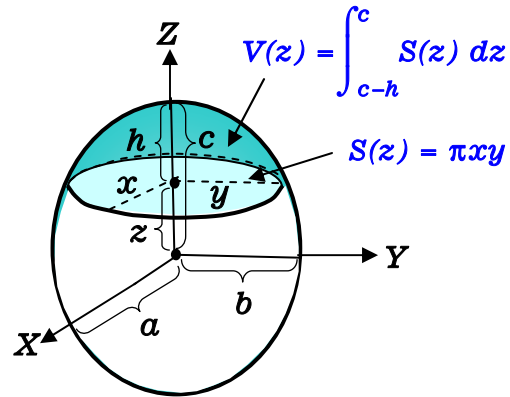


# How to calculate the volume of an ellipsoidal cap



equation of an ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

equation of an ellipse along the X-axis  
(y=0)

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{a}{c} \sqrt{c^2 - z^2}$$

equation of an ellipse along the Y-axis  
(x=0)

$$\frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{b}{c} \sqrt{c^2 - z^2}$$

area of a vertical ellipse to the Z-axis

$$S(z) = \pi xy$$

$$= \pi ab \left( 1 - \frac{z^2}{c^2} \right)$$

volume of an ellipsoidal cap

$$V(z) = \int_{c-h}^c S(z) dz = \int_{c-h}^c \pi ab \left( 1 - \frac{z^2}{c^2} \right) dz$$

$$= \pi ab \left\{ c - \frac{c^3}{3c^2} - (c-h) + \frac{(c-h)^3}{3c^2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\pi ab h^2}{3c^2} (3c - h)$$

volume of an ellipsoid

$$V(z) = \int_{-c}^c S(z) dz = \int_{-c}^c \pi ab \left( 1 - \frac{z^2}{c^2} \right) dz$$

$$= \frac{4\pi abc}{3}$$