## Chapter 10: Moments of Inertia

## Recap from last chapter: First moment of an area (centroid of an area)

- The first moment of the area $A$ with respect to the x -axis is given by $Q_{x}=\int_{A} y d A$
- The first moment of the area $A$ with respect to the $y$-axis is given by

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Q_{y}=\int_{A} x d A
$$

- The centroid of the area $A$ is defined as the point $C$ of coordinates $\bar{x}$ and $\bar{y}$, which satisfies the relation


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\begin{aligned}
& \int_{A} x d A=A \bar{x} \\
& \int_{A} y d A=A \bar{y}
\end{aligned}
$$



- In the case of a composite area, we divide the area $A$ into parts $A_{1}, A_{2}, A_{3}=$

$$
A_{\text {total }} \bar{X}=\sum_{i} A_{i} \bar{x}_{i} \quad A_{\text {total }} \bar{Y}=\sum_{i} A_{i} \bar{y}_{i}
$$



Brief tangent about terminology: the term moment as we will use in this chapter refers to different "measures" of an area or volume.

- The first moment (a single power of position) gave us the centroid.
- The second moment will allow us to describe the "width."
- An analogy that may help: in probability the first moment gives you the mean (the center of the distribution), and the second is the standard deviation (the width of the distribution).


## Mass Moment of Inertia

Mass moment of inertia is the mass property of a rigid body that determines the torque $T$ needed for a desired angular acceleration $(\alpha)$ about an axis of rotation (a larger mass moment of inertia around a given axis requires more torque to increase the rotation, or to stop the rotation, of a body about that axis).
Mass moment of inertia depends on the shape and density of the body and is different around different axes of rotation.

Torque-acceleration relation: $T=I \alpha$
where the mass moment of inertia is defined as $I_{Z Z}=\int \rho r^{2} d V$


## Mass moment of inertia for a disk:

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\begin{aligned}
I_{z z} & =\int \rho r^{2} d v=\int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{R} \rho r^{2}(r d r d \theta d z) \\
& =\rho \int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{2 \pi} \frac{r^{4}}{4} d \theta d z \\
& =\rho \int_{0}^{t} \frac{r^{4}}{2} \pi d z=\rho \frac{r^{4}}{2} \pi t=\frac{r^{2}}{2} \rho \pi r^{2} t=\frac{r^{2}}{2} \rho V=\frac{r^{2}}{2} M
\end{aligned}
$$



## Moment of Inertia (or second moment of an area)

Moment of inertia is the property of a deformable body that determines the moment needed to obtain a desired curvature about an axis. Moment of inertia depends on the shape of the body and may be different around different axes of rotation.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Moment-curvature relation: }\left|M_{x}\right|=\frac{E I_{x}}{\rho} \\
& \text { E: Elasticity modulus (characterizes stiffness of the deformable body) } \\
& \rho: \text { curvature }
\end{aligned}
$$

- The moment of inertia of the area A with respect to the x-axis is given by $I_{x}=\int_{A} y^{2} d A$
- The moment of inertia of the area A with respect to the y -axis is given by

$$
I_{y}=\int_{A} x^{2} d A
$$

- Polar moment of inertia

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J=\int_{A} r^{2} d A=\int_{A}\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right) d A=I_{y}+I_{x}
$$




Moment of inertia of a rectangular area

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\begin{aligned}
I_{x} & =\int_{A} y^{2} d A & I_{y} & =\int_{A} x^{2} d A \\
& =\int_{-h / 2}^{h / 2} \int_{-b / 2}^{b / 2} y^{2} d x d y & & =\int_{-b / 2}^{b / 2} \int_{-h / 2}^{h / 2} x^{2} d y d x \\
& =\int_{-h / 2}^{h / 2} b y^{2} d y=\left.\frac{b y^{3}}{3}\right|_{-h / 2} ^{h / 2} & & =\int_{-b / 2}^{b / 2} h x^{2} d x=\left.\frac{h x^{3}}{3}\right|_{-b / 2} ^{b / 2} \\
& =\frac{b}{3}\left((h / 2)^{3}-(-h / 2)^{3}\right) & & =\frac{h}{3}\left((b / 2)^{3}-(-b / 2)^{3}\right) \\
& =\frac{b}{3}\left(\frac{2 h^{3}}{8}\right) & & \frac{h}{3}\left(\frac{2 b^{3}}{8}\right) \\
& =\frac{b h^{3}}{12} & & \frac{h b^{3}}{12}
\end{aligned}
$$



Polar moment of inertia of a circle
$J_{o}=\int r^{2} d A=\int_{0}^{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{R} r^{2}(r d r d \theta)$
$=\int_{0}^{2 \pi} \frac{R^{4}}{4} d \theta=\frac{\pi R^{4}}{2}$

| Rectangle |  | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{I}_{x^{\prime}}=\frac{1}{12} b h^{3} \\ & \bar{I}_{y^{\prime}}=\frac{1}{12} b^{3} h \\ & I_{x}=\frac{1}{3} b h^{3} \\ & I_{y}=\frac{1}{3} b^{3} h \\ & J_{C}=\frac{1}{12} b h\left(b^{2}+h^{2}\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Triangle |  | $\begin{aligned} \bar{I}_{x^{\prime}} & =\frac{1}{38} b h^{3} \\ I_{x} & =\frac{1}{12} b h^{3} \end{aligned}$ |
| Circle |  | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{I}_{x}=\bar{I}_{y}=\frac{1}{4} \pi r^{4} \\ & J_{O}=\frac{1}{2} \pi r^{4} \end{aligned}$ |
| Semicircle |  | $\begin{aligned} & I_{x}=I_{y}=\frac{1}{8} \pi r^{4} \\ & J_{O}=\frac{1}{4} \pi r^{4} \end{aligned}$ |
| Quarter circle |  | $\begin{aligned} & I_{x}=I_{y}=\frac{1}{16} \pi r^{4} \\ & J_{O}=\frac{1}{8} \pi r^{4} \end{aligned}$ |
| Ellipse |  | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{I}_{x}=\frac{1}{4} \pi a b^{3} \\ & \bar{I}_{y}=\frac{1}{4} \pi a^{3} b \\ & J_{O}=\frac{1}{4} \pi a b\left(a^{2}+b^{2}\right) \end{aligned}$ |

## Parallel axis theorem

- Often, the moment of inertia of an area is known for an axis passing through the centroid; e.g., $x$ ' and $y$ ':
- The moments around other axes can be computed from the known $I_{x^{\prime}}$ and $I_{y^{\prime}}$ :

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\begin{aligned}
I_{x}= & \int_{\text {area }}\left(y^{\prime}+d_{y}\right)^{2} d A \\
= & \int_{\text {area }}\left(y^{\prime}\right)^{2} d A+2 d_{y} \int_{\text {area }} y^{\prime} d A \\
& +d_{y}^{2} \int_{\text {area }} d A \\
= & I_{x^{\prime}}+A d_{y}^{2} \\
I_{y}= & I_{y^{\prime}}+A d_{x}^{2} \\
J_{O}= & J_{C}+A\left(d_{x}^{2}+d_{y}^{2}\right)=J_{C}+A d^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$



Note: the integral over y , gives zero when done through the centroid axis.

## Moment of inertia of composite

- If individual bodies making up a composite body have individual areas $A$ and moments of inertia $I$ computed through their centroids, then the composite area and moment of inertia is a sum of the individual component contributions.
- This requires the parallel axis theorem
- Remember:
- The position of the centroid of each component must be defined with respect to the same origin.
- It is allowed to consider negative areas in these expressions. Negative areas correspond to holes/missing area. This is the one occasion to have negative moment of inertia.

From last chapter: Centroid position of the area below is given by


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\begin{aligned}
& A_{\text {total }} \bar{Y}=\sum_{i} A_{i} \bar{y}_{i} \\
& \bar{Y}=\frac{4 t^{2}(3.5 t)+6 t^{2}(1.5 t)}{4 t^{2}+6 t^{2}}=\frac{23 t}{10}
\end{aligned}
$$

Find the moment of inertia:

Determine the moment of inertia for the cross-sectional area about the $x$ and $y$ centroidal axes.


Two channels are welded to a rolled W section as shown. Determine the moments of inertia of the combined section with respect to the centroidal x and y axes.




