

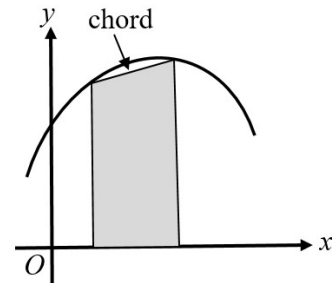
Area under a graph

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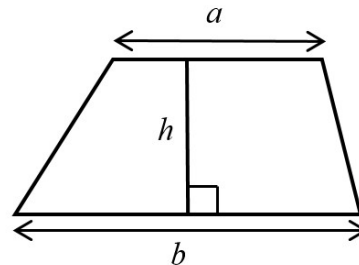
Scheme of work: 7b. Definite integrals and areas under curves

Key points

- To estimate the area under a curve, draw a chord between the two points you are finding the area between and straight lines down to the horizontal axis to create a trapezium. The area of the trapezium is an approximation for the area under a curve.

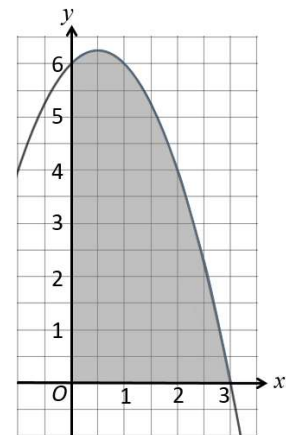


- The area of a trapezium = $\frac{1}{2}h(a+b)$



Examples

Example 1 Estimate the area of the region between the curve $y = (3 - x)(2 + x)$ and the x -axis from $x = 0$ to $x = 3$. Use three strips of width 1 unit.



x	0	1	2	3
$y = (3 - x)(2 + x)$	6	6	4	0

Trapezium 1:
 $a_1 = 6 - 0 = 6$, $b_1 = 6 - 0 = 6$

Trapezium 2:
 $a_2 = 6 - 0 = 6$, $b_2 = 4 - 0 = 4$

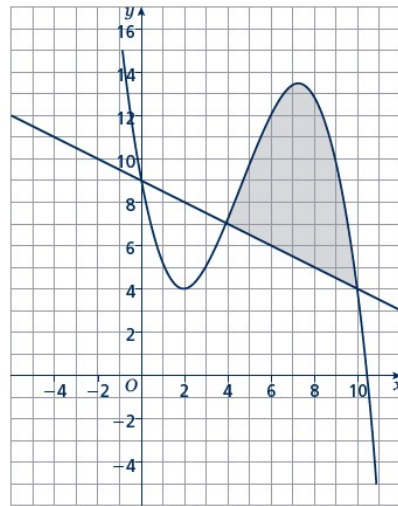
Trapezium 3:
 $a_3 = 4 - 0 = 4$, $b_3 = 0 - 0 = 0$

- 1 Use a table to record the value of y on the curve for each value of x .
- 2 Work out the dimensions of each trapezium. The distances between the y -values on the curve and the x -axis give the values for a .

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$\frac{1}{2}h(a_1 + b_1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1(6 + 6) = 6$ $\frac{1}{2}h(a_2 + b_2) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1(6 + 4) = 5$ $\frac{1}{2}h(a_3 + b_3) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1(4 + 0) = 2$ <p>Area = 6 + 5 + 2 = 13 units²</p>	<p>3 Work out the area of each trapezium. $h = 1$ since the width of each trapezium is 1 unit.</p> <p>4 Work out the total area. Remember to give units with your answer.</p>
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Example 2 Estimate the shaded area.
Use three strips of width 2 units.



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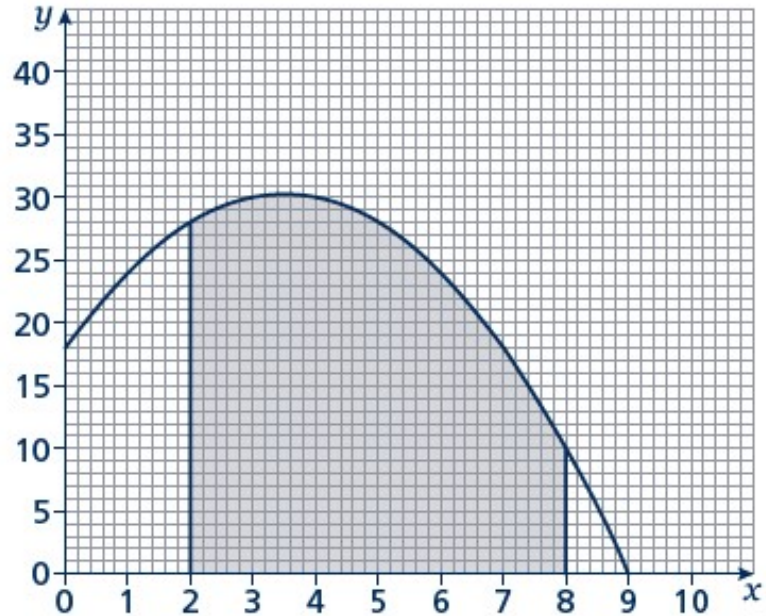
Practice

- 1 Estimate the area of the region between the curve $y = (5 - x)(x + 2)$ and the x -axis from $x = 1$ to $x = 5$.
Use four strips of width 1 unit.

Hint:

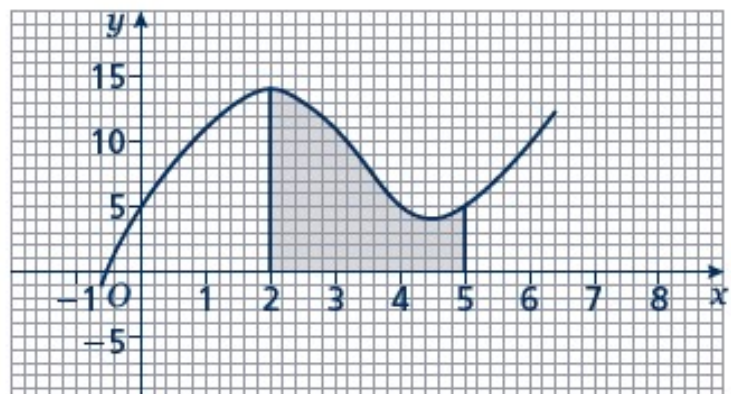
For a full answer, remember to include 'units²'.

- 2 Estimate the shaded area shown on the axes.
Use six strips of width 1 unit.



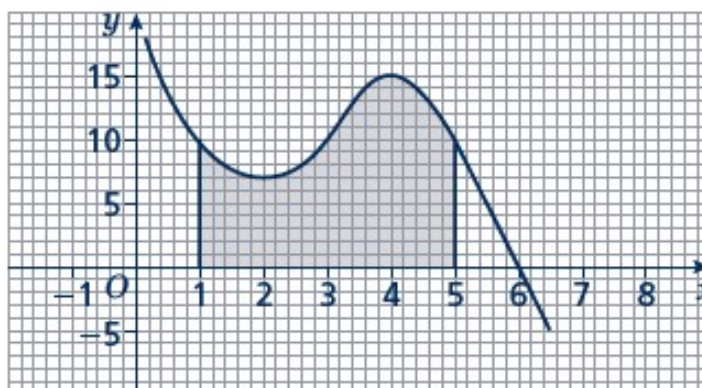
- 3 Estimate the area of the region between the curve $y = x^2 - 8x + 18$ and the x -axis from $x = 2$ to $x = 6$.
Use four strips of width 1 unit.

- 4 Estimate the shaded area.
Use six strips of width $\frac{1}{2}$ unit.



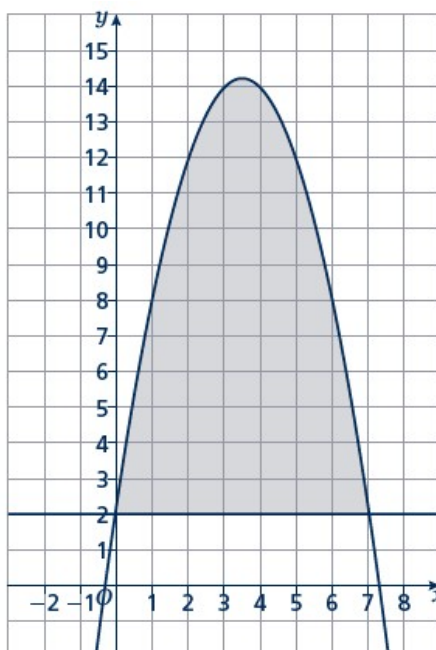
- 5 Estimate the area of the region between the curve $y = -x^2 - 4x + 5$ and the x -axis from $x = -5$ to $x = 1$.
Use six strips of width 1 unit.

- 6 Estimate the shaded area.
Use four strips of equal width.



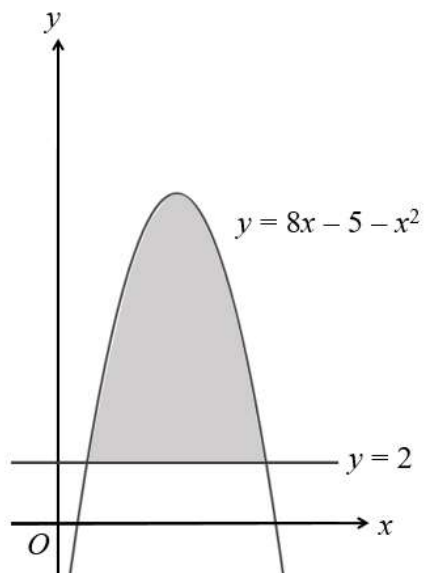
- 7 Estimate the area of the region between the curve $y = -x^2 + 2x + 15$ and the x -axis from $x = 2$ to $x = 5$.
Use six strips of equal width.

- 8 Estimate the shaded area.
Use seven strips of equal width.

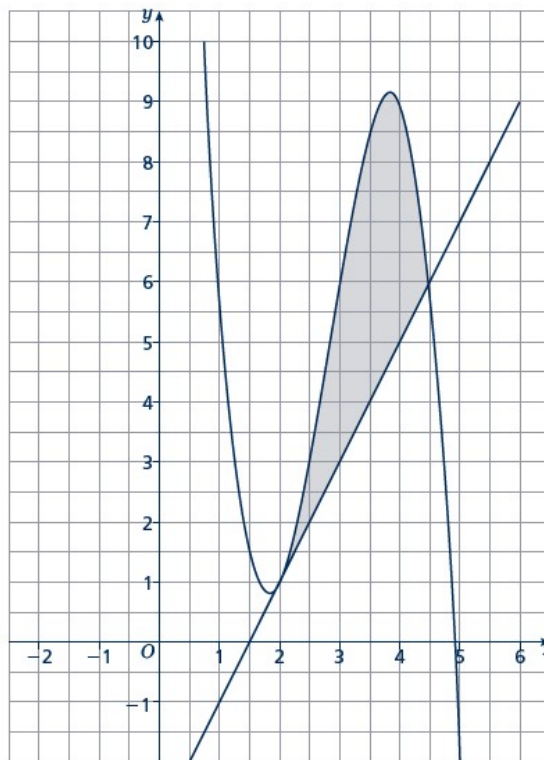


Extend

- 9 The curve $y = 8x - 5 - x^2$ and the line $y = 2$ are shown in the sketch. Estimate the shaded area using six strips of equal width.



- 10 Estimate the shaded area using five strips of equal width.



Answers

1 34 units²

2 149 units²

3 14 units²

4 $25\frac{1}{4}$ units²

5 35 units²

6 42 units²

7 $26\frac{7}{8}$ units²

8 56 units²

9 35 units²

10 $6\frac{1}{4}$ units²