

Core Pure 2 Volumes of Revolution

A curve is defined parametrically by the equations $x = \tan \theta$ and $y = \sec^3 \theta$, $0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

The region R bounded by the curve, the y axis and the line $y = 8$ is rotated through 2π radians about the y axis. Find the volume of the solid of revolution formed.

The curve intersect the y axis when $\tan \theta = 0$.

$$\tan \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1$$

When $y = 8$, $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 3 \sec^3 \theta \tan \theta$$

The required volume is

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \int_1^8 x^2 dy &= 3\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \tan^3 \theta \sec^3 \theta d\theta \\ &= 3\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (\sec^2 \theta - 1) \tan \theta \sec^3 \theta d\theta \\ &= 3\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sec^5 \theta \tan \theta - \sec^3 \theta \tan \theta d\theta \\ &= 3\pi \left[\frac{1}{5} \sec^5 \theta - \frac{1}{3} \sec^3 \theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \\ &= 3\pi \left(\frac{32}{5} - \frac{8}{3} \right) - 3\pi \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{58\pi}{5} \end{aligned}$$