Volume of Solids with Known Cross Sections

1. For cross sections of area A(x), taken perpendicular to the x-axis, volume = $\int_{a}^{b} A(x) dx$.

Cross-sections {if only one function is used then just use that function, if it is between two functions use top-bottom if perpendicular to the x-axis or right-left if perpendicular to the y-axis} mostly all the same only varying by a constant, with the only exception being the rectangular cross-sections:

Square cross-sections:

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} (top function - bottom function)^{2} dx$$

• Equilateral cross-sections:

$$V = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \int_{a}^{b} (top \ function - bottom \ function)^{2} \ dx$$

Isosceles Right Triangle cross-sections (hypotenuse in the xy plane):

$$V = \frac{1}{4} \int_{a}^{b} \left(top \ function - bottom \ function \right)^{2} dx$$

• Isosceles Right Triangle cross-sections (leg in the xy plane):

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} (top function - bottom function)^{2} dx$$

Semi-circular cross-sections:

$$V = \frac{\pi}{8} \int_{a}^{b} \left(top \ function - bottom \ function \right)^{2} dx$$

 Rectangular cross-sections (height function or value must be given or articulated somehow – notice no "square" on the {top – bottom} part):

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} (top \ function - bottom \ function) \bullet (height \ function / value) dx$$

• Circular cross-sections with the diameter in the xy plane:

$$V = \frac{\pi}{4} \int_{a}^{b} \left(top \ function - bottom \ function \right)^{2} dx$$

Square cross-sections with the diagonal in the xy plane:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} \left(top \ function - bottom \ function \right)^{2} dx$$

For cross sections of area A(y), taken perpendicular to the y-axis, volume = $\int_{a}^{b} A(y) dy$.

Volume of Solids of Revolution (rectangles drawn perpendicular to the axis of revolution)

Revolving around a horizontal line (y=# or x-axis) where a ≤ x ≤ b:
 Axis of Revolution and the region being revolved:

$$V = \pi \int_{a}^{b} (furthest from a.r. - a.r.)^{2} - (closest to a.r. - a.r.)^{2} dx$$

Revolving around a vertical line (x=# or y-axis) where c ≤ y ≤ d (or use Shell Method):
 Axis of Revolution and the region being revolved:

$$V = \pi \int_{c}^{d} (furthest \ from \ a.r. - a.r.)^{2} - (closest \ to \ a.r. - a.r.)^{2} \ dy$$

***Shell Method (used if function is in terms of x and revolving around a vertical line) where $a \le x \le b$:

$$V = 2\pi \int_{a}^{b} r(x)h(x)dx$$

$$r(x) = x$$
 if a.r. is y-axis $(x = 0)$

$$r(x) = (x - a.r.)$$
 if a.r. is to the left of the region

$$r(x) = (a.r. - x)$$
 if a.r. is to the right of the region

$$h(x) = f(x)$$
 if only revolving with one function

$$h(x) = (top - bottom)$$
 if revolving the region between two functions

Volume

Disc
$$V = \pi \int_{a}^{b} r^{2} dx$$

Washer

$$V = \pi \int_{a}^{b} \left(R^2 - r^2 \right) dx$$

Shell

Shell
$$V = 2\pi \int_{a}^{b} rh \, dx$$

Cross Section

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} A \, dx$$