# Lecture 23Section 6.4 The Centroid of a Region; Pappus'

Theorem on Volumes

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#### Test 3

- Test 3: Dec. 4-6 in CASA
- Material Through 6.3.

#### Final Exam

• Final Exam: Dec. 14-17 in CASA

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- I will replace your lowest test score with the percentage grade from the final exam (provided it is higher).
- I will give an A to anyone who receives 95% or above on the final exam.
- I will give a passing grade to anyone who receives at least 70% on the final exam.

#### Quiz 1

What is today?

- a. Monday
- b. Wednesday
- c. Friday
- d. None of these

## 1 The Centroid of a Region; Pappus' Theorem on Volumes

1.1 The Centroid of a Region

The Centroid of a Region



The center of mass of a plate of constant mass density depends only on its shape  $\Omega$  and falls on a point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  that is called the *centroid*.

#### Principle 1: Symmetry

If the region has an axis of symmetry, then the centroid  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  lies somewhere along that axis. In particular, if the region has a center, then the center is the centroid.

#### The Centroid of a Region: Principle of Additivity

#### Principle 2: Additivity

If the region, having area A, consists of a finite number of pieces with areas  $A_1$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $A_n$  and centroids  $(\bar{x}_1, \bar{y}_1), \cdots, (\bar{x}_n, \bar{y}_n)$ , then

$$\bar{x}A = \bar{x}_1A_1 + \dots + \bar{x}_nA_n,$$
  
$$\bar{y}A = \bar{y}_1A_1 + \dots + \bar{y}_nA_n.$$



Centroid of a Region below the graph of  $f \ (\geq 0)$ 



Let the region  $\Omega$  under the graph of f have an area A. The centroid  $(\bar{x},\bar{y})$  of  $\Omega$  is given by

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

**Example** *Example 1.* Find the centroid of the quarter-disc shown in the figure below.



**Example** Example 2. Find the centroid of the right triangle shown in the figure below.



Centroid of a Region between the graphs of f and g



$$f(x) \ge g(x) \ge 0$$
 for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ .  
 $\Omega$  = region between the graphs of  
 $f$  (Top) and  $g$  (Bottom).

Let the region  $\Omega$  between the graphs of f and g have an area A. The centroid  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  of  $\Omega$  is given by

$$\bar{x}A = \int_{a}^{b} x \left[ f(x) - g(x) \right] dx, \quad \bar{y}A = \int_{a}^{b} \frac{1}{2} \left( \left[ f(x) \right]^{2} - \left[ g(x) \right]^{2} \right) dx.$$

**Example** *Example 3.* Find the centroid of the region shown in the figure below.



Pappus' Theorem on Volumes 1.2

Pappus' Theorem on Volumes



#### Pappus' Theorem on Volumes

A plane region is revolved about an axis that lies in its plane. If the region does not cross the axis, then the volume of the resulting solid of revolution is

 $V = 2\pi \bar{R} A =$  (area of the region) × (circumference of the circle)

where A is the area of the region and  $\bar{R}$  is the distance from the axis to the centroid of the region.

**Example** *Example* 4. Find the volume of the solids formed by revolving the region, shown in the figure below, (a) about the y-axis, (b) about the y = 5.





$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 \le c^2, \quad h,k \ge c > 0$$

(a) about the x-axis, (b) about the y-axis.



#### Example

Example 6. Find the centroid of the half-disc

$$x^2 + y^2 \le r^2, \quad y \ge 0$$

by appealing to Pappus's theorem.