

### Section 9.4 Area of a surface of revolution

A surface of revolution is formed when a curve is rotated about a line.

Let's start with some simple surfaces.

The lateral surface area of a circular cylinder with base radius  $r$  and height  $h$  is

$$A = 2\pi r h$$



The lateral surface area of a circular cone with base radius  $r$  and slant height  $l$  is

$$A = \pi r l$$

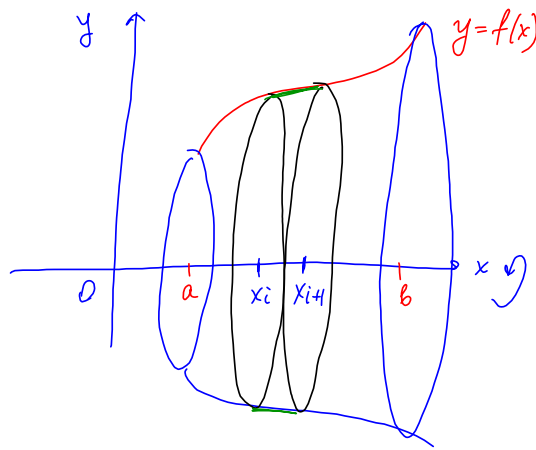


The lateral surface area of a band (frustum of a cone) with slant height  $l$ , upper radius  $r_1$  and lower radius  $r_2$  is

$$A = 2\pi r l \quad \text{here } r = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2}$$



Now we consider the surface which is obtained by rotating the curve  $y = f(x)$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$  about the  $x$ -axis,  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$  and  $f'(x)$  is continuous.



We take a partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  by points  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ , and let  $y_i = f(x_i)$ , so that the point  $P_i(x_i, y_i)$  lies on the curve. The part of the surface between  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x_i$  is approximated by taking the line segment  $P_{i-1}P_i$  and rotating it about the  $x$ -axis. The result is a band with slant height  $|P_{i-1}P_i|$  and average radius  $r = \frac{1}{2}(y_{i-1} + y_i)$ , its surface area is

$$S_i = 2\pi \frac{y_{i-1} + y_i}{2} |P_{i-1}P_i|$$

We know that

$$|P_{i-1}P_i| = \sqrt{(\Delta x_i)^2 + (\Delta y_i)^2} = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x_i^*)]^2} \Delta x_i$$

where  $x_i^* \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ . Since  $\Delta x_i$  is small, we have  $y_i = f(x_i) \approx f(x_i^*)$  and also  $y_{i-1} = f(x_{i-1}) \approx f(x_i^*)$  since  $f$  is continuous.

$$S_i \approx 2\pi f(x_i^*) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x_i^*)]^2} \Delta x_i$$

Thus, the area of the complete surface is

$$S_X = 2\pi \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x_i^*)]^2} \Delta x_i =$$

$C: y=f(x), a \leq x \leq b$

$$2\pi \int_a^b f(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx = 2\pi \int_a^b f(x) \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx = S.A.x$$

If the curve is described as  $x = g(y), c \leq y \leq d$ , then the formula for the surface area is

$$S_X = 2\pi \int_c^d y \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} dy = 2\pi \int_c^d y \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dx}{dy}\right]^2} dy$$

Let's a curve  $C$  is defined by the equations

$$x = x(t), \quad y = y(t), \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

The area of the surface generated by rotating  $C$  about  $x$ -axis is

$$S_X = 2\pi \int_a^b y(t) \sqrt{\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{dy}{dt}\right]^2} dt$$

**Example 1.** Find the area of the surface obtained by rotating the curve about  $x$ -axis

(a)  $y = \sqrt{x}, 4 \leq x \leq 9$

$$S_x = 2\pi \int_4^9 y(x) \sqrt{1 + (y'(x))^2} dx$$

$$y'(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$= 2\pi \int_4^9 \sqrt{x} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)^2} dx = 2\pi \int_4^9 \sqrt{x} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4x}} dx$$

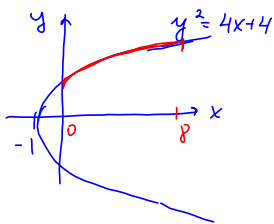
$$= 2\pi \int_4^9 \sqrt{x} \sqrt{\frac{4x+1}{4x}} dx = \pi \int_4^9 \sqrt{4x+1} dx \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} u = 4x+1 \\ du = 4 dx \\ 4 \rightarrow 4(4)+1 = 17 \\ 9 \rightarrow 4(9)+1 = 37 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \int_{17}^{37} \sqrt{u} du = \frac{\pi}{4} \left[ \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_{17}^{37}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} (37^{3/2} - 17^{3/2})$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} (37\sqrt{37} - 17\sqrt{17})$$

(b)  $y^2 = 4x + 4, 0 \leq x \leq 8$



Top half of the parabola.

Solve for  $x$ :  $y^2 = 4x + 4$   
 $x = \frac{y^2 - 4}{4} = \frac{1}{4} y^2 - 1, x'(y) = \frac{y}{2}$

corresponding limits for  $y$ .

$y(0) = \sqrt{4} = 2$   
 $y(8) = \sqrt{32 + 4} = \sqrt{36} = 6$   
 $2 \leq y \leq 6$

$$S_x = 2\pi \int_2^6 y \sqrt{1 + (x'(y))^2} dy = 2\pi \int_2^6 y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2} dy = 2\pi \int_2^6 y \sqrt{1 + \frac{y^2}{4}} dy$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= 1 + \frac{y^2}{4} \\ du &= \frac{y}{2} dy \\ 2 \rightarrow 1 + \frac{2^2}{4} = 2 \\ 6 \rightarrow 1 + \frac{6^2}{4} = 10 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$= 4\pi \int_2^{10} \sqrt{u} du = 4\pi \left[ \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_2^{10} = 4\pi \frac{2}{3} (10^{3/2} - 2^{3/2})$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{8\pi}{3} (10\sqrt{10} - 2\sqrt{2})}$$

(c)  $x(t) = a \cos^3 t, y(t) = a \sin^3 t, 0 \leq t \leq \pi/2, a$  is a constant.

$$x'(t) = 3a \cos^2 t (\cos t)' = -3a \cos^2 t \sin t$$

$$y'(t) = 3a \sin^2 t (\sin t)' = 3a \sin^2 t \cos t$$

$$S_x = 2\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} y(t) \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2} dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} a \sin^3 t \sqrt{9a^2 \cos^4 t \sin^2 t + 9a^2 \sin^4 t \cos^2 t} dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} a \sin^3 t \sqrt{9a^2 \sin^2 t \cos^2 t (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)} dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} a \sin^3 t \cdot 3a \sin t \cos t dt$$

$$= 2\pi (3a^2) \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 t \cos t dt$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= \sin t \\ du &= \cos t dt \\ 0 &\rightarrow \sin 0 = 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} &\rightarrow \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$= 6\pi a^2 \int_0^1 u^4 du = 6\pi a^2 \left[ \frac{u^5}{5} \right]_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{6\pi a^2}{5}}$$

For rotation about the **y-axis**, the surface area formulas are:

if the curve is given as  $y = f(x), a \leq x \leq b$ , then the formula for the surface area is

$$S_Y = 2\pi \int_a^b x \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{df}{dx}\right]^2} dx$$

if the curve is described as  $x = g(y), c \leq y \leq d$ , then the formula for the surface area is

$$S_Y = 2\pi \int_c^d g(y) \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dg}{dy}\right]^2} dy$$

if the is defined by the equations  $x = x(t), y = y(t), a \leq t \leq b$ , then the area of the surface is

$$S_Y = 2\pi \int_a^b x(t) \sqrt{\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{dy}{dt}\right]^2} dt$$

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**Example 2.** Find the area of the surface obtained by rotating the curve about **y-axis**

(a)  $x = \sqrt{2y - y^2}, 0 \leq y \leq 1$

$$S_Y = 2\pi \int_0^1 x(y) \sqrt{1 + (x'(y))^2} dy$$

$$x'(y) = \frac{1}{2} (2y - y^2)^{-1/2} (2y - y^2)' = \frac{1}{2} (2y - y^2)^{-1/2} (2 - 2y) = \frac{1-y}{\sqrt{2y-y^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_Y &= 2\pi \int_0^1 \sqrt{2y-y^2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1-y}{\sqrt{2y-y^2}}\right)^2} dy = 2\pi \int_0^1 \sqrt{2y-y^2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{(1-y)^2}{2y-y^2}} dy \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^1 \sqrt{2y-y^2} \sqrt{\frac{2y-y^2 + 1 - 2y + y^2}{2y-y^2}} dy = 2\pi \int_0^1 1 dy = 2\pi y \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $y = 1 - x^2, 0 \leq x \leq 1$   $y'(x) = -2x$

$$S_Y = 2\pi \int_0^1 x \sqrt{1 + (y'(x))^2} dx = 2\pi \int_0^1 x \sqrt{1 + (-2x)^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{8} \int_0^1 8x \sqrt{1+4x^2} dx$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= 1+4x^2 \\ du &= 8x dx \\ 0 &\rightarrow 1+4(0) = 1 \\ 1 &\rightarrow 1+4(1) = 5 \end{aligned} \right|$$

$$\boxed{a^{3/2} = a\sqrt{a}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\pi}{4} \int_1^5 \sqrt{u} du = \frac{\pi}{4} \left[ \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_1^5 = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} (5^{3/2} - 1^{3/2}) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\pi}{6} (5\sqrt{5} - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $x = e^t - t, y = 4e^{t/2}, 0 \leq t \leq 1$

$(e^t)^2 = e^{2t}$

$$S_y = 2\pi \int_0^1 x(t) \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt$$

$$x'(t) = e^t - 1, y'(t) = 4e^{t/2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2e^{t/2}$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 (e^t - t) \sqrt{(e^t - 1)^2 + (2e^{t/2})^2} dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 (e^t - t) \sqrt{e^{2t} - 2e^t + 1 + 4e^t} dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 (e^t - t) \sqrt{e^{2t} + 2e^t + 1} dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 (e^t - t) \sqrt{(e^t + 1)^2} dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 (e^t - t)(e^t + 1) dt = 2\pi \int_0^1 (e^{2t} + e^t - te^t - t) dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 e^{2t} dt + 2\pi \int_0^1 e^t dt - 2\pi \int_0^1 te^t dt - 2\pi \int_0^1 t dt = \left. \begin{matrix} u=t, v=e^t \\ u'=1, v'=e^t \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{2} e^{2t} \Big|_0^1 + 2\pi e^t \Big|_0^1 - 2\pi \left[ \frac{t^2}{2} \right]_0^1 - 2\pi (te^t) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 e^t dt$$

$$= \pi(e^2 - 1) + 2\pi(e - 1) - \pi - 2\pi(e - e^0) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 e^t dt$$

$$= \pi e^2 - \pi + 2\pi e - 2\pi - \pi - 2\pi e + 2\pi(e - 1)$$

$$= \boxed{\pi e^2 + 2\pi e - 6\pi}$$