

Integration is used to find the area under a curve or a function.

In Physics it is used to find the velocity and trajectory of a satellite.

To find the area between two curves or a curve and a straight line, the integral of the upper line subtract the lower line has to be evaluated.

This graph shows the functions $F(x) = x^2 + 4x$ and $G(x) = x^3 - 3x$.

The graphs intersect at the point A, three twenty-one.

Calculate the area of the shaded part.

$F(x)$ is the upper curve and $G(x)$ is the lower curve.

The area will be the definite integral of $F(x)$ subtract $G(x)$ between the limits zero and three.

The three is the x value of the point of intersection of both curves.

First simplify $F(x)$ subtract $G(x)$ before integrating.

So the integral becomes $7x + x^2 - x^3$ dx.

Then integrate to $7x^2/2 + 1/3 x^3 - 1/4 x^4$.

Substitute and evaluate using the limits zero and three to get the area in squared units.

So, the area between the two curves is $20\frac{1}{4}$ square units.

Remember to simplify the difference between the upper curve and lower curve before integrating.