

Closing Wed: HW_8A, 8B (8.3, 9.1)
Midterm 2 will be returned Tuesday.

Side notes:

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*).

Here is the final answer that we will explain today: If the thin plate can be described as a region with

$f(x)$ = top bound, $g(x)$ = bottom bound, then the center of mass is given by

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

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

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

3. Mass of each rectangle:

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

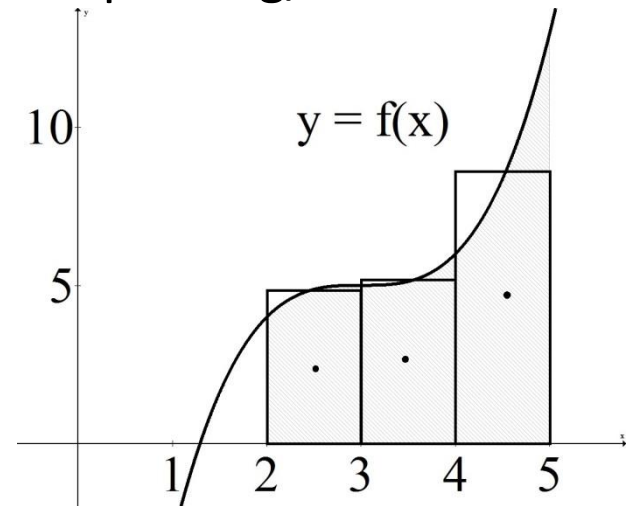
4. Now use the formula for n points.

Take the limit.

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

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

Example: $f(x) = (x-3)^3 + 5$ from $x = 2$ to 5 .
 $\rho = 7 \text{ kg/m}^2 = \text{constant density}$



If $n = 3$, then for the first rectangle:

$$\Delta x = \frac{5-2}{3} = 1, \quad \bar{x}_1 = 2.5, \quad \bar{y}_1 = \frac{1}{2} f(2.5)$$

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

$$\frac{7 \int_2^5 x f(x) dx}{7 \int_2^5 f(x) dx} = \frac{\int_2^5 x ((x-3)^3 + 5) dx}{\int_2^5 (x-3)^3 + 5 dx}$$

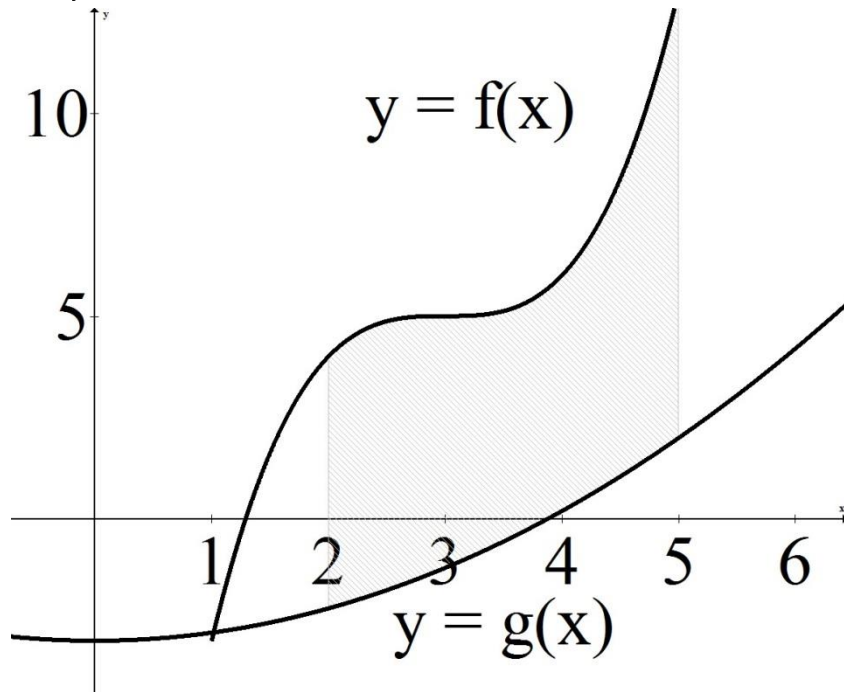
$$\frac{7 \int_2^5 \frac{1}{2} (f(x))^2 dx}{7 \int_2^5 f(x) dx} = \frac{\int_2^5 \frac{1}{2} ((x-3)^3 + 5)^2 dx}{\int_2^5 (x-3)^3 + 5 dx}$$

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 $y = 4 - x^2$ and the x-axis.

If the region is bounded between two curves,



what changes in derivation

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

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

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 $y = \sqrt{x}$.

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

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:

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

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

Application:

Find the volume of the torus.

