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Find the number b such that the line $y = b$ divides the region bounded by the curves $y = x^2$ and $y = 4$ into two regions with equal area

We are given the region bounded by the curves

$$y = x^2 \text{ and } y = 4$$

These curves intersect when $x^2 = 4$, i.e.,

$$x = -2 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 2$$

Thus, the region is the set of all points (x, y) satisfying

$$x^2 \leq y \leq 4 \quad \text{with} \quad -2 \leq x \leq 2$$

Step 1. Compute the Total Area of the Region

The total area A_{total} is given by

$$A_{\text{total}} = \int_{x=-2}^2 [4 - x^2] dx$$

Since the integrand is even, we can write:

$$A_{\text{total}} = 2 \int_0^2 (4 - x^2) dx.$$

Compute the integral:

$$\int_0^2 (4 - x^2) dx = \left[4x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^2 = \left(4(2) - \frac{2^3}{3} \right) - 0 = 8 - \frac{8}{3} = \frac{24 - 8}{3} = \frac{16}{3}.$$

Thus,

$$A_{\text{total}} = 2 \cdot \frac{16}{3} = \frac{32}{3}.$$

Step 2. Determine the Area that Must Be Equal

We want the horizontal line $y = b$ to divide the region into two parts of equal area. Therefore, each part must have area

$$\frac{1}{2} A_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{32}{3} \right) = \frac{16}{3}.$$

Step 3. Express the Area of the Lower Region

The lower part of the region is bounded by the parabola $y = x^2$ below and the line $y = b$ above. For a given y between 0 and b , the horizontal cross-section of the region runs from

$$x = -\sqrt{y} \quad \text{to} \quad x = \sqrt{y},$$

so its length is $2\sqrt{y}$.

Thus, the area A_{lower} of the lower region is

$$A_{\text{lower}} = \int_{y=0}^b 2\sqrt{y} \, dy.$$

Evaluate the integral:

$$\int 2\sqrt{y} \, dy = 2 \int y^{1/2} \, dy = 2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} y^{3/2} = \frac{4}{3} y^{3/2}.$$

So,

$$A_{\text{lower}} = \frac{4}{3} y^{3/2} \Big|_0^b = \frac{4}{3} b^{3/2}.$$

Step 4. Set Up the Equation and Solve for b

We want the lower region's area to equal $\frac{16}{3}$:

$$\frac{4}{3} b^{3/2} = \frac{16}{3}.$$

Multiply both sides by 3 to eliminate the denominator:

$$4b^{3/2} = 16.$$

Divide both sides by 4:

$$b^{3/2} = 4.$$

Now, raise both sides to the power $\frac{2}{3}$ to solve for b :

$$b = 4^{2/3}$$

Noticing that $4 = 2^2$, we can also write:

$$b = (2^2)^{2/3} = 2^{4/3}.$$

Alternatively, since $(2^{4/3})^3 = 2^4 = 16$, we can express the answer as

$$b = \sqrt[3]{16}.$$

Final Answer

The number b such that the line $y = b$ divides the region into two regions of equal area is:

$$\boxed{2^{4/3}} \quad \text{or equivalently} \quad \boxed{\sqrt[3]{16}}.$$

Suppose $f(x) = x^{c-1}$ and $g(x) = \frac{x^c}{c}$ for some $c > 1$. Then the area under the curve $y = f(x)$ on the interval $[0, 2]$ is given by $g(0) - g(2)$.

For any continuous function $f(x)$ with an antiderivative $g(x)$, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus tells us that

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

Here, we have

$$f(x) = x^{c-1} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \frac{x^c}{c},$$

with $c > 1$.

To find the area under $f(x)$ on the interval $[0, 2]$, we calculate

$$\int_0^2 x^{c-1} dx = g(2) - g(0).$$

Now, evaluate g at the endpoints:

$$g(2) = \frac{2^c}{c}, \quad \text{and} \quad g(0) = \frac{0^c}{c} = 0.$$

Thus, the area is

$$g(2) - g(0) = \frac{2^c}{c} - 0 = \frac{2^c}{c}.$$

The statement in the problem claims the area is $g(0) - g(2)$, but that would give

$$g(0) - g(2) = 0 - \frac{2^c}{c} = -\frac{2^c}{c},$$

which is negative and does not represent an area (since area is nonnegative).

Conclusion

The correct expression for the area under the curve $y = f(x)$ on $[0, 2]$ is

$$\boxed{\frac{2^c}{c}},$$

which comes from $g(2) - g(0)$, not $g(0) - g(2)$.

Let f and g be continuous functions on the interval $[0, 5]$. If $f > g$ on $[0, 3]$ and $f < g$ on $[3, 5]$, then the area bounded by the two curves on the interval $[2, 4]$ is $\int_2^3 (g - f) dx + \int_3^4 (f - g) dx$

FALSE

On any interval, the area between two curves is given by the integral of the absolute difference:

$$\text{Area} = \int |f(x) - g(x)| dx.$$

In this problem:

- On $[2, 3]$, since $f(x) > g(x)$, the difference $f(x) - g(x)$ is positive. Thus, the area on this interval is $\int_2^3 [f(x) - g(x)] dx$.
- On $[3, 4]$, since $f(x) < g(x)$, the difference $g(x) - f(x)$ is positive. Thus, the area on this interval is $\int_3^4 [g(x) - f(x)] dx$.

So the total area bounded by the curves on the interval $[2, 4]$ is

$$\int_2^3 [f(x) - g(x)] dx + \int_3^4 [g(x) - f(x)] dx.$$

However, the statement given in the problem is

$$\int_2^3 [g(x) - f(x)] dx + \int_3^4 [f(x) - g(x)] dx,$$

which reverses the differences on both intervals. This would result in negative values for each integral, rather than the correct positive area.

Thus, the correct expression for the area is:

$$\boxed{\int_2^3 (f(x) - g(x)) dx + \int_3^4 (g(x) - f(x)) dx.}$$

The expression given in the problem is incorrect because it reverses the order of the functions in the integrals.

Since $\int \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \ln |x - 5| + C$ for $C \in \mathbb{R}$, it directly follows that $\int_4^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \ln 3 - \ln 1 = \ln 3$.

FALSE

The antiderivative of

$$\frac{1}{x-5}$$

is indeed

$$\ln |x - 5| + C.$$

However, notice that the integrand has a vertical asymptote (a discontinuity) at $x = 5$. Since the interval $[4, 8]$ contains $x = 5$, we must treat the integral as an improper integral.

Why the Direct Evaluation is Problematic

If we naïvely apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, we might write

$$\int_4^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \ln |8-5| - \ln |4-5| = \ln 3 - \ln 1 = \ln 3.$$

But this method ignores the fact that the integrand is not defined at $x=5$.

Proper Treatment as an Improper Integral

We must split the integral at the point of discontinuity and take limits:

$$\int_4^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 5^-} \int_4^a \frac{1}{x-5} dx + \lim_{b \rightarrow 5^+} \int_b^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx.$$

1. For x from 4 to 5:

$$\int_4^a \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \ln |a-5| - \ln |4-5| = \ln |a-5| - \ln 1 = \ln |a-5|.$$

As $a \rightarrow 5^-$, $|a-5| \rightarrow 0$, so

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 5^-} \ln |a-5| = -\infty.$$

2. For x from 5 to 8:

$$\int_b^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \ln |8-5| - \ln |b-5| = \ln 3 - \ln |b-5|.$$

As $b \rightarrow 5^+$, $|b-5| \rightarrow 0$, so

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow 5^+} \ln |b-5| = -\infty,$$

and hence

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow 5^+} (\ln 3 - \ln |b-5|) = \infty.$$

Since one limit goes to $-\infty$ and the other to $+\infty$, the overall integral

$$\int_4^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx$$

diverges.

The Cauchy Principal Value

It is worth noting that if one considers the Cauchy principal value, one defines

$$\text{p.v.} \int_4^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\int_4^{5-\epsilon} \frac{1}{x-5} dx + \int_{5+\epsilon}^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx \right].$$

In this symmetric approach,

$$\int_4^{5-\epsilon} \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \ln |5-\epsilon-5| - \ln |4-5| = \ln \epsilon - \ln 1 = \ln \epsilon,$$

and

$$\int_{5+\epsilon}^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \ln |8-5| - \ln |5+\epsilon-5| = \ln 3 - \ln \epsilon.$$

Thus,

$$\text{p.v.} \int_4^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} (\ln \epsilon + \ln 3 - \ln \epsilon) = \ln 3.$$

While the principal value is $\ln 3$, **this does not mean the original improper integral converges**. The actual integrals on $[4, 5)$ and $(5, 8]$ diverge.

Conclusion

The statement

$$\int_4^8 \frac{1}{x-5} dx = \ln 3$$

is misleading if interpreted in the usual sense of an improper integral. The correct interpretation is that the integral diverges, even though its Cauchy principal value is $\ln 3$.

Let f and f' be continuous on $[a, b]$. Show that

$$\int_a^b f(x) f'(x) dx = \frac{[f(b)]^2 - [f(a)]^2}{2}$$

We start by observing that the derivative of $[f(x)]^2$ is given by

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]^2 = 2f(x)f'(x)$$

Thus, we can write

$$f(x)f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]^2.$$

Now, integrate both sides from a to b :

$$\int_a^b f(x)f'(x) dx = \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]^2 dx.$$

By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, we have:

$$\int_a^b \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]^2 dx = [f(b)]^2 - [f(a)]^2.$$

Thus,

$$\int_a^b f(x)f'(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} ([f(b)]^2 - [f(a)]^2).$$

This completes the proof:

$$\boxed{\int_a^b f(x)f'(x) dx = \frac{[f(b)]^2 - [f(a)]^2}{2}}$$

Let $f(x) = x^2 - c^2$ and $g(x) = c^2 - x^2$.

- Sketch the region A bounded by the graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Set-up the integral representing the area of region A.
- Solve for value(s) of c for which the area of region A is 576.

We are given the functions

$$f(x) = x^2 - c^2 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = c^2 - x^2,$$

and we wish to study the region A bounded by these curves.

(a) Sketching the Region

1. Graphs of f and g :

- The graph of $f(x) = x^2 - c^2$ is an upward opening parabola with vertex at $(0, -c^2)$.
- The graph of $g(x) = c^2 - x^2$ is a downward opening parabola with vertex at $(0, c^2)$.

2. Intersection Points: To find the intersections, set $f(x) = g(x)$:

$$x^2 - c^2 = c^2 - x^2.$$

Adding $x^2 + c^2$ to both sides gives:

$$2x^2 = 2c^2 \implies x^2 = c^2,$$

so

$$x = \pm c$$

At $x = \pm c$, we have

$$f(\pm c) = (\pm c)^2 - c^2 = c^2 - c^2 = 0$$

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and similarly $g(\pm c) = 0$.

3. The Region A :

- For x between $-c$ and c (assuming $c > 0$ for clarity), note that:
 $f(x) = x^2 - c^2 \leq 0$ and $g(x) = c^2 - x^2 \geq 0$.
- Thus, $g(x)$ lies above $f(x)$ on the interval $[-c, c]$.
- The region A is the set of points between these curves for x from $-c$ to c .

A sketch would show two parabolas symmetric about the y -axis: one opening upward with its vertex below the x -axis and the other opening downward with its vertex above the x -axis, meeting at the points $(-c, 0)$ and $(c, 0)$.

(b) Setting Up the Integral for the Area

Since $g(x) \geq f(x)$ for $x \in [-c, c]$, the vertical distance between the curves is

$$g(x) - f(x) = [c^2 - x^2] - [x^2 - c^2] = 2c^2 - 2x^2.$$

Thus, the area A is given by

$$\text{Area} = \int_{-c}^c (g(x) - f(x)) \, dx = \int_{-c}^c (2c^2 - 2x^2) \, dx.$$

It is often convenient to factor out the constant:

$$\text{Area} = 2 \int_{-c}^c (c^2 - x^2) \, dx.$$

(c) Solving for c When the Area is 576

1. Evaluate the Integral:

The function $c^2 - x^2$ is even, so we can use symmetry:

$$\int_{-c}^c (c^2 - x^2) \, dx = 2 \int_0^c (c^2 - x^2) \, dx.$$

Compute the integral on $[0, c]$:

$$\int_0^c (c^2 - x^2) dx = \left[c^2 x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^c = c^2 \cdot c - \frac{c^3}{3} = c^3 - \frac{c^3}{3} = \frac{2c^3}{3}.$$

Then,

$$\int_{-c}^c (c^2 - x^2) dx = 2 \cdot \frac{2c^3}{3} = \frac{4c^3}{3}.$$

2. Multiply by the Constant Factor:

Recall that

$$\text{Area} = 2 \int_{-c}^c (c^2 - x^2) dx = 2 \cdot \frac{4c^3}{3} = \frac{8c^3}{3}.$$

3. Set Equal to

$$576$$

and Solve:

We set

$$\frac{8c^3}{3} = 576.$$

Multiply both sides by 3:

$$8c^3 = 576 \cdot 3 = 1728.$$

Now divide by 8:

$$c^3 = \frac{1728}{8} = 216.$$

Taking the cube root:

$$c = \sqrt[3]{216} = 6.$$

Note: Although the functions are defined for any real c , the geometry of the region (with intersection points at $x = \pm c$) is most natural when $c > 0$. If one were to allow $c < 0$, the area would depend on $|c|$. In that case, the condition becomes $|c| = 6$, so $c = 6$ or $c = -6$. However, by convention we take $c = 6$.

Final Answers

- (a) The region A is bounded by the parabolas

$$f(x) = x^2 - c^2 \quad (\text{opening upward with vertex at } (0, -c^2))$$

and

$$g(x) = c^2 - x^2 \quad (\text{opening downward with vertex at } (0, c^2)),$$

which intersect at $(x, y) = (-c, 0)$ and $(c, 0)$. The region is the set of points between these curves for $x \in [-c, c]$.

- **(b)** The area of region A is given by

$$\text{Area} = \int_{-c}^c [g(x) - f(x)] dx = \int_{-c}^c (2c^2 - 2x^2) dx = 2 \int_{-c}^c (c^2 - x^2) dx.$$

- **(c)** Evaluating the integral, we found

$$\text{Area} = \frac{8c^3}{3}$$

Setting this equal to 576 gives

$$\frac{8c^3}{3} = 576 \implies c^3 = 216 \implies c = 6.$$

Thus, the value of c for which the area of region A is 576 is

$$\boxed{6}$$