

6.1 Area between Two Curves

Goals:

1. Remember that the **area under a curve** is the sum of the areas of an infinite number of rectangles $A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x$
2. Understand the approach to finding the **area between 2 curves**.
3. Be able to identify the **region** bounded by the given conditions.
4. Determine the best orientation for the **reference rectangle** in the region - **horizontal or vertical**.
5. Set up the **definite integral** for finding the area.

Homework: Study 6.1 # 1, 5, 7, 13, 25, 19;
3, 17, 27, 53



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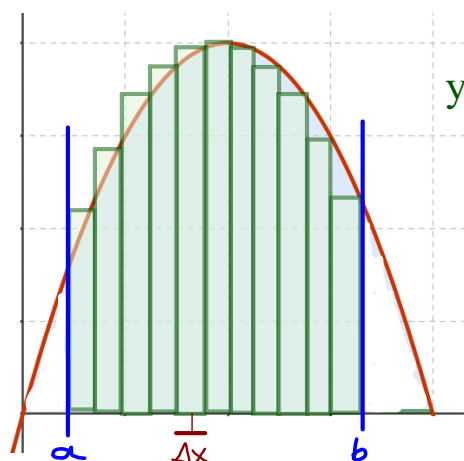
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To find the **area under the curve** over a specified interval, we would need to divide it into lots of little polygons, such as rectangles, for which we can find the area with known formulas.

Background: Area Under a Curve



$$y = -x(x-4)$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

where n is the number of rectangles

$$\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

Areas of
small
rectangles

$$\Delta x f(a)$$

$$\Delta x f(a + \Delta x)$$

$$\Delta x f(a + 2\Delta x)$$

$$\Delta x f(a + 3\Delta x)$$



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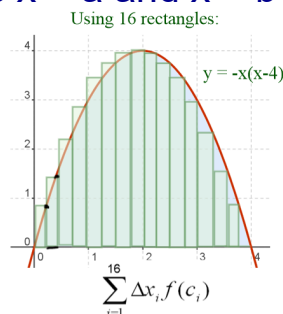
Definition of Area of a Region in a Plane

Let f be continuous and non-negative on $[a, b]$.
The area of the region bounded by the graph of f ,
the x -axis, and the vertical lines $x = a$ and $x = b$ is:

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x$$

$$x_{i-1} < c_i < x_i \quad \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

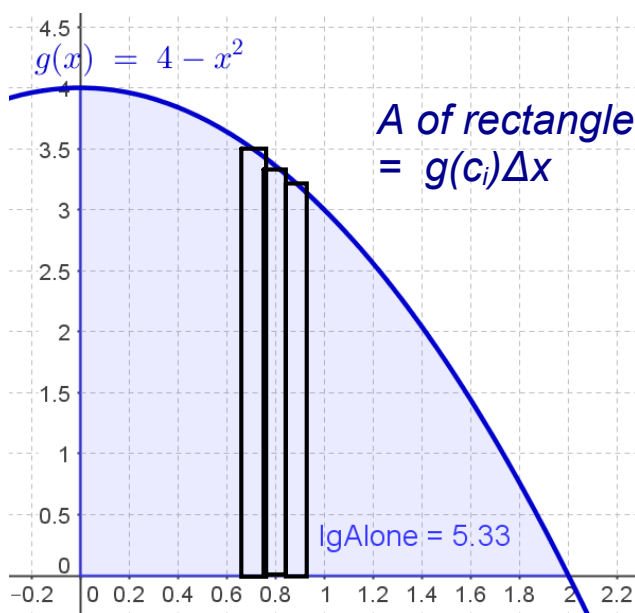
$$\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$


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$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x$$

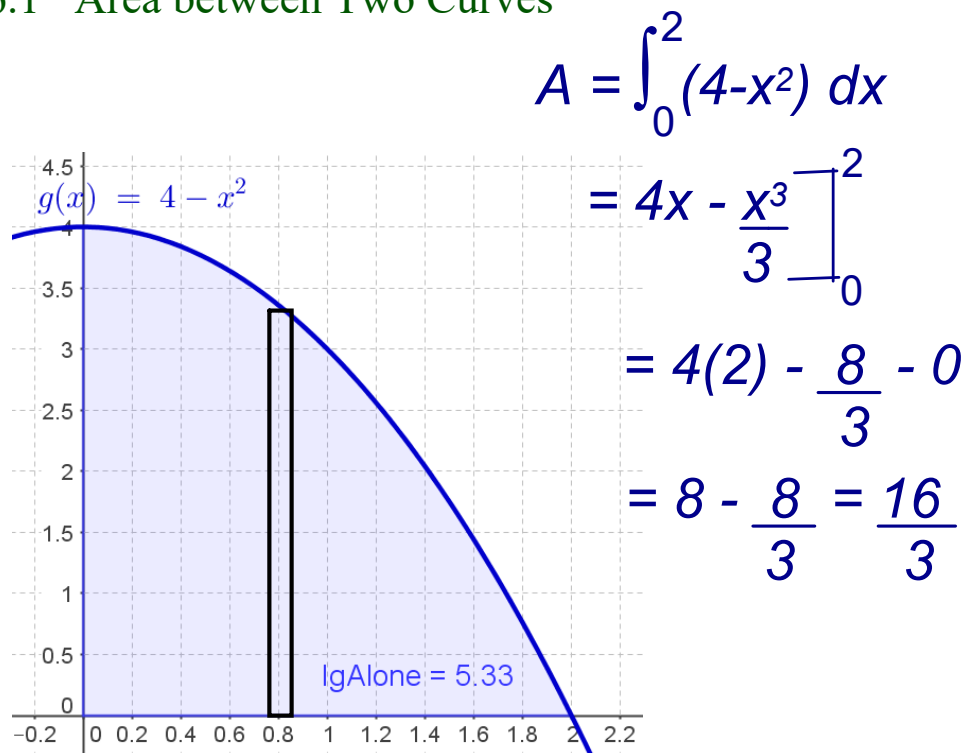
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

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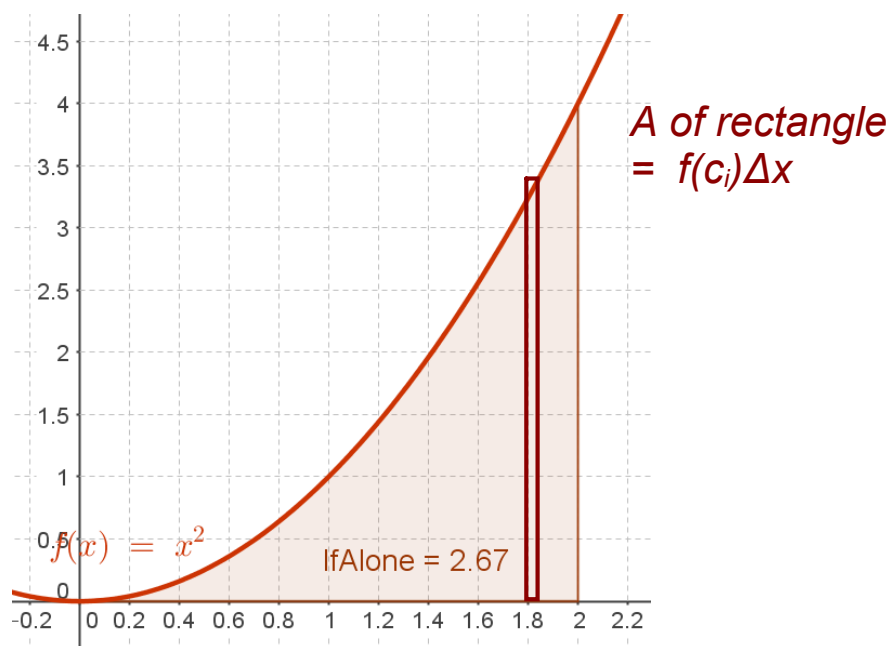
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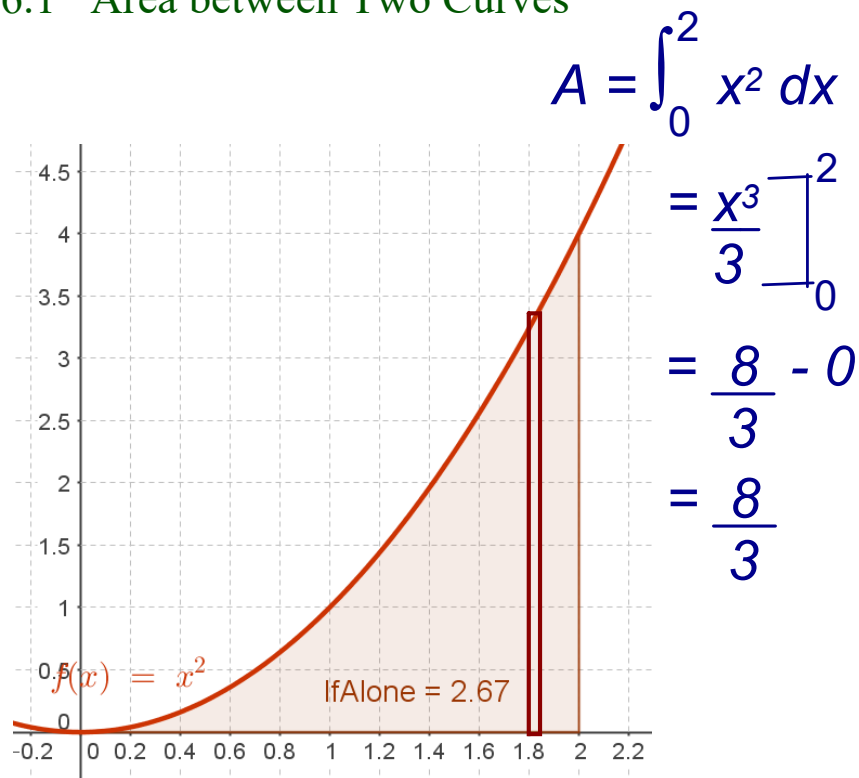
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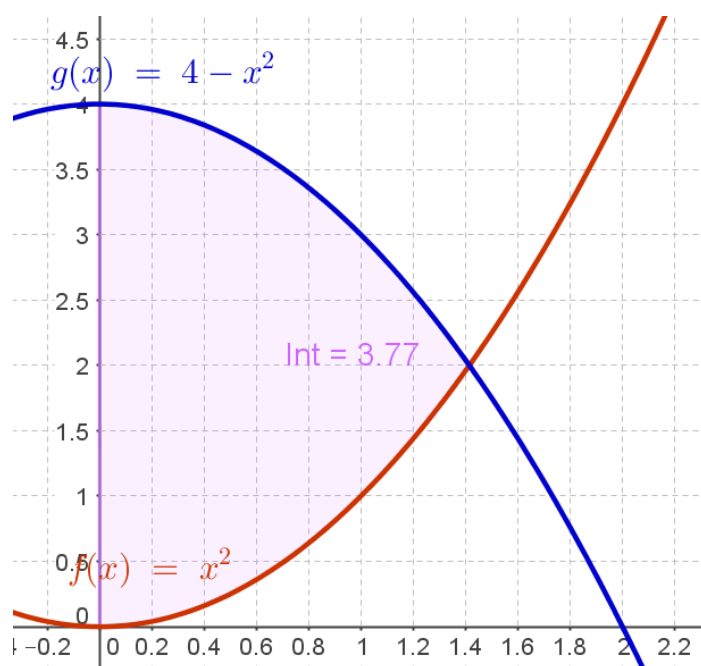

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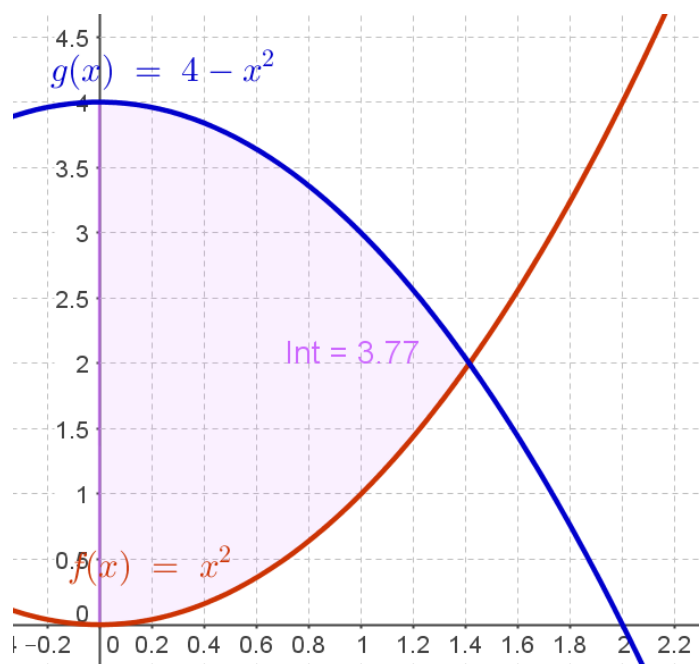

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$$x^2 = 4 - x^2$$

$$2x^2 = 4$$

$$x^2 = 2$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{UL, } x = +\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{LL, } x = 0$$

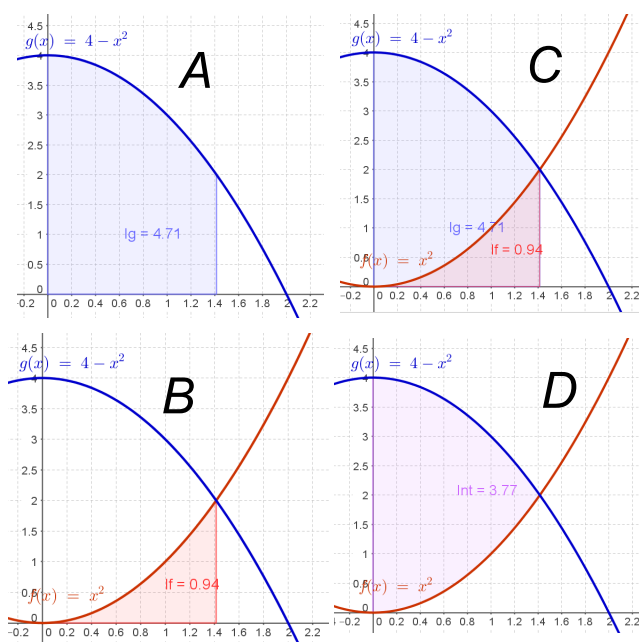
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C shows both A and B together

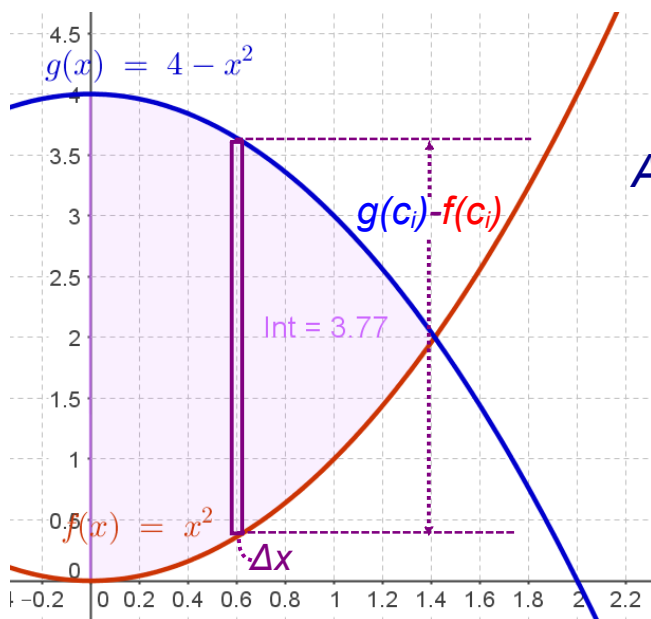
D shows A - B

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*How to find Area of shaded region?*How do we do that analytically? Use *reference rectangle*.

A of rectangle
 $= [g(c_i) - f(c_i)] \Delta x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (4 - x^2 - x^2) dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (4 - 2x^2) dx \\
 &= \left[4x - \frac{2x^3}{3} \right]_0^{\sqrt{2}} \\
 &= 4\sqrt{2} - \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \\
 &= \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Area of region Bounded by 2 Curves

If f and g are continuous on $[a, b]$ and $g(x) \leq f(x)$ for all x on $[a, b]$, then the area of the region bounded by f and g and the vertical lines and $x = a$ and $x = b$ is:

$$A = \int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

In general, the area between 2 curves that intersect and switch y positions is given by:

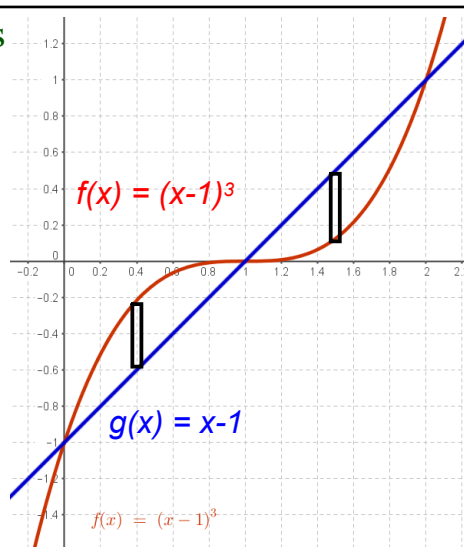
$$A = \int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)| dx \quad \text{for vertical reference rectangle}$$

$$\text{or } A = \int_c^d |f(y) - g(y)| dy \quad \text{for horizontal reference rectangle}$$

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$$A = \int_0^1 (f-g)dx + \int_1^2 (g-f)dx$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 2(x-1)(x^2-2x)dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 -2(x-1)(x^2-2x)dx$$

$$u = x^2-2x \\ du = (2x-2)dx = 2(x-1)dx$$

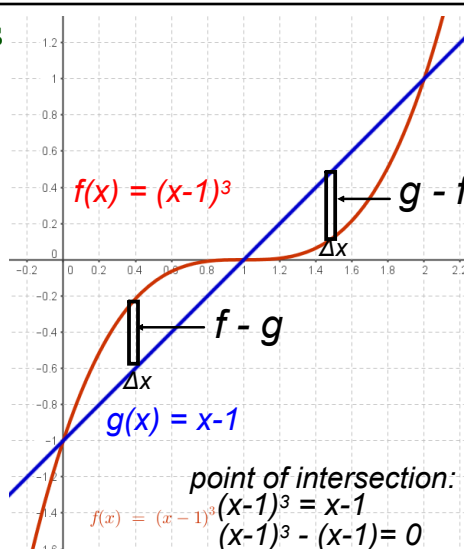
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(x^2-2x)^2}{2} \right]_0^1 - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(x^2-2x)^2}{2} \right]_1^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(1-2)^2 - 0 - \left[\frac{1}{4}(4-4)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(1-2)^2 \right]$$

$$= +\frac{1}{4} - [0 - \frac{1}{4}] = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

check on calculator:

$$A = \int_a^b |f-g|dx = \int_0^2 \text{abs}[(x-1)^3 - (x-1)]dx = 0.5$$



point of intersection:

$$\begin{aligned} (x-1)^3 &= x-1 \\ (x-1)^3 - (x-1) &= 0 \\ (x-1)[(x-1)^2 - 1] &= 0 \\ (x-1)[(x^2-2x+1)-1] &= 0 \\ (x-1)(x^2-2x) &= 0 \\ (x-1)(x)(x-2) &= 0 \\ x &= 0, 1, 2 \end{aligned}$$

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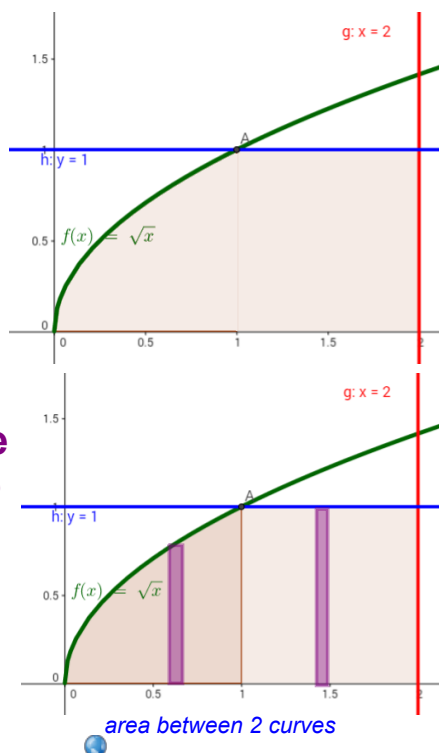
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To use a **vertical reference** rectangle, need to break up the region into 2 parts.

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^2 1 dx$$



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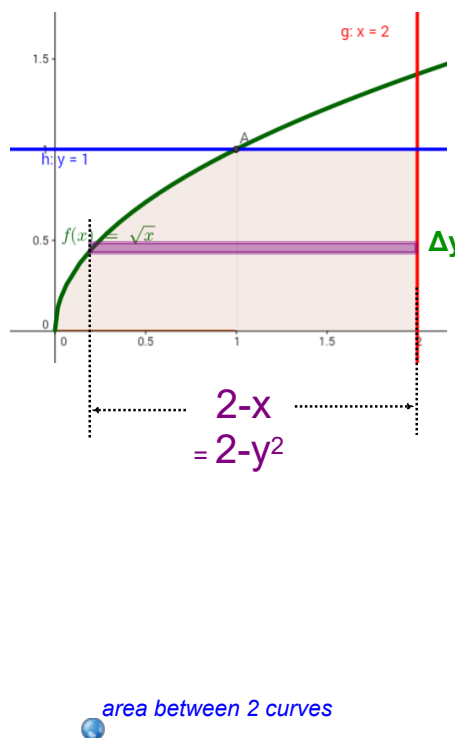
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Use a **horizontal reference** rectangle instead. Then can do the whole region at once, using dy .

Need x from $f(x)$:
 $y = \sqrt{x}$ so $x = y^2$

$$\int_0^1 (2 - y^2) dy = 2y - \frac{y^3}{3} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= 2 - \frac{1}{3} - 0 = \frac{5}{3}$$



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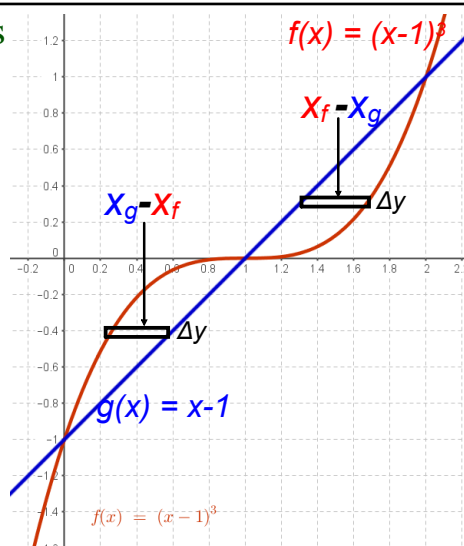


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$$\sqrt[3]{y} = x_f - 1 \quad x_g = y - 1$$

$$x_f = \sqrt[3]{y} + 1$$

$$A = \int_{-1}^0 [(y-1) - (\sqrt[3]{y} + 1)] dy +$$

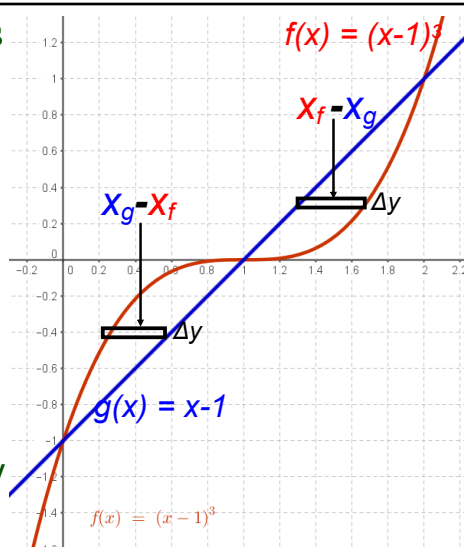
$$\int_0^1 [(\sqrt[3]{y} + 1) - (y-1)] dy$$

$$A = \int_{-1}^0 (y - y^{1/3} - 2) dy + \int_0^1 (y^{1/3} - y + 2) dy$$

$$= \left[\frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{y^{4/3}}{4/3} \right]_{-1}^0 + \left[\frac{y^{4/3}}{4/3} - \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 0 - [1/2 - 3/4] + [3/4 - 1/2 - 0]$$

$$= -1/2 + 3/4 + 3/4 - 1/2 = 3/2 - 1 = 1/2$$



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Summary of Finding Area betw 2 Curves

1. Sketch the curves and the find points of Intersection
2. Use the sketch to determine which integral to use:
 - o If each curve passes the vertical line test, then
Use a vertical rectangle, the x variable, and dx:
$$A = \int (\text{upper} - \text{lower}) dx$$
 - o If a curve fails the vertical line test but passes
the horizontal line test, then use a horizontal
rectangle, the y variable, and dy:
$$A = \int (\text{right} - \text{left}) dy$$
3. If the bounded area contains more than one
distinct
region, write the area as the sum of the areas of
each distinct region.
4. Limits of Integration:
 - o Use the coordinates of the points of intersection.
 - o If $x=k_1$ or $y=k_2$ is given this may be one of the limits.

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