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2.2.42 From Torricelli's law, water in an open tank will flow out through a hole in the bottom at a speed equal to that it would acquire in a free-fall from the level of the water to the hole. A parabolic bowl has the shape of  $y = x^2$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , (units are feet) revolved around the  $y$ -axis. This bowl is initially full of water and at  $t = 0$ , a hole of radius  $a$  is punched at the bottom. How long will it take for the bowl to drain? HINT: An object dropped from height  $h$  will hit the ground at a speed of  $v = \sqrt{2gh}$ , where  $g$  is the gravitational constant. This formula is derived from equating the kinetic energy on impact  $(1/2)mv^2$ , with the work required to raise the object  $mgh$ .

Starting volume of rotated parabola:

$$y = x^2, |x| < 1$$

$$\int_0^1 \pi x^2 dy = \int_0^1 \pi y dy = \pi \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Volume decreases as water runs out the hole of radius  $a$  at the bottom:

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -\pi a^2 v = -\pi a^2 \sqrt{2gh}$$

Volume at any time:

$$V = \frac{\pi h^2}{2}, h = \sqrt{\frac{2V}{\pi}}, \frac{dV}{dt} = -\pi a^2 \sqrt{2gh} = -\pi a^2 \sqrt{2g \sqrt{\frac{2V}{\pi}}}$$

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 V^{-1/4} dV = \int_0^t -a^2 (2\pi)^{3/4} \sqrt{g} dt$$

$$0 - \frac{4}{3} V^{3/4} \Big|_{V=\frac{\pi}{2}} = -a^2 (2\pi)^{3/4} \sqrt{g} \cdot t$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3a^2 \sqrt{g}}$$