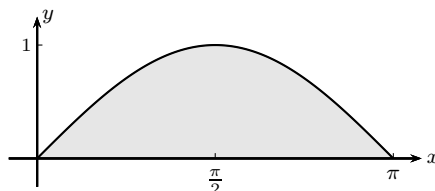


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Sketch the region bounded by the curves, and visually estimate the location of the centroid. Then find the exact coordinates of the centroid.¹

$$y = \sin(x), \quad y = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

Here's a sketch of the region:



From the symmetry about the line $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, it seems that the x -coordinate of the centroid will be $\frac{\pi}{2}$. I'd visually estimate the y -coordinate to be ≈ 0.35 .

The relevant formulas for the centroid (center of mass of the region) are

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{A} \int_a^b x [f(x) - g(x)] dx, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{A} \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} \{ [f(x)]^2 - [g(x)]^2 \} dx$$

For this problem, $a = 0$, $b = \pi$, $f(x) = \sin(x)$, and $g(x) = 0$.

The area, A , is given by

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_0^\pi \sin(x) - 0 dx \\ &= [-\cos(x)]_0^\pi \\ &= -\cos(\pi) - -\cos(0) \\ &= -(-1) - -(1) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi x [\sin(x) - 0] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi x \sin(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [-x \cos(x) + \sin(x)]_0^\pi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(-\pi \cdot \cos(\pi) + \sin(\pi)) - (-0 \cdot \cos(0) + \sin(0))] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\pi] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} [\sin^2(x) - 0^2] dx$$

Integration by parts:

$$\int x \sin(x) dx$$

Let $u = x$, so $dv = \sin(x)dx$.
 Then $du = dx$ and $v = -\cos(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= x \cdot -\cos(x) - \int -\cos(x) dx \\ &= -x \cos(x) + \int \cos(x) dx \\ &= -x \cos(x) + \sin(x) \end{aligned}$$

¹Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, p. 567, #28.

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) dx$$

Using the trigonometric identity $\sin^2(x) = \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2x))$,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos(2x)) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^{\pi} 1 - \cos(2x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left[x - \frac{\sin(2x)}{2} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left[\left(\pi - \frac{\sin(2\pi)}{2} \right) - \left(0 - \frac{\sin(0)}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{8} [\pi - 0 - 0 + 0] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{8} \\ &= 0.3927 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the exact coordinates of the centroid are $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{8})$ or about (1.5708, 0.3927).

