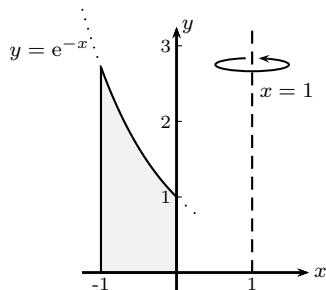


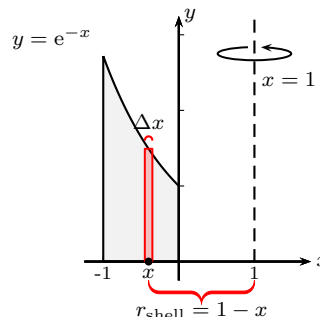
Use the method of cylindrical shells to find the volume generated by rotating the region bounded by the curves about the given axis.<sup>1</sup>

$$y = e^{-x}, \quad y = 0, \quad x = -1, \quad x = 0; \quad \text{about } x = 1$$

In Figure 1, the curves are sketched along with the axis of revolution. Since we are going to use cylindrical shells, the representative rectangle is parallel to the axis of revolution; this is sketched in Figure 2. The width of the representative rectangle is  $\Delta x$ , so everything in our integral will have to be in terms of  $x$ . The function  $y = e^{-x}$  is already in terms of  $x$ , so we are ready to proceed.



**Figure 1:** The curves and the region.



**Figure 2:** The region with a representative rectangle.

In Figure 3, we've sketched the shell generated when the representative rectangle is revolved about  $x = 1$ , along with the flattened shell. The volume of the shell is given by

$$V_{\text{shell}} = 2\pi(1-x)e^{-x}\Delta x$$

We create shells from  $x = -1$  to  $x = 0$ , so the volume,  $V$ , of the solid of revolution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_{x=-1}^{x=0} 2\pi(1-x)e^{-x} dx \\ &= 2\pi \int_{x=-1}^{x=0} (1-x)e^{-x} dx \end{aligned}$$

Referring to LIATE<sup>2</sup>, we

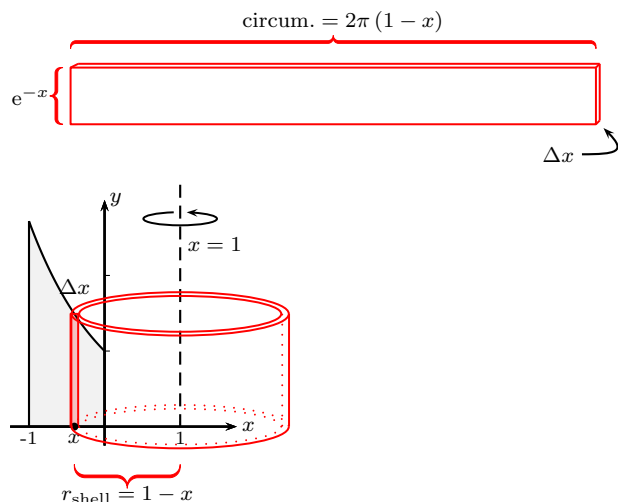
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } u &= 1-x, & dv &= e^{-x} dx \\ \text{so } du &= -dx, & v &= -e^{-x}. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2\pi \left[ \left[ (1-x)e^{-x} \right]_{x=-1}^{x=0} - \int_{x=-1}^{x=0} -e^{-x} \cdot -dx \right] \\ &= 2\pi \left[ \left[ (1-0)(e^{-0}) - (1-(-1))(-e^{-(-1)}) \right] - \int_{x=-1}^{x=0} e^{-x} dx \right] \\ &= \left[ -1 + 2e \right] - \left[ -e^{-x} \right]_{x=-1}^{x=0} \\ &= 2\pi \left[ 2e - 1 - \left[ -e^{-0} - \left( -e^{-(-1)} \right) \right] \right] \\ &= 2\pi [2e - 1 - [-1 + e]] \\ &= 2\pi e \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup>Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, p. 477, #63.

<sup>2</sup>**L**ogarithmic, **I**nverse trigonometric, **A**lgebraic, **T**rigonometric, **E**xponential; a mnemonic for selecting the  $u$ -factor in inte-



**Figure 3:** The shell corresponding to the representative rectangle. Neither the height nor the length of the flattened shell are drawn to scale.

Thus the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by  $y = e^{-x}$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $x = -1$ , and  $x = 0$  about  $x = 1$  is  $2\pi e$  units<sup>3</sup>.