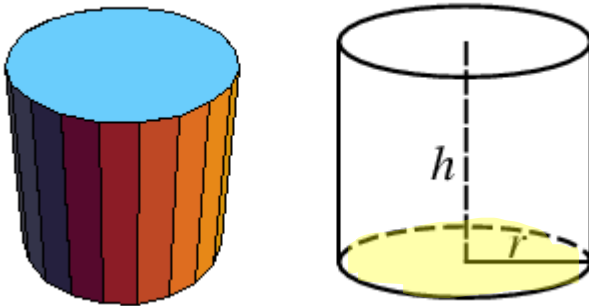# Volume of Known Cross-Sections

Consider the humble cylinder. Use your modeling stuff to make a cylinder.
If you could cut a slice parallel to the base, what would it look like?
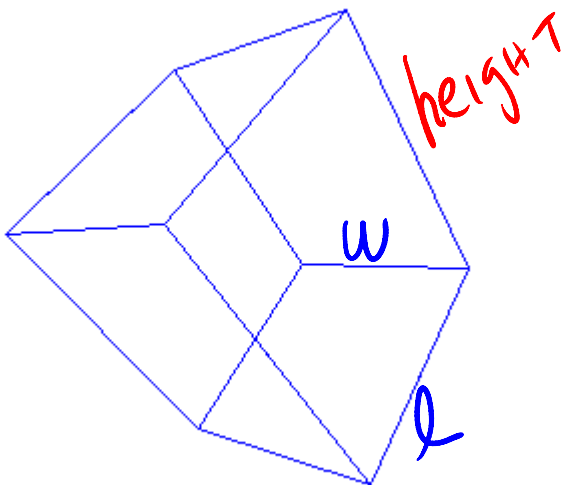How could we find its volume?

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

From:

What would a slice parallel to the base look like?
How about the volume of a rectangular prism?

From:

$$V = lwh$$

We can also think of this as:

Volume = [area of the base] [height]

The base is a rectangle, so we can think of a stack of rectangles.

How about a solid make up of a stack of triangles?

All triangles are the same size [or every "slice" is a congruent triangle]

Make one with your modeling stuff.

How would we find the volume?

$$V = SOLID \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{area of the} \\ \text{TRIANGLE} \end{array} \right) \text{height}$$

Can you think of candy whose cross sections are circles, rectangles, or triangles?

Now with your modeling stuff make a solid whose cross sections are all circles but all of the circles have different radii. [from very, very small to larger]
What does it look like? *Carrot*

or parsnip

or Cone

Make a solid whose cross sections are squares – but each square has a different side length.
What does it look like? *square pyramid*

Images from Google Images   [What are the cross sections?]

circles

Square

Luxor Hotel [Las Vegas]

Our Handy-Dandy Formula to find the Volume of a Solid with Known Cross-Sections ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

Volume = [area of a cross-section]*[height]

We need to figure out how to use calculus for this! Since we are "*summing up*" the *areas* of each cross-section, then should we integrate or differentiate?
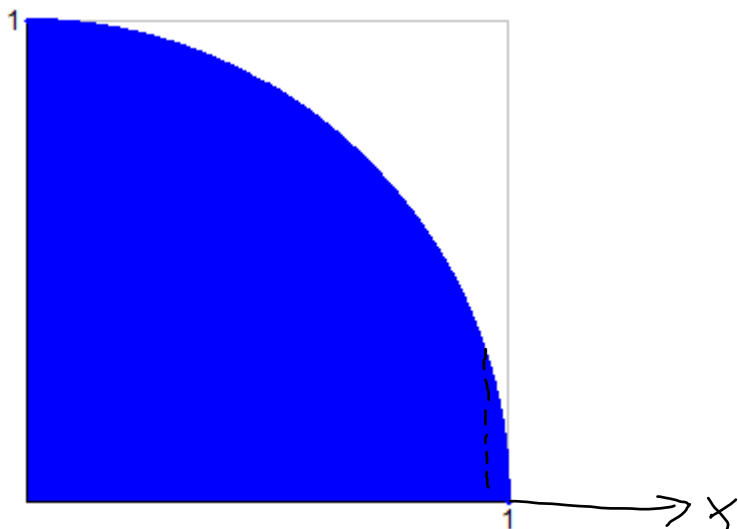
Our Calculus formula:

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} A(x)\, dx \text{ where } A(x) \text{ is the area of a cross section}$$

Let's consider the following:

NOTE: CROSS-SECTION TO THE

X-AXIS

Find the volume of the solid created on a region whose base is the function $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$ for $0 \le x \le 1$. For this solid, each cross section perpendicular to the x-axis is a square. Let's try to figure out what this looks like.

The volume can be found with our handy-dandy formula!

$\int_0^1 A(x)\, dx$ where $A(x)$ is the area of a cross section.

Each cross section is a square so the area of a cross section is equal to s^2 where $s = \sqrt{1-x^2}$ and our side lengths will vary according to our upper and lower bounds

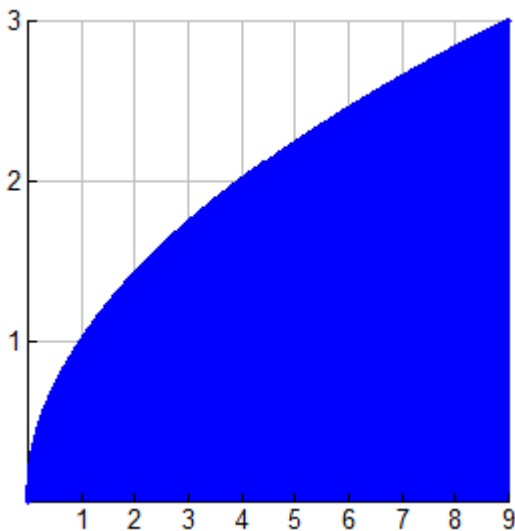$$a(x) = s^2$$

$$\int_0^1 \left[\sqrt{1-x^2} \right]^2 dx$$

$$\int_0^1 A(x)\, dx$$

$$a(x) = s^2 = \left(\sqrt{1-x^2} \right)^2$$

$$V = \int_0^1 (1-x^2)\,dx$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \text{ c.u.}$$

Now let's find the volume of the solid formed with a base function $y = \sqrt{x}$ with $0 \leq x \leq 9$, but with semi-circles as our cross sections that are perpendicular to the $x-$axis
Here is our base:

This one is hard to visualize.
Here is an awesome video:
http://mathdemos.org/mathdemos/sectionmethod/sqrtcirccross75.gif
http://mathdemos.org/mathdemos/sectionmethod/sqrtcirccross75slab.gif
And here is an image of one:

Once again, $V = \int_0^9 A(x)\, dx$ $A(x) = \dfrac{\pi}{2} r^2$

$$V = \int_0^9 \frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x}\right)^2 dx$$

$r = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x}$

$A(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x}\right)^2$

$$= \int_0^9 \frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{8} \int_0^9 x\, dx \qquad = \frac{\pi}{8}\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)\Big|_0^9$$

One more, a circular base [a radius of 2]
with right isosceles triangle whose leg is on the base
and each cross section is perpendicular to the x−axis

http://mathdemos.org/mathdemos/sectionmethod/circisoscross75slab.gif

$$y = \pm\sqrt{4 - x^2}$$

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leg
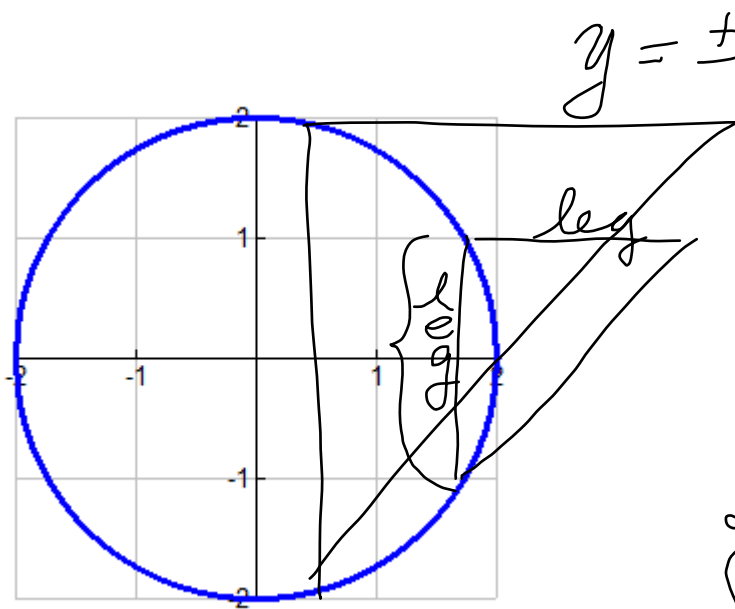
$$leg = 2\sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$a(x) = \frac{1}{2}b^2$$

$$b = leg\ length$$

Area of a cross-section is

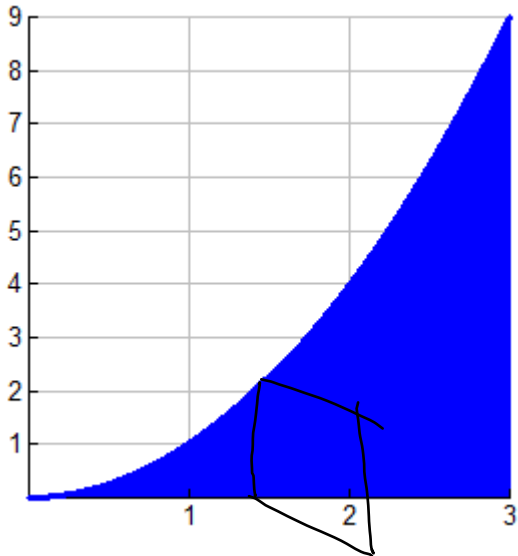$$\int_{-2}^{2} a(x)\,dx$$

$$= \int_{-2}^{2} \frac{1}{2}\left[2\sqrt{4-x^2}\right]^2 dx$$

You try to set up the following:
Find the volume of the solid created on a region whose base

is the function $y = x^2$ for $0 \leq x \leq 3$

And the cross-sections are squares, semi-circles, and right isosceles triangles with the leg on the base and each cross section is perpendicular to the x–axis
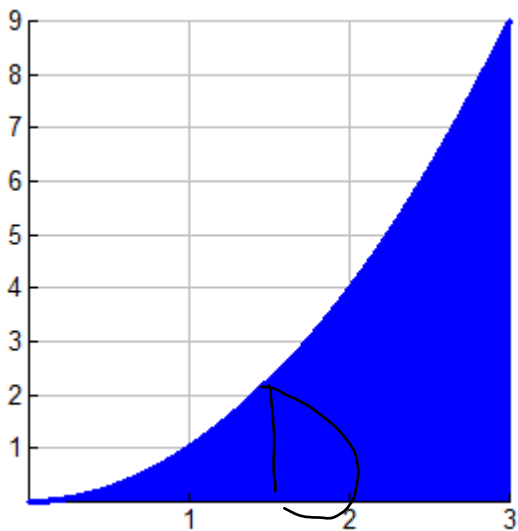
$$\int_0^3 a(x)\,dx$$

$$= \int_0^3 (x^2)^2\,dx$$

SQUARES

$$a(x) = s^2$$
$$s = x^2$$

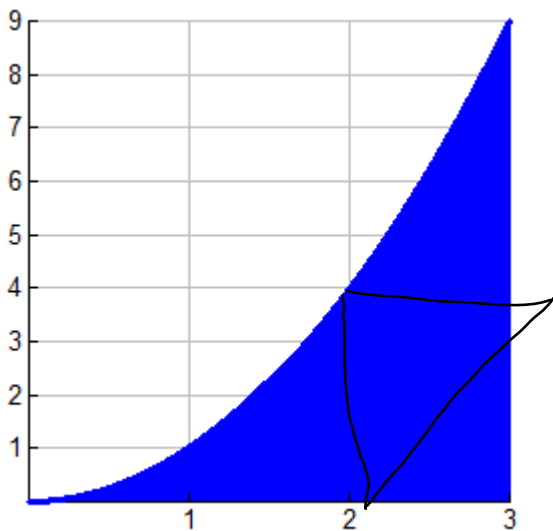$$\int_0^3 a(x)\,dx$$

$$= \int_0^3 \frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^2 dx$$

SEMI-CIRCLES

$$a(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}r^2$$

$$r = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

RIGHT-ISOSCELES $\triangle$

$$V = \int_0^3 a(x)\,dx \qquad a(x) = \frac{1}{2}b^2$$

$$b = x^2$$

$$V = \int_0^3 \frac{1}{2}(x^2)^2\,dx$$

Now let's consider the relation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Find the volume of an object whose base is the relation above and when the cross sections are squares and each cross section is perpendicular to the x–axis

Here is a cool website where we can visualize this
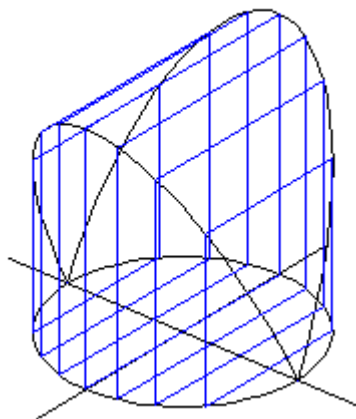http://www.ies.co.jp/math/java/samples/renshi.html

There is a solid whoese bottom face is the circle $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$.
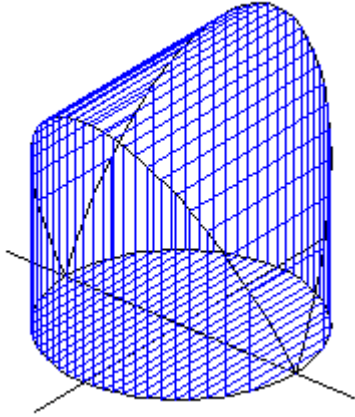And every cross-section of the solid perpendicular to x-axis is a square.
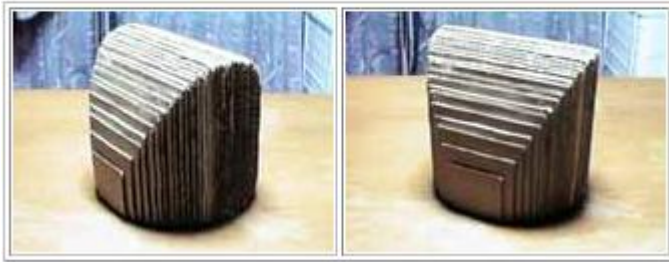
Find the volume of the solid.
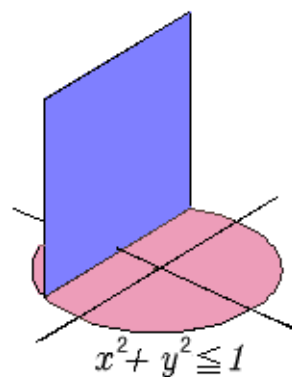
$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

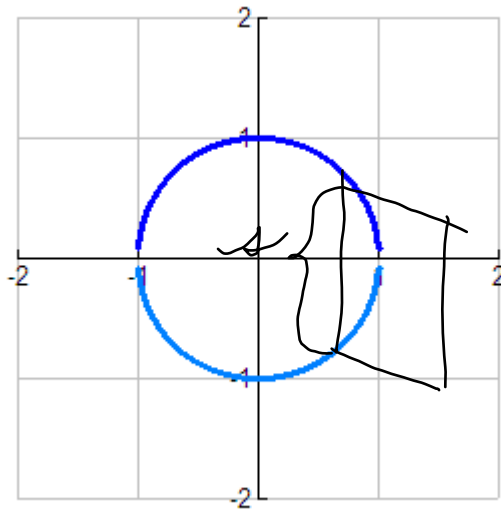Here's what it looks like with a few squares:

With a lot more squares:

Cardboard Model

Area of a cross section = area of a square
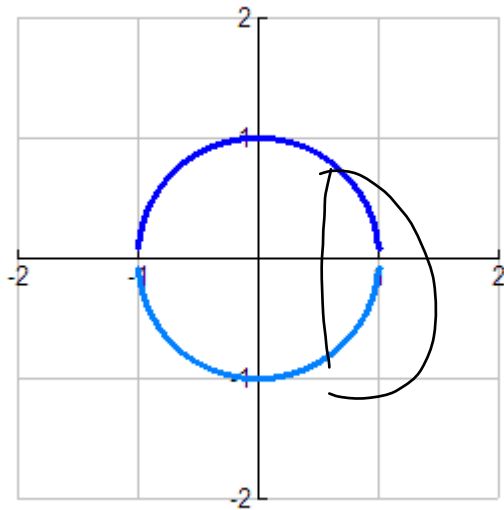Here is the base of the solid.

If $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, then $y = \pm\sqrt{1-x^2}$ with a domain of [-1,1]

$$a(x) = s^2$$

$$s = 2\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$V = \int_{-1}^{1} \left[2\sqrt{1-x^2}\right]^2 dx$$

Let's change one thing! What would be the volume if the cross sections were *semi-circles* instead of squares? And, each cross section is perpendicular to the x–axis

$$a(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} r^2$$

$$r = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$
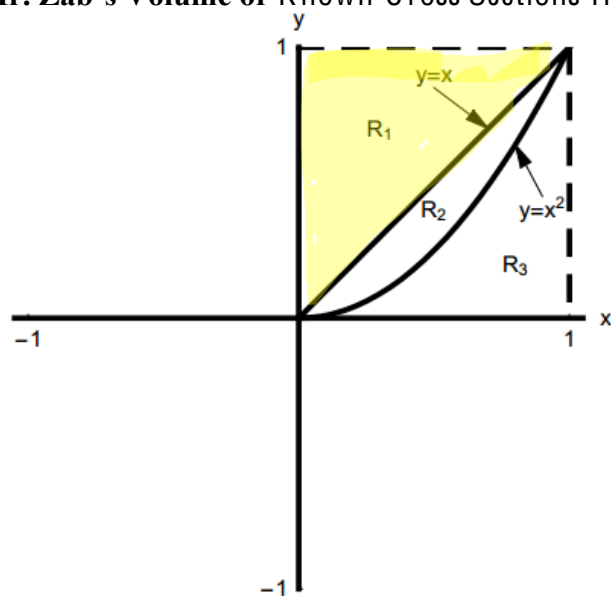
$$V = \int_{-1} \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)^2 dx$$

Lots of cool photos at:

http://mathdemos.gcsu.edu/mathdemos/sectionmethod/sectiongallery.html

Homework
Handout [see next pages if you were not in class]

Mr. Zab's Volume of Known Cross Sections Handout [Day One]

Let R_1 be the region in the first quadrant bounded by $y = x$, the y-axis, and the line $y = 1$. Let R_2 be the region in the first quadrant bounded by $y = x^2$ and $y = x$. Let R_3 be the region in the first quadrant bounded by $y = x^2$, the x-axis, and the line $x = 1$.

Instructions:
State *A(x)* [the area of a cross section]
Set up the integral to find the volume
Use your TI to calculate the volume

16. Let R_1 be the base of a solid in the x-y plane. If cross sections of the solid perpendicular to the x-axis are squares, find the volume of the solid.

17. Let R_1 be the base of a solid in the x-y plane. If cross sections of the solid perpendicular to the x-axis are semicircles, find the volume of the solid.

18. Let R_2 be the base of a solid in the x-y plane. If cross sections of the solid perpendicular to the x-axis are squares, find the volume of the solid.

19. Let R_2 be the base of a solid in the x-y plane. If cross sections of the solid perpendicular to the x-axis are semicircles, find the volume of the solid.

20. Let R_3 be the base of a solid in the x-y plane. If cross sections of the solid perpendicular to the x-axis are squares, find the volume of the solid.

21. Let R_3 be the base of a solid in the x-y plane. If cross sections of the solid perpendicular to the x-axis are semicircles, find the volume of the solid.