

Figure 1 shows the central cross-section *AOBCD* of a circular bird bath, which is made of concrete. Measurements of the height and diameter of the bird bath, and the depth of the bowl of the bird bath have been taken in order to estimate the amount of concrete that was required to make this bird bath.

Using these measurements, the cross-sectional curve CD, shown in Figure 2, is modelled as a curve with equation

$$y = 1 + kx^2 \qquad -0.2 \leqslant x \leqslant 0.2$$

where k is a constant and where O is the fixed origin.

The height of the bird bath measured $1.16\,\mathrm{m}$ and the diameter, AB, of the base of the bird bath measured $0.40\,\mathrm{m}$, as shown in Figure 1.

(a) Suggest the maximum depth of the bird bath.

(1)

(b) Find the value of k.

(2)

(c) Hence find the volume of concrete that was required to make the bird bath according to this model. Give your answer, in m³, correct to 3 significant figures.

(7)

(d) State a limitation of the model.

(1)

It was later discovered that the volume of concrete used to make the bird bath was 0.127 m³ correct to 3 significant figures.

(e) Using this information and the answer to part (c), evaluate the model, explaining your reasoning.