

18.01A Topic 6: Geometric applications: volumes, area, arclength.

Read: TB: 7.1-7.6 (7.4 to top of page 233, 7.5 lightly).

Idea:

1. Divide into little (infinitesimal) pieces, each of which is easy to compute.
2. Sum them up.

Area between curves

Examples: (won't do all in class)

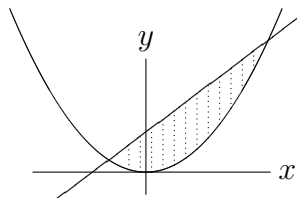
1. Find the area between $y = x + 2$ and $y = x^2$.

answer: Find points of intersection:

$$x + 2 = x^2 \Rightarrow x = -1, 2.$$

On top: $x + 2$ above x^2 .

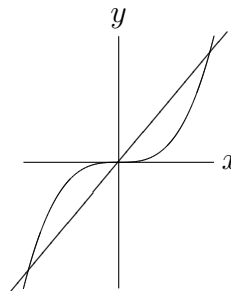
$$\text{Area} = \int_{-1}^2 (x + 2) - x^2 dx = 9/2.$$



2. Find the area between curves $y = x^3$ and $y = 4x$.

Intersect at $x = -2, 0, 2$.

$$\text{Two pieces: } \int_{-2}^0 x^3 - 4x dx + \int_0^2 4x - x^3 dx = 8.$$

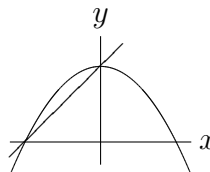


3. Find the area between $y = 1 - x^2$ and $y = x + 1$.

Intersection: $1 - x^2 = x + 1 \Rightarrow x = 0, -1$.

On top: $1 - x^2$ is above $x + 1$.

$$\text{Area} = \int_{-1}^0 (1 - x^2) - (x + 1) dx = 1/6.$$



4. Find the area bounded by $y = \cos x$, $y = \sin 2x$, between $0 \leq x \leq \pi/2$.

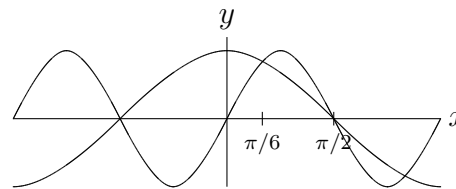
Intersection: $\cos x = \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = 0 \text{ or } 2 \sin x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pi/2, \pi/6.$$

In $[0, \pi/6]$ $\cos x$ is on top.

In $[\pi/6, \pi/2]$ $\sin 2x$ is on top.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \int_0^{\pi/6} \cos x - \sin 2x + \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} \sin 2x - \cos x \\ &= \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \Big|_0^{\pi/6} + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x - \sin x \right) \Big|_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} - 0 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$



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Volume by Slices:

Example 1: Find the volume of the sphere of radius R .

Volume of slice: $dV = \pi r^2 dx = \pi(R^2 - x^2) dx$.

Volume = 'sum' of slices:

$$V = \int_{-R}^R \pi(R^2 - x^2) dx \\ = \pi(R^2 x - x^3/3) \Big|_{-R}^R = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3.$$

Volume of revolution:

Revolve graph of $y = f(x)$ around x -axis.

Compute volume by vertical slices.

Volume of slice: $dV = \pi y^2 dx = \pi f(x)^2 dx$

Volume = 'sum' of slices:

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

Example 2: Find the volume of revolution of the curve $y = 4 - x^2$ between 0 and 2 revolved around the x -axis.

Volume of slice: $dV = \pi y^2 dx = \pi(4 - x^2)^2 dx$.

Volume = 'sum' of slices:

$$V = \int_0^2 \pi(16 - 8x^2 + x^4) dx \\ = \pi(16x - \frac{8}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5) \Big|_0^2 \\ = \pi(32 - 64/3 + 32/5).$$

Example 3: Same curve around y -axis.

Volume of slice: $dV = \pi x^2 dy = \pi(4 - y) dy$.

Volume = 'sum' of slices:

$$V = \int_0^4 \pi(4 - y) dy = \pi(4y - y^2/2) \Big|_0^4 = 8\pi.$$

Volume by Shells

Example 4: Same curve ($y = 4 - x^2$) around y -axis.

Vertical rectangle in first graph sweeps out cylindrical shell.

thickness = dx , height = y , radius = x .

\Rightarrow Volume of shell = $dV = 2\pi xy dx$.

\Rightarrow Volume = 'sum' of shells:

$$V = \int_0^2 2\pi x(4 - x^2) dx \\ = 2\pi(2x^2 - x^4/4) \Big|_0^2 = 8\pi.$$

(Same as by slices!)

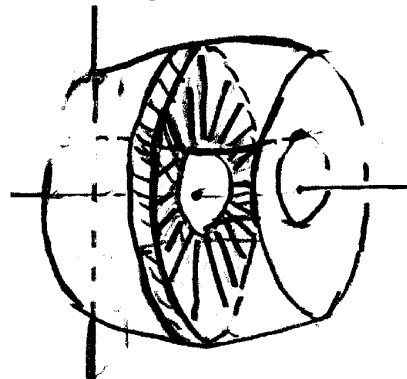
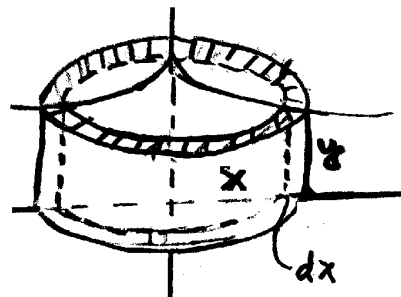
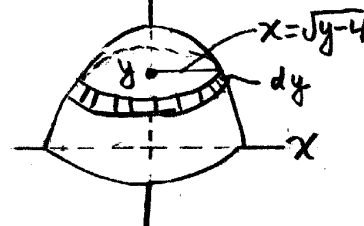
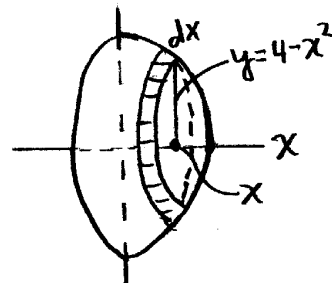
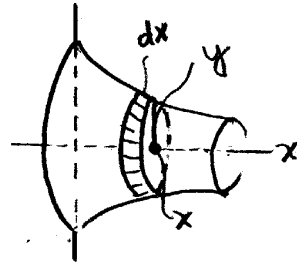
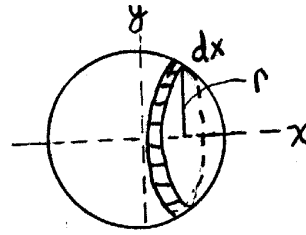
Washers

Revolve area between curves around the x -axis.

Just like slices with inside and outside radii.

Volume of slice = $dV = \pi(y_1^2 - y_2^2) dx$.

Volume = 'sum' of slices = $\int_a^b dV$.



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The same ideas work for volumes of revolution around other lines.

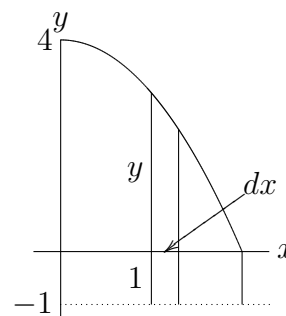
Example 5: Find the volume of revolution of the curve $y = 4 - x^2$ between $x = 0$ and $x = 2$ around the line $y = -1$.

answer: This is the same as example 2 above, except instead of rotating around the line $y = 0$ (the x -axis) we rotate around $y = -1$.

The volume of a thin disk of rotation is
 $dV = \pi r^2 dx = \pi(y + 1)^2 dx = \pi(5 - x^2)^2 dx$.

Volume = 'sum' of slices:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^2 \pi(25 - 10x^2 + x^4) dx \\ &= \pi\left(25x - \frac{10}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5\right)\Big|_0^2 \\ &= \pi\left(50 - \frac{80}{3} + \frac{32}{5}\right). \end{aligned}$$



Arclength

Δs is the length along the curve.

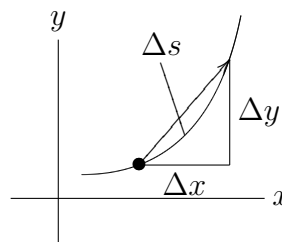
It's approximated by the secant line.

I.e. $\Delta s \approx \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}$

In the limit: $ds = \sqrt{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2}$

This is the basic formula. It can be manipulated.

E.g. $\frac{ds}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2}$ or $ds = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$.



$$\text{Arclength} = L = \int ds = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx.$$

Example: Find the arclength of the curve $y^2 = x^3$ between $(0, 0)$ and $(4, 8)$.

answer: $y = x^{3/2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} \Rightarrow \frac{ds}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4}x}$.

$\Rightarrow \text{Arclength} = L = \int_0^4 \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4}x} dx = \frac{8}{27} \left(1 + \frac{9}{4}x\right)^{3/2} \Big|_0^4 = \frac{8}{27} (10^{3/2} - 1)$.

Example: Find the arclength of $y = \sin x$ for x in $[0, \pi]$.

answer: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x \Rightarrow \frac{ds}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 x}$.

$\Rightarrow \text{Arclength} = L = \int_0^\pi \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 x} dx$.

(Not possible to evaluate in terms of elementary functions –called an elliptic integral.)

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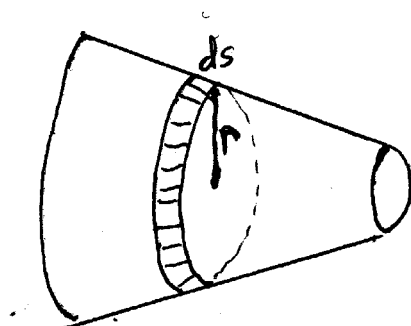
Surface area of revolution:

Trickier than volume.

Main idea: rotate line to get frustrum of cone: read the book §7.6.

For a curve $y = f(x)$ rotated around the x -axis the differential of area is
 $dA = 2\pi y ds = 2\pi y \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx.$

In general, for a element ds rotated in a circle of radius r we get $dA = 2\pi r ds.$



Example: Find the area of the surface of revolution of $y = 1/x$ between 1 and b revolved around the x -axis.

answer: Find dA :

$$y' = -1/x^2.$$

$$ds = \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx = \sqrt{1 + (-1/x^2)^2} dx.$$

$$dA = 2\pi y ds = 2\pi \frac{1}{x} \sqrt{1 + (-1/x^2)^2} dx.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Surface area } A = \int_1^b 2\pi \frac{1}{x} \sqrt{1 + 1/x^4} dx.$$

Hard to compute but we can analyze:

$$A > \int_1^b 2\pi \frac{1}{x} dx = 2\pi \ln b.$$

$$\Rightarrow A \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } b \rightarrow \infty.$$

Find the volume of revolution of the same curve.

$$\text{Volume of slice} = dV = \pi y^2 dx = \pi \frac{1}{x^2} dx.$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \int_1^b \frac{\pi}{x^2} dx = -\frac{\pi}{x} \Big|_1^b = \pi \left(1 - \frac{1}{b}\right).$$

$$\Rightarrow V \rightarrow \pi \text{ as } b \rightarrow \infty.$$

Finite volume and infinite surface area!

What happens if you fill the volume of revolution with paint?