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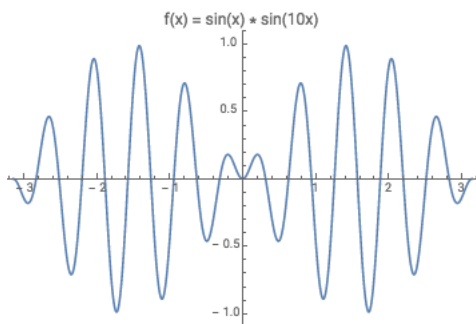
## 1 Introduction

In this document I kind of just want to write down everything that I prove/am interested in over the course of this summer (2018). Hopefully, I will improve my fluency in *LaTeX* and will be motivated to keep to new math.

## 2 June

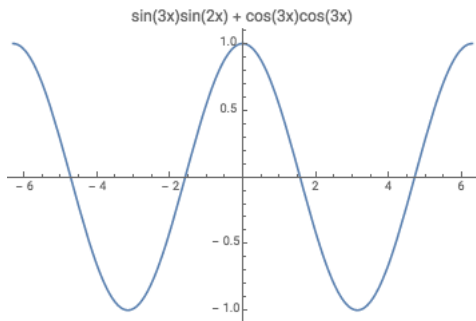
### 2.1 Something random I found

So I was trying to find the equation of a graph that looked like this:



I found the equation by noticing that the basic graph was a sine wave, and it was bounded by another sine wave. In school, we learned that the graph of  $h(x) \cdot \sin(x)$  is bounded by  $|h(x)|$  and  $-|h(x)|$ . So, if I wanted my graph to be bounded by  $\sin(x)$ , then  $h(x) = \sin(x)$ . Adjusting the frequency of the second sine component yielded the correct graph.

As I was messing around, I came upon the following graph and equation:



This interested me because although the equation was  $f(x) = \sin(3x)\sin(2x) + \cos(3x)\cos(2x)$ , the graph appeared to be a pure cosine wave. After generalizing the equation to  $f(x) = \sin(nx)\sin(mx) + \cos(nx)\cos(mx)$  After trying to guess what the pure cosine equivalent was, I found it:  $f(x) = \cos((m-n)x)$ .

Of course I had to try and prove this. After trying some things that didn't work, Matty suggesting using induction, and that ended up working. The following is my inductive proof.

### 2.1.1 The Proof

$$\sin(nx)\sin(mx) + \cos(nx)\cos(mx) = \cos((m-n)x) \quad (1)$$

The base case of  $x = 0$  holds, since

$$\sin(0 \cdot n)\sin(0 \cdot m) + \cos(0 \cdot n)\cos(0 \cdot m) = \cos((m-n)0)$$

$$0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 = 1.$$

Suppose (1) is true. Then it should hold that

$$\sin((n+1)x)\sin((m+1)x) + \cos((n+1)x)\cos((m+1)x) = \cos((m-n)x).$$

$$\sin((nx+x)\sin((mx+x) + \cos((nx+x)\cos((mx+x)) = \cos((mx-nx)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(\sin(nx)\cos(x) + \cos(nx)\sin(x))(\sin(mx)\cos(x) + \cos(mx)\sin(x)) \\ &+ (\cos(nx)\cos(x) - \sin(nx)\sin(x))(\cos(mx)\cos(x) - \sin(mx)\sin(x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sin(nx)\sin(mx)\cos^2(x) + \sin(mx)\sin(x)\cos(nx)\cos(mx)\cos(m) \\ &+ \sin(nx)\sin(x)\cos(mx)\cos(x) + \sin^2(x)\cos(nx)\cos(mx) + \cos(nx)\cos(mx)\cos^2(x) - \sin(nx)\sin(x)\cos(mx)\cos(x) \\ &- \sin(mx)\sin(x)\cos(nx)\cos(x) + \sin(nx)\sin(mx)\sin^2(x) = \cos(mx-nx) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sin(nx)\sin(mx)\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)\cos(nx)\cos(mx) + \cos(nx)\cos(mx)\cos^2(x) + \sin(nx)\sin(mx)\sin^2(x) = \cos(mx-nx)$$

$$(\sin(nx)\sin(mx))(\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)) + (\cos(nx)\cos(mx))(\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)) = \cos(mx-nx)$$

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## 2.2 Limits

So basically I was reading the chapter out of the calculus book on limits, and I understood the  $\epsilon - \delta$  definition of the limit, but when it came to more complicated things like the Squeeze Theorem, I got confused. So, I decided to slow down and really made sure I understood everything. So, I came across this problem in a Berkeley homework thing: prove

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^4 - 1}{x - 1} = 4.$$

Here is my solution to that problem.

### 2.2.1 The Solution

Let  $f(x) = \frac{x^4 - 1}{x - 1}$ . Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 4$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $|x - 1| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - 4| < \epsilon$ .

Because the value of  $f(1)$  as  $x$  approaches 1 is irrelevant,  $f(x)$  can be simplified to  $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ . Thus, we have

$$|x^3 + x^2 + x - 3| < \epsilon$$

$$|(x - 1)(x^2 + 2x + 3)| < \epsilon$$

$$|x - 1| < \frac{\epsilon}{|x^2 + 2x + 3|}.$$

But we also know

$$|x - 1| < \delta$$

So, letting  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{|x^2 + 2x + 3|}$  will satisfy the definition. However, we do not want to have  $x$  in our expression for  $\delta$ .

To satisfy the definition, we only need to find a value of  $\delta$  that works. So, if  $\epsilon$  is sufficiently small (we will find out what the means later), then  $\delta$  will be less than or equal to 1. Assuming this,

$$|x - 1| \leq 1$$

$$-1 \leq x - 1 \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$3 \leq x^2 + 2x + 3 \leq 11.$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{\epsilon}{|x^2 + 2x + 3|} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{11}.$$

Getting back to our assumption that  $\delta \leq 1$ , we see that this is true if  $\epsilon \leq 11$ . But, if  $\epsilon$  is greater than 1, then we can simply let  $\delta = 1$ . So, solution for  $\delta$  is  $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\epsilon}{11}\}$ .

Proof:

Let  $f(x) = \frac{x^4 - 1}{x - 1}$ . Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 4$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $|x - 1| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - 4| < \epsilon$ .

Let  $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\epsilon}{11}\}$ . Note that this means  $\delta \leq 1$ .

$$|x - 1| < \delta.$$

$$|x - 1| \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$3 \leq x^2 + 2x + 3 \leq 11.$$

This tells us that  $\frac{\epsilon}{|x^2+2x+3|} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{11}$ .  
 In the case that  $\min\{1, \frac{\epsilon}{11}\} = \frac{\epsilon}{11}$ , we get

$$|x - 1| < \frac{\epsilon}{|x^2 + 2x + 3|} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{11} \leq 1.$$

In the case that  $\min\{1, \frac{\epsilon}{11}\} = 1$  we get

$$|x - 1| < \frac{\epsilon}{|x^2 + 2x + 3|} \leq 1 \leq \frac{\epsilon}{11}.$$

In both cases, we arrive at

$$|x - 1||x^2 + 2x + 3| < \epsilon$$

$$|(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) - 4| < \epsilon$$

$$|f(x) - 4| < \epsilon.$$

## 2.3 Limit Product Proof

So in the calculus book, one of the questions asked me to prove the product rule for limits:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (fg)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ . The book's solution was very complicated, so the following is my simpler proof.

### 2.3.1 The Proof

Let  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$ . Therefore, we are trying to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = LM$ .

Let us first prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) - L)(g(x) - M) = 0$ .

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ , for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\delta_f > 0$  such that if  $0 < |x - a| < \delta_f$ , then  $0 < |f(x) - L| < \sqrt{\epsilon}$ . Similarly, there must exist some  $\delta_g > 0$  such that if  $0 < |x - a| < \delta_g$ , then  $0 < |g(x) - M| < \sqrt{\epsilon}$ . Letting  $\delta = \min\{\delta_f, \delta_g\}$  satisfies both inequalities, so we also have if  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ , then  $0 < |f(x) - L||g(x) - M| < \epsilon$ , or  $0 < |(f(x) - L)(g(x) - M) - 0| < \epsilon$ . Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) - L)(g(x) - M) = 0$ .

From here the proof is fairly simple. Note that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) - L)(g(x) - M) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) - Lg(x) - Mf(x) + LM = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} Lg(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} Mf(x) + LM = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) - L \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) - M \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + LM = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) - LM - ML + LM = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = LM.$$

## 3 July

### 3.1 Calculus

So, I just finished the chapter on derivatives and they make sense. Mostly. However, I would like to clarify some things, incorporate some concepts from 3Blue1Brown, and prove some results.

### 3.1.1 What is a derivative?

One interpretation of the derivative is about the rate of change of a function. What this means is for some input  $x$ , and some output  $f(x)$ , the rate of change for this function changes, some  $df$ , given a small change to the input, some  $dx$ . To be exact, the rate of change is  $\frac{f(x+dx)-f(x)}{dx}$ . Then the derivative is whatever this ratio approaches as  $dx$  approaches 0:  $\lim_{dx \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+dx)-f(x)}{dx}$ .

Graphically, we can see this as the slope of the tangent line to  $f$ , since our expression for the derivative can be expressed as  $df$ , the change in  $y$ , over  $dx$ , the change in  $x$ . However, always keep in the back of your mind that the derivative is the limit as  $dx$  approaches 0.

### 3.1.2 The Chain Rule

The following is not intended to be a proof of the Chain Rule, rather, just some notes to help it make more intuitive sense.

What the Chain Rule allows us to do is take the derivative of a composition of functions  $\frac{d}{dx}g(f(x))$ . What this ratio is telling is how a small change ( $dx$ ) to  $x$  will affect the final output,  $g(f(x))$ .

First, let us focus on how changing  $x$  affects  $f(x)$ . A small change  $dx$  in  $x$  will change  $f$  by exactly  $\frac{df}{dx} \cdot dx$ . Let us make the substitution  $f(x) = u$ , and  $\frac{df}{dx} \cdot dx = du$ .

Next, we consider how  $g$  changes. First is the original input  $f(x)$  or  $u$  resulting in the output  $g(u)$ . Then, is input  $u + du$ , resulting in the output  $g(u + du)$ . Therefore, the derivative of  $g$  at  $u$  is  $g'(u)du$ . Therefore, we have

$$\frac{dg}{dx} = \frac{dg}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x).$$

And this is the chain rule.

### 3.1.3 Implicit Differentiation

Implicit differentiation is the process of taking the derivative of an expression in which  $x$  and  $y$  are interdependent. For example,  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  is an expression where  $x$  is not an input, and  $y$  is not an output; they are simply two variables linked by that equation.

Say we wanted to find the derivative of that expression: how a small change  $dx$  to  $x$  changes  $y$  by  $dy$ . Therefore, the slope we are looking for is  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . Keep in mind we are differentiating with respect to  $x$ , that is, we are changing  $x$  by some  $dx$ .

In our circle example, we start by taking the derivative of both sides. What this means is that for some small steps  $dx$  and  $dy$ , the only way that that value is equal to the original value is it equals the change to the other side when  $x$  changes. That is if something something else, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \text{something} = \frac{d}{dx} \text{something else}.$$

In our circle example, this means that

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx} 1.$$

We can split the derivative as such:

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^2 + \frac{d}{dx} y^2 = \frac{d}{dx} 1.$$

We can compute  $\frac{d}{dx} x^2$  and  $\frac{d}{dx} 1$  easily, but how do we compute  $\frac{d}{dx} y^2$ ? That is, how does a small change in  $x$  affect  $y$ . This sounds like something the chain rule can help us with.

If we let  $f(x) = y^2$ , then we are trying to compute  $\frac{df}{dx}$ . However,  $f$  takes in  $x$  as its input, but outputs  $y^2$ . It is not immediately obvious how to compute  $\frac{df}{dx}$ . But, we can compute  $\frac{df}{dy}$ , that is, how  $f$  changes given a small change  $dy$  to  $y$ . However, we must link this ratio  $\frac{df}{dy}$ , since, we want  $df$  with respect to  $dx$ . So, we can

multiply by  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , since this relates  $dy$  to  $dx$ . This  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  also happens to be the derivative we ultimately want to compute. So, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

Notice that this is simply the Chain Rule.

In our example, this looks like

$$\frac{d}{dx}x^2 + \frac{d}{dx}y^2 = \frac{d}{dx}1$$

$$2x + 2y\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$x = -y\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}.}$$

### 3.1.4 Leibniz's Rule

Leibniz's Rule gives us a way of quickly computing  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(fg)(x)$ , or the  $n$ th derivative of  $f(x)g(x)$ . We first try to propose a conjecture and then prove it.

Computing the first few, we see that

$$(fg)^0 = fg$$

$$(fg)^1 = f'g + fg'$$

$$(fg)^2 = f^2g + 2f'g' + fg^2$$

from the Product Rule.

The coefficients seem to match that of Pascal's Triangle. Thus, from the example, we conjecture that

$$(fg)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{n-k} g^k. \quad (2)$$

We prove this hold for all positive  $n$  by induction.

*Base Case:*  $n = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} (fg)^1 &= \sum_{k=0}^1 \binom{1}{k} f^{1-k} g^k \\ &= \binom{1}{0} f^1 g^0 + \binom{1}{1} f^0 g^1 \\ &= f'g + fg'. \end{aligned}$$

which is true by the Product Rule.

*Induction Step:* we assume that (1) holds for  $n = n - 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(fg)^n &= \frac{d}{dx}(fg)^{n-1} = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} f^{n-1-k} g^k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} \frac{d}{dx} f^{n-1-k} g^k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} f^{n-k} g^k + f^{n-1-k} g^{k+1} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} f^{n-k} g^k + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} f^{n-1-k} g^{k+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

We will make use of Pascal's Identity, which states that  $\binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k} = \binom{n}{k}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \binom{n-1}{0} f^n g^0 + \binom{n-1}{1} f^{n-1} g^1 + \dots + \binom{n-1}{n-2} f^2 g^{n-2} + \binom{n-1}{n-1} f^1 g^{n-1} \\
&+ \binom{n-1}{0} f^{n-1} g^1 + \binom{n-1}{1} f^{n-2} g^2 + \dots + \binom{n-1}{n-2} f^1 g^{n-1} + \binom{n-1}{n-1} f^0 g^n \\
&= \binom{n-1}{0} f^n g^0 + \left( \binom{n-1}{0} + \binom{n-1}{1} \right) (f^{n-1} g^1) + \left( \binom{n-1}{1} + \binom{n-1}{2} \right) (f^{n-2} g^2) + \dots \\
&+ \left( \binom{n-1}{n-2} + \binom{n-1}{n-1} \right) (f^1 g^{n-1}) + \binom{n-1}{n-1} f^0 g^n \\
&= \binom{n}{0} f^n g^0 + \binom{n}{1} (f^{n-1} g^1) + \binom{n}{2} (f^{n-2} g^2) + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} (f^1 g^{n-1}) + \binom{n}{n} f^0 g^n \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{n-k} g^k.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (1) holds for  $n = n - 1$ . By the principle of induction, (1) is true for all positive integers  $n$ .

### 3.1.5 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus: Part 1

Part one of the FTC states that  $\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a)$ , where  $F(x)$  is the antiderivative of  $f(x)$ , such that  $F'(x) = f(x)$ .

You might wonder why antiderivatives have anything to do with the integral of  $f$ . The connecting piece lies in the Mean Value Theorem.

Because we are interested in a definite integral, let us create some partition  $\mathcal{P}$ , where  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ . Let us look at some  $z_i$  belonging to the interval  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ , for  $0 \leq i < n$

If we apply the Mean Value Theorem to  $F(x)$  on the interval  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$ , then we get

$$F'(z_i) = f(z_i) = \frac{F(x_{i+1}) - F(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

$$f(z_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) = F(x_{i+1}) - F(x_i).$$

Because we want the definite integral, we want the sum over the entire partition, so we take the sum of both sides

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(z_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} F(x_{i+1}) - F(x_i). \quad (3)$$

Notice what we have on the LHS of (3) : we have the Riemann sum  $\mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, z_i)$ . So, this sum approaches the definite integral we want:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(z_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) = \mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, z_i) = \int_a^b f(x)dx = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} F(x_{i+1}) - F(x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)dx &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} F(x_{i+1}) - F(x_i) \\ &= [F(x_1) - F(x_0)] + [F(x_2) - F(x_1)] + \dots + [F(x_{n-1}) - F(x_{n-2})] + [F(x_n) - F(x_{n-1})] \\ &= -F(x_0) + F(x_n). \end{aligned}$$

But remember  $a = x_0$  and  $b = x_n$ . So,

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(x_n) - F(x_0)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a).$$

### 3.1.6 Interesting Derivative

In my studying for the Math 220 Proficiency test, I was asked to solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in the following problem:

$$y = (\log(x))^{\frac{1}{x^2}}.$$

Here is my solution.

Differentiate both sides with respect to  $x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (\log(x))^{\frac{1}{x^2}}.$$

Now all we have to do is differentiate the RHS and we are done. To do so, we write the RHS equivalently with  $e^{\log}$ , since these functions undo each other

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} e^{\log(\log(x))^{\frac{1}{x^2}}} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} e^{\frac{1}{x^2} \log(\log(x))}, \end{aligned}$$

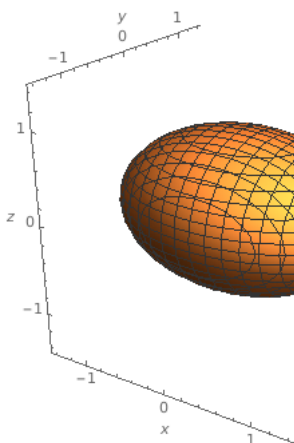
using properties of logarithms.

Now we differentiate the RHS using the Chain Rule and Product Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^{\frac{1}{x^2} \log(\log(x))} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x^2} \log(\log(x)) \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{x^2} \log(\log(x))} \cdot (-2x^{-3} \log(\log(x)) + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{1}{x \log(x)}) \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{x^2} \log(\log(x))} \cdot (\frac{-2}{x^3} \log(\log(x)) + \frac{1}{x^3 \log(x)}) \\ &= \log(x)^{\frac{1}{x^2}} \cdot (\frac{-2}{x^3} \log(\log(x)) + \frac{1}{x^3 \log(x)}). \end{aligned}$$

### 3.1.7 Volume of an Ellipsoid

I have wondered how to find the volume of an ellipsoid for a while now, and finally I am able to do so. An ellipsoid is the 3-dimensional analogue of the ellipse, and looks like this:



The equation for an ellipsoid with semi-axis  $a, b, c$  along the  $x, y, z$  axis, respectively, is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1.$$

The way we will tackle this is by taking cross-sectional areas along the  $x$ -axis, parallel to the  $y - z$  plane, and integrating them as  $x$  varies from  $-a$  to  $a$ , along the  $x$ -axis.

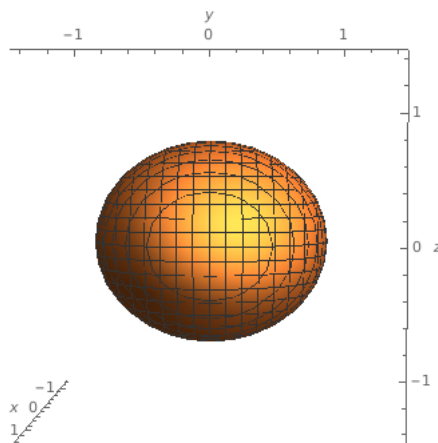


Figure 1: Viewing the ellipsoid in the  $y - z$  plane, the same plane as our cross-sectional areas.

Notice that all of the cross-sections are going to be ellipses. To find some particular cross-section at some point along the  $x$ -axis, we will need to find the equation of each of the cross-sections. Note that the ellipses are from the  $y - z$  plane.

Recall the equation of the ellipsoid:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1.$$

So,

$$\frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{y^2}{b^2(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2})} + \frac{z^2}{c^2(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2})} = 1.$$

This is the equation of any cross-sectional ellipse parallel to the  $y - z$  plane, as the  $x$  position varies from  $-a$  to  $a$ . As a check, we see that when  $x = 0$ , the equation simply becomes

$$\frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1,$$

which is the equation of an ellipse with semi-axis  $b$  and  $c$ , which is correct.

Next, we must find the area of each cross-sectional ellipse. Recall that the area of an ellipse with semi-axis  $a$  and  $b$  is  $\pi ab$ . The semi-axis lengths are simply the positive square roots of the denominators in the equation. In our case, the semi-axis have length  $b\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}}$  and  $c\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}}$ . So, the area as a function of its  $x$  position is

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &= \pi b \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}} \cdot c \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}} \\ &= \pi bc \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we can integrate all cross-sectional areas from  $-a$  to  $a$  with the following definite integral:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_{-a}^a A(x) dx \\ &= \pi bc \int_{-a}^a \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) dx \\ &= \pi bc \left( x - \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right) \Big|_{-a}^a \\ &= \pi bc \left( \left( a - \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} a^3 \right) - \left( -a - \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} (-a)^3 \right) \right) \\ &= \pi bc \left( \left( a - \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} a^3 \right) - \left( -a + \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} a^3 \right) \right) \\ &= \pi bc \left( 2a - 2 \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{1}{3} a^3 \right) \\ &= 2\pi bc \left( a - \frac{1}{3} a \right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{4}{3} \pi abc}. \end{aligned}$$

## 4 August

### 4.1 Putnam Problem

In the calculus book, I came across the following Putnam problem:

Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer, and for any real number  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , let  $C(\alpha)$  be the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the power series expansion of  $(1+x)^\alpha$ . Prove that

$$\int_0^1 \left( C(-t-1) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{t+k} \right) dt = (-1)^n n.$$

Here is my solution.

The power series expansion for  $(1+x)^{-t-1}$  is

$$1 + \frac{1}{1!}(-t-1)x + \frac{1}{2!}(-t-1)(-t-2)x^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}(-t-1)\dots(-t-n)x^n + \dots$$

The coefficient  $\frac{1}{n!}(-t-1)\dots(-t-n)$  is our  $C(-t-1) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!}(t+1)(t+2)\dots(t+n)$ .  
The summation is

$$\sum_{k=0}^n = \frac{1}{t+1} + \frac{1}{t+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{t+n}.$$

Our integral is now

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \left( C(-t-1) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{t+k} \right) dt &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_0^1 (t+1)(t+2)\dots(t+n) \left( \frac{1}{t+1} + \frac{1}{t+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{t+n} \right) dt \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_0^1 ((t+2)\dots(t+n) + (t+1)(t+3)\dots(t+n) + \dots + (t+1)\dots(t+n-1)) dt \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dx} (t+1)\dots(t+n) dt \end{aligned}$$

This last step, rewriting the integrand as the derivative of a function seems sketchy, but it works, considering the smaller cases and inducting upwards. For example,

$$\frac{d}{dx} fgh = \frac{d}{dx} (fg)(h) = (fg)'h + (fg)h' = (f'g + fg')h + fgh' = f'gh + fg'h + fgh',$$

which is exactly what we want.

Continuing,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dx} (t+1)\dots(t+n) dt &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \left( (t+1)\dots(t+n) \Big|_0^1 \right) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} ((2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (n+1)) - (1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n)) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} (n!(n+1-1)) \\ &= \boxed{(-1)^n n}. \end{aligned}$$