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# Examples

## Moments of Inertia

### Integration Method

#### Example 1:

Given:

The rectangle shown

Req'd.:

- $I_x$  by a) horizontal differential element  
b) vertical " "

Sol'n.:

$$I_x = \int y^2 dA$$

a) horizontal element:  $dA = b dy$

$$\Rightarrow I_x = \int_0^h y^2 b dy = b \int_0^h y^2 dy \Rightarrow \boxed{I_x = \frac{1}{3} bh^3}$$

b) vertical element:

$$I_x = \int y^2 dA = \int dI_x$$

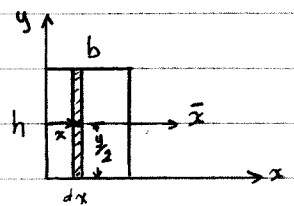
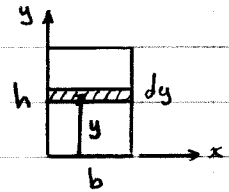
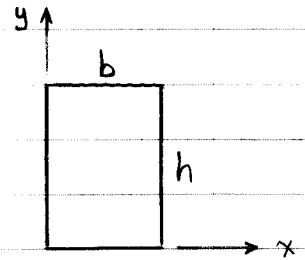
$$dI_x = d\bar{I}_x + Ad^2 = \left(\frac{1}{12} dx h^3\right) + (dx h)\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} h^3 dx$$

$$I_x = \int dI_x = \int_0^b \frac{1}{3} h^3 dx \Rightarrow \boxed{I_x = \frac{1}{3} bh^3}$$

(Similarly,  $I_y$  can be found)

as above } Compare the two methods!



#### Example 2:

Given:

The rectangle shown

Req'd.:

$\bar{I}_x$  by a) integration

b) using parallel axis theorem and the result of Example 1 above

Sol'n.:

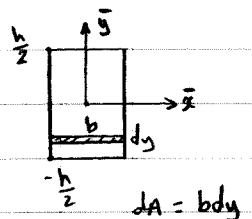
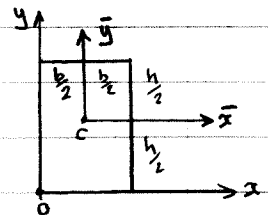
$$a) \bar{I}_x = \int \bar{y}^2 dA = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \bar{y}^2 (b dy) = b \left(\frac{\bar{y}^3}{3}\right) \Big|_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} b \left[ \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^3 - \left(-\frac{h}{2}\right)^3 \right] = \frac{1}{3} b \left(\frac{h^3}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{I}_x = \frac{1}{12} bh^3}$$

$$b) I_x = \bar{I}_x + Ad^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\bar{I}_x = I_x - Ad^2 = \frac{1}{3} bh^3 - (bh)\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} bh^3 - \frac{1}{4} bh^3 = \frac{1}{12} bh^3 \text{ as above}$$

\* important: Note the factor  $\frac{1}{3}$  in  $I_x$  and  $\frac{1}{12}$  in  $\bar{I}_x$  (I about centroidal axis).



### Example 3 :

Given:

The shaded area shown

Req'd:

$I_x$  and  $I_y$

Soln.:

$$I_x = \int y^2 dA$$

For  $I_x$  it is easier to take a horizontal element (Why? Try vertical element!)

$$dA = (4-x) dy \Rightarrow$$

$$I_x = \int y^2 (4-x) dy$$

$$= \int y^2 \left(4 - \frac{y^2}{4}\right) dy = \int_0^4 \left(4y^2 - \frac{1}{4}y^4\right) dy$$

$$= \left[ \frac{4}{3}y^3 - \frac{1}{20}y^5 \right]_0^4 \Rightarrow \boxed{I_x = 34.1 \text{ cm}^4} \leftarrow \text{watch the units}$$

Now, consider a vertical element:

$$dI_x = \frac{1}{3} (dx) y^3 \leftarrow \text{from the previous example}$$

$$I_x = \int \frac{1}{3} y^3 dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^4 (4x)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) (4x)^{\frac{5}{2}} \Big|_0^4 = 34.1 \text{ cm}^4 \text{ as above}$$

$$I_y = \int x^2 dA$$

Take a vertical strip (element)  $\Rightarrow$

$$dA = y dx$$

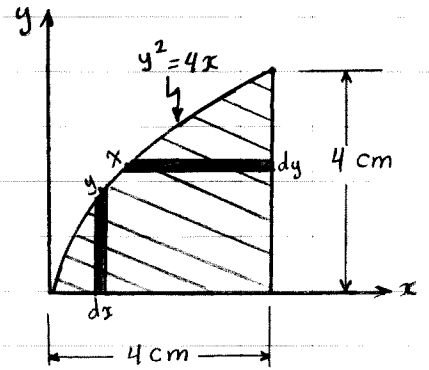
$$I_y = \int x^2 y dx = \int_0^4 x^2 (2\sqrt{x}) dx$$

$$= \int_0^4 2x^{\frac{5}{2}} dx = 2 \left(\frac{2}{7}\right) (4)^{\frac{7}{2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{I_y = 73.1 \text{ cm}^4}$$

\* Recalculate  $I_y$  by taking a horizontal element.

$I_y > I_x$ , Why?



Example 4:

Given:

The shaded area shown

Req. d.:

 $I_x, k_x, I_y, k_y, J_0, k_0$ 

Sol. n.:

$$I_x = \int y^2 dA$$

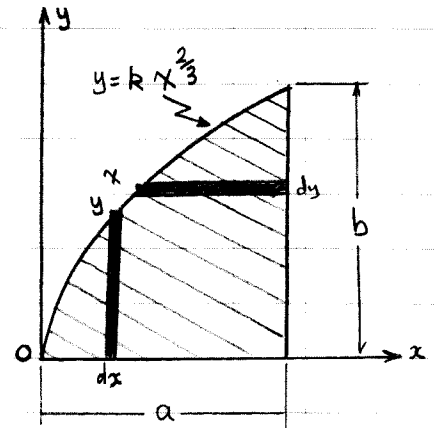
$$dA = (a-x) dy \quad (\text{horizontal element})$$

$$I_x = \int y^2 (a-x) dy$$

$$= \int_0^b y^2 \left( a - \frac{1}{k^{\frac{2}{3}}} y^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) dy = \int_0^b \left( a y^2 - \frac{1}{k^{\frac{2}{3}}} y^{\frac{8}{3}} \right) dy$$

$$= \frac{a}{3} b^3 - \frac{2}{9} \left( \frac{b^{\frac{9}{3}}}{(b/a^{\frac{2}{3}})^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right) = \frac{1}{3} a b^3 - \frac{2}{9} a b^3 \Rightarrow$$

$$I_x = \frac{1}{9} a b^3$$

From B.C.,  $k = \frac{b}{a^{\frac{2}{3}}}$ 

Try a vertical element.

$$k_x = \sqrt{I_x / A}$$

$$dA = (a-x) dy \Rightarrow A = \int (a-x) dy = \int_0^b \left[ a - \left( \frac{y}{k} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right] dy = \frac{3}{5} ab$$

$$\Rightarrow k_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{9} a b^3 / \frac{3}{5} ab} \Rightarrow k_x = \sqrt{5/27} b$$

$$I_y = \int x^2 dA$$

$$dA = y dx \quad (\text{vertical element; try a horizontal one.})$$

$$I_y = \int x^2 y dx = \int_0^a k x^{\frac{8}{3}} dx = k \left( \frac{3}{11} \right) a^{\frac{11}{3}} \Rightarrow I_y = \frac{3}{11} a^3 b$$

$$k_y = \sqrt{I_y / A} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{11} a^3 b / \frac{3}{5} ab} \Rightarrow k_y = \sqrt{5/11} a$$

$$J_0 = \int r^2 dA = I_x + I_y$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} a b^3 + \frac{3}{11} a^3 b \Rightarrow J_0 = \frac{38}{99} ab (a^2 + b^2)$$

$$k_0 = \sqrt{J_0 / A}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{38}{99} ab (a^2 + b^2) / \frac{3}{5} ab} \Rightarrow k_0 = \sqrt{\frac{190}{297} (a^2 + b^2)}$$