

## 16. FURTHER APPLICATIONS OF CALCULUS

This chapter focuses on a few applications we missed along the way. I have taken the liberty of just cutting and pasting my old NCSU notes. I think they're pretty decent as they stand. Don't be frightened by the physics, I have included those examples to aid those of you who choose to do the optional physics homework problems.

### 16.1. AVERAGE VALUE OF A FUNCTION

If we take the area under  $y=f(x)$  on  $a \leq x \leq b$  and divide by the width of the interval which is  $b-a$  this gives the average,

$$f_{\text{ave}} \equiv \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

this is the natural generalization to discrete averages (see pg. 473)

**E1** Let  $f(x) = \sin^3(x)$  find  $f_{\text{ave}}$  on  $[0, \pi]$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{ave}} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^3(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos^2(x)) \sin(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_1^{-1} (1 - u^2) (-du) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} u^3 - u \right) \Big|_1^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \left( -\frac{1}{3} + 1 \right) - \left( \frac{1}{3} - 1 \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{4}{3\pi} = f_{\text{ave}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \cos(x) \\ du &= -\sin(x) dx \\ u(0) &= \cos(0) = 1 \\ u(\pi) &= \cos(\pi) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

**E2** Is the average velocity the average of the instantaneous velocity?

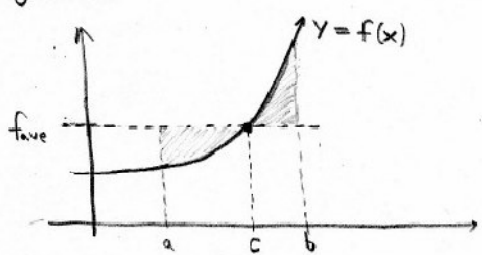
$$\begin{aligned} v_{\text{ave}} &= \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{dx}{dt} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{x(t_1)}^{x(t_2)} dx \\ &= \frac{x(t_2) - x(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

Our new concept of averaging matches the old as it should.

**Th<sup>m</sup>** (MEAN VALUE Th<sup>m</sup> for integrals) Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  then  $\exists c \in [a, b]$  so that  $f(c) = f_{ave}$ . That is,

$$f(c) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \xrightarrow{\text{aka}} (b-a)f(c) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

"Proof" by Picture:



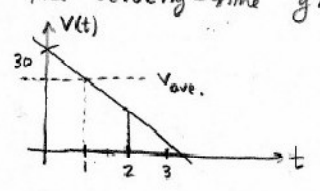
graphically,  $f_{ave} = y$  should have equal over/under estimates of the area. Meaning the shaded areas should be equal.

**E3** If a ball has velocity  $v = 30 - 9.8t$  when its thrown straight up what is the average velocity during the first 2 seconds? At what time does the instantaneous velocity match the average?

$$\begin{aligned} v_{ave} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 (30 - 9.8t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (30t - 4.9t^2) \Big|_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (60 - 19.6) \\ &= \boxed{20.2} \end{aligned}$$

$v_{ave} = v_{instantaneous}$  when  $20.2 = 30 - 9.8t$   
 $9.8t = 9.8$   
 $t = \boxed{1}$

Not too surprising if you consider the velocity-time graph



**E4** (#15 pp. 470 §6.4) The voltage in U.S. houses typically varies sinusoidally from 155V to -155V with a frequency of 60 Hz. That is the voltage in your wall-socket as a function of time in seconds,

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = 155 \sin(120\pi t)$$

a.) The average voltage is zero because, (average over 1 cycle)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{\text{ave.}} &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{60}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{60}} 155 \sin(120\pi t) dt \\ &= \frac{60(155)}{120\pi} (-\cos(120\pi t)) \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{60}} \\ &= \frac{60(155)}{120\pi} (-\cos(2\pi) + \cos(0)) \\ &= \boxed{0 = \mathcal{E}_{\text{ave.}}} \end{aligned}$$

b.) The voltage is not zero of course and is effectively like  $V_{\text{rms}}$  if we were to replace it with a constant voltage,   
root mean square

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{60}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{60}} (\mathcal{E}(t))^2 dt} \\ &= \sqrt{(60)(155)^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{60}} \sin^2(120\pi t) dt} \\ &= \sqrt{(60)(155)^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{60}} \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(240\pi t)) dt} \\ &= \sqrt{(60)(155)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( t - \frac{1}{240\pi} \sin(240\pi t) \right) \right]_0^{\frac{1}{60}}} \\ &= \sqrt{(60)(155)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{60} - \frac{1}{240\pi} \sin(4\pi) - 0 + \frac{1}{240\pi} \sin(0) \right) \right]} \\ &= \frac{155}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \boxed{110 \text{ V} = \mathcal{E}_{\text{rms}}} \end{aligned}$$

You could replace  $\mathcal{E}(t)$  with a battery of  $\mathcal{E} = 110\text{V}$  and deliver the same power to a given resistor.

## 16.2. DEFINITION OF A PROBABILITY DENSITY

### Probability

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Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable then we can describe the probability of a certain range of  $X$  occurring via an integral

$$P[a \leq X \leq b] = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

The function  $f(x)$  is the probability density function. In particular for this to make sense the sum of all prob. should be one

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \quad \text{Normalization Condition}$$

[E] Let  $f(x) = Ae^{-x/\tau}$  for  $x \in D = [0, \infty)$  then what value must we assign to  $A$  to make  $f(x)$  a prob. density and what is  $P[0 \leq x \leq \tau]$ ,  $P[0 \leq x \leq 2\tau]$ , ...,  $P[0 \leq x \leq 5\tau]$  ( $f(x) = 0$   $x < 0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} Ae^{-x/\tau} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t Ae^{-x/\tau} dx = \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A(-\tau e^{-x/\tau}) \Big|_0^t \\ &= -\tau A = 1 \quad \therefore \boxed{A = 1/\tau} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(0 \leq x \leq \tau) = \int_0^{\tau} \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x/\tau} dx = -e^{-x/\tau} \Big|_0^{\tau} = 1 - e^{-1} = 0.632$$

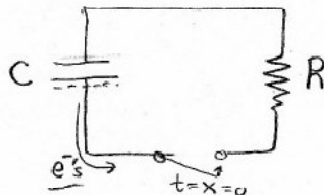
$$P(0 \leq x \leq 2\tau) = \int_0^{2\tau} \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x/\tau} dx = 1 - e^{-2} = 0.865$$

$$P(0 \leq x \leq 3\tau) = 1 - e^{-3} = 0.950$$

$$P(0 \leq x \leq 4\tau) = 1 - e^{-4} = 0.982$$

$$P(0 \leq x \leq 5\tau) = 1 - e^{-5} = 0.993$$

This could model the chance a particular charge had flowed from a discharging capacitor ( $\tau = RC$  in this case)



Typical values say

$$R = 1k\Omega$$

$$C = 1\mu F$$

$$\tau = RC = 1ms$$

Def<sup>n</sup> The average value of  $X$  is  $\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$

also called  
mean value (1650)

This is just a continuous weighted average, think about it.

E2 What's average of last example

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \quad ; \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x/\tau} & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{x}{\tau} e^{-x/\tau} dx$$

Notice  $\int x e^{ax} dx = \frac{x e^{ax}}{a} - \int \frac{e^{ax}}{a} dx = \frac{1}{a} x e^{ax} - \frac{1}{a^2} e^{ax}$  thus  $a = -1/\tau$

$$\mu = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \left[ -\tau x e^{-x/\tau} - \tau^2 e^{-x/\tau} \right]_0^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \left[ -\tau t e^{-t/\tau} - \tau^2 e^{-t/\tau} \right] + \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \tau^2 e^0 \right]$$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{t}{e^{t/\tau}} \right) \neq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\tau e^{t/\tau}} \right) = 0$  (Need L-Hopital's Rule)

$\therefore \mu = \tau$

Def<sup>n</sup> The median value of  $X$  is the #  $m$  such that

$$\int_m^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

E3 What's the median value of our example?

$$\frac{1}{2} = \int_m^{\infty} \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x/\tau} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_m^t \frac{e^{-x/\tau}}{\tau} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( -e^{-t/\tau} + e^{-m/\tau} \right) = e^{-m/\tau}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{-m/\tau} \rightarrow \ln(1/2) = -m/\tau \quad \therefore \quad \boxed{m = \tau \ln(2)} \quad (0.693 \tau = m)$$

## 16.3. CALCULUS APPLIED TO PHYSICS

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**E5** Find magnitude of work required to lift a 10m cable with a uniformly distributed mass of 10kg.

Lets define  $l$  to be the length of the cable being lifted, this will vary from  $l = 10\text{ m} \rightarrow l = 0\text{ m}$  as the cable is lifted.

We should find the work  $dW$  done as we lift length  $l$  a distance  $dl$ ,

$$dW = Fdl$$

$$= -mgdl$$

$$= -\lambda g dl$$

Now add up the work

$$W = \int_{10}^0 -\lambda g l dl$$

$$= -\lambda g \left( \frac{1}{2} l^2 \right) \Big|_{10}^0$$

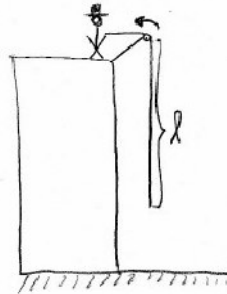
$$= \lambda g \frac{1}{2} (10)^2$$

$$= 1 \cdot 9.8 \cdot 50$$

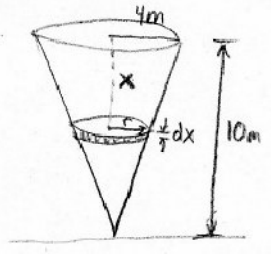
$$= \boxed{490 \text{ J}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{length}} = \frac{10\text{kg}}{10\text{m}} = 1 \text{ kg/m}$$

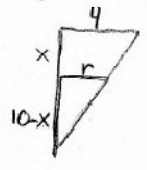
" $\lambda$  is linear mass density"  
 $m = \lambda l$ .



E7 (Example 4 in text modified slightly.) Find minimum work to pump water out of a full cone.



$$dm = \rho dV = \rho \pi r^2 dx$$



$$\frac{4}{10} = \frac{r}{10-x}$$

$$r = \frac{2}{5}(10-x)$$

$$dW = (dm)g \cdot x$$

$$= (\rho \pi r^2 dx) g x$$

$$= \rho g \pi \frac{4(10-x)^2}{25} x dx$$

$$= \frac{4\pi \rho g}{25} (100x - 20x^2 + x^3) dx$$

Remark: this is a magic cone, we cannot just tip it over or drill a hole in the bottom. We are forced to pump out the top 😊.

$$W = \int_0^{10} \frac{4\pi \rho g}{25} (100x - 20x^2 + x^3) dx$$

$$= \frac{4\pi \rho g}{25} \left( 50 \times 10^2 - \frac{20}{3} \times 10^3 + \frac{10^4}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi (1000)(9.8)}{25} \left( 50 \times 10^2 - \frac{20}{3} \times 10^3 + \frac{10^4}{4} \right)$$

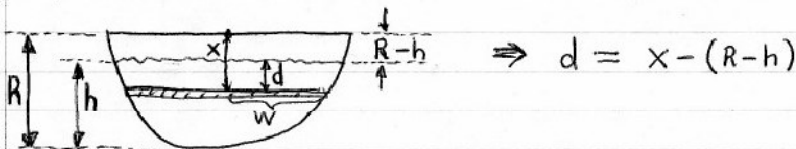
$$= \boxed{4.11 \times 10^6 \text{ J}}$$

(Notice the text integrates from 2 → 10 because their cone isn't assumed to be full, think about it.)

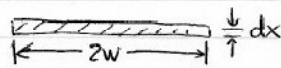
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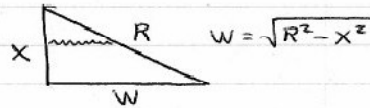
Find hydrostatic force on half-barrel pictured below, well just the end piece. The radius of barrel is  $R$  and the water of density  $\rho$  is filled to height  $h$ . Lets find force  $dF$  on a strip of area  $dA$  at position  $x$  and depth  $d$  below the surface.



From picture above we find  $P = \rho g d = \rho g (x - R + h)$ . (I set up the pressure wrong in notes, it is the depth that should determine the pressure, specifically  $P = \rho g d$ .) Next;



$$dA = 2w dx = 2\sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx$$



Ok so our choice of  $x$  makes  $dA$  relatively pretty, (you can try defining  $x$  differently but it'll make the square root nasty...) Ok, we know  $P = \frac{dF}{dA}$  so  $dF = P dA$

$$dF = \rho g (x - R + h) 2\sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx$$

Now we just need to add-up the forces,  $R-h \leq x \leq R$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \int_{R-h}^R 2\rho g (x - R + h) \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx \\ &= \int_{R-h}^R 2\rho g x \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx + \int_{R-h}^R 2\rho g (h - R) \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx \\ &= 2\rho g \underbrace{\int_{R-h}^R x \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx}_{u\text{-substitute}} + 2\rho g (h - R) \underbrace{\int_{R-h}^R \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx}_{\text{trig-substitute}} \end{aligned}$$

HINT • The homework problem results in the same type of integration.

(ignore comments about homework and notes in this example)

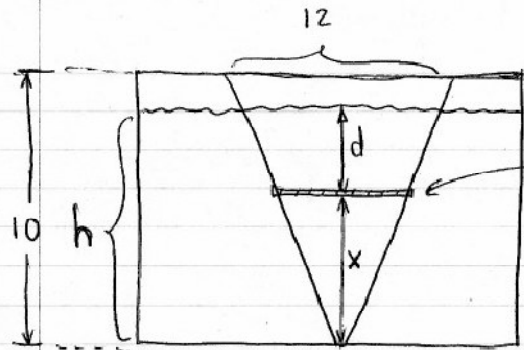
E8 continued

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx &= \int \sqrt{W} \frac{dW}{-2} & W &= R^2 - x^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int W^{\frac{1}{2}} dW & dW &= -2x dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} W^{\frac{3}{2}} + C & x dx &= \frac{-dW}{2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} (R^2 - x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx &= \int (R \cos \theta)(R \cos \theta d\theta) & x &= R \sin \theta \\ &= \int R^2 \cos^2 \theta d\theta & dx &= R \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{R^2}{2} (1 + \cos(2\theta)) d\theta & R^2 - x^2 &= R^2 \cos^2 \theta \\ &= \frac{R^2}{2} \int d\theta + \frac{R^2}{2} \int \cos(2\theta) d\theta & \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} &= R \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{R^2}{2} \left( \theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= 2\rho g \int_{R-h}^R x \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx + 2\rho g (h-R) \int_{R-h}^R \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{2\rho g}{3} (R^2 - x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_{R-h}^R + \rho g (h-R) R^2 \left( \theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \right) \Big|_{x=R-h}^{x=R} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \rho g (R^2 - (R-h)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \rho g (h-R) R^2 \left( \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{R}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{R}\right)\right) \right) \Big|_{R-h}^R \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \rho g (R^2 - (R-h)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \rho g (h-R) R^2 \left( \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R}{R}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R}{R}\right)\right) \right) \\ &\quad - \rho g (h-R) R^2 \left( \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R-h}{R}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R-h}{R}\right)\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \rho g (R^2 - (R-h)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \rho g (h-R) R^2 \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(2 \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R-h}{R}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R-h}{R}\right)\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

E9) Find the hydrostatic force on the triangular region pictured below. Assume the water of density  $\rho$  is upto level  $h$



width is  $w$  which  
clearly depends linearly  
on  $x$ .  
 $w = mx + b$

$$w(0) = m(0) + b = 0 \quad \therefore b = 0$$

$$w(10) = m(10) + 0 = 12 \quad \therefore m = \frac{12}{10} = \frac{6}{5} \quad \therefore \boxed{w = \frac{6}{5}x}$$

This formula for  $w$  checks because  $w(10) = \frac{6}{5}(10) = 12$  as it should.  
Then the area of strip is  $dA = w dx = \frac{6}{5}x dx$ .  
Now set up the pressure  $P = \rho g d$ ,

$$x + d = h \Rightarrow d = h - x \Rightarrow P = \rho g (h - x)$$

Again the connection between force & pressure is  $P = \frac{dF}{dA}$   
so  $dF = P dA$ , thus

$$dF = \rho g (h - x) \frac{6}{5} x dx$$

Now sum the forces for the strips at  $x$  in  $0 \leq x \leq h$ ,

$$F = \int_0^h \frac{6\rho g}{5} (hx - x^2) dx$$

$$= \frac{6\rho g}{5} \left( \frac{1}{2}hx^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right) \Big|_0^h$$

$$= \frac{6\rho g}{5} \left( \frac{1}{2}h^3 - \frac{1}{3}h^3 \right) \qquad \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{5} \rho g h^3}$$

### §6.5 Moments & Centers of Mass (COM)

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In the discrete case we define  $\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i}$  the sum is over all the particles.

For 2 dimensional case we have

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = (x_{cm}, y_{cm})$$

$$x_{cm} = \left( \sum m_i x_i \right) / \left( \sum m_i \right) = M_x / M$$

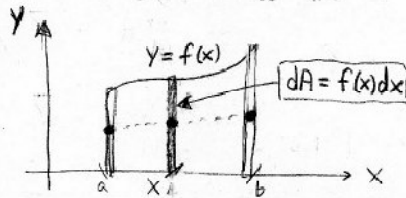
$M_x$  = moment of inertia w.r.t x-axis.

$$y_{cm} = \left( \sum m_i y_i \right) / \left( \sum m_i \right) = M_y / M$$

$M$  = total mass.

What then is the generalization of this to a continuous region.

Lets see how to find the c.o.m. of the region bounded by  $y=0$ ,  $y=f(x)$  and  $x=a$  and  $x=b$ . Assume uniform density.



Each strip has its c.o.m. at  $(x, \frac{1}{2} f(x))$ . We can treat it like a bunch of particles with  $dm$  each

$$\rho = \frac{dm}{dA} \rightarrow dm = \rho dA$$

So we find the c.o.m. of this system in the natural way,

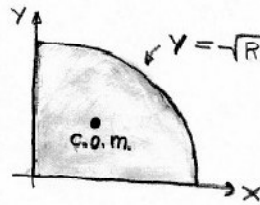
$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_a^b \rho x f(x) dx}{\int_a^b \rho f(x) dx} \quad \text{AND} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\int_a^b \rho \frac{1}{2} f(x) f(x) dx}{\int_a^b \rho f(x) dx}$$

Or in terms of moments & mass we have

$M_y \equiv \rho \int x f(x) dx$	$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M}$
$M_x \equiv \rho \int \frac{1}{2} [f(x)]^2 dx$	$\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M}$
$M = \rho \int f(x) dx = \rho (\text{AREA})$	

We assume  $\rho$  to be a constant.

E10 Find the moments of inertia and c.o.m for a quarter-circle of uniform density  $\rho$  with radius  $R$



$$M = \int_0^R \rho f(x) dx$$

$$= \rho \int_0^R f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \rho R^2 = M$$

Mass is simply area times density.

$$M_y = \rho \int_0^R x \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx$$

$$= \rho \int_{R^2}^0 \frac{-1}{2} \sqrt{u} du$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \Big|_0^{R^2}$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{3} (R^2)^{3/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \rho R^3 = M_x$$

$$\begin{matrix} u = R^2 - x^2 & u(R) = 0 \\ du = -2x dx & u(0) = R^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$M_x = \rho \int_0^R \frac{1}{2} (R^2 - x^2) dx$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \left( R^2 x - \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right) \Big|_0^R$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \rho R^3 = M_y$$

Now we can find the center of mass,

$$x_{cm} = \frac{M_y}{M} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \rho R^3}{\frac{\pi}{4} \rho R^2} = \frac{4}{3\pi} R \approx 0.4244 R$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{M_x}{M} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \rho R^3}{\frac{\pi}{4} \rho R^2} = \frac{4}{3\pi} R \approx 0.4244 R$$

From the symmetry of the region we could have anticipated  $x_{cm} = y_{cm}$ .

**THE END**