

15.5: Apps of Double Integrals.

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(I) Physics

(II) Probability — skip \wedge #27 & #30 become bonus problems.

NOTE: Density is measured in mass/unit volume.

If $\rho(x,y)$ gives the density of a lamina at a pt (x,y) , why does $\rho(x,y)dA$ give the mass of an infinitesimal rectangular region?

So, the mass is $m = \iint_D \rho(x,y)dA$

Ex1: Find the mass of a cylinder w/ density $\rho = 1$ over a base enclosed by $r = 1 + \cos\theta$

picture a box of chocolates



... Instead of a lamina w/ variable ~~static~~ density, it is a solid w/ variable ρ

$$m = 2 \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos\theta} 1 \cdot r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$m = \frac{3}{2} \pi$$

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The moment of a particle is the product of its mass & distance from the axis.

$$M_x = \iint_D \overbrace{y}^{\text{disc}} \overbrace{\rho(x,y)}^{\text{mass}} dA \quad \text{AND} \quad M_y = \iint_D x \rho(x,y) dA$$

Ex/cont.: Find M_x & M_y .

(a) Find M_x .

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos\theta} y \cdot 1 \cdot r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos\theta} r^2 \sin\theta \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{r^3}{3} \sin\theta \right]_0^{1+\cos\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(1+\cos\theta)^3}{3} \sin\theta \, d\theta$$

$$\text{Let } u = 1 + \cos\theta$$

$$-du = \sin\theta \, d\theta$$

$$u(0) = 2 \quad \& \quad u(2\pi) = 2$$

$$= - \int_2^2 \frac{u^3}{3} du$$

$$= 0$$

→ This is NOT an even function and so the integral can't be simplified into $2 \int_0^{\pi} \dots d\theta$

→ As a matter of fact, the graph is "odd" about $\theta = \pi$.

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(b) Find M_y

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos\theta} x \cdot 1 \cdot r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos\theta} r^2 \cos\theta \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{r^3}{3} \cos\theta \right]_0^{1+\cos\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(1+\cos\theta)^3}{3} \cos\theta \, d\theta$$

The integrand is symmetric about $\theta = \pi$, so can be $2 \int_0^{\pi} f(\theta) \, d\theta$

$$= \frac{5\pi}{4} \quad (\text{I confess, I used}$$

mathematica ... you can show the details for a HW problem...)

And the center of mass is at (\bar{x}, \bar{y})

$$\text{where } \bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{m}$$

Ex1 cont: Find (\bar{x}, \bar{y})

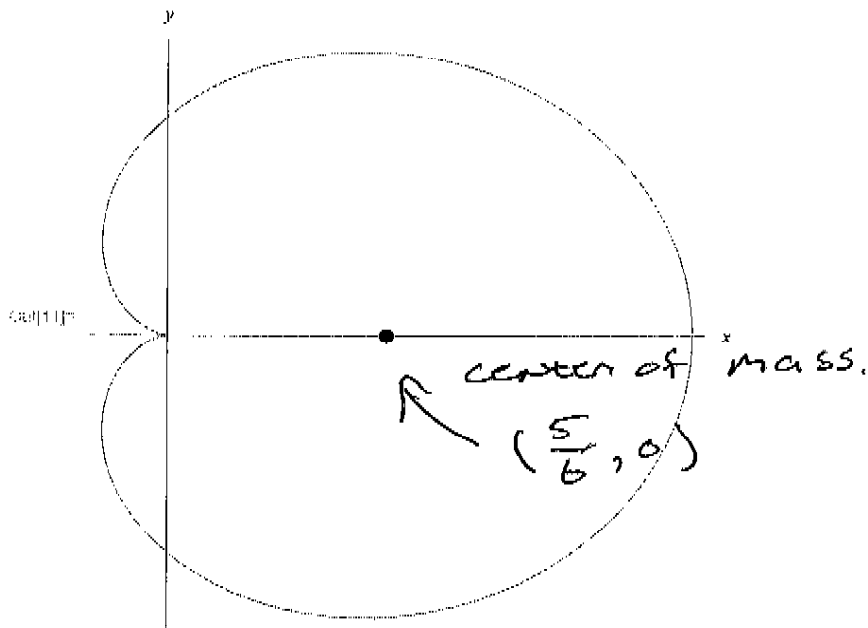
$$\text{recall } m = \frac{3}{2}\pi ; M_x = 0 ; M_y = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{5\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3\pi} = \frac{5}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{0}{\frac{3}{2}\pi} = 0$$

so $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \left(\frac{5}{6}, 0\right)$. This makes sense given the picture

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Show[PolarPlot[1 + Cos[θ], {θ, 0, 2π}, AspectRatio → 1],
Graphics[{{PointSize → Large, Point[{5/6, 0}]}}, Ticks → None, AxesLabel → {x, y}]
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Note: we could determine $\bar{y} = 0$ in this case by symmetry. But, if ρ had been $\rho = \text{constant}$, then ... we would have had to work.

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The moment of inertia is calculated in a similar manner.

$$I_x = \iint_D y^2 \rho(x,y) dA$$

$$I_y = \iint_D x^2 \rho(x,y) dA$$

AND $I_o = I_x + I_y$ (moment of inertia about the origin).

Ex 2: A lamina w/ const density $\rho(x,y) = \rho$ occupies the region under $y = \sin x$ on $[0, \pi]$.

Find the moments of inertia I_x & I_y

$$I_x = \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{\sin x} y^2 \rho dy dx = \frac{4}{9} \rho \quad (\text{use substitution})$$

$$I_y = \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{\sin x} x^2 \rho dy dx = (\pi^2 - 4) \rho \quad (\text{use parts twice})$$

The radius of gyration wRT the x-axis \bar{y}

y-axis \bar{x}

$$m \bar{y}^2 = I_x \quad \& \quad m \bar{x}^2 = I_y.$$