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Calculus

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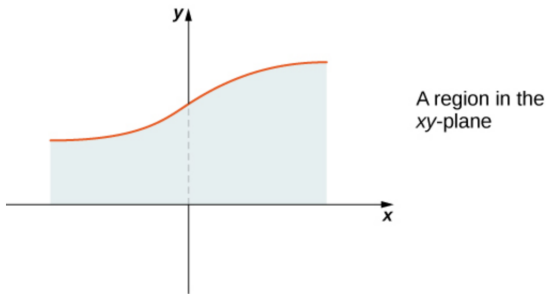
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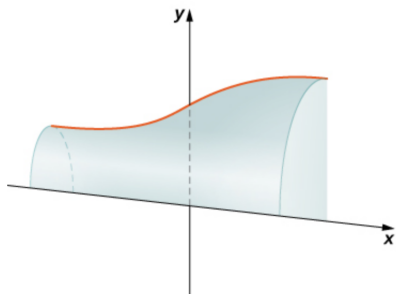
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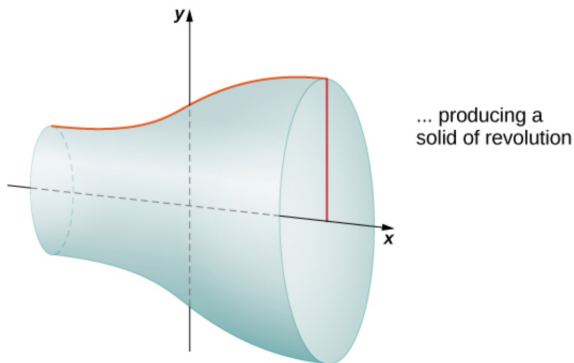


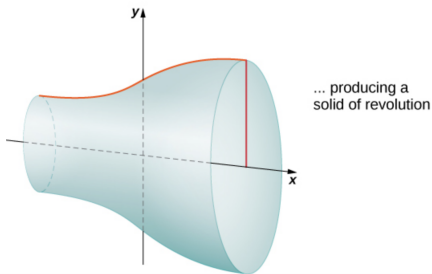
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We want to find the volume of this solid of revolution.

The cross-section at x of this solid is a circle of radius $f(x)$.

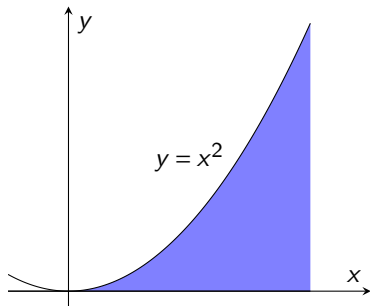
Therefore, its area is $A(x) = \pi[f(x)]^2$.

And its volume is

$$\text{Vol}(S) = \pi \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx.$$

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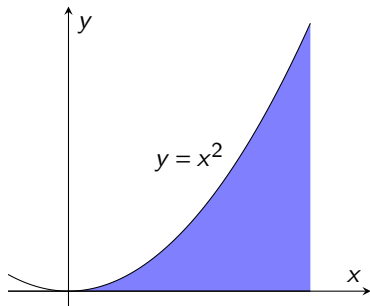
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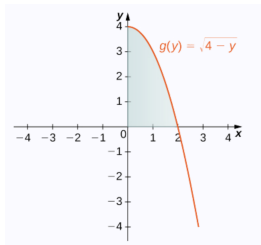
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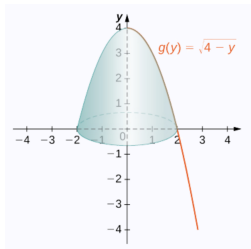
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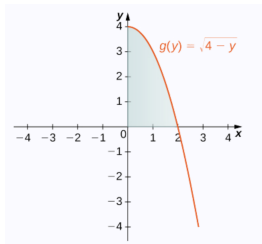
$$\text{Vol}(S) = \pi \int_0^4 (x^2)^2 dx = \frac{\pi}{5} x^5 \Big|_0^4 = \frac{1024\pi}{5}.$$

We can also revolve around the y -axis:



Becomes...



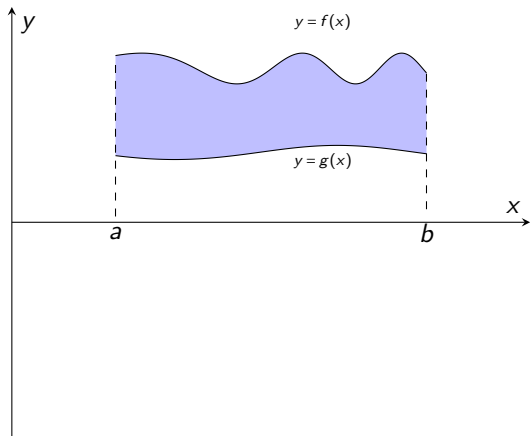


To calculate the volume of this region, we slice with horizontal planes. The cross-sections are circles with radius $\sqrt{4-y}$. Therefore, the cross-sectional area is $A(y) = \pi(4-y)$. And the volume is

$$\text{Vol}(S) = \pi \int_0^4 (4-y) dy = 8\pi.$$

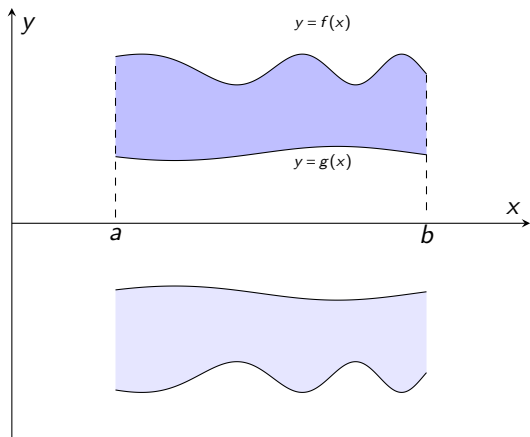
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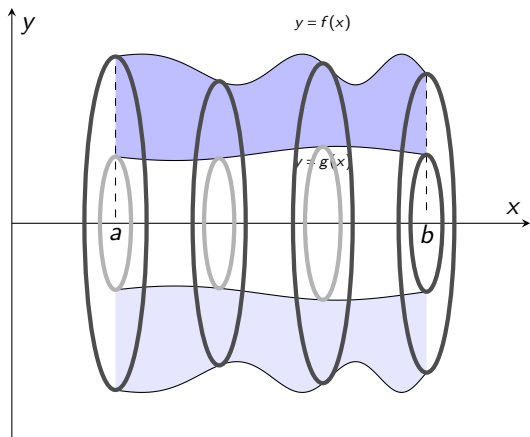
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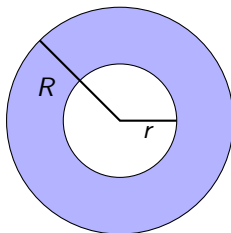
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The cross-sections are *annuli*:



If R is the outer radius and r is the inner radius, then the area of this annulus is $A = \pi(R^2 - r^2)$.

For our example, the cross-section at x has outer radius $f(x)$ and inner radius $g(x)$ so

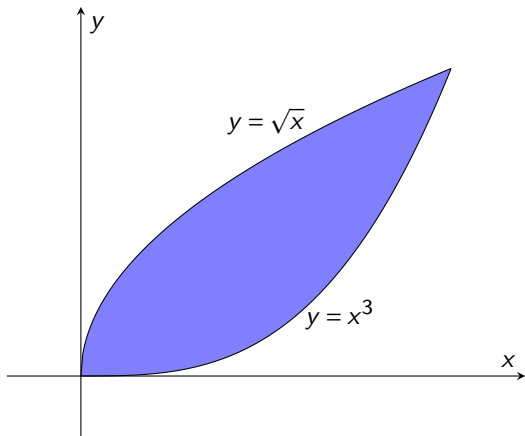
$$A(x) = \pi([f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2).$$

Therefore, the volume of S is

$$\text{Vol}(S) = \pi \int_a^b ([f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2) dx = \pi \int_a^b (f^2 - g^2).$$

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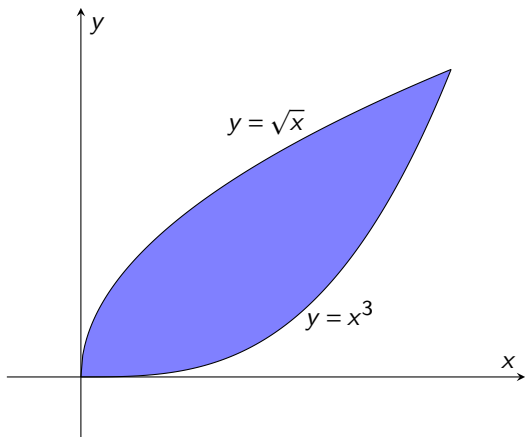
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about the x -axis.

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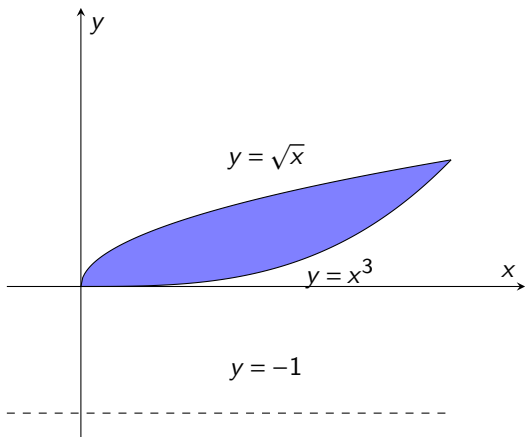
Find the volume of the solid obtained by revolving the region



about the y -axis.

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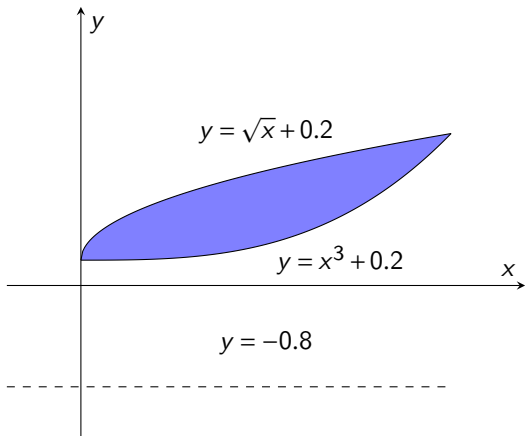
Find the volume of the solid obtained by revolving the region



about the line $y = -1$.

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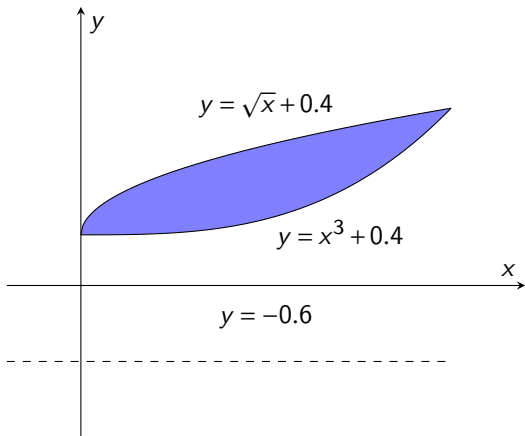
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about the line $y = -0.8$.

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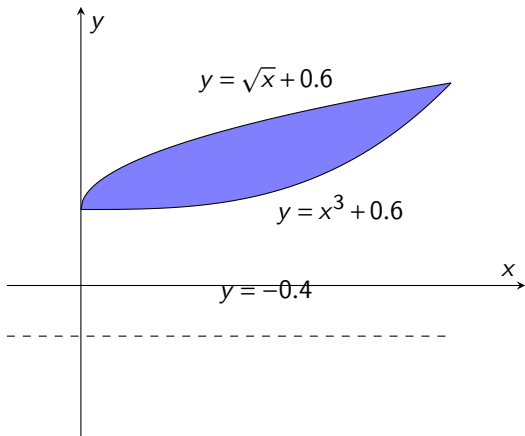
Find the volume of the solid obtained by revolving the region



about the line $y = -0.6$.

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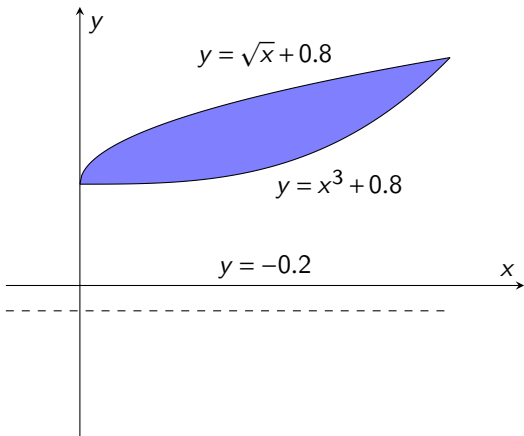
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about the line $y = -0.4$.

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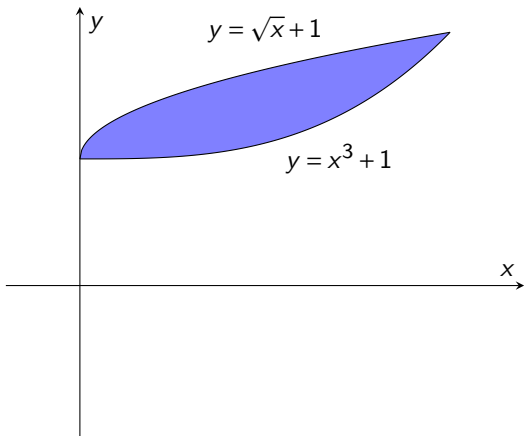
Find the volume of the solid obtained by revolving the region



about the line $y = -0.2$.

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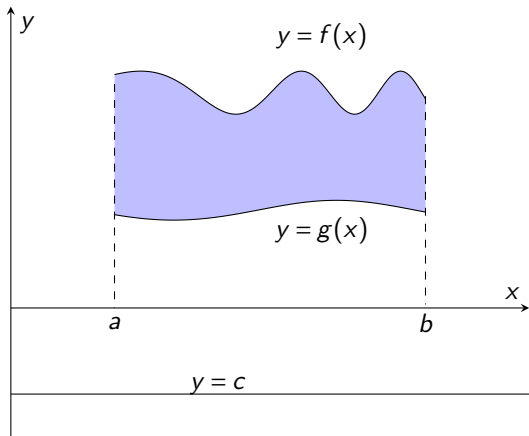
Find the volume of the solid obtained by revolving the region



about the line x -axis.

Other Axes

The volume of the solid S obtained by revolving the region



about the line $y = c$ is

$$\text{Vol}(S) = \pi \int_a^b \left[\left(f(x) - c \right)^2 - \left(g(x) - c \right)^2 \right] dx.$$

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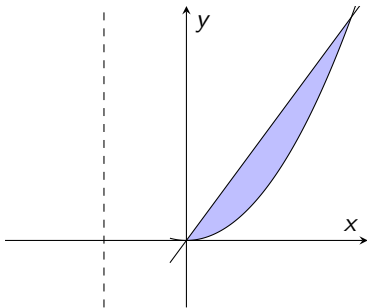
Find the volume of the solid obtained by revolving the region bounded by

$$y = 2x$$

and

$$y = x^2$$

about the vertical line $x = -1$.



Conclusion

If you are rotating around the x -axis, integrate with respect to x .

$$\text{Vol}(S) = \pi \int_a^b [f(x)^2 - g(x)^2] dx$$

If you are rotating around the y -axis, integrate with respect to y .

$$\text{Vol}(S) = \pi \int_a^b [f(y)^2 - g(y)^2] dy$$