

**Math 1161: Written Homework 6**

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TA: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

*Instructions.* You may discuss this assignment with others, but you must submit your own write-up. Write clearly and legibly. All functions herein are real-valued functions of a single real variable.

1. (12 pts) To find areas and volumes in calculus, our work-flow may be summarized as: *slice, approximate, integrate.*

When performing the “approximate” step, it is common to hear mathematicians or physicists make comments like “only the  $dx$  terms matter” or “ $(dx)^2$  is much smaller than  $dx$ , so we can ignore the  $(dx)^2$  terms”. In this context,  $dx$  means a small change in  $x$ . To help us make sense of these comments formally, we will use  $\Delta x$  to represent a small change in  $x$ , and we will consider the Shell Method as an instructive example.

Suppose  $f$  is a positive continuous function on  $[a, b]$ , where  $0 \leq a$ . (So, the graph of  $f$  is in the first quadrant.)

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the region between the graph of  $f$  and the  $x$ -axis on the interval  $[a, b]$ , and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the solid of revolution formed by revolving  $\mathcal{R}$  about the  $y$ -axis.

When using the Shell Method to find the volume  $V$  of  $\mathcal{S}$ , we can first “slice”  $\mathcal{R}$  vertically and approximate it using  $n$  rectangles that correspond to a Left Riemann Sum of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ . Then, we can revolve each of these rectangles about the  $y$ -axis to get shells. (These shells are the “slices” of our volume.)

We can write an exact formula for the volume  $V_k$  of the  $k$ -th shell by thinking of it as “an outer cylinder minus an inner cylinder”. Because the  $k$ -th shell is formed by revolving the  $k$ -th rectangle about the  $y$ -axis, its inner radius is  $x_{k-1}$ , its outer radius is  $x_k$ , and its height is  $f(x_{k-1})$ . So,

$$V_k = \pi x_k^2 f(x_{k-1}) - \pi x_{k-1}^2 f(x_{k-1}).$$

Now,  $x_k = x_{k-1} + \Delta x$ , where  $\Delta x = x_k - x_{k-1} = \frac{b-a}{n}$ , because Left Riemann Sums use regular partitions. So, we can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} V_k &= \pi(x_{k-1} + \Delta x)^2 f(x_{k-1}) - \pi x_{k-1}^2 f(x_{k-1}) \\ &= \pi(x_{k-1}^2 + 2x_{k-1}\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2) f(x_{k-1}) - \pi x_{k-1}^2 f(x_{k-1}) \\ &= \pi x_{k-1}^2 f(x_{k-1}) + 2\pi x_{k-1} f(x_{k-1})\Delta x + \pi f(x_{k-1})(\Delta x)^2 - \pi x_{k-1}^2 f(x_{k-1}) \\ &= 2\pi x_{k-1} f(x_{k-1})\Delta x + \pi f(x_{k-1})(\Delta x)^2 \end{aligned}$$

If we ignore the  $(\Delta x)^2$  term, we obtain the approximation

$$V_k \approx 2\pi x_{k-1} f(x_{k-1})\Delta x.$$

A mathematician or physicist may justify ignoring the  $(\Delta x)^2$  term by saying something like “this approximation becomes precise in the limit,” so

$$V = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n V_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n 2\pi x_{k-1} f(x_{k-1})\Delta x.$$

Then, by recognizing  $\sum_{k=1}^n 2\pi x_{k-1} f(x_{k-1})\Delta x$  as a Left Riemann Sum of the function  $2\pi x f(x)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ , it follows that

$$V = \int_a^b 2\pi x f(x) dx,$$

which is the formula from the textbook.

This exercise will justify why we can ignore the  $(\Delta x)^2$  term.

(continued on reverse)

(a) Show that, for any constant  $C$  and for regular partitions of  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  subintervals,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n C(\Delta x)^2 = 0$ .

(b) Use part (a) to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \pi f(x_{k-1})(\Delta x)^2 = 0$ .

*Hint:* By the Extreme Value Theorem,  $f$  has a minimum  $m$  and a maximum  $M$  on  $[a, b]$ . Now, recall the Squeeze Theorem.

(c) The function  $2\pi x f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , so it is integrable on  $[a, b]$ . So, the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n 2\pi x_{k-1} f(x_{k-1}) \Delta x$  exists because it is a Left Riemann Sum of  $2\pi x f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ .

Use limit laws and summation laws to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n V_k$  exists and is equal to  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n 2\pi x_{k-1} f(x_{k-1}) \Delta x$ .

(Use the exact formula for  $V_k$  here.)

2. (8 pts) Two frustrums of cones are fused together on their narrow ends as pictured. Find the volume of the resulting shape.

The wide radius of the top frustrum is 3 m. The wide radius of the bottom frustrum is 4 m. The narrow radius of both frustrums is 2 m. The height of the top frustrum is 6 m. The height of the bottom frustrum is 10 m.

