Solids of Revolution

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1. Use calculus to find the area of an ellipse with the formula $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$.



Solution: $x = a\sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2}} = \frac{a}{b}\sqrt{b^2 - y^2}$ so the width of the rectangular strip is $2\frac{a}{b}\sqrt{b^2 - y^2}$. The area of one strip of height Δy is therefore $2\frac{a}{b}\sqrt{b^2 - y^2}\Delta y$.

Area =
$$\int_{-b}^{b} 2\frac{a}{b}\sqrt{b^2 - y^2} \, \mathrm{d}y = 4\frac{a}{b}\int_{0}^{b}\sqrt{b^2 - y^2} \, \mathrm{d}y$$

2. Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the area bounded by $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2$ between y = 0, y = 5, and the y-axis about the y-axis.

Solution:
$$x = \sqrt{3y}$$
 so $V = \int_0^5 \pi (\sqrt{3y})^2 dy = \frac{3\pi}{2} y^2 \Big|_0^5 = \frac{75}{2} \pi$

3. Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the area bounded by $y = \sqrt{x}$ between x = 0, x = 4, and the x-axis about the y-axis.

Solution: The outer radius is x = 4 while the inner radius is $x = y^2$. Then the area of a washer slice is given by $\Delta A = \pi 4^2 - \pi (y^2)^2$. When x = 4, y = 2 so $V = \int_0^2 \pi (16 - y^4) dy = \pi (16y - \frac{1}{5}y^5) \Big|_0^2 = \frac{128}{5}\pi$

4. Repeat #3 for the volume of the solid generated by revolving the area bounded by $y = \sqrt{x}$ between x = 0, x = 4, and the x-axis about the axis x = 4.

Solution: In this case the radius of each disc is $r = 4 - y^2$. Then $\Delta A = \pi (4 - y^2)^2$ so $V = \int_0^2 \pi (4 - y^2)^2 dy = \pi \int_0^2 16 - 8y^2 + y^4 dy$ $= \pi (16y - \frac{8}{3}y^3 + \frac{1}{5}y^5) \Big|_0^2 = \frac{256}{15}\pi$

5. Find the volume of the solid shown to the right.

Solution: Since $x = \frac{1}{y}$ it follows that the area of each disc is $\Delta A = \pi (\frac{1}{y})^2$. From the bottom of the curve at $y = \frac{1}{4}$ up to the top at y = 1 we have a volume of $\int_{1/4}^1 \pi \frac{1}{y^2} \, dy$. We also need to consider the volume of the cylinder beneath the cuved shape. Its height is $\frac{1}{4}$ and its radius is r = 4 so it has a volume of $\pi 4^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 4\pi$. The total volume, then is

$$V = \int_{1/4}^{1} \pi \frac{1}{y^2} \, \mathrm{d}y + 4\pi = 4\pi - \left. \frac{\pi}{y} \right|_{1/4}^{1} = 7\pi.$$









6. Derive the formula for the volume of a frustum where the base radii are r_1 and r_2 and the height is h.

Solution: From the first triangle we have

$$\frac{r_2}{a} = \frac{r_1}{a-h}$$

$$r_2(a-h) = a \cdot r_1$$

$$a = \frac{hr_2}{r_2 - r_1}$$

From the second triangle, we have

$$\frac{r_2}{a} = \frac{x}{a-y}$$
$$x = \frac{r_2(a-y)}{a}$$

Combining the two results we have: $x = \frac{hr_2 - y(r_2 - r_1)}{h}$

The volume of the frustum comes from

$$V = \frac{\pi}{h^2} \int_0^n [hr_2 - y(r_2 - r_1)]^2 \, \mathrm{d}y$$

So $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi h \left(r_1^2 + r_1 r_2 + r_2^2\right)$

7. The region R bounded by $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$ and $g(x) = 1 - \cos x$ is shown. Write the integral for the volume of the solid generated by revolving R about the x-axis.

Solution: Let *b* be the solution to $e^{-x^2} = 1 - \cos x$: $b \approx 0.9419$. Then $V = \pi \int_0^b (e^{-x^2})^2 - (1 - \cos x)^2 \, dx$



Solution: The integral looks much like the one for determining the volume of a sphere. (See the first sphere.) The only issue is the bounds of integration and these can be seen in the second figure.

$$V = \pi \int_{-\sqrt{9.75}}^{4} 16 - h^2 \,\mathrm{d}h = \pi \left(16h - \frac{1}{3}h^3\right) \Big|_{-\sqrt{9.75}}^{4} \approx 259.11$$

The percentage is given by dividing by the volume of the sphere $(4/3\pi(4)^3)$. We get about 97%.





