# Lecture 45 Volume of Solids

Volume by slicing.



Drawing a cross section should be the same regardless of vertical position when using this method. For small  $\Delta x$ , we have a slice with cross sectional area A(x).

Volume of slice  $\approx$  area of base  $\times$  thickness

Volume of shape = sum of all the slices.

So volume  $\approx \sum_{a}^{b} A(x) \Delta x$ . So  $V = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \sum_{a}^{b} A(x) \Delta x$  taking limits as  $\Delta x \to 0$ , the volume becomes more accurate and so generally,

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

Example 1.



$$A = \pi y^2 \therefore V = \int_0^2 \pi y^2 \, dx = \int_0^2 \pi (x^2 + 1)^2 \, dx = \frac{206\pi}{15}.$$

**Example 2.** The base of a certain solid is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ . Each plane section of this solid cut out by a plane perpendicular to the *x*-axis is an equilateral triangle with one side in the base of the solid. Find the volume.

Solution.



Area of 
$$\triangle = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin C = \frac{1}{2}(2y)(2y)\sin 60^\circ = 2y^2\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3}y^2 = \sqrt{3}(4-x^2)$$
  
 $\therefore V = \int_{-2}^2 \sqrt{3}(4-x)^2 \, dx = 2\sqrt{3}\int_0^2 (4-x^2) \, dx = 2\sqrt{3}[4x-\frac{x^3}{3}]_0^2 = 2\sqrt{3}(4(2)-\frac{2^3}{3}-0) = \frac{32\sqrt{3}}{3}$ 

Note: When the thickness is  $\Delta x$ , the area of the cross sectional area must be in terms of x. If the thickness is  $\Delta y$ , the area of the cross sectional area must be in terms of y.

**Example 3.** A figure of height 2 m has cross sections parallel to the base and at a height x metres above the base which are squares of side length given by  $S(x) = (x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . Find the volume of the solid.



Area of slice =  $((x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}})^2$  (since it is a square of side length  $(x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ )

$$= (x + 1)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x+1}$$
So  $V = \int_0^2 \frac{dx}{x+1}$ 

$$= [\ln(x+1)]_0^2$$

$$= \ln 3 \text{ unit}^3$$

#### Slicing

From Coroneos Supplement Set 3A Q4 - first part



The base of a certain solid S lies in the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$ . The cross-section of this solid by planes parallel to the y-axis are equilateral triangles. Find the volume of S.

Solution:

$$\begin{split} A &= \frac{1}{2} (2y) (2y) \sin 60^{\circ} = \sqrt{3}y^2, \ y = 4(1 - \frac{x^2}{9}) \Rightarrow \\ V &= 2 \int_0^3 \sqrt{3}y^2 \ dx \\ &= 8\sqrt{3} \int_0^3 (1 - \frac{x^2}{9}) \ dx \\ &= 8\sqrt{3} [x - \frac{x^3}{27}]_0^3 \\ &= 8\sqrt{3} (3 - \frac{27}{27} - 0) \\ &= 16\sqrt{3} \ \text{unit}^3. \end{split}$$

#### Slices - cont'd

eg. Find the volume of the following:





*l* is directly proportional to *h*, so *l* ∝ *h* ∴ *l* is a linear function of *h*. ∴ *l* = *mh* + *b* When *h* = 0, *l* = 4 ⇒ *b* = 4 and when *h* = 5, *l* = 12 ⇒ 12 = 5*m* + 4 & ∴ *m* =  $\frac{8}{5}$ . ∴ *l* =  $\frac{8}{5}h$  + 4 and similarly  $w = \frac{7}{5}h$  + 3 and  $V = \int_0^5 lw \ dh \ (\text{since } l \ \& w \ \text{are in terms of } h \ \text{and the slice is a rectangle})$ =  $\int_0^5 (\frac{8}{5}h + 4)(\frac{7}{5}h + 3) \ dh$ =  $\frac{4}{25} \int_0^5 (14h^2 + 65h + 75) \ dh$ =  $\frac{4}{25} [\frac{14h^3}{3} + \frac{65h^2}{2} + 75h]_0^5$ =  $\frac{4}{25} (\frac{14(5)^3}{3} + \frac{65(5)^2}{2} + 75(5) - 0)$ = 283 m<sup>3</sup> (to 3 sig. fig.).

#### Volume of solids of revolution.

**Example 1.** Find the volume generated when the area bounded by the curve  $y = x^2$ , y = 2 and x = 0 is rotated about the:-(a) y-axis (b) line y = 2

#### Solution.

(a)

$$V = \pi \int_0^2 x^2 \, dy$$
$$= \pi \int_0^2 y \, dy$$
$$= \left[\frac{4}{2} - 0\right]$$
$$= 2\pi \text{ cu. units}$$
(b)



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

$$\therefore V = \pi \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (2 - x^2)^2 dx$$
  

$$= \pi \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (4 - 4x^2 + x^4) dx$$
  

$$= \pi [4x - \frac{4x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5}]_0^{\sqrt{2}}$$
  

$$= \pi (4\sqrt{2} - \frac{4\sqrt{2^3}}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{2^5}}{5})$$
  

$$= \pi (4\sqrt{2} - \frac{8}{3}\sqrt{2} + \frac{4}{5}\sqrt{2})$$
  

$$= \pi \sqrt{2} (\frac{60 - 40 + 12}{15})$$
  

$$= \frac{32\sqrt{2}\pi}{15} \text{ cu. units.}$$

**Example 2.** The region bounded by  $y = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x-2}$ , the *x*-axis, and the line x = 6 is rotated about the line x = 6. Show that the volume is  $\frac{128\pi}{15}$  cu. units.

Solution.



$$y = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x-2}$$
  

$$\therefore 2y = \sqrt{x-2}$$
  

$$\therefore x - 2 = 4y^{2}$$
  

$$\therefore x = 4y^{2} + 2$$
  

$$\& \therefore A = \pi(6 - (4y^{2} + 2))^{2}$$
  

$$= \pi(4 - 4y^{2})^{2}$$
  

$$= \pi(4(1 - y^{2}))^{2}$$
  

$$= 16\pi(1 - 2y^{2} + y^{4})$$
  

$$\therefore V = \int_{0}^{1} 16\pi(1 - 2y^{2} + y^{4}) dy$$
  

$$= 16\pi[y - \frac{2y^{3}}{3} + \frac{y^{5}}{5}]_{0}^{1}$$
  

$$= 16\pi[\frac{15y - 10y^{3} + y^{5}}{15}]_{0}^{1}$$
  

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If we take a cylinder (around y-axis) and open it, we get:



Note: This method is good because it is revolved around the y-axis, but it is with respect to x.

Note: "y" refers to to the height of the cylinder.

Each cylinder has volume =  $2\pi x \cdot y \cdot \Delta x$ 

Volume of solid = 
$$\sum_{0}^{b} 2\pi x \cdot y \cdot \Delta x$$
  
=  $\int_{0}^{b} 2\pi x y \, dx$ 

eg. The region bounded by  $y = x^2$ , the y-axis and the line y = 2 is rotated about the y-axis. Find the volume by cylindrical shells.



$$V = \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} 2\pi x (2 - y) dx$$
  
=  $2\pi \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} x (2 - x^2) dx$   
=  $2\pi \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (2x - x^3) dx$   
=  $2\pi [x^2 - \frac{x^4}{4}]_0^{\sqrt{2}}$   
=  $2\pi (\sqrt{2}^2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}^4}{4} - 0)$   
=  $2\pi (2 - 1)$   
=  $2\pi$  cu. units

Volume by cylindrical shells.



$$\Delta V = \pi (x + \Delta x)^2 y - \pi (x)^2 y$$
  
=  $\pi y (x^2 + 2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2 - x^2)$   
=  $\pi y (2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2)$   
 $\therefore \Delta V = 2\pi xy \ \Delta x \ ((\Delta x)^2 \text{ is very small for small } \Delta x \ \& \therefore \text{ is neglected})$ 

$$\therefore V = \sum_{a}^{b} 2\pi xy \ \Delta x$$
$$= \int_{a}^{b} 2\pi xy \ dx.$$

**Example.** A cylindrical hole of diameter 6cm is drilled through the centre of a sphere of diameter 10cm. Find the volume (a) remaining (b) cut out.



Solution.

(a)  

$$\Delta V = 2\pi y(2x) \ \Delta y$$

$$V = 4\pi \int_3^5 y \sqrt{25 - y^2} \ dy \ \text{Let} \ u = 25 - y^2 \ \text{so} \ du = -2y \ dy$$

$$= -2\pi \int_3^5 -2y \sqrt{25 - y^2} \ dy$$

$$= -2\pi \int_{16}^0 u^{\frac{1}{2}} \ du$$

$$= -2\pi [\frac{2u^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3}]_{16}^0$$

$$= 2\pi [\frac{2}{3}(16)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 0]$$

$$= \frac{256\pi}{3} \ \text{cu. units}$$

(b) : volume of part cut out is  $\frac{4(125)}{3}\pi - \frac{256\pi}{3} = \frac{244\pi}{3}$  cu. units

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#### Miscellsaneous exercises on volumes

**Example 1.** Find the volume generated when the region between  $y = 2x^2 - x^4$  and the *x*-axis is rotated about the *y*-axis, by the bethod of cylindrical shells.

Solution.



$$y = x^{2}(\sqrt{2} - x)(\sqrt{2} + x)$$

$$V = \int_{0}^{\sqrt{2}} 2\pi xy \ dx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\sqrt{2}} 2\pi x(2x^{2} - x^{4}) \ dx$$

$$= 2\pi \int_{0}^{\sqrt{2}} (2x^{3} - x^{5}) \ dx$$

$$= 2\pi [\frac{2x^{4}}{4} - \frac{x^{6}}{6}]_{0}^{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= 2\pi (\frac{2\sqrt{2^{4}}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2^{6}}}{6})$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{3} \text{ unit}^{3}$$

Example 2. From Coroneos Supplement Set 3D Q17i



The circle  $(x-a)^2 + y^2 = r^2$ , (a > r) is rotated about the *y*-axis to form an anchor-ring or torus. By considering the rotation of the strip of area of thickness  $\delta x$  shown about the *y*-axis, prove the volume *V* of the anchor-ring is given by  $V = 4\pi \int_{a-r}^{a+r} x \cdot \sqrt{r^2 - (x-a)^2} \cdot dx$ and hence find *V*. {Hint: Let  $x - a = r \sin \theta$ }

### Solution.

Where 
$$y = \sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2}$$
,  
 $V = 2 \int_{a-r}^{a+r} 2\pi xy \ dx$   
 $= 4\pi \int_{a-r}^{a+r} x \sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2} \ dx$   
 $= 4\pi \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (r \sin \theta + a) \sqrt{r^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta} r \cos \theta \ d\theta$  (where  $x - a = r \sin \theta$ )  
 $= 4\pi \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (r \sin \theta + a) r \cos \theta r \cos \theta \ d\theta$   
 $= 4\pi r^2 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (r \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + a \cos^2 \theta) \ d\theta$   
 $= 4\pi r^2 (0 + 2a \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2\theta + 1) \ d\theta$ ) (sin  $\theta \cos^2 \theta$  is odd, cos<sup>2</sup>  $\theta$  is even)  
 $= 4\pi a r^2 [\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + \theta]_0^{\pi/2}$   
 $= 4\pi r^2 (\frac{a\pi}{2})$   
 $= 2\pi^2 a r^2 \text{ unit}^3.$