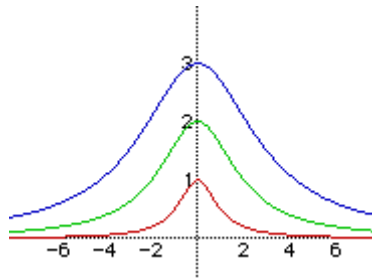


# The Witch of Agnesi

The witch of Agnesi is a curve given by the equation  $yx^2=a^2(a-y)$ , where  $a$  is the diameter of the circle. The graph below illustrates the witch with different values of  $a$ .



A step-by-step description to the witch is as follows:

- 1.) There is a circle with a radius= $a$  with center  $(0,a)$ .
- 2.) There is a horizontal line  $\mathbf{l}$  passing through  $(0,2a)$ .
- 3.) Draw a line through the origin to any point  $\mathbf{B}$  on the circle. Let the intersection of this secant line and line  $\mathbf{l}$  be  $\mathbf{P}$ .
- 4.) The Witch of Agnesi is the locus of intersections of a horizontal line passing through  $\mathbf{B}$  and a vertical line passing through  $\mathbf{P}$ .