

Using the substitution $x = \frac{1}{t^2-1}$, for $t > 1$,

For $x > 0$,

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(x+1)}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{t^2-1}\right) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2-1}\right)} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

$$= -2 \int \frac{\sqrt{(t^2-1)^2}}{t^2-1+1} \cdot \frac{t}{(t^2-1)^2} dt$$

$$= -2 \int \sqrt{\frac{(t^2-1)^2}{t^2}} \cdot \frac{t}{(t^2-1)^2} dt$$

$$= -2 \int \frac{t^2-1}{t} \cdot \frac{t}{(t^2-1)^2} dt$$

$$= -2 \int \frac{1}{t^2-1} dt$$

$$= -\ln \left| \frac{t-1}{t+1} \right| + C \quad C = \text{const.}$$

(Note that this is a valid substitution because we can obtain any value of $x > 0$ using some $t > 1$).

This sort of thing is worth checking (even more so if they haven't given you the substitution)
 $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{-2t}{(t^2-1)^2}$

Yuck! Careful with the algebra...

Now $(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1})^2 = x + 2\sqrt{x(x+1)} + x+1$

$$= \frac{2}{t^2-1} + 1 + 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{t^2-1} \left(\frac{1}{t^2-1} + 1\right)}$$

$$= \frac{t^2+1}{t^2-1} + 2\sqrt{\frac{t^2}{(t^2-1)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{t^2+2t+1}{t^2-1}$$

$$= \frac{(t+1)^2}{(t-1)(t+1)}$$

$$= \frac{t+1}{t-1}$$

$$\text{so } -\ln \left[(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1})^2 \right] = \ln \left(\frac{t+1}{t-1} \right)$$

$$\text{so } \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(x+1)}} dx = \ln \left[(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1})^2 \right] + C$$

$$= 2 \ln (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1}) + C$$

Now want to find volume of revolution V of curve $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}}$ about x -axis between $x = \frac{1}{8}$ and $x = \frac{9}{16}$.

$$V = \pi \int_{1/8}^{9/16} y^2 dx$$

$$= \pi \int_{1/8}^{9/16} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{x(x+1)}} + \frac{1}{x+1} dx.$$

$$= \pi \left[\ln x - 4 \ln(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1}) + \ln(x+1) \right]_{1/8}^{9/16}.$$

$$= \pi \left[(\ln 9/16 - 4 \ln 2 + \ln 25/16) - (\ln 1/8 - 4 \ln(\sqrt{2}) - \ln(9/8)) \right]$$

You can do some of the calculations on scrap paper.

$$= \pi \left[\ln 9/16 + \ln 25/16 - \ln 16 - \ln 1/8 + \ln 4 - \ln 9/8 \right]$$

(I didn't do this all in my head!).

$$= \pi \ln \left[\frac{9/16 \cdot 25/16 \cdot 4}{16 \cdot 1/8 \cdot 9/8} \right]$$

$$= \pi \ln \left[\frac{\cancel{9} \cdot 25 \cdot 4 \cdot \cancel{8} \cdot \cancel{8}}{16 \cdot 16 \cdot 16 \cdot \cancel{9}} \right]$$

$$= \pi \ln \left(\frac{25}{16} \right)$$

$$= \pi \ln \left[\left(\frac{5}{4} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= 2\pi \ln \left(\frac{5}{4} \right).$$