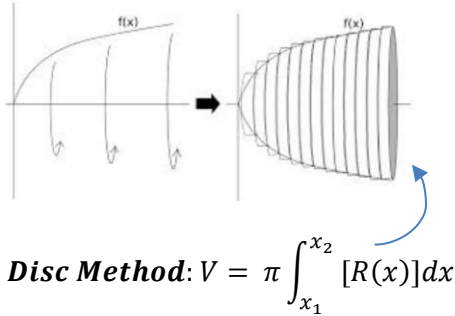


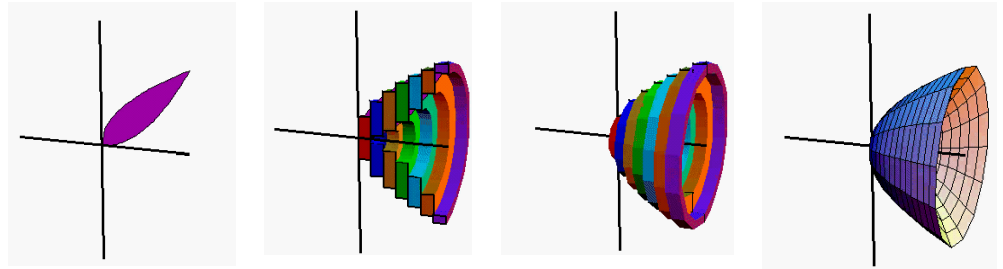
AP Calculus Ch. 7.2b: Volume by Washer Method Notes

Reviewing Disc Method



Disc Method: $V = \pi \int_{x_1}^{x_2} [R(x)]^2 dx$

Illustration of Washer Method



**Washer Method: (Top – Bottom) , Vertical Radius
(Horizontal AOR)**

$$V = \pi \int_{x_1}^{x_2} [R(x)]^2 - [r(x)]^2 dx$$

(expression(s) used above has form: “ y = ___ ”)

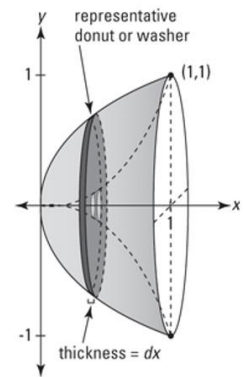
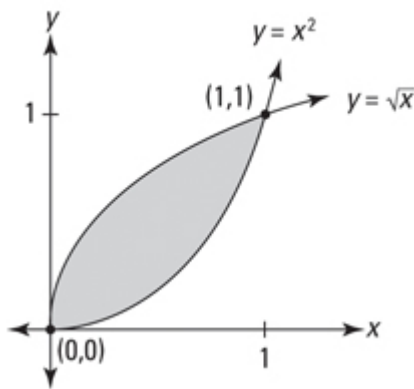
**Washer Method: (Right – Left) , Horizontal Radius
(Vertical AOR)**

$$V = \pi \int_{y_1}^{y_2} [R(y)]^2 - [r(y)]^2 dy$$

(expression(s) used above has form: “ x = ___ ”)

Radius [R(x) or R(y)] - distance from the AOR (Axis of Revolution) to the **outer**(further)curve
radius[r(x) or r(y)] - distance from the AOR (Axis of Revolution) to the **inner**(closer) curve

Example 1: Find the volume of the solid enclosed by the graphs of $y = x^2$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$, and revolving about the x-axis.



Example 2: Find the volume of the solid created by revolving the function $y = x^2 + 1$ bounded by the line $y = 2$ revolved about the x-axis.

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Example 3: Find the volume of the solid created by revolving the function $y = x^2 + 1$ bounded by the line $y = 2$ and the y -axis about the line $y = 4$

Example 4: Find the volume of the solid created enclosed region of $y = x^2$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$ revolving about the line $x = -2$

