

6. We locate the coordinate origin at the lower left corner of the iron side of the composite slab. We orient the x axis along the length of the slab (the 22.0-cm side); the y axis along the width of the slab (the 13.0-cm side); and, the z axis along the height of the slab (the 2.80-cm side). The coordinates for the opposite corner on the aluminum side are then $x = 22.0$ cm, $y = 13.0$ cm, and $z = 2.80$ cm. By symmetry $y_{\text{com}} = 13.0 \text{ cm}/2 = 6.50$ cm and $z_{\text{com}} = 2.80 \text{ cm}/2 = 1.40$ cm. We use Eq. 9-5 to find x_{com} :

$$\begin{aligned} x_{\text{com}} &= \frac{m_i x_{\text{com},i} + m_a x_{\text{com},a}}{m_i + m_a} = \frac{\rho_i V_i x_{\text{com},i} + \rho_a V_a x_{\text{com},a}}{\rho_i V_i + \rho_a V_a} \\ &= \frac{(11.0 \text{ cm}/2) (7.85 \text{ g/cm}^3) + 3(11.0 \text{ cm}/2) (2.70 \text{ g/cm}^3)}{7.85 \text{ g/cm}^3 + 2.70 \text{ g/cm}^3} = 8.30 \text{ cm} . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the center of mass is at $11.0 \text{ cm} - 8.3 \text{ cm} = 2.7 \text{ cm}$ from the midpoint of the slab.