Today:

- Frames
- Centre of Mass
- Centroids of sections
- Distributed Loads

Book: Chapter 6.6, 9.1 - 9.2 and 4.9

Frame

A **frame** is a structure where at least one of its individual members is a *multi-force* member.





Calculate the reaction forces in hinge A when the normal reaction force on the nose wheel is 24 kN.

Source: R.C. Hibbeler,

"Engineering Mechanics – Statics"

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Compound-lever snips are designed to replace regular tinners' snips when large cutting forces are required. For the gripping force of 150 N, what is the cutting force P at a distance of 30 mm along the blade from the pin at A



Determine the orientation of the reaction force in A graphically .

Centre of Gravity







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"Engineering Mechanics – Statics"

Centre of mass:

- Equal to centre of gravity if g = constant
- Independent of gravity



Center of mass for n particles



Centroid (= geometrical centre):

- Equal to centre of mass if ρ = constant
- Property depends on the shape of the body

Source: R.C. Hibbeler,

So for a given area A:





(a)

First moment of area

$$Q_{x} = \int_{A} \tilde{y} dA ; \quad Q_{y} = \int_{A} \tilde{x} dA$$
$$\overline{x} = \frac{Q_{y}}{\int dA}; \quad \overline{y} = \frac{Q_{x}}{\int dA};$$

Special cases:

- If a body has an axis of symmetry, C (= centroid) is on this axis

- If a body has two or more axes of symmetry, C is where both axes cross

- If a body is symmetric about a point, C is that point



Example:

Calculate centroid

(i.e. the coordinates)



For an area A composed of

n parts:



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Example continued:





