

Areas, Volumes and Arc Lengths Revision Sheet

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Each of the questions included here can be solved using the TI-Nspire CX CAS.

Question 1

Consider the function $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}}$. Find the area A bounded by the graph of

$y = f(x)$, the x -axis and the lines $x = 1$ and $x = 4$, in the form $\frac{1}{a}(a + \log_e(b))$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Response:

Question 2

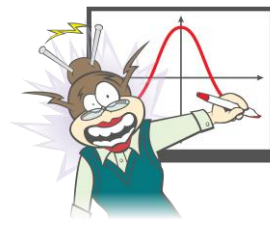
If $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2x+1}}$, $x \in \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$ and $g(x) = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{3x+1}}$, $x \in \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \infty\right)$, find the area of the region bounded by the graphs of $y = f(x)$, $y = g(x)$ and the line $x = 2$, giving your answer in the form $\frac{1}{27}(a\sqrt{5} + b\sqrt{7} + c)$.

Response:

Question 3

The region bounded by the curve with equation $y = e^x + e^{-x}$, the x -axis and the lines $x = -1$ and $x = 1$ is rotated about the x -axis to form a solid of revolution. Find the volume of this solid.

Response:



Question 4

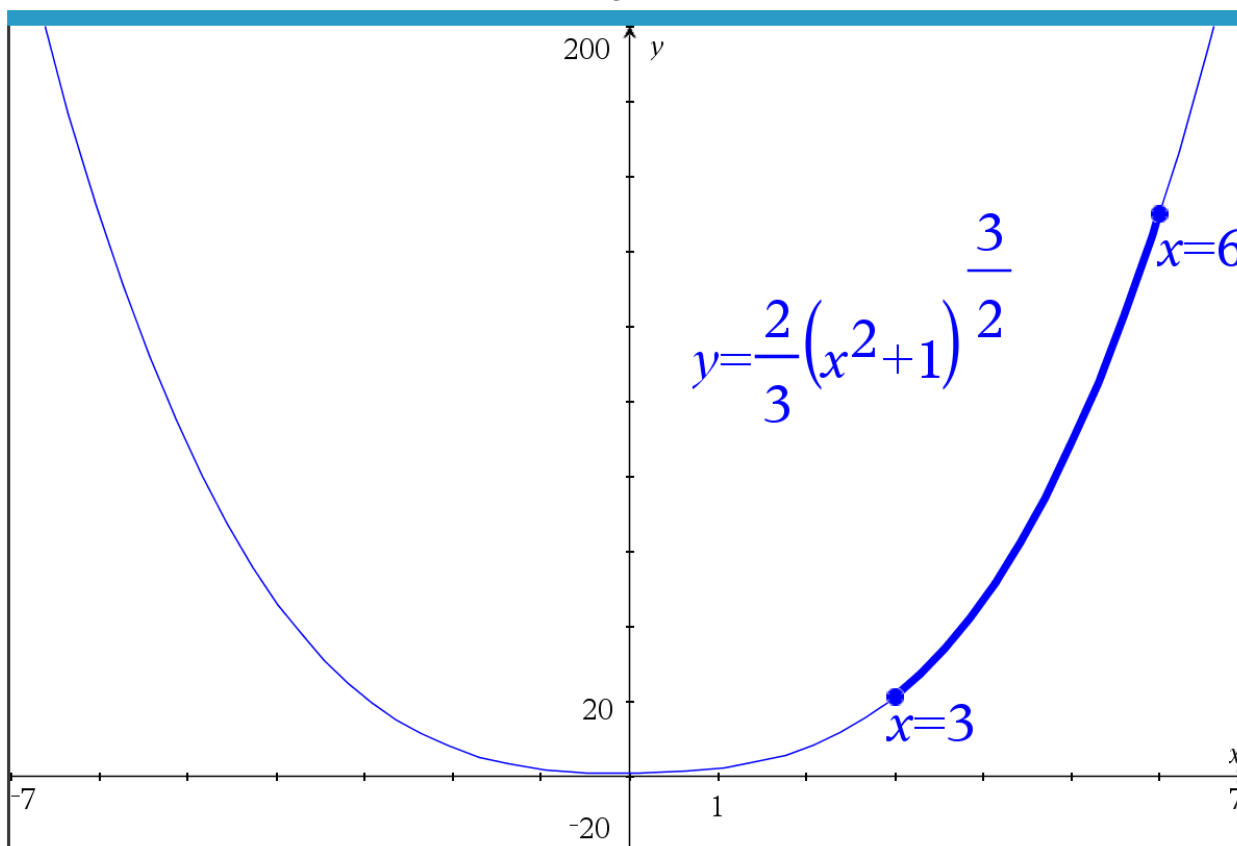
A parabolic bowl whose curved edge is modelled by the curve with equation $y = \frac{1}{5}x^2$ has water poured in to a depth of 12 cm. What is the volume of water in the bowl, in cm^3 ?

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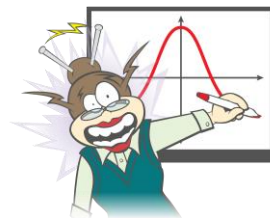
Question 5

The curve shown below has equation $y = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}$. The arc of the curve from $x = 3$ to $x = 6$ is shown in bold.

Find the exact arc length of the curve with equation $y = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ over the interval $x \in [3, 6]$.



Response:



Answers*

Question 1

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(2 + \log_e(3)) \text{ square units}$$

Define the function $f(x)$ in a Calculator application, then sketch it in a Graphs application, to visualise the region considered in the question, especially to check if the region is above or below the x -axis.

Given that this region is above the x -axis, the area is given by the

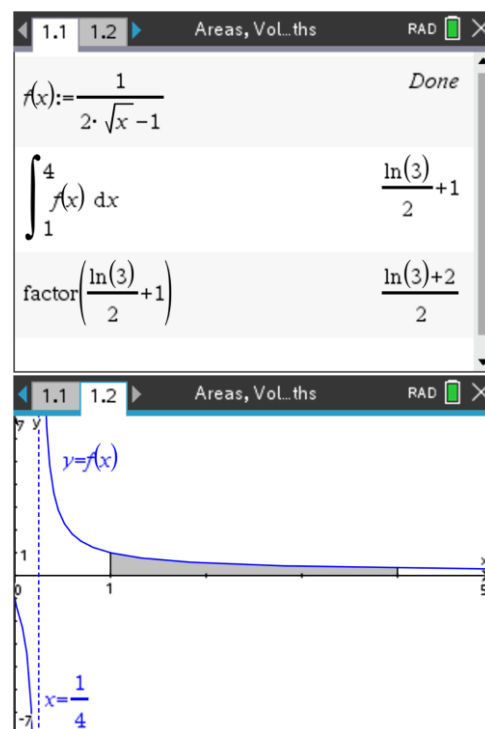
integral $A = \int_1^4 \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}-1} dx$. Solving this by hand requires a u -

substitution, where $u = \sqrt{x}$ and the integral is now

$$A = \int_1^2 \frac{2u}{2u-1} du = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{2u-1} + 1 \right) du.$$

This integral is able to be calculated by hand.

Using the TI-Nspire CX CAS involves defining $f(x)$ and performing the integration, then using the factor command to convert the answer into the required form.



Question 2

$$\frac{1}{27}(9\sqrt{5} + 8\sqrt{7} + 13) \text{ square units}$$

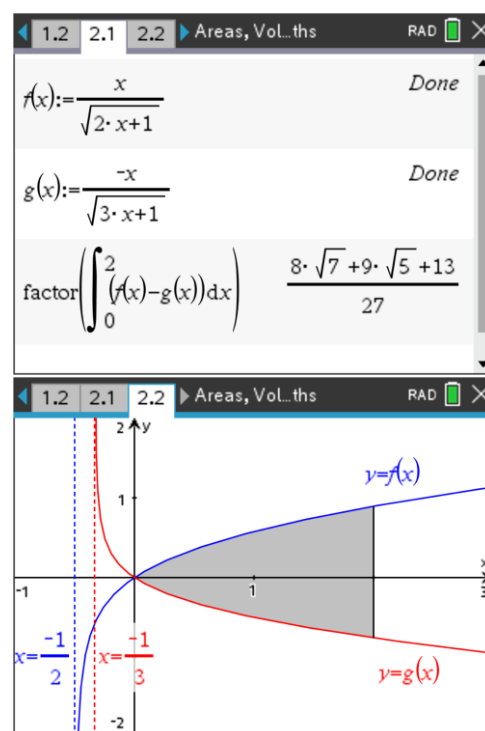
Define the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ in a Calculator application, then sketch it in a Graphs application, to visualise the region bounded by the two curves and the line $x = 2$. The function that is "on top" and "below" the region can also be checked.

The area of the region is given by the integral

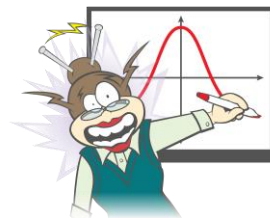
$$\int_0^2 \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2x+1}} - \left(-\frac{x}{\sqrt{3x+1}} \right) \right) dx = \int_0^2 \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2x+1}} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{3x+1}} \right) dx.$$

This integral is able to be calculated by hand using linear substitution(s).

Using the TI-Nspire CX CAS involves defining $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ and then performing the integration, with the factor command being used to express the answer as a single fraction, as required by the question.



* When using CAS as a calculation and/or algebraic manipulation tool, it is important to set out working clearly.



Question 3

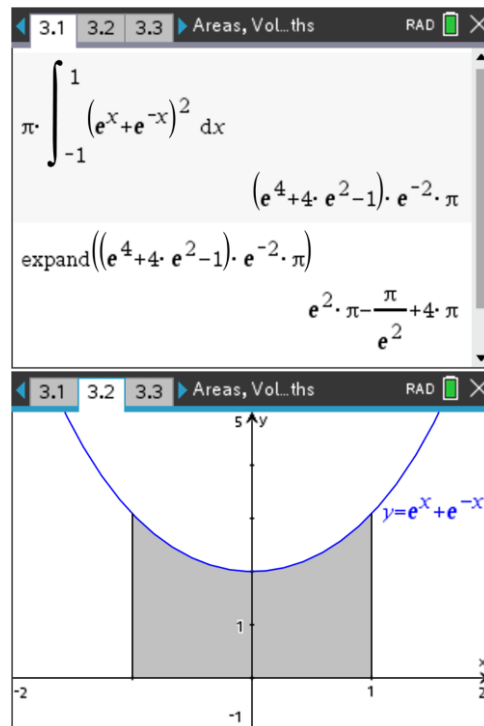
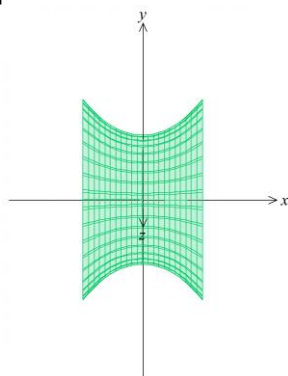
$$\frac{\pi}{e^2} (e^4 + 4e^2 - 1) \text{ cubic units}$$

Sketch the curve in a Graphs application, to visualise the region bounded by the curve, the x -axis and the lines $x = -1$ and $x = 1$. If desired, the solid of revolution may be sketched in a 3D Graphing page.

The volume of the solid is given by the integral $\pi \int_0^2 (e^x + e^{-x})^2 dx$.

This integral is able to be calculated by hand by expanding the integrand and integrating term-by-term.

Using the TI-Nspire CX CAS involves typing out the integral including the terminals, ensuring the π is preceding the integral, and finally using the expand command to express the result in a different form.



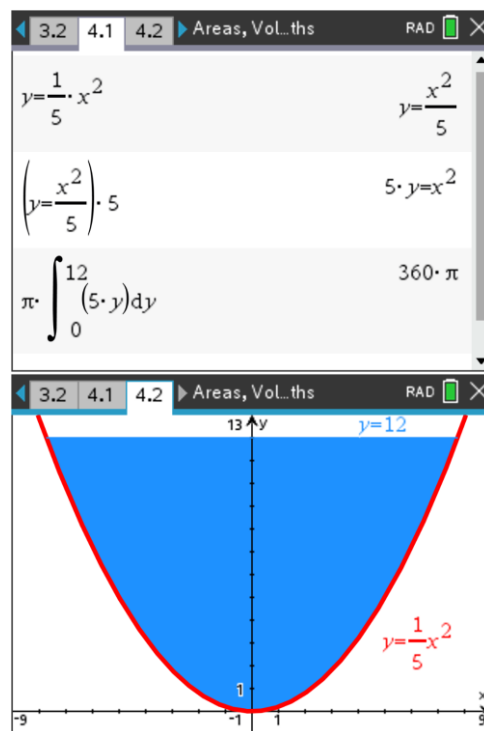
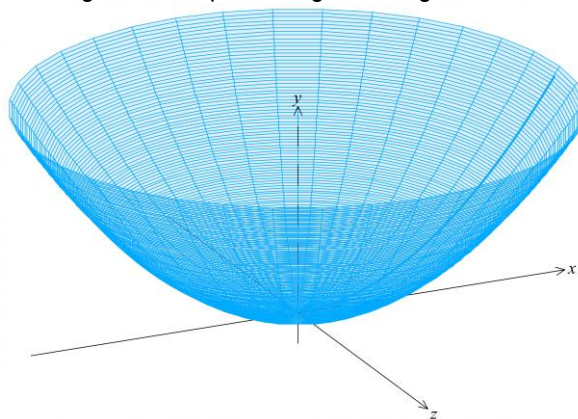
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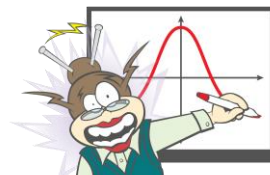
$$360\pi \text{ cm}^3$$

Rearrange the equation of the bowl's curve to make x^2 the subject in terms of y . Then, in a Graphs application, sketch the curve to visualise the bowl and the water within, up to a height of 12 cm.

The volume of water is given by the integral $\pi \int_0^{12} 5y dy$. This integral is able to be calculated by hand using standard techniques.

Using the TI-Nspire CX CAS involves typing out the integral including the terminals, ensuring the π is preceding the integral.





Question 5

129 units

Define the equation of the curve as a function $f(x)$ in a Calculator application, then define the derivative as $df(x)$.

The required arc length is given by the integral

$$\int_3^6 \sqrt{1+(f'(x))^2} dx.$$

This integral is able to be calculated by hand using various algebraic and calculus techniques.

Using the TI-Nspire CX CAS involves performing the integration with the appropriate defined derivative function, ensuring the terminals and variable of integration are correct.

A screenshot of a TI-Nspire CX CAS calculator screen. The screen shows the following steps:

- Function definition: $f(x) := \frac{2}{3} \cdot (x^2 + 1)^2$
- Derivative definition: $df(x) := \frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$
- Integration: $\int_3^6 \sqrt{1+(df(x))^2} dx$ with the result 129.

The screen also shows navigation buttons (4.1, 4.2, 5.1), a title bar (Areas, Vol...ths), and a mode indicator (RAD).