Problem 4: Find the shaded area, shown at right, inside the limacon given by the graph of $r = 1 + 2\sin\theta$.

(Source: AoPS Calculus)

First we will compute the area of the non-shaded region. We can solve the inequality $r \leq 0$ for θ to get the bounds we need for integration.

$$1 + 2\sin\theta \le 0$$
$$2\sin\theta \le -1$$
$$\sin\theta \le -\frac{1}{2}$$
$$\frac{7\pi}{6} \le \theta \le \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

Now we can integrate from $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}$ to $\frac{11\pi}{6}$ to get the area of the non-shaded region.

$$\begin{split} A_{ns} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} r^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 4 \sin^2 \theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 4 (\frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta))) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 2 (1 - \cos 2\theta)) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 2 (1 - \cos 2\theta)) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 2 - 2 \cos 2\theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\theta - 4 \cos \theta + 2\theta - 2 (\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta) \right) \Big|_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\theta - 4 \cos \theta + 2\theta - \sin 2\theta \right) \Big|_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{11\pi}{6} - 4 (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) + 2 (\frac{11\pi}{6}) - \sin \frac{22\pi}{6} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{7\pi}{6} - 4 (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) + 2 (\frac{7\pi}{6}) - \sin \frac{14\pi}{6} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{11\pi}{6} - 2\sqrt{3} + \frac{22\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\sqrt{3} + \frac{14\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4\pi}{6} - 4\sqrt{3} + \frac{8\pi}{6} + \sqrt{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{12\pi}{6} - 3\sqrt{3} \right) \\ &= \pi - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{split}$$

To get the area inside the limacon, we can just integrate from $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}$ to $\frac{7\pi}{6}$.

$$A_{l} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{7\pi}{6}} r^{2} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{7\pi}{6}} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^{2} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{7\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 4 \sin^{2} \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{7\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 4 (\frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta))) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{7\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 2 (1 - \cos 2\theta)) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{7\pi}{6}} (1 + 4 \sin \theta + 2 - 2 \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\theta - 4 \cos \theta + 2\theta - 2 (\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta) \right) \Big|_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{7\pi}{6}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\theta - 4 \cos \theta + 2\theta - \sin 2\theta \right) \Big|_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{7\pi}{6}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\sqrt{3} + \frac{14\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\pi}{6} - 2\sqrt{3} - \frac{2\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{21\pi}{6} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{3\pi}{6} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{21\pi}{6} + 3\sqrt{3} + \frac{3\pi}{6} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{24\pi}{6} + 3\sqrt{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(4\pi + 3\sqrt{3} \right)$$

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To get the shaded area, we subtract the area of the non-shaded region from the area inside the limacon.

$$A_s = A_l - A_{ns}$$

$$= \left(2\pi + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \left(\pi - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left[\pi + 3\sqrt{3}\right]$$