# Section 6.3: Volumes By Cylindrical Shells

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#### Shells, Case B



This rectangle will generate a cylindrical shell.

Volume = (circumference)(height)(thickness)= cht  $c = 2\pi r = 2\pi x_i;$   $h = f(x_i) - g(x_i);$   $t = \Delta x$   $V_i \approx 2\pi x_i (f(x_i) - g(x_i))\Delta x$  $V = \int_a^b 2\pi x (f(x) - g(x)) dx$ 

#### Review

Find the volume of the solid region obtained by revolving the region bounded by the curves, y = x and  $y = x^2$ , about the y-axis.



Divide the region into horizontal rectangles.

Focus on one rectangle.

Consider the solid region obtained by revolving the rectangle.

# Review - continued

This rectangle generates a washer:



# Volume By Shells

Suppose we divide the plane region into vertical rectangles:



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Focus on one rectangle.

Consider the solid region obtained by revolving the rectangle about the appropriate axis.

# Volume By Shells - continued

This rectangle generates a cylindrical shell.



# Try It

Find the volume of revolution about the y-axis for the region between x = 0 and  $x = \pi$  that is bounded by the curves,  $y = \sin x$  and y = 0.