

Mathematics 1120H – Calculus II: Integrals and Series

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Assignment #4

An Oblate Spheroid

Due on Wednesday, 18 July.

The half-ellipse $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 1$, $x \geq 0$, is revolved about the y -axis. The resulting solid is like a squashed sphere, and is technically an “oblate spheroid”.

1. Compute the volume of the oblate spheroid. [4]
2. Compute the surface area of the oblate spheroid. [6]

NOTE. Trying to compute the surface area of a general ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ usually results in integrals involving antiderivatives that cannot be expressed in elementary terms. Oblate spheroid above are among the exceptions to the rule.