

# Lecture 15 - 17 : Application of Integrals

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## 1 Volumes using Cross-Sections

### 1.1 Cross-Sections

**Intuition** Let  $S$  be a solid in the three dimensional space, lying between the planes  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ . For  $c \in [a, b]$ , let  $A(c)$  be the area of the cross section obtained by intersecting  $S$  with the plane  $x = c$ . Consider a partition  $P = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  of  $[a, b]$ . When  $\Delta x_k$  is small, the volume of the solid lying between  $x = x_{k-1}$  and  $x = x_k$  is approximately  $A(x_k)\Delta x_k$ . When  $\|P\|$  is small, the volume of  $S$  is approximately

$$\sum_{k=1}^n A(x_k)\Delta x_k$$

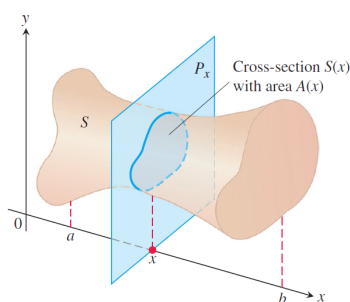


Figure 1: Cross-section Volume

**Definition** Let  $S$  be a solid that lies between the planes  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ . The volume  $V$  of  $S$  is defined by

$$V = \int_a^b A(x)dx$$

provided that the cross-section area function  $A(x)$  is integrable.

**Example** A curved wedge is cut from a circular cylinder of radius 3 by two planes. One plane is perpendicular to the axis of the cylinder. The second plane crosses the first plane at a  $45^\circ$  angle at the center of the cylinder. Find the volume of the wedge.

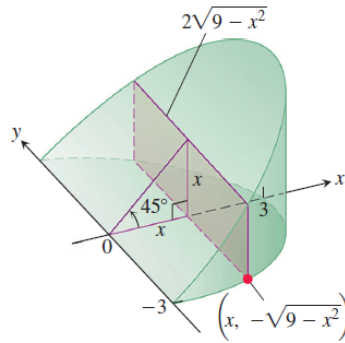


Figure 2: Illustration of example 1

**Answer** The equation of the base circle is

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

So,

$$y = \pm\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

Since the angle of the cut is 45 degree, then the height of the cross-section is  $x$ . Then, the cross-section area is

$$A(x) = 2x\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$V = \int_0^3 2x\sqrt{9-x^2} dx$$

$$\text{Let } u = 9 - x^2 \text{ then } du = -2x dx$$

$$= \int_9^0 \sqrt{u} (-du)$$

$$= \int_0^9 \sqrt{u} du$$

$$= \left[ \frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^9$$

$$= 18$$

## 1.2 Cavalieri's Principle

Cavalieri's principle says that solid with equal altitudes and identical cross-sectional areas at each height have the same volume. This follows from the definition of the volume, because the cross-sectional area  $A(x)$  and the interval  $[a, b]$  are the same for both solids.

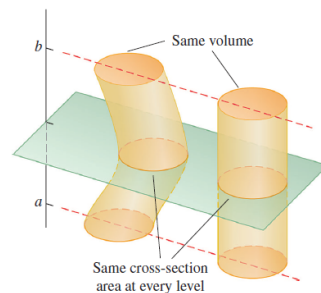


Figure 3: Cavalieri's Principle

## 2 Solids of Revolution

### 2.1 The Disk Method

**Intuition** If the solid  $S$  is generated by rotating the region

$$\{(x, y) : 0 \leq y \leq R(x), a \leq x \leq b\}$$

around the x-axis, then the cross-sections of  $S$  are discs with radii  $R(x)$ . Consequently

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

**Definition: Rotating around x-axis** Volume by disks for rotation about x-axis with the radius of  $R(x)$  is

$$V = \int_a^b A(x)dx = \int_a^b \pi[R(x)]^2 dx$$

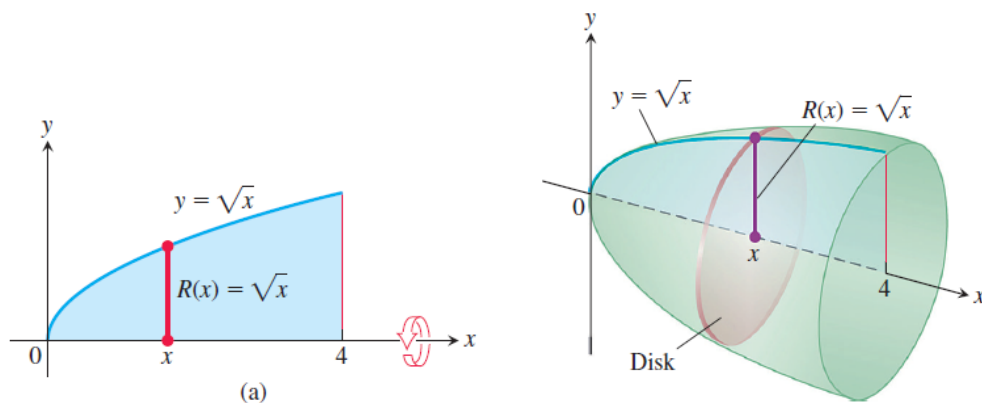


Figure 4: Solid of rotation about x-axis

**Definition: Rotating around y-axis** Volume by disks for rotation about y-axis with the radius of  $R(y)$  is

$$V = \int_a^b A(y)dy = \int_a^b \pi[R(y)]^2 dy$$

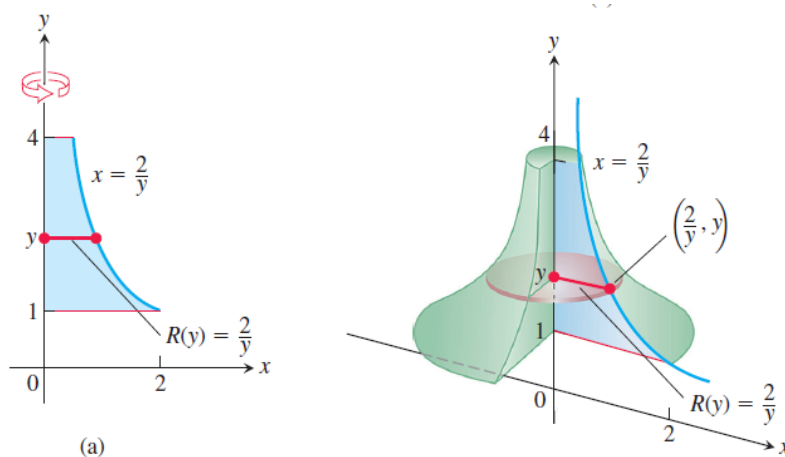


Figure 5: Solid of rotation about y-axis

**Example 1** What is the volume of  $y = \sqrt{x}$  rotated about x-axis?

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^4 \pi(R(x))^2 dx \\ &= \int_0^4 \pi x dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} x^2 \right]_0^4 \\ &= 8\pi \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2** The circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  is rotated about x-axis to generate a sphere. Find its volume

$$\begin{aligned} R(x) &= y = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} \\ V &= \int_{-a}^a \pi(R(x))^2 dx \\ &= \int_{-a}^a \pi(a^2 - x^2) dx \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^a \pi(a^2 - x^2) dx \\ &= 2\pi \left[ a^2 x - \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_0^a \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \pi a^3 \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 The Washer Method

**Definition** If the solid  $S$  is generated by rotating the region

$$\{(x, y) : 0 \leq r(x) \leq y \leq R(x), a \leq x \leq b\}$$

around the x-axis, then similarly,

$$V = \int_a^b \pi(R(x)^2 - r(x)^2) dx$$

for rotation around y-axis of

$$\{(x, y) : 0 \leq r(y) \leq x \leq R(y), a \leq y \leq b\}$$

the volume is

$$V = \int_a^b \pi(R(y)^2 - r(y)^2) dy$$

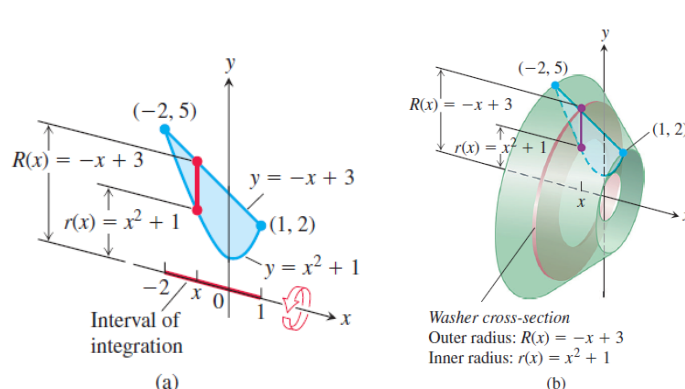


Figure 6: The Washer Method

**Example 1** The region bounded by the curve  $y = x^2 + 1$  and the line  $y = -x + 3$  is revolved about the x-axis to generate a solid. Find the volume of the solid.

First, find the limits of integration in the x-domain,

$$x^2 + 1 = -x + 3$$

We found  $x = -2, y = 5$  and  $x = 1, y = 2$ .

$$V = \int_a^b \pi(R(x)^2 - r(x)^2) dx$$

$$R(x) = -x + 3 \text{ and } r(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi \int_{-2}^1 x^2 - 6x + 9 - (x^4 + 2x^2 + 1) dx \\ &= \pi \int_{-2}^1 -x^4 - x^2 - 6x + 8 dx \\ &= \pi \left[ -\frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 3x^2 + 8x \right]_{-2}^1 \\ &= \frac{117}{5}\pi \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2** Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by  $y = 2\sqrt{x-1}$  and  $y = x-1$  about the line  $x = -1$ .

Since the rotation is about the line  $x = -1$ , we can create an equivalent revolution around the y-axis by shifting the plots to the right by 1 unit, i.e. add 1 to each function.

$$\begin{aligned} x = y + 1 &\Rightarrow x = y + 2 \\ x = \frac{y^2}{4} + 1 &\Rightarrow x = \frac{y^2}{4} + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Then find the limits of integration in the y-domain where  $x = y + 2$  and  $x = \frac{y^2}{4} + 2$  intersect.

$$\begin{aligned} y + 2 &= \frac{y^2}{4} + 2 \\ 0 &= y(y - 4) \end{aligned}$$

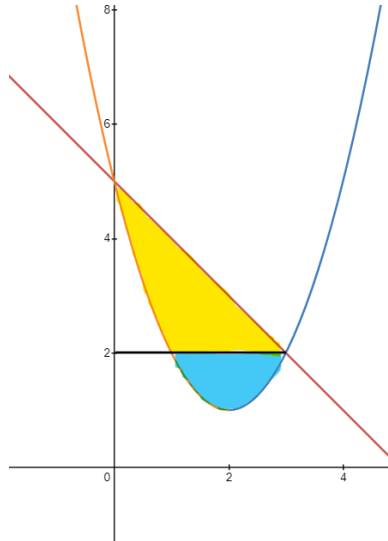
$$y = 0, x = 2 \text{ or } y = 4, x = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi \int_0^4 (y + 2)^2 - \left(\frac{y^2}{4} + 2\right)^2 dy \\ &= \pi \int_0^4 4y - \frac{y^4}{16} dy \\ &= \pi \left[ 2y^2 - \frac{y^5}{80} \right]_0^4 \\ &= \frac{96\pi}{5} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3** A region is bounded by  $y = (x - 2)^2 + 1$  and  $y = 5 - x$ . Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region around the y-axis.

Find the intersection points between the two functions.

$$(x - 2)^2 + 1 = 5 - x$$



Find the volume:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi \int_2^5 (5 - y)^2 - (-\sqrt{y - 1} + 2)^2 dy + \pi \int_1^2 (\sqrt{y - 1} + 2)^2 - (-\sqrt{y - 1} + 2)^2 dy \\ &= \frac{27\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Cylindrical Shells

**Intuition** Consider revolving the region in blue about the y-axis to generate a solid. Its volume can be computed by adding the volumes of all the "cylindrical shells".

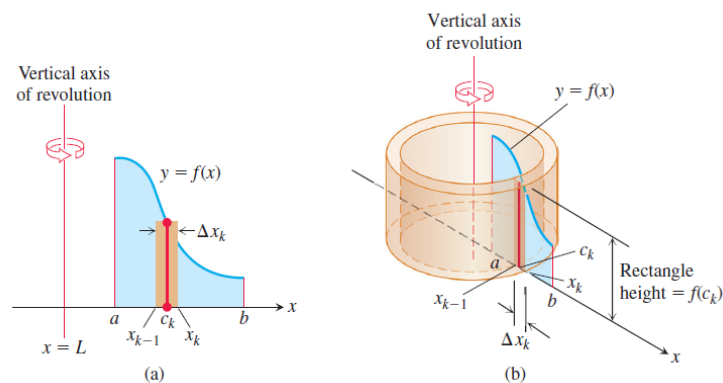
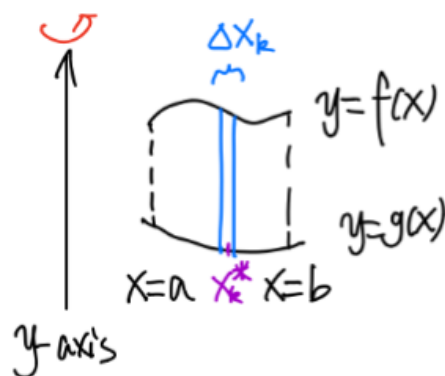


Figure 7: Volume with cylindrical shells

Volume of a "thin cylindrical shell" or "thin annulus" is approximately the volume of cuboids of height  $h(x)$  and the length  $2\pi x$ . The height of cylindrical shell can be denoted as

$$h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$



The volume of the cylindrical shell at  $x$  is  $V_k \approx 2\pi x_k^* h(x_k) \Delta x_k$ . Hence, the total volume

$$V \approx \sum_{k=1}^n 2\pi x_k^* h(x_k) \Delta x_k$$

**Definition** Given the solid  $S$  generated by revolving the region

$$\{(x, y) : g(x) \leq y \leq f(x), a \leq x \leq b\}$$

about  $y$ -axis, let  $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$  be the height of the region at  $x$ . Then the volume  $V$  of  $S$  can be computed by

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

**Example 1** A region is bounded by  $y = (x - 2)^2 + 1$  and  $y = 5 - x$ . Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region around the  $y$ -axis.

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^3 2\pi x(5 - x - (x - 2)^2 - 1)dx \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^3 x(5 - x - (x^2 - 4x + 4) - 1)dx \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^3 x(-x^2 + 3x)dx \\ &= 2\pi \left[ -\frac{1}{4}x^4 + x^3 \right]_0^3 \\ &= \frac{27\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2** Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region between  $y = \sqrt{x}$  and  $y = 0$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$  around the  $x$ -axis in two different ways.

(1) Using solid of revolution

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi \int_0^1 x dx \\ &= \pi \left[ \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(2) Using cylindrical shells

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= 2\pi \int_0^1 y(1-y^2) dy \\
 &= 2\pi \int_0^1 y - y^3 dy \\
 &= 2\pi \left[ \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \frac{1}{4}y^4 \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

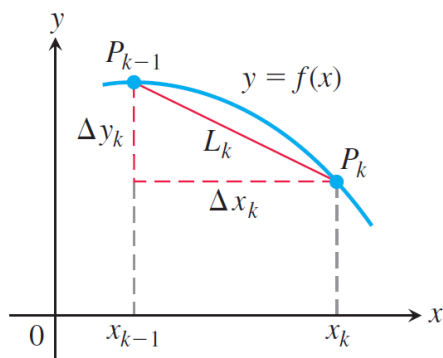
## 4 Arc Length

**Intuition** Consider a curve given by a continuous function  $y = f(x)$  defined on the interval  $[a, b]$  and let  $P$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ .

If  $y_k = f(x_k)$  and  $\Delta y_k = y_k - y_{k-1}$ , then the length of the curve between the points  $(x_{k-1}, y_{k-1})$  and  $(x_k, y_k)$  is approximately

$$L_k = \sqrt{(\Delta x_k)^2 + (\Delta y_k)^2} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta y_k}{\Delta x_k}\right)^2} \Delta x_k$$

The definition of arc length is obtained by taking the limit of  $\sum_{k=1}^n L_k$  as  $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$



**Definition** Let  $f$  be a function such that  $f'$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ . The length/arc length  $L$  of the curve  $y = f(x)$  between the points  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$  is defined by

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx$$

**Example 1** Compute the length of the curve given by  $y = x^{3/2}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 3$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \int_0^3 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} dx \\
 &= \int_0^3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4}x} dx
 \end{aligned}$$



Let  $u = 1 + 9/4x$ ,  $du/dx = 9/4$ ,  $dx = 4/9du$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_1^{\frac{31}{4}} \sqrt{u} \frac{4}{9} du \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \left[ \frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_1^{\frac{31}{4}} \\ &= \frac{8}{27} \left( \left( \frac{31}{2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Note** If the curve is given by  $x = g(y)$ ,  $c \leq y \leq d$ , and  $g'$  is continuous, then the arc length is

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{dx}{dy} \right)^2} dy = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + (g'(y))^2} dy$$

## 5 Areas of Surfaces of Revolution

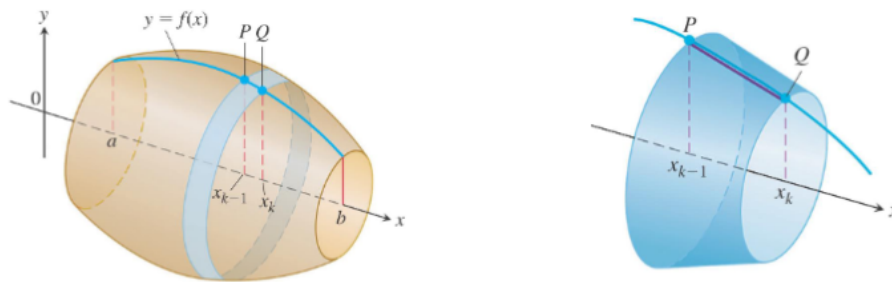


Figure 8: Cylindrical surface

**Intuition** We want to determine the area of a surface generated by revolving about the x-axis a curve  $y = f(x)$ , where  $f$  is non-negative, for  $x \in [a, b]$ . Consider a cylindrical surface, generated by revolving a horizontal line around the x-axis.

$$A = 2\pi y \Delta x$$

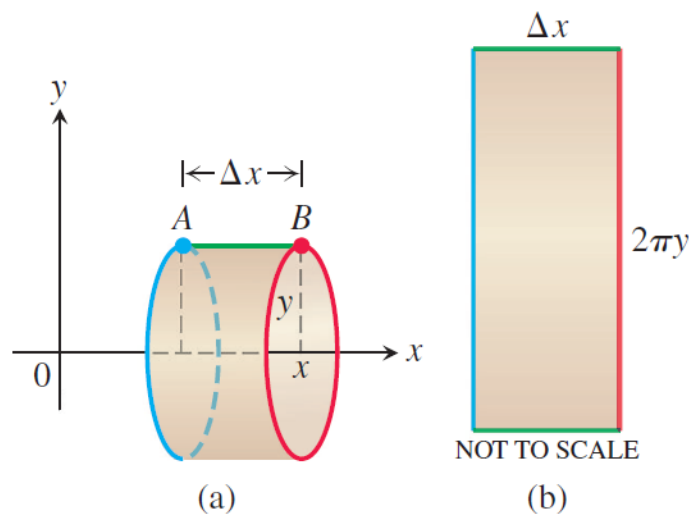


Figure 9: Cylindrical surface

Consider a conical frustum generated by revolving a straight line around x-axis.

$$A = 2\pi y^* L$$

$$y^* = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$$

$$A = \pi(y_1 + y_2)L$$

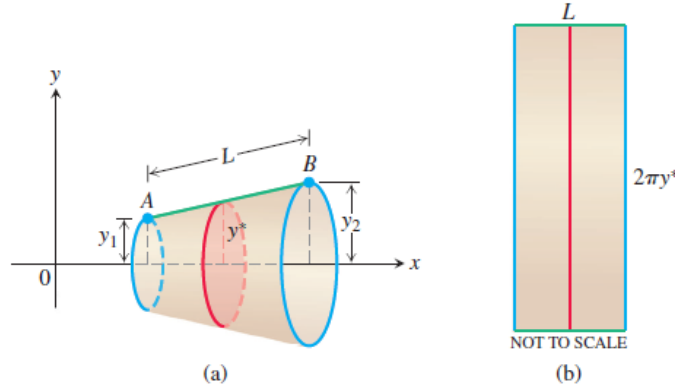


Figure 10: Conic Fustrum surface

For area of a surface of revolution about the x-axis in general, we make a partition  $[a, b]$ . The  $k$  portion of the curve has the length  $\approx \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta y_k}{\Delta x_k}\right)^2} \Delta x_k$ . The area is approximately

$$A \approx \pi(f(x_{k-1}) + f(x_k)) \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta y_k}{\Delta x_k}\right)^2} \Delta x_k$$

**Definition** If the function  $f(x) \geq 0$  is continuously differentiable on  $[a, b]$ , the area of the surface generated by revolving the graph  $y = f(x)$  about the x-axis is

$$S = \int_a^b 2\pi y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx = \int_a^b 2\pi f(x) \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx$$

and if the function  $g(y) \geq 0$  is continuously differentiable on  $[c, d]$ , the area of the surface generated by revolving the graph of  $x = g(y)$  about y-axis is

$$S = \int_c^d 2\pi x \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2} dy = \int_c^d 2\pi g(y) \sqrt{1 + g'(y)^2} dy$$

**Example** The curve  $y = x^{1/3}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  is revolved about the y-axis to generate a surface. The area is?

$$x = y^3, 0 \leq y \leq 1, dx/dy = 3y^2$$

$$S = \int_0^1 2\pi y^3 \sqrt{1 + 9y^4} dy$$

Let  $u = 1 + 9y^4$ ,  $du/dy = 36y^3$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 2\pi \int_1^1 0\sqrt{u} \frac{1}{36} du \\ &= \frac{\pi}{18} \left[ \frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_1^1 0 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{27} (10^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

## 6 Work

**Intuition** If a constant force  $F$  moves an object along a straight line for a distance  $d$ , then the work done by  $F$  to the object is  $W = Fd$ . If a variable force  $F$  moves an object the x-axis, and  $F = F(x)$  depends on the position and  $F$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , we make a partition  $[a, b]$ . Work done from  $x_{k-1}$  to  $x_k \approx F(x_k)\Delta x_k$ . The total work then is approximately

$$\sum_{k=1}^n F(x_k)\Delta x_k$$

**Definition** The work done by a variable force  $F(x)$  in moving an object along the x-axis from  $x = a$  and  $x = b$  is

$$W = \int_a^b F(x) dx$$

**Example 1 Hooke's Law** states that the force required to stretch or compress a spring is directly proportional to its distance  $x$  away from the natural position of the spring

$$F(x) = kx$$

What is the work required to compress a spring from its natural length of 30 cm to a length of 20 cm?

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_0^0 .1F(x) dx = \int_0^0 .1kx dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \right]_0^0 .1 \\ &= 0.005kJ \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2** The conical tank is filled to within 2 m of the top with olive oil weighing  $0.9 \text{ g/cm}^3$  or  $8820 \text{ N/m}^3$ . How much work does it take to pump the oil to the rim?

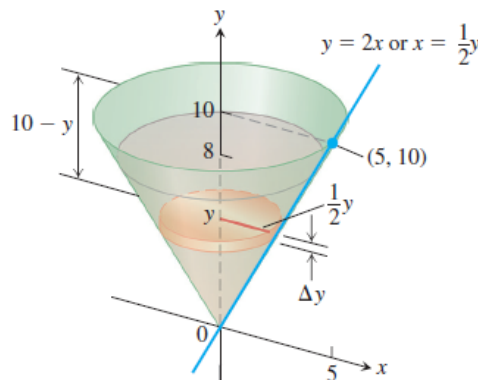


Figure 11: Illustration of the conical tank

**Answer** The typical volume of the slab has the volume

$$\Delta V = \pi \left( \frac{1}{2} y \right)^2 \Delta y = \frac{\pi}{4} y^2 \Delta y$$

The force  $F(y)$  is

$$F(y) = 8820 \Delta V = \frac{8820\pi}{4} y^2 \Delta y$$

Hence, the work needed is

$$\Delta W = F(y) s = \frac{8820\pi}{4} (10 - y) y^2 \Delta y$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_0^8 \frac{8820\pi}{4} (10 - y) y^2 dy \\ &= \frac{8820\pi}{4} \int_0^8 10y^2 - y^3 dy \\ &= \frac{8820\pi}{4} \left[ \frac{10y^3}{3} - \frac{y^4}{4} \right]_0^8 \\ &\approx 4.73 \times 10^6 J \end{aligned}$$

## 7 Fluid Forces

**Pressure** Pressure is the force that a fluid exerts on a surface divided by the surface's area.

$$p = \frac{F}{A} \quad \Rightarrow \quad p = \frac{dF}{dA}$$

For a static liquid the pressure  $p$  at depth  $h$  is given by

$$p = wh$$

where  $w$  is the weight-density, or  $\rho g$ .

For a container with a horizontal base, the total force applied by the fluid to the base is  $F = pA = whA$  where  $A$  is the base area.

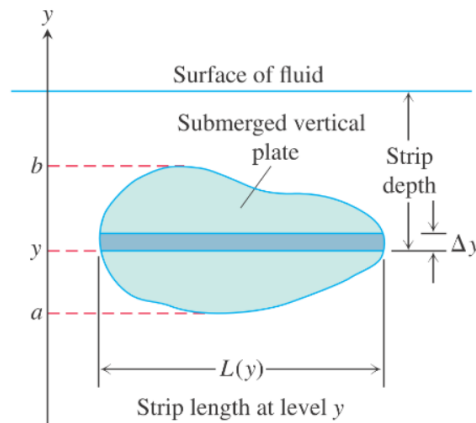


Figure 12: The force exerted by a fluid against one side of a thin horizontal strip

If a flat plate is submerged vertically, the pressure against it depends on the depth of the portion of the plate. First, we divide the plate into horizontal thin slices  $S_k$  with the width of  $\Delta y_k$ , depth of  $h_k^*$ , length of  $L(y_k^*)$  and area of  $L(y_k^*)\Delta y_k$ . The force exerted on  $S_k$  is

$$F_k = whA \approx wh_k^*L(y_k^*)\Delta y_k$$

Then the total force exerted on plate:

$$F \approx \sum_{k=1}^n wh_k^*L(y_k^*)\Delta y_k$$

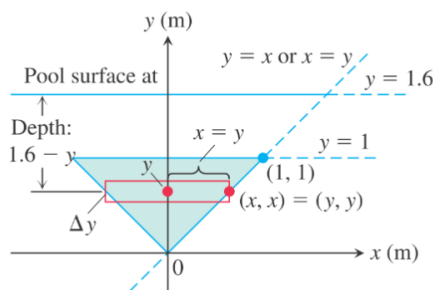
The total force then is:

$$F = \int_a^b wh(y)L(y) dy$$

**Definition** Suppose that a plate submerged vertically in the fluid of weight-density  $w$  runs from  $y = a$  to  $y = b$  on the  $y$ -axis. Let  $L(y)$  be the length of the horizontal strip measured from left to right along the surface of the plate at level  $y$  and  $h(y)$  is the strip depth measured from the top of the fluid, then the force exerted by the fluid against one side of the plate is

$$F = \int_a^b wh(y)L(y) dy$$

**Example** A flat isosceles right-triangular plate with base 2m and height 1m is submerged vertically, base up, 0.6 m below the surface of a swimming pool. Find the force exerted by the water against one side of the plate.



**Answer**

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \int_a^b wh(y)L(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 9800(1.6 - y)2y dy \\ &= 19600 \int_0^1 (1.6y - y^2) dy \\ &= 19600 \left[ 0.8y^2 - \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \approx 9147N \end{aligned}$$