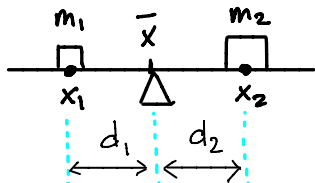


SECTION 2.6: MOMENTS AND CENTERS OF MASS

1. Intro to Moments and Center of Mass in One Dimension with Point Masses

Principle:  
To achieve balance



we need  $|\bar{x} - x_1| \cdot m_1 = |\bar{x} - x_2| \cdot m_2$

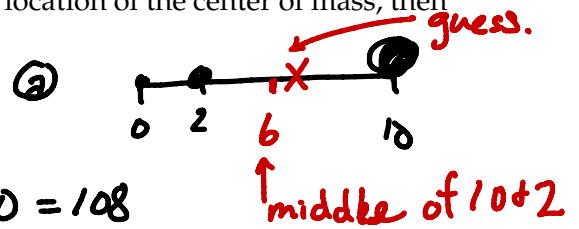
Solve for  $\bar{x}$  to get

$$\bar{x} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

moment / total mass

2. For the masses and locations below, (a) make a guess about the location of the center of mass, then (b) use the work from #1 above to find it precisely.

$m_1 = 2$  at  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $m_2 = 4$  at  $x_2 = 2$ , and  $m_3 = 10$  at  $x_3 = 10$ .

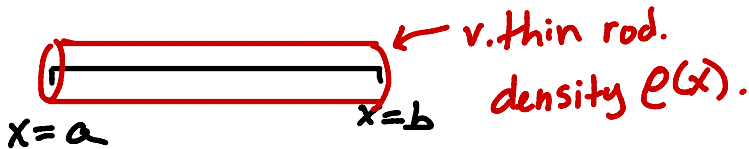


(b) moment =  $M = \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i x_i = 2 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 2 + 10 \cdot 10 = 108$

mass =  $m = \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i = 2 + 4 + 10 = 16$

$\bar{x} = \frac{M}{m} = \frac{108}{16} = 6.75$

3. Intro to Moments and Center of Mass in One Dimension with Continuous Density



§2.5:  $m = \int_a^b \rho(x) dx$

$\bar{x} = \frac{M}{m} = \frac{\int_a^b x \rho(x) dx}{\int_a^b \rho(x) dx}$

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

4. Compute the center of mass for a thin rod with density  $\rho(x) = 12x^2$  kg/m assuming one end of the rod is at  $x = 0$  m and the other is at  $x = 2$  m.

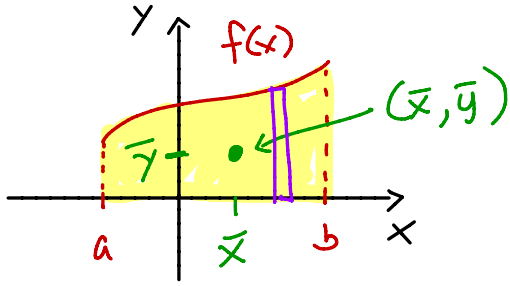
Guess  $\bar{x}$  way closer to  $x=2$  than  $x=0$ .

$m = \int_0^2 12x^2 dx = 4x^3 \Big|_0^2 = 32$

$\bar{x} = \frac{48}{32} = 1.5$

$M = \int_0^2 x (12x^2) dx = \int_0^2 12x^3 dx$   
 $= 3x^4 \Big|_0^2 = 48$

5. Intro to Moments and Center of Mass in Two Dimensions



density  $\rho$ , units  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$

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

$$\text{mass} = m = \int_a^b \underbrace{\rho}_{\text{mass/area}} \cdot \underbrace{f(x) dx}_{\text{area}}$$

$$\text{moment about } y = M_y = \int_a^b \underbrace{x}_{\text{location}} \cdot \underbrace{\rho f(x) dx}_{\text{mass}} = \rho \int_a^b x f(x) dx$$

$$\text{moment about } x = M_x = \int_a^b \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} f(x)}_{\text{location}} \cdot \underbrace{\rho f(x) dx}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b (f(x))^2 dx$$

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \left( \frac{M_y}{m}, \frac{M_x}{m} \right)$$

6. Find the Center of Mass for the 2-dimensional regions below. Do you believe your answers?

(a) The region bounded by  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ , and  $x = 5$ . Assume  $\rho = 2$ . important?

$$m = \int_1^5 2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot dx = 2 \ln(x) \Big|_1^5 = 2 \ln(5)$$

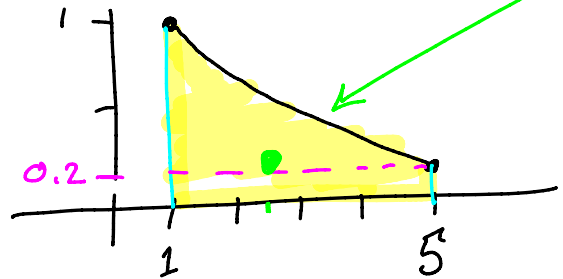
$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \left( \frac{8}{2 \ln(5)}, \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

$$M_y = 2 \int_1^5 x \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) dx = 2 \int_1^5 dx = 8$$

$$\approx (2.48, 0.249)$$

$$M_x = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int_1^5 \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 dx = \int_1^5 x^{-2} dx$$

$$-x^{-1} \Big|_1^5 = -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{1} = \frac{4}{5}$$



(b) The region bounded by:

7. Center of Mass in Two Dimensions Again

e-density

$$\text{mass} = m = \int_a^b e [f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

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

$$M_x = \int_a^b \left( \frac{f(x) + g(x)}{2} \right) \underbrace{(f(x) - g(x)) e dx}_{\text{mass}} = e \int_a^b (f(x)^2 - g(x)^2) dx$$

location on y-axis

8. Find the center of mass for the region bounded by  $y = 5 - x^2$ ,  $y = 1$ . Assume  $\rho$  is constant. Sketch the region and see if your answer seems plausible.

$\leftarrow \bar{x} = 0$  should be!  $\rightarrow$  check 2

So  $M_y = 0!$

$$M_y = \rho \int_{-2}^2 x(5 - x^2 - 1) dx$$

$$= \rho \int_{-2}^2 (4x - x^3) dx = 0$$

an odd fcn. So

$$m = \int_{-2}^2 \rho (5 - x^2 - 1) dx = \rho \int_{-2}^2 (4 - x^2) dx$$

$$= 2\rho \int_0^2 (4 - x^2) dx = 2\rho \left( 4x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right) \Big|_0^2 = 2\rho \left( 8 - \frac{8}{3} \right) = \frac{32\rho}{3}$$

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_{-2}^2 ((5 - x^2)^2 - (1)^2) dx = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_{-2}^2 (24 - 10x^2 + x^4) dx$$

$$= \rho \int_0^2 (24 - 10x^2 + x^4) dx$$

$$= e \int_0^2 (24 - 10x^2 + x^4) dx$$

$$= e \left( 24x - \frac{10}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 \right) \Big|_0^2$$

$$= e \left( 48 - \frac{80}{3} + \frac{32}{5} \right) = e \frac{720 - 400 + 96}{15} = e \frac{416}{15}$$

$$\text{So } (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \left( 0, \frac{\frac{416e}{15}}{\frac{32e}{3}} \right) = \left( 0, \frac{416}{15} \cdot \frac{3}{32} \right)$$

$$= \left( 0, \frac{13}{5} \right) = (0, 2.6)$$