

Closing Wed: HW_8A,8B (8.1)

Closing *next* Wed: HW_9A,9B (8.3,9.1)

No lecture this Wednesday!

Chapter 8: More Applications.

8.1 Arc Length (we already discussed)

8.3 Center of Mass

For your own interest read (not on test):

8.2: Surface area

8.3: Hydrostatic (water) pressure & force

8.4: Economics and biology apps

8.5: Probability apps (bell curve)

8.3 Center of Mass

Goal: Given a thin plate (a *lamina*) where the mass is uniformly distributed, we find the center of mass (*centroid*).

If $y = f(x) = \text{“top”}$, $y = g(x) = \text{“bottom”}$, then the center of mass (centroid) is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{\text{Area}} \int_a^b x(f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{\text{Area}} \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [(f(x))^2 - (g(x))^2] dx$$

Example: Find the centroid of the region bounded by $y = x^2$ and $y = 4$.

Derivation (don't need to write)

If you are given **n points**

$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ with masses
 m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n

then

$$M = \text{total mass} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$$

$$M_y = \text{moment about } y \text{ axis} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i$$

$$M_x = \text{moment about } x \text{ axis} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + \dots + m_n x_n}{m_1 + \dots + m_n} = \frac{M_y}{M}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + \dots + m_n y_n}{m_1 + \dots + m_n} = \frac{M_x}{M}$$

Derivation: (don't need to write this)

Consider a thin plate with uniform density

$$\rho = \text{mass/area} = \text{a constant}$$

1. Break into n sub-rectangles (midpoint)

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad x_i = a + i\Delta x$$

2. The center of mass of each rectangle

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

Note: $\bar{y}_i = \frac{1}{2}f(\bar{x}_i)$.

3. Mass of each rectangle:

$$m_i = \rho(\text{Area}) = \rho f(x_i)\Delta x.$$

4. Now use the formula for n points.
Take the limit.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\rho f(x_i)\Delta x) x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\rho f(x_i)\Delta x)} = \frac{\rho \int_a^b x f(x) dx}{\rho \int_a^b f(x) dx}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\rho f(x_i)\Delta x) (\frac{1}{2} f(x_i))}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\rho f(x_i)\Delta x)} = \frac{\rho \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} (f(x))^2 dx}{\rho \int_a^b f(x) dx}$$

Visual Example of Derivation:

$$f(x) = (x-3)^3 + 5 \text{ from } x = 2 \text{ to } 5.$$

$$\rho = 7 \text{ kg/m}^2 = \text{constant density}$$

$$\text{If } n = 3, \text{ then } \Delta x = \frac{5-2}{3} = 1.$$

$$\text{Midpoints } \bar{x}_1 = 2.5, \bar{y}_1 = \frac{1}{2}f(2.5)$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = 3.5, \bar{y}_2 = \frac{1}{2}f(3.5)$$

$$\bar{x}_3 = 4.5, \bar{y}_3 = \frac{1}{2}f(4.5)$$

Mass of each rectangle:

$$m_1 = 7f(2.5)\Delta x$$

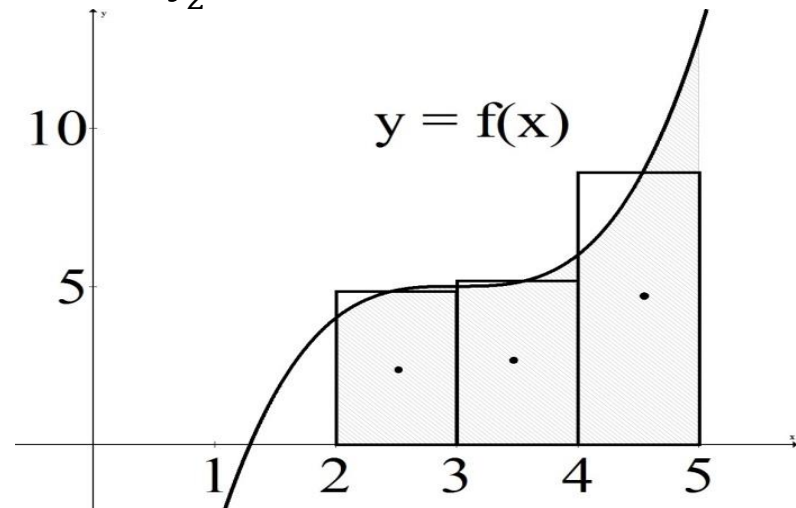
$$m_2 = 7f(3.5)\Delta x$$

$$m_3 = 7f(4.5)\Delta x$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M} = \frac{m_1x_1 + \cdots + m_nx_n}{m_1 + \cdots + m_n}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M} = \frac{m_1y_1 + \cdots + m_ny_n}{m_1 + \cdots + m_n}$$

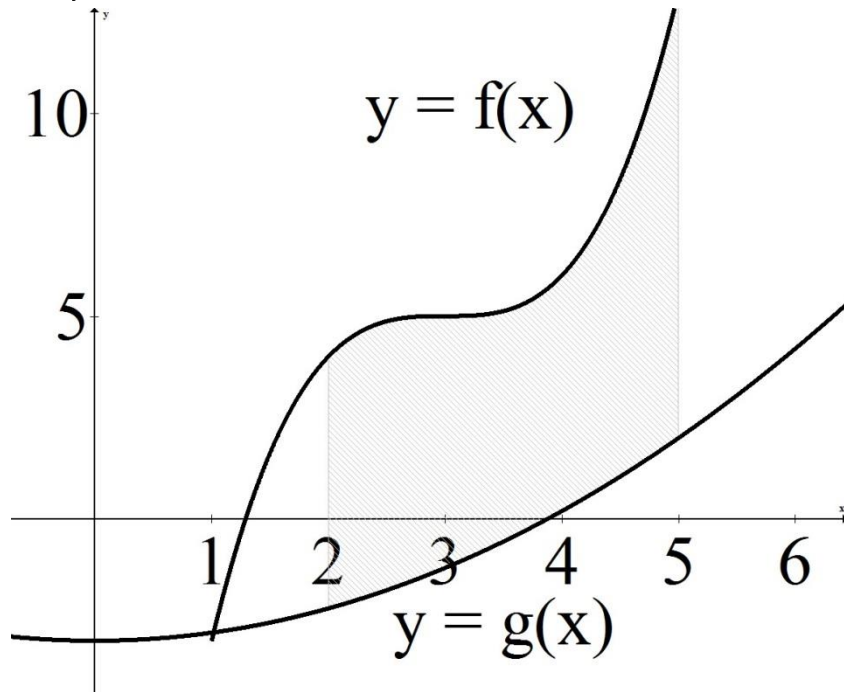
$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_2^5 x((x-3)^3 + 5) dx}{\int_2^5 ((x-3)^3 + 5) dx}$$
$$\bar{y} = \frac{\int_2^5 \frac{1}{2}((x-3)^3 + 5)^2 dx}{\int_2^5 ((x-3)^3 + 5) dx}$$



Example:

Find the center of mass (centroid) of a thin plate with uniform density $\rho = 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$ that looks like the region bounded by $y = 1 - x^2$ and the x-axis.

If the region is bounded between two curves,



what changes in derivation?

$$\bar{x} = \frac{p \int_a^b x(f(x) - g(x))dx}{p \text{ Area}}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{p \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [(f(x))^2 - (g(x))^2] dx}{p \text{ Area}}$$

Example:

Find the center of mass (centroid) of a thin plate with uniform density $\rho = 3 \text{ kg/m}^2$ that looks like the region bounded by $y = x$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$.

What if we want to do everything in terms of y instead of x , then swap “ x ” and “ y ” ***everywhere*** in these formulas.

$f(y)$ = right bound, $g(y)$ = left bound, then the center of mass is given by

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\rho \int_a^b y(f(y) - g(y)) dy}{\rho \text{ Area}}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\rho \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [(f(y))^2 - (g(y))^2] dy}{\rho \text{ Area}}$$

Example:

Find the center of mass (centroid) of a thin plate with uniform density $\rho = 3 \text{ kg/m}^2$ that looks like the region bounded by $y = x$ and $y^2 = x$.

(same problem from previous page, but now do it in terms of y .)

Just for your own interest:

Theorem of Pappus

The volume of a solid of revolution is equal to the product of the area of the region, A , and the distance traveled by the center of mass of the region around the axis of rotation, d . (Note: $d = 2\pi\bar{x}$)

Thus, $\text{Volume} = (\text{Area})2\pi\bar{x}$

Quick Application:

Find the volume of the torus.

Proof

Using the shell method, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Volume} &= \int_a^b 2\pi x(f(x) - g(x))dx \\ &= 2\pi \int_a^b x(f(x) - g(x))dx\end{aligned}$$

From today:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_a^b x(f(x) - g(x))dx}{\text{Area}}, \quad \text{so}$$

$$2\pi \int_a^b x(f(x) - g(x))dx = 2\pi\bar{x}(\text{Area}).$$
