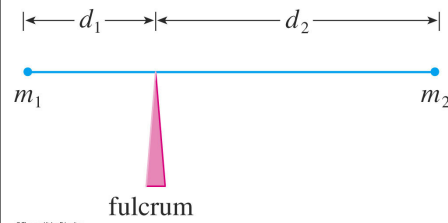
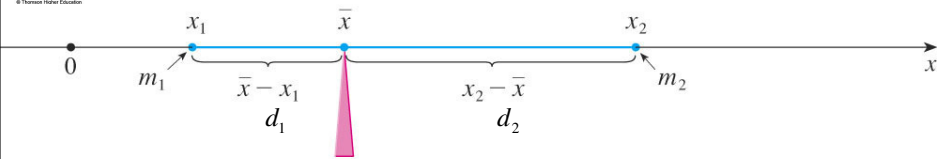


# 9.3 Center of Mass 1-d



**Archimedes' Law of the Lever**  
the rod will balance if

$$m_1 d_1 = m_2 d_2$$



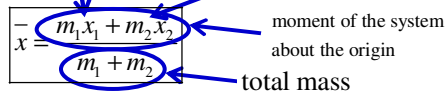
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$$m_1 (\bar{x} - x_1) = m_2 (x_2 - \bar{x})$$

$$m_1 \bar{x} - m_1 x_1 = m_2 x_2 - m_2 \bar{x}$$

$$\bar{x} (m_1 + m_2) = m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2$$

**moment of  $m_1$**  (with respect to the origin)      **moment of  $m_2$**  (with respect to the origin)



**moment of the system about the origin**

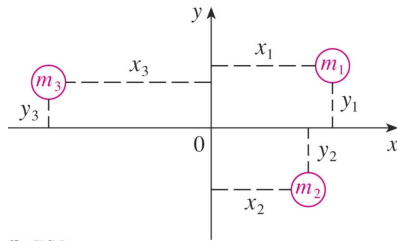
**total mass**

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{\text{total mass}}$$

$$\underbrace{\bar{x} \cdot (\text{total mass})}_{\text{moment for the total mass}} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}_{\text{moment for the system}}$$

If the total mass was concentrated at  $\bar{x}$ , then its moment would be the same as the moment for the system.

## 9.3 Center of Mass 2-d



$$M_y = \bar{x}(\text{total mass})$$

$$M_x = \bar{y}(\text{total mass})$$

The center of mass is the point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  where a single particle with the same mass as the total mass would have the same moments as the system

$M_y$  = moment of the system about the  $y$ -axis  
measures the tendency of the system to rotate about the  $y$ -axis

$$M_y = m_1x_1 + m_2x_2 + m_3x_3$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{m_1x_1 + m_2x_2 + m_3x_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{\text{total mass}}$$

$M_x$  = moment of the system about the  $x$ -axis  
measures the tendency of the system to rotate about the  $x$ -axis

$$M_x = m_1y_1 + m_2y_2 + m_3y_3$$

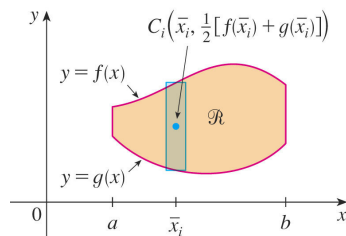
$$\bar{y} = \frac{m_1y_1 + m_2y_2 + m_3y_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{\text{total mass}}$$

## 9.3 Center of Mass 3-d

Consider a flat plate (called a lamina) with uniform density  $\rho$  that occupies a region  $\mathcal{R}$  of the plane.

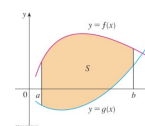
The center of mass of the plate is called the **centroid** of  $\mathcal{R}$ .



### General Formulas

Thin plate : region between  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  with  $f(x) \geq g(x)$

Constant density function  $\rho(x) = \rho$



**Moment about the x-axis**

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b \left( [f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2 \right) dx$$

**Center of Mass**

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

**Moment about the y-axis**

$$M_y = \rho \int_a^b x \cdot (f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M} = \frac{1}{A} \int_a^b x \cdot (f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

**Mass**

$$M = \rho \cdot \underbrace{\int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) dx}_{\text{Area of the region b/w } f(x) \text{ and } g(x)}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M} = \frac{1}{2A} \int_a^b \left( [f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2 \right) dx$$

Let  $A = \text{area}$  of the region b/w  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$

Thin plate : region between  $y = x - x^2$  and  $y = -x$

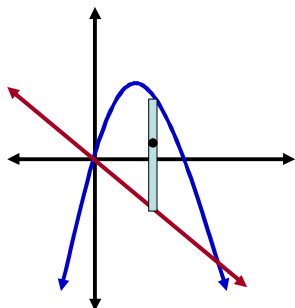
Constant density function  $\rho(x) = \rho$

Limits of integration:  $x - x^2 = -x$

$$2x - x^2 = 0$$

$$x(2 - x) = 0$$

$$x = 0, \quad x = 2$$



**Moment about the x-axis**

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b \left( [f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2 \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \int_0^2 \left[ (x - x^2)^2 - (-x)^2 \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \int_0^2 \left[ \cancel{x^2} - 2x^3 + x^4 - \cancel{x^2} \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \int_0^2 (-2x^3 + x^4) dx = \frac{\rho}{2} \left( \frac{-x^4}{2} + \frac{x^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^2 = \frac{\rho}{2} \left( -8 + \frac{32}{5} \right) = \frac{\rho}{2} \left( \frac{-40 + 32}{5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \left( \frac{-8}{5} \right) = \frac{-4}{5} \rho$$

**Moment about the  $y$ -axis**

$$M_y = \rho \int_a^b x \cdot (f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

$$= \rho \int_0^2 x [(x - x^2) - (-x)] dx = \rho \int_0^2 x \cdot (2x - x^2) dx = \rho \int_0^2 (2x^2 - x^3) dx$$

$$= \rho \left( \frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right)_0^2 = \rho \left( \frac{16}{3} - \frac{16}{4} \right) = \rho \left( \frac{16}{3} - 4 \right) = \rho \left( \frac{16-12}{3} \right) = \frac{4}{3} \rho$$

**Mass**

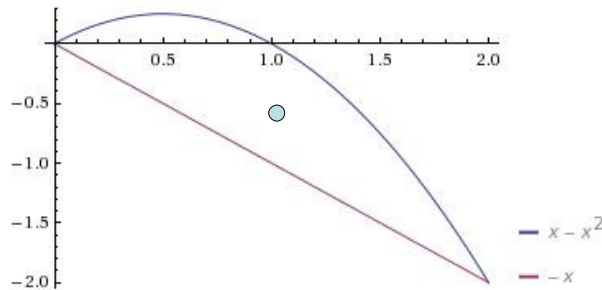
$$M = \rho \cdot \underbrace{\int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) dx}_{\text{Area of the region b/w } f(x) \text{ and } g(x)}$$

$$= \rho \cdot \int_0^2 (2x - x^2) dx = \rho \left( x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} \right)_0^2 = \rho \left( 4 - \frac{8}{3} \right) = \rho \left( \frac{12-8}{3} \right) = \frac{4}{3} \rho$$

**Center of Mass**

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{\frac{4}{3} \delta}{\frac{4}{3} \delta} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{-\frac{4}{5} \delta}{\frac{4}{3} \delta} \quad \bar{x} = 1 \quad \bar{y} = -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \left( 1, -\frac{3}{5} \right)$$



### General Formulas

Thin plate : region under the graph of  $y = f(x)$  and above the  $x$ -axis

Constant density function  $\rho(x) = \rho$

Set  $g(x) = 0$  in the previous formulas.

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx$$

$$M_y = \rho \int_a^b x f(x) dx$$

$$M = \rho \underbrace{\int_a^b f(x) dx}_{\text{Area under } f(x)}$$

Let  $A = \text{area under } f(x)$

### Center of Mass

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

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{A} \int_a^b x \cdot f(x) dx$$

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

