

Formulas For Calculating The Areas Of Regions Bounded By The Quadratic Function And The Line, Two Quadratic Functions

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Abstract

This article brings formulas for finding the areas of regions bounded by the quadratic function and the x -axis, the quadratic function and the line $y=kx+l$, two quadratic functions and these three cases are generalized. The generated formula can be used in problems concerning the calculation of the area of the region bounded by the quadratic function. In the secondary schools mathematics course, the definite integral topic presents problems of the quadratic function concerning with the area. The article is viewed for the general equation of the quadratic function and induced a formula related to the discriminant, roots and coefficient of x^2 term of the quadratic polynomial. Vieta's theorem was used to create formulas. From the geometric point of view, the area bounded by the x -axis and the quadratic function equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ part of the rectangle, which sides equal to the subtraction of quadratic polynomial roots and the ordinate of vertex of a quadratic function (parabola). In conclusion two formulas are induced. Second formula is related to the ordinate of vertex of a quadratic function (parabola). These formulas allow to solve the problems under consideration quickly and easily.

Keywords: area of the region; coefficients; discriminant; formula; quadratic function; roots.

1. Introduction

In the secondary schools of mathematics course (Linsky, J., Western, B., & Nicholson, J., 2018) is provides examples of calculating the areas of the regions bounded by the quadratic function and the x -axis, the quadratic function and the line $y=kx+l$ and two quadratic functions in examples relating to definite integral. Most countries mathematics books (Муравина, О., & Муравин, Г., 2020) of secondary school exist topics about an application of definite integral. Secondary school often experience difficulty with solving integration problems. Integration is part of the Mathematics syllabus in most of countries (Kiat, 2005; Лукьянова, Т. И., & Мансурова, Е. Р., 2017; Danial, 2020).

Archimedes learned a parabola as the section produced by a plane cutting a right angled cone at a right angle to an element of the cone (Bergsten, 2004). One of Archimedes' most celebrated discoveries is his determination of the area of a segment of a parabola (Dijksterhuis, E.J. translated by C.Dikshoorn, 1987). Of course, the area of a parabolic segment can be found today with integral calculus. Isaac Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, who formally developed calculus (Bardi, 2009). Archimedes' approach to area was foundational in the eventual formulation of the integral (Powers, 2020; Lu, 2023).

Problems of the quadratic function and quadratic equation have been studied in the work of researchers (Díaz, V., Aravena, M., & Flores, G., 2020; Shinariko, L. J., Hartono, Y., Yusup, M., Hiltrimartin, C., & Araiku, J., 2021; Tendere, J., & Mutambara, L. H. N., 2020).

Geometrical and graphical solution of quadratic equations (Hornsby, E. J., 1990; Ben-Ari, M., 2022) and history of quadratic equation (Taub, D., 2022; Rogers, L. & Pope, S., 2015) learned by researchers.

The Vieta's theorem is used for relating coefficients to roots of quadratic polynomial (Абдієва, Ш., & Тургунбаєв, Р., 2023). The generalized form of the Vieta's Theorem and its special cases for quadratic, cubic, and quartic equations considered by Grigorieva, E., & Grigorieva, E. (2015).

Researchers (Hidayah et al., 2021; Susilo, B. E., 2019; Camacho, M., 2004; Serhan, D., 2015; Ely, R., & Jones, S. R., 2023) have applied the define integral to solving problems related to finding the area of the region.

But the problems which are related coefficients of quadratic polynomial to the areas of the regions bounded by the quadratic function and the x -axis, the quadratic function and the line $y = kx + l$ and two quadratic functions have not considered.

How to solve finding the areas of the regions bounded by the quadratic function and the x -axis, the quadratic function and the line $y = kx + l$ and two quadratic functions without applying the define integral?

How is related coefficients of quadratic polinomial to areas of the regiones bounded by the quadratic function and the x -axis, the quadratic function and the line $y = kx + l$ and two quadratic functions? How is represented found region by geometrical point of view? It has been established below that solutions to such problems can be expressed in a general formula. Below formula created for three cases and they generalized.

2. Method

Formula for finding the area of region bounded by the quadratic function and the x -axis

If diskriminant of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ quadratic polinomial is $D > 0$ positive, then it has x_1, x_2 ($x_1 < x_2$) real roots exist. How is related the coefficients of quadratic polynomial to the area bounded by the $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ quadratic function and the x -axis? Below it was calculated the define integral of the quadratic function $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ on the interval $[x_1; x_2]$ (figures 1-2).

Since Vieta's theorem $x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a}$, $x_1 \cdot x_2 = \frac{c}{a}$ is appropriate for the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, it will be calculate following define integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (ax^2 + bx + c) dx &= \left(\frac{ax^3}{3} + \frac{bx^2}{2} + cx \right) \Bigg|_{x_1}^{x_2} = \frac{a}{3} (x_2^3 - x_1^3) + \frac{b}{2} (x_2^2 - x_1^2) + c(x_2 - x_1) = \\ &= \frac{a}{3} (x_2 - x_1) (x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2) + \frac{b}{2} (x_2^2 - x_1^2) + c(x_2 - x_1) = (x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{a}{3} ((x_1 + x_2)^2 - x_1x_2) + \frac{b}{2} (x_1 + x_2) + c \right) = \\ &= (x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{a}{3} \left(\left(-\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{c}{a} \right) + \frac{b}{2} \left(-\frac{b}{a} \right) + c \right) = (x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{b^2}{3a} - \frac{c}{3} - \frac{b^2}{2a} + c \right) = (x_2 - x_1) \frac{-(b^2 - 4ac)}{6a} = \\ &= (x_2 - x_1) \frac{-D}{6a}. \end{aligned}$$

From Figure 1 it can be seen that the graph of a function lies below the x -axis on the interval $[x_1; x_2]$ i.e. the value of the function is negative. However, when the area of the region is calculated, its absolute value is obtained.

If $a > 0$, then it will be $\frac{-D}{6a} < 0$, but since the area of the region is positive, it will be get its absolute value.

In conclusion, it can be define that the area of bounded by $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ quadratic function and the x -axis depends on the value of discriminant D and coefficient a :

$$S = \left| (x_2 - x_1) \frac{D}{6a} \right|, \quad (1)$$

It is appropriate when the formula (1) induced above is $D > 0$, that is, a quadratic function has two common points with the x -axis.

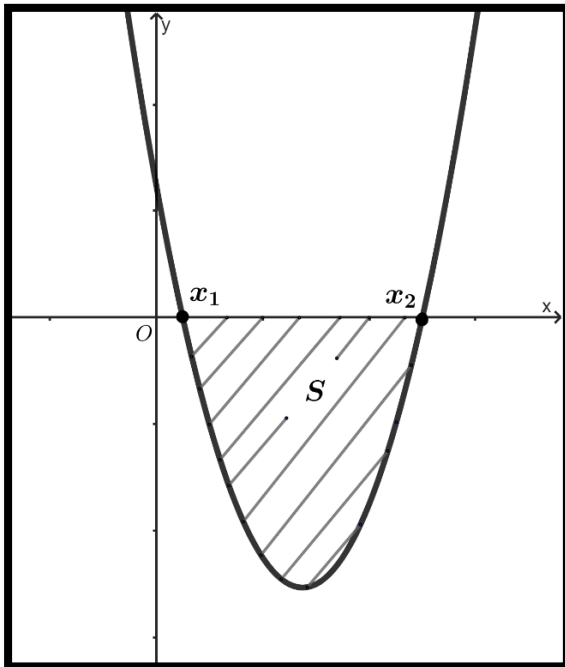


Figure 1. Area of region bounded by the quadratic function and the x -axis

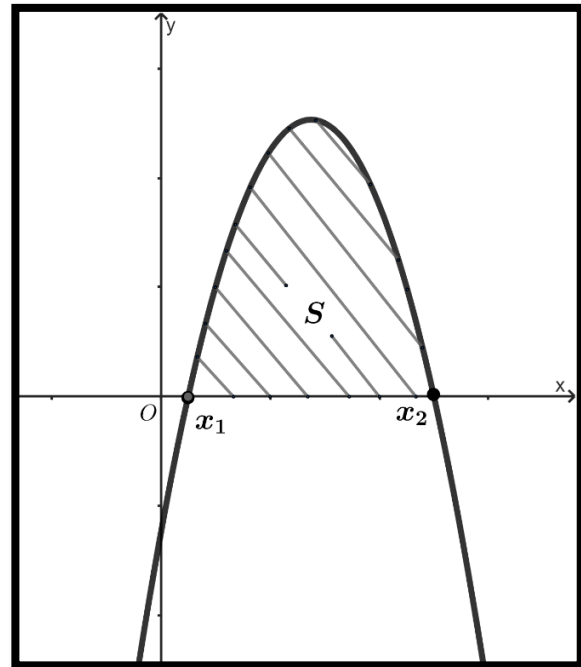


Figure 2. Area of region bounded by the quadratic function and the x -axis

Formula for finding the area of region bounded by the quadratic function and the line $y = kx + l$

Now, when a straight line is taken in place of the x -axis, that is, the question of how to find the area by the curve with equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ and the line $y = kx + l$ is considered (Figure 3-4).

When intersecting with $y = kx + l$ line and $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ parabola, the quadratic equation $-ax^2 - (b - k)x - (c - l) = 0$ is obtained. For the resulting quadratic equation must be $D > 0$, otherwise the parabola and line will not intersect and an enclosed region will not be formed. If $D > 0$, then the equation will have x_1 and x_2 roots.

Below, when $a > 0$, the area is found for the region bounded by the quadratic function $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ (parabola) and the line $y = kx + l$ (Figure 3).

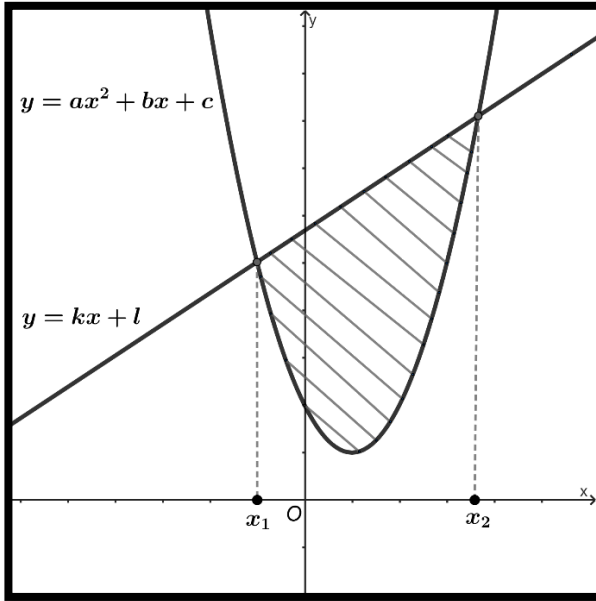


Figure 3. Area of region bounded by the quadratic function and the line $y = kx + l$

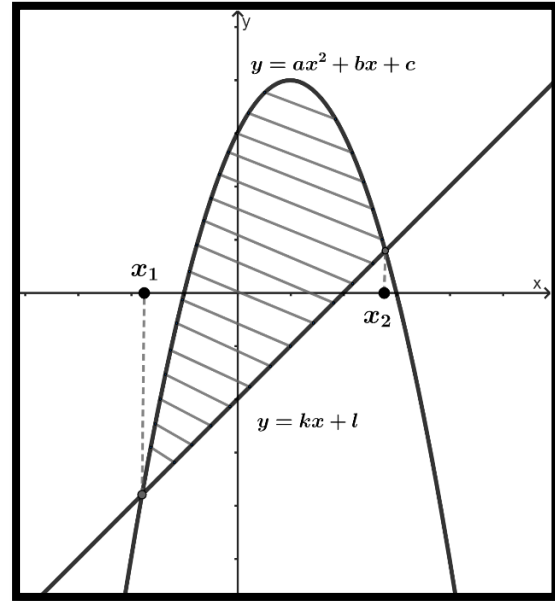


Figure 4. Area of region bounded by the quadratic function and the line $y = kx + l$

$$S = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} ((kx + l) - (ax^2 + bx + c)) dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (-ax^2 - (b-k)x - (c-l)) dx =$$

For the quadratic polinomial $-ax^2 - (b-k)x - (c-l)$ under the integral, the Vieta's theorem is appropriate and becomes $x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b-k}{a}$, $x_1x_2 = \frac{c-l}{a}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(-\frac{ax^3}{3} - \frac{(b-k)x^2}{2} - (c-l)x \right) \Big|_{x_1}^{x_2} = -\frac{a}{3}(x_2^3 - x_1^3) - \frac{b-k}{2}(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (c-l)(x_2 - x_1) = \\ &= -(x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{a}{3}((x_1 + x_2)^2 - x_1x_2) + \frac{b-k}{2}(x_1 + x_2) + (c-l) \right) = \\ &= -(x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{a}{3} \left(\left(-\frac{b-k}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{c-l}{a} \right) + \frac{b-k}{2} \left(-\frac{b-k}{a} \right) + (c-l) \right) = \\ &= -(x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{(b-k)^2}{3a} - \frac{c-l}{3} - \frac{(b-k)^2}{2a} + (c-l) \right) = \\ &= (x_2 - x_1) \frac{(b-k)^2 - 4a(c-l)}{6a} = (x_2 - x_1) \frac{D}{6a}. \end{aligned}$$

So, when $a > 0$, the area bounded by the parabola and the line is calculated by the formula

$$S = (x_2 - x_1) \frac{(b-k)^2 - 4a(c-l)}{6a} = (x_2 - x_1) \frac{D}{6a} \quad (2)$$

Formula for finding the area of region bounded by two quadratic functions

Below is the problem of finding the area bounded by two curves $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ and $y = mx^2 + nx + p$ (Figures 5-6).

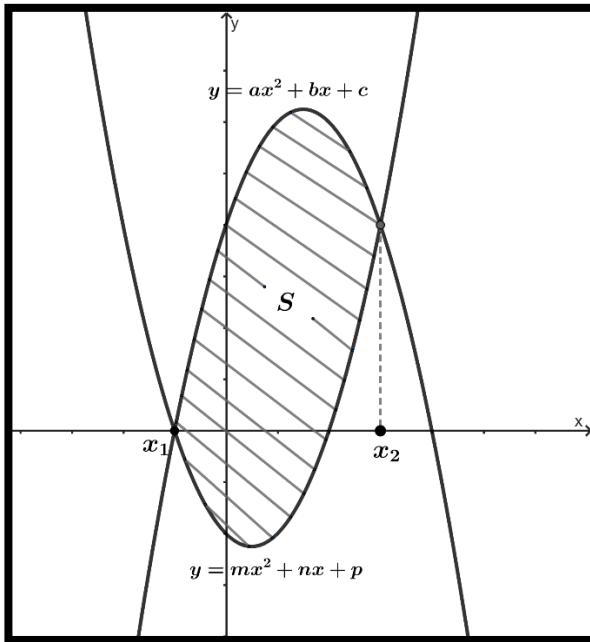


Figure 5. The area of region bounded by two quadratic functions

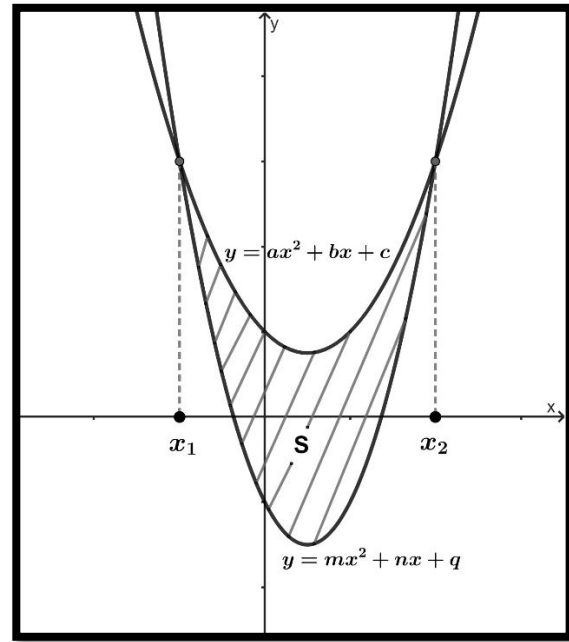


Figure 6. The area of region bounded by two quadratic functions

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} ((ax^2 + bx + c) - (mx^2 + nx + p)) dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} ((a-m)x^2 + (b-n)x + (c-p)) dx = \\
 &= \left(-\frac{ax^3}{3} - \frac{(b-n)x^2}{2} - (c-p)x \right) \Big|_{x_1}^{x_2} = \frac{a-m}{3}(x_2^3 - x_1^3) + \frac{b-n}{2}(x_2^2 - x_1^2) + (c-p)(x_2 - x_1) = \\
 &= (x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{a-m}{3}((x_1 + x_2)^2 - x_1x_2) + \frac{b-n}{2}(x_1 + x_2) + (c-p) \right) = \\
 &= (x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{a-m}{3} \left(\left(-\frac{b-n}{a-m} \right)^2 - \frac{c-p}{a-m} \right) + \frac{b-n}{2} \left(-\frac{b-n}{a-m} \right) + (c-p) \right) = \\
 &= (x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{(b-n)^2}{3(a-m)} - \frac{c-p}{3} - \frac{(b-n)^2}{2(a-m)} + (c-p) \right) = \\
 &= (x_2 - x_1) \frac{-((b-n)^2 - 4(a-m)(c-p))}{6(a-m)} = (x_2 - x_1) \frac{-D}{6(a-m)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $a-m < 0$, $\frac{-D}{6(a-m)} > 0$. Here, the fact that Vieta's theorem $x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b-n}{a-m}$,

$x_1x_2 = \frac{c-p}{a-m}$ has been used for the quadratic equation $(a-m)x^2 + (b-n)x + (c-p) = 0$ under the integral. $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ and $y = mx^2 + nx + p$ quadratic functions must intersect at two points, otherwise a bounded enclosed region will not be formed. Where $a-m \neq 0$ is the coefficient of x^2 term of the quadratic polynomial $(a-m)x^2 + (b-n)x + (c-p)$ under the integral and discriminant $D > 0$ is positive.

So, area bounded by two curves with equations $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ and $y = mx^2 + nx + p$ calculated by following formula:

$$S = (x_2 - x_1) \frac{-((b-n)^2 - 4(a-m)(c-p))}{6(a-m)} = (x_2 - x_1) \frac{-D}{6(a-m)} \quad (3)$$

3. Results and Discussion

Generalized formula for above three cases

In conclusion, all three cases of the above, the area of the region is represented by the similar formulas:

$$S = \left| (x_2 - x_1) \frac{D}{6q} \right|, \quad (4)$$

where x_1, x_2 is the abscissas of intersection points of graphs, D is the discriminant of the quadratic polinomial under the integral, q is the coefficient of x^2 term of the quadratic polinomial under the integral.

Geometric point of view.

The founding formula (1) is calculated the area of the region bounded by the x -axis and the quadratic function. Below, from the fact that this region lies inside rectangle which sides equal to $x_2 - x_1$ and y_0 , the finding region forms how part of the area of the rectangle (Figure 7).

$x_0 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} = -\frac{b}{2a}$ is abscissa of vertex of parabola,
 $y_0 = y(x_0) = ax_0^2 + bx_0 + c = a \cdot \left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + b \cdot \left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) + c = \frac{-(b^2 - 4ac)}{4a} = \frac{-D}{4a}$ is ordinate of vertex of parabola. Since the ordinate of $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ parabola is $y_0 = \frac{D}{4a}$, it is expressed by the formula (1) found above.

$$S = \left| (x_2 - x_1) \frac{D}{6a} \right| = \left| (x_2 - x_1) \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{D}{4a} \right| = \left| (x_2 - x_1) \frac{2}{3} y_0 \right| \quad (5)$$

If the (5) formula is viewed from a geometric point of view, the area of the region bounded by the x -axis and the quadratic function is equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the area of the rectangle which sides equal to $x_2 - x_1$ and y_0 . The area of the shaded region is $\frac{2}{3}$ part of the area of the rectangle. The remainder part is equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ part of the rectangle. So when you calculate the area of a region, you have to take into account the vertex of the parabola (Figure 7).

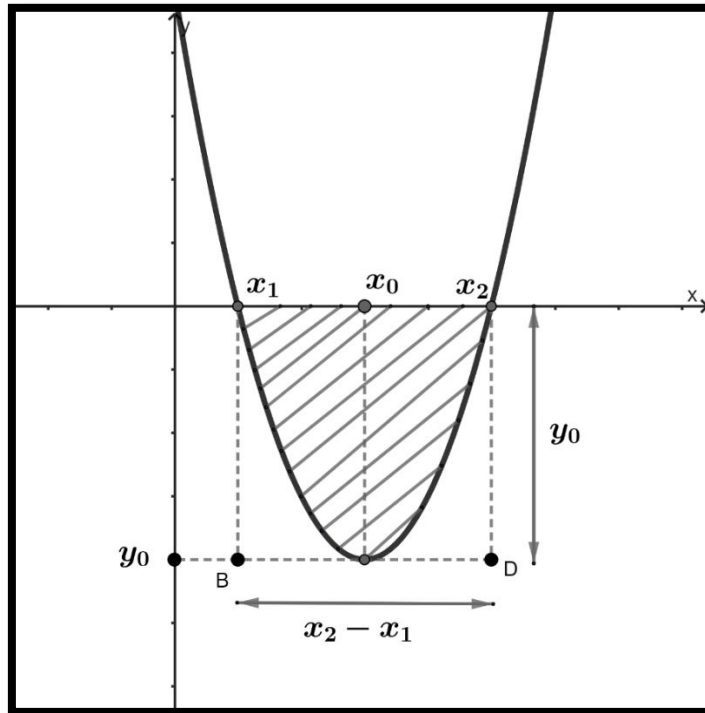


Figure 7

4. Conclusion

So, since the area of the region presented in Figure 7 is also expressed using the following formula:

$$S = \left| (x_2 - x_1) \frac{2}{3} y_0 \right| \quad (6)$$

where x_1, x_2 are abscissas of points of intersection with the x -axis of a quadratic function graph, y_0 is the ordinate of vertex of the parabola.

Second formula for above three cases

For all of the above cases, the formula (7) expressed through the ordinate of vertex of the parabola is appropriate.

$$S = \left| (x_2 - x_1) \frac{D}{6q} \right| = \left| (x_2 - x_1) \frac{2}{3} y_0 \right|, \quad (7)$$

where y_0 is the ordinate of vertex of a quadratic function (parabola) under the integral.

So it can solve that the above problems can be solved using two formulas (4) and (6). Also, these formulas allow you to quickly and easily solve such problems.

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