

Instructions: Please show all reasoning and work using the standard notation correctly.

1. Find the area bounded by the curves $y = x^2$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$

$$x^2 = \sqrt{x}$$

$$x^4 = (\sqrt{x})^2$$

$$x^4 = x$$

$$x^4 - x = 0$$

$$x(x^3 - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x^3 - 1 = 0$$

$$x^3 = 1$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{1} = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 (\sqrt{x} - x^2) dx = \int_0^1 x^{1/2} - x^2 dx = \left. \frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} (1)^{3/2} - \frac{1}{3} (1)^3 = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

2. Calculate the Gini Index of income concentration for the Lorenz curve given by $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{x}{3}$ and explain if income is distributed more or less equally for this curve.

$$G.I. = 2 \int_0^1 \left[x - \left(\frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{x}{3} \right) \right] dx = 2 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right) dx = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 x - x^3 dx$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$\frac{1}{3}$ is closer to 0 than 1 and so income is more equally distributed.

3. Find the equilibrium point if the demand curve is given by $p = D(x) = 900 - x^2$ and the supply curve is given by $p = S(x) = x^2 + 100$.

$$D(x) = S(x)$$

$$x = 20$$

$$900 - x^2 = x^2 + 100$$

$$p = S(20) = 20^2 + 100$$

$$800 = 2x^2$$

$$= 500$$

$$400 = x^2$$

$$x = \pm 20$$

So the equilibrium point is

(20, 500) or the demand at equilibrium

We don't want negative demand so... is 20 units at a price of 500 units of money