

MA 16200: Plane Analytic Geometry and Calculus II

Lecture 5: The Shell Method

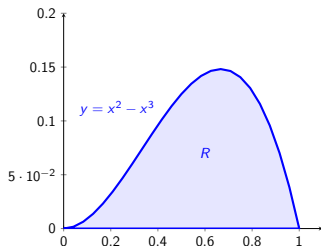
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The Problem with the Disk/Washer Method

What happens when we try to revolve R about the y -axis and find the volume of the solid of revolution using Disk/Washers?

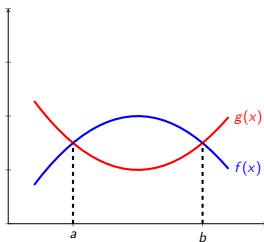


Can we find a way to revolve around the y -axis, but integrate w.r.t. x ?

Volume of a Cylindrical Shell



Shell Method Derivation



The Shell Method

Definition 1

Let f and g be continuous functions with $f(x) \geq g(x)$ on $[a, b]$. If R is the region bounded by the curves $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ between the lines $x = a$ and $x = b$, the volume of the solid generated when R is revolved about the y -axis is:

$$V = \int_a^b 2\pi x(f(x) - g(x)) \, dx$$

When R is bounded by the x -axis ($g(x) \equiv 0$), then

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

Example

Problem 2

Let R be the region bounded by $y = x^2 - x^3$ and the x -axis. Find the volume of the solid when R is revolved around the y -axis. Draw the region and a typical shell.

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Example

Problem 3

Let R be the region bounded by $f(x) = \sin x^2$, $x = \sqrt{\pi/2}$, and the x -axis. Find the volume of the solid when R is revolved around the y -axis. Draw the region and a typical shell.

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Example

Problem 4

Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about the y-axis the region between $y = x$ and $y = x^2$. Draw the region and a typical shell.

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Example

Problem 5

A cylindrical hole with radius r is drilled symmetrically through the center of a sphere with radius a , where $0 \leq r \leq a$. What is the volume of the remaining material?

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Formulas for Rotating about the x-axis

Definition 6

Let p and q be continuous functions with $p(y) \geq q(y)$ on $[c, d]$. If R is the region bounded by the curves $x = p(y)$ and $x = q(y)$ between the lines $y = c$ and $y = d$, the volume of the solid generated when R is revolved about the x -axis is:

$$V = \int_c^d 2\pi y(p(y) - q(y)) \, dy$$

When R is bounded by the y -axis ($q(y) \equiv 0$), then

$$V = \int_c^d 2\pi y p(y) \, dy$$

Example

Problem 7

Use cylindrical shells to find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about the x-axis the region under the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$ from 0 to 1. Draw the region and a typical shell.

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Example

Problem 8

Let R be the region in the first quadrant bounded by the graph of $y = \sqrt{x - 2}$ and the line $y = 2$. Find the volume of the solid generated when R is revolved about the x -axis. Draw the region and a typical shell.

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Example

Problem 9

Use the method of cylindrical shells to find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by $y = x^3$, $y = 8$, and $x = 0$ about the x -axis. Draw the region and a typical shell.

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Example

Problem 10

Use the method of cylindrical shells to find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by $y = 4x^2$ and $2x + y = 6$ about the x-axis. Draw the region and a typical shell.

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Example

Problem 11

Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by $y = x - x^2$ and $y = 0$ about the line $x = 2$.

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Example

Problem 12

Let R be the region bounded by the curve $y = \sqrt{x-1}$, the line $y = 0$, and $x = 5$. Use the shell method to find the volume of the solid generated when R is revolved about the line $y = 3$.

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Example (if time allows)

Problem 13

Let R be the region bounded by the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$, the line $y = 1$, and the y -axis. Use the shell method to find the volume of the solid generated when R is revolved about the line $x = -\frac{1}{2}$.

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Example (if time allows)

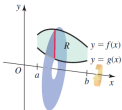
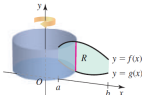
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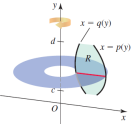
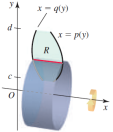
Set up, but do not evaluate, an integral for the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by the given curves about the specified axis.

$$x = \sqrt{\sin y}; \quad 0 \leq y \leq \pi; \quad x = 0; \quad \text{about } y=4$$

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Summary

<p>Integration with respect to x</p> 	<p>Disk/washer method about the x-axis Disks/washers are <i>perpendicular</i> to the x-axis.</p> $\int_a^b \pi \underbrace{(f(x)^2 - g(x)^2)}_{\substack{\text{outer} \\ \text{radius} \quad \text{inner} \\ \text{radius}}} dx$
	<p>Shell method about the y-axis Shells are <i>parallel</i> to the y-axis.</p> $\int_a^b \underbrace{2\pi x}_{\text{shell circumference}} \underbrace{(f(x) - g(x))}_{\text{shell height}} dx$

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