

6 APPLICATIONS OF DEFINITE INTEGRALS

6.1 Volumes Using Cross-Sections

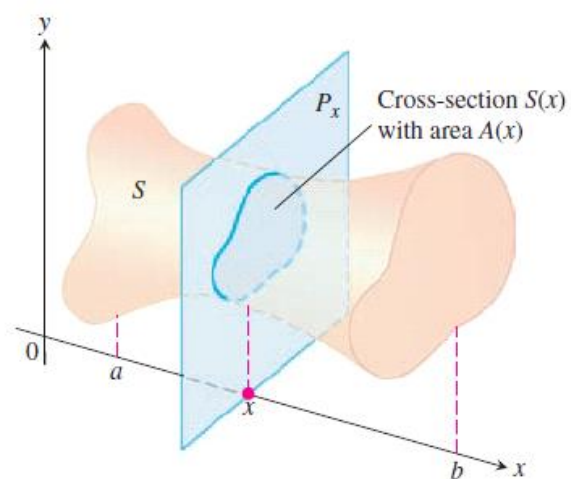


FIGURE 6.1 A cross-section $S(x)$ of the solid S formed by intersecting S with a plane P_x perpendicular to the x -axis through the point x in the interval $[a, b]$.

Slicing by Parallel Planes

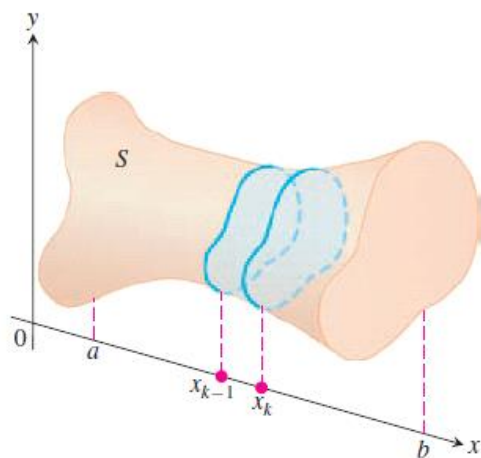


FIGURE 6.3 A typical thin slab in the solid S .

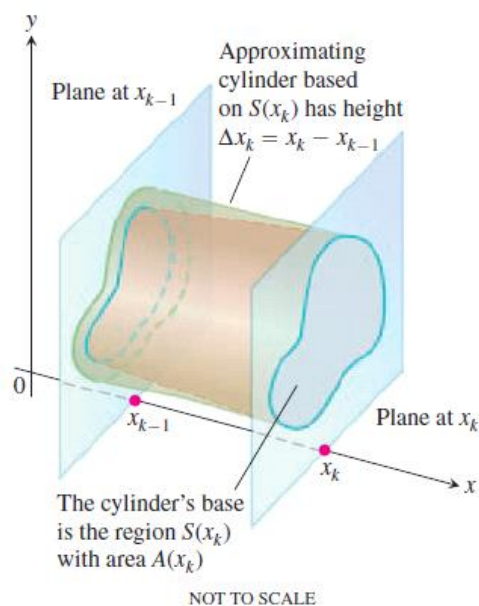


FIGURE 6.4 The solid thin slab in Figure 6.3 is shown enlarged here. It is approximated by the cylindrical solid with base $S(x_k)$ having area $A(x_k)$ and height $\Delta x_k = x_k - x_{k-1}$.

The volume V_k of this cylindrical solid is $A(x_k) \cdot \Delta x_k$, which is approximately the same volume as that of the slab:

$$\text{Volume of the } k\text{th slab} \approx V_k = A(x_k) \Delta x_k.$$

$$V \approx \sum_{k=1}^n V_k = \sum_{k=1}^n A(x_k) \Delta x_k.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n A(x_k) \Delta x_k = \int_a^b A(x) dx.$$

DEFINITION The **volume** of a solid of integrable cross-sectional area $A(x)$ from $x = a$ to $x = b$ is the integral of A from a to b ,

$$V = \int_a^b A(x) dx.$$

Calculating the Volume of a Solid

1. Sketch the solid and a typical cross-section.
2. Find a formula for $A(x)$, the area of a typical cross-section.
3. Find the limits of integration.
4. Integrate $A(x)$ to find the volume.

EXAMPLE 1 A pyramid 3 m high has a square base that is 3 m on a side. The cross-section of the pyramid perpendicular to the altitude x m down from the vertex is a square x m on a side. Find the volume of the pyramid.

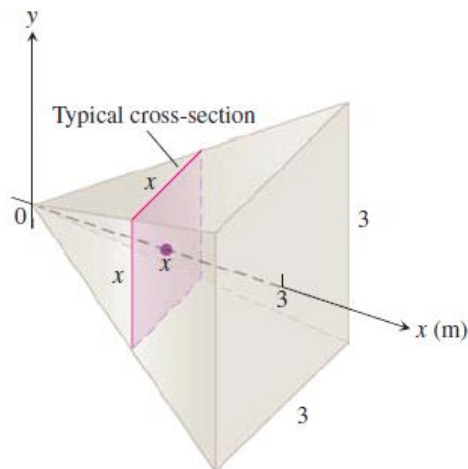


FIGURE 6.5 The cross-sections of the pyramid in Example 1 are squares.

EXAMPLE 2 A curved wedge is cut from a circular cylinder of radius 3 by two planes. One plane is perpendicular to the axis of the cylinder. The second plane crosses the first plane at a 45° angle at the center of the cylinder. Find the volume of the wedge.

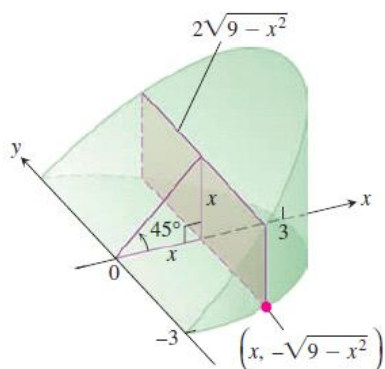
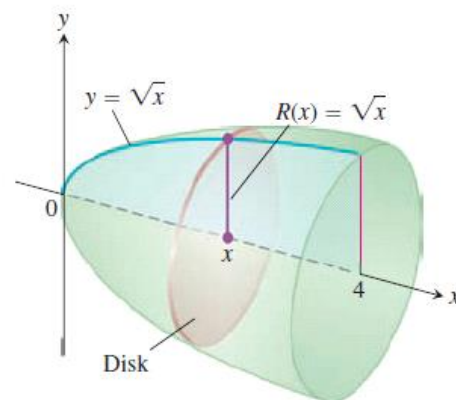
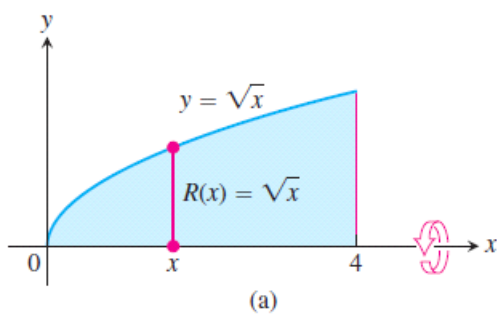


FIGURE 6.6 The wedge of Example 2, sliced perpendicular to the x -axis. The cross-sections are rectangles.

Solids of Revolution: The Disk Method

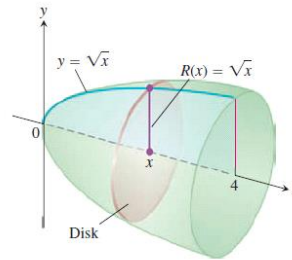
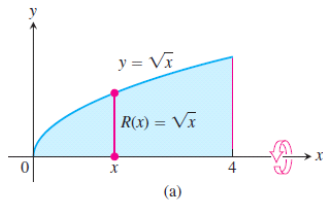


$$A(x) = \pi(\text{radius})^2 = \pi[R(x)]^2.$$

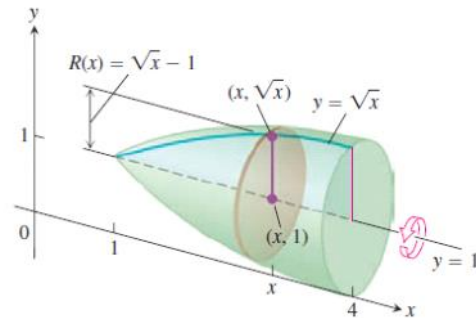
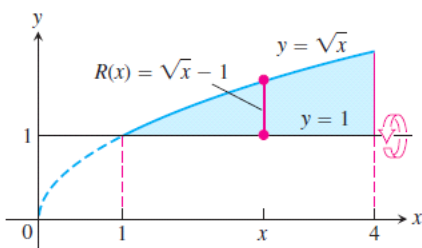
Volume by Disks for Rotation About the x -axis

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

EXAMPLE 4 The region between the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$, $0 \leq x \leq 4$, and the x -axis is revolved about the x -axis to generate a solid. Find its volume.



EXAMPLE 6 Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by $y = \sqrt{x}$ and the lines $y = 1$, $x = 4$ about the line $y = 1$.



Volume by Disks for Rotation About the y -axis

$$V = \int_c^d A(y) dy = \int_c^d \pi[R(y)]^2 dy.$$

EXAMPLE 7 Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region between the y -axis and the curve $x = 2/y$, $1 \leq y \leq 4$, about the y -axis.

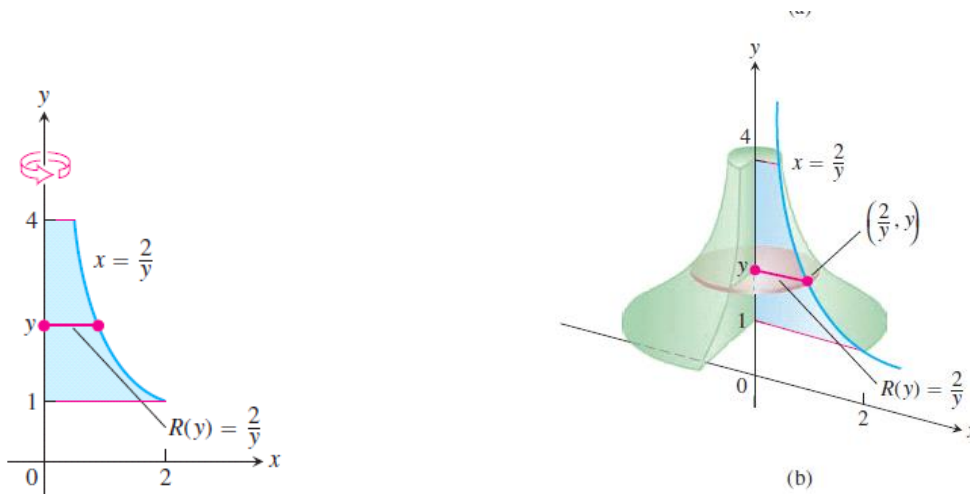


FIGURE 6.11 The region (a) and part of the solid of revolution (b) in Example 7.

Solids of Revolution: The Washer Method

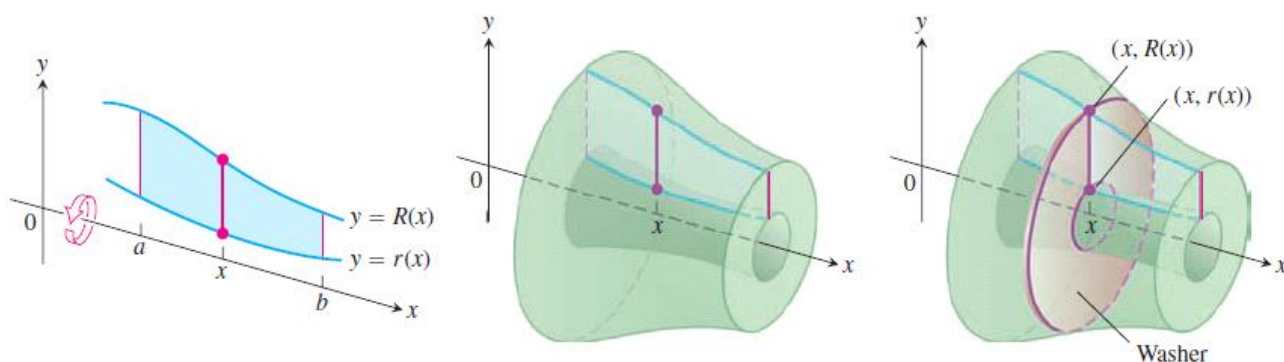


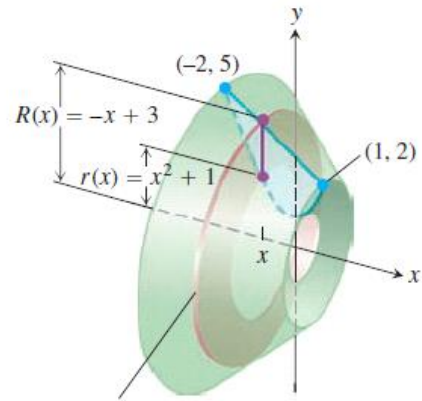
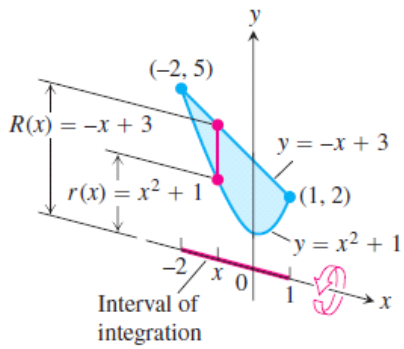
FIGURE 6.13 The cross-sections of the solid of revolution generated here are washers, not disks, so the integral $\int_a^b A(x) dx$ leads to a slightly different formula.

Outer radius: $R(x)$ The washer's area is
 Inner radius: $r(x)$

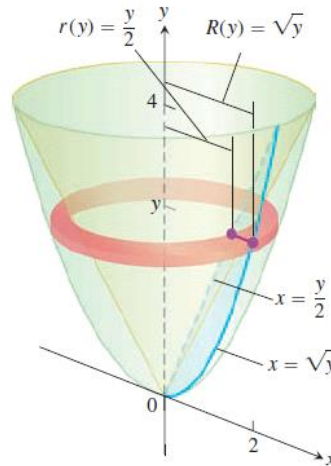
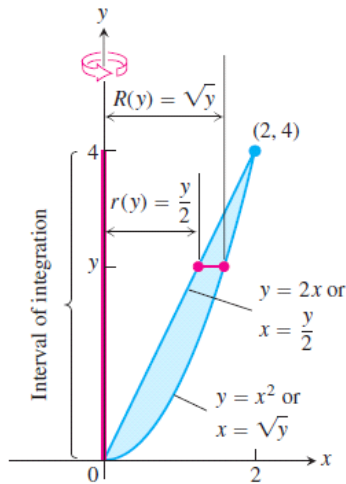
Volume by Washers for Rotation About the x -axis

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

EXAMPLE 9 The region bounded by the curve $y = x^2 + 1$ and the line $y = -x + 3$ is revolved about the x -axis to generate a solid. Find the volume of the solid.



EXAMPLE 10 The region bounded by the parabola $y = x^2$ and the line $y = 2x$ in the first quadrant is revolved about the y -axis to generate a solid. Find the volume of the solid.



6.2

Volumes Using Cylindrical Shells

Slicing with Cylinders

EXAMPLE 1 The region enclosed by the x -axis and the parabola $y = f(x) = 3x - x^2$ is revolved about the vertical line $x = -1$ to generate a solid (Figure 6.16). Find the volume of the solid.

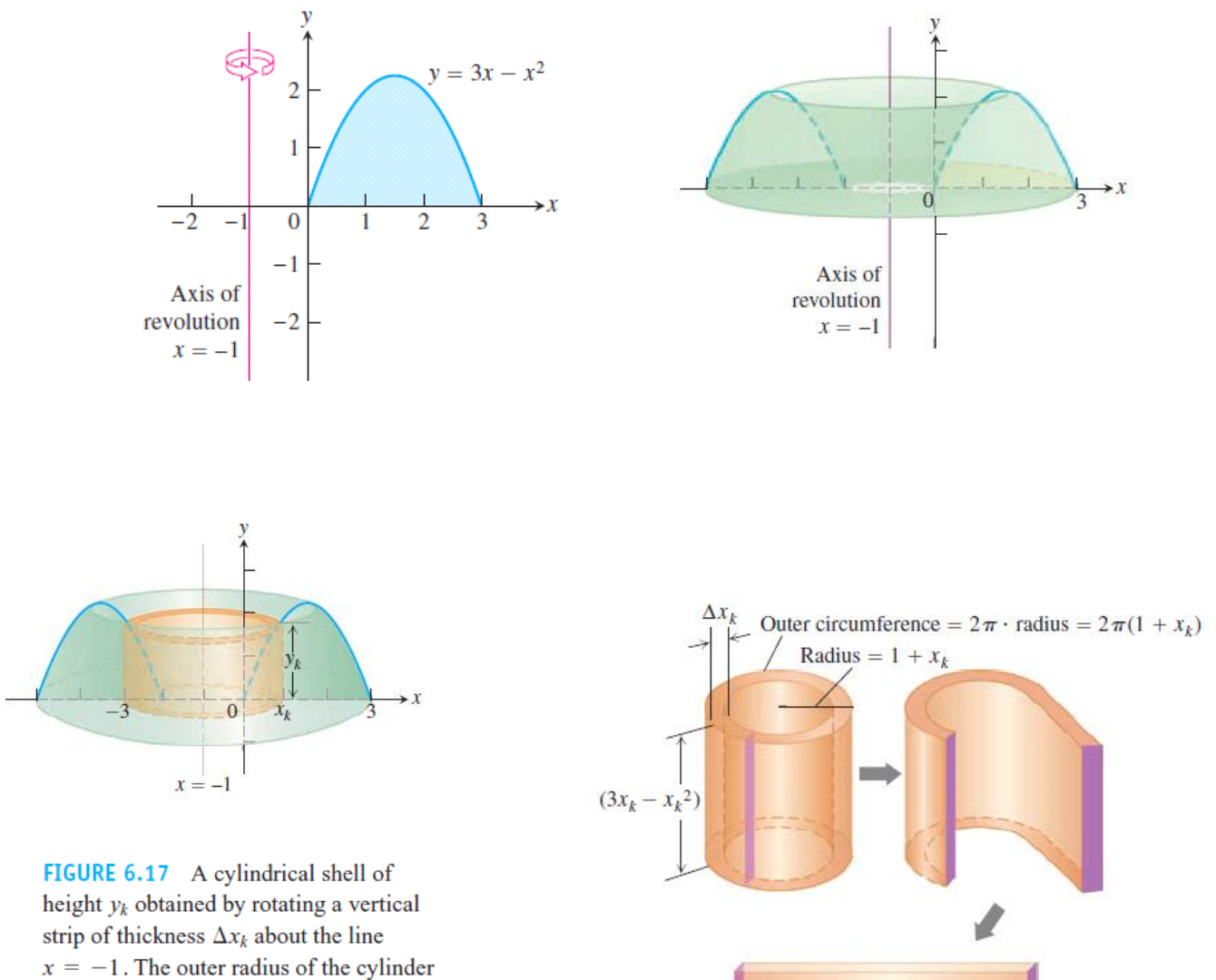
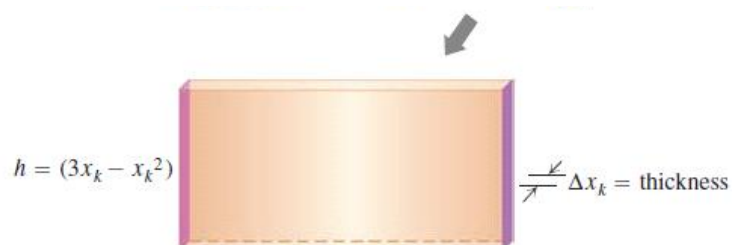


FIGURE 6.17 A cylindrical shell of height y_k obtained by rotating a vertical strip of thickness Δx_k about the line $x = -1$. The outer radius of the cylinder

height y_k obtained by rotating a vertical strip of thickness Δx_k about the line $x = -1$. The outer radius of the cylinder occurs at x_k , where the height of the parabola is $y_k = 3x_k - x_k^2$ (Example 1).



$$\begin{aligned}\Delta V_k &= \text{circumference} \times \text{height} \times \text{thickness} \\ &= 2\pi(1 + x_k) \cdot (3x_k - x_k^2) \cdot \Delta x_k.\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \Delta V_k = \sum_{k=1}^n 2\pi(x_k + 1)(3x_k - x_k^2) \Delta x_k.$$

Taking the limit as the thickness $\Delta x_k \rightarrow 0$ and $n \rightarrow \infty$ gives the volume integral

$$V \approx \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta V_k.$$

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n 2\pi(x_k + 1)(3x_k - x_k^2) \Delta x_k \\ &= \int_0^3 2\pi(x + 1)(3x - x^2) dx \\ &= \int_0^3 2\pi(3x^2 + 3x - x^3 - x^2) dx \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^3 (2x^2 + 3x - x^3) dx \\ &= 2\pi \left[\frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 \right]_0^3 = \frac{45\pi}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

$$V = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta V_k = \int_a^b 2\pi(\text{shell radius})(\text{shell height}) dx.$$

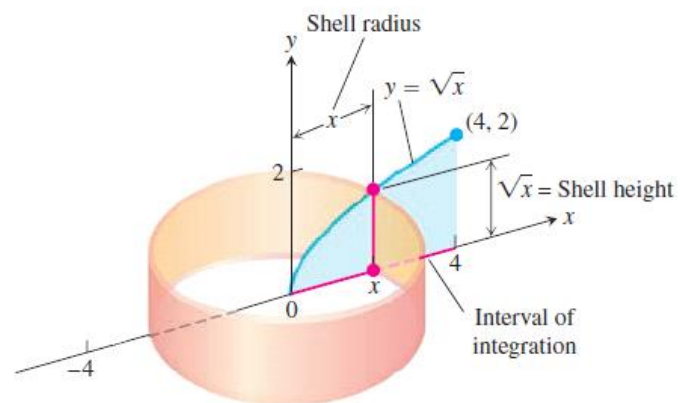
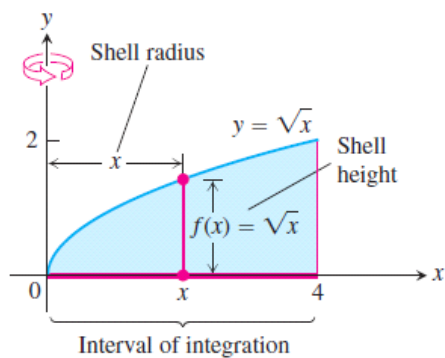
The Shell Method

Shell Formula for Revolution About a Vertical Line

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

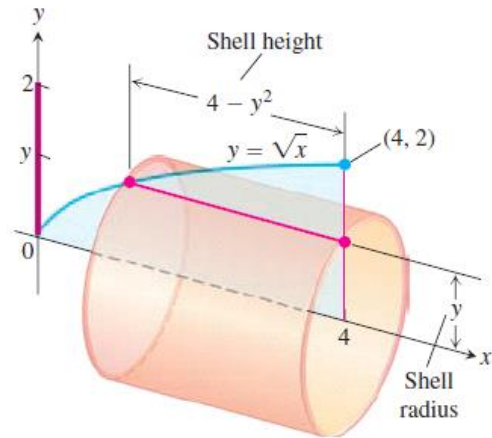
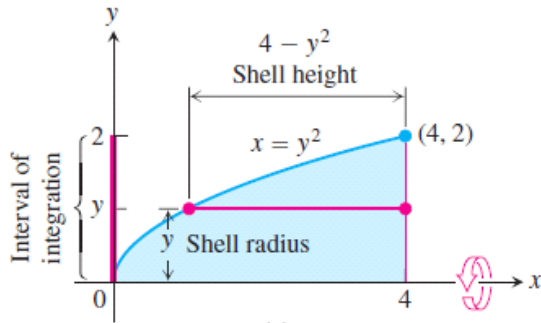
$$V = \int_a^b 2\pi \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{shell} \\ \text{radius} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{shell} \\ \text{height} \end{array} \right) dx.$$

EXAMPLE 2 The region bounded by the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$, the x -axis, and the line $x = 4$ is revolved about the y -axis to generate a solid. Find the volume of the solid.



$$V = \int_a^b 2\pi \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{shell} \\ \text{radius} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{shell} \\ \text{height} \end{array} \right) dx$$

EXAMPLE 3 The region bounded by the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$, the x -axis, and the line $x = 4$ is revolved about the x -axis to generate a solid. Find the volume of the solid by the shell method.



$$V = \int_a^b 2\pi \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{shell} \\ \text{radius} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{shell} \\ \text{height} \end{array} \right) dy$$

Summary of the Shell Method

Regardless of the position of the axis of revolution (horizontal or vertical), the steps for implementing the shell method are these.

1. Draw the region and sketch a line segment across it parallel to the axis of revolution. Label the segment's height or length (shell height) and distance from the axis of revolution (shell radius).
2. Find the limits of integration for the thickness variable.
3. Integrate the product 2π (shell radius) (shell height) with respect to the thickness variable (x or y) to find the volume.

Pop-Up Quiz

