# Sample Problems

1. Consider the region bounded by  $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x$ , y = 0, and x = 2. Compute the volume of the object we obtain when rotating this region about the *y*-axis.



- 2. Compute the volume of the object that we obtain by rotating the region between  $y = \frac{1}{3}x$ , y = 0, and x = 6
  - a) about the y-axis b) about the line x = -1
- 3. Compute the volume of the object that we obtain by rotating the region between  $y = \sin x$ , y = 0, and  $x = \pi$  about the y-axis.
- 4. (the torus) Consider the region bounded by the circle  $(x 2)^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Compute the volume of the object we obtain when rotating the region



- a) about the y-axis
- b) about the line x = 1

c) Assume that R > r. A circle is centered at (R, 0) and has radius r. We rotate it about the y-axis. Compute the volume of this torus.

# Practice Problems

- 1. Compute the volume of the object we obtain by rotating the region bounded by  $y = x^2$ , y = 0, and x = 1 about the y-axis.
- 2. Compute the volume of the object we obtain by rotating the region bounded by  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , y = 0, and x = 4 about the y-axis.
- 3. Compute the volume of the object we obtain by rotating the region bounded by  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ , y = 0, x = 1 and x = 2, about the *y*-axis.
- 4. a) The torus created by rotating the unit circle centered at (1, 0) about the y-axis.
  - b) The torus created by rotating the unit circle centered at (2,0) about the *y*-axis.

### Answers - Sample Problems

1.)  $\frac{8}{3}\pi$  2.) a)  $48\pi$  b)  $60\pi$  3.)  $2\pi^2$  4.) a)  $4\pi^2$  b)  $2\pi^2$  c)  $V = 2\pi^2 r^2 R$ 

### Answers - Practice Problems

1.) 
$$\frac{\pi}{2}$$
 2.)  $\frac{128}{5}\pi$  3.)  $2\pi$  4.) a)  $2\pi^2$  b)  $4\pi^2$ 

### Solutions of Sample Problems

1. Consider the region bounded by  $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x$ , y = 0, and x = 2. Compute the volume of the object we obtain when rotating this region about the y-axis.



Solution: We partition the interval [0, 2] into very small intervals over which we approximate the function to be constant. The area under the graph becomes a sum of many rectangles. Consider rotating one such rectangle about the y-axis. The object we obtain is called a cylindrical shell.



The volume of such a cylindrical shell is approximated by

 $V_i = \text{circumference} \cdot \text{height} \cdot \text{thickness}$ 

In this particular case, the circumference is  $2\pi x$ , the height is f(x), and the thickness is dx. The total volume is then

$$V = \int_{0}^{2} (2\pi x) f(x) dx = \int_{0}^{2} 2\pi x \left(-x^{2}+2x\right) dx = 2\pi \int_{0}^{2} -x^{3}+2x^{2} dx = 2\pi \left(\frac{-x^{4}}{4}+\frac{2x^{3}}{3}\right)\Big|_{0}^{2}$$
$$= 2\pi \left(\frac{-16}{4}+\frac{16}{3}\right) = 32\pi \left(\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{32}{12}\pi = \boxed{\frac{8}{3}\pi}$$

2. Compute the volume of the object that we obtain by rotating the region between  $y = \frac{1}{3}x$ , y = 0, and x = 6a) about the *y*-axis

Solution:

$$V = \int_{0}^{6} (2\pi x) f(x) \, dx = \int_{0}^{6} 2\pi x \left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) \, dx = \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_{0}^{6} x^2 \, dx = \frac{2\pi}{3} \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right) \Big|_{0}^{6} = \frac{2\pi}{9} \left(6^3 - 0\right) = \boxed{48\pi}$$

b) about the line x = -1

Solution: If we rotate around the line x = -1, then the cylindrical shell at x will have a radius of x + 1.

$$V = \int_{0}^{6} 2\pi (x+1) f(x) dx = \int_{0}^{6} 2\pi (x+1) \left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) dx = \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_{0}^{6} x^{2} + x dx = \frac{2\pi}{3} \left(\frac{x^{3}}{3} + \frac{x^{2}}{2}\right) \Big|_{0}^{6}$$
$$= \frac{2\pi}{3} \left[ \left(\frac{6^{3}}{3} + \frac{6^{2}}{2}\right) - 0 \right] = \frac{2\pi}{3} (90) = \boxed{60\pi}$$

3. Compute the volume of the object that we obtain by rotating the region between  $y = \sin x$ , y = 0, and  $x = \pi$  about the y-axis.

Solution:

$$V = \int_{0}^{\pi} 2\pi (x) f(x) \ dx = \int_{0}^{\pi} 2\pi x (\sin x) \ dx = 2\pi \int_{0}^{\pi} x \ \sin x \ dx$$

We will first evaluate the indefinite integral by integrating by parts. We will use the formula  $\int f'g = fg - \int fg'$ . Let g(x) = x and  $f'(x) = \sin x$ . Then also g'(x) = 1 and  $f(x) = -\cos x$  and so

$$\int f'g = fg - \int fg' \text{ becomes}$$

$$\int x \sin x \, dx = x \left( -\cos x \right) - \int -\cos x \, du = -x \cos x + \int \cos x \, dx = -x \cos x + \sin x + C$$

We are now ready to compute the definite integral

$$V = 2\pi \int_{0}^{\pi} x \sin x \, dx = 2\pi \left( -x \cos x + \sin x \right) \Big|_{0}^{\pi} = 2\pi \left[ \left( -\pi \cos \pi + \sin \pi \right) - \left( -0 \cos 0 + \sin 0 \right) \right]$$
$$= 2\pi \left[ \left( -\pi \left( -1 \right) + 0 \right) - \left( 0 \right) \right] = \boxed{2\pi^{2}}$$

4. (the torus) Consider the region bounded by the circle  $(x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Compute the volume of the object we obtain when rotating the region



a) about the y-axis

Solution: We solve for y in the equation and obtain  $y = \pm \sqrt{1 - (x - 2)^2}$ . We will rotate the region between the x-axis and  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - (x - 2)^2}$  (which is the upper half) and then multiply the volume by 2.

$$V = 2 \int_{1}^{3} 2\pi x f(x) \, dx = 4\pi \int_{1}^{3} x \sqrt{1 - (x - 2)^2} \, dx$$

Let us first substitute u = x - 2. Then clearly x = u + 2 and dx = du. We will need to substitute the limits of the integral as well. When x = 1, then u = 1 - 2 = -1 and when x = 3, then u = 3 - 2 = 1. Now the volume is

$$V = 4\pi \int_{1}^{3} x \sqrt{1 - (x - 2)^2} \, dx = 4\pi \int_{-1}^{1} (u + 2) \sqrt{1 - u^2} \, du = 4\pi \int_{-1}^{1} u \sqrt{1 - u^2} + 2\sqrt{1 - u^2} \, du$$
$$= 4\pi \left( \int_{-1}^{1} u \sqrt{1 - u^2} \, du + \int_{-1}^{1} 2\sqrt{1 - u^2} \, du \right)$$

The two integrals can be computed via different methods. The first integral,  $\int_{-1}^{1} u\sqrt{1-u^2} \, du$  is zero because the integrand is an odd function and the limits are opposites. (Computation will yield for the same result, just substitute  $m = u^2$ .) The second integral,  $\int_{-1}^{1} 2\sqrt{1-u^2} \, du = 2 \int_{-1}^{1} \sqrt{1-u^2} \, du$  is  $\pi (1)^2 = \pi$  because it expresses the area of the unit circle. (Recall that if we replace f(x) by y in  $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$  and square both siedes, we get  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .) The computation for  $\int_{-1}^{1} \sqrt{1-u^2} \, du = \frac{\pi}{2}$  can be found in the handout Integrating by Substitution. Thus the volume is

$$V = 4\pi \left( \int_{-1}^{1} u\sqrt{1-u^2} \, du + \int_{-1}^{1} 2\sqrt{1-u^2} \, du \right) = 4\pi \left(0+\pi\right) = \boxed{4\pi^2}$$

b) about the line x = 1

Solution:

$$V = 2\int_{1}^{3} (2\pi) (x-1) f(x) dx = 4\pi \int_{1}^{3} (x-1) \sqrt{1 - (x-2)^2} dx$$

Again we will substitute u = x - 2. As before, x = u + 2 and dx = du. We will need to substitute the limits of the integral as well. When x = 1, then u = 1 - 2 = -1 and when x = 3, then u = 3 - 2 = 1. Now the volume is

$$V = 4\pi \int_{1}^{3} (u+2-1)\sqrt{1-u^2} \, du = 4\pi \int_{-1}^{1} (u+1)\sqrt{1-u^2} \, du = 4\pi \left(\int_{-1}^{1} u\sqrt{1-u^2} + \sqrt{1-u^2} \, du\right)$$
$$= 4\pi \left(\int_{-1}^{1} u\sqrt{1-u^2} \, du + \int_{-1}^{1} \sqrt{1-u^2} \, du\right)$$

The first integral is zero because the integrand is odd and the limits are opposites. The second integral  $\int_{-1}^{1} \sqrt{1-u^2} \, du$  is

 $\frac{\pi}{2}$  because  $\int \sqrt{1-u^2}$  is the area under a semicircle of radius 1, which is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . (The computation for  $\int \sqrt{1-u^2} \, du = \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

can be found in the handout Integrating by Substitution.) Putting all these together,

$$V = 4\pi \left( \int_{-1}^{1} u\sqrt{1-u^2} \, du + \int_{-1}^{1} \sqrt{1-u^2} \, du \right) = 4\pi \left( 0 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \boxed{2\pi^2}$$

c) Assume that R > r. A circle is centered at (R, 0) and has radius r. We rotate it about the y-axis. Compute the volume of this torus.

Solution: We will use shells to compute the volume we obtain when we rotate the upper semicircle. We get the right volume if we just double that.

$$V = 2 \int_{R-r}^{R+r} 2\pi x \sqrt{r^2 - (x-R)^2} \, dx = 4\pi \int_{R-r}^{R+r} x \sqrt{r^2 - (x-R)^2} \, dx$$

Let u = x - R. Then of course du = dx and x = u + R. We will substitute the limits as well.

$$V = 4\pi \int_{R-r}^{R+r} x \sqrt{r^2 - (x-R)^2} \, dx = 4\pi \int_{-r}^r (u+R) \sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du = 4\pi \int_{-r}^r u \sqrt{r^2 - u^2} + R\sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du$$
$$= 4\pi \left( \int_{-r}^r u \sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du + \int_{-r}^r R\sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du \right)$$

The two integrals are substantially different. The first one is zero since the function  $u\sqrt{r^2 - u^2}$  is odd and the limits are opposites. The second integral is

$$\int_{-r}^{r} R\sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du = R \int_{-r}^{r} \sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du = R\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi r^2\right)$$

because the integral now expresses the area under a semicircle with radius r. (The computation for  $\int \sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du =$ 

 $\frac{1}{2}\pi r^2$  can be found in the handout Integrating by Substitution.) The volume is

$$V = 4\pi \left( \int_{-r}^{r} u\sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du + \int_{-r}^{r} R\sqrt{r^2 - u^2} \, du \right) = 4\pi \left( 0 + \frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 R \right) = \boxed{2\pi^2 r^2 R}$$

Notice that we rotated a circle of radius r in a circular motion with radius R. It is interesting that according to this formula, we can think of the result as multiplying the area of the small circle by the perimeter of the big one:  $(\pi r^2)(2\pi R) = 2\pi^2 r^2 R.$ 

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