

Compute the volume of a sphere of radius  $r$  using an integral.

**SOLUTION.** The sphere of radius  $r$  can be obtained rotating the half circle graph of the function

$$y = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}, \quad x \in [-r, r].$$

about the  $x$ -axis.

The volume  $V$  is obtained as follows:

$$V = \int_{-r}^r \pi(\sqrt{r^2 - x^2})^2 dx = 2 \int_0^r \pi(r^2 - x^2) dx = (4/3)\pi r^3.$$