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Question

Find the area of the region bounded by line $y=3x+2$, the X axis and the ordinates $x=-2$ and $x=1$.

Solution:

let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

(3)

let \mathbf{D} and \mathbf{E} be the vectors on the line corresponding to $x = -2$ and $x = 1$

Given line equation is

$$-3x + y = 2 \quad (4)$$

which can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-3 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } c = 2 \quad (7)$$

let us find the vector \mathbf{D}

$$(-3 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad \Rightarrow y = -4 \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

as $y < 0$ we should find the \mathbf{B} where the line meets the x axis

$$(-3 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad \Rightarrow 3x = -2 \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

let us find the vector \mathbf{E}

$$(-3 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad \Rightarrow y = 5 \quad (12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

The area to be computed is area of $\triangle EBC$ + area of $\triangle ABD$

$$ar(\triangle ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| \quad (14)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{8}{3} \quad (15)$$

$$ar(\triangle EBC) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{c}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{c})\| \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -5/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{25}{6} \quad (17)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{area of the region is} = \frac{8}{3} + \frac{25}{6} = \frac{41}{6} \quad (18)$$

