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centre of mass of half-disc

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Let  $E$  be the upper half-disc of the disc  $x^2 + y^2 \leq R$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with a surface-density 1. By the symmetry, its centre of mass lies on its medium radius, and therefore we only have to calculate the ordinate  $Y$  of the centre of mass. For doing that, one can use the double integral

$$Y = \frac{1}{\nu(E)} \iint_E y \, dx \, dy,$$

where  $\nu(E) = \frac{\pi R^2}{2}$  is the area of the half-disc. The region of integration is defined by

$$E = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : -R \leq x \leq R, 0 \leq y \leq \sqrt{R^2 - x^2}\}.$$

Accordingly we may write

$$Y = \frac{2}{\pi R^2} \int_{-R}^R dx \int_0^{\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}} y \, dy = \frac{2}{\pi R^2} \int_{-R}^R \frac{R^2 - x^2}{2} dx = \frac{2}{\pi R^2} \Big/_{x=-R}^R \left( \frac{R^2 x}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} \right) = \frac{4R}{3\pi}.$$

Thus the centre of mass is the point  $(0, \frac{4R}{3\pi})$ .