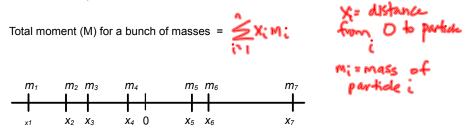
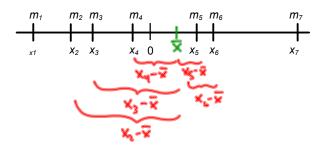


The moment of a particle with respect to a point is the product of mass (m) of the particle with its <u>directed</u> distance (x) from a point. This measures the tendency to produce a rotation about that point.

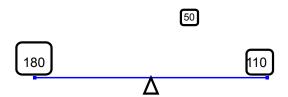


Where does the fulcrum need to be placed to balance?



## EX 1

John and Mary, weighing 180 lbs and 110 lbs respectively, sit at opposite ends of a 12-ft teeter-totter with the fulcrum in the middle. Where should their 50-lb son sit in order for the board to balance?

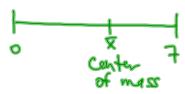


For a continuous mass distribution along the line (like on a wire):

$$\overline{X} = \frac{M}{m} = \frac{\int_{a}^{b} x \, S(x) dx}{\int_{a}^{b} S(x) dx}$$
since total mass
15
$$\int_{a}^{b} S(x) dx$$

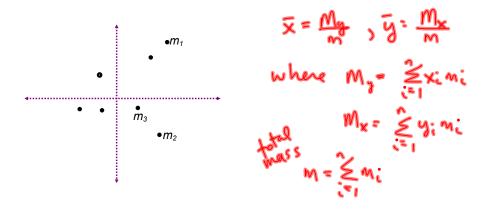
## EX 2

A straight wire 7 units long has density  $\delta(x) = I + x^3$  at a point x units from one end. Find the distance from this end to the center of mass.



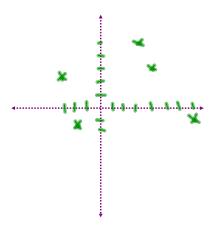
Consider a discrete set of 2-d masses.

How do we find the center of mass (the geometric center)  $(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$ ?

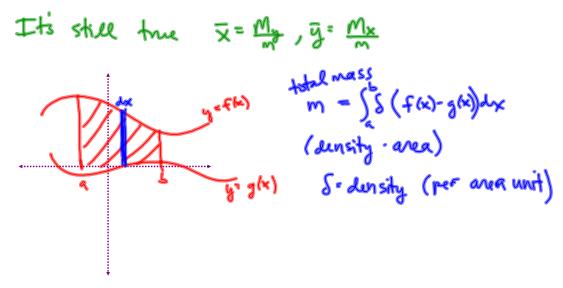


## EX 3

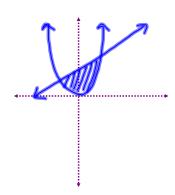
The masses and coordinates of a system of particles are given by the following: 5, (-3,2); 6, (-2,-2); 2, (3,5); 7, (4,3); 1, (7,-1). Find the moments of this system with respect to the coordinate axes and find the center of mass.



Now, consider a continuous 2-d region (a lamina) that has constant (homogeneous) density everywhere. How do we find the center of mass  $(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$ ?



EX 4 Find the centroid of the region bounded by  $y=x^2$  and y=x+2.



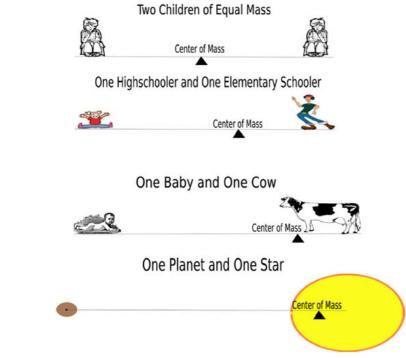


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