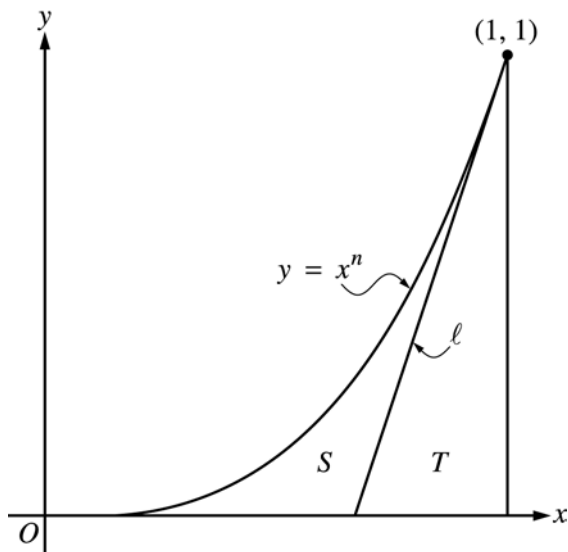


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6. Let ℓ be the line tangent to the graph of $y = x^n$ at the point $(1, 1)$, where $n > 1$, as shown above.

(a) Find $\int_0^1 x^n dx$ in terms of n .

(b) Let T be the triangular region bounded by ℓ , the x -axis, and the line $x = 1$. Show that the area of T is $\frac{1}{2n}$.

(c) Let S be the region bounded by the graph of $y = x^n$, the line ℓ , and the x -axis. Express the area of S in terms of n and determine the value of n that maximizes the area of S .

END OF EXAMINATION