

4. For a positive continuous function f on $(-\infty, \infty)$, let

- $R(a)$ be the region between the graph of $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis for $x \leq a$,
- $A(a)$ be the area of $R(a)$, and
- $V(a)$ be the volume of the solid generated by revolving $R(a)$ about the x -axis.

a. Show that if $f(x) = e^{2x/\pi}$, then $V(a) = (A(a))^2$ for all a .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A(a) &= \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^a e^{2x/\pi} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{2a/\pi} \\ V(a) &= \pi \int_{-\infty}^a f(x)^2 dx = \pi \int_{-\infty}^a e^{4x/\pi} dx = \frac{\pi^2}{4} e^{4a/\pi} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow V(a) = (A(a))^2 \text{ for all } a$$

because for a positive constant k :

$$\int_{-\infty}^a e^{kx} dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow -\infty} \int_c^a e^{kx} dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow -\infty} \left[\frac{e^{kx}}{k} \right]_c^a = \lim_{c \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{ka} - e^{kc}}{k} = \frac{e^{ka}}{k}$$

b. Show that $f(x) = e^{2x/\pi}$ is the only positive continuous function on $(-\infty, \infty)$ for which $A(a)$ and $V(a)$ are finite and satisfy $V(a) = (A(a))^2$ for all a , and $f(0) = 1$.

$$V(a) = (A(a))^2 \Rightarrow \pi \int_{-\infty}^a f(x)^2 dx = \left(\int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi \frac{d}{da} \int_{-\infty}^a f(x)^2 dx = \frac{d}{da} \left(\int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{FTCL}}{\Rightarrow} \pi f(a)^2 = 2 \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx \cdot f(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi f(a) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx \stackrel{\text{FTCL}}{\Rightarrow} \pi f'(a) = 2 f(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f'(a)}{f(a)} = \frac{2}{\pi} \Rightarrow \int \frac{f'(a)}{f(a)} da = \int \frac{2}{\pi} da \Rightarrow \ln |f(a)| = \frac{2}{\pi} a + C$$

for all a

$$\boxed{a=0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \ln |f(0)| = C$$

Hence $f(a) = e^{2a/\pi}$ for all a as $f(a) > 0$.