



UNIT. III  
PROPERTIES OF SURFACES & SOLIDS

**CENTRE OF GRAVITY:**  
The centre of Gravity of a body is defined as the point through which the entire weight of the body acts.

**CENTROID:**  
When centre of gravity of a body is referred to weightless lamina or plane areas (plane area have no mass) is called the centroid of the area.

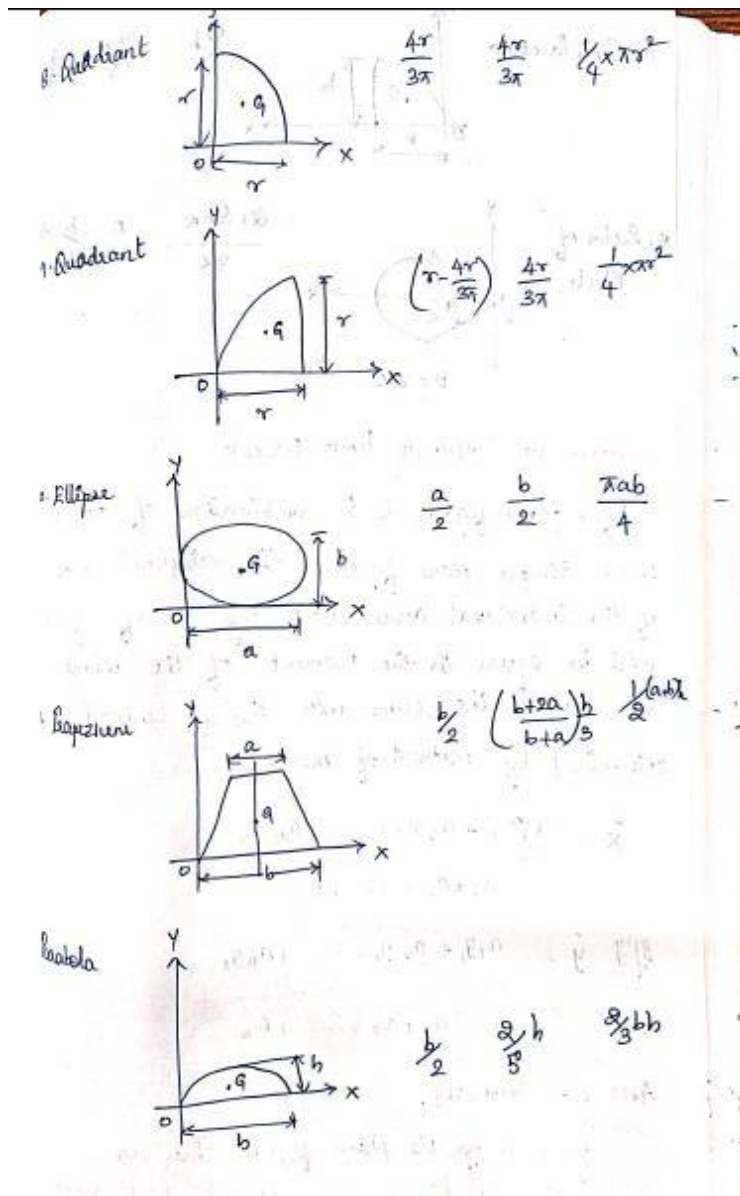
C.G.  $\rightarrow$  3D objects  
Centroid  $\rightarrow$  1D, 2D objects

**CENTROID OF SIMPLE PLANE FIGURES**

Name	Shape	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{y}$	Area
Square		$a/2$	$a/2$	$a^2$
Rectangle		$a/2$	$b/2$	$ab$



NAME	Shape	Area
3) Triangle (Isosceles)		$\frac{1}{2}bh$
4) Triangle (Right angled)		$\frac{1}{2}bh$
5) Circle		$\frac{\pi d^2}{4}$
6) Semi circle		$\frac{4r}{3\pi} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \pi r^2$
7) Semi circle		$\frac{4r}{3\pi} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \pi r^2$





13. Semi parabola

$\frac{5}{8}b$       $\frac{2b}{5}$       $\frac{2}{3}bh$

14. Sector of circle

$\frac{2r \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{3\theta}$       $\theta = 2\alpha$

CENTROID OF COMPOSITE PLANE FIGURES

If a plane figure is a combination of two or more simple plane figures, the algebraic sum of the individual areas about any axis of reference will be equal to the moment of the whole area about the same axis. Hence, centroid is determined by method of moments.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{a_1 y_1 + a_2 y_2 + \dots + a_n y_n}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}$$

Axis of Symmetry

If a composite plane figure has an axis of symmetry i.e., an axis about which similar