

AREAS UNDER & BETWEEN CURVES

Each of the questions included here can be solved using TI-Nspire CX.

Question 1

Find the area of the region enclosed by the graphs of $y = x\sqrt{x+1}$ and $y = 2x$.

Question 2

Find the area enclosed by $f(x) = 24 - 2x - 2x^2$ and the x -axis.

Question 3

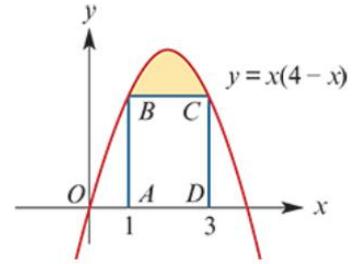
Find the area enclosed by the graph of $f(x) = e^{5x} - 2\sin(4x)$, the x -axis and the end points $x = -1$ and $x = 1$.

Question 4

Determine the signed area and the physical enclosed by the graph of $f(x) = (x-2)(x-4)(x+1)^2$ and the x -axis.

Question 5

For the graph shown at the right, find the area of the shaded region.



Question 6

For the function $y = \ln(5x + e) - 1$, determine the area under the curve between $x = 0$ and $x = 29$. Then decide where a vertical line should be placed to divide this area exactly in half?

Question 7

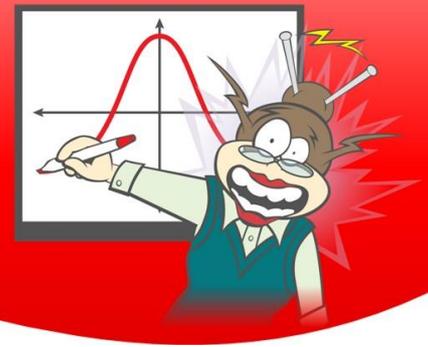
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Question 8

The size of a bacterial colony on an agar plate increases with time according to the formula: $G(t) = \frac{15}{t^2+1}$ where $G(t)$ is the increase in the area covered (cm²) after t hours. Using the trapezoidal rule, find the area covered after 5 hours.

Questions used in this worksheet were sourced from/inspired by:

- <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/senior-subjects/mathematics/mathematics-methods/assessment>
- Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4 for Queensland, Cambridge University Press



Mathematical Methods

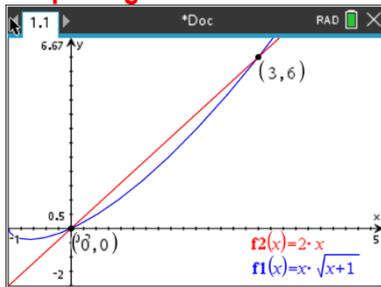
Unit 3: AREAS UNDER & BETWEEN CURVES

SOLUTIONS

Question 1

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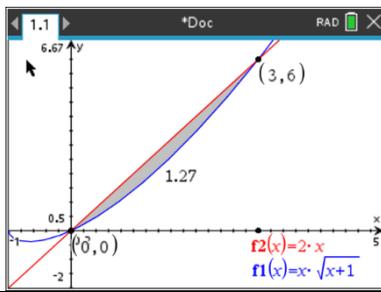
Graph Page:



Enter the 2 functions

Identify points of intersection

Menu->6:Analyze Graph->4:Intersection



Identify the Bounded Region

Menu->6:Analyze Graph->7:Bounded Area

Lower Boundary=0

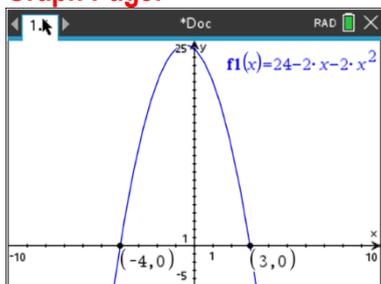
Upper Boundary = 3

Enclosed area = 1.27 units²

Question 2

Find the area enclosed by $f(x) = 24 - 2x - 2x^2$ and the x-axis.

Graph Page:



Enter the function

Find the x-intercepts (zeros)

Menu->6:Analyze Graph->1:Zeros

Select Integral from Menu

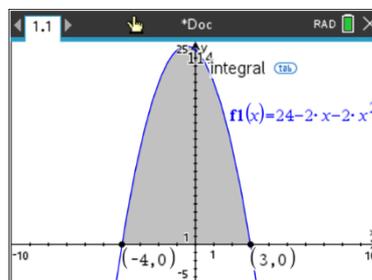
Menu->6:Analyze Graph-

Use x-intercepts as the lower

Lower Boundary = -4

Upper Boundary = 3

Area = 114 units²

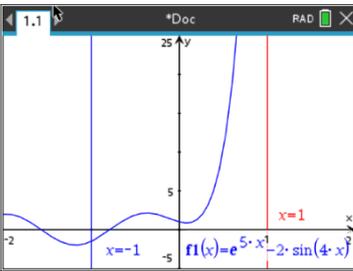


>6:Integral
and upper boundary

Question 3

Find the area enclosed by the graph of $f(x) = e^{5x} - 2\sin(4x)$, the x-axis and the end points $x = -1$ and $x = 1$.

Graph Page:



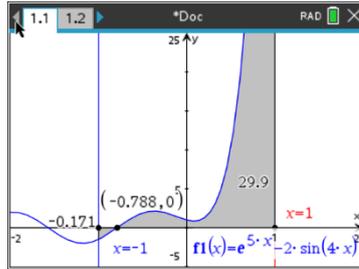
Graph the function
(Also graphed are the relations $x=-1$ and $x=1$ – not required but helpful)

Area is both above and below the x-axis, area will be calculated in 2 parts.
Identify x-intercept

Menu->6:Analyze Graph-
x-intercept = -0.788

Find Area Under each part of
Menu->6:Analyze Graph-

Enclosed area = $|$ -
= 30.071

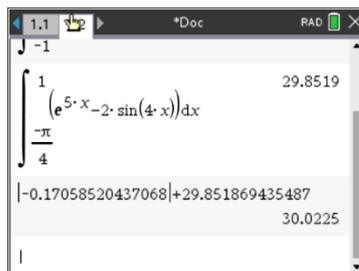
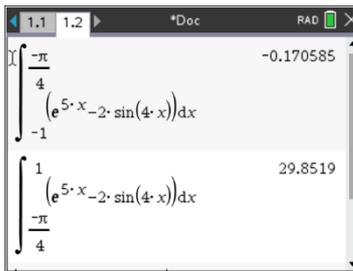


>1:Zeros
(approx. $\frac{-\pi}{4}$)

curve
>6:Integral

0.171|+29.9

Calculator Page:

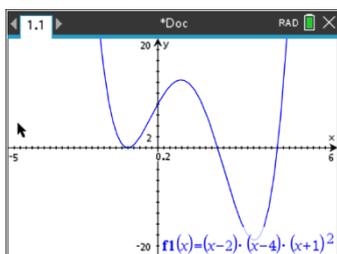


Enclosed area = 30.0225

Question 4

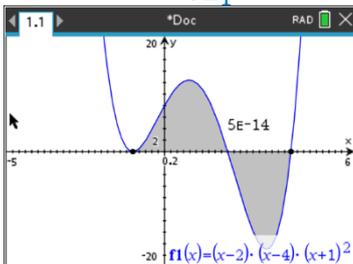
Determine the signed area and the physical enclosed by the graph of $f(x) = (x - 2)(x - 4)(x + 1)^2$ and the x-axis

Graph Page:



Graph the function
As the function is in factorised form the x-intercepts are -1, 2, 4

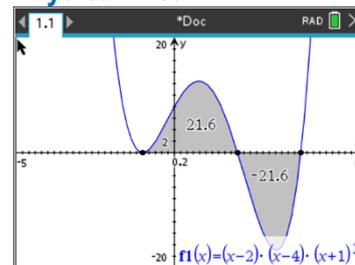
Signed Area = $\int_{-1}^4 f(x) dx$



Menu->6:Analyze Graph-
>6:Integral
Lower Boundary = -1
Upper Boundary = 4

Area = $5 \cdot 10^{-14}$
Approx. 0 units²

Physical Area:

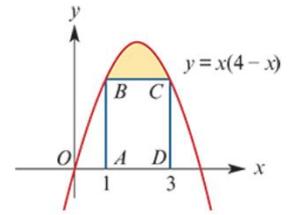


Calculate area in 2 parts

Area = $21.6 + |-21.6|$
= 43.2units²

Question 5

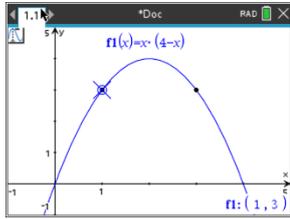
For the graph shown at the right, find the area of the shaded region



Graph Page:

Graph Function

Find the coordinates for points B ($x=1$) and C ($x=3$)



Menu->5:Trace

$x=1$

point = (1,3)

Therefore line BC is at $y=3$

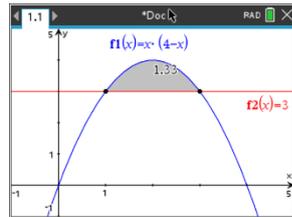
Graph $y=3$

Use Area Between

Menu->6:Analyze

Lower Boundary = 1

Upper Boundary = 3



Curves

Graph->7:Bounded Area

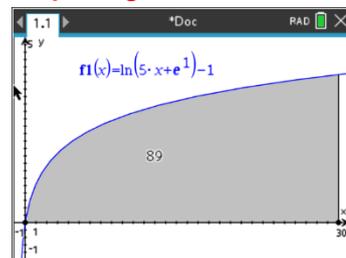
Shaded area = $1\frac{1}{3}$

units²

Question 6

For the function $y = \ln(5x + e) - 1$, determine the area under the curve between $x = 0$ and $x = 29$. Then decide where a vertical line should be placed to divide this area exactly in half?

Graph Page:



Graph the function

Find the Area Under Curve between $x=0$ and $x=29$

Menu->6:Analyze Graph->6:Integral

Lower Boundary = 0

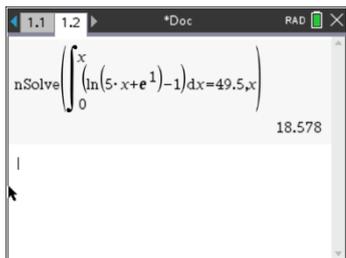
Upper Boundary = 29

Enclosed Area = 89units²

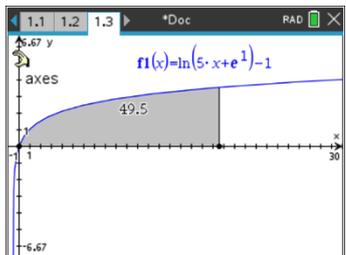
Half of Enclosed Area = $\frac{89}{2}$

= 49.5units²

Use **Calculator Page & Numerical Solve:**



Check on **Graph** page by finding Integral between $x=0$ and $x=18.578$



The vertical line should be placed at $x=18.578$ to halve the original area.

Question 7

Use the trapezoidal rule with $n=5$ to approximate the area under the curve $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ from $x = 2$ to $x = 3$

With 5 trapezoids between $x=2$ and $x=3$ the width of each trapezoid = $\frac{1}{5}$ or 0.2

Lists & Spreadsheets Page:

A	x	B	lengths	C	D
=			=1/x		
1	2		1/2		
2	2.2		0.454545		
3	2.4		0.416667		
4	2.6		0.384615		

Find the lengths of the parallel sides of each trapezoid using lists and spreadsheets page

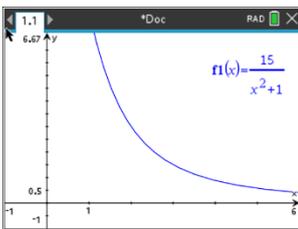
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{b-a}{2n} [f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 2f(x_3) + 2f(x_4) + f(x_5)] \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \left[\frac{1}{2} + 2 * \frac{1}{2.2} + 2 * \frac{1}{2.4} + 2 * \frac{1}{2.6} + 2 * \frac{1}{2.8} + \frac{1}{3} \right] \\ &= 0.4114 \text{ units}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Can check approximation using graph page or calculator page $\int_2^3 \frac{1}{x} dx$

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Graphs Page: [To view the area](#)



Lists & Spreadsheets Page:

Find the lengths of the parallel sides of trapezoids – let $n=5$ so width of each trapezoid is

1cm.

A	t	B	lengths	C	D
=			=15/(t^2+1)		
2	1		15/2		
3	2		3		
4	3		3/2		
5	4		15/17		
6	5		15/26		

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{b-a}{2n} [f(x_1) + \\ &= \frac{5}{2*5} \left[15 + 2 * \right. \\ &= 20.67 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &2f(x_2) + 2f(x_3) + 2f(x_4) + 2f(x_5) + f(x_6)] \\ &7.5 + 2 * 3 + 2 * 1.5 + 2 * \frac{15}{17} + \frac{15}{26} \end{aligned}$$

The bacterial colony will cover approx. 20.67cm² after 5 hours.