

## SOLIDS OF REVOLUTION AND THEIR VOLUMES

## MAIN CONCEPTS

- Solids of Revolution are obtained by revolving curves around a fixed axis.
- **Disk method:** Used to compute volumes of solids generated by revolving a single curve. Suppose  $y = r(x)$  is a nonnegative continuous function on  $[a, b]$ , then the volume of the solid of revolution given by revolving the curve about the  $x$ -axis over the interval is given by:

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

- **Washer method:** Suppose  $R(x)$  and  $r(x)$  are nonnegative continuous functions on  $[a, b]$  that satisfy  $R(x) \geq r(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ , the solid of revolution has volume

$$V = \int_a^b \pi [R(x)^2 - r(x)^2] dx$$

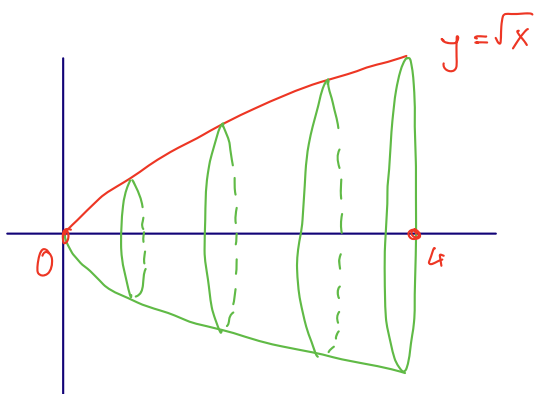
- When the curve is revolved around a different axis, say  $y = a$ , the volume of the solid of revolution can be computed after shifting the curve by  $a$ , viz.,  $R(x - a)$  and  $r(x - a)$ .

## ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVITY 6.2.2

In each of the following questions, draw a careful, labeled sketch of the region described, as well as the resulting solid that results from revolving the region about the stated axis. In addition, draw a representative slice and state the volume of that slice, along with a definite integral whose value is the volume of the entire solid. It is not necessary to evaluate the integrals you find.

- (a) The region  $S$  bounded by the  $x$ -axis, the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , and the line  $x = 4$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $x$ -axis.

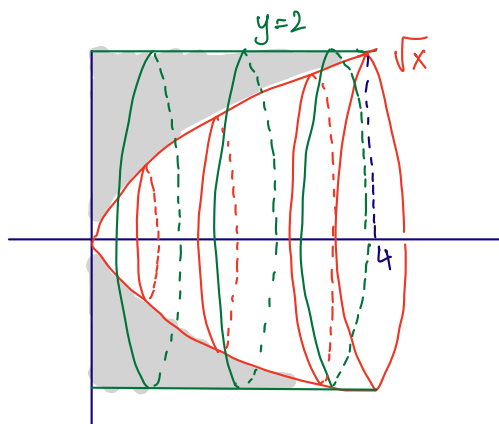


Disk method:

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

$$= \pi \int_0^4 x dx = 8\pi$$

- (b) The region  $S$  bounded by the  $y$ -axis, the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , and the line  $y = 2$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $x$ -axis.

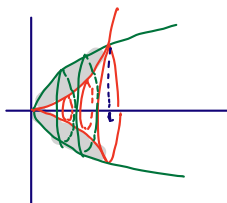


Washer method:

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

$$= 8\pi$$

- (c) The finite region  $S$  bounded by the curves  $y = \sqrt{x}$  and  $y = x^3$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $x$ -axis.



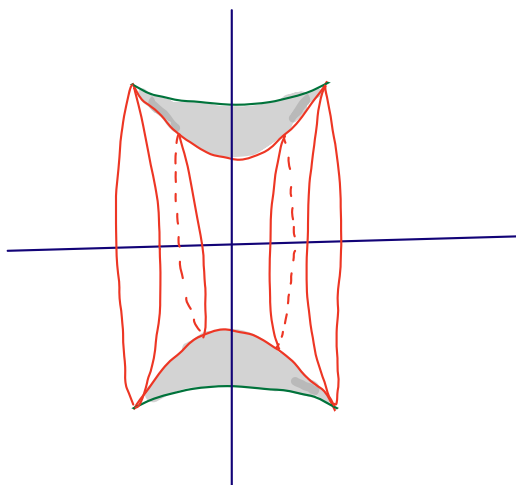
$$\sqrt{x} = x^3 \Rightarrow x = x^6 \quad x^6 - x = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

$$V = \int_0^1 \pi(x - x^6) dx = \frac{5}{14} \pi$$

- (d) The finite region  $S$  bounded by the curves  $y = 2x^2 + 1$  and  $y = x^2 + 4$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $x$ -axis.

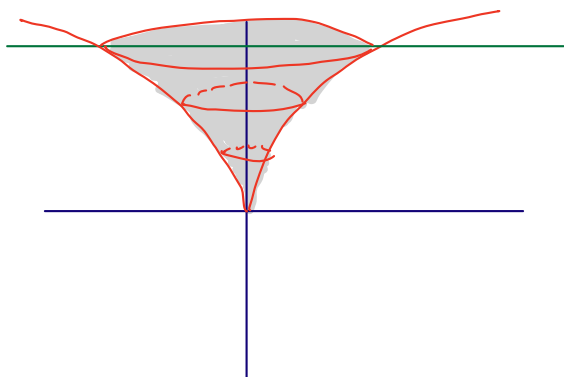


$$2x^2 + 1 = x^2 + 4$$

$$x^2 = 3 \quad x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$\pi \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} (x^2 + 4)^2 - (2x^2 + 1)^2 dx = \frac{136\sqrt{3}}{5} \pi$$

- (e) The region  $S$  bounded by the  $y$ -axis, the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , and the line  $y = 2$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $y$ -axis. How is this problem different from the one posed in part (b)?

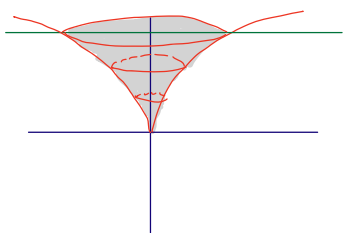


$$\int_0^2 \pi (y^2)^2 dy = \frac{32}{5} \pi$$

### ACTIVITY 6.2.3

In each of the following questions, draw a careful, labeled sketch of the region described, as well as the resulting solid that results from revolving the region about the stated axis. In addition, draw a representative slice and state the volume of that slice, along with a definite integral whose value is the volume of the entire solid. It is not necessary to evaluate the integrals you find.

- (a) The region  $S$  bounded by the  $y$ -axis, the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , and the line  $y = 2$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $y$ -axis.

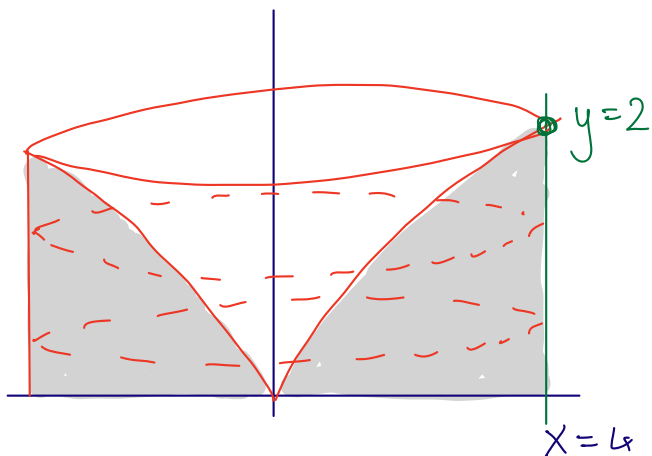


Same as above

- (b) The region  $S$  bounded by the  ~~$y$ -axis~~ <sup>$x$ -axis</sup>, the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , and the line  $x = 4$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $y$ -axis.

Washer:  $R(y) = 4$   $r(y) = y^2$

$$\pi \int_0^2 (4)^2 - (y^2)^2 dy$$

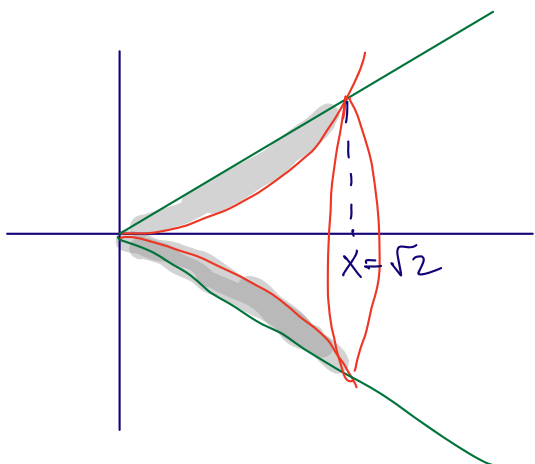


- (c) The finite region  $S$  in the first quadrant bounded by the curves  $y = 2x$  and  $y = x^3$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $x$ -axis.

$$2x = x^3 \quad x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \sqrt{2}$$

(first quadrant)

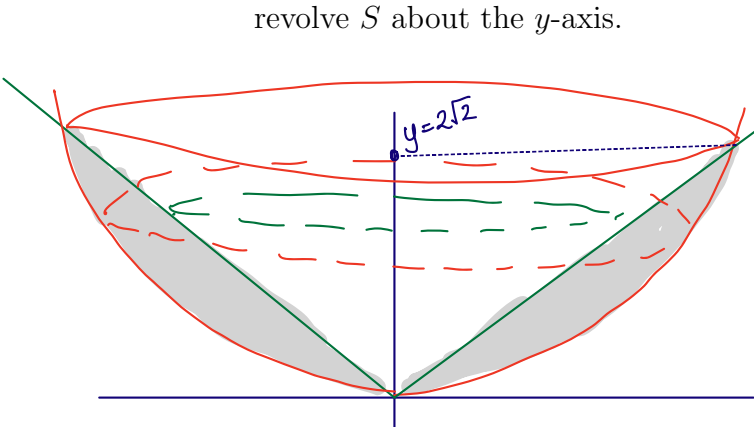
$$\pi \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (2x)^2 - (x^3)^2 dx$$



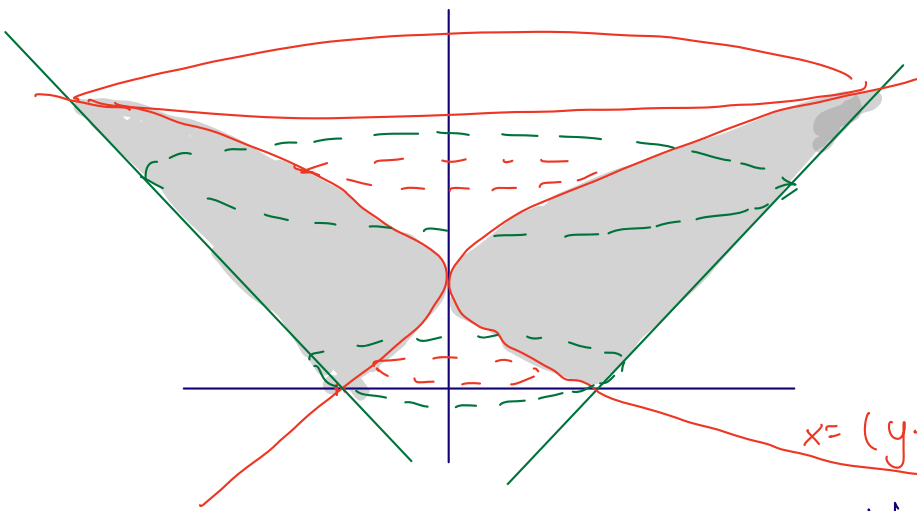
- (d) The finite region  $S$  in the first quadrant bounded by the curves  $y = 2x$  and  $y = x^3$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $y$ -axis.

Outer radius:  $x = \sqrt[3]{y}$   
 Inner radius:  $x = y/2$

$$V = \pi \int_0^{2\sqrt{2}} (\sqrt[3]{y})^2 - (y/2)^2 dy$$



- (e) The finite region  $S$  bounded by the curves  $x = (y-1)^2$ , and  $y = x-1$ ; revolve  $S$  about the  $y$ -axis.



Outer :  $x = y+1$   
 Inner :  $x = (y-1)^2$

Intersection:  
 $(y-1)^2 = y+1$      $y^2 - 2y + 1 = y+1$   
 $y^2 - 3y = 0$      $y = 3$  or  $y = 0$

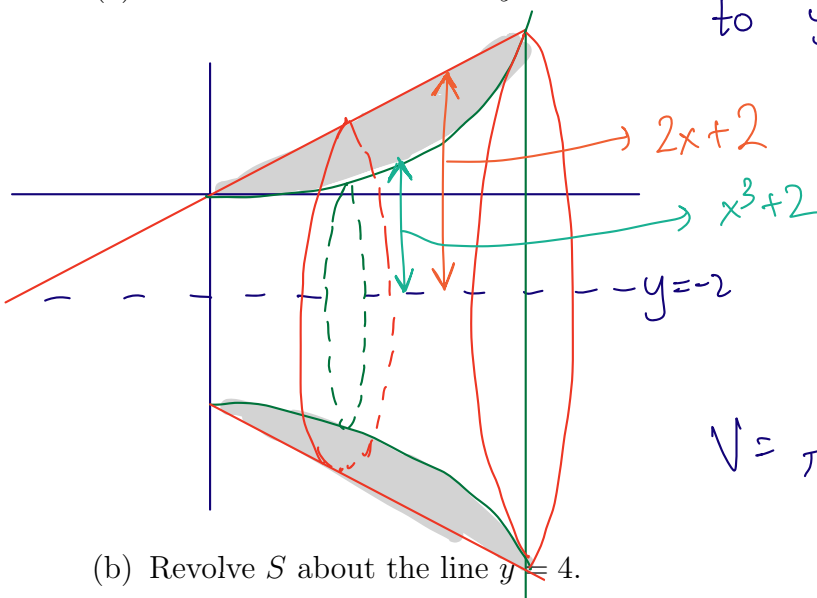
$$V = \pi \int_0^3 (y+1)^2 - ((y-1)^2)^2 dy$$

ACTIVITY 6.2.4

In each of the following questions, draw a careful, labeled sketch of the region described, as well as the resulting solid that results from revolving the region about the stated axis. In addition, draw a representative slice and state the volume of that slice, along with a definite integral whose value is the volume of the entire solid. It is not necessary to evaluate the integrals you find. For each prompt, use the finite region  $S$  in the first quadrant bounded by the curves  $y = 2x$  and  $y = x^3$ .

- (a) Revolve  $S$  about the line  $y = -2$ .

We measure radii with respect to  $y = -2$



$R(x) = 2x+2$   
 $r(x) = x^3+2$

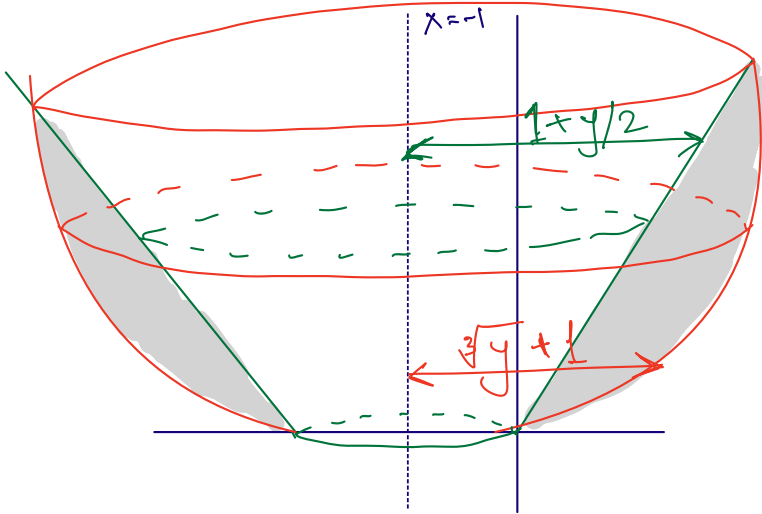
Intersection :  $2x = x^3$   
 $x = 0$  or  $x = \sqrt{2}$

$$V = \pi \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (2x+2)^2 - (x^3+2)^2 dx$$

- (b) Revolve  $S$  about the line  $y = 4$ .

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(c) Revolve  $S$  about the line  $x = -1$ .



Write in terms of  $y$ :

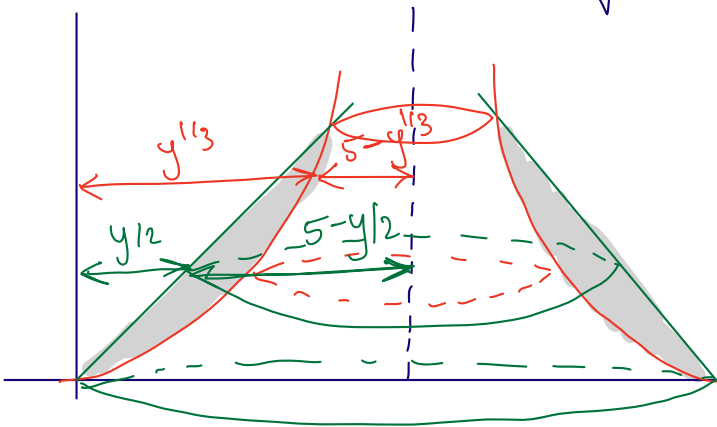
$$x = y^{1/3} \quad x = y/2$$

Intersection:  $y = 2\sqrt{2}$

$$V = \pi \int_0^{2\sqrt{2}} (y^{1/3} + 1)^2 - (y/2 + 1)^2 dy$$

(d) Revolve  $S$  about the line  $x = 5$ .

$$V = \pi \int_0^{2\sqrt{2}} (5 - y/2)^2 - (5 - y^{1/3})^2 dy$$



(b) Outer radius =  $4 - x^3$   
Inner radius =  $4 - 2x$

$$V = \pi \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (4 - x^3)^2 - (4 - 2x)^2 dx$$

