

4. Let $R(a)$ be the region bounded by the graph of $f(x) = ax - x^2$ and the x -axis for $0 \leq x \leq a$, where a is a positive constant.

a. Compute the volume $V(a)$ of the solid generated by revolving $R(a)$ about the x -axis.

$$\begin{aligned} V(a) &= \pi \int_0^a (ax - x^2)^2 dx = \pi \int_0^a (a^2x^2 - 2ax^3 + x^4) dx \\ &= \pi \left[\frac{a^2}{3}x^3 - \frac{a}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 \right]_0^a = \pi \left(\frac{1}{3}a^5 - \frac{1}{2}a^5 + \frac{1}{5}a^5 \right) = \frac{\pi}{30}a^5 \end{aligned}$$

b. Compute the volume $W(a)$ of the solid generated by revolving $R(a)$ about the y -axis.

$$\begin{aligned} W(a) &= 2\pi \int_0^a x \cdot (ax - x^2) dx = 2\pi \int_0^a (ax^2 - x^3) dx \\ &= 2\pi \left[\frac{a}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 \right]_0^a = 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{3}a^4 - \frac{1}{4}a^4 \right) = \frac{\pi}{6}a^4 \end{aligned}$$

c. Find all values of a for which $V(a) = W(a)$.

$$V(a) = W(a) \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{30}a^5 = \frac{\pi}{6}a^4 \Rightarrow a = 5$$