

**Lesson 8.2: Area Between Curves**

$\int_a^b f(x) dx$  produces a value “signed area” which may be positive, negative, or zero.

However, if you are asked to find an actual area, that area can't be \_\_\_\_\_.

Area of a Region Between Two Curves:

For functions of  $x$ ,  $A = \int_a^b (\text{top curve} - \text{bottom curve}) dx$ .

For functions of  $y$ ,  $A = \int_a^b (\text{right curve} - \text{left curve}) dy$ .

Example:

Find the area of the region bounded by  $y = x^2 + 2$ ,  $y = x$ ,  $x = 0$ , and  $x = 1$ .

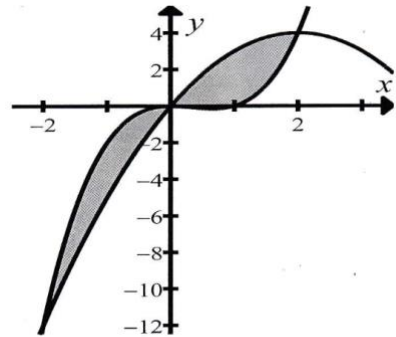
Sometimes, you have to find where two curves intersect to determine “boundaries” for your region(s). These intersections will provide you with \_\_\_\_\_ for your integral(s). You must show an equation set up, even when using a calculator to find intersections.

Examples:

1. Find the area of the region bounded by  $x = y^2 - 3$  and  $y = x + 1$ .

2. Find the total area of the regions located between the two curves as shown. You may use a calculator.

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 \text{ and } g(x) = -x^2 + 4.1x$$



3. Without using a calculator set up an integral for the area of one region bounded between the graphs of  $y = \sin(\theta)$  and  $y = \cos(\theta)$ .