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Motivation “the see-saw”

## 15.5 Center of Mass

**New App:** Given a thin uniformly distributed plate (a *lamina*) with density at each point  $\rho(x, y)$  can we find the center of mass (*centroid*).

$$\rho(x, y) = \text{mass/area (kg/m}^2\text{)}$$

We will see that

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\text{Moment about } y}{\text{Total Mass}} = \frac{\iint_R x \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_R \rho(x, y) dA}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\text{Moment about } x}{\text{Total Mass}} = \frac{\iint_R y \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_R \rho(x, y) dA}$$

## In general:

If you are given  $n$  points

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

then

$$\bar{x} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + \dots + m_n x_n}{m_1 + \dots + m_n} = \frac{M_y}{M}$$
$$\bar{y} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + \dots + m_n y_n}{m_1 + \dots + m_n} = \frac{M_x}{M}$$

## Derivation:

1. Break region into  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns.
2. Find center of mass of each rectangle:

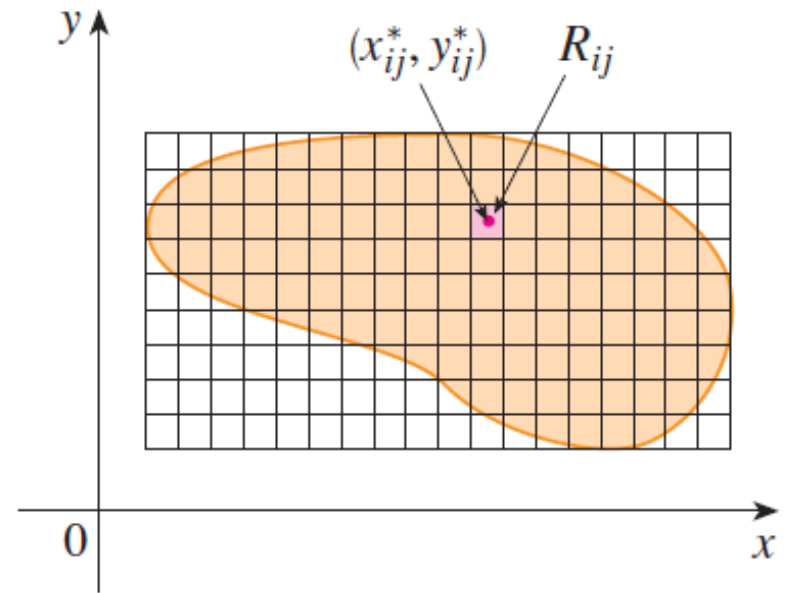
$$(\bar{x}_{ij}, \bar{y}_{ij})$$

3. Estimate the mass of each rectangle:

$$m_{ij} = p(\bar{x}_{ij}, \bar{y}_{ij})\Delta A$$

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

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij} x_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij}}$$
$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{x}_{ij} p(\bar{x}_{ij}, \bar{y}_{ij})\Delta A}{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n p(\bar{x}_{ij}, \bar{y}_{ij})\Delta A}$$



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*Example:*

Consider a 1 by 1 m square metal plate.

The density is given by  $p(x,y) = kx$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> for some constant  $k$ .

Find the center of mass.

*Side note:* The density  $p(x,y) = kx$  means that the density is proportional to  $x$  which can be thought of as the distance from the  $y$ -axis. In other words, the plate gets heavier at a constant rate from left-to-right.

## **Translations:**

*Density proportional to the dist. from...*

*...the y-axis* --  $p(x, y) = kx.$

*...the x-axis* --  $p(x, y) = ky.$

*...the origin* --  $p(x, y) = k\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$

*Density proportional to the square of the distance from the origin:*

$$p(x, y) = k(x^2 + y^2).$$

*Density inversely proportional to the distance from the origin:*

$$p(x, y) = \frac{k}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

*Example:* A thin plate is in the shape of the region bounded between the circles of radius 1 and 2 in the first quadrant. The density is proportional to the distance from the origin. Find the center of mass.

## Taylor Notes 1 (TN 1):

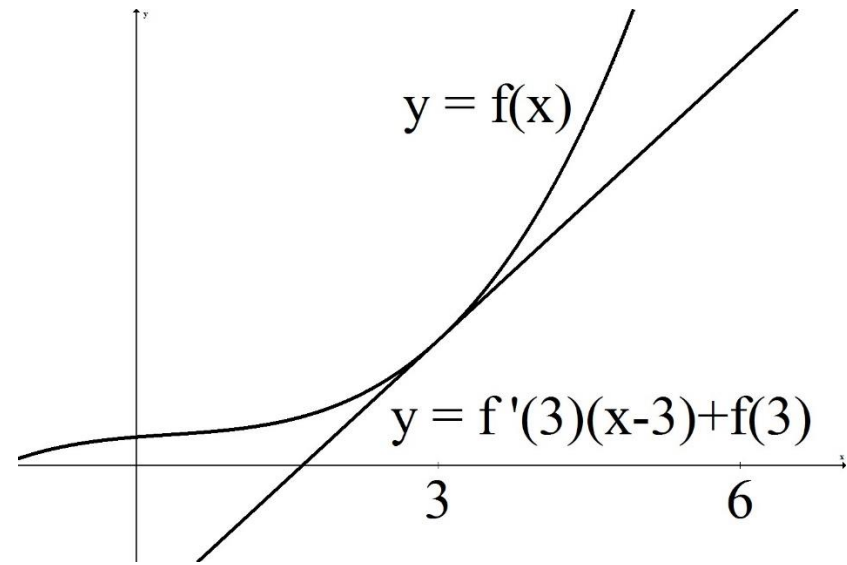
### Tangent Line Error Bounds

*Goal:* Approximate functions with tangent lines and get error bounds. And begin a process of better and better approximations.

*Def'n:*

We say the **first Taylor polynomial for  $f(x)$  based at  $b$**  (or the tangent line approximation) is

$$T_1(x) = f(b) + f'(b)(x - b)$$



Note: For  $x$  close to  $b$

$$f(x) \approx T_1(x)$$

The “error” between them would be

$$\text{Error} = |f(x) - T_1(x)|$$

*Warm up:* An upper **bound**,  $M$ , for a function is a number that is always bigger than that function.

*Examples:* Find an upper **bound** for the function on the given interval:

1.  $|\sin(5x)|$  on  $[0, 2\pi]$

2.  $|x-3|$  on  $[1, 5]$

3.  $\left| \frac{1}{(2-x)^3} \right|$  on  $[-1, 1]$

4.  $|\sin(x) + \cos(x)|$  on  $[0, 2\pi]$

5.  $\left| \cos(2x) + e^{-2x} + \frac{6}{x} \right|$  on  $[1, 4]$



## Tangent Linear Error Bound Thm

(1<sup>st</sup> case of Taylor's Inequality)

If  $|f''(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x$  on  $[a,b]$ ,

then

$$|f(x) - T_1(x)| \leq \frac{M}{2} |x - b|^2.$$

for all  $x$  on  $[a,b]$ .

Note:

$M$  = some upper bound on  $f''(x)$

$|x - b|$  = distance  $x$  is away from  $b$ .

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*Proof sketch for  $x > b$ :*

Start with  $f(x) - f(b) = \int_b^x f'(t) dt$ .

By parts with  $u = f'(t)$ ,  $dv = dt$  gives

$$f(x) - f(b) = f'(b)(x - b) - \int_b^x (t - x) f''(t) dt$$

so

$$f(x) - f(b) - f'(b)(x - b) = \int_b^x (x - t) f''(t) dt.$$

Thus,

$$|f(x) - T_1(x)| = \left| \int_b^x (x - t) f''(t) dt \right|$$

Then note

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_b^x (x - t) f''(t) dt \right| &\leq \int_b^x (x - t) |f''(t)| dt \\ &\leq M \int_b^x (x - t) dt \\ &= \frac{M}{2} (x - b)^2 \end{aligned}$$

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### To use the Tangent Line Error Bound:

1. Find  $f''(t)$ .
2. Find an upper bound for  $|f''(t)|$ .  
Call this  $M$ .
3. Use the theorem.
4. Plug in  $x =$  "an endpoint" to get a single number for the largest upper bound.

Two types of error bound questions in the current homework:

- A) Given interval, find error bound.
- B) Given error bound, find interval.

### Example:

Let  $f(x) = \ln(x)$ .

1. Find the 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor polynomial based at  $b=1$ .
2. Find a bound on the error over the interval  
$$J = [1/2, 3/2]$$
3. Find an interval around  $b = 1$  where the error is less than 0.01.