"CENTROID" AND "CENTER OF MASS" BY INTEGRATION

Learning Objectives

1). To determine the *volume, mass, centroid* and *center of mass* using integral calculus.

2). To do an *engineering estimate* of the volume, mass, centroid and center of mass of a body.

Definitions

Centroid: **Geometric** *center* of a line, area or volume.

Center of Mass: **Gravitational** *center* of a line, area or volume.

The *centroid* and *center of mass* coincide when the **density** is **uniform** throughout the part.

Centroid by Integration

a). *Line*:

$$L = \int dL \qquad L\,\bar{x} = \int x_c\, dL \qquad L\,\bar{y} = \int y_c\, dL$$

b). *Area*:

$$A = \int dA \qquad A\,\bar{x} = \int x_c\, dA \qquad A\,\bar{y} = \int y_c\, dA$$

c). *Volume*:

$$V = \int dV \qquad V\,\bar{x} = \int x_c\, dV$$

$$V\,\bar{y} = \int y_c\, dV \qquad V\,\bar{z} = \int z_c\, dV$$

where: $\bar{x}$, $\bar{y}$, $\bar{z}$ represent the centroid of the line, area or volume.

$(x_c)_i$, $(y_c)_i$, $(z_c)_i$ represent the centroid of the differential element under consideration.

Center of Mass by Integration

$$m = \int dm = \int \rho \; dV$$

$$m\, x_G = \int x_c \, dm = \int x_c (\rho \, dV)$$

$$m\, \bar{y} = \int y_c \, dm = \int y_c (\rho \, dV)$$

$$m\, \bar{z} = \int z_c \, dm = \int z_c (\rho \, dV)$$

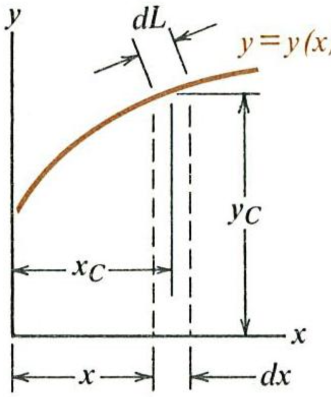
Note:

- For a homogeneous body ρ = constant, thus

$$m = \int \rho \, dV = \rho \int dV = \rho V$$

- Tabulated values of the *centroid* and *center of mass* of several standard shapes can be found on the back inside cover of the textbook.

Arch Length



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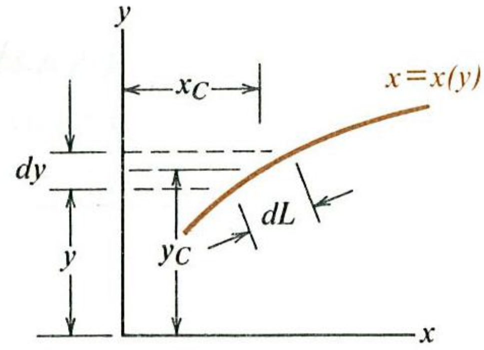

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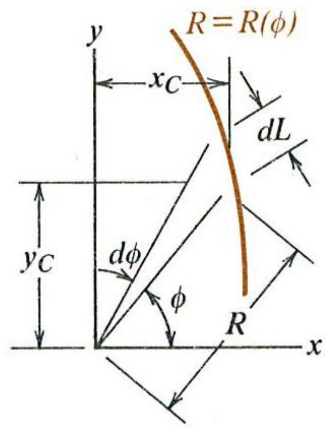

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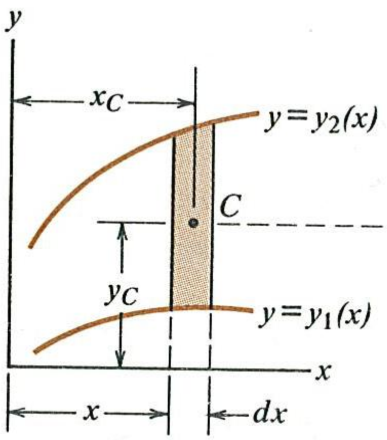
Planar Area



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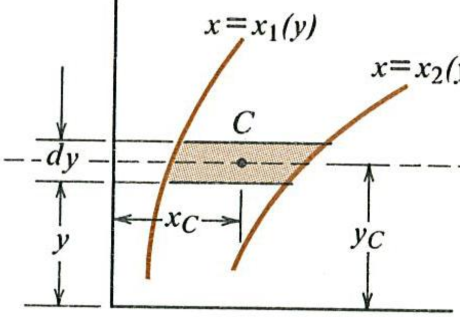

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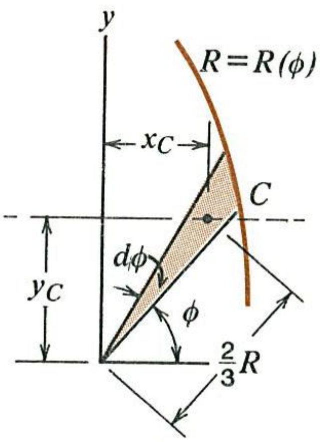

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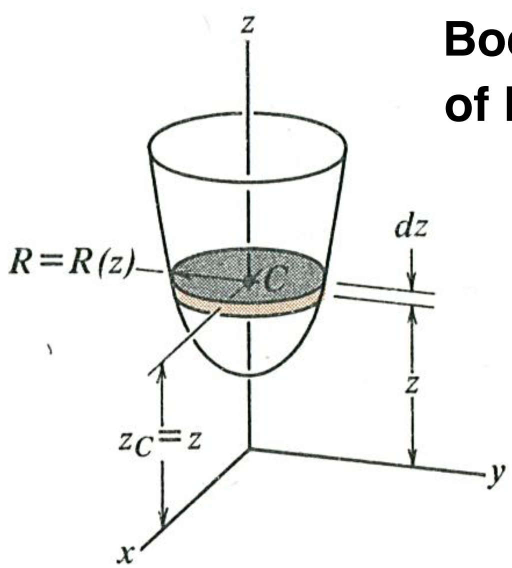

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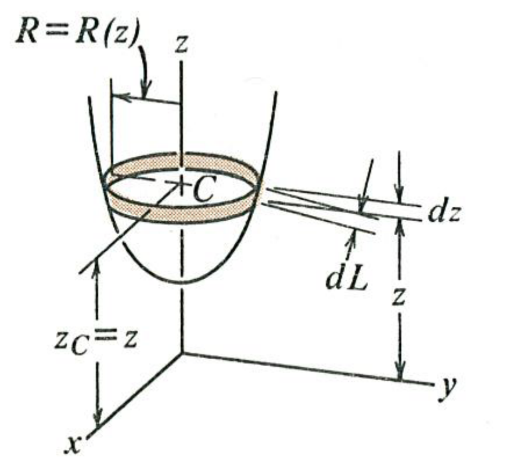

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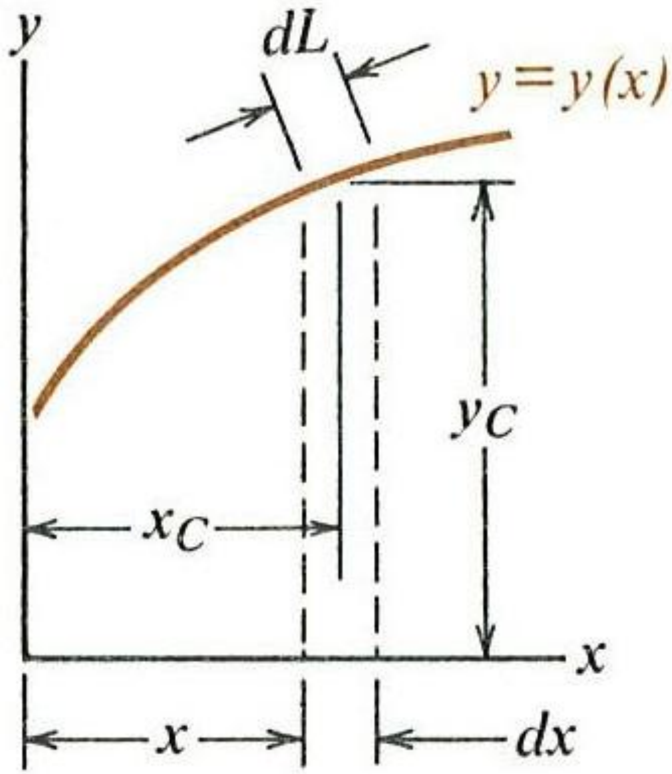

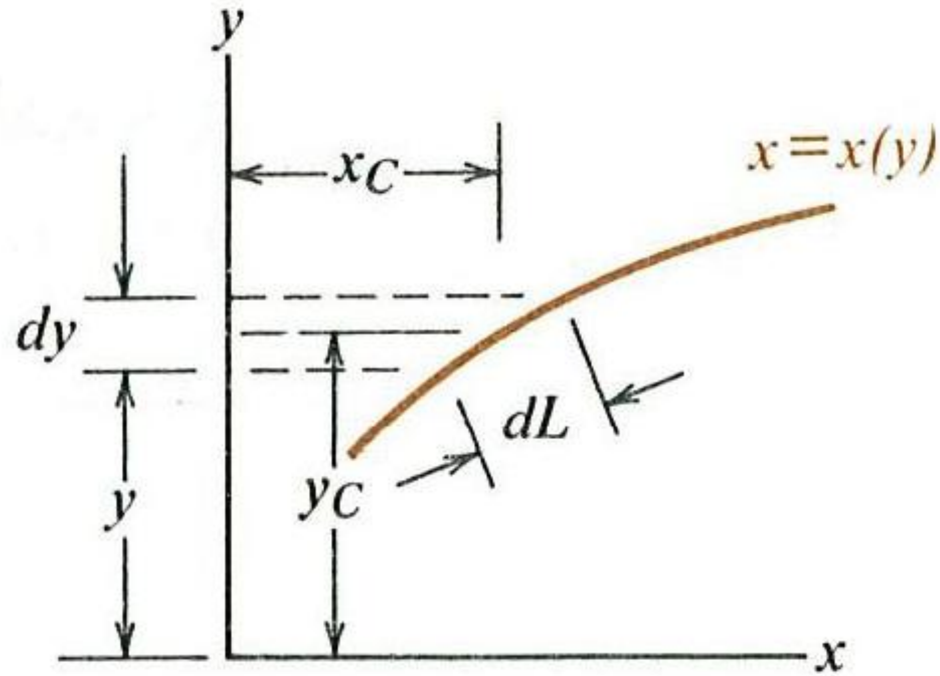

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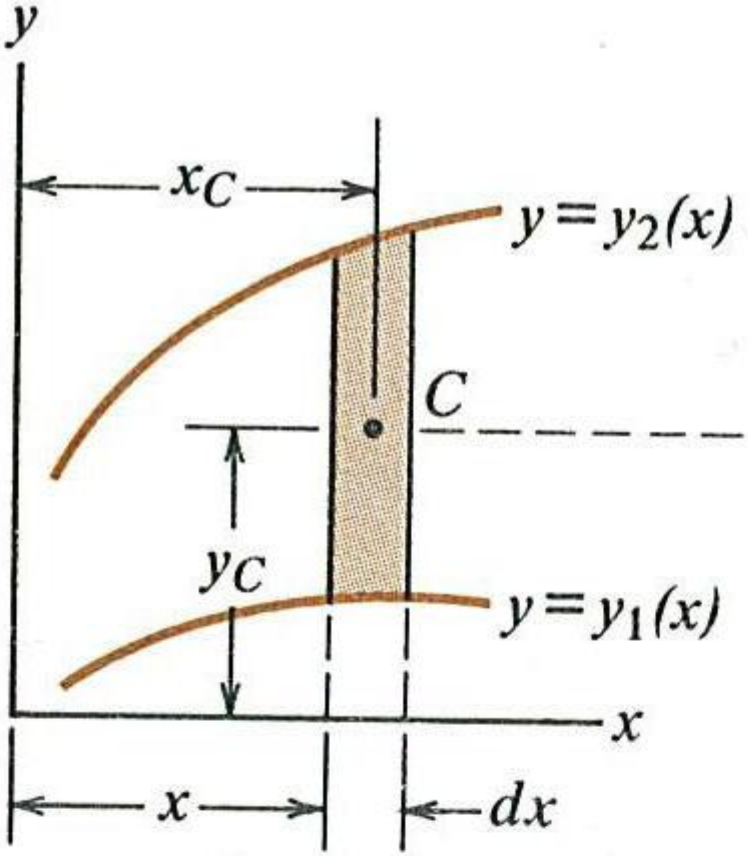

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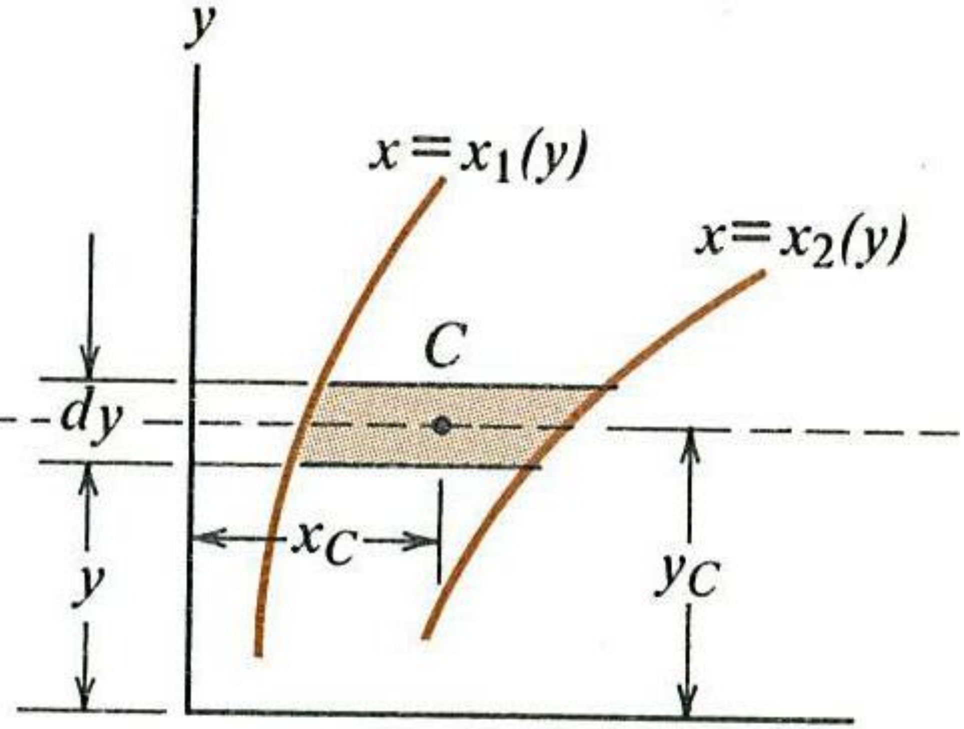

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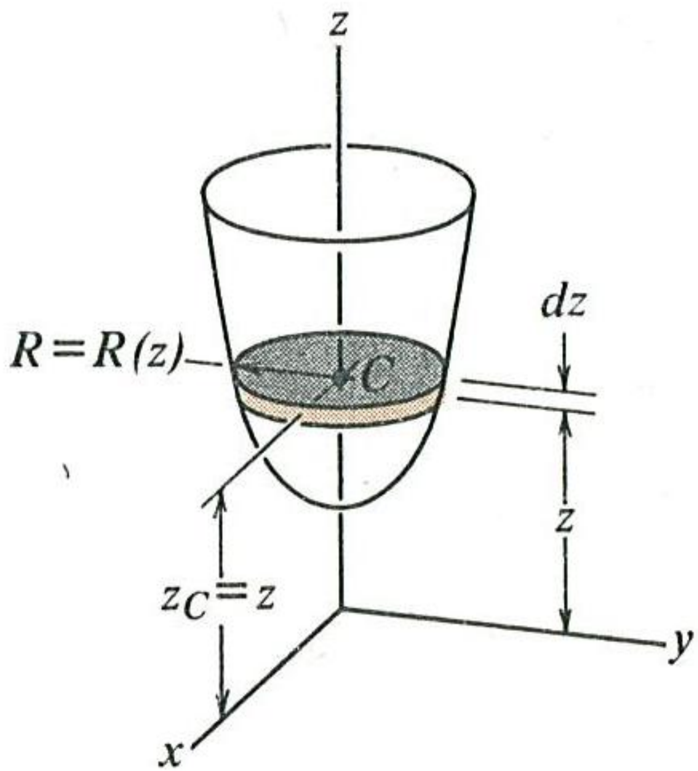

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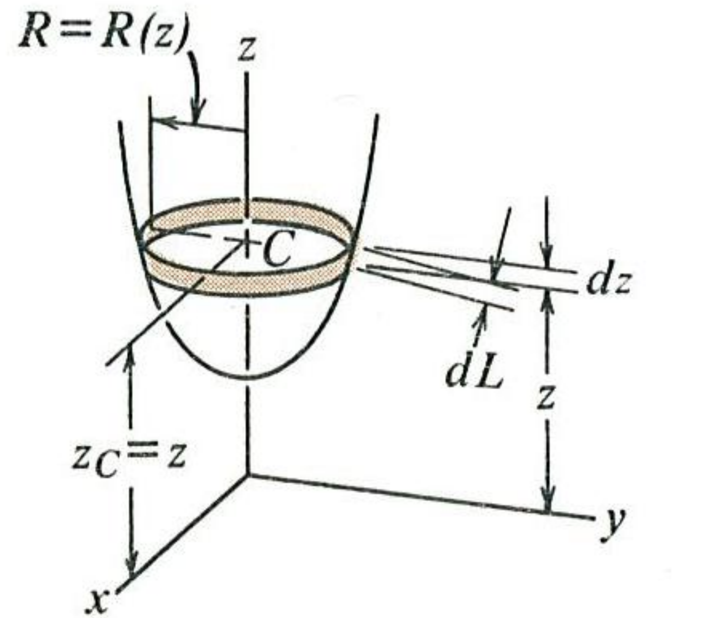

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathscr{A} &= 2\pi R(z) dL \\ &= 2\pi R(z)[1 + (\tfrac{dR}{dz})^2]^{1/2} dz \end{aligned}$$

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Example 1

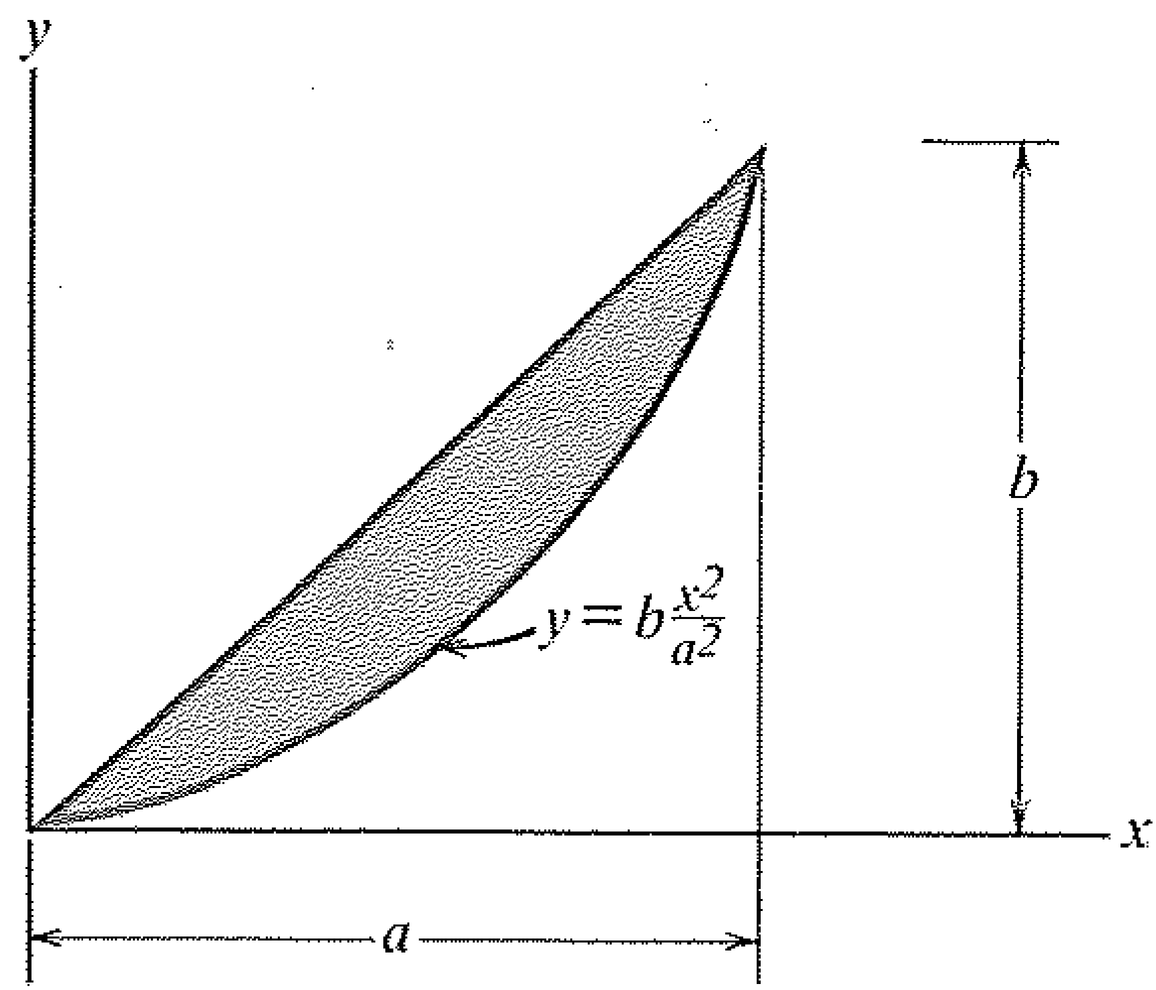
Given: It is desired to determine the area and centroids of the shaded shape.

Find: For the shaded shape provided,

a) Estimate the area and the x and y centroids.

b) Calculate the area of the shape.

c) Calculate the x and y centroids of the shape.



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Example 4

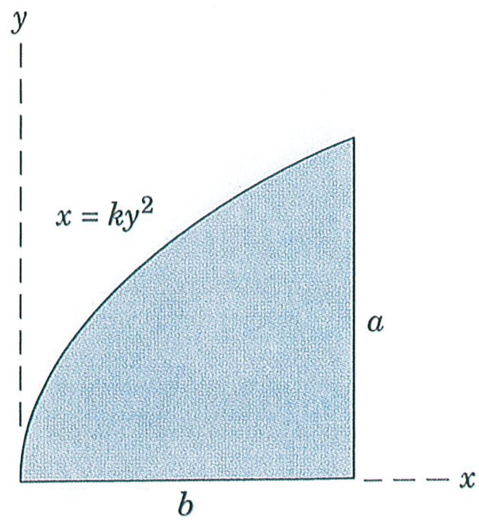
Given: The shaded area is bound by two curves.

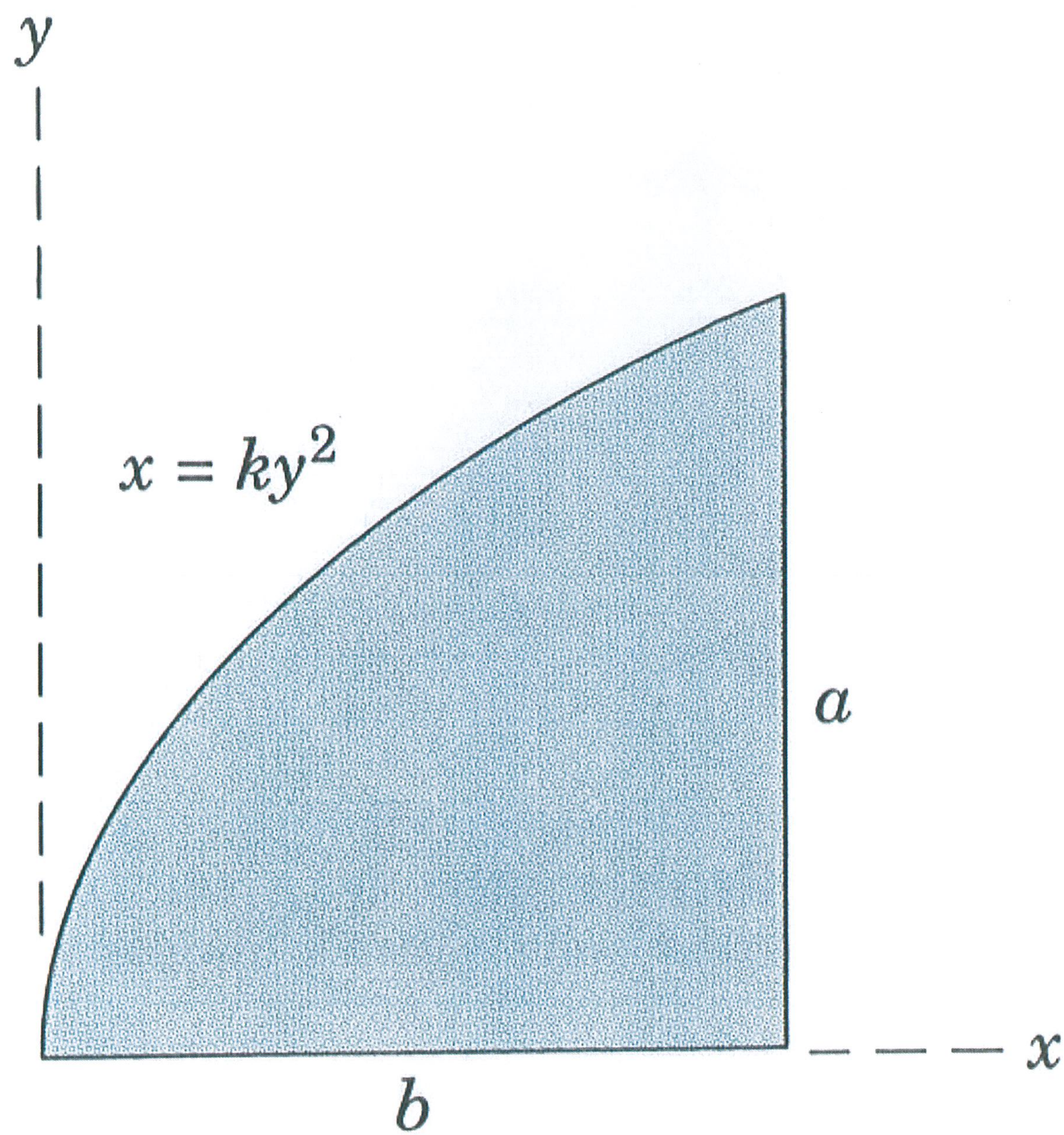
Find:

a) Estimate and then calculate the shaded area.

b) Estimate and then calculate the x-centroid of the shaded area.

c) Estimate and then calculate the y-centroid of the shaded area.





y
$x = ky^2$
a
x
b

Centers of Mass & Centroids: By Integration
Group Quiz 1

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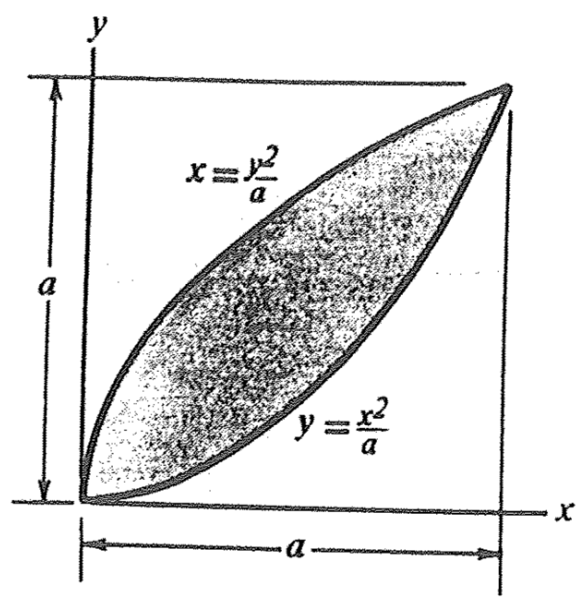
Given: A shaded area is bounded by two lines given by $x = y^2/a$ and $y = x^2/a$.

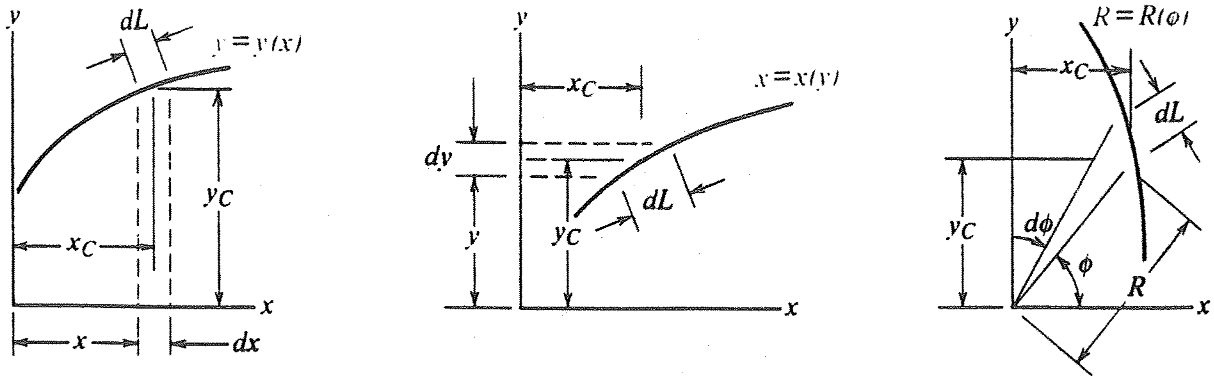


Find:

a) Do an engineering estimate of the shaded area and the centroid of the shaded area $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$.

b) Determine the location of the centroid $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ by the method of integration.

Solution:



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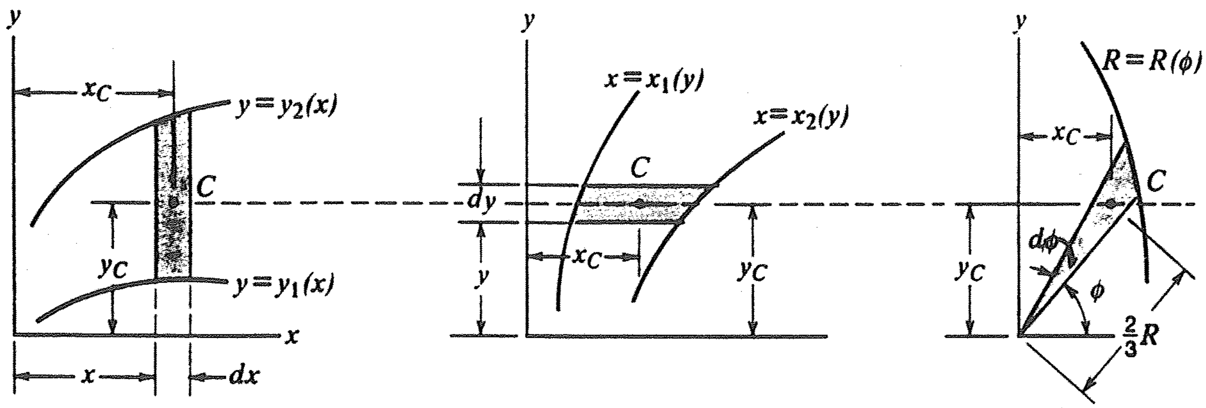

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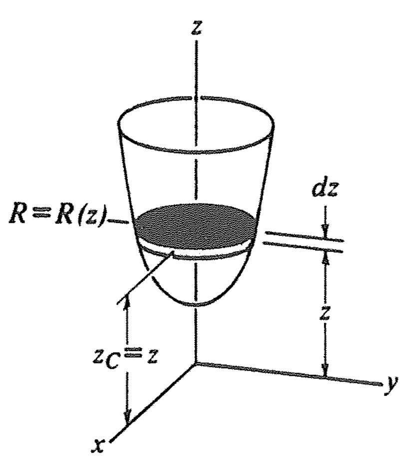

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FIGURE 9a

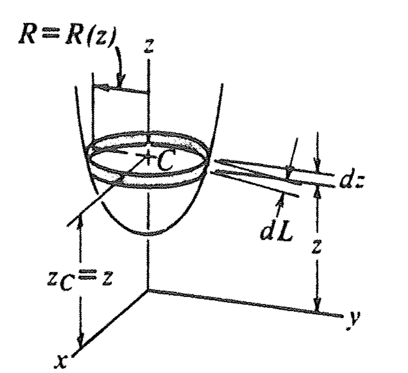

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FIGURE 9b