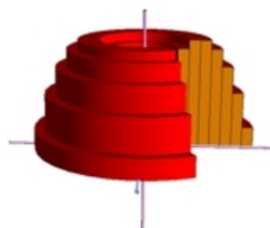


5D.1 Volume With the Shell Method



We have seen how the disk method and washer method can break down the volume of a solid of revolution into smaller parts that can be summed up using an integral. We will now apply a method that considers many hollow cylinders that make up the space occupied by a solid of revolution.

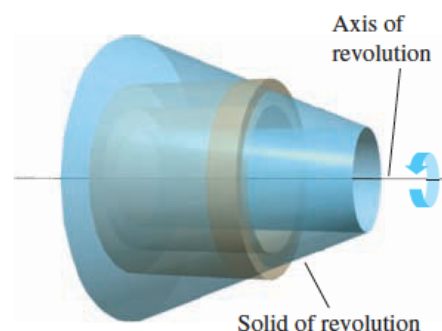
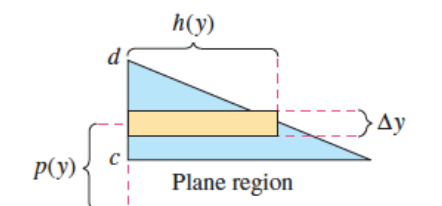
Consider the solid to the right with one “shell” drawn in. As $\Delta y \rightarrow 0$ the volume of the shell becomes equal to the lateral surface area of the cylinder.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lateral Surface Area} &= \text{circumference} \cdot \text{height} \\ &= (2\pi r)(\text{height}) \\ &= 2\pi(y)h(y) \end{aligned}$$

When we find the sum of the (infinitely thin) shells, we get

$$\int_c^d 2\pi p(y)h(y) dy$$

Where $p(y)$ is the radius and $h(y)$ is the height of the shell. Note that this is the volume of a solid revolved around the x -axis.



THE SHELL METHOD

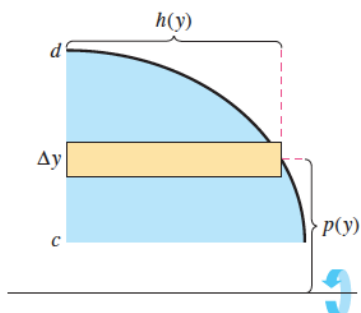
To find the volume of a solid of revolution with the **shell method**, use one of the following, as shown in Figure 7.29.

Horizontal Axis of Revolution

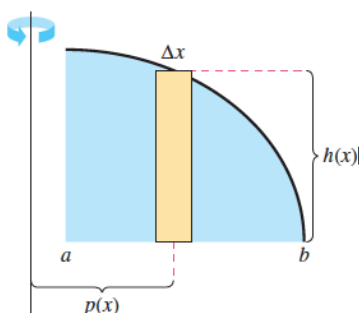
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Vertical Axis of Revolution

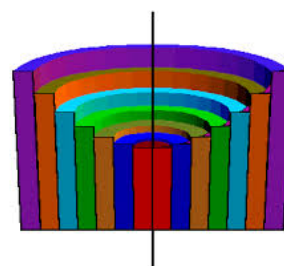
$$\text{Volume} = V = 2\pi \int_a^b p(x)h(x) dx$$



Horizontal axis of revolution



Vertical axis of revolution

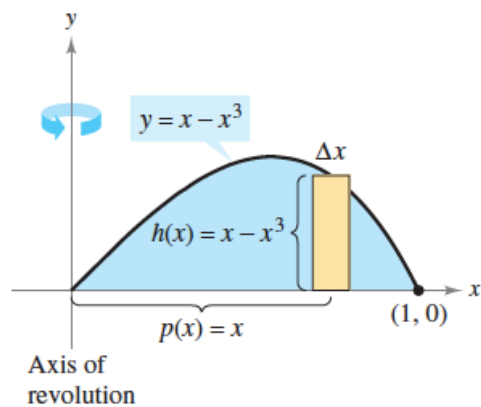


EXAMPLE 1 Using the Shell Method to Find Volume

Find the volume of the solid of revolution formed by revolving the region bounded by

$$y = x - x^3$$

and the x -axis ($0 \leq x \leq 1$) about the y -axis.

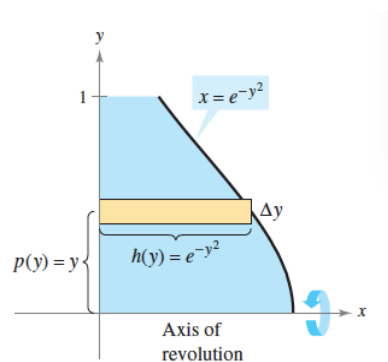


EXAMPLE 2 Using the Shell Method to Find Volume

Find the volume of the solid of revolution formed by revolving the region bounded by the graph of

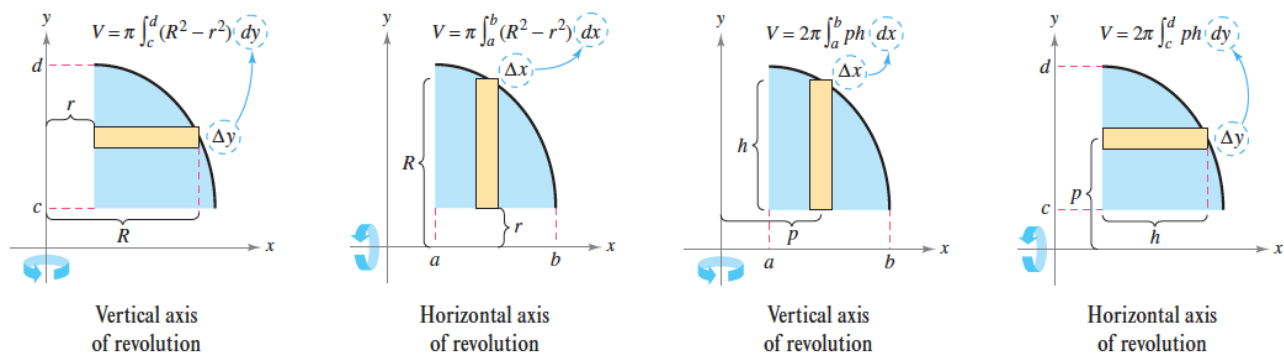
$$x = e^{-y^2}$$

and the y -axis ($0 \leq y \leq 1$) about the x -axis.



Comparison of Disk and Shell Methods

The disk and shell methods can be distinguished as follows. For the disk method, the representative rectangle is always *perpendicular* to the axis of revolution, whereas for the shell method, the representative rectangle is always *parallel* to the axis of revolution, as shown in Figure 7.32.



Disk method: Representative rectangle is perpendicular to the axis of revolution.

Figure 7.32

Shell method: Representative rectangle is parallel to the axis of revolution.

Example 3

Find the volume of the solid formed by revolving the region bounded by the graphs of $y = x^3 + x + 1$, $y = 1$, and $x = 1$ about the line $x = 2$.

