

Problems in Mathematics & Experiments with Mathematica

6. Definite integral

6.4 Applications

Area

Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be integrable on the interval $[a, b]$. The area of the region bounded by the graphs and the lines $x=a$ and $x=b$ is the integral

$$\int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)| \, dx$$

Length of a curve

Let the planar curve be given parametrically by $(x(t), y(t))$, where the functions $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are continuously differentiable. The length of the curve on the parameter interval $[t_1, t_2]$ is

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{x'^2(t) + y'^2(t)} \, dt$$

In particular, if $x(t)=t$ and $y(t)=f(t)$, we obtain

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{1 + f'^2(t)} \, dt$$

Volume of a cylindrical body

Let the body be given by revolving the function $f(x)$ around the x -axis on the interval $[a, b]$. Then its volume is

$$\pi \int_a^b f^2(x) \, dx$$

You can examine this problem graphically in the [Appendix](#).

Motion of a body

In particular, if the acceleration $a(t)$ and the initial velocity $v(t_0) = v_0$ and initial position $s(t_0) = s_0$ are given, then

$$v(t) = v_0 + \int_{t_0}^t a(u) \, du$$

and

$$s(t) = s_0 + \int_{t_0}^t v(u) \, du = s_0 + v_0(t - t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^u a(r) \, dr \, du.$$

Average speed

Let $v(t)$ the speed of a process. Using the mean value of a function, the average speed on $[t_1, t_2]$ can be obtained by the formula

$$\bar{v}(t_1, t_2) := \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(u) \, du$$

Exercises and problems

SOLVED PROBLEM 6.4.1 Area

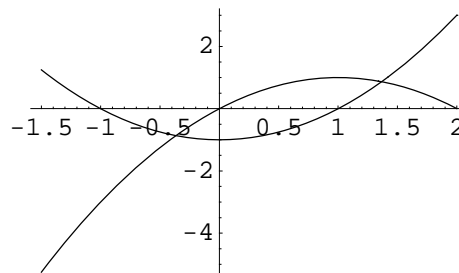
Calculate the closed area between the graphs of the following functions.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 1; \quad g(x) := 2x - x^2;$$

◦ SOLUTION

Plot the functions:

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Plot[{f[x], g[x]}, {x, -1.5, 2}];
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Find the common points:

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xbound = x /. Solve[f[x] == g[x], x]
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$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2} (1 - \sqrt{3}), \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{3}) \right\}$$

Calculate the area:

$$\text{Simplify}\left[\int_{\text{xbound}[[1]]}^{\text{xbound}[[2]]} \text{Abs}[f[x] - g[x]] \, dx\right]$$

$$\sqrt{3}$$

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PROBLEM 6.4.2

Calculate the area of the closed region between the graphs of the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$.

- (1) $f(x) := x^2 + 2x$; $g(x) := 2x^2 + 7x + 4$;
- (2) $f(x) := 2x^2 - 2x$; $g(x) := x^2 - x - 1$;
- (3) $f(x) := x^2 - 1$; $g(x) := 2x^2 - 3x - 1$;
- (4) $f(x) := x - 1$; $g(x) := x^2 - x - 1$;
- (5) $f(x) := x^2 - 2x - 1$; $g(x) := 2x^2 - x - 1$;
- (6) $f(x) := x^2 - 4x - 4$; $g(x) := 3x^2 - 4x - 12$;

SOLVED PROBLEM 6.4.3 Volume

Calculate the volume of the jug obtained by revolving the function

$$f(x) = \sin(x) + e^{-\frac{x}{10}} + 1;$$

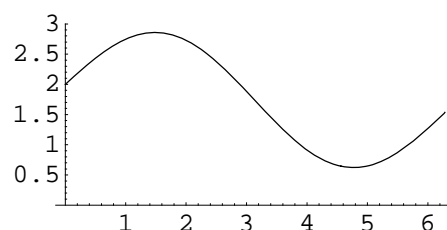
between the places

$$a = 0; \quad b = 2\pi;$$

○ SOLUTION

Plot the function:

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Plot[{f[x]}, {x, a, b},  
PlotRange -> {0, 3}, AspectRatio -> Automatic];
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See more details in the [Appendix](#).

Calculate the volume:

$$\text{vol} = \pi \int_a^b f[x]^2 dx$$

$$\pi \left(\frac{2725}{101} - 5 E^{-2\pi/5} - \frac{2220 E^{-\pi/5}}{101} + 3\pi \right)$$

$$N[\text{vol}]$$

$$73.0601$$

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SOLVED PROBLEM 6.4.4 Variation of a process

The variation speed of concentration of a solute is

$$c(t) = 2e^{-2t};$$

The initial concentration is zero. Calculate the concentration at

$$t_1 = 5;$$

○ SOLUTION

The concentration at $t=5$ is obtained by the formula

$$\int_0^t c[t] dt$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{E^{10}}$$

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PROBLEM 6.4.5

The speed of a process is described by $v(t)$. Find the function describing the process itself, and calculate the average speed between t_0 and t_1 .

$$(1) \quad v(t) := 10e^{t-1}t; t_0 = 0; t_1 = 2;$$

$$(2) \quad v(t) := 10e^{-t^2}t; t_0 = 0; t_1 = 1;$$

SOLVED PROBLEM 6.4.6 Motion

The acceleration of a moving body at the t 'th second is $a(t) = 10 \cos \pi t \frac{m}{s^2}$. Find the velocity and the displacement function, if $v(0)=0$ and $s(0)=1$. Calculate mean value of the velocity between $t_0 = 0.25$ and $t_1 = 0.5$.

○ SOLUTION

The data:

$$aa = 10 \cos[\pi t]; t_0 = 0.25; t_1 = 0.5;$$

Velocity:

$$\mathbf{vv} = \int_0^t \mathbf{aa} \, dt$$

$$\frac{10 \sin[\pi t]}{\pi}$$

$$\text{Meanofvv} = \frac{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{vv} \, dt}{t_1 - t_0}$$

$$2.8658$$

Displacement:

$$\mathbf{ss} = \mathbf{1} + \int_0^t \mathbf{vv} \, dt$$

$$1 + \frac{10}{\pi^2} - \frac{10 \cos[\pi t]}{\pi^2}$$

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PROBLEM 6.4.7

The acceleration of a moving body at the t 'th second is $a(t) \frac{m}{s^2}$. Find the velocity and the displacement function, if $v(t_0) = v_0$ and $s(t_0) = s_0$. Calculate the mean value of the velocity and the acceleration between t_1 and t_2 .

- (1) $a(t) := 10 e^{1-2t}; t_0 = 0; v_0 = 0; s_0 = 1; t_1 = 1; t_2 = 3;$
- (2) $a(t) := (3t - 2)^2; t_0 = 1; v_0 = 1; s_0 = 0; t_1 = 0; t_2 = 2;$
- (3) $a(t) := 3t + 1; t_0 = 0; v_0 = 0; s_0 = 2; t_1 = 0.5; t_2 = 1.5;$
- (4) $a(t) := 2^t - 1; t_0 = 0; v_0 = 1; s_0 = 1; t_1 = 1; t_2 = 1.5;$
- (5) $a(t) := \sin(\pi t) + 1; t_0 = 0; v_0 = 0; s_0 = 2; t_1 = 0.5; t_2 = 1.5;$