

8. [15 points] A metal plate with constant density $5 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2}$ has a shape bounded by the curve $y = 1 - x^2$ and the x-axis. You should evaluate all definite integrals in this problem by hand.

a. [3 points] Write an expression that approximates the amount of mass contained in a horizontal slice of the metal plate of width Δy meters, located at y_i meters from the x axis. Your answer should be in terms of y_i and Δy .

Solution:

$$m_i = (\text{density}) (\text{area of slice}) = (5)(2\sqrt{1 - y_i}\Delta y).$$

b. [4 points] Find the exact total mass of the metal plate.

Solution:

$$m = \int_0^1 10\sqrt{1 - y} dy = -\frac{20}{3}(1 - y)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{20}{3} = 6.66 \text{ kg}.$$

c. [8 points] Find the center of mass of the metal plate.

Solution:

$\bar{x} = 0$ by symmetry.

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\int_0^1 10y\sqrt{1 - y} dy}{\frac{20}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 y\sqrt{1 - y} dy = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{4}{15} \right) = \frac{2}{5} = .4$$

With u substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 y\sqrt{1 - y} dy &= \\ u = 1 - y &= - \int_1^0 (1 - u)u^{\frac{1}{2}} du \\ &= \frac{2}{3}u^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{2}{5}u^{\frac{5}{2}} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{4}{15} \end{aligned}$$

With integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 y\sqrt{1 - y} dy &= -\frac{2}{3}y\sqrt{1 - y} \Big|_0^1 + \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 (1 - y)^{\frac{3}{2}} dy \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{2}{5}(1 - y)^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{4}{15} \end{aligned}$$