



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.

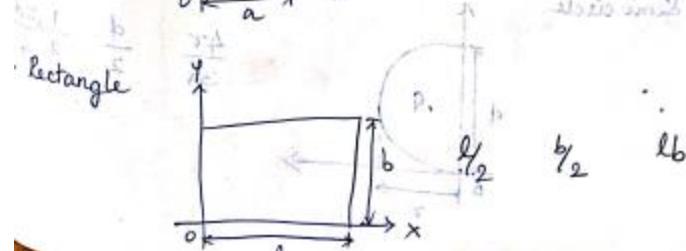
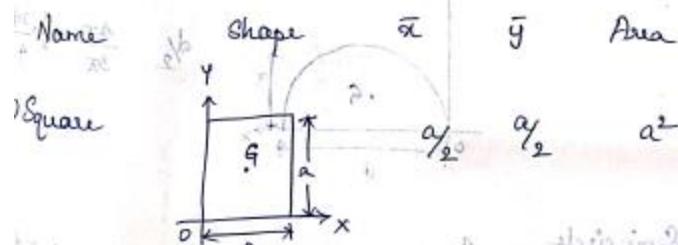
CENTROID:

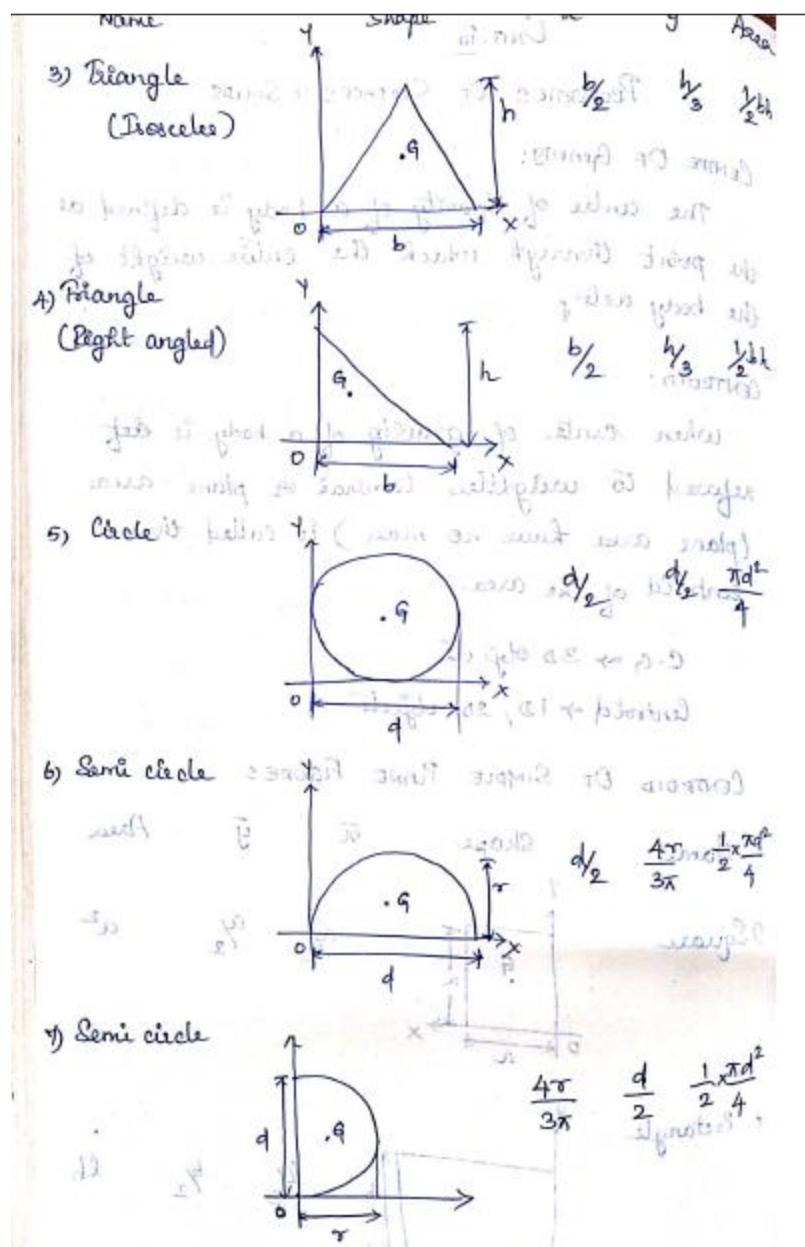
When centre of gravity of a body is referred to weightless laminae or plane areas (plane area have no mass) it is called the centroid of the area.

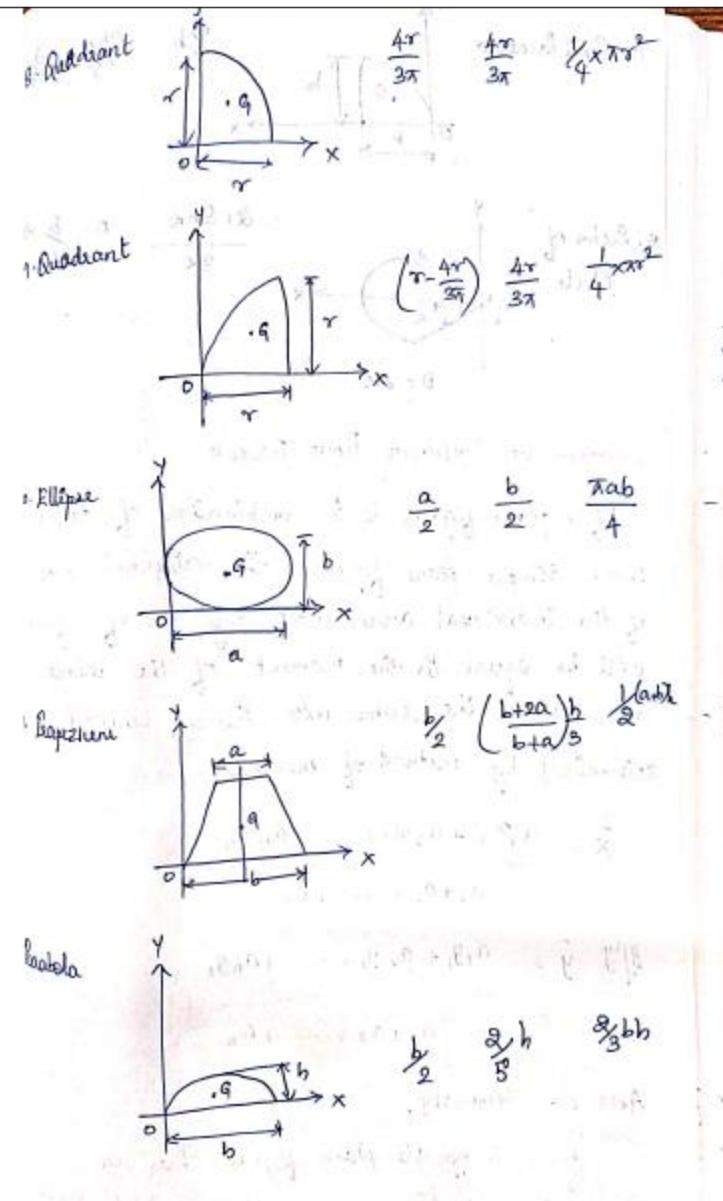
C.G  $\rightarrow$  3D objects

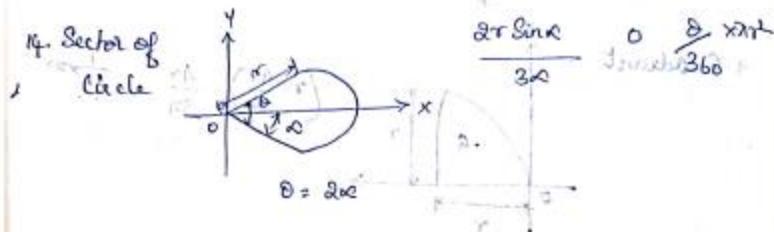
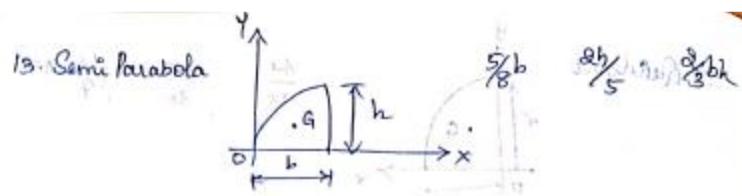
Centroid  $\rightarrow$  1D, 2D objects

CENTROID OF SIMPLE PLANE FIGURES









### 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.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}$$

$$\text{Hence } \bar{y} = \frac{a_1y_1 + a_2y_2 + \dots + a_ny_n}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}$$

Axis of Symmetry.

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