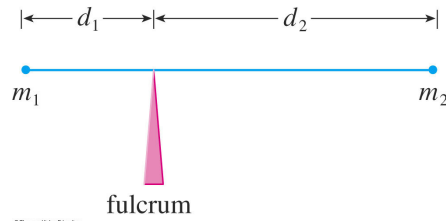
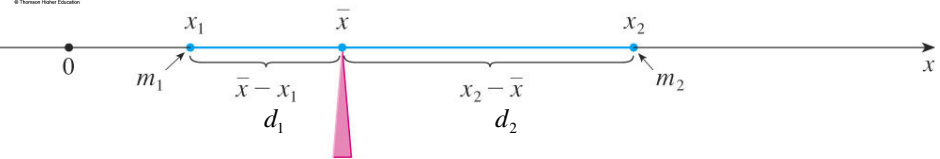


# 6.6 Center of Mass 1-d



**Archimedes' Law of the Lever**  
the rod will balance if

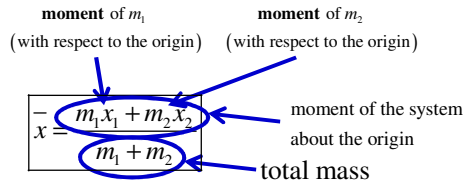
$$m_1 d_1 = m_2 d_2$$


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$$m_1(\bar{x} - x_1) = m_2(x_2 - \bar{x})$$

$$m_1\bar{x} - m_1x_1 = m_2x_2 - m_2\bar{x}$$

$$\bar{x}(m_1 + m_2) = m_1x_1 + m_2x_2$$

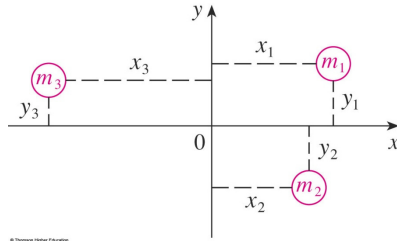


$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{\text{total mass}}$$

$$\underbrace{\bar{x} \cdot (\text{total mass})}_{\text{moment for the total mass}} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}_{\text{moment for the system}}$$

If the total mass was concentrated at  $\bar{x}$ , then its moment would be the same as the moment for the system.

## 6.6 Center of Mass 2-d



$M_y$  = moment of the system about the  $y$ -axis  
measures the tendency of the system  
to rotate about the  $y$ -axis

$$M_y = m_1x_1 + m_2x_2 + m_3x_3$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{m_1x_1 + m_2x_2 + m_3x_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{\text{total mass}}$$

$$M_y = \bar{x}(\text{total mass})$$

$$M_x = \bar{y}(\text{total mass})$$

$M_x$  = moment of the system about the  $x$ -axis  
measures the tendency of the system  
to rotate about the  $x$ -axis

$$M_x = m_1y_1 + m_2y_2 + m_3y_3$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{m_1y_1 + m_2y_2 + m_3y_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

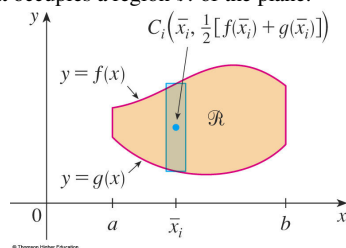
$$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{\text{total mass}}$$

The center of mass is the point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  where a  
single particle with the same mass as the total mass  
would have the same moments as the system

## 6.6 Center of Mass 3-d

Consider a flat plate (called a lamina) with uniform density  $\rho$   
that occupies a region  $\mathcal{R}$  of the plane.

The center of mass of the plate  
is called the **centroid** of  $\mathcal{R}$ .



$$\text{length} = f(x) - g(x)$$

$$\text{width} = dx$$

$$\text{area} = (\text{length})(\text{width})$$

$$\text{area} = [f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

$$\text{area} = dA$$

$\bar{x}_i$  = average  $x$  on the interval

$$\bar{x}_i = \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}$$

$\bar{y}_i$  = average  $y$  on the interval

$$\bar{y}_i = \frac{f(\bar{x}_i) + g(\bar{x}_i)}{2}$$

$$\text{density} = \rho \text{ (a constant)}$$

$$\text{mass} = (\text{density})(\text{area})$$

$$\text{mass} = \rho[f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

$$\text{mass} = dm$$

## 6.6 Center of Mass 3-d

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{length} = f(x) - g(x) & \text{area} = [f(x) - g(x)] dx & \text{mass} = \rho [f(x) - g(x)] dx \\ \text{width} = dx & \text{area} = dA & \text{mass} = dm \end{array}$$

Moment about the y-axis

$$M_y = m_1 \bar{x}_1 + m_2 \bar{x}_2 + \cdots + m_n \bar{x}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \bar{x}_i$$

$$\text{let } n \rightarrow \infty \quad M_y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}_i dm = \int x dm \Rightarrow M_y = \int x \rho [f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

Moment about the x-axis

$$M_x = m_1 \bar{y}_1 + m_2 \bar{y}_2 + \cdots + m_n \bar{y}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \bar{y}_i$$

$$\text{let } n \rightarrow \infty \quad M_x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{y}_i dm = \int y dm = \int \frac{1}{2} [f(x) + g(x)] \rho [f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

$$\Rightarrow M_x = \int \frac{1}{2} \rho [f(x)^2 - g(x)^2] dx$$

Total mass

$$M = m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \cdots = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i = \int dm \Rightarrow M = \int \rho [f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

$$\text{let } n \rightarrow \infty$$

### General Formulas

Thin plate : region between  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  with  $f(x) \geq g(x)$

Constant density function  $\rho(x) = \rho$

**Moment about the y-axis**

$$M_y = \rho \int_a^b x \cdot (f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

**Moment about the x-axis**

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b ([f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2) dx$$

**Mass**

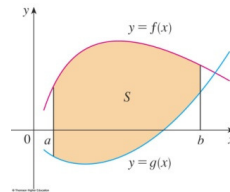
$$M = \rho \cdot \int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M}$$

**Center of Mass**

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M}$$

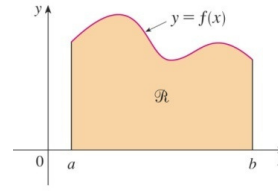


**General Formulas**

Thin plate : region under the graph of  $y = f(x)$  and above the  $x$ -axis

Constant density function  $\rho(x) = \rho$

Set  $g(x) = 0$  in the previous formulas.



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**Moment about the  $x$ -axis**

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx$$

**Moment about the  $y$ -axis**

$$M_y = \rho \int_a^b x f(x) dx$$

**Mass**

$$M = \rho \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M}$$

**Center of Mass**

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M}$$

Thin plate : region between  $y = x - x^2$  and  $y = -x$

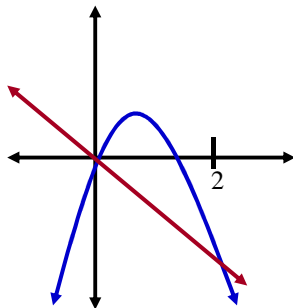
Constant density function  $\rho(x) = \rho$

Limits of integration:  $x - x^2 = -x$

$$2x - x^2 = 0$$

$$x(2 - x) = 0$$

$$x = 0, x = 2$$



Calculate the three integrals:

$$M_y = \rho \int_a^b x \cdot (f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b ([f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2) dx$$

$$M = \rho \int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

and plug into the formulas.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M}$$

$$M_y = \rho \int_a^b x \cdot (f(x) - g(x)) dx = \rho \int_0^2 x [(x - x^2) - (-x)] dx$$

$$= \rho \int_0^2 x \cdot (2x - x^2) dx = \rho \int_0^2 (2x^2 - x^3) dx = \rho \left( \frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right)_0^2$$

$$= \rho \left( \frac{16}{3} - \frac{16}{4} \right) = \rho \left( \frac{16}{3} - 4 \right) = \frac{16-12}{3} \rho = \boxed{\frac{4\rho}{3}}$$

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b ([f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2) dx = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_0^2 [(x - x^2)^2 - (-x)^2] dx$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \int_0^2 [(\cancel{x} - 2x^3 + x^4) - \cancel{x}] dx = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_0^2 (-2x^3 + x^4) dx = \frac{\rho}{2} \left( \frac{-x^4}{2} + \frac{x^5}{5} \right)_0^2 = \frac{\rho}{2} \left( -8 + \frac{32}{5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \left( \frac{-40+32}{5} \right) = \frac{\rho}{2} \left( \frac{-8}{5} \right) = \frac{\rho}{2} \left( \frac{-8}{5} \right) = \boxed{\frac{-4\rho}{5}}$$

$$M = \rho \int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) dx = \rho \int_0^2 (2x - x^2) dx = \rho \left( x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} \right)_0^2 = \rho \left( 4 - \frac{8}{3} \right) = \frac{12-8}{3} \rho = \boxed{\frac{4\rho}{3}}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M}$$

$$M_y = \frac{4\rho}{3}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\frac{4\rho}{3}}{\frac{4\rho}{3}}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\frac{-4\rho}{5}}{\frac{4\rho}{3}} = \frac{-4\rho}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4\rho}$$

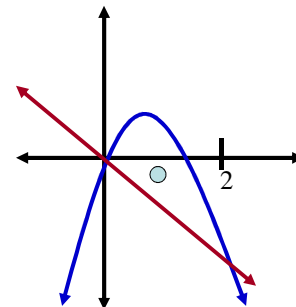
$$M_x = \frac{-4\rho}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{y} = \frac{-3}{5}$$

$$M = \frac{4\rho}{3}$$

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \left( 1, \frac{-3}{5} \right)$$



13. The region between the curve  $y = 1/\sqrt{x}$  and the  $x$ -axis from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 16$

$$M_y = \rho \int_a^b x \cdot f(x) dx = \rho \int_1^{16} x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \rho \int_1^{16} \sqrt{x} dx = \rho \int_1^{16} x^{1/2} dx$$

$$= \frac{2\rho}{3} [x^{3/2}]_1^{16} = \frac{2\rho}{3} [16^{3/2} - 1^{3/2}] = \frac{2\rho}{3} [(4^{\cancel{3}})^{3/2} - 1] = \frac{2\rho}{3} [64 - 1] = 42\rho$$

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_1^{16} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)^2 dx = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_1^{16} \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{\rho}{2} [\ln x]_1^{16} = \frac{\rho}{2} (\ln 16 - \ln 1) = \frac{\rho}{2} \ln 16$$

$$M = \rho \int_a^b f(x) dx = \rho \int_1^{16} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \rho \int_1^{16} x^{-1/2} dx = 2\rho [x^{1/2}]_1^{16} = 2\rho [\sqrt{16} - \sqrt{1}] = 2\rho [4 - 1] = 6\rho$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{42\rho}{6\rho}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\rho \ln 16}{6\rho}$$

$\bar{x} = 7$
$\bar{y} = \frac{\ln 16}{12}$