


6.2: Volume by cross section

You will be given:

- base (determined by region enclosed by functions)
- geometric shape
- perpendicular to x-axis or y-axis

Perpendicular to the x-axis

$$V = \int_a^b (\text{Area}) dx$$


in terms of x

Perpendicular to the y-axis

$$V = \int_a^b (\text{Area}) dy$$


in terms of y

Geometric Shapes

Square

Rectangle

Equilateral triangle

Right Isosceles Triangle (leg on base)

Right Isosceles Triangle (hyp. on base)

Semi-circles

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f(x) = 2\sqrt{x} + 5 \quad [0, 15]$$

Cross section perpendicular to the x-axis are squares.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f(x) = 2\sqrt{x} + 5 \quad [0, 15]$$

Cross section perpendicular to the x-axis
are semi-circles.

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(x) = 2\sqrt{x} + 5 \quad [0, 15]$$

*Cross section perpendicular to the x-axis
are rectangles of height 4.*

4) Base enclosed by $y = x^2$, $y = 0$, and $x = 2$. Cross sections perpendicular to the x -axis are squares.

5) Base enclosed by $y = x^2$, $y = 0$, and $x = 2$. Cross sections perpendicular to the y -axis are equilateral triangles.



ex: Find the volume of the solid whose base is bounded by $y = \ln x$, $x = e$, and the x -axis with...

a) square cross sections taken perpendicular to the x -axis.

b) equilateral triangular cross sections taken perpendicular to the y -axis.