

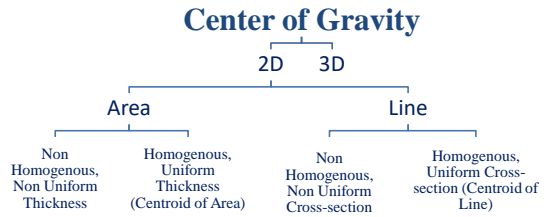
**ME 141**  
**Engineering Mechanics**

**Portion 6**  
**Distributed Force**

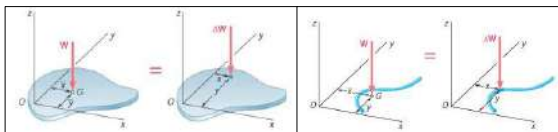


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The point at which the resultant (total weight of a body) of a set of distributed forces (individual weight of each particle) acts is known as Center of Gravity of the body.



**Center of Gravity (Areas and Lines)**



$$\Sigma F_z: W = \Delta W_1 + \Delta W_2 + \dots + \Delta W_n$$

$$\Sigma M_y: \bar{x}W = x_1 \Delta W_1 + x_2 \Delta W_2 + \dots + x_n \Delta W_n$$

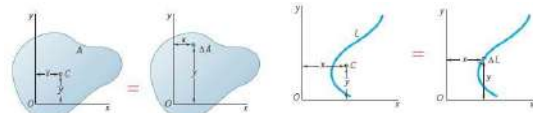
$$\Sigma M_x: \bar{y}W = y_1 \Delta W_1 + y_2 \Delta W_2 + \dots + y_n \Delta W_n$$

$$\Sigma M_y: \bar{x}W = \Sigma x \Delta W$$

$$\Sigma M_x: \bar{y}W = \Sigma y \Delta W$$

$$\bar{W} = \int d\bar{W} \quad \bar{x}W = \int x dW \quad \bar{y}W = \int y dW$$

**Centroids of Areas and Lines**



Considering a flat homogenous plate with uniform thickness,  
 $W = \gamma t A$

For individual particle,  
 $\Delta W = \gamma t \Delta A$

Substituting in the previous equations,

$$\Sigma M_y: \bar{x}A = x_1 \Delta A_1 + x_2 \Delta A_2 + \dots + x_n \Delta A_n$$

$$\Sigma M_x: \bar{y}A = y_1 \Delta A_1 + y_2 \Delta A_2 + \dots + y_n \Delta A_n$$

$$\bar{x}A = \int x dA \quad \bar{y}A = \int y dA$$

Considering a homogenous wire with uniform cross section,  
 $W = \gamma a L$

For individual particle,  
 $\Delta W = \gamma a \Delta L$

Substituting in the previous equations,

$$\bar{x}L = \int x dL \quad \bar{y}L = \int y dL$$

**First Moments of Areas and Lines**

First Moment of Area with respect to  $x$ - axis is represented as  $Q_x$ , which is the following integral  
 $Q_x = \int y dA = \bar{y} A$

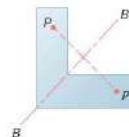
First Moment of Area with respect to  $y$ - axis is represented as  $Q_y$ , which is the following integral  
 $Q_y = \int x dA = \bar{x} A$

Similar cases hold for lines or wires.

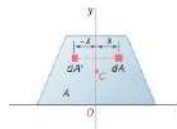
**Note:**

- If the centroid of an area or line lies on any co-ordinate axis, then the first moment of area or line with respect to that co-ordinate axis is zero.
- If the first moment of area or line with respect a co-ordinate axis is zero, then the centroid of the area or line lies on that co-ordinate axis.
- So, if any axis (regardless co-ordinate axes) can be selected with respect to which the first moment of area or line is zero, then the centroid lies on that axis.

**First Moments of Areas and Lines**

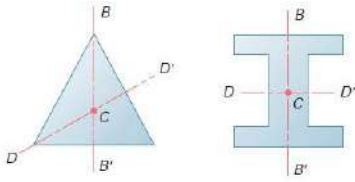


**Axis of Symmetry:** If any point  $P$  has its mirror point  $P'$  with respect to an axis  $BB'$ , that  $PP'$  is perpendicular to  $BB'$  and  $BB'$  bisects  $PP'$ , then  $BB'$  is known as the Axis of Symmetry.



- ❑ The first Moment of Area or Line with respect to a Axis of symmetry is zero.
- ❑ Centroid lies on the axis of symmetry.

### First Moments of Areas and Lines



✓ If there are two axes of symmetry, centroid must lie on the intersection point of the axes.

### Composite Plates and Wires

$\Sigma M_x: \bar{X}(W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_n) = \bar{x}_1 W_1 + \bar{x}_2 W_2 + \dots + \bar{x}_n W_n$   
 $\Sigma M_y: \bar{Y}(W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_n) = \bar{y}_1 W_1 + \bar{y}_2 W_2 + \dots + \bar{y}_n W_n$

The diagram shows a composite plate in the xy-plane. On the left, a single arrow labeled ΣW points to the centroid G. On the right, the plate is decomposed into three parts with weights W<sub>1</sub>, W<sub>2</sub>, and W<sub>3</sub>, and their respective centroids G<sub>1</sub>, G<sub>2</sub>, and G<sub>3</sub>. The equations below the diagram are:

$\Sigma M_x: \bar{X} \Sigma W = \Sigma \bar{x} W$   
 $\Sigma M_y: \bar{Y} \Sigma W = \Sigma \bar{y} W$

### Composite Plates and Wires

The diagram shows a composite area ΣA in the xy-plane. It is decomposed into three sub-areas A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, and A<sub>3</sub> with centroids C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, and C<sub>3</sub>. The overall centroid C is also shown. The formulas for the first moments are:

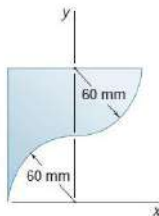
$Q_x = \bar{X} \Sigma A = \Sigma \bar{x} A$   
 $Q_y = \bar{Y} \Sigma A = \Sigma \bar{y} A$

	x	A	x̄A
A <sub>1</sub> Semicircle	-	-	-
A <sub>2</sub> Full rectangle	-	-	-
A <sub>3</sub> Circular hole	-	-	-

Shape	x	y	Area
Triangle	$\frac{1}{3}b$	$\frac{1}{3}h$	$\frac{1}{2}bh$
Quarter circle	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\frac{\pi r^2}{4}$
Semicircle	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\frac{\pi r^2}{2}$
Circle	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\pi r^2$
Parabola	$\frac{3}{8}b$	$\frac{3}{8}h$	$\frac{2}{3}bh$
Triangle	$\frac{1}{3}b$	$\frac{1}{3}h$	$\frac{1}{2}bh$
Circle	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\pi r^2$
Rectangle	$\frac{b}{2}$	$\frac{h}{2}$	$bh$
Circle	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\pi r^2$
Triangle	$\frac{1}{3}b$	$\frac{1}{3}h$	$\frac{1}{2}bh$
Circle	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\frac{4r}{3\pi}$	$\pi r^2$
Parabola	$\frac{3}{8}b$	$\frac{3}{8}h$	$\frac{2}{3}bh$
Triangle	$\frac{1}{3}b$	$\frac{1}{3}h$	$\frac{1}{2}bh$

#### Problem 6.1 (Beer Johnston\_10th edition\_P5.8)

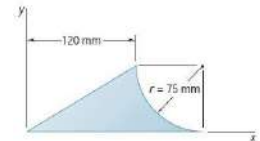
Locate the centroid of the Plane area as shown.



Ans.:  $\bar{X} = -10$  mm,  $\bar{Y} = 87.5$  mm

#### Problem 6.2 (Beer Johnston\_10th edition\_P5.9)

Locate the centroid of the Plane area as shown.

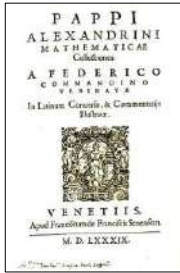


Ans.:  $\bar{X} = 92$  mm,  $\bar{Y} = 23.3$  mm

### Application of Center of Gravity Area and Volume Determination

**Theorems of Pappus-Guldinus:**

Two related theorems dealing with the surface areas and volumes of surfaces and solids of revolution.

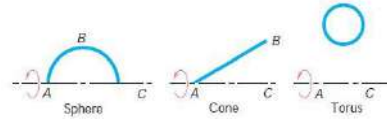


The book of Pappus Alexandrini (290-350) Mathematician Paul Guldin (1577-1663)

### Application of Center of Gravity Pappus-Guldinas Theorem

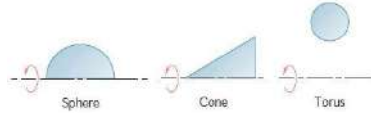
**•THEOREM I**

The area of a surface of revolution is equal to the length of the generating curve times the distance traveled by the centroid of the curve while the surface is being generated.



**•THEOREM II**

The volume of a body of revolution is equal to the generating area times the distance traveled by the centroid of the area while the body is being generated.



### Pappus-Guldinas Theorem

**•PROOF I:**

Consider an element  $dL$  of the line  $L$ , which is revolved about the  $x$  axis. The area  $dA$  generated by the element  $dL$  is,

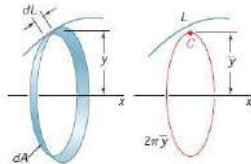
$$dA = 2\pi y dL$$

Thus, the entire area generated by  $L$  is

$$A = \int 2\pi y dL = 2\pi \int y dL$$

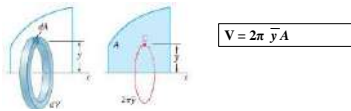
$$A = 2\pi \bar{y} L$$

where  $2\pi \bar{y}$  is the distance traveled by the centroid of  $L$ .



**PROOF II:**

Similar to Proof I.

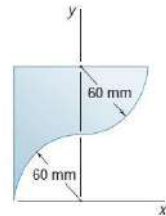


$$V = 2\pi \bar{y} A$$

**Question:** Prove the two theorems of Pappus-Guldinus.

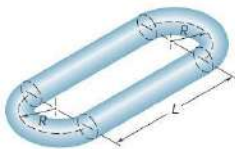
**Problem 6.3** (Beer Johnston\_10th edition\_P5.54)

Determine the volume and the surface area of the solid obtained by rotating the area of about (a) the line  $x = -60$  mm, (b) the line  $y = 120$  mm.



Ans.: (a)  $V = 2.26 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3$ ,  $A = 116.3 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$   
 (b)  $V = 1.471 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3$ ,  $A = 116.3 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$

**Problem 6.4** (Beer Johnston\_10th edition\_P5.55)



Determine the volume and the surface area of the solid.

Ans.:  $V = 3470 \text{ mm}^3$ ,  $A = 2320 \text{ mm}^2$

## End of Portion 6

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