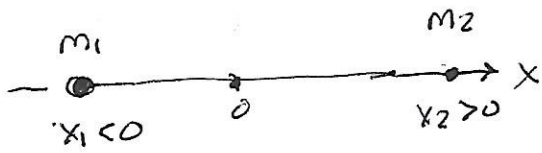


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center of mass / centroid (geometric center)

Archimedes (1st)



Balance if

$$m_1 x_1 = m_2 x_2$$

moment arms about origin

$$m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 = 0$$

more masses:

$$\sum_i m_i x_i = 0$$

"center of mass" at origin

Suppose we want to find the center of mass? $x = \bar{x}$ (location)

$$\sum_i m_i (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0 \rightarrow \sum_i m_i x_i - \underbrace{\sum_i m_i \bar{x}}_{(\sum_i m_i) \bar{x}} = 0$$

M total mass

$$\sum_i m_i x_i = M \bar{x}$$

as though all mass placed at center of mass
same total moment about origin

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_i m_i x_i}{M} = \sum_i \left(\frac{m_i}{M}\right) x_i$$

$$\sum \frac{m_i}{M} = \frac{\sum m_i}{M} = \frac{M}{M} = 1$$

fractional masses

if $m_i = m$ all same

$$M = n m_i$$

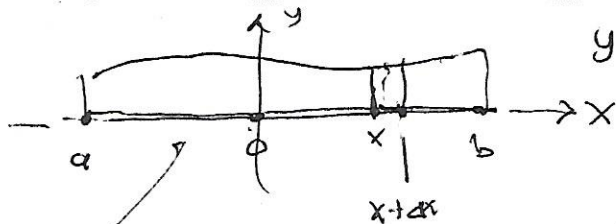
$$\frac{m_i}{M} = \frac{1}{n}$$

get ordinary average of positions

\bar{x} = weighted average of position, weighted by fractional mass

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"inhomogeneous wire"
variable mass density

$y = \rho(x)$ linear distribution of mass
mass/unit length

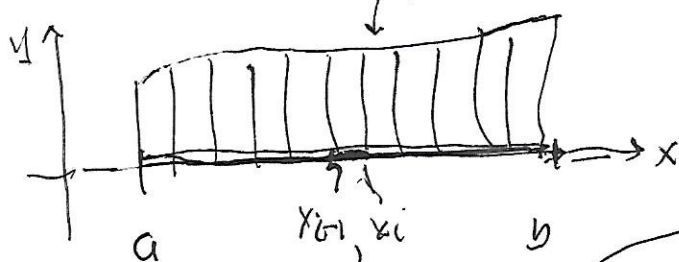
$\rho(x) \Delta x \approx$ amount of mass from x to $x + \Delta x$

$$\int_a^b \rho(x) dx = M \quad \text{total mass}$$

uniform distribution: $\rho(x) = \rho_0$

$$M = \int_a^b \rho_0 dx = \rho_0 x \Big|_a^b = \rho_0 \underbrace{(b-a)}_{\text{length}}$$

Riemann $y = \rho(x)$



$$\Delta M_i \approx \rho(x_i^*) \Delta x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta M_i x_i^* \approx M \bar{x}$$

(i th moment about origin)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(x_i^*) x_i^* \Delta x = M \bar{x}$$

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

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_a^b \rho(x) x dx}{M} = \int_a^b \underbrace{\frac{\rho(x)}{M}}_{\text{fractional mass distribution}} x dx$$

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

weighted average of distance from origin weighted by fractional mass

uniform: $\bar{x} = \frac{\int_a^b \rho_0 x dx}{\int_a^b \rho_0 dx} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x dx$

average of x over interval

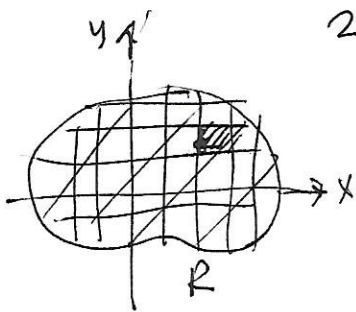
$$\frac{1}{2}(a+b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_a^b \right] = \frac{\frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{a^2}{2}}{b-a}$$

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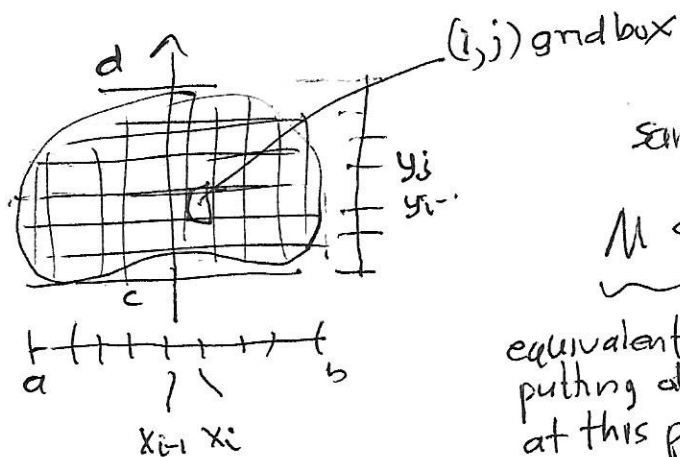
2-d distribution of mass in plane (lamina)

$$\rho(x,y) = \text{mass/unit area}$$



$$\rho(x,y) \frac{\Delta x \Delta y}{\Delta A} \approx \text{mass in small grid box}$$

$$\iint_R \rho(x,y) dA = M \text{ total mass}$$



same deal:

$$M \langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = \sum_i \sum_j \underbrace{\Delta m_{ij}}_{\rho(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A} \langle x_i^*, y_j^* \rangle$$

equivalent to putting all mass at this position

$$= \sum_i \sum_j \rho(x_i^*, y_j^*) \langle x_i^*, y_j^* \rangle \Delta A$$

$$\lim_{\Delta A \to 0} \iint_R \rho(x,y) \langle x,y \rangle dA$$

$$= \left\langle \iint_R \rho x dA, \iint_R \rho y dA \right\rangle$$

$M_y = \text{moment about } y \text{ axis} = \text{distance from } y \text{ axis}$

$M_x = \text{moment about } x \text{ axis} = \text{distance from } x \text{-axis}$

$$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = \frac{1}{M} \left\langle \iint_R \rho x dA, \iint_R \rho y dA \right\rangle = \frac{\langle M_y, M_x \rangle}{M}$$

integrate x & y against ρ divide by integral of ρ

do 3 integrals, divide 2 by third to get coords of center of mass

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$$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = \frac{\langle \iint_R \rho x dA, \iint_R \rho y dA \rangle}{\iint_R \rho dA} .$$

if $\rho = \rho_0$
homogeneous
solid

$$= \frac{\langle \iint_R \rho_0 x dA, \iint_R \rho_0 y dA \rangle}{\iint_R \rho_0 dA}$$

$$= \frac{\langle \iint_R x dA, \iint_R y dA \rangle}{\iint_R dA}$$

center of
area
distribution
"centroid"
(geometric center)