



Problem:

Find the value of the definite integral:

$$\int_0^{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{15 - 3x^2} dx.$$

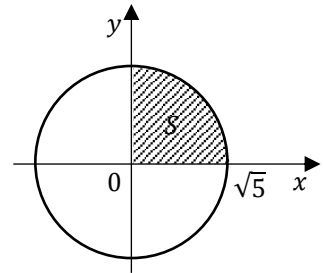
Solution:

This integral is equal to the area of the figure bounded by the straight lines $x = 0, x = \sqrt{5}, y = 0$ and the curve $y = \sqrt{15 - 3x^2}$.

$$y^2 = 15 - 3x^2, \quad \frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{y^2}{15} = 1,$$

this is an ellipse with semi-axes $a = \sqrt{5}, b = \sqrt{15}$, the area of the ellipse is πab

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{15 - 3x^2} dx = S = \frac{\pi ab}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{15}\pi}{4} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4}\pi.$$



$$\text{Answer: } \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4}\pi.$$