

Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by the given curves about the specified line. Sketch the region, the solid, and a typical disk or washer.¹

$$x = y^2, \quad x = 1 - y^2; \quad \text{about } x = 3$$

Let's sketch the graph so we have an idea of what we are working with.

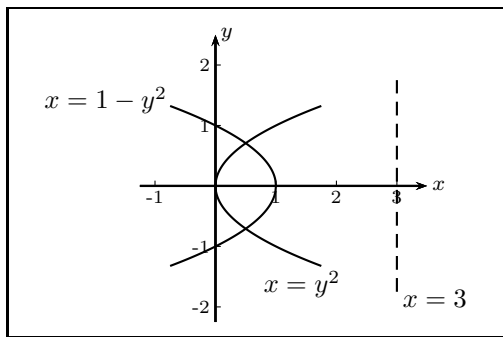


Figure 1

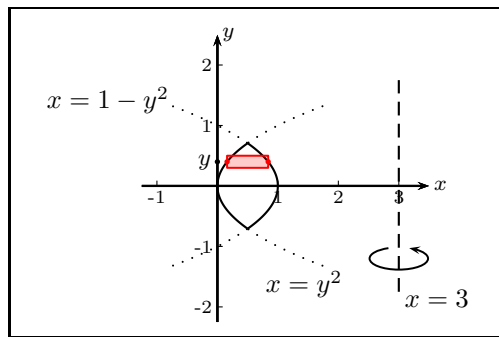


Figure 2

In Figure 1, we've graphed the relations $x = y^2$, $x = 1 - y^2$, and the line $x = 3$ and can see the region bounded by those relations. To find where the graphs intersect, we solve

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= 1 - y^2 \\ 2y^2 &= 1 \\ y^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

and from the square root property,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{or} \quad y = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\ y &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad y = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

The graphs intersect at $y = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ and $y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, so those are the bounds on our region.

Figure 2 shows a representative rectangle of width Δy sketched in the region, perpendicular to the axis of rotation. We will rotate that representative rectangle about the line $x = 3$, determine the volume of the representative washer, and then add up all the washers from $y = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ to $y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$.

In Figure 3, the washer corresponding to the representative is drawn above. The volume V_w of the washer is given by

$$V_w = (\text{area of the base}) \Delta y$$

where the base of the washer is the region formed by the two concentric circles.

$$\begin{aligned} V_w &= (\text{area of outside circle} - \text{area of inside circle}) \Delta y \\ &= (\pi r_{out}^2 - \pi r_{in}^2) \Delta y \end{aligned}$$

¹Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, p. 446, #17.

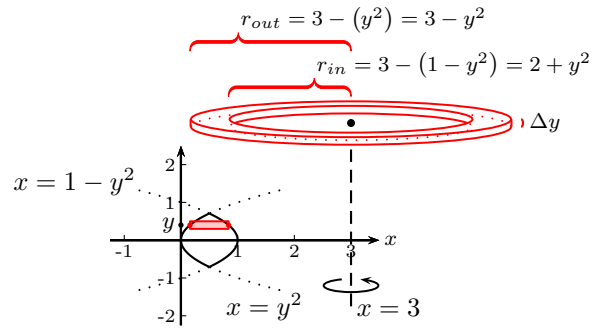


Figure 3

Note that the outside radius $r_{out} = \text{larger value} - \text{smaller value}$, that is, $r_{out} = 3 - (y^2) = 3 - y^2$ and $r_{in} = 3 - (1 - y^2) = 2 + y^2$. So

$$V_w = \left(\pi (3 - y^2)^2 - \pi (2 + y^2)^2 \right) \Delta y$$

We create washers from $y = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ to $y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume}_{SOR} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\pi (3 - y^2)^2 - \pi (2 + y^2)^2 \right) \Delta y \\ &= \int_{y=-\sqrt{2}/2}^{y=\sqrt{2}/2} \left(\pi (3 - y^2)^2 - \pi (2 + y^2)^2 \right) dy \\ &= \int_{y=-\sqrt{2}/2}^{y=\sqrt{2}/2} \pi \left((3 - y^2)^2 - (2 + y^2)^2 \right) dx \\ &= \pi \int_{y=-\sqrt{2}/2}^{y=\sqrt{2}/2} (9 - 6y^2 + y^4) - (4 + 4y^2 + y^4) dy \\ &= \pi \int_{y=-\sqrt{2}/2}^{y=\sqrt{2}/2} -10y^2 + 5 dy \end{aligned}$$

Calculus II
Volumes

We find an antiderivative for the integrand, and apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \pi \left[-10 \cdot \frac{y^3}{3} + 5y \right]_{y=-\sqrt{2}/2}^{y=\sqrt{2}/2} \\ &= \pi \left[\left(-10 \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{2}/2)^3}{3} + 5 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - \left(-10 \cdot \frac{(-\sqrt{2}/2)^3}{3} + 5 \cdot -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \pi \left[\left(-10 \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{2}/8}{3} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - \left(-10 \cdot \frac{-2\sqrt{2}/8}{3} - \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \pi \left[\left(-10 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{12} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - \left(-10 \cdot \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{12} - \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \pi \left[\left(\frac{-10\sqrt{2}}{12} + \frac{30\sqrt{2}}{12} \right) - \left(\frac{10\sqrt{2}}{12} - \frac{30\sqrt{2}}{12} \right) \right] \\ &= \pi \left[\left(\frac{20\sqrt{2}}{12} \right) - \left(-\frac{20\sqrt{2}}{12} \right) \right] \\ &= \pi \left[\frac{40\sqrt{2}}{12} \right] \\ &= \frac{10\pi\sqrt{2}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by the graphs of $x = y^2$ and $x = 1 - y^2$ about the line $x = 3$ is $\frac{10\pi\sqrt{2}}{3}$ units³.