

Practice Problems 20 : Area in Polar coordinates, Volume of a solid by slicing

1. Consider the curves $r = \cos 2\theta$ and $r = \frac{1}{2}$.
 - (a) Find the points of intersection of the curves.
 - (b) Show that $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\pi}{3}), (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}), (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{4\pi}{3})$ and $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{3})$ satisfy the equations $r = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $r = \cos 2\theta$.
2. Find the areas of the regions enclosed by the following curves.
 - (a) $r = 1 + \cos \theta$
 - (b) $r^2 = 9 \cos 2\theta$
 - (c) $r = 3 \sin 3\theta$
3. In each of the following cases, find the area of the region that lies inside both the curves.
 - (a) $r = 2, r = 4 \sin \theta$
 - (b) $r = 2 \sin \theta, r = 2 - 2 \sin \theta$
 - (c) $r = 3, r = 6 \cos 2\theta$.
4. In each of the following cases, find the area of the region that lies inside the first curve and outside the second curve.
 - (a) $r = 2, r = 4 \sin \theta$.
 - (b) $r = 2 \sin \theta, r = 2 - 2 \sin \theta$
5. Find the areas of the regions described by the following sets.
 - (a) $\{(r, \theta) : 0 \leq r \leq 2 \sin \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{6}\} \cup \{(r, \theta) : 0 \leq r \leq 2 - 2 \sin \theta, \frac{\pi}{6} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}\}$
 - (b) $\{(r, \theta) : 0 \leq r \leq 2 \sin 2\theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{12}\} \cup \{(r, \theta) : 0 \leq r \leq 1, \frac{\pi}{12} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}\}$
6. Find the area of the region inside the outer loop and outside the inner loop of $r = 2 + 4 \cos \theta$.
7. The base of a solid is the region bounded by $x = 0, y = 0, x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and the curve $y = \sin x$. Each cross section of the solid perpendicular to the x-axis is an equilateral triangle with one side in the base of the solid. Find the volume of the solid.
8. A pyramid has a square base. Suppose the height of the pyramid is 4 meters and the side of the square base is 2 meters. Determine the volume of the pyramid by slicing method.
9. Consider the sphere of radius r centered at 0 and the two great circles of the sphere lying on the xy and xz planes. A part of the sphere is shaved off in a such a manner that the cross section of the remaining part, perpendicular to the x -axis, is a square with vertices on the great circles. Compute the volume of the remaining part.
10. Find the volume of the solid enclosed by the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + z^2 = 1$.
11. Find the volume of the solid enclosed by the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} + z^2 = 1$ and the planes $y = \sqrt{3}$ and $y = 1$.

Practice Problems 20 : Hints/Solutions

1. Solving $r = \cos 2\theta$ and $r = \frac{1}{2}$ gives $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} + \pi k$ and $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} + \pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore we get, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}$ and $\frac{11\pi}{6}$. By symmetry, we see that the points of intersection occur at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$ and $\frac{5\pi}{3}$ (see Figure 1). We can also see, by solving the equations $r = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $r = \cos 2\theta$, that the points of intersection occur at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} + \pi k$ and $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} + \pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, that is $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$ and $\frac{5\pi}{3}$.

2. (a) The area is $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \theta)^2 d\theta$. See Figure 2(a)
 (b) The area is $4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{2}(9 \cos 2\theta) d\theta$. See Figure 2(b)
 (c) The area is $3 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{2}(3 \cos 3\theta)^2 d\theta$. See Figure 2(c)
3. (a) Solving $2 = 4 \sin \theta$ and $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ implies that $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$. The required area is $2 \left[\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2} 4^2 \sin^2 \theta d\theta + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{1}{2} 2^2 d\theta \right]$. See Figure 3(a).
 (b) Solving $2 \sin \theta = 2 - 2 \sin \theta$ and $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ implies that $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$. The required area is $2 \left[\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{1}{2} (2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (2 - 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta \right]$. See Figure 3(b)
 (c) Solving $6 \cos 2\theta = 3$ and $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ implies that $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$. The required area is $8 \left[\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{1}{2} 3^2 d\theta + \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{2} (6 \cos 2\theta)^2 d\theta \right]$. See Figure 3(c)
4. (a) Solving $2 = 4 \sin \theta$ implies that $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$. The area is $\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} \frac{1}{2} (16 \sin^2 \theta - 4) d\theta$. See Figure 4(a).
 (b) Solving $2 \sin \theta = 2 - 2 \sin \theta$ and $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ implies that $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$. The required area is $2 \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2} [4 \sin^2 \theta - (2 - 2 \sin \theta)^2] d\theta$. See Figure 4(b)
5. (a) Solving $2 \sin \theta = 2 - 2 \sin \theta$ and $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ implies that $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$. The required area is $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{1}{2} (2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (2 - 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$. See Figure 5(a)
 (b) Solving $2 \sin 2\theta = 1$ and $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ implies that $\theta = \frac{\pi}{12}$. The required area is $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{12}} \frac{1}{2} (2 \sin 2\theta)^2 d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{12}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} d\theta$. See Figure 5(b)
6. Solving $r = 0$ and $r = 2 + 4 \cos \theta$ gives that $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ and $\theta = \frac{4\pi}{3}$. See Figure 6. The required area is $2 \left[\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{2} (2 + 4 \cos \theta)^2 d\theta - \int_{\pi}^{\frac{4\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{2} (2 + 4 \cos \theta)^2 d\theta \right]$ or $2 \left[\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{2} (2 + 4 \cos \theta)^2 d\theta - \int_{\frac{2\pi}{3}}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} (2 + 4 \cos \theta)^2 d\theta \right]$.
7. For every $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, $A(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \sin^2 x$. The volume is $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} A(x) dx = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16} \pi$. See Figure 7.
8. Let the pyramid be as in Figure 8. The area of the cross section (of the solid) by the plane $x = t$ is $A(t) = \frac{t^2}{4}$. The required volume is $\int_0^4 A(t) dt$.
9. The cross section of the solid by the plane $x = t$ is a square with side $\sqrt{2(r^2 - t^2)}$. Hence the area of the cross section $A(t) = 2(r^2 - t^2)$. The required volume is $\int_{-r}^r A(t) dt = \frac{8r^3}{3}$. See Figure 9.
10. See Figure 10. Observe that the solid lies between the planes $x = -1$ and $x = 1$. For any fixed $t \in [-1, 1]$ the cross section of the solid by the plane $x = t$ is a square given by $\{(t, y, z) : |y| \leq \sqrt{1 - t^2} \text{ and } |z| \leq \sqrt{1 - t^2}\}$. Therefore the area of the cross section $A(t) = 4(1 - t^2)$. The required volume is $\int_{-1}^1 A(t) dt = 4 \int_{-1}^1 (1 - t^2) dt = \frac{16}{3}$.
11. For any $t \in [1, \sqrt{3}]$, the cross section of the solid by the plane $y = t$ is the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{9} + z^2 = 1 - \frac{t^2}{4}$ and its area $A(t)$ is $3\pi(1 - \frac{t^2}{4})$. The required volume is $\int_1^{\sqrt{3}} 3\pi(1 - \frac{t^2}{4}) dt$.