

Figure 1

Figure 2

A mathematics student is modelling the profile of a glass bottle of water. Figure 1 shows a sketch of a central vertical cross-section *ABCDEFGHA* of the bottle with the measurements taken by the student.

The horizontal cross-section between CF and DE is a circle of diameter 8 cm and the horizontal cross-section between BG and AH is a circle of diameter 2 cm.

The student thinks that the curve GF could be modelled as a curve with equation

$$y = ax^2 + b \qquad 1 \le x \le 4$$

where a and b are constants and O is the fixed origin, as shown in Figure 2.

(a) Find the value of a and the value of b according to the model.

(2)

(b) Use the model to find the volume of water that the bottle can contain.

(7)

(1)

(1)

(c) State a limitation of the model.

The label on the bottle states that the bottle holds approximately 750 cm³ of water.

(d) Use this information and your answer to part (b) to evaluate the model, explaining your reasoning.

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