

# AREA BETWEEN TWO CURVES [SST 6.1]

## • AREAS OF VERTICALLY SIMPLE (V-SIMPLE) REGIONS

- **SETUP:** Given  $f, g \in C[a, b]$  s.t.  $f(x) \geq g(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$  (i.e. curve  $f$  lies above curve  $g$  over  $[a, b]$ )  
Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = f(x)$ ,  $y = g(x)$ , and the lines  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$ .
- **TASK:** Find the area of region  $R$ .
- Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N\} \subset [a, b]$  be **arbitrary**.
- Let **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*, \dots, x_{N-1}^*, x_N^*\} \subset [a, b]$  be **arbitrary**.
- **Key element: V-Rectangle (V-Rect)**

Width of $k^{th}$ V-Rect	:=	(Length of $k^{th}$ subinterval)	=	$\Delta x_k$
Height of $k^{th}$ V-Rect	:=	(Top BC) - (Bottom BC)	=	$f(x_k^*) - g(x_k^*)$
Area of $k^{th}$ V-Rect	:=	(Height) $\times$ (Width)	=	$[f(x_k^*) - g(x_k^*)] \Delta x_k$
- Riemann Sum:  $\text{Area}(R) \approx A_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N [f(x_k^*) - g(x_k^*)] \Delta x_k$
- Integral:  $\text{Area}(R) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} A_N^* = \int_{\text{smallest x-coord.}}^{\text{largest x-coord.}} [f(x) - g(x)] dx = \boxed{\int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx}$

## • AREAS OF HORIZONTALLY SIMPLE (H-SIMPLE) REGIONS

- **SETUP:** Given  $p, q \in C[c, d]$  s.t.  $p(y) \geq q(y) \quad \forall y \in [c, d]$  (i.e. curve  $p$  lies to the right of curve  $q$  over  $[c, d]$ )  
Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $x = p(y)$ ,  $x = q(y)$ , and the lines  $y = c$ ,  $y = d$ .
- **TASK:** Find the area of region  $R$ .
- Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1}, y_N\} \subset [c, d]$  be **arbitrary**.
- Let **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*, \dots, y_{N-1}^*, y_N^*\} \subset [c, d]$  be **arbitrary**.
- **Key element: H-Rectangle (H-Rect)**

Width of $k^{th}$ H-Rect	:=	(Length of $k^{th}$ subinterval)	=	$\Delta y_k$
Length of $k^{th}$ H-Rect	:=	(Right BC) - (Left BC)	=	$p(y_k^*) - q(y_k^*)$
Area of $k^{th}$ H-Rect	:=	(Length) $\times$ (Width)	=	$[p(y_k^*) - q(y_k^*)] \Delta y_k$
- Riemann Sum:  $\text{Area}(R) \approx A_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N [p(y_k^*) - q(y_k^*)] \Delta y_k$
- Integral:  $\text{Area}(R) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} A_N^* = \int_{\text{smallest y-coord.}}^{\text{largest y-coord.}} [p(y) - q(y)] dy = \boxed{\int_c^d [p(y) - q(y)] dy}$

## • PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING APPROPRIATE KEY ELEMENT:

- STEP 1: Sketch region  $R$
- STEP 2: Characterize region  $R$ :
  - \* Label all **boundary curves (BC's)** of region  $R$  (both in terms of  $x$  and in terms of  $y$ )
  - \* Label all **boundary points (BP's)**, which are the **intersection points** of the BC's.
- STEP 3: Determine the simplicity of region  $R$ :

REGION	KEY ELEMENT
V-Simple	V-Rect
H-Simple	H-Rect
Both	Choose either V-Rect or H-Rect
Neither	Subdivide Region along a BP & repeat STEP 3 for each subregion

**EX 6.1.1:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by the curve  $y = \ln x$ , the  $x$ -axis, and lines  $x = 1$ ,  $x = 10$ .

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup Riemann sum to estimate  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **V-Rects**.

(c) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **V-Rects**.

(d) Setup Riemann sum to estimate  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **H-Rects**.

(e) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **H-Rects**.

**EX 6.1.2:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , the  $y$ -axis, and the line  $x = 2$ .

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **V-Rects**.

(c) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **H-Rects**.

**EX 6.1.3:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = x^2$  and  $y = \sqrt[3]{x}$ .

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **V-Rects**.

(c) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **H-Rects**.

**EX 6.1.4:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by the curve  $x = 1 + \sqrt{y}$ , the  $y$ -axis, and lines  $y = 1$ ,  $y = 4$ .

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **V-Rects**.

(c) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **H-Rects**.

**EX 6.1.5:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $x = 2 - y^2$  and  $x = -y$ .

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **V-Rects**.

(c) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **H-Rects**.

**EX 6.1.6:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by the curve  $y = \sin(2x)$ , the  $x$ -axis and lines  $x = \pi/2$ ,  $x = 3\pi/2$ .

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  using **V-Rects**.

**EX 6.1.7:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by the curve  $y = \arctan x$  and lines  $x = -1$ ,  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ ,  $y = \pi$ .

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral to find  $\text{Area}(R)$  **using V-Rects**.