

2. [9 points] Consider the graph of $y = e^{-14x}$ for $x \geq 0$.

- a. [3 points] Let \mathcal{R} be the region in the first quadrant between the graph of $y = e^{-14x}$ and the x -axis. Which of the following improper integrals best expresses the volume of the solid that is obtained by rotating \mathcal{R} around the x -axis?

Circle one:

$$\int_0^\infty \pi e^{-14x} dx \quad \int_0^\infty x e^{-14x} dx \quad \int_0^\infty x e^{-28x} dx \quad \boxed{\int_0^\infty \pi e^{-28x} dx}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{7} \int_0^1 \ln(y) dy \quad \frac{\pi}{14} \int_0^1 y \ln(y) dy \quad \frac{1}{14} \int_0^1 y \ln(y^2) dy$$

Solution: A thin slice of this solid of thickness Δx taken perpendicular to the x -axis at the point x has approximate volume $\pi(e^{-14x})^2 = \pi e^{-28x}$ cubic units. If b is a positive number, the volume of the portion of this solid between $x = 0$ and $x = b$ is $\int_0^b \pi e^{-28x} dx$.

So the volume of the entire solid would be $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \pi e^{-28x} dx = \int_0^\infty \pi e^{-28x} dx$.

- b. [6 points] Determine whether the improper integral you circled in part **a** converges or diverges.

- If the integral converges, circle “converges”, find its exact value (i.e. no decimal approximations), and write the exact value on the answer blank provided.
- If the integral diverges, circle “diverges” and justify your answer.

In either case, **you must show all your work carefully using correct notation**. Any direct evaluation of integrals must be done **without using a calculator**.

Converges to $\frac{\pi}{28}$

Diverges

Solution: We use the definition of this type of improper integral to find its value.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \pi e^{-28x} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \pi e^{-28x} dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{\pi}{28} e^{-28x} \right]_{x=0}^{x=b} \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{\pi}{28} (e^{-28b} - 1) \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{28} \text{ (since } \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} e^{-28b} = 0 \text{).} \end{aligned}$$

So $\int_0^\infty \pi e^{-28x} dx$ converges to $\frac{\pi}{28}$.