

PROBLEM 2* Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by the curve $y = \sin(x)$ and the lines $x = 0$, $x = \pi$, and $y = 2$ about the line $y = 2$.

The solid is positioned between planes $x = 0$ and $x = \pi$

The cross-section of the solid by a plane

$$x = x_0$$

(where $x_0 \in [0, \pi]$) is a

disc with radius running from the point $(x_0, 2, 0)$ to the point $(x_0, \sin(x_0), 0)$. Thus the length of the radius of this disc is $2 - \sin(x_0)$. Consequently, the area of the cross-section at x_0 is

$$A(x_0) = \pi \cdot (2 - \sin(x_0))^2 = 4\pi - 4\pi \sin(x_0) + \pi \sin^2(x_0)$$

The function $A(x)$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, is continuous (so integrable).

Therefore we may use the definition of the volume of a solid to claim that

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^{\pi} A(x) dx = \int_0^{\pi} (4\pi - 4\pi \sin(x) + \pi \sin^2(x)) dx = \\ &= 4\pi x \Big|_0^{\pi} + 4\pi \cos(x) \Big|_0^{\pi} + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} x - \frac{\pi}{4} \sin(2x) \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} = \\ &= 4\pi^2 - 4\pi - 4\pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2} = \frac{9}{2}\pi^2 - 8\pi \end{aligned}$$

Thus the volume of the solid in question is

$$V = \frac{9}{2}\pi^2 - 8\pi.$$

