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Quiz

Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ with x > 0 and its graph and turn to Turn to Figure (a). **1.** Show that the volume that the region under the graph of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ over the interval $[1, +\infty)$ generates is $\lim_{c \to +\infty} \pi \int_{1}^{c} (\frac{1}{x^2})^2 dx$. Show that the value of this improper integral is 1.



2. Show that the surface area generated by the graph of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ over the interval $[1, +\infty)$ is given by $\lim_{c \to +\infty} 2\pi \int_1^c \frac{1}{x^5} \sqrt{x^6 + 4} \, dx$. The antiderivative of $\frac{1}{x^5} \sqrt{x^6 + 4}$ that the application of the fundamental theorem requires seems impossible to come by and may not be an elementary function. (The site http://www.integral-calculator.com/# does not provide it.)

However, it is possible to show that show that $\lim_{c \to +\infty} 2\pi \int_{1}^{c} \frac{1}{x^5} \sqrt{x^6 + 4} \, dx$ is finite. The argument follows below. Provide the details.

3. Explain why $x^6 + 4 < (x + 2^{\frac{1}{3}})^6$. Conclude that $\sqrt{x^6 + 4} < (x + 2^{\frac{1}{3}})^3$, and show that

$$\begin{split} \int_{1}^{c} \frac{1}{x^{5}} \sqrt{x^{6} + 4} \, dx &< \int_{1}^{c} \left(x^{-2} + 2^{\frac{1}{3}} x^{-3} + 2^{\frac{2}{3}} x^{-4} + 4x^{-5} \right) dx = \left(-x^{-1} - \frac{1}{2^{\frac{2}{3}}} x^{-2} - \frac{2^{\frac{2}{3}}}{3} x^{-3} - x^{-4} \right) \Big|_{1}^{c} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{2^{\frac{2}{3}}}{3} + 1 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{2^{\frac{2}{3}}} \frac{1}{c^{2}} + \frac{2^{\frac{2}{3}}}{3} \frac{1}{c^{3}} + \frac{1}{c^{4}} \right). \end{split}$$

Show that therefore, $\lim_{c \to +\infty} 2\pi \int_{1}^{c} \frac{1}{x^5} \sqrt{x^6 + 4} \, dx < 2\pi \left(2 + \frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{2^3}{3}\right) < 20$. So the surface area of this region of infinite extent is finite. (The bound 20 can be improved by a more careful analysis to around 8.)