

Solutions to Exam Questions on Applications of Calculus

1. $a(t) = 20 + 6t + 4t^2$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \int a(t)dt = \int (20 + 6t + 4t^2)dt \\ &= 20t + \frac{6t^2}{2} + \frac{4t^3}{3} + C \\ &= 20t + 3t^2 + \frac{4t^3}{3} + C \end{aligned}$$

The car started from rest at time $t = 0$, so when $t = 0$, $v = 0$.

$$\text{Hence } 0 = 20(0) + 3(0)^2 + \frac{4(0)^3}{3} + C \Rightarrow C = 0$$

The velocity of the car after t seconds is given by $v(t) = 20t + 3t^2 + \frac{4t^3}{3}$.

$$\begin{aligned} s(t) &= \int v(t)dt = \int \left(20t + 3t^2 + \frac{4}{3}t^3 \right) dt \\ &= \frac{20t^2}{2} + \frac{3t^3}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{t^4}{4} \right) + D \\ &= 10t^2 + t^3 + \frac{t^4}{3} + D \end{aligned}$$

Let $s(t)$ be the displacement of the car from the point O on the road after t seconds.

The car started from point O, so when $t = 0$, $s = 0$.

$$\text{Hence } 0 = 10(0)^2 + 0^3 + \frac{0^4}{3} + D \Rightarrow D = 0$$

The displacement of the car from O after t seconds is given by $s(t) = 10t^2 + t^3 + \frac{t^4}{3}$.

$$2.(a) \quad a(t) = 8 + 10t - \frac{3}{4}t^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \int a(t) dt = \int \left(8 + 10t - \frac{3}{4}t^2 \right) dt \\ &= 8t + \frac{10t^2}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{t^3}{3} \right) + C \\ &= 8t + 5t^2 - \frac{t^3}{4} + C \end{aligned}$$

The missile was fired from rest, so when $t = 0$, $v = 0$.

$$\text{Hence } 0 = 8(0) + 5(0)^2 - \frac{0^3}{4} + C \Rightarrow C = 0$$

The velocity of the missile t seconds after firing is given by $v(t) = 8t + 5t^2 - \frac{t^3}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad s(t) &= \int v(t) dt = \int \left(8t + 5t^2 - \frac{1}{4}t^3 \right) dt \\ &= \frac{8t^2}{2} + \frac{5t^3}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{t^4}{4} \right) + D \\ &= 4t^2 + \frac{5t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{16} + D \end{aligned}$$

Let $s(t)$ be the displacement of the missile from its firing point after t seconds.

$$\text{When } t = 0, s = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 4(0)^2 + \frac{5(0)^3}{3} - \frac{0^4}{16} + D \Rightarrow D = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } s = 4t^2 + \frac{5t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{16}.$$

$$\text{When } t = 10: \quad s = 4(10)^2 + \frac{5(10)^3}{3} - \frac{10^4}{16} = \frac{4325}{3}$$

The displacement of the missile from its firing point when its fuel was exhausted was $\frac{4325}{3}$ metres.

3. $a(t) = \frac{1}{1+t^2}$

$$v(t) = \int a(t)dt = \int \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \tan^{-1} t + C$$

$$v = 0 \text{ when } t = 1 \Rightarrow 0 = \tan^{-1} 1 + C \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{\pi}{4} + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Hence $v(t) = \tan^{-1} t - \frac{\pi}{4}$.

$$\text{When } t = \sqrt{3}: v = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{4\pi}{12} - \frac{3\pi}{12} = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

The velocity of the particle when $t = \sqrt{3}$ is $\frac{\pi}{12} \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

4.(a) $v = t^3 - 12t^2 + 32t$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 3t^2 - 24t + 32$$

When $t = 0$: $a = 3(0)^2 - 24(0) + 32 = 32$

The acceleration when $t = 0$ is 32.

(b) $s = \int v dt = \int (t^3 - 12t^2 + 32t) dt$

$$= \frac{t^4}{4} - \frac{12t^3}{3} + \frac{32t^2}{2} + C$$
$$= \frac{t^4}{4} - 4t^3 + 16t^2 + C$$

Let s be the displacement of the body from the origin O at time t .

When $t = 0$, $s = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{0^4}{4} - 4(0)^3 + 16(0)^2 + C \Rightarrow C = 0$

The displacement of the body at time t is given by $s = \frac{t^4}{4} - 4t^3 + 16t^2$.

The body returns to O when $s = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{t^4}{4} - 4t^3 + 16t^2$ [$\times 4$]

$$\Rightarrow t^4 - 16t^3 + 64t^2 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow t^2(t^2 - 16t + 64) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow t^2(t - 8)(t - 8) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow t = 0, t = 8$$

Hence the body returns to O at time $T = 8$.

Note

No units are given in this question.

$$5.(a) \quad v = e^{3t} + 2e^t$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 3e^{3t} + 2e^t$$

The acceleration of P at time t is given by $a = 3e^{3t} + 2e^t$.

$$(b) \quad s = \int v dt = \int (e^{3t} + 2e^t) dt = \frac{1}{3}e^{3t} + 2e^t + C$$

Let s be the displacement of P from its position at time $t = 0$.

$$\text{When } t = 0, s = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{3}e^{3(0)} + 2e^0 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{3}e^0 + 2e^0 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{3}(1) + 2(1) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{7}{3} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$\text{Hence } s = \frac{1}{3}e^{3t} + 2e^t - \frac{7}{3}.$$

$$\text{When } t = \ln 3: \quad s = \frac{1}{3}e^{3 \ln 3} + 2e^{\ln 3} - \frac{7}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}e^{\ln 27} + 2e^{\ln 3} - \frac{7}{3} \quad [\text{since } 3 \ln 3 = \ln 3^3 = \ln 27]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(27) + 2(3) - \frac{7}{3} \quad [\text{since } e^{\ln 27} = 27 \text{ and } e^{\ln 3} = 3]$$

$$= \frac{38}{3}$$

The distance covered by P between $t = 0$ and $t = \ln 3$ is $\frac{38}{3}$.

Note

No units are given in this question.

$$6.(a) \quad a(t) = -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{4+t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \int a(t)dt = \int -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{4+t}dt = \int -\frac{3}{2}(4+t)^{\frac{1}{2}}dt \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{(4+t)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2} \times 1}\right) + C \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{2(4+t)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3}\right) + C \\ &= -(4+t)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \\ &= C - \sqrt{(4+t)^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{When } t=0, v=19 \Rightarrow 19 = C - \sqrt{4^3} \Rightarrow 19 = C - 8 \Rightarrow C = 27$$

$$\text{Hence } v = 27 - \sqrt{(4+t)^3}.$$

The car comes to a complete stop after T seconds, so $v = 0$ when $t = T$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } 0 &= 27 - \sqrt{(4+T)^3} \Rightarrow \sqrt{(4+T)^3} = 27 \\ &\Rightarrow (4+T)^3 = 27^2 \\ &\Rightarrow (4+T)^3 = 729 \\ &\Rightarrow 4+T = \sqrt[3]{729} \\ &\Rightarrow 4+T = 9 \\ &\Rightarrow T = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad s(t) &= \int v(t)dt = \int (27 - \sqrt{(4+t)^3})dt = \int \left(27 - (4+t)^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)dt \\ &= 27t - \frac{(4+t)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\frac{5}{2} \times 1} + D \\ &= 27t - \frac{2(4+t)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{5} + D \\ &= 27t - \frac{2\sqrt{(4+t)^5}}{5} + D \end{aligned}$$

Let $s(t)$ be the displacement of the car from its position at time $t = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{When } t = 0, s = 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = 27(0) - \frac{2\sqrt{4^5}}{5} + D \\ &\Rightarrow 0 = -\frac{2(32)}{5} + D \\ &\Rightarrow D = \frac{64}{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } s(t) = 27t - \frac{2\sqrt{(4+t)^5}}{5} + \frac{64}{5}.$$

$$\text{When } t = 5: s = 27(5) - \frac{2\sqrt{9^5}}{5} + \frac{64}{5} = 135 - \frac{2(243)}{5} + \frac{64}{5} = \frac{253}{5}$$

The distance travelled by the car during the 5 seconds that it takes to come to a stop is $\frac{253}{5}$ metres (or 50.6 metres).

7. The rotation is about the x -axis, so the volume of the solid formed is given by $V = \pi \int_0^1 y^2 dx$, where $y = e^{-2x}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 y^2 dx &= \int_0^1 (e^{-2x})^2 dx = \int_0^1 e^{-4x} dx = \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^{-4x} \right]_0^1 = \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^{-4(1)} \right] - \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^{-4(0)} \right] \\ &= \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^{-4} \right] - \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^0 \right] \\ &= \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^{-4} \right] - \left[-\frac{1}{4} (1) \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} e^{-4} + \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1 - e^{-4})\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } V = \pi \times \frac{1}{4} (1 - e^{-4}) = \frac{\pi}{4} (1 - e^{-4}) \text{ units}^3$$

8. The rotation is about the x -axis, so the volume of the solid of revolution formed is given by

$$V = \pi \int_{-2}^3 y^2 dx.$$

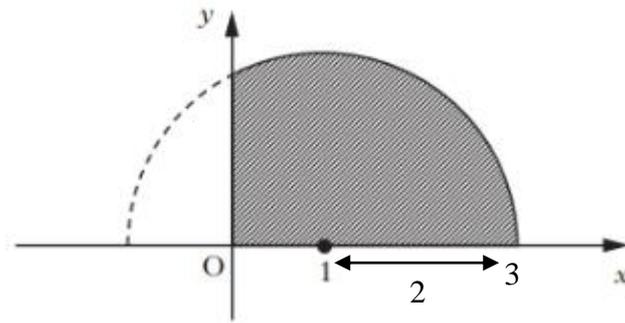
To find $\int_{-2}^3 y^2 dx$, we need a formula for y^2 in terms of x .

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9 \Rightarrow y^2 = 9 - x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int_{-2}^3 y^2 dx &= \int_{-2}^3 (9 - x^2) dx = \left[9x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-2}^3 \\ &= \left[9(3) - \frac{3^3}{3} \right] - \left[9(-2) - \frac{(-2)^3}{3} \right] \\ &= \left[27 - \frac{27}{3} \right] - \left[-18 - \frac{(-8)}{3} \right] \\ &= \frac{100}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } V = \pi \times \frac{100}{3} = \frac{100\pi}{3} \text{ units}^3$$

9. The semi-circle crosses the x -axis at the point $(3, 0)$ since the semi-circle has centre $(1, 0)$ and radius 2 (see diagram below).



The rotation is about the x -axis, so the volume of the solid of revolution formed is given by

$$V = \pi \int_0^3 y^2 dx.$$

To find $\int_0^3 y^2 dx$, we need a formula for y^2 in terms of x .

The equation of the circle with centre $(1, 0)$ and radius 2 is

$$(x-1)^2 + (y-0)^2 = 2^2 \Rightarrow (x-1)^2 + y^2 = 4 \Rightarrow y^2 = 4 - (x-1)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int_0^3 y^2 dx &= \int_0^3 (4 - (x-1)^2) dx = \left[4x - \frac{(x-1)^3}{3 \times 1} \right]_0^3 \\ &= \left[4x - \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} \right]_0^3 \\ &= \left[4(3) - \frac{(3-1)^3}{3} \right] - \left[4(0) - \frac{(0-1)^3}{3} \right] \\ &= \left[12 - \frac{8}{3} \right] - \left[0 - \frac{(-1)}{3} \right] \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $V = 9\pi$ units³.

Notes

(1) The equation of the circle with centre (a, b) and radius r is $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$.

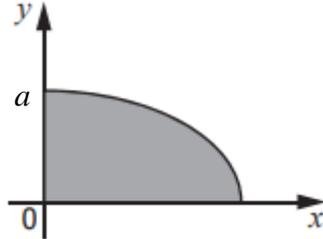
(2) $\int_0^3 (4 - (x - 1)^2) dx$ can also be found by expanding the brackets before integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^3 (4 - (x - 1)^2) dx &= \int_0^3 (4 - (x^2 - 2x + 1)) dx \\ &= \int_0^3 (4 - x^2 + 2x - 1) dx \\ &= \int_0^3 (3 + 2x - x^2) dx \\ &= \left[3x + \frac{2x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^3 \\ &= \left[3x + x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^3 \\ &= \left[3(3) + 3^2 - \frac{3^3}{3} \right] - [0] \\ &= 9\end{aligned}$$

10. The rotation is about the y-axis, so the volume of the solid generated is given by

$$V = \pi \int_0^a x^2 dy, \quad \text{where the upper limit } a \text{ is a value on the y-axis.}$$

To find the value of a , we need to find where the curve crosses the y-axis (see diagram below).



$$\begin{aligned} \text{The curve crosses the y-axis when } x = 0: \quad & 4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36 \\ \Rightarrow & 4(0)^2 + 9y^2 = 36 \\ \Rightarrow & 9y^2 = 36 \\ \Rightarrow & y^2 = 4 \\ \Rightarrow & y = \pm 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $a = 2$ since $a > 0$ and $V = \pi \int_0^2 x^2 dy$.

To find $\int_0^2 x^2 dy$, we need to express x^2 in terms of y by rearranging the equation of the curve.

$$4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36 \Rightarrow 4x^2 = 36 - 9y^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = 9 - \frac{9}{4}y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int_0^2 x^2 dy &= \int_0^2 \left(9 - \frac{9}{4}y^2\right) dy = \left[9y - \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{y^3}{3}\right)\right]_0^2 = \left[9y - \frac{3y^3}{4}\right]_0^2 \\ &= \left[9(2) - \frac{3(2)^3}{4}\right] - [0] \\ &= 18 - 6 \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $V = 12\pi$ units³.

11.(a) First factorise the denominator: $x^2 + x = x(x+1)$

The denominator contains distinct linear factors.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x^2 + x} &= \frac{1}{x(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} \\ &= \frac{A(x+1) + Bx}{x(x+1)}\end{aligned}$$

$$1 = A(x+1) + Bx$$

$$\text{Let } x = -1 \Rightarrow 1 = A(0) + B(-1) \Rightarrow 1 = -B \Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$\text{Let } x = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = A(1) + B(0) \Rightarrow 1 = A \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{x^2 + x} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{-1}{x+1} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{x^2 + x} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1}.$$

(b) The rotation is about the x -axis, so the volume of the solid of revolution formed is given by

$$V = \pi \int_1^3 y^2 dx, \quad \text{where } y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + x}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^3 y^2 dx &= \int_1^3 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + x}} \right)^2 dx = \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x^2 + x} dx = \int_1^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right) dx \quad [\text{using the partial fractions in (a)}] \\ &= [\ln|x| - \ln|x+1|]_1^3 \\ &= [\ln|3| - \ln|4|] - [\ln|1| - \ln|2|] \\ &= [\ln 3 - \ln 4] - [\ln 1 - \ln 2] \\ &= \left[\ln \left(\frac{3}{4} \right) \right] - [0 - \ln 2] \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{3}{4} \right) + \ln 2 \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{3}{4} \times 2 \right) \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } V = \pi \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \text{ units}^3.$$

Note

An exact value for the volume is not required and an approximate value can be given to any reasonable degree of accuracy, eg 1.2738 units³ (to 4 dp).

12.(a) Let $I = \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{(1+x^2)^4} dx$.

Using the substitution $u = 1 + x^2$, rewrite the entire integral in terms of u (including the limits).

$$u = 1 + x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 2x \Rightarrow du = 2x dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = x dx$$

$$(1 + x^2)^4 = u^4 \quad \text{and} \quad u = 1 + x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = u - 1$$

When $x = 0$: $u = 1 + 0^2 = 1$

When $x = 1$: $u = 1 + 1^2 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{(1+x^2)^4} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)^4} (x dx) = \int_1^2 \frac{u-1}{u^4} \left(\frac{1}{2} du \right) \\ &= \int_1^2 \frac{1}{2} u^{-4} (u-1) du \\ &= \int_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} u^{-3} - \frac{1}{2} u^{-4} \right) du \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u^{-2}}{-2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u^{-3}}{-3} \right) \right]_1^2 \\ &= \left[\frac{u^{-2}}{-4} + \frac{u^{-3}}{6} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \left[-\frac{1}{4u^2} + \frac{1}{6u^3} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \left[-\frac{1}{4(2)^2} + \frac{1}{6(2)^3} \right] - \left[-\frac{1}{4(1)^2} + \frac{1}{6(1)^3} \right] \\ &= \left[-\frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{48} \right] - \left[-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \end{aligned}$$

(b) The rotation is about the x -axis, so the volume of the solid formed is given by $V = \pi \int_0^1 y^2 dx$.

$$V = \pi \int_0^1 y^2 dx = \pi \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(1+x^2)^2} \right)^2 dx = \pi \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{(1+x^2)^4} dx = \pi \left(\frac{1}{24} \right) = \frac{\pi}{24} \text{ units}^3$$

13.(a) The rotation is about the x -axis, so the volume of the solid formed is given by $V = \pi \int_{15}^{30} y^2 dx$,

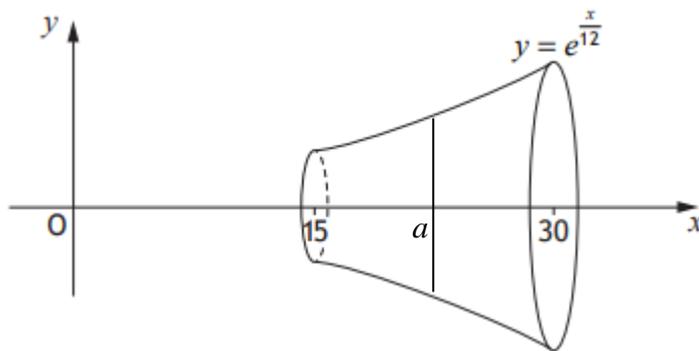
where $y = e^{\frac{x}{12}}$.

Note that $y^2 = \left(e^{\frac{x}{12}} \right)^2 = e^{\frac{x}{12} \times 2} = e^{\frac{x}{6}}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{15}^{30} y^2 dx &= \int_{15}^{30} e^{\frac{x}{6}} dx = \int_{15}^{30} e^{\frac{1}{6}x} dx = \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}x} \right]_{15}^{30} && \text{using } \int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax} + C \\ &= \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}(30)} \right] - \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}(15)} \right] \\ &= 6e^5 - 6e^{2.5} \\ &= 6(e^5 - e^{2.5}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $V = \pi \times 6(e^5 - e^{2.5}) = 6\pi(e^5 - e^{2.5}) = 2567.887\dots = 2570 \text{ cm}^3$ (to 3 sf)

(b) Let the line with equation $x = a$, where $15 < a < 30$, indicate when the bowl is half full as shown in the diagram below.



Then the volume of the part of the bowl generated by rotating the curve between $x = 15$ and $x = a$ through 2π radians about the x -axis will be $\frac{2570}{2} = 1285 \text{ cm}^3$.

This gives the equation $\pi \int_{15}^a y^2 dx = 1285$.

$$\int_{15}^a y^2 dx = \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}x} \right]_{15}^a = \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}a} \right] - \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}(15)} \right] = 6e^{\frac{a}{6}} - 6e^{2.5} = 6 \left(e^{\frac{a}{6}} - e^{2.5} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Hence } \pi \times 6 \left(e^{\frac{a}{6}} - e^{2.5} \right) &= 1285 \Rightarrow 6\pi \left(e^{\frac{a}{6}} - e^{2.5} \right) = 1285 \\
&\Rightarrow e^{\frac{a}{6}} - e^{2.5} = \frac{1285}{6\pi} \\
&\Rightarrow e^{\frac{a}{6}} = \frac{1285}{6\pi} + e^{2.5} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{a}{6} = \ln \left(\frac{1285}{6\pi} + e^{2.5} \right) \\
&\Rightarrow a = 6 \ln \left(\frac{1285}{6\pi} + e^{2.5} \right) = 26.3 \text{ (to 1 dp)}
\end{aligned}$$

$26.3 - 15 = 11.3$, so the line should be marked 11.3 cm above the base of the bowl.

Note

Alternatively, the volume of the part of the bowl generated by rotating the curve between $x = a$ and $x = 30$ through 2π radians about the x -axis will also be $\frac{2570}{2} = 1285 \text{ cm}^3$.

This gives the equation $\pi \int_a^{30} y^2 dx = 1285$.

$$\int_a^{30} y^2 dx = \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}x} \right]_a^{30} = \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}(30)} \right] - \left[6e^{\frac{1}{6}a} \right] = 6e^5 - 6e^{\frac{a}{6}} = 6 \left(e^5 - e^{\frac{a}{6}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Hence } \pi \times 6 \left(e^5 - e^{\frac{a}{6}} \right) &= 1285 \Rightarrow 6\pi \left(e^5 - e^{\frac{a}{6}} \right) = 1285 \\
&\Rightarrow e^5 - e^{\frac{a}{6}} = \frac{1285}{6\pi} \\
&\Rightarrow e^{\frac{a}{6}} = e^5 - \frac{1285}{6\pi} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{a}{6} = \ln \left(e^5 - \frac{1285}{6\pi} \right) \\
&\Rightarrow a = 6 \ln \left(e^5 - \frac{1285}{6\pi} \right) = 26.3 \text{ (to 1 dp)}
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