Quiz - 5

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Problem: Evaluate the area of the surface obtained by rotating the graph of the function

$$f(x) = 2\sqrt{x}$$

for $x \in [3, 8]$ about the x-axis. (Show your work.) Solution: The formula for the surface area in this case is

$$\int_{3}^{8} 2\pi f(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx.$$

We compute that $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$, and hence

$$\begin{split} \int_{3}^{8} 2\pi f(x)\sqrt{1+[f'(x)]^{2}}dx &= \int_{3}^{8} 2\pi 2\sqrt{x} \left(\sqrt{1+[\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}]^{2}}\right)dx \\ &= \int_{3}^{8} 4\pi \left(\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x}}\right)dx \\ &= \int_{3}^{8} 4\pi \left(\sqrt{x(1+\frac{1}{x})}\right)dx \\ &= \int_{3}^{8} 4\pi \left(\sqrt{x+1}\right)dx \\ &= 4\pi \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{x+1})^{3}|_{3}^{8} \\ &= 4\pi \frac{2}{3}(9^{3/2}-4^{3/2}) \\ &= 4\pi \frac{2}{3}(27-8) \\ &= \frac{152\pi}{3}. \end{split}$$