

We consider a band based on an ellipse $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$ with height $|\cos \theta|$. Calculate the area.

The integral is given by (Using $z = \sqrt{|b^2 - a^2|}/bu$)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} |\cos(\theta)| \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2(\theta) + b^2 \cos^2(\theta)} d\theta &= 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(\theta) \sqrt{b^2 + (a^2 - b^2) \sin^2(\theta)} d\theta \\ &= 4 \int_0^1 \sqrt{b^2 + (a^2 - b^2)u^2} du \\ &= 4b \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2}{b^2}\right)u^2} du \\ &= \frac{4b^2}{\sqrt{|a^2 - b^2|}} \int_0^{\frac{\sqrt{|a^2 - b^2|}}{b}} \sqrt{1 \pm z^2} dz . \end{aligned}$$

Here we have $+z$ if $a^2 \geq b^2$ and $-z$ else.

Let us discuss $\int \sqrt{1 + z^2} dz$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{1 + z^2} dz &= \int \sqrt{1 + z^2} 1 dz \\ &= z\sqrt{1 + z^2} - \int \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{1 + z^2}} dz \\ &= z\sqrt{1 + z^2} - \int \frac{1 + z^2}{\sqrt{1 + z^2}} dz + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + z^2}} dz \\ &= z\sqrt{1 + z^2} - \int \sqrt{1 + z^2} dz + \sinh^{-1}(z) . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\int \sqrt{1 + z^2} dz = \frac{z\sqrt{1 + z^2} + \sinh^{-1}(z)}{2} .$$

Let us discuss $\int \sqrt{1 - z^2} dz$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{1 - z^2} dz &= \int \sqrt{1 - z^2} 1 dz \\ &= z\sqrt{1 - z^2} + \int \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}} dz \\ &= z\sqrt{1 - z^2} - \int \frac{1 - z^2}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}} dz + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}} dz \\ &= z\sqrt{1 - z^2} - \int \sqrt{1 - z^2} dz + \sin^{-1}(z) . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\int \sqrt{1 - z^2} dz = \frac{z\sqrt{1 - z^2} + \sin^{-1}(z)}{2} .$$