

Closing Today: 15.4

Closing Thu: 15.5

Midterm 2 is Tuesday, March 1

Quick list of topics:

13.3/4: Curvature, Arc Length, TNB-Frame,  
Normal Plane, Osculating Plane  
Position, Velocity, Acceleration  
Tangent and Normal Comp. of Accel.

14.1/3/4/7: Level Curves, Domain, Partials,  
Tangent Plane (Linear approx/Differential)  
Local max/min (2<sup>nd</sup> deriv. test)  
Global max/min

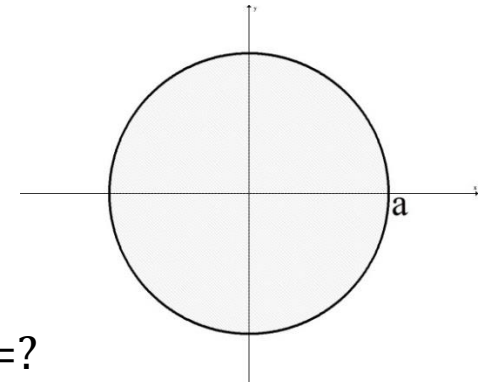
15.1-15.4: Definition of double integral,  
volume, area and average value apps,  
general regions (top/bot, left/right),  
reversing order, polar

*Entry Task:* Give the bounds for the region in polar coordinates and set up the two double integrals:

1. 'a' is a constant,

$$\iint_D 1 dA = ?$$

$$\iint_D \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2} dA = ?$$



## 15.5 Center of Mass

We have seen:

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \text{Volume under } f(x, y) \text{ over } R$$

$$\iint_R 1 dA = \text{Area of } R$$

$$\frac{1}{\text{Area}} \iint_R f(x, y) dA = \text{Average of } f(x, y) \text{ over } R$$

Today we will see one more application, which is a generalization of an application from Math 125.

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

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

Motivation:

**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

$$\bar{x} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + \dots + m_n x_n}{m_1 + \dots + m_n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} = \frac{M_y}{M}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + \dots + m_n y_n}{m_1 + \dots + m_n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} = \frac{M_x}{M}$$

Now consider a thin plate with density at each point given by  $p(x, y)$ . Here is the derivation of the center of mass formulas:

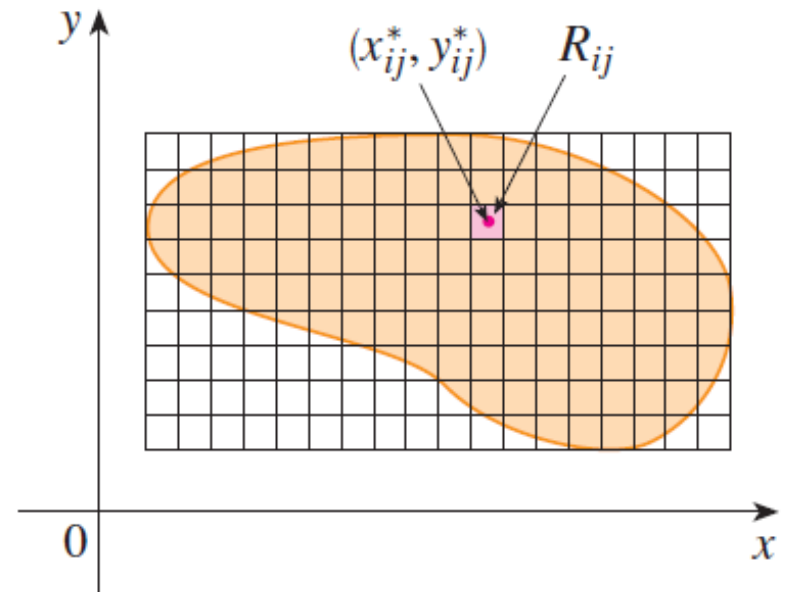
1. Break region into  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns.
2. Find the center of mass of each rectangle.

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

3. Estimate the mass of each rectangle.

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

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



**Center of Mass:**

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

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

*Example:*

Consider a 1 m by 1 m square metal plate.

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

Side note: This means that the density is proportional to the distance from the  $y$ -axis (in other words it gets heavier, at a constant rate, from left-to-right).

Find the center of mass.

**Note:**

*Proportional to the distance from the y-axis*

$$p(x, y) = kx.$$

*Proportional to the distance from the x-axis*

$$p(x, y) = ky.$$

*Proportional to the distance from the origin:*

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

*Proportional to the square of the distance*

*from the origin:*  $p(x, y) = k(x^2 + y^2).$

*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.