Area Between Curves

• Integrating in x. Let R be the region bounded above by y = g(x), below by y = f(x), on the left by x = a, and on the right by x = b. Then the area of R is

$$\int_{a}^{b} (g(x) - f(x)) \, dx.$$

• Integrating in y. Let R be the region bounded on the right by x = g(y), on the left by x = f(y), below by y = c, and above by y = d. Then the area of R is

$$\int_{c}^{d} (g(y) - f(y)) \, dy.$$

Examples.

- 1. Find the area of the region bounded by $y = x^4$ and y = 1.
- 2. Find the area of the region between the graphs of $f(x) = (x 1)^3$ and g(x) = x 1.
- 3. Find the area of the region bounded by $x = 1 y^2$, x = y + 2, y = 1, and y = -1.