





Geometry: How to Calculate The Area of a Shaded Region

Suppose we are asked to find the area of a rectangle with a triangle missing from the middle.

How do we calculate that area?



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First, we would find the area of the rectangle and the area of the triangle separately.











Washer Method Formula

Since we are just cutting out the middle of the solid, we choose dx or dy in the same way as the disk method.

- Rotating around x-axis ⇒ " dx " problem
- Rotating around y-axis ⇒ " dy " problem

$$V = \pi \int_a^b (R^2 - r^2) \, dx$$

where a and b are bounds of the region we are rotating.

- O R is the farthest from the axis rotation
- Or is the closest





How to Proceed with Washer Problems

- 1. Draw the region
- 2. Determine which axis you are rotating on
 - a. If x axis: Determine Top and Bottom Function
 - i. R is Top
 - ii. r is Bottom
 - b. If y axis: Determine Right and Left Function
 - i. R is Right
 - ii. r is Left
- 3. Finally, apply the washer formula













































































OWhen the region "hugs" the axis of rotation ⇒ Disk Method

OWhen there is a "gap" between the region and axis of rotation

⇒ Washer Method

