

Section 1: Further volumes of revolution

Crucial points

1. **Don't forget the ' π ' in the volume of revolution formula**

Remember the formulae are $V = \int_a^b \pi y^2 dx$ and $V = \int_c^d \pi x^2 dy$.

2. **Make sure that you use the correct limits of integration**

Remember that if you are rotating about the x -axis, the limits of integration must be x -coordinates, and if you are rotating about the y -axis, the limits of integration must be y -coordinates.

3. **Remember to integrate with respect to the correct variable**

You need to substitute for x^2 or y^2 to do this.

Example Find the volume of revolution of $y = x^2$ about the x -axis between $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

✗ **Wrong** $V = \int_0^1 \pi y^2 dx = \pi \left[\frac{1}{3} y^3 \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{3} \pi$

✓ **Right** $V = \int_0^1 \pi y^2 dx = \int_0^1 \pi x^4 dx = \pi \left[\frac{1}{5} x^5 \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{5} \pi$