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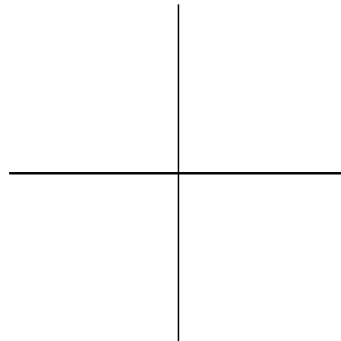
Math 231 A. Worksheet 9.

1. The Hoover Dam near Las Vegas has “penstock gates” to control the flow of water. They are circular, approximately 5 meters in radius, and are centered 90 meters under water.

a) Make a clear diagram of this problem. Include a “ruler” to the right which clearly indicates the meaning of your coordinates.

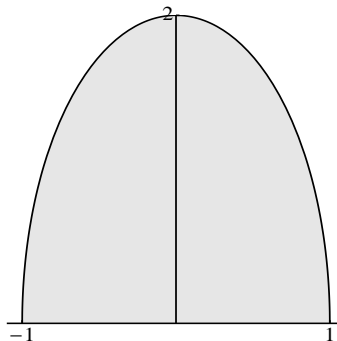
b) Compute the hydrostatic force on one of these gates to two significant figures. Use 9.8 m/s^2 for the gravitational constant and 1000 kg/m^3 for the density of water.

Hint: You can evaluate all integrals which arise in your head, without any hard work.



c) The mass of a loaded 747 airplane is approximately 400,000 kg. Find the weight of a 747 in Newtons. How many 747s would it take to provide the force you computed in part (b)?

2. A lamina with area density λ kg/m² occupies the top half of the ellipse $4x^2 + y^2 = 4$ as shown. You may use the fact that the area of the lamina is π m². Find the moments M_x and M_y about the x and y axes, respectively. Then find the coordinates (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) of the centroid. You may use any available symmetries.



3. A lamina has the shape of a right triangle of height L and base r (meters). The base lies along the x -axis. It has density ρ kg/m².

- a) Make a careful diagram of the problem (like the one on the last page).
- b) Find the moment M_x about the x axis. Your answer will involve ρ , L , and r .