Chapter 6. Applications of Definite Integrals

6.2 Volumes by Cylindrical Shells

Note. If we take "dx slices" and revolve them about the y-axis, or if we take "dy slices" and revolve them about the x-axis, then we generate "cylindrical shells."

Note. The Shell Formula for Revolution About the y-Axis.

The volume of the solid generated by revolving the region between the x-axis and the graph of the continuous function $y = f(x) \ge 0$, $0 \le a \le x \le b$, about the y-axis is

$$V = \int_a^b 2\pi$$
 (shell radius) (shell height) $dx = \int_a^b 2\pi x f(x) dx$.

We can make a similar definition for functions of y and rotation about the x-axis.

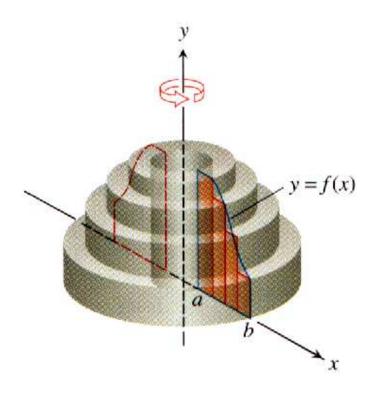


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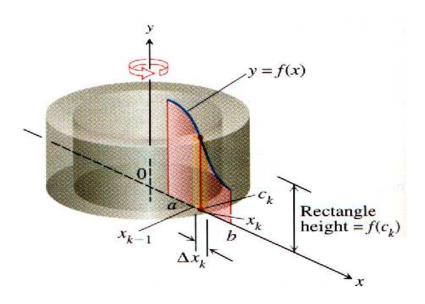


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Example. Page 445 number 28a, page 444 number 6.

Note. If we desire to revolve about a horizontal or vertical line other than an axis, then we only need modify the radius term.

Example. Page 445 numbers 28c and 28d.