

9) The Centre of mass of three particles of masses 10, 20 & 30 gm, be at the point $C(1, 1, 1)$ m then where should a fourth particle of 40 gm be placed so that the combined Centre of mass be at $(0, 0, 0)$?

$$\text{sol: } \bar{x} = \frac{m_1x_1 + m_2x_2 + m_3x_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3} \quad \text{or } 1 = \frac{x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3}{1 + 2 + 3}$$

$$\text{or } x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 6 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Suppose 40 gm mass is placed at a point (x_4, y_4, z_4) so that the combined Centre of mass is at $(0, 0, 0)$ Now

$$0 = \frac{0.01x_1 + 0.02x_2 + 0.03x_3 + 0.04x_4}{0.01 + 0.02 + 0.03 + 0.04}$$

$$\text{or } x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Subtracting eqn (1) from eqn (2) we have

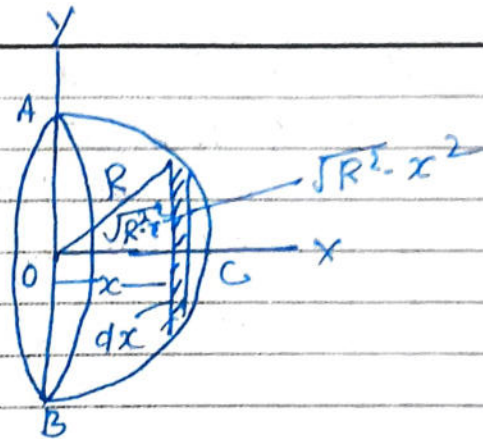
$$4x_4 = -6 \quad \text{or } x_4 = -3/2$$

In the same way $y_4 = -3/2$ and $z_4 = -3/2$

Therefore 40 gm mass should be placed at $(-3/2, -3/2, -3/2)$ m.

Centre of mass of a solid hemisphere \rightarrow

This figure represents a hemisphere of radius R , let O be the centre of the circular section, be the origin and OC be the axis of symmetry along x -axis. Consider the portion of the hemisphere lying between two parallel planes, each perpendicular to OC , at distance x and $x+dx$ from O , this portion will be a circular disc of radius $\sqrt{R^2-x^2}$.



face area of the disc $= \pi (R^2 - x^2)$

Volume of the disc $= \pi (R^2 - x^2) dx$

If ρ be the density, then its mass
 $dm = \pi (R^2 - x^2) \rho dx$

The centre of mass of the hemisphere will lie on OC at a distance \bar{x} from O .

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int x dm}{\int dm} = \frac{\int_0^R \pi (R^2 - x^2) x \rho dx}{\int_0^R \pi x (R^2 - x^2) \rho dx} = \frac{\left[\frac{R^2 x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^R}{\left[R^2 x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^R}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{R^4}{2} - \frac{R^4}{4}}{R^3 - \frac{R^3}{3}} = \frac{R^4}{4} \times \frac{3}{2R^3} = \frac{3R}{8}$$

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$$\text{Area of disc} = \pi r^2 = \pi \frac{x^2 R^2}{h^2}$$

$$\text{Volume of the disc} = \frac{\pi x^2 R^2}{h^2} \cdot dx$$

$$\text{mass of the disc} = \frac{\pi x^2 R^2}{h^2} \cdot dx$$

$$\text{Mass of the disc } dm = \frac{\pi x^2 R^2 \rho}{h^2} \cdot dx$$

Where ρ is the density of the material of the cone. Hence, the centre of mass of the cone will lie on OC at a distance x from O.

$$x = \frac{\int x dm}{\int dm} = \frac{\int_0^h x \cdot \frac{\pi x^2 R^2 \rho}{h^2} \cdot dx}{\int_0^h \frac{\pi x^2 R^2 \rho}{h^2} \cdot dx} = \frac{\int_0^h x^3 dx}{\int_0^h x^2 dx} = \frac{\left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^h}{\left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^h}$$

$$\frac{h^4}{4} \times \frac{3}{h^3} = \frac{3h}{4}$$

Hence, the centroid of a solid cone is situated at a distance $\frac{3}{4}$ of its vertical height measured from its vertex.

Put $R^2 - x^2 = t^2 \quad \therefore x dx = -t dt$

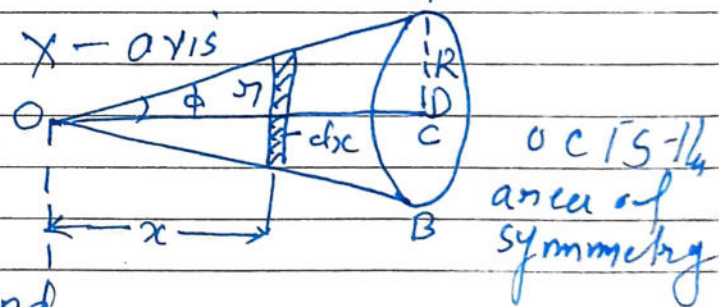
$$\therefore \int_0^R x \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} dx = - \int_R^0 t^2 dt = \left[\frac{t^3}{3} \right]_R^0 = \frac{R^3}{3}$$

Hence, $\bar{x} = \frac{4}{\pi R^2} \cdot \frac{R^3}{3} = \frac{4R}{3\pi}$

Hence, the Centre of mass of the semi-circular lamina will lie on the line of symmetry at a distance $4R/3\pi$ from the centre O of the lamina.

④ Centre of mass of right circular cone — Right circular cone, having circular base AB of radius R and centre C, let O, be the apex of the cone both origin and OC, the x-axis, OC is the axis of symmetry.

Consider two parallel planes perpendicular to x-axis and at distances x and x+dx from O. The portion of the cone lying between two planes is a circular disc



Radius of the disc = $r = x \tan \phi$

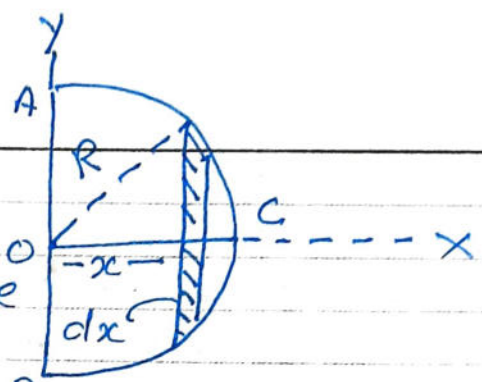
Where ϕ is the semi-vertical angle of the cone. If h be the height of the cone, then

$$\tan \phi = R/h$$

$$\therefore r/x = R/h \quad \text{or} \quad r = xR/h$$

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A semi-circular lamina with AOB as its diameter and OC is a radius perpendicular to it. The radius OC is evidently the axis of symmetry and, therefore, centre of mass of the lamina lies on it. Let the x -axis be along OC and y axis along OA .



Area of lamina = $\pi R^2 / 2$

If M be the mass of the lamina, its mass per unit area = $\frac{2M}{\pi R^2}$

Consider a strip of thickness dx at a distance x from the origin then,

Length of the strip = $2\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$

Area of strip = $2\sqrt{R^2 - x^2} \cdot dx$

Mass of the strip = $\frac{2\sqrt{R^2 - x^2} \cdot dx \cdot 2M}{\pi R^2}$

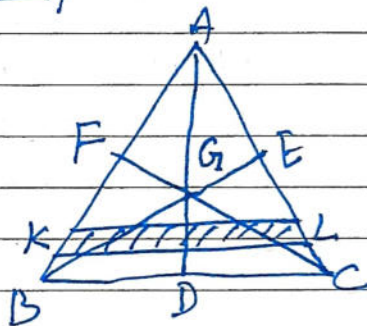
$\therefore \bar{x} = \frac{\int x \, dm}{M} = \frac{\int_0^R x \cdot 2\sqrt{R^2 - x^2} \cdot dx \cdot \frac{2M}{\pi R^2}}{M}$

$= \frac{4}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R x \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} \, dx$

② Centre of mass of a thin triangular plate. — Let the triangular plate ABC be divided into a very large number of narrow strips KL , each parallel to BC . The centre of mass of each strip lies at its middle point hence the centre of mass of the entire plate lies on the median AD . Similarly it will also lie on the median CF and BE . Thus, the centre of mass of the triangular plate lies at the point of intersection G of the three medians and G is called the centroid of the triangle. The point G divides each median internally in the ratio $1:2$ so that

$$\boxed{\frac{AD}{AG} = \frac{DG}{AG} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{DG+AG}{AG} = \frac{1+2}{2} \text{ or } \frac{AD}{AG} = \frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\therefore AG = \frac{2}{3} AD$$



③ Centre of mass of a thin triangular plate: —

Centre of mass of a semi-circular lamina or plate: —

Hence, the distance of the centre of mass of the rod from O is

$$X = \frac{\int x \, dm}{\int dm} = \frac{\int_0^l x \cdot \frac{M}{l} \cdot dx}{M} = \frac{M}{l} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^l = \frac{l}{2}$$

Hence, the centre of mass of the rod is situated in the middle.

From part (5) $Mv = a \text{ const}$ or $v = C \text{ const}$
 equ (5) is again diffy wrt to time

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = M \frac{dv}{dt} = \sum_N \frac{d}{dt} (m_n v_n) = \sum_N F_n$$

$F_n =$ is the force acting on any particle, n of the system.
 hence the total force $\sum F_n$ on all the particles of the system will be equal to the external force F_{ext} .

$$F_{ext} = \frac{dP}{dt} = M \frac{dV}{dt} = M a_{cm}$$

Thus the centre of mass of a system of particles moves as if it were a particle of mass equal to the total mass of the system.

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Motion of the centre of mass: - Diffy equⁿ (1) with respect to time t , we get

$$M \frac{dR}{dt} = m_1 \frac{dx_1}{dt} + m_2 \frac{dx_2}{dt} + \dots + m_N \frac{dx_N}{dt}$$

Now writing v for the velocity dR/dt of the centre of mass and v_1, v_2, \dots for the velocities of the particles, we have

$$Mv = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 + \dots + m_N v_N$$

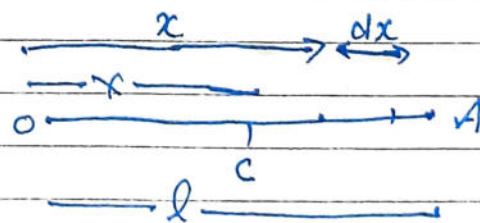
$$Mv = \sum m_n v_n = P \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$v = \frac{\sum m_n v_n}{M} = \frac{m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 + \dots + m_N v_N}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

This equⁿ gives the velocity of the centre of mass

Centre of mass of a thin uniform rod: - Let the x -axis lie along the length OA of the rod and O be the origin, if M and l represent its mass and length, then mass per unit length = M/l

Consider a small element dx at a distance x from the origin, then its mass



$$dm = \frac{M}{l} dx$$

So that

$$X = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots + m_N x_N}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N}$$

$$= \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i}$$

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$$= \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$Z = \frac{m_1 z_1 + m_2 z_2 + \dots + m_N z_N}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N} = \frac{\sum m_i z_i}{\sum m_i}$$

A rigid body may be considered as a system of closely packed particles, having continuous distribution of mass. The centre of mass of such a body will be given on replacing the sign of summation (\sum) by the sign of integration (\int)

$$X = \frac{\int x \, dm}{\int dm} = \frac{1}{M} \int x \, dm; \quad Y = \frac{\int y \, dm}{\int dm} = \frac{1}{M} \int y \, dm,$$

$$Z = \frac{\int z \, dm}{\int dm} = \frac{1}{M} \int z \, dm. \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Centre of mass: —

Let us consider a system of N -particles, having masses m_1, m_2, \dots, m_N and instantaneous position vectors r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N respectively. The centre of mass of this system at this instant is the point whose position vector R is given

$$MR = m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_2 + \dots + m_N r_N$$

where M is the total mass of the system i.e

$$M = \sum m_n = m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N$$

Therefore

$$R = \frac{m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_2 + \dots + m_N r_N}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N m_n r_n}{\sum_{n=1}^N m_n} \quad (1)$$

The sum $\sum m_n r_n$ is called the first moment of mass for the system.
For a system of two particles

$$R = \frac{m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

If (x, y, z) are the coordinates of the centre of mass, then

$$R = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}$$

