

Section 5.2: Volumes

Solid Formed by Revolution

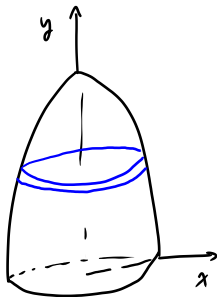
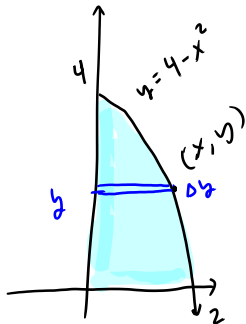
Consider a region bounded under the nonnegative function $y = f(x)$ for $a \leq x \leq b$. If this region is rotated about the x -axis, a solid is formed. The cross sections of this solid will be circles with radius $f(x)$. So the volume of such a solid is

$$\text{Solid of Revolution: } V = \int_a^b \pi(f(x))^2 dx$$

This is called the method of **disks**. Each very thin slice is a disk.

We can construct a similar integral for the volume of a solid of revolution for which the axis of rotation is some other horizontal or vertical line (i.e. not the x -axis)

The first quadrant region bounded between $y = 4 - x^2$ and the x and y axes is rotated about the y -axis. Find the volume of the resulting solid.



$$\text{radius} = x$$

$$= \sqrt{4 - y}$$

Volume of one disk

$$V_D = \pi r^2 \Delta y$$

$$= \pi(4 - y) \Delta y$$

$$y = 4 - x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = 4 - y \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{4 - y}$$

The total volume

$$V = \int_0^4 \pi (4-y) dy$$

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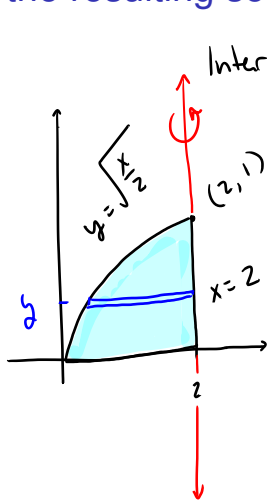
$$= \pi \left[4y - \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^4$$

$$= \pi \left[4 \cdot 4 - \frac{4^2}{2} - \left(4 \cdot 0 - \frac{0^2}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \pi (16 - 8)$$

$$= 8\pi$$

The region bounded by the curves $y = \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}}$, $y = 0$, and $x = 2$ is rotated about the line $x = 2$. Find the volume of the resulting solid.



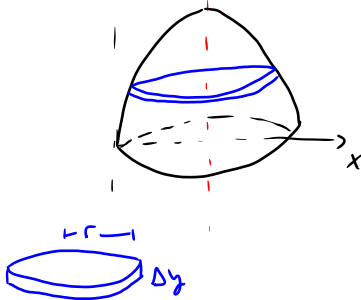
Intersection: $y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{2}} = 1$

y ↑ $x = 2$

From $y = \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}}$

$$y^2 = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$x = 2y^2$$



$$\text{radius } r = 2 - x = 2 - 2y^2$$

$$\text{area is } \pi r^2 = \pi (2 - 2y^2)^2$$

The volume of one disk is

$$V_D = \pi (2 - 2y^2)^2 \Delta y$$

The total volume is

$$V = \int_0^1 \pi (2 - 2y^2)^2 dy$$

$$= \pi \int_0^1 (4 - 8y^2 + 4y^4) dy$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^1 (1 - 2y^2 + y^4) dy$$

$$= 4\pi \left[y - 2\frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{y^5}{5} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 4\pi \left[1 - 2\frac{1^3}{3} + \frac{1^5}{5} - 0 \right]$$

$$= 4\pi \left(1 - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

$$= 4\pi \left(\frac{15 - 10 + 3}{15} \right) = \frac{32\pi}{15}$$

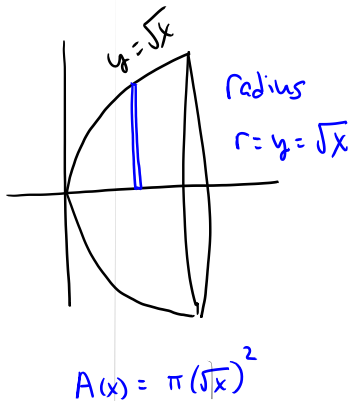
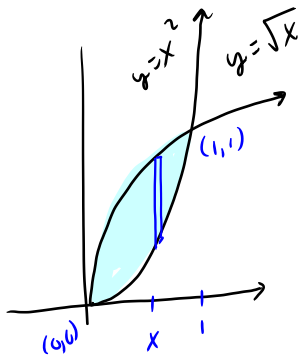
Washers: (solid with a solid part removed)

Suppose we consider the region bounded between two curves $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ for $a \leq x \leq b$ with $0 \leq g(x) \leq f(x)$. If this region is rotated about the x -axis, a solid is generated with volume

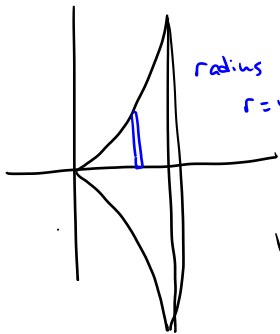
$$V = \int_a^b \pi((f(x))^2 - (g(x))^2) dx$$

This is called the method of **washers**. Each very thin slice is shaped like a washer (a disk with a concentric disk removed).

Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded between $y = \sqrt{x}$ and $y = x^2$ about the x -axis.



► Volume by Washers Applet



$$A(x) = \pi (x^2)^2$$

radius

$$r = y = x^2$$

$$\text{Volume } V = \int_0^1 \pi ((\sqrt{x})^2 - (x^2)^2) dx$$

$$= \pi \int_0^1 (x - x^4) dx$$

$$= \pi \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \pi \left[\frac{12}{2} - \frac{15}{5} - 0 \right]$$

$$= \pi \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{5} \right) = \pi \left(\frac{5-2}{10} \right) = \frac{3\pi}{10}$$

Suppose we wish to find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the first quadrant region bounded by $y = x - x^3$ about the y -axis.

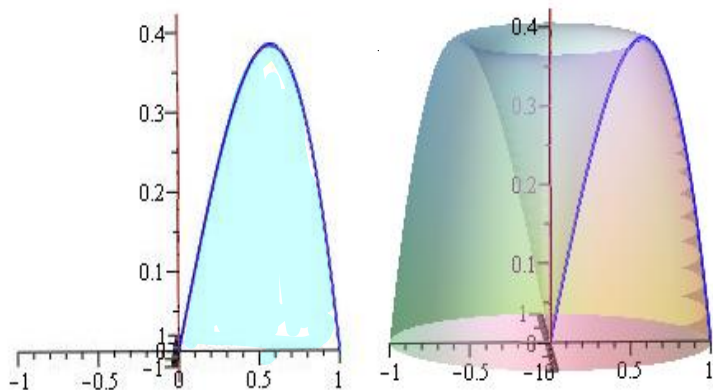


Figure: $y = x - x^3$, and the solid obtained from rotation about the y -axis.

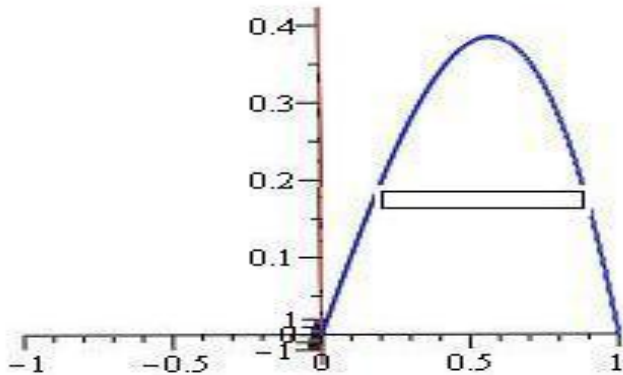


Figure: $y = x - x^3$. We can't find inner and outer radii (left and right functions) because we can't solve for x !!

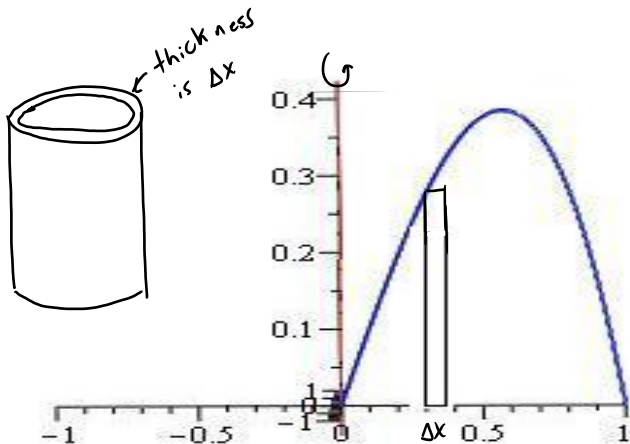


Figure: $y = 1 - x^3$, We can rotate vertical rectangles, but we won't get disks or washers!!

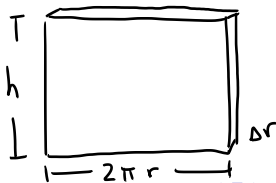
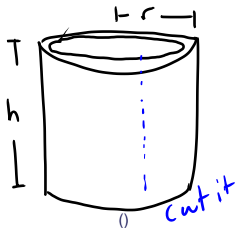
We get cylindrical shells.

Section 5.3: Method of Cylindrical Shells

Suppose we take a thin strip (with width Δr) that is parallel to the axis of rotation. When we revolve this, we obtain a very thin cylindrical shell with volume

$$V = 2\pi rh\Delta r$$

where r is the average radius (distance between strip and the axis of rotation), and h is the height of the strip.



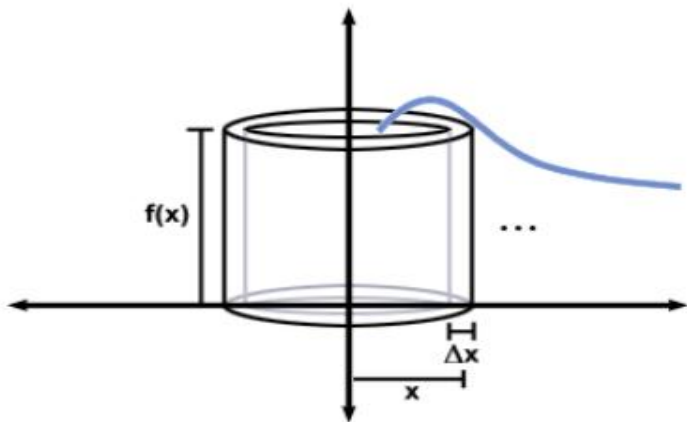


Figure: Revolving a vertical strip about a vertical axis creates a thin cylindrical shell.

Revolution about the x -axis: Method of Shells

If the region is between the x -axis and the positive function $y = f(x)$, and the axis of revolution is the y -axis, then

$$\Delta r = \Delta x, \quad r = x, \quad \text{and} \quad h = f(x).$$

One shell has volume $V = 2\pi xf(x)\Delta x$. The whole solid has volume

$$V = \int_a^b 2\pi xf(x) dx$$