

dy/dx = -b^2x/a^2y, and therefore (fig. 23)

arc of quadrant AB = integral from 0 to a of {a^2 - e^2x^2}^1/2 dx, where e^2 = (a^2 - b^2)/a^2.

This integral may be shown to be equal to the series pi*a/2 (1 - e^2/2^2 - 1.3e^4/4^2 - 1.3^2.5e^6/6^2 - &c.),

a rapidly converging series when e is a small fraction.

By taking more and more terms of the above series we can approximate as nearly as we please to the circumference of an ellipse. For example, we have quadrant AB

-pi*a/2 (1 - e^2/4) - pi*a/2 (1 - e^2/2) to a first approximation; hence whole circumference = pi { (2a)^2 + (2b)^2 }^1/2 nearly

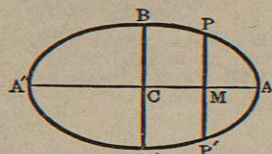


Fig. 23

§ 51. Area of an Ellipse.—We have at once

area = 4 integral from 0 to a of y dx = 4 integral from 0 to a of b/a sqrt(a^2 - x^2) dx.

But integral from 0 to a of sqrt(a^2 - x^2) dx is the area of the quadrant of a circle of radius a. Thus

area of ellipse = 4 * b/a * pi*a^2/4 = pi*a*b. (§ 44)

The following proof is worth the reader's attention. By a well-known theorem in conic sections the orthogonal projection of a circle on a given plane is an ellipse. Now, if A denote the area of any plane figure, A' the area of the projected figure, and theta the angle between the planes it can easily be shown, by dividing the two areas by planes indefinitely near to each other and perpendicular to the common section of the planes, that

A cos theta = A'.

In the case of the circle and ellipse A = pi*a^2 and cos theta = b/a;

hence area of ellipse = pi*a^2 * b/a = pi*a*b.

§ 52. Area of an Ellipse in terms of a Pair of Conjugate Diameters.—Let a' and b' denote the semiconjugate diameters, and alpha the angle between them, then by an elementary property of the ellipse

ab = a'b' sin alpha;

hence area of ellipse = pi*a'b' sin alpha.

D. The Hyperbola.

§ 53. Area of a Segment of an Hyperbola.—The equation of an hyperbola being x^2/a^2 - y^2/b^2 = 1, we have

y = b/a sqrt(x^2 - a^2); hence (fig. 24)

area of the segment PAP' = 2 integral from a to x1 of b/a sqrt(x^2 - a^2) dx = -b/a x1 sqrt(x1^2 - a^2) - ab loge (x1 + sqrt(x1^2 - a^2))

§ 54. Area of a Sector of an Hyperbola.—The sector PAP'C is equal to triangle PCP' - segment PAP'

= x1y1 - { x1y1 - ab loge (x1 + y1/b) } = ab loge (x1 + y1/b).

§ 55. Area of a Zone of an Hyperbola.—In fig. 24 the zone PP'Q'Q

= segment QAQ' - segment PAP' = -x2y2 - ab loge (x2 + y2/b) - x1y1 + ab loge (x1 + y1/b) = -x2y2 - x1y1 - ab loge (ay2 + bx2 / ay1 + bx1), where

x1, y1 and x2, y2 are the coordinates of P and Q respectively.

If the axes of coordinates be inclined at an angle alpha, we multiply the above results by sin alpha to obtain the correct areas.

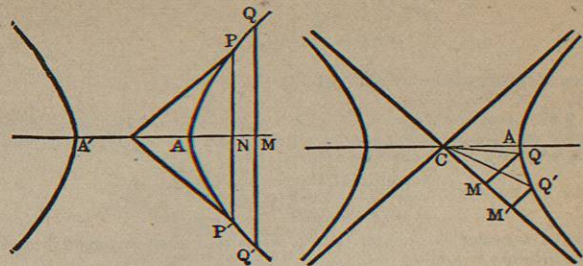


Fig. 24.

Fig. 25.

§ 56. Area bounded by an Hyperbola and its Asymptotes.—The equation of an hyperbola referred to its asymptotes is of the form xy = c^2.

Let CM' (fig. 25) = x1, CM = x2, Q'M' = y1, Q'M = y2, then, if alpha be the angle between the asymptotes,

area of QMM'Q' = integral from x2 to x1 of x1y sin alpha dx

= c^2 sin alpha integral from x2 to x1 of dx/x = c^2 sin alpha loge (x1/x2) = c^2 sin alpha loge (y1/y2),

since x1 = c^2/y1 and x2 = c^2/y2.

Now c^2 = a^2 + b^2/4 and sin alpha = 2ab / (a^2 + b^2), and therefore

area = 1/2 ab loge (x1/x2) = 1/2 ab loge (y1/y2).

Again, let MM' = x1 - x2 = p, then

c^2 = x1y1 - x2y2 = py1y2 / (y2 - y1), therefore

(beta) QMM'Q' = py1y2 / (y2 - y1) loge (x1/x2) sin alpha = py1y2 / (y2 - y1) loge (y1/y2) sin alpha.

Again, since 1/2 x1y1 sin alpha = 1/2 c^2 sin alpha = 1/2 x2y2 sin alpha, we have triangle QCM = Q'CM', and hence the sector QCC' = QMM'Q'.

The corresponding results for a rectangular hyperbola are obtained by substituting in the above formulæ 1/2 a^2 for c^2 and 1 for sin alpha.

SECTION III.—PLANE IRREGULAR, RECTILINEAL, AND CURVILINEAL FIGURES.

A. Irregular Rectilinear Figures.

§ 57. The area of any irregular polygon can be found by dividing it into triangles, trapeziums, &c., in the most convenient manner, and adding together all the areas. For example, ABCDEF (fig. 26) = CKB + BKHA + AHF + FGE + EGID + DIC.

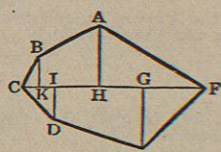


Fig. 26.

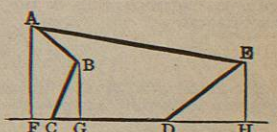


Fig. 27.

It may sometimes happen that some of the component figures have to be subtracted instead of added; for example, ABCDE (fig. 27) = AFHE + BCG - AFG - EDH.

§ 58. Again, the irregular rectilinear figure P1P2...Pn (fig. 28) can be broken up into a series of triangles and trapeziums as shown in the figure, and hence its area can be found.

§ 59. A figure made up of straight lines may be measured by cutting it up into triangles by lines drawn from some one vertex to the others. For example (fig. 29),

ABCDEF = ABC + ACD + ADE + AEF.

If the polygon be concave some of the triangles will have to be subtracted.

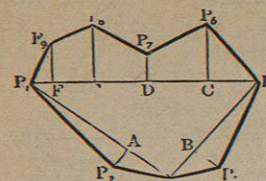


Fig. 28.

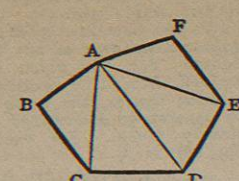


Fig. 29.

§ 60. Area of a Polygon in terms of the Coordinates of its Angular Points.—Let the coordinates of P, Q, R (fig. 30) be (x1, y1), (x2, y2), and (x3, y3) respectively, and let the axes be inclined at an angle alpha. Draw PL, QM, and RN parallel to OY, then

LM = OM - OL = x2 - x1, MN = ON - OM = x3 - x2, and NL = ON - OL = x3 - x1.

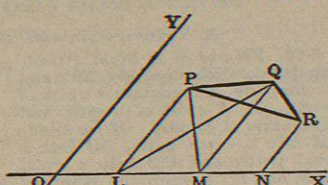


Fig. 30.

Now PQR = PLMQ + QMNR - PLNR. But PLMQ = PLM sin alpha + 1/2 QM * LM sin (180 - alpha) (§ 9, beta) = 1/2 (x2 - x1)(y1 + y2) sin alpha.

Similarly QMNR = 1/2 (x3 - x2)(y2 + y3) sin alpha, and PLNR = 1/2 (x3 - x1)(y1 + y3) sin alpha; hence

area of PQR = 1/2 sin alpha { y1(x2 - x3) + y2(x3 - x1) + y3(x1 - x2) }; or in the notation of determinants

1/2 sin alpha | 1 1 1 | | x1 x2 x3 | | y1 y2 y3 |

When the axes are rectangular sin alpha = sin 90 = 1, and the formula for the area becomes

1/2 { y1(x2 - x3) + y2(x3 - x1) + y3(x1 - x2) }

§ 61. The area of any rectilinear figure of n sides can be found by taking any point within the figure and joining it to the n vertices of the figure, thus dividing it into n triangles the area of each of which can be obtained as in the preceding case.

We may, however, find the area of the figure directly. For example, in fig. 31 PQRS = PP'TT + TT'SS + SS'RR - RR'Q'Q - QQ'PP, and in fig. 32

PQRSTU = PP'UU + RR'Q'Q + TT'SS - PP'Q'Q - RR'SS - TT'UU.

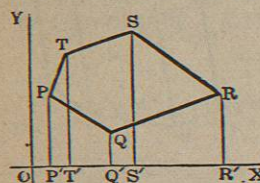


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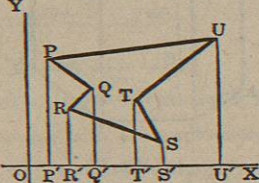


Fig. 32.

B. Irregular Curvilinear Figures.

§ 62. Length of any Curve.—If we divide the given arc into an even number of intervals and regard these as approximately circular, we can find an approximation to the length of the arc by means of Huygens's formula, § 32. For example, if we divide ABC (fig. 33) into four parts in D, B, and E, and draw the chords AD, AB, DB, BE, BC, and EC, then

arc AC = AD + DB + BE + EC + 1/3 (AD + DB + BE + EC - AB - BC) approximately

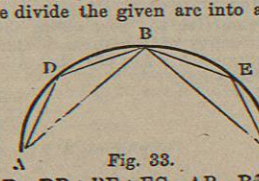


Fig. 33.

For other methods of approximation see Rankine's Rules and Tables.

§ 63. Area of an Irregular Curvilinear Figure.—For rough approximations the following, called the trapezoidal method, may be used:—

Divide A1An (fig. 34) into n equal parts, and through the points

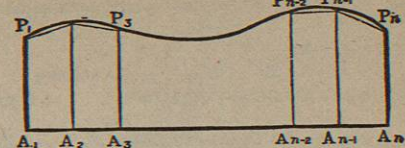


Fig. 34.

of division draw the ordinates called by surveyors offsets, A1P1, A2P2, &c.

Let A1P1 = s1, A2P2 = s2, &c., AnPn = sn, and A1A2 = a2, A2A3 = a3, &c., = An-1An = an. Join P1P2, P2P3, &c., then the area of the polygon A1A2P1P2P1 = A1A2P1P2 + A2A3P2P3 + ... + An-1AnPn-1Pn = 1/2 a1(s1 + s2) + 1/2 a2(s2 + s3) + ... + 1/2 an(sn-1 + sn) (§ 13, a) = a { 1/2 (s1 + sn) + s2 + s3 + ... + sn-1 }.

If we take n sufficiently great the difference between the area of the polygon and the curvilinear figure can be made as small as we please, in other words, the smaller we make a the more accurately will the above formula represent the area of the curvilinear figure.

The curve may either be wholly convex or wholly concave to the line A1An, or partly convex and partly concave.

§ 64. Simpson's Rule.—Let A1An (fig. 34) be divided into an even number of equal parts, and as before through the points of division draw the ordinates A1P1, A2P2, &c.

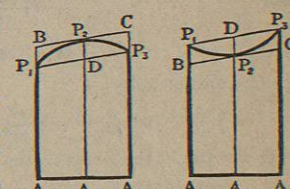


Fig. 35.

Fig. 36.

Let A1A2P1P2 (figs. 35, 36) be a part of the figure thus divided; join P1P2, and through P2 draw BC parallel to A1P1 to meet A1P1 in B and A2P2 in C. Conceive a parabola to be drawn through P1P2P3 having its axis parallel to the ordinates, then

A1P1P2P3A3 = trapezium A1P1DP2A3 + parabolic segment P1P2P3 = a(s1 + s2) + 1/3 a { s2 - 1/2 (s1 + s3) } = 1/3 a (s1 + 4s2 + s3).

Now when the points P1, P2, P3 are near each other the parabolic curve will coincide very nearly with the given curve; hence

A1P1P2P3A3 = 1/3 a (s1 + 4s2 + s3) very nearly.

Similarly A2P2P3A4 = 1/3 a (s2 + 4s3 + s4), &c.;

hence whole area of figure

= 1/3 a { s1 + sn + 2(s2 + s3 + ... + sn-2) + 4(s2 + s4 + ... + sn-1) }; whence the rule:—add together the two extreme ordinates, twice the sum of the intermediate odd ordinates, and four times the sum of the even ones, and multiply this result by one-third of the common distance between the ordinates; the result is the area,—accurately if the curved boundary be the arc of a parabola, in other cases approximately.

The curve may either be wholly convex or wholly concave to the line A1An, or partly convex and partly concave, provided in the latter case the points of contrary flexure occur only at the odd ordinates, for otherwise the intermediate arcs could not be even approximately parabolic. When points of contrary flexure occur ordinates may be drawn at these points, and the intermediate arcs being found separately may be added to obtain the whole area.

§ 65. In the two preceding sections we investigated two formulæ for approximating to the areas of curvilinear figures. We now proceed to consider the subject more generally.

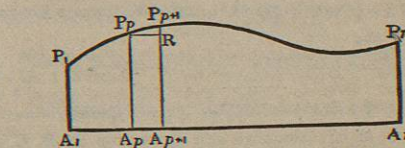


Fig. 37.

Let the equation to the curve P1P2Pn+1 (fig. 37) agree with the

equation $y = A + Bx + Cx^2 + \dots + Kx^n$ for $n+1$ points between P_1 and P_{n+1} , then the area of the curvilinear figure bounded by the straight lines A_1P_1, A_1A_{n+1} , and $A_{n+1}P_{n+1}$ and the curve P_1P_{n+1} will agree very nearly with the curvilinear figure bounded by the same straight lines and the curve whose equation is $y = A + Bx + Cx^2 + \dots + Kx^n$, and the greater the number of common points the closer will be the agreement.

Let A_1A_{n+1} be divided into n equal parts, each equal to h , then $A_1A_{n+1} = nh$. Now
 when $x=0, y=y_1=A$;
 when $x=h, y=y_2=A+Bh+Ch^2+\dots+Kh^n$;
 when $x=2h, y=y_3=A+B(2h)+C(2h)^2+\dots+K(2h)^n$;
 when $x=ph, y=y_{p+1}=A+B(ph)+C(ph)^2+\dots+K(ph)^n$;
 when $x=nh, y=y_{n+1}=A+B(nh)+C(nh)^2+\dots+K(nh)^n$.

From these $n+1$ equations the $n+1$ quantities A, B, \dots, K can be determined as functions of y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n+1} , and h .
 Next let A_1A_{n+1} be divided into m equal parts each equal to $\frac{h}{m}$. Thus $mh=nh$ and hence $h=\frac{nh}{m}$.

Now the area of the rectangle $A_pA_{p+1}P_pR = A_pA_{p+1} \times A_pP_p$.
 But $A_pP_p = y_p = A + B(ph) + C(p^2h^2) + \dots + K(p^n h^n)$
 $= A + B\frac{p \cdot nh}{m} + C\left(\frac{p \cdot nh}{m}\right)^2 + \dots + K\left(\frac{p \cdot nh}{m}\right)^n$,
 since $h = \frac{nh}{m}$;
 and $A_pA_{p+1} = h = \frac{nh}{m}$;

therefore area of A_pR
 $nh \left\{ \frac{A}{m} + Bnh\frac{p}{m^2} + Cn^2h^2\frac{p^2}{m^3} + \dots + Kn^nh^n\frac{p^n}{m^{n+1}} \right\}$.
 Hence the area of the whole figure
 $= \sum_{p=1}^m nh \left\{ \frac{A}{m} + Bnh\frac{p}{m^2} + Cn^2h^2\frac{p^2}{m^3} + \dots + Kn^nh^n\frac{p^n}{m^{n+1}} \right\}$
 $= \sum_{p=1}^m nh \left\{ A\frac{S_p}{m} + Bnh\frac{S_1}{m^2} + Cn^2h^2\frac{S_2}{m^3} + \dots + Kn^nh^n\frac{S_n}{m^{n+1}} \right\}$,
 where $S_n = 1^n + 2^n + 3^n + \dots + m^n$.
 Now if we take the limit of each of the terms
 $\frac{S_0}{m}, \frac{S_1}{m^2}, \frac{S_2}{m^3}, \dots, \frac{S_n}{m^{n+1}}$,

we obtain area of curvilinear figure
 $= nh \left\{ A + \frac{B}{2}nh + \frac{C}{3}n^2h^2 + \dots + \frac{K}{n+1}n^nh^n \right\}$.

From this general result we can deduce "Simpson's Rule" and also another rule called "Weddle's Rule."

Thus let $n=2$; that is, assume that the curve under consideration has three points in common with the curve whose equation is $y = A + Bx + Cx^2$, i.e., with a parabola, then

$y_1 = A,$
 $y_2 = A + Bh + Ch^2,$
 $y_3 = A + 2Bh + 4Ch^2.$

Now the area is approximately
 $= 2h \left\{ A + \frac{1}{2}B2h + \frac{1}{3}C2^2h^2 \right\}$
 $= \frac{1}{3}h \{ 6A + 6Bh + 8Ch^2 \}$
 $= \frac{1}{3}h \{ y_1 + 4y_2 + y_3 \}$, Simpson's Rule.

If we now put $n=6$, we have area of curvilinear figure
 $= 6h \left\{ A + \frac{1}{2}B6h + \frac{1}{3}C6^2h^2 + \frac{1}{4}D6^3h^3 + \frac{1}{5}E6^4h^4 + \frac{1}{6}F6^5h^5 + \frac{1}{7}G6^6h^6 \right\}$.

Now $y_1 = A,$
 $y_2 = A + Bh + Ch^2 + \dots + Gh^6,$
 $y_7 = A + B(6h) + C(6h)^2 + \dots + G(6h)^6.$

From this system of equations we can determine A, B, C, \dots, G , and substituting the values so obtained in the above expression we obtain the following remarkable formula for the approximate area:
 $\text{area} = \frac{1}{7}h \{ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5 + y_6 + y_7 + 5(y_3 + y_4 + y_5) \}$

This formula, called Weddle's Rule, gives the closest approximation to the curvilinear area that can be obtained by any simple rule.

We are now in a position to find the approximate area of any irregular plane figure. For the given figure can be divided into plane rectilinear and curvilinear figures, the areas of which can be separately determined by the rules already given. For example, APQRS (fig. 38)

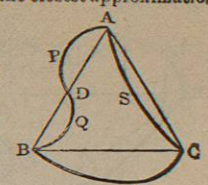


Fig. 38.

$= ABC + APD + BRC - DQB - ASC.$

PART II. SOLIDS.

SECTION I. SOLIDS CONTAINED BY PLANES.

A. Prisms, Pyramids, and Prismatoids

§ 66. *Volume of a Right Prism.*—First let the prism be a rectangular parallelepiped (fig. 39), and let the side AB contain a units of length, BC b units of length, and CD c units of length. If we divide AB into a equal parts, BC into b equal parts, and CD into c equal parts, and if, through the points of division we draw planes parallel to the sides of the parallelepiped, these planes will divide it into a series of parallelepipeds, whose edges are each equal to the unit of length. Each horizontal layer contains abc of these cubes, and since there are c layers the whole number of cubes will be abc . But each of these is the unit of volume, and therefore
 volume of ABCD = $abc = ab \times c = \text{area of base ABC} \times \text{altitude } c$.

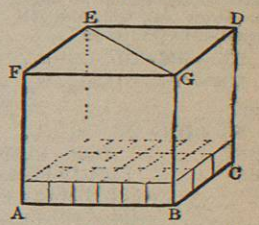


Fig. 39.

In the above demonstration we have assumed the edges to be commensurable, but from § 2 it follows that the proof will hold also when the edges are incommensurable. If the parallelepiped be cut by a plane BGE it will be divided into two equal triangular right prisms, and hence
 volume of right triangular prism = $\frac{1}{2}ab \times c = \text{area of its base} \times \text{altitude}$.

Since every prism can be divided into triangular prisms as in fig. 40, we have at once
 volume of right prism $A'ABCDE = A'ABC + A'ACD + A'ADE$
 $= ABC \times BB' + ACD \times CC' + ADE \times DD'$
 $= (ABC + ACD + ADE) \times \text{altitude}$
 (since $BB' = CC' = DD' = \text{altitude}$)
 $= \text{area of base } ABCDE \times \text{altitude}.$

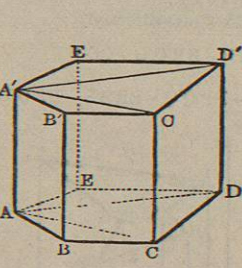


Fig. 40.

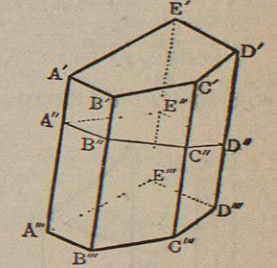


Fig. 41.

§ 67. *Volume of an Oblique Prism.*—Draw the right section $A''B''C''D''E''$ (fig. 41), and let A'' denote its area and A the area of the base $A'B'C'D'E'$. Let l denote the length of the prism, h its altitude, and α the angle between the planes $A'B'C'D'E'$ and $A''B''C''D''E''$.

Conceive the part above the right section placed at the other extremity of the prism. Then we have a right prism, whose volume = $A'' \times l$ (§ 66); but $A'' = A \cos \alpha$, since A'' is the projection of A (§ 51),

and $l = \frac{h}{\cos \alpha}$; hence
 volume = $A'' \times l = A \cos \alpha \times \frac{h}{\cos \alpha} = A \times h$;

or the volume of any prism is equal to the area of its base multiplied by its altitude.

§ 68. *Surface of a Prism.*—Since the lines $A''B'', B''C'', \dots$ (fig. 41), which make up the perimeter of the right section are all in one plane perpendicular to the parallel edges $A'A'', B'B'', \dots$, they are perpendicular to these edges and are therefore the altitudes of the parallelograms $A''B''B''A'', B''C''C''B'', \dots$, respectively. The lateral surface of the prism is equal to the sum of these parallelograms, and therefore

$= A''A'' \times A''B'' + B''B'' \times B''C'' + \dots$
 $= A''A''(A''B'' + B''C'' + \dots)$
 $= A''A'' \times \text{perimeter of right section}$

since the lateral surface of any prism is equal to the perimeter of its right section multiplied by the length of the prism.

If the prism be *right*, that is, if the faces be perpendicular to the base, then its lateral surface is equal to the perimeter of its base multiplied by its length.

The whole surface of any prism is obtained by adding to the lateral surface the areas of its bases.

§ 69. If the prism be *regular*, that is, if the bases be regular polygons, then
 area of base = $a^2 \times \frac{n}{4} \cot \frac{180^\circ}{n}$ (§ 18, γ), where n is the number of sides each of length a , and therefore
 volume = $a^2 \times \frac{n}{4} \cot \frac{180^\circ}{n} \times h$,

where h is the altitude of the prism.
 Again, if the prism be *right and regular*, then,
 its lateral surface = $nah + 2a^2 \times \frac{n}{4} \cot \frac{180^\circ}{n}$.

§ 70. *Volume of a Pyramid.*—Let VABC (fig. 42) be for simplicity a triangular pyramid. Divide VA into n equal portions, and through the points of section draw planes parallel to the base ABC, and through BC and through the intersections of these planes with VBC draw planes parallel to VA. Let h denote the altitude of the pyramid, then the distance of the base of the r^{th} prism from the vertex V

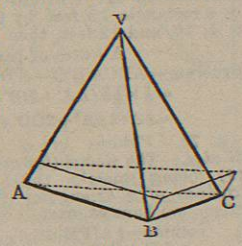


Fig. 42.

$= r \times \frac{h}{n}$,
 and, if A denote the area of ABC, we have
 base of r^{th} prism = $\frac{r^2 h^2}{n^2} \times \frac{1}{h} = \frac{r^2}{n^2} h$,

since, by a well-known theorem in solid geometry, the areas of sections of a pyramid made by planes parallel to the base are proportional to the squares of their altitudes.
 Thus we have
 base of r^{th} prism = $\frac{r^2}{n^2} A$, and therefore
 its volume = $\frac{r^2}{n^2} A \times \frac{h}{n}$ (§ 67)
 $= \frac{hA}{n^3} r^2$.

Therefore volume of whole pyramid
 $= hA \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + r^2 + \dots + n^2}{n^3}$
 $= hA \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3} = hA \times \frac{1}{3}$;

or the volume of any pyramid is equal to one-third of the area of its base multiplied by its height.

From this we see that pyramids on equal bases are to one another as their altitudes.

If the pyramid be *regular*, that is, if its base be a regular polygon the perpendicular through whose centre passes through the vertex,
 its volume = $\frac{1}{3} \times a^2 \times \frac{n}{4} \cot \frac{180^\circ}{n} \times h$.

§ 71. *Surface of a Regular Pyramid.*—The lateral surface of the regular pyramid VABCDEF (fig. 43) is equal to the sum of the areas of the n congruent triangles which make up the lateral surface of the pyramid
 Now area of triangle VAB = $\frac{1}{2}AB \times VG$; hence whole lateral surface = $\frac{1}{2}nAB \times VG = \frac{1}{2}na \times l$, where l is the slant height and a the length of the side of the base.
 Again, if $VO = h = \text{altitude of pyramid}$, we have
 $l = VG = \sqrt{VO^2 + OG^2} = \sqrt{h^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} \cot^2 \frac{180^\circ}{n}}$,

therefore whole surface = base + lateral surface
 $= a^2 \times \frac{n}{4} \cot \frac{180^\circ}{n} + \frac{1}{2}na \sqrt{h^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} \cot^2 \frac{180^\circ}{n}}$
 $= \frac{a}{2} \left(\frac{a}{2} \cot \frac{180^\circ}{n} + \sqrt{h^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} \cot^2 \frac{180^\circ}{n}} \right)$

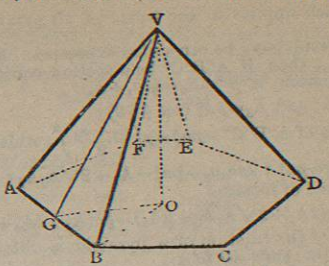


Fig. 43.

§ 72. *The Prismatoid.*—If we have a polyhedron whose bases are two polygons in parallel planes, the number of sides in each being the same or different, and if we so join the vertices of these bases that each line in order forms a triangle with the preceding line and one side of either base, the figure so formed is called a "prismatoid," and holds in stereometry a position similar to that of the trapezium in planimetry. To make the investigation of the volume of the prismatoid as simple as possible, we take the case where the lower base is a polygon of four and the upper one of three sides.

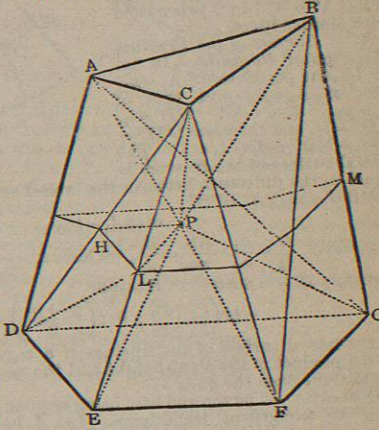


Fig. 44.

Let ABCDEFG (fig. 44) be the prismatoid, of which ABC or A_1 is the upper and DEFG or A_2 the lower base, and let HLM be the section equidistant from the bases. Take any point P in this section and join it to the corners of the prismatoid. We thus divide the polyhedron into two pyramids PABC and PDEFG, and a series of polyhedra of which CPDE may be taken as a specimen.

Let h be the altitude of the prismatoid, then $\frac{1}{2}h$ is the altitude of each of the pyramids PABC, PDEFG, and hence
 volume of PABC = $\frac{1}{2}hA_1$, and
 volume of PDEFG = $\frac{1}{2}hA_2$.

Again join PH, PL, and LD, then
 volume of CPDE = 2 volume of CPDL,
 since $DE = 2HL$,
 and volume of CPDL = 2 volume of CPHL,
 hence volume of CPDE = 4 volume of CPHL.

Now volume of CPHL = $\frac{1}{2}h \times \text{area of HLP}$, and therefore volume of CPDE = $2h \times \text{area of HLP}$.

Similarly the volume of every such polyhedron is $\frac{1}{2}h \times$ the area of its own portion of the middle section. Hence if A_3 denote the area of the middle section we have
 volume of prismatoid = $\frac{1}{2}hA_1 + \frac{1}{2}hA_2 + \frac{1}{2}hA_3$
 $= \frac{1}{2}h(A_1 + A_2 + A_3)$.

§ 73. *Volume of the Frustum of a Pyramid.*—Let $A''A''B''B''C''C''$ (fig. 45) be a frustum of the pyramid VABC', and let A_1 and A_2 denote the areas of the ends $A''B''C''$ and $A''B''C''$ respectively, $VO = h$ the altitude of pyramid VABC', and let PQ = h' = altitude of frustum.

Now $\left(\frac{z}{x+h}\right)^2 = \frac{A_3}{A_1}$, whence $z = \frac{h\sqrt{A_3}}{\sqrt{A_1} - \sqrt{A_2}}$.

