

**Learning objectives:**

1. Find volumes of solids of revolution, obtained by revolving a region about a line called axis.
2. We divide the given solid into disks/washer by cutting it into infinite infinitesimally small cross-sections (region perpendicular to the axis of rotation).

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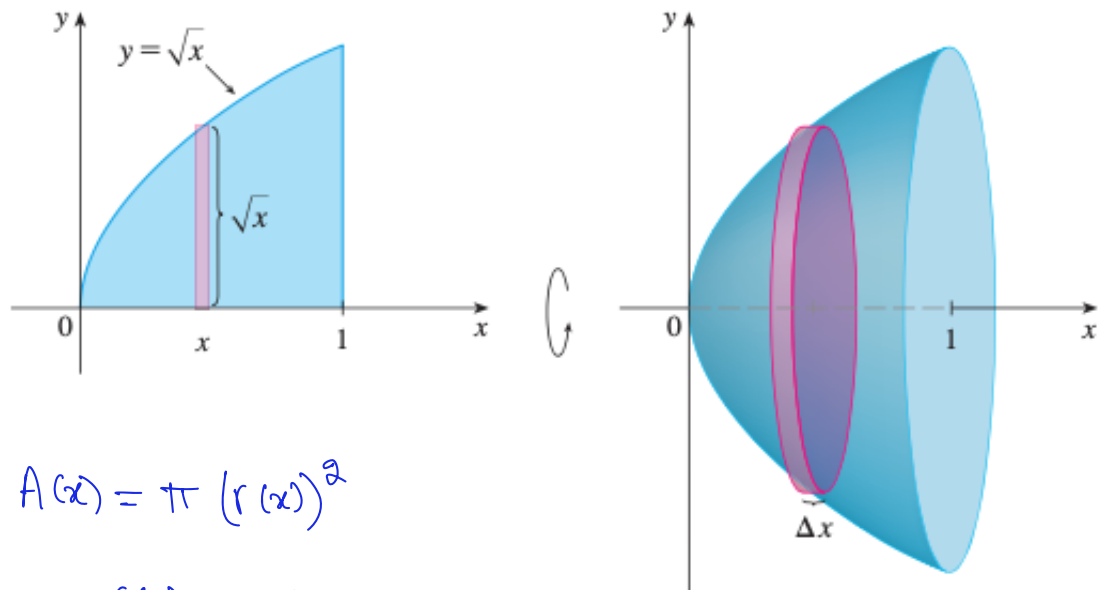
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**Example 1.** Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about the  $x$ -axis the region under the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ .



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

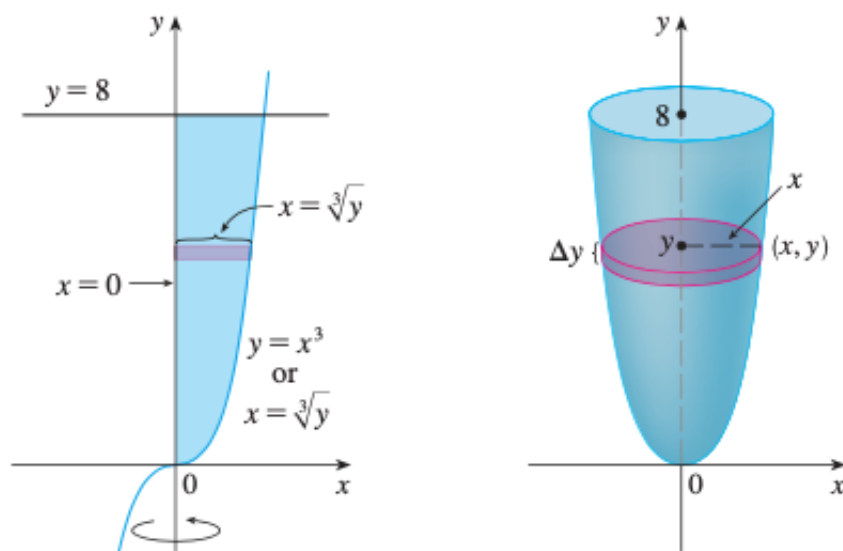
$$r(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

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

$$V = \int_0^1 A(x) dx = \int_0^1 \pi x dx$$

$$= \pi \left. \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

**Example 2.** Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by  $y = x^3$ ,  $y = 8$  and  $x = 0$  about the  $y$ -axis.



$$A(y) = \pi (r(y))^2 = \pi x^2$$

$$y = x^3 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{y} = r(y)$$

$$A(y) = \pi (\sqrt[3]{y})^2 = \pi y^{2/3}$$

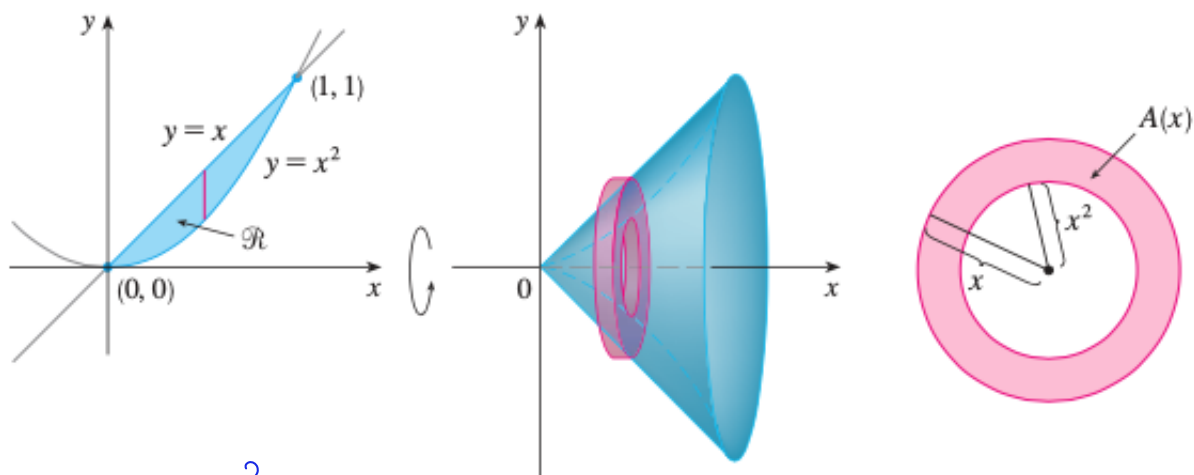
$$V = \int_0^8 \pi y^{2/3} dy$$

$$= \pi \int_0^8 y^{2/3} dy = \pi \left. \frac{y^{1+2/3}}{1+2/3} \right|_0^8$$

$$= \pi \left. \frac{y^{5/3}}{5/3} \right|_0^8 = \frac{3\pi}{5} \left[ 8^{5/3} - 0^{5/3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{5} \left[ (2^3)^{5/3} \right] = \frac{3\pi}{5} 2^5 = \frac{96\pi}{5}$$

**Example 3.** The region  $R$  enclosed by the curves  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$  is rotated about the  $x$ -axis. Find the volume of the resulting solid.



$$r_1(x) = x^2$$

$$r_2(x) = x$$

$$A(x) = \pi (r_2^2 - r_1^2)$$

$$= \pi [(x)^2 - (x^2)^2]$$

$$= \pi (x^2 - x^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \int_0^1 \pi (x^2 - x^4) dx$$

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

$$= \pi \left[ \int_0^1 x^2 dx - \int_0^1 x^4 dx \right]$$

$$= \pi \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{x^5}{5} \Big|_0^1 \right]$$

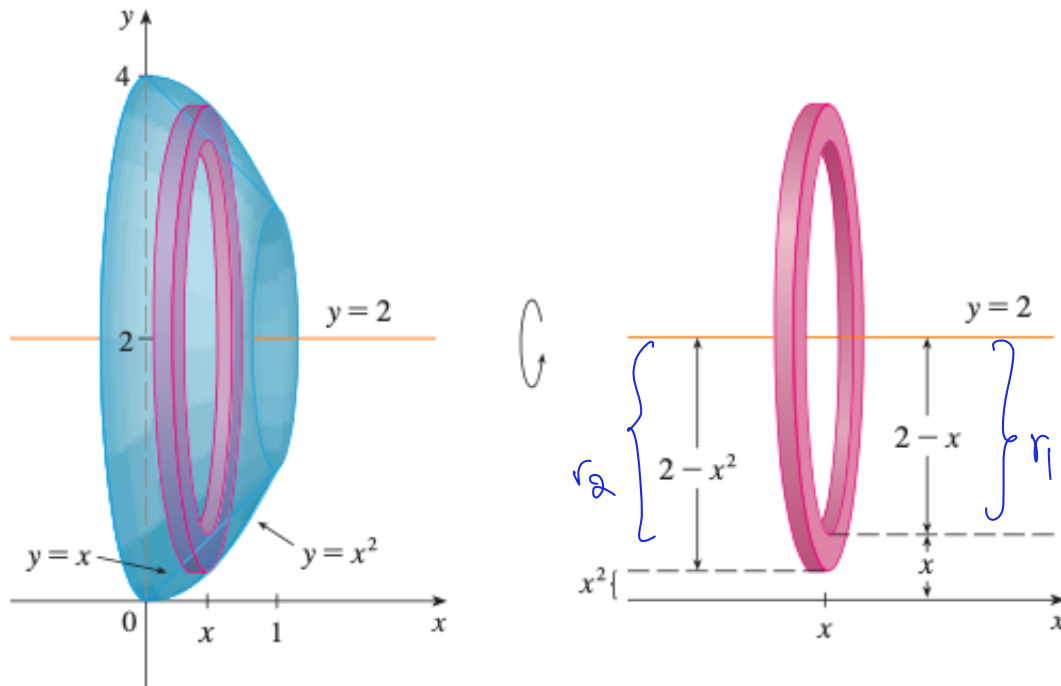
$$= \pi \left[ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right] = \frac{2\pi}{15}$$

$$f(x) = x$$

$$g(x) = x^2$$

$$V = \int_0^1 \pi [f(x)^2 - g(x)^2] dx$$

**Example 4.** The region  $R$  enclosed by the curves  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$  is rotated about the  $y = 2$  line. Find the volume of the resulting solid.



$$r_1 = 2 - x, \quad r_2 = 2 - x^2$$

$$A(x) = \pi (r_2^2 - r_1^2)$$

$$= \pi [(2 - x^2)^2 - (2 - x)^2]$$

$$= \pi [4 - 4x^2 + x^4 - (4 - 4x + x^2)]$$

$$= \pi [\cancel{4} - 4x^2 + x^4 - \cancel{4} + 4x - x^2]$$

$$= \pi [4x - 5x^2 + x^4]$$

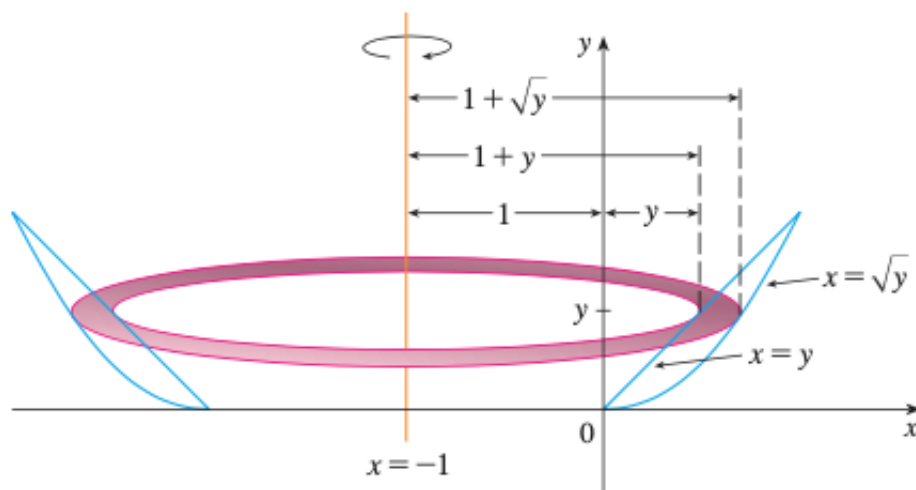
$$V = \int_0^1 A(x) dx = \int_0^1 \pi (4x - 5x^2 + x^4) dx$$

$$= \pi \int_0^1 (4x - 5x^2 + x^4) dx$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^1 x dx - 5\pi \int_0^1 x^2 dx + \pi \int_0^1 x^4 dx = \frac{4\pi}{2} - \frac{5\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{5}$$

$$= 2\pi - \frac{5}{3}\pi + \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{8\pi}{15}$$

**Example 5.** The region  $R$  enclosed by the curves  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$  is rotated about the  $x = -1$  line. Find the volume of the resulting solid.



$$r_1 = 1 + y \quad , \quad r_2 = 1 + \sqrt{y}$$

$$A(y) = \pi (r_2^2 - r_1^2) = \pi [(1 + \sqrt{y})^2 - (1 + y)^2]$$

$$= \pi [1 + 2\sqrt{y} + y - (1 + 2y + y^2)]$$

$$= \pi [\cancel{1} + 2\sqrt{y} + \underline{y} - \cancel{1} - \underline{2y} - y^2]$$

$$= \pi [2\sqrt{y} - y - y^2]$$

$$V = \int_0^1 \pi (2\sqrt{y} - y - y^2) dy$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 \sqrt{y} dy - \pi \int_0^1 y dy - \pi \int_0^1 y^2 dy$$

$$= 2\pi \left. \frac{y^{3/2}}{3/2} \right|_0^1 - \pi \left. \frac{y^2}{2} \right|_0^1 - \pi \left. \frac{y^3}{3} \right|_0^1$$

$$= 2\pi \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{4\pi}{3} - \frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{3\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$