Exam Question

Topic: Volume of Revolution

Find the volume of revolution obtained by rotating the region in the x-y plane bounded by the lines x = 0, y = 0, x = 1 and the curve $y = e^x$ about (i) the line y = 3, (ii) the line x = -2.

Give your answer in terms of e, and also as an approximation correct to 3 decimal places, using your calculator.

Solution

(i)

$$V = \pi \int_0^1 [3^2 - (3 - e^x)^2] dx = \pi \int_0^1 (6e^x - e^{2x}) dx$$
$$= \pi \left[6e^x - \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \right]_0^1 = \pi [6e - \frac{e^2}{2} - 6 + \frac{1}{2}]$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2} [12e + e^2 - 11] = 22.353 \ (3 \text{ d.p.})$$

(ii)

$$V = 2\pi \int_0^1 (x+2) e^x dx = [2\pi(x+2)e^x]_0^1 - \int_0^1 2\pi e^x dx$$

= $[2\pi(x+2)e^x]_0^1 - [2\pi e^x]_0^1 = 2\pi(2e-1) = 27.867 (3 \text{ d.p.})$