1. Let G be the region enclosed by the curves y=4/x and y=5-x

Find the volume of the solid generated by rotating the region G about the x-axis.

Answer :

Here's the picture of the region G:



The intersections of the two curves are at (1,4) and (4, 1).

For revolution about the x-axis, we use the method of washers. The outside radius is the top curve  $\frac{x}{4}$  and the inside radius is the bottom curve 5 - x. Thus, the volume V is given by

$$V = \pi \int_{1}^{4} \left[ (5-x)^{2} - \left(\frac{4}{x}\right)^{2} \right] dx = \pi \int_{1}^{4} \left[ (5-x)^{2} - \frac{16}{x^{2}} \right] dx$$
$$= \pi \left( -\int_{1}^{4} (5-x)^{2} d(5-x) - 16 \int_{1}^{4} \frac{1}{x^{2}} dx \right) = \pi \left\{ -\left[ \frac{(5-x)^{3}}{3} \right]_{1}^{4} - 16 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right]_{1}^{4} \right\} = 9\pi$$

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