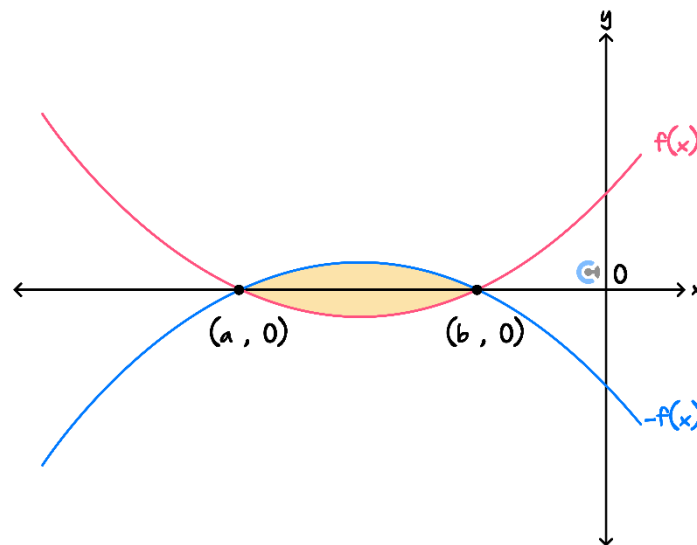
$$2 \int_a^b f(x) - g(x) dx$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) - g(x) dx + \int_b^d g(x) - f(x) dx$$

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Question 8

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.

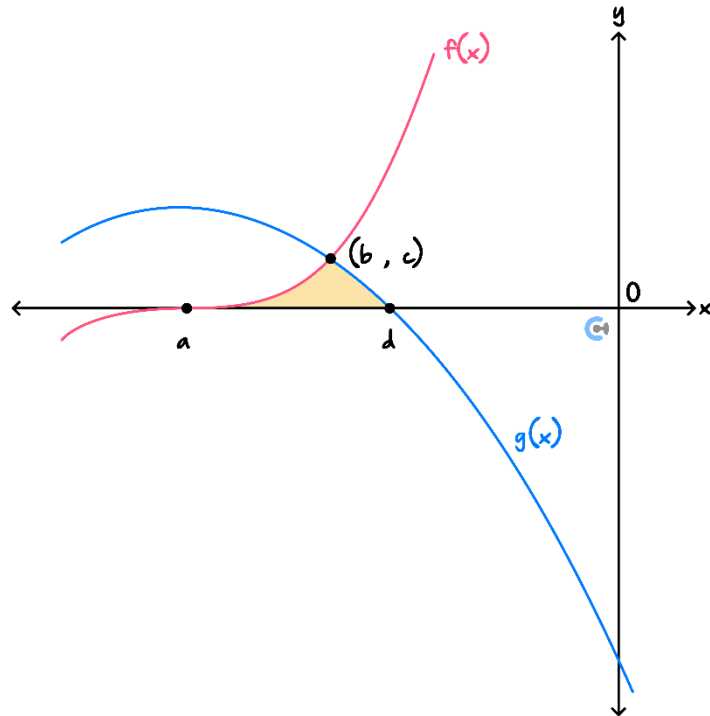


$$2 \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

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Question 9

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.

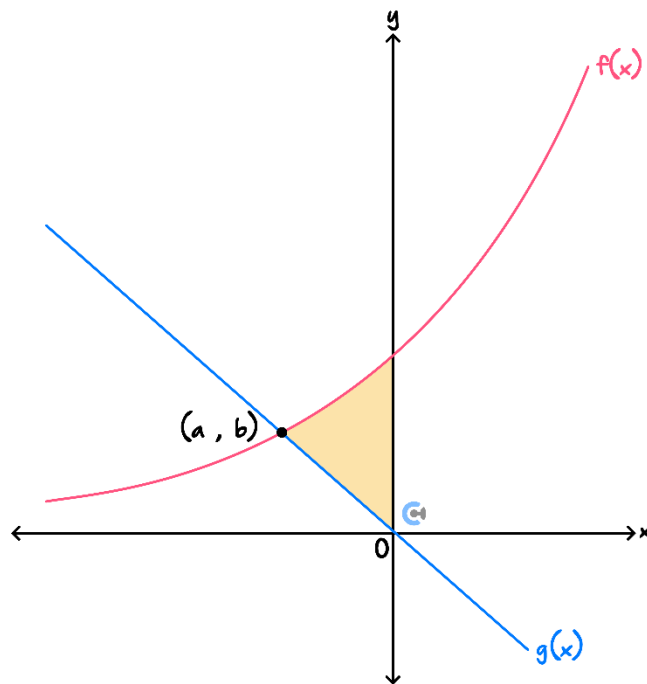


$$\int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_b^d g(x) dx$$

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Question 10

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.

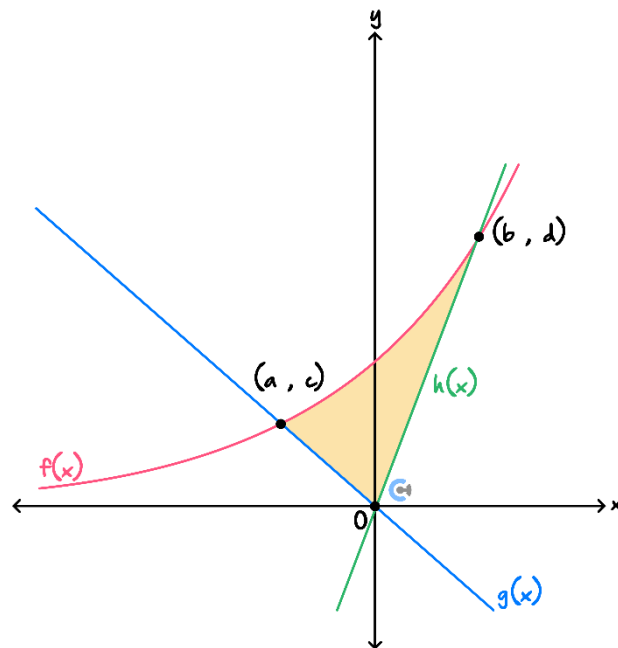


$$\int_a^0 f(x) - g(x) dx$$

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Question 11

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.

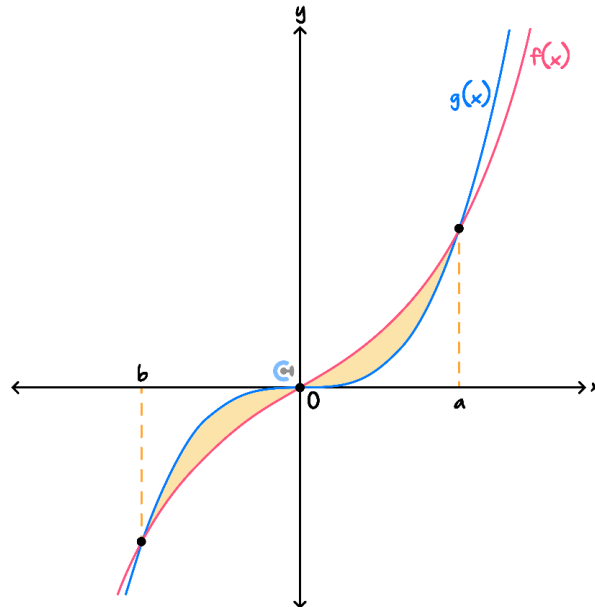


$$\int_a^0 (f(x) - g(x)) dx + \int_0^b (f(x) - h(x)) dx$$

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Question 12

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.



$$2 \int_0^a f(x) - g(x) dx$$

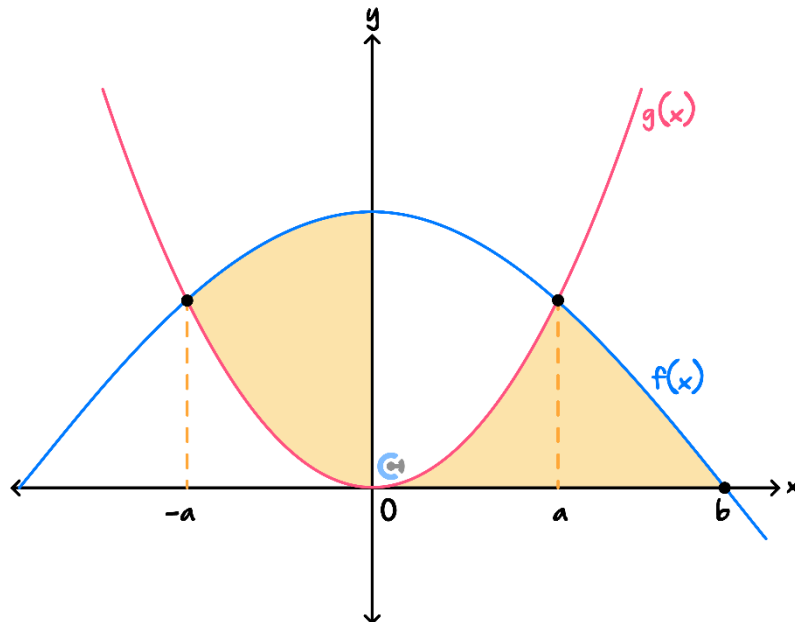
$$+ \int_b^0 g(x) - f(x) dx$$

$$+ \int_0^a f(x) - g(x) dx$$

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Question 13

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.

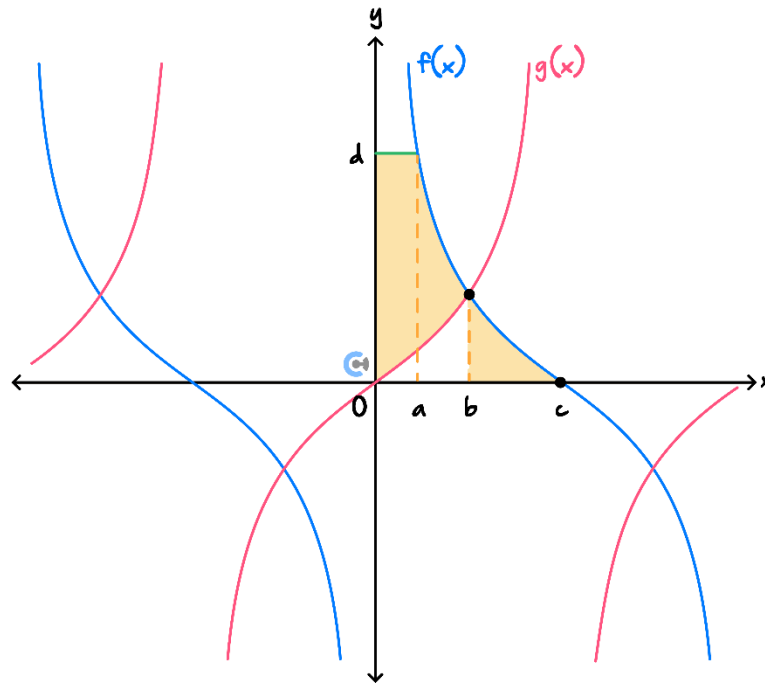


$$\int_{-a}^0 f(x) - g(x) dx + \int_0^a g(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

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Question 14

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.



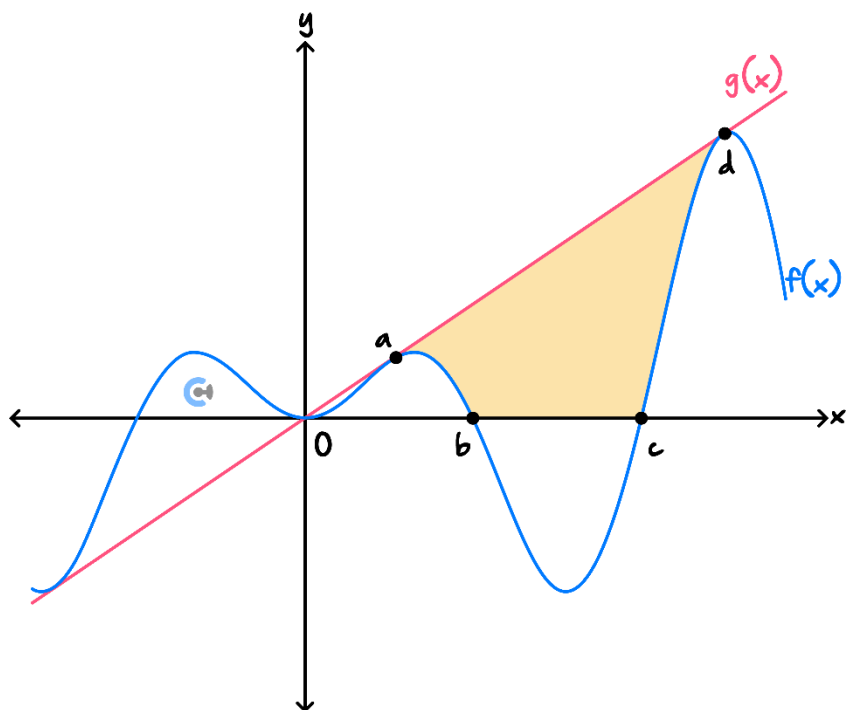
$$\int_0^a d - g(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) - g(x) dx + \int_b^c f(x) dx$$

$$ad + \int_a^c f(x) dx - \int_0^b g(x) dx$$

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Question 15

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.



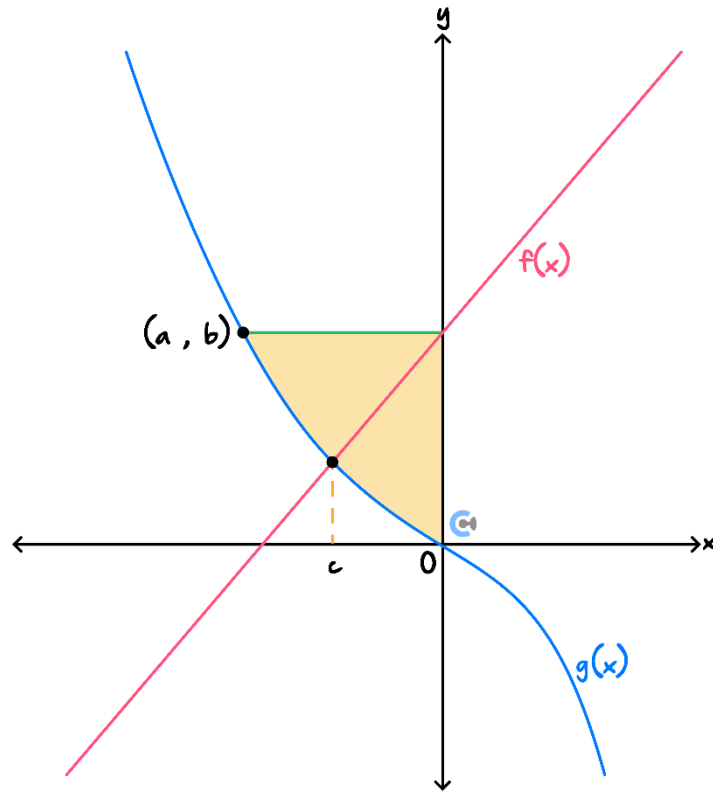
$$\int_a^d g(x) dx - \int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_c^d f(x) dx$$

$$\int_a^b g(x) - f(x) dx + \int_c^d g(x) - f(x) dx + \int_b^c g(x) dx$$

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Question 16

Construct the integral for the shaded region given in the diagram.



$$\int_a^0 b - g(x) dx$$

$$\int_a^c b - g(x) dx$$

$$+ \int_c^0 b - f(x) dx$$

$$+ \int_c^0 f(x) - g(x) dx$$

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Question 17


Given that $\int_a^c f(x) dx = 10$ and the total area between $x = a$ and $x = b$ is 16 with $f(x) \geq 0$ on $[a, b]$ and $a < b < c$, find $\int_b^c f(x) dx$.

$$\int_a^c f(x) dx = 10, \int_a^b f(x) dx = 16,$$

$$\int_b^c f(x) dx = 10 - 16 = -6 \quad \mathbf{1M}$$

Question 18


Let $f(x)$ be a function such that $\int_0^4 f(x) dx = 5$ and the total area bounded by the graph of $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis on $[0, 4]$ is 13. The function $f(x)$ crosses the x -axis exactly once in $(0, 4)$ at $x = k$, with $f(x) \leq 0$ on $[0, k]$ and $f(x) \geq 0$ on $[k, 4]$.

- a. Write two equations that relate $A = \int_0^k f(x) dx$ and $B = \int_k^4 f(x) dx$.

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 5, \\ -A + B &= 13. \end{aligned}$$

1A each equation.

- b. Hence, find the value of $\int_0^k f(x) dx$.

$$\begin{aligned} (-A + B) - (A + B) &= 13 - 5, \quad \mathbf{1M} \\ -2A &= 8, \\ A &= -4. \quad \mathbf{1A} \end{aligned}$$

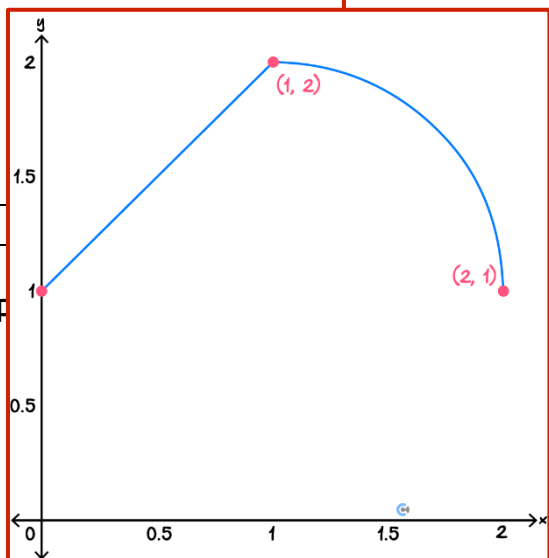
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Question 19

The graph of $y = f(x)$ consists of a straight-line segment from $(0, 1)$ to $(1, 2)$ and a quarter circle of radius 1 centred at $(1, 1)$ connecting $(1, 2)$ to $(2, 1)$. Evaluate $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &0 \leq x \leq 1: f(x) = x + 1, \\
 &1 \leq x \leq 2: f(x) = 1 + \sqrt{1 - (x - 1)^2} \\
 \int_0^2 f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 (x + 1) dx + \int_1^2 \left[1 + \sqrt{1 - (x - 1)^2} \right] dx \quad \mathbf{1M}, \\
 \int_0^1 (x + 1) dx &= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + x \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{2}, \quad \mathbf{1M} \\
 \int_1^2 1 dx &= [x]_1^2 = 1, \\
 \text{Quarter-circle area} &= \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad \mathbf{1M} \\
 \text{Total area} &= \frac{3}{2} + 1 + \frac{\pi}{4}. \quad \mathbf{1A}
 \end{aligned}$$




Question 20

Consider the function $f(x) = x + 1$ on $[0, 2]$ using 2 equal subintervals.

- a. Find the left endpoint approximation L .

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x &= \frac{2 - 0}{2} = 1, \\ x_0 &= 0, x_1 = 1, \\ L &= 1 [f(0) + f(1)] = 1 [(0 + 1) + (1 + 1)] \text{ 1M} = 1 [1 + 2] = 3 \text{ 1A.} \end{aligned}$$

- b. Find the trapezoidal rule approximation T .

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} [f(0) + 2f(1) + f(2)], \\ f(0) &= 0 + 1 = 1, \\ f(1) &= 1 + 1 = 2, \\ f(2) &= 2 + 1 = 3, \\ T &= \frac{1}{2} [1 + 2(2) + 3] \text{ 1M} = \frac{1}{2} [1 + 4 + 3] = \frac{8}{2} = 4 \text{ 1A.} \end{aligned}$$

- c. Hence, determine the right endpoint approximation R .

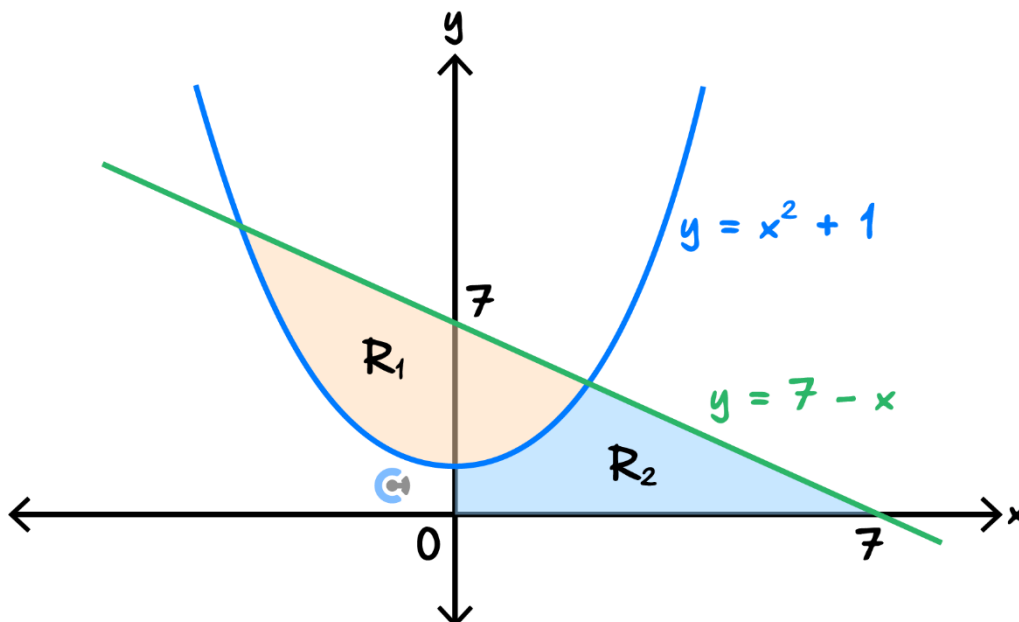
$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{L + R}{2}, \\ R &= 2T - L = 2(4) - 3 \text{ 1M} = 8 - 3 = 5 \text{ 1A.} \end{aligned}$$

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Question 21

The diagram shows the curve $y = x^2 + 1$ and the line $y = 7 - x$. These graphs enclose two finite regions. Region R_1 is bounded by the curve and the line. Region R_2 lies below both graphs and is also bounded by the positive x and y -axes.



- a. Find the area of R_1 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 + 1 &= 7 - x \\
 x^2 + x - 6 &= 0 \\
 x &= -3, 2 \quad \mathbf{1M} \\
 \int_{-3}^2 [(7 - x) - (x^2 + 1)] dx &\quad \mathbf{1M} \\
 &= \int_{-3}^2 (6 - x - x^2) dx \\
 &= \left[6x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-3}^2 \quad \mathbf{1M} \\
 &= \left(6(2) - \frac{(2)^2}{2} - \frac{(2)^3}{3} \right) - \left(6(-3) - \frac{(-3)^2}{2} - \frac{(-3)^3}{3} \right) \\
 &= \left(12 - 2 - \frac{8}{3} \right) - \left(-18 - \frac{9}{2} + \frac{-27}{-3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{22}{3} - \left(-\frac{27}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{125}{6} \quad \mathbf{1A}
 \end{aligned}$$

b. Find the area of R_2 .

$$\int_0^2 (x^2 + 1) dx + \int_2^7 (7 - x) dx \quad \mathbf{1M}$$

$$\int_0^2 (x^2 + 1) dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + x \right]_0^2 = \left(\frac{8}{3} + 2 \right) - 0 = \frac{14}{3} \quad \mathbf{1M}$$

$$\int_2^7 (7 - x) dx = \left[7x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_2^7$$

$$= \left(7 \times 7 - \frac{49}{2} \right) - \left(7 \times 2 - \frac{4}{2} \right) = \left(49 - \frac{49}{2} \right) - (14 - 2) = \frac{49}{2} - 12 = \frac{25}{2} \quad \mathbf{1M \text{ (or use area of triangle)}}$$

$$\frac{14}{3} + \frac{25}{2} = \frac{28}{6} + \frac{75}{6} = \frac{103}{6} \quad \mathbf{1A}$$

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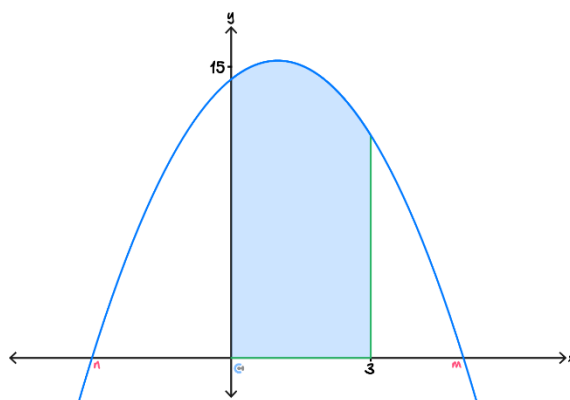
Section B: Supplementary Questions (47 Marks)

Sub-Section: Exam 1



Question 22 (5 marks)

Part of the graph of $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = -x^2 + ax + 15$ is shown below. If the shaded area is 45 square units, find the values of a, m and n where m and n are the x -axis intercepts of the graph of $y = f(x)$.



We have that $\int_0^3 (-x^2 + ax + 15) dx = 45$. (1M).

$$\left[-\frac{x^3}{3} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^2 + 15x \right]_0^3 = 45 \text{ (1M)}$$

$$\left(-9 + \frac{9}{2}a + 45 \right) - 0 = 45$$

$$a = 2 \text{ (1A)}$$

So $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x + 15$.

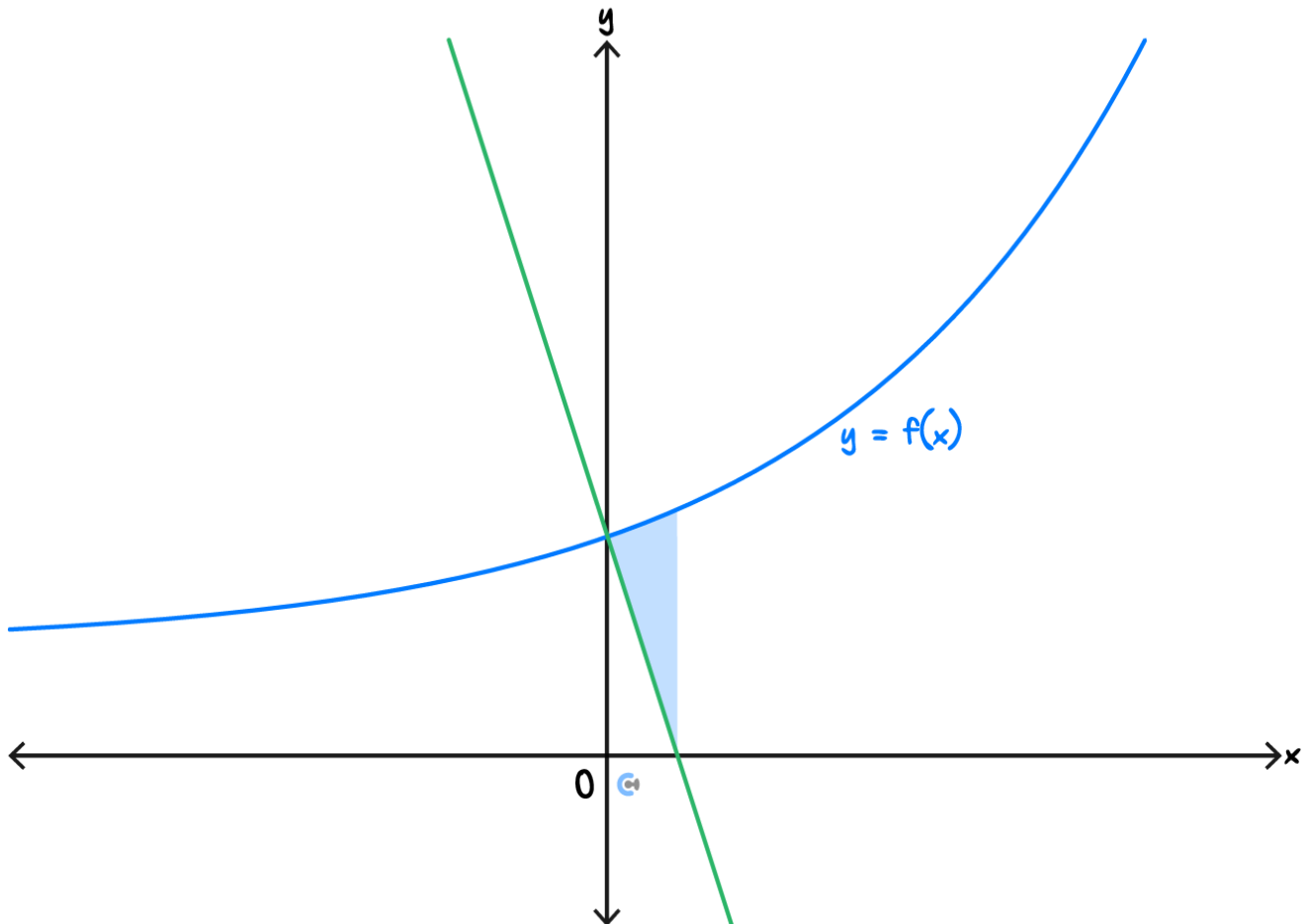
$$\text{Solve } f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 15 = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 5)(x + 3) = 0.$$

$$x = -3, 5.$$

Thus $n = -3$ and $m = 5$. (1A each)

Question 23 (5 marks)

The graph of $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^{\frac{x}{3}} + 1$ is shown. The normal to the graph of f where it crosses the y -axis is also shown.



- a. Find the equation of the **normal** to the graph of f where it crosses the y -axis. (2 marks)

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)e^{\frac{x}{3}}. \text{ So } f'(0) = \frac{1}{3}. \text{ (1M)}$$

Then gradient of normal must be -3 . Line with gradient -3 that passes through $(0, 2)$.

Normal is $y = 2 - 3x$. (1A)

b. Find the exact area of the shaded region. (3 marks)

Normal has x -intercept when $x = \frac{2}{3}$. We have:

$$\int_0^{\frac{2}{3}} f(x) dx = \left[3e^{\frac{x}{3}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}} \right]_0^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= 3e^{\frac{2}{9}} + \frac{2}{3} - (3) \quad (3)$$

$$= 3e^{\frac{2}{9}} - \frac{7}{3} \quad (1M)$$

$$\text{Area unshaded triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times 2 = \frac{2}{3} \quad (1M)$$

$$\text{Therefore, shaded area is } 3e^{\frac{2}{9}} - \frac{7}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = 3e^{\frac{2}{9}} - 3 \quad (1A)$$

Question 24 (3 marks)

The area of the region bounded by the curve with equation $y = k\sqrt{x}$, where k is a positive constant, the x -axis and the line with equation $x = 9$ is 54. Find k .

We require that $\int_0^9 k\sqrt{x} \, dx = 54 \quad (1M)$.

$$k \left[\left(\frac{2}{3} \right) x^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^9 = 54 \quad (1M)$$

$$k \times \frac{2}{3} \times 27 = 54$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \times k = 2$$

$$k = 3 \quad (1A)$$

Question 25 (3 marks)

The area of the region bounded by the y -axis, the x -axis, the curve $y = e^{3x}$ and the line $x = c$, where c is a positive real constant is $\frac{8}{3}$. Find c .

$$\text{We have that } \int_0^c e^{3x} dx = \frac{8}{3}. (1M)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} [e^{3x}]_0^c = \frac{8}{3} (1M)$$

$$e^{3c} - 1 = 8$$

$$3c = \log_e(9)$$

$$c = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \log_e(9). (1A)$$

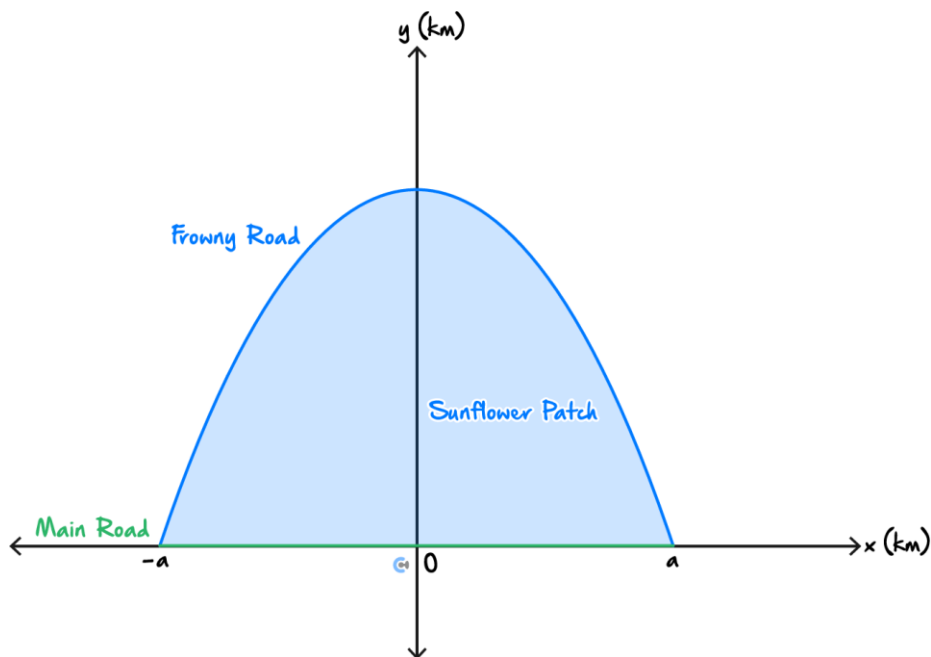
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Sub-Section: Exam 2

Question 26 (8 marks)

Juliette's sunflower patch lies between two roads. Main Road lies along the x -axis and Frowny Road lies along the graph of the function:

$$y = 4 - \frac{4}{3}(e^x + e^{-x})$$



- a. Show that the y -axis intercept of the curve representing Frowny Road is $(0, \frac{4}{3})$. (1 mark)

When $x = 0$ we have $y = 4 - \frac{4}{3}(1 + 1) = \frac{12}{3} - \frac{8}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$. (1M)

Therefore y -axis intercept is $(0, \frac{4}{3})$

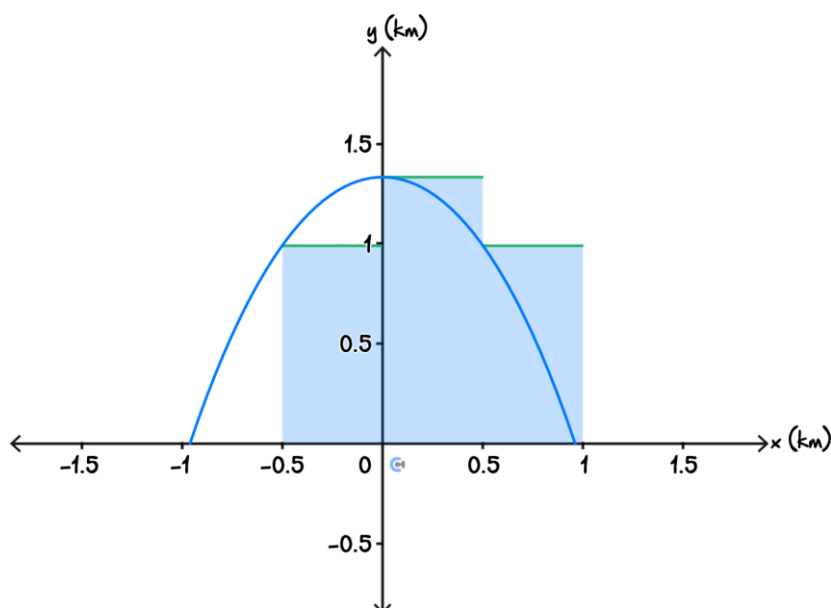
- b. Find the exact value of a such that the sunflower patch lies between $x = -a$ and $x = a$. (1 mark)

We solve $f(x) = 4 - \frac{4}{3}(e^x + e^{-x}) = 0$.

We get $x = \log_e \left(\frac{(3 \pm \sqrt{5})}{2} \right)$.

Since $a > 0$, we have $a = \log_e \left(\frac{(3 + \sqrt{5})}{2} \right)$.

- c. Juliette wants to estimate the area of the sunflower patch. She uses a rectangle method with a width of 0.5 km and three rectangles between $x = -1$ and $x = 1$.



- i. Complete the table of values for $y = 4 - \frac{4}{3}(e^x - e^{-x})$, correct to two decimal places. (1 mark)

	x	-0.5	0	0.5	
	y	0.99	1.33	0.99	

- ii. Use the table to estimate the area of the patch in square kilometres, correct to one decimal place. (1 mark)

$$0.5 \times (0.99 + 1.33 + 0.99) = 1.66 \approx 1.7 \text{ (1A)}$$

- iii. If she expects to harvest w kg of sunflowers per square kilometre and she can sell them for $\$m$ per kilogram, write a formula for her expected revenue R . (Use your answer from the previous part.) (1 mark)

$$R = 1.7 \times w \times m \text{ (1A)}$$

- d. Juliette decides to try another approximation method by fitting a parabola through three known points: $(-1,0)$, $(0, \frac{4}{3})$ and $(1,0)$. She then estimates the area under this parabola.

- i. Find the equation of the parabola that fits these three points. (1 mark)

$$y = a(x - 1)(x + 1). \text{ Then we get } y = -\frac{4}{3}(x - 1)(x + 1). \text{ (1A)}$$

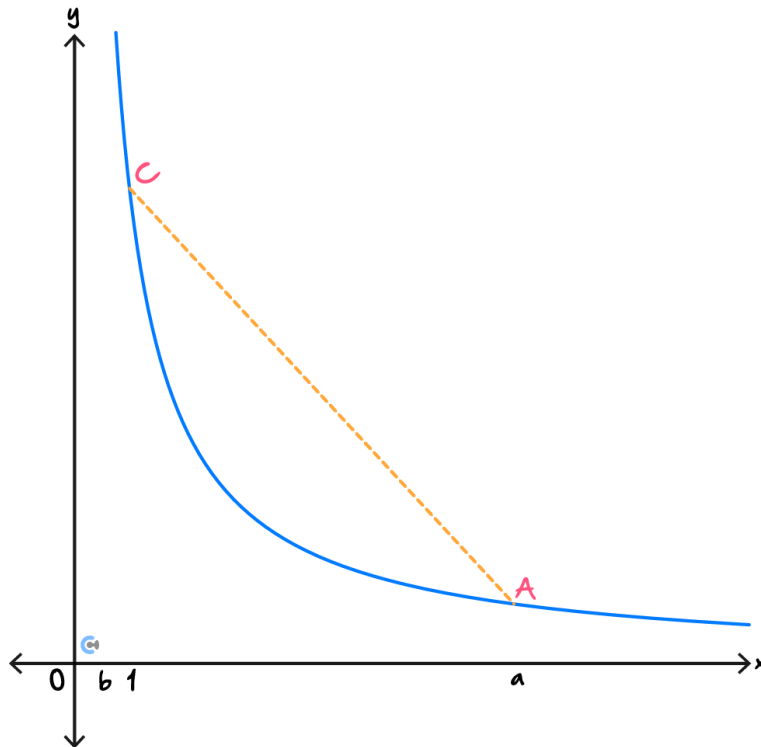
- ii. Find the area enclosed by the parabola and the x -axis, giving your answer correct to two decimal places. (2 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \int_{-1}^1 -\frac{4}{3}(x - 1)(x + 1) dx \text{ (1M)} \\ \text{Area} &= \frac{16}{9} \approx 1.78. \text{ (1A)} \end{aligned}$$

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Question 27 (12 marks)

The diagram below shows part of the graph of the function $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $f(x) = \frac{8}{x}$. The line segment CA is drawn from the point $C(1, f(1))$ to the point $A(a, f(a))$, where $a > 1$.



a.

- i. Calculate the gradient of CA in terms of a . (1 mark)

C is at $(1, 8)$.

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{\frac{8}{a} - 8}{a - 1} = -\frac{8}{a}. \text{ (1A)}$$

- ii. At what value of x between 1 and a does the tangent to the graph of f have the same gradient as CA ? (2 marks)

$$f'(x) = -\frac{8}{x^2}. \text{ (1M)}$$

$$\text{We solve } -\frac{8}{x^2} = -8 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{a}.$$

$$\text{But } x > 1, \text{ so } x = \sqrt{a}. \text{ (1A)}$$

b.

- i.** Calculate $\int_1^e f(x) dx$. (1 mark)

8 (1A)

- ii.** Let b be a positive real number less than one. Find the exact value of b such that: (2 marks)

$$\int_b^1 f(x) dx = 8.$$

We have that $\int_b^1 f(x) dx = -8 \log_e(b)$. (1M)
Solve $-8 \log_e(b) = 8$. $b = e^{-1}$. (1A)

c.

- i. Express the area of the region bounded by the line segment CA , the x -axis, the line $x = 1$ and the line $x = a$ in terms of a . (2 marks)

The area required is a trapezium. (1M, or other appropriate method)

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \times (f(a) + f(1)) \times (a - 1) = \frac{4(a^2 - 1)}{a}. \text{ (1A or equivalent)}$$

- ii. For what exact value of a does this area equal 8? (1 mark)

$$\text{Solve } \frac{4(a^2 - 1)}{a} = 8 \Rightarrow a = 1 + \sqrt{2}. \text{ (1A)}$$

- iii. Using the value for a determined in **part c. ii.**, explain in words, without evaluating the integral, why

$$\int_1^a f(x) dx < 8.$$

Use this result to explain why $a < e$. (1 mark)

The area under the curve is less than the area of the trapezium so we must have:

$$\int_1^a f(x) dx < 8$$

and from **part b.i.** we have $\int_1^a f(x) dx = 8$, so it must be that $a < e$. (1A)

d. Find the exact values of m and n such that: (2 marks)

$$\int_1^{mn} f(x)dx = 4 \text{ and } \int_1^{\frac{m}{n}} f(x)dx = 3.$$

We have that:

$$\int_1^{mn} f(x)dx = 8(\log_e(m) + \log_e(n)) = 4$$

$$\int_1^{\frac{m}{n}} f(x)dx = 8(\log_e(m) - \log_e(n)) = 3$$

Solving we get $m = e^{\frac{7}{16}}, n = e^{\frac{1}{16}}$ OR $m = -e^{\frac{7}{16}}, -n = e^{\frac{1}{16}}$. (1A for each pair of solutions)

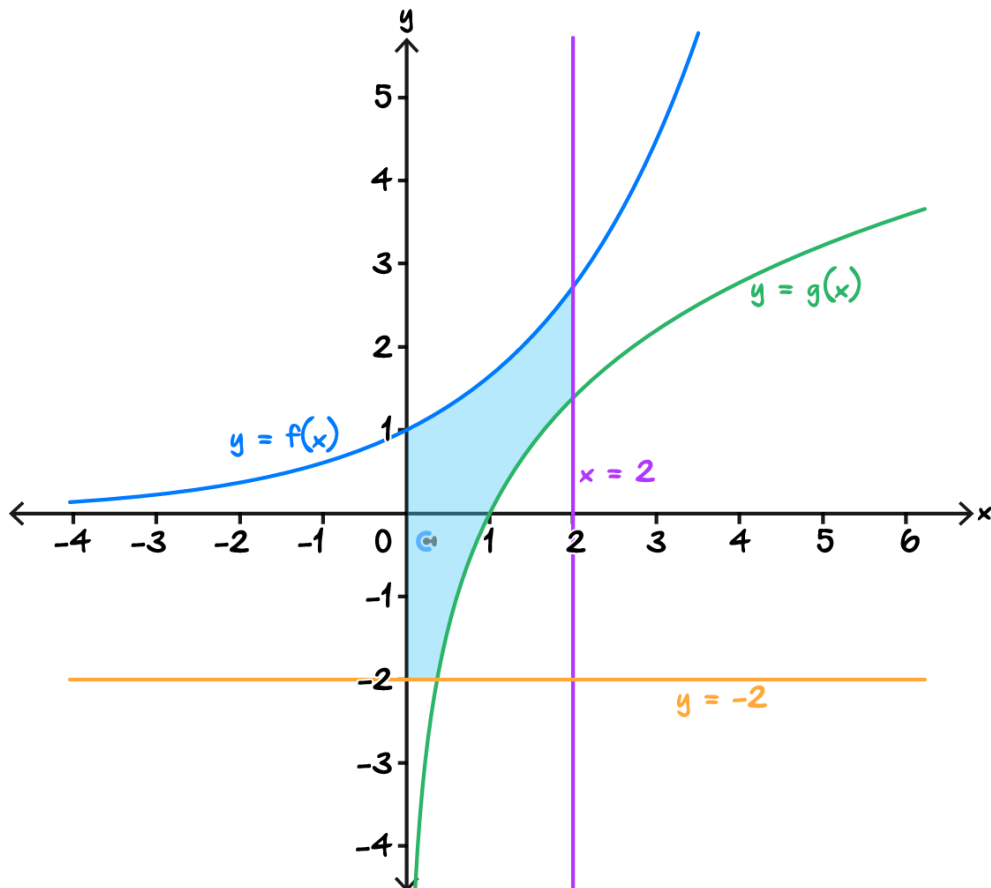
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Question 28 (11 marks)

The shaded region in the diagram below represents part of the fencing boundary around a wildlife conservation zone in the Northern Territory. All distances are in kilometres.

Two of the boundaries of the conservation zone follow the graphs of the functions:

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^{\frac{x}{2}} \text{ and } g: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = 2 \log_e(x).$$



a.

- i. Evaluate $\int_{-2}^0 f(x) dx$. (1 mark)

$$2 - \frac{2}{e}$$

- ii. **Hence**, or otherwise, find the area of the region bounded by the graph of g , the x and y -axes, and the line $y = -2$. (1 mark)

Bounded by y -axis and inverse function so same area as in previous part.
 Area = $2 - \frac{2}{e}$

- iii. Find the **total** area of the shaded region. (2 marks)

$$\text{Area} = 2 - \frac{2}{e} + \int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^2 (f(x) - g(x)) dx. (1M)$$

$$\text{Area} = 2 - \frac{2}{e} + 2e - 2\log_e(4). (1A, \text{approx } 3.93)$$

- iv. The boundary at $x = 2$ is extended to $x = a$, where $a > 2$, such that the area of the conservation zone is 5 square kilometres. Find the value of a correct to three decimal places. (2 marks)

$$\text{Area} = 2 - \frac{2}{e} + \int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^a (f(x) - g(x)) dx = 5. (1M)$$

Thus, $a = 2.692. (1A)$

The conservation committee decides that a better conservation zone will be the region bounded by the graph of g and that of a new function $k : (-\infty, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $k(x) = -2 \log_e(b - x)$, and b is a positive real number.

b.

- i. Find, in terms of b , the x -coordinates of the points of intersection of the graphs of g and k . (2 marks)

We solve $g(x) = k(x)$. (1M)

This yields $x = \frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2}$. (1A)

- ii. **Hence**, find the set of values of b for which the graphs of g and k have two distinct points of intersection. (1 mark)

We require that $b^2 - 4 > 0 \Rightarrow b > 2$. (1A)

- iii. Determine the value of b , correct to two decimal places, such that this new conservation zone has an area of 5 square kilometres. (2 marks)

Let $x^1 = \frac{b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2}$ and $x^2 = \frac{b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2}$ be the two points of intersection of g and k as found in **part b.i.**, where $x_2 > x_1$.

We require that $\int_{x_1}^{x_2} g(x) - k(x) dx = 5$. (1M)

Thus $b = 3.56$.

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