

12.6. Visualize: Please refer to Figure EX12.6. The coordinates of the three masses m_A , m_B , and m_C are (0 cm, 0 cm), (0 cm, 10 cm), and (10 cm, 0 cm), respectively.

Solve: The coordinates of the center of mass are

$$x_{\text{cm}} = \frac{m_A x_A + m_B x_B + m_C x_C}{m_A + m_B + m_C} = \frac{(100 \text{ g})(0 \text{ cm}) + (200 \text{ g})(0 \text{ cm}) + (300 \text{ g})(10 \text{ cm})}{(100 \text{ g} + 200 \text{ g} + 300 \text{ g})} = 5.0 \text{ cm}$$

$$y_{\text{cm}} = \frac{m_A y_A + m_B y_B + m_C y_C}{m_A + m_B + m_C} = \frac{(100 \text{ g})(0 \text{ cm}) + (200 \text{ g})(10 \text{ cm}) + (300 \text{ g})(0 \text{ cm})}{(100 \text{ g} + 200 \text{ g} + 300 \text{ g})} = 3.3 \text{ cm}$$