## Honors Brief Calculus – Lesson Notes: Unit 15 (not in book) Volumes, Solids of Revolution

# Volumes of Solids of Revolution – Intro; Disc Method (and Washer Method)

We can use an integral to find the area under a function curve (between the curve and the x-axis):

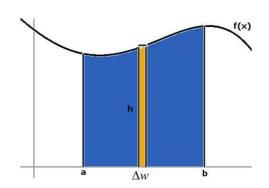
The area is a summation of an infinite number of small rectangles:

$$A = \sum_{a} (area \ of \ rectangle)$$

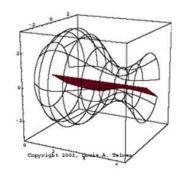
$$A = \sum_{a} height \cdot width$$

$$A = \int_{a}^{b} h \cdot \Delta w$$

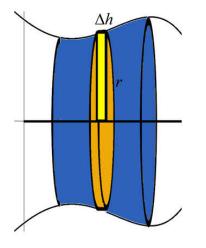
$$A = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$

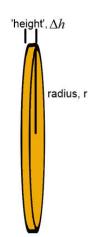


If we rotate this area around the xaxis, we form a 3 dimensional volume called a 'solid of revolution':

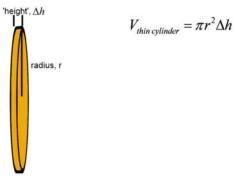


We can use an integral to find the 3-D volume of a solid of revolution, by computing the summation of an infinite number of small shapes, but instead of the shapes being 2-D rectangles, the 2-D rectangles would also revolve around the axis and form 3-D cylinders called 'discs':

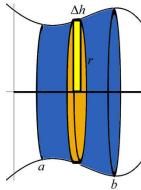




From geometry, the volume of a right circular cylinder is  $V_{cylinder} = \pi r^2 h$  so the volume in our small (infinitely thin) cylinder is:



We can therefore use an integral to find the summation of a series of these cylinder volumes to find the volume of the solid of revolution:

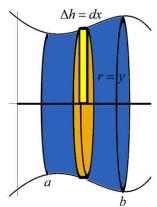


$$V = \sum_{b} (volume \ of \ cylinder)$$

$$V = \sum_{b} \pi r^{2} \cdot height$$

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi r^{2} \Delta h$$

For this solid of revolution, the radius, r, is also 'y' which is f(x), and the small height,  $\Delta h$ , is a small change in 'x', which we would write as 'dx':



$$V = \sum_{a} (volume \ of \ cylinder)$$

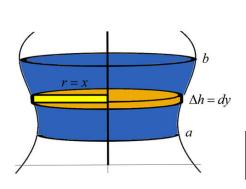
$$V = \sum_{a} \pi r^{2} \cdot height$$

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi r^{2} \Delta h$$

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi y^{2} dx$$

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi \left[ f(x) \right]^{2} dx$$

Instead of the function y=f(x), we could have a function x=f(y) and the solid could be revolving around the y-axis. In that case, the radius would be an 'x' value, and the  $\Delta h$  would be a change in y, dy:



$$V = \sum_{a} (volume \ of \ cylinder)$$

$$V = \sum_{b} \pi r^{2} \cdot height$$

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi r^{2} \Delta h$$

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi x^{2} dy$$

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi \left[ f(y) \right]^{2} dy$$

This suggests a procedure we could use to find the volume of a solid of revolution:

- 1) Draw a sketch (and show 3-D rotation into a solid).
- 2) Select method ('disc')
- 3) Draw the rectangle (disc: rectangle is  $\perp$  to axis of rotation)
- 4) Rotate the rectangle to make the cylinder shape and label  $r, \Delta h$
- 5) Make an integral using the volume equation:

disc method: 
$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi r^2 \Delta h$$

- 6) Use geometry to change r,  $\Delta h$  to x's and y's.
- 7) The dx or dy sets the integration limits.
- 8) Substitute to get everything in terms of the integration variable.
- 9) Use a calculator to evaluate the integral to find the volume.

Find these volumes using the Disc Method:

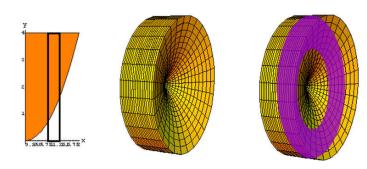
### Example:

In the first quadrant and bounded by  $y = 4 - x^2$ , y = 0, x = 0 revolved about the y-axis.

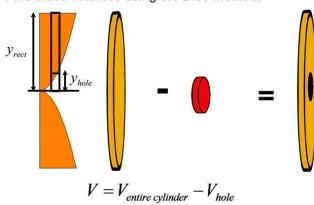
### You try this one:

Bounded by 2x + y = 4, y = 0, x = 0 revolved about the x-axis.

3. Bounded by  $y = x^2$ , y = 4, x = 0 revolved about the x-axis.



Find these volumes using the Disc Method: ---- "Washer" Method



We find the volume of the solid 'washer' by finding the volume of the entire disc, and then subtracting the volume in the hole.

These volumes have the same 'width' but different 'heights'.

We can update our procedure to include 'no hole' and 'hole cases:

- 1) Draw a sketch (and show 3-D rotation into a solid).
- 2) Select method ('disc')
- 3) Draw the rectangle (disc: rectangle is  $\perp$  to axis of rotation)
- 4) Rotate the rectangle to make the cylinder shape and label r,  $\Delta h$
- 5) Make an integral using the volume equation:

 $V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi y_{rect}^{2} dx - \int_{a}^{b} \pi y_{hole}^{2} dx$ 

disc method (no hole): 
$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi r^2 \Delta h$$
  
disc method (hole):  $V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi r_{rect}^2 \Delta h - \int_{a}^{b} \pi r_{hole}^2 \Delta h$ 

- 6) Use geometry to change r,  $\Delta h$  to x's and y's.
- 7) The dx or dy sets the integration limits.
- 8) Substitute to get everything in terms of the integration variable.
- 9) Use a calculator to evaluate the integral to find the volume.

Find these volumes using the Disc Method: ----- "Washer" Method

3. Bounded by  $y = x^2$ , y = 4, x = 0 revolved about the x-axis.

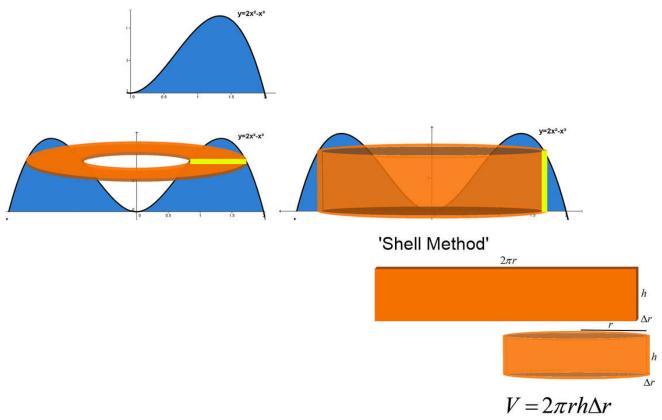
4. Bounded by  $y = x^2$  and y = 2x revolved about the y-axis.

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

### Volumes of Solids of Revolution - Shell Method

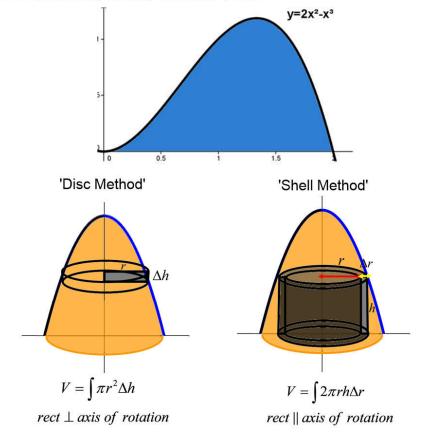
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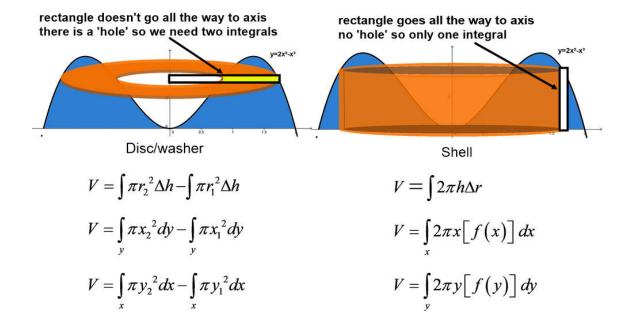
Find volume of solid obtained by rotating about the y-axis



A thin-walled cylindrical shell 'folds out' to become a rectangular box

Find volume of solid obtained by rotating about the y-axis





# Here is the procedure for all the cases:

1) Draw a sketch (and show 3-D rotation into a solid).

2) Select method ('disc' or 'shell')

3) Draw the rectangle ( disc: rectangle ⊥ to axis of rotation, shell: rectangle || to axis of rotation)

4) Rotate the rectangle to make the cylinder and label r,  $\Delta h$  (disc) or r h  $\Delta r$  (shell).

shell method

5) Make an integral using the volume equation: disc method

# No hole: $V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi r^2 \Delta h$ $V = \int_{a}^{b} 2\pi r h \Delta r$ Hole: $V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi r_{rect}^2 \Delta h - \int_{a}^{b} \pi r_{hole}^2 \Delta h$ $V = \int_{a}^{b} 2\pi r h_{rect}^2 \Delta r - \int_{a}^{b} 2\pi r h_{hole}^2 \Delta r$

6) Use geometry to change r, h,  $\Delta r$ ,  $\Delta h$  to x's and y's.

7) The dx or dy sets the integration limits.

8) Substitute to get everything in terms of the integration variable.

9) Use a calculator to evaluate the integral to find the volume.

Find these volumes using the Shell Method:

- 1. Bounded by 2x + y = 4, y = 0, x = 0 revolved about the x-axis.
- 2. In the first quadrant and bounded by  $y=4-x^2$ , y=0, x=0 revolved about the y-axis.

- 3. Bounded by  $y = x^2$ , y = 4, x = 0 revolved about the x-axis.
- 4. Bounded by  $y = x^2$  and y = 2x revolved about the y-axis.