

6.2: Regions Between Curves

Definition. (Area of a Region Between Two Curves)

Suppose f and g are continuous functions with $f(x) \geq g(x)$ on the interval $[a, b]$. The area of the region bounded by the graphs of f and g on $[a, b]$ is

$$A = \int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) \, dx.$$

Definition. (Area of a Region Between Two Curves with Respect to y)

Suppose f and g are continuous functions with $f(y) \geq g(y)$ on the interval $[c, d]$. The area of the region bounded by the graphs $x = f(y)$ and $x = g(y)$ on $[c, d]$ is

$$A = \int_c^d (f(y) - g(y)) \, dy.$$