

## 6.3 Volumes by Cylindrical Shells

- Consider the following two examples:
- ① Can we find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about the  $y$ -axis the region bounded by  $y = -x^3 + x$  and  $x$ -axis? Yes, we can. However it is not easy, because we need to solve the equation  $y = x^3 + x$  for  $x$  in terms of  $y$ .
- ② Can we find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about the  $y$ -axis the region bounded by  $y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  and  $x$ -axis, and two vertical lines  $x = \pi/6$ ,  $x = \pi/3$ ? No, we cannot, because it is impossible to solve the equation  $y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  for  $x$  in terms of  $y$ .
- Draw the pictures for the two examples!
- You will see that the it is extremely hard to use disk(washer) method. The shell method is easier to use in those cases.
- The remarkable difference from the disk(washer method) is to consider the volume of **cylindrical shells**.

- A good approximation to the volume  $V$  of the solid  $S$  is given by the sum of the volumes of the shells:

$$V \simeq \sum_{i=1}^n 2\pi \bar{x}_i f(\bar{x}_i) \Delta x.$$

- The volume  $V$  can be estimated through a limiting process.
- 1 The volume  $V$  of the solid obtained by rotating about the  $y$ -axis the region under the curve  $y = f(x)$  from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$  is

$$V = \int_a^b 2\pi x f(x) dx, \text{ where } 0 \leq a < b.$$

- 2 The volume  $V$  of the solid obtained by rotating about the  $x$ -axis the region under the curve  $x = g(y)$  from  $y = c$  to  $y = d$  is

$$V = \int_c^d 2\pi y g(y) dy, \text{ where } 0 \leq c < d.$$

## Examples

1. Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about  $y$ -axis the region bounded by  $f(x) = -x^3 + x$  for  $x \geq 0$  and  $y = 0$ .
2. Consider the following function

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}, \quad \frac{\pi}{6} \leq x \leq \pi.$$

Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving about the  $y$ -axis the region between  $y = f(x)$  and  $x$ -axis.

3. Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving about the  $y$ -axis the region bounded by  $y = x^2 e^{2x}$  and  $y = 0$  and  $x = 1$ .
4. Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about the  $y$ -axis the region between  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ . (Use both the washer method and shell method)
5. Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about the  $x$ -axis the region under the curve  $y = 2\sqrt{x}$  from 0 to 1.
6. Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by  $y = -x^2 + x$  and  $y = 0$  about the line  $x = 3$ .