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# 1 Lesson 4

## 1.1 Center of Mass

**Center of Mass:** average location of mass in a distribution

- Balance Point
- Natural Rotation axis
- Only line through center of mass on a 2D object always splits into 2 equal parts

A center of mass for point masses can be given by the equation

$$\vec{x}_{\text{CM}} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{x}_i}{\sum m_i}$$

In one-dimension

$$x_{\text{CM}} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{m_{\text{total}}}$$

$$x_4 = 100 \text{ cm}$$

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If you have a vector equation then find their components and handle them separately.

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= (3, 3) \\ m_{P_1} &= 27 \text{ kg} \\ P_2 &= (0, 0) \\ m_{P_2} &= 10 \text{ kg} \\ P_3 &= (-1, 1) \\ m_{P_3} &= 9 \text{ kg} \\ P_4 &= (-4, -2) \\ m_{P_4} &= 15 \text{ kg} \end{aligned}$$

First finding the  $x$  components

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= 3 \text{ m} \\m_1 &= 27 \text{ kg} \\x_2 &= 0 \text{ m} \\m_2 &= 10 \text{ kg} \\x_3 &= -1 \text{ m} \\m_3 &= 9 \text{ kg} \\x_4 &= -4 \text{ m} \\m_4 &= 15 \text{ kg}\end{aligned}$$

Then the  $y$  components

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 &= 3 \text{ m} \\m_1 &= 27 \text{ kg} \\y_2 &= 0 \text{ m} \\m_2 &= 10 \text{ kg} \\y_3 &= 1 \text{ m} \\m_3 &= 9 \text{ kg} \\y_4 &= -2 \text{ m} \\m_4 &= 15 \text{ kg}\end{aligned}$$

Then solving for  $x_{CM}$

$$\begin{aligned}x_{CM} &= \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{m_{\text{total}}} \\&= \frac{(3 \text{ m})(27 \text{ kg}) + (0 \text{ m})(10 \text{ kg}) + (-1 \text{ m})(9 \text{ kg}) + (-4 \text{ m})(15 \text{ kg})}{27 \text{ kg} + 10 \text{ kg} + 9 \text{ kg} + 15 \text{ kg}} \\&= 0.2 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y_{CM} &= \frac{(3 \text{ m} 27 \text{ kg}) + (0 \text{ m} 10 \text{ kg}) + (1 \text{ m} 9 \text{ kg}) + (-2 \text{ m} 15 \text{ kg})}{27 \text{ kg} + 10 \text{ kg} + 9 \text{ kg} + 15 \text{ kg}} \\&= 1 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

## 1.2 Density

**Density:**  $\frac{\text{amount}}{\text{space it takes up}}$

Volumetric mass density

$$\rho \equiv \frac{dm}{dV}$$

For continuous solids instead of  $\sum m_i x_i$  we use

$$\int x dm$$

Because  $dm$  is hard to work with we say

$$dm = \rho dV$$

A **moment** is defined by

$$\int x \rho dV$$

Where  $\rho dV$  shows integrating with respect to space

Counting moments is 0-indexed

Zeroth moment

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x^0 \rho dV \\ &= \int \rho dV \\ &= \int_0^{M_{\text{total}}} dm \\ &= M_{\text{total}} \end{aligned}$$

First moment

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x^1 \rho dV \\ &= \int x \rho dV, \text{ related to torque} \end{aligned}$$

Center of Mass:

$$\vec{x}_{\text{CM}} = \frac{\int \vec{x} \rho dV}{\int \rho dr}$$

Given the general function for  $y$  of  $x$

$$y = -\frac{h}{b}x + h$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\text{total}} \vec{x}_{\text{CM}} &= \sum x \sigma dA \\ &= \int (x) \sigma (y dx) \\ &= \sigma \int_0^b x \left( -\frac{h}{b}x + h \right) dx \\ &= \sigma \int_0^b \left( -\frac{h}{b}x^2 + hx \right) dx \\ &= \sigma \left( -\frac{h}{3b}x^3 + \frac{h}{2}x^2 \right)_0^b \end{aligned}$$