

Volumes Using Cross-Sections

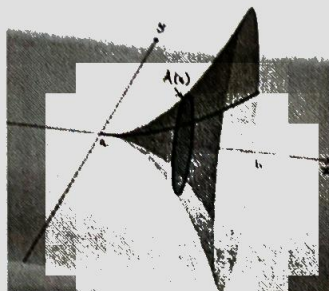
Section 6.1

Idea: We integrate a curve (one-dimensional) to get area (two-dimensional). What should we integrate to get volume (three-dimensional)?

The **volume** of a solid of integrable cross-section area $A(x)$ from $x = a$ to $x = b$:

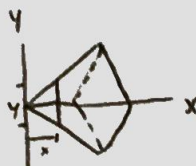
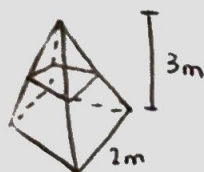
A must be continuous on $[a, b]$

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



1. Sketch the solid and a typical cross-section
2. Find a formula for $A(x)$
3. Find the limits of integration
4. Integrate $A(x)$ to find the volume

Example #1: Find the volume of a pyramid that is 3 m high and has a square base that is 2 m on each side.



$$\frac{x}{4} = \frac{3}{1}$$

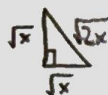
$$x = 3y \quad y = \frac{x}{3}$$

$$A(x) = 4y^2 = 4\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{9}x^2$$

$$\int_0^3 \frac{4}{9}x^2 dx = \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} = \frac{4x^3}{27} \Big|_0^3$$

$$\frac{4(3)^3}{27} - \frac{4(0)^3}{27} = 4$$

Example #2: Find the volume of the solid that lies between the planes perpendicular to the x -axis at $x = 0$ and $x = 4$ and whose cross-sections (perpendicular to the x -axis) are squares whose diagonals run from the parabola $y = -\sqrt{x}$ to the parabola $y = \sqrt{x}$.



$$A(x) = 2x$$

$$\int_0^4 2x \, dx = x^2 \Big|_0^4$$

$$16 - 0 = 16$$

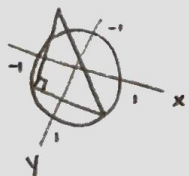


$$A(x) = \pi x$$

$$\int_0^4 \pi x \, dx = \frac{\pi x^2}{2} \Big|_0^4$$

$$8\pi$$

Example #3: Find the volume of the solid whose base is the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ and whose cross-sections (perpendicular to the y -axis) are isosceles right triangles with one leg in the disk.



$$x = \pm \sqrt{1 - y^2}$$

$$x > 0 : x = \sqrt{1 - y^2}$$

$$A(y) = \frac{1}{2} (2\sqrt{1 - y^2})^2 = 2(1 - y^2)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 2(1 - y^2) \, dy = \frac{8}{3}$$

Disk/Washer Method

Idea: We generate a solid by rotating a "planar region" about a line. The cross-sections perpendicular to that line will be circles so the area of each cross section will be πr^2 .

Disk Method: Suppose that we rotate a planar region about the x -axis. Let $r(x)$ be the distance from the x -axis to the boundary of the planar region. Then the volume of the solid generated by this rotation is

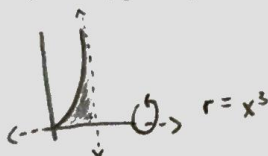
$$V = \int_a^b \pi [r(x)]^2 dx.$$

A similar formula hold for rotation about the y -axis.

Volume by washers for rotation about x -axis: $V = \int_a^b \pi (R(x)^2 - r(x)^2) dx$ (outer - inner radius)

Examples: Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by

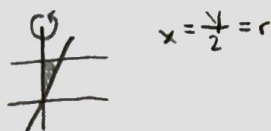
1. $y = x^3$, $y = 0$, and $x = 2$ about the x -axis.



$$\int_0^2 \pi (x^3)^2 dx = \int_0^2 \pi x^6 dx$$

$$\frac{\pi x^7}{7} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{128\pi}{7}$$

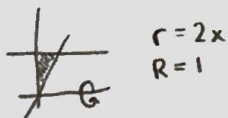
2. $y = 2x$, $y = 1$, and $x = 0$ about the y -axis.



$$\int_0^1 \pi \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 dy = \int_0^1 \pi \frac{y^2}{4} dy$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{y^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{y^3 \pi}{12} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

3. $y = 2x$, $y = 1$, and $x = 0$ about the x -axis.



$$\int_0^{1/2} \pi (1 - (2x)^2) dx = \int_0^{1/2} \pi - 4\pi x^2 dx$$

$$\pi x - \frac{4\pi}{3} x^3 \Big|_0^{1/2} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

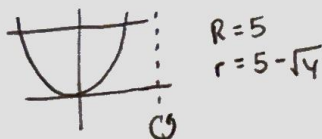
4. $y = x^2$, $y = 4$, and $x = 0$ in the first quadrant about the y -axis.



$$\frac{\pi}{4} \int_0^4 y dy = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^4 = \frac{\pi y^2}{8} \Big|_0^4 = 2\pi$$

$8\pi?$

5. $y = x^2$, $y = 4$, and $x = 0$ in the first quadrant about the line $x = 5$.

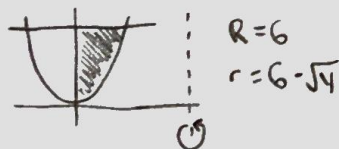


$$\pi \int_0^2 5^2 - (5 - \sqrt{y})^2 dy = \pi \int_0^2 25 dy - \pi \int_0^2 25 - 10\sqrt{y} + y dy$$

$$[25\pi y]_0^2 - \left[\pi \left(25y + \frac{20}{3} y^{3/2} + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \right]_0^2 = -2\pi + \frac{40\pi\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\pi \int_0^2 -y + 10y^{1/2} dy = \left[-\frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{20}{3} y^{3/2} \right]_0^2 \pi = -2\pi + \frac{40\sqrt{2}\pi}{3}$$

6. $y = x^2$, $y = 4$, and $x = 0$ in the first quadrant about the line $y = 6$.



$$\pi \int_0^2 6^2 - (6 - \sqrt{y})^2 dy = \pi \int_0^2 36 - 36 + 12\sqrt{y} - y dy$$

$$\pi \int_0^2 12y^{1/2} - y dy = \pi \left[8y^{3/2} - \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^2$$

$$16\sqrt{2}\pi - 2\pi$$