

Center of Mass in Two Dimensions

The center of mass is also known as the center of gravity if the object is in a uniform gravitational field. If the object has uniform density, the center of mass is the geometric center of the object, which is called the centroid. <u>Figure</u> shows a point P as the center of mass of a lamina. The lamina is perfectly balanced about its center of mass.

Mass =
$$\rho A = \rho \iint_R \int dA = \iint_R \rho dA$$
. Constant density

Definition of Mass of a Planar Lamina of Variable Density

If ρ is a continuous density function on the lamina corresponding to a plane region *R*, then the mass *m* of the lamina is given by

$$m = \int_R \int \rho(x, y) \, dA.$$

Variable density

EXAMPLE 1

Finding the Mass of a Planar Lamina

Find the mass of the triangular lamina with vertices (0, 0), (0, 3), and (2, 3), given that the density at (x, y) is $\rho(x, y) = 2x + y$.

Moments and Center of Mass of a Variable Density Planar Lamina Let ρ be a continuous density function on the planar lamina *R*. The **moments of mass** with respect to the *x*- and *y*-axes are

$$M_x = \int_R \int y \rho(x, y) \, dA$$

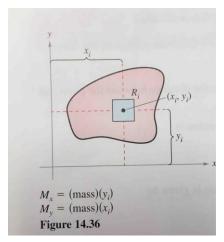
and

$$M_{y} = \int_{R} \int x \rho(x, y) \, dA.$$

If m is the mass of the lamina, then the **center of mass** is

$$(\overline{x}, \overline{y}) = \left(\frac{M_y}{m}, \frac{M_x}{m}\right)$$

If *R* represents a simple plane region rather than a lamina, then the point (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) is called the **centroid** of the region.



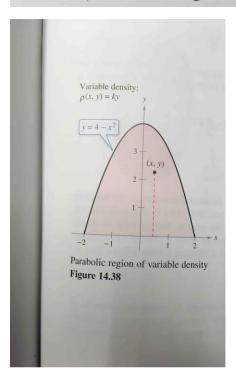
EXAMPLE 3 Finding the Center of Mass

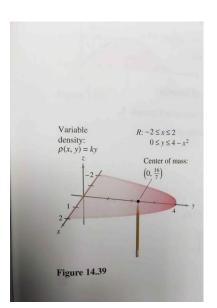
See LarsonCalculus.com for an interactive version of this type of example.

Find the center of mass of the lamina corresponding to the parabolic region

 $0 \le y \le 4 - x^2$ Parabolic region

where the density at the point (x, y) is proportional to the distance between (x, y) and the *x*-axis, as shown in Figure 14.38.





Definition of Triple Integral

If f is continuous over a bounded solid region Q, then the **triple integral of** f **over** Q is defined as

$$\iiint_{Q} f(x, y, z) \, dV = \lim_{\|\Delta\| \to 0} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i, y_i, z_i) \, \Delta V_i$$

provided the limit exists. The volume of the solid region Q is given by

Volume of
$$Q = \iiint_Q dV$$
.

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THEOREM 14.4Evaluation by Iterated IntegralsLet f be continuous on a solid region Q defined by

 $a \le x \le b,$ $h_1(x) \le y \le h_2(x),$ $g_1(x, y) \le z \le g_2(x, y)$

where h_1, h_2, g_1 , and g_2 are continuous functions. Then,

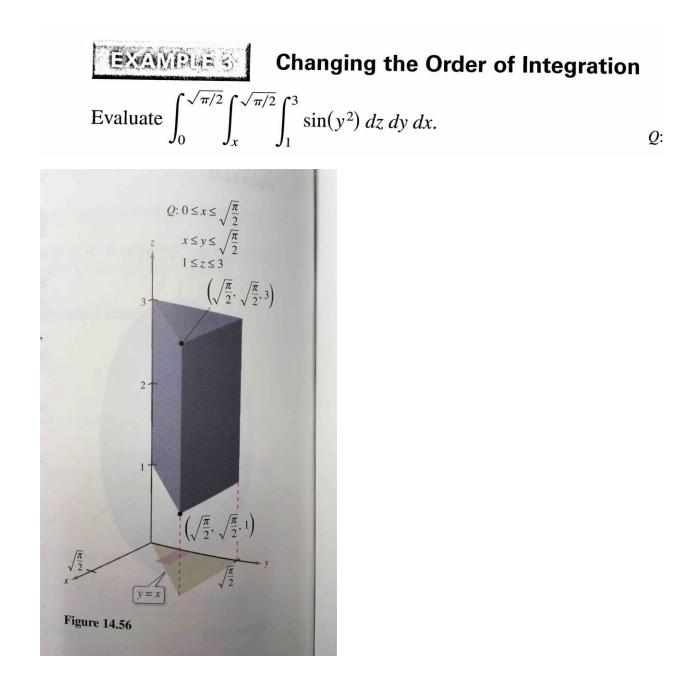
$$\iint_{Q} f(x, y, z) \, dV = \int_{a}^{b} \int_{h_{1}(x)}^{h_{2}(x)} \int_{g_{1}(x, y)}^{g_{2}(x, y)} f(x, y, z) \, dz \, dy \, dx.$$

EXAMPLE 1

Evaluating a Triple Iterated Integral

Evaluate the triple iterated integral

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^x \int_0^{x+y} e^{x}(y+2z) \, dz \, dy \, dx.$$



EXAMPLE 4 Determining the Limits of Integration

Set up a triple integral for the volume of each solid region.

- **a.** The region in the first octant bounded above by the cylinder $z = 1 y^2$ and lying between the vertical planes x + y = 1 and x + y = 3
- **b.** The upper hemisphere $z = \sqrt{1 x^2 y^2}$
- **c.** The region bounded below by the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ and above by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 6$

