

# VOLUMES OF SOLIDS: CROSS SECTIONS, WASHERS, SHELLS [SST 6.2]

## • VOLUMES OF SOLIDS WITH V-SIMPLE BASE & CROSS SECTIONS PERPENDICULAR ( $\perp$ ) TO X-AXIS:

- SETUP: Given  $f, g \in C[a, b]$  s.t.  $f(x) \geq g(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$  (i.e. curve  $f$  lies above curve  $g$  over  $[a, b]$ )

Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = f(x)$ ,  $y = g(x)$ , and the lines  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$ .

Let  $S$  be the solid with base  $R$  and cross sections  $\perp$  to the  $x$ -axis with area  $A(x)$ .

- **TASK:** Find the volume of the solid  $S$  with base  $R$ .

- Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N\} \subset [a, b]$  be **arbitrary**.

Let **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*, \dots, x_{N-1}^*, x_N^*\} \subset [a, b]$  be **arbitrary**.

- **Key element: V-Slab** (i.e. slab standing up)

Thickness of  $k^{th}$  V-Slab := (Length of  $k^{th}$  subinterval) =  $\Delta x_k$

Base Area of  $k^{th}$  V-Slab := (Area of cross section) =  $A(x_k^*)$

Volume of  $k^{th}$  V-Slab := (Base Area)  $\times$  (Thickness) =  $A(x_k^*) \Delta x_k$

- Riemann Sum: Volume( $S$ )  $\approx V_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N A(x_k^*) \Delta x_k$

- Integral: Volume( $S$ ) =  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} V_N^* = \int_{\text{smallest x-coord.}}^{\text{largest x-coord.}} A(x) dx = \boxed{\int_a^b A(x) dx}$

## • VOLUMES OF SOLIDS WITH H-SIMPLE BASE & CROSS SECTIONS PERPENDICULAR ( $\perp$ ) TO Y-AXIS:

- SETUP: Given  $p, q \in C[c, d]$  s.t.  $p(y) \geq q(y) \quad \forall y \in [c, d]$  (i.e. curve  $p$  lies to the right of curve  $q$  over  $[c, d]$ )

Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $x = p(y)$ ,  $x = q(y)$ , and the lines  $y = c$ ,  $y = d$ .

Let  $S$  be the solid with base  $R$  and cross sections  $\perp$  to the  $y$ -axis with area  $A(y)$ .

- **TASK:** Find the volume of the solid  $S$  with base  $R$ .

- Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1}, y_N\} \subset [c, d]$  be **arbitrary**.

Let **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*, \dots, y_{N-1}^*, y_N^*\} \subset [c, d]$  be **arbitrary**.

- **Key element: H-Slab** (i.e. slab lying down)

Thickness of  $k^{th}$  H-Slab := (Length of  $k^{th}$  subinterval) =  $\Delta y_k$

Base Area of  $k^{th}$  H-Slab := (Area of cross section) =  $A(y_k^*)$

Volume of  $k^{th}$  H-Slab := (Base Area)  $\times$  (Thickness) =  $A(y_k^*) \Delta y_k$

- Riemann Sum: Volume( $S$ )  $\approx V_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N A(y_k^*) \Delta y_k$

- Integral: Volume( $S$ ) =  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} V_N^* = \int_{\text{smallest y-coord.}}^{\text{largest y-coord.}} A(y) dy = \boxed{\int_c^d A(y) dy}$

## • PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING APPROPRIATE KEY ELEMENT:

- STEP 1: Sketch region  $R$
- STEP 2: Characterize region  $R$ :
  - \* Label all **boundary curves (BC's)** of region  $R$  (both in terms of  $x$  and in terms of  $y$ )
  - \* Label all **boundary points (BP's)**, which are the **intersection points** of the BC's.
- STEP 3: Determine the simplicity of region  $R$ :

REGION	KEY ELEMENT
V-Simple	V-Rect
H-Simple	H-Rect
Both	Choose either V-Rect or H-Rect
Neither	Subdivide Region along a BP & repeat STEP 3 for each subregion

• **VOLUMES OF SOLIDS BY REVOLVING A V-ALIGNED REGION ABOUT X-AXIS USING WASHERS:**

– **SETUP:** Given  $f, g \in C[a, b]$  s.t.  $f(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$

Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = f(x)$ ,  $y = g(x)$ , and the lines  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$ .

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the  $x$ -axis.

– **TASK:** Find the volume of the solid of revolution  $S$  about the  $x$ -axis using washers.

– Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N\} \subset [a, b]$

Let **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*, \dots, x_{N-1}^*, x_N^*\} \subset [a, b]$

– **Key element: V-Washer** (i.e. washer standing up)

Thickness of  $k^{th}$  V-Washer := (Length of  $k^{th}$  subinterval) =  $\Delta x_k$

Outer Radius of  $k^{th}$  V-Washer := (Distance between farther BC & axis of rev.) =  $f(x_k^*)$

Inner Radius of  $k^{th}$  V-Washer := (Distance between closer BC & axis of rev.) =  $g(x_k^*)$

Volume of  $k^{th}$  V-Washer :=  $\pi \times \left[ (\text{Outer R.})^2 - (\text{Inner R.})^2 \right] \times (\text{Thick.}) = \pi \left( [f(x_k^*)]^2 - [g(x_k^*)]^2 \right) \Delta x_k$

– Riemann Sum:  $\text{Volume}(S) \approx V_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N \pi \left( [f(x_k^*)]^2 - [g(x_k^*)]^2 \right) \Delta x_k$

– Integral:  $\text{Volume}(S) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} V_N^* = \int_a^b \pi \left( [f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2 \right) dx$

• **VOLUMES OF SOLIDS BY REVOLVING A H-ALIGNED REGION ABOUT Y-AXIS USING WASHERS:**

– **SETUP:** Given  $p, q \in C[c, d]$  s.t.  $p(y) \geq q(y) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in [c, d]$

Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $x = p(y)$ ,  $x = q(y)$ , and the lines  $y = c$ ,  $y = d$ .

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the  $y$ -axis.

– **TASK:** Find the volume of the solid of revolution  $S$  about the  $y$ -axis using washers.

– Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1}, y_N\} \subset [c, d]$

Let **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*, \dots, y_{N-1}^*, y_N^*\} \subset [c, d]$

– **Key element: H-Washer** (i.e. washer lying down)

Thickness of  $k^{th}$  H-Washer := (Length of  $k^{th}$  subinterval) =  $\Delta y_k$

Outer Radius of  $k^{th}$  H-Washer := (Distance between farther BC & axis of rev.) =  $p(y_k^*)$

Inner Radius of  $k^{th}$  H-Washer := (Distance between closer BC & axis of rev.) =  $q(y_k^*)$

Volume of  $k^{th}$  H-Washer :=  $\pi \times \left[ (\text{Outer R.})^2 - (\text{Inner R.})^2 \right] \times (\text{Thick.}) = \pi \left( [p(y_k^*)]^2 - [q(y_k^*)]^2 \right) \Delta y_k$

– Riemann Sum:  $\text{Volume}(S) \approx V_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N \pi \left( [p(y_k^*)]^2 - [q(y_k^*)]^2 \right) \Delta y_k$

– Integral:  $\text{Volume}(S) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} V_N^* = \int_c^d \pi \left( [p(y)]^2 - [q(y)]^2 \right) dy$

• **REMARKS:**

– The same procedure for region  $R$  outlined in the 1<sup>st</sup> page above applies here as well.

– A **disk** is simply a washer without a hole  $\implies$  either the curve  $g(x) = 0$  ( $x$ -axis) or the curve  $q(y) = 0$  ( $y$ -axis).

– If the axis of revolution is neither the  $x$ -axis nor the  $y$ -axis but rather  $x = \alpha$  or  $y = \beta$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the **radii** of the  $k^{th}$  washer would be the distance from the respective curve to the axis of revolution.

• **VOLUMES OF SOLIDS BY REVOLVING A V-ALIGNED REGION ABOUT Y-AXIS USING SHELLS:**

– SETUP: Given  $f, g \in C[a, b]$  s.t.  $f(x) \geq g(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$

Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = f(x)$ ,  $y = g(x)$ , and the lines  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$ .

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the  $y$ -axis.

– **TASK:** Find the volume of the solid of revolution  $S$  about the  $y$ -axis using shells.

– Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N\} \subset [a, b]$

Let **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*, \dots, x_{N-1}^*, x_N^*\} \subset [a, b]$

– **Key element: V-Shell** (i.e. cylindrical shell standing up)

Thickness	of $k^{th}$ V-Shell	:= (Length of $k^{th}$ subinterval)	= $\Delta x_k$
Radius	of $k^{th}$ V-Shell	:= (Distance from V-shell to axis of revolution)	= $x_k^*$
Height	of $k^{th}$ V-Shell	:= (Top BC) – (Bottom BC)	= $f(x_k^*) - g(x_k^*)$
Volume	of $k^{th}$ V-Shell	:= $2\pi \times (\text{Radius}) \times (\text{Height}) \times (\text{Thickness})$	= $2\pi x_k^* [f(x_k^*) - g(x_k^*)] \Delta x_k$

– Riemann Sum:  $\text{Volume}(S) \approx V_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N 2\pi x_k^* [f(x_k^*) - g(x_k^*)] \Delta x_k$

– Integral:  $\text{Volume}(S) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} V_N^* = \boxed{\int_a^b 2\pi x [f(x) - g(x)] dx}$

• **VOLUMES OF SOLIDS BY REVOLVING A H-ALIGNED REGION ABOUT X-AXIS USING SHELLS:**

– SETUP: Given  $p, q \in C[c, d]$  s.t.  $p(y) \geq q(y) \quad \forall y \in [c, d]$

Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $x = p(y)$ ,  $x = q(y)$ , and the lines  $y = c$ ,  $y = d$ .

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the  $x$ -axis.

– **TASK:** Find the volume of the solid of revolution  $S$  about the  $x$ -axis using shells.

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– Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1}, y_N\} \subset [c, d]$

Let **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*, \dots, y_{N-1}^*, y_N^*\} \subset [c, d]$

– **Key element: H-Shell** (i.e. cylindrical shell standing up)

Thickness	of $k^{th}$ H-Shell	:= (Length of $k^{th}$ subinterval)	= $\Delta y_k$
Radius	of $k^{th}$ H-Shell	:= (Distance from H-shell to axis of revolution)	= $y_k^*$
Length	of $k^{th}$ H-Shell	:= (Right BC) – (Left BC)	= $p(y_k^*) - q(y_k^*)$
Volume	of $k^{th}$ H-Shell	:= $2\pi \times (\text{Radius}) \times (\text{Height}) \times (\text{Thickness})$	= $2\pi y_k^* [p(y_k^*) - q(y_k^*)] \Delta y_k$

– Riemann Sum:  $\text{Volume}(S) \approx V_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N 2\pi y_k^* [p(y_k^*) - q(y_k^*)] \Delta y_k$

– Integral:  $\text{Volume}(S) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} V_N^* = \boxed{\int_c^d 2\pi y [p(y) - q(y)] dy}$

• **REMARKS:**

– The same procedure for region  $R$  outlined in the 1<sup>st</sup> page above applies here as well.

– If the axis of revolution is neither the  $x$ -axis nor the  $y$ -axis but rather  $x = \alpha$  or  $y = \beta$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the **radius** of the  $k^{th}$  shell will be the distance from the shell to the axis of revolution.

**EX 6.2.1:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid with base  $R$  and **square** cross sections  $\perp$  to the  $x$ -axis that protrude towards you.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.2.2:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid with base  $R$  and **square** cross sections  $\perp$  to the  $y$ -axis that protrude towards you.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

**EX 6.2.3:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid with base  $R$  and **semicircular** cross sections  $\perp$  to the  $x$ -axis that protrude towards you.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.2.4:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid with base  $R$  and **semicircular** cross sections  $\perp$  to the  $y$ -axis that protrude towards you.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$ .

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

**EX 6.2.5:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the  $y$ -axis **using washers**.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$  & axis of revolution.

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.2.6:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the  $y$ -axis **using shells**.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$  & axis of revolution.

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

**EX 6.2.7:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the  $x$ -axis **using washers**.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$  & axis of revolution.

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.2.8:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the  $x$ -axis **using shells**.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$  & axis of revolution.

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

**EX 6.2.9:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the **line**  $x = -1$  **using washers**.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$  & axis of revolution.

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.2.10:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the **line**  $x = -1$  **using shells**.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$  & axis of revolution.

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .



**EX 6.2.11:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the **line  $y = 3$  using washers**.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$  & axis of revolution.

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.2.12:** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by curves  $y = 2 - x^2$ ,  $y = x$ , and the  $y$ -axis (with  $x \geq 0$ ).

Let  $S$  be the solid formed by revolving region  $R$  about the **line  $y = 3$  using shells**.

(a) Sketch & characterize region  $R$  & axis of revolution.

(b) Setup integral(s) to find the volume of  $S$ .