## STATICS

## Distributed Forces: Moments of Inertia

## Introduction

- Previously considered distributed forces which were proportional to the area or volume over which they act.
- The resultant was obtained by summing or integrating over the areas or volumes.
- The moment of the resultant about any axis was determined by computing the first moments of the areas or volumes about that axis.
- Will now consider forces which are proportional to the area or volume over which they act but also vary linearly with distance from a given axis.
- It will be shown that the magnitude of the resultant depends on the first moment of the force distribution with respect to the axis.
- The point of application of the resultant depends on the second moment of the distribution with respect to the axis.
- Current chapter will present methods for computing the moments and products of inertia for areas and masses.


## Moment of Inertia of an Area



- Consider distributed forces $\Delta \vec{F}$ whose magnitudes are proportional to the elemental areas $\Delta A$ on which they act and also vary linearly with the distance of $\Delta A$ from a given axis.
- Example: Consider a beam subjected to pure bending. Internal forces vary linearly with distance from the neutral axis which passes through the section centroid.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\Delta \vec{F}=k y \Delta A \\
R=k \int y d A=0 & \int y d A=Q_{x}=\text { first moment } \\
M=k \int y^{2} d A & \int y^{2} d A=\text { second moment }
\end{array}
$$

- Example: Consider the net hydrostatic force on a submerged circular gate.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Delta F=p \Delta A=\gamma y \Delta A \\
& R=\gamma \int y d A \\
& M_{X}=\gamma \int y^{2} d A
\end{aligned}
$$

## Moment of Inertia of an Area by Integration






- Second moments or moments of inertia of an area with respect to the $x$ and $y$ axes,

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

- Evaluation of the integrals is simplified by choosing $d A$ to be a thin strip parallel to one of the coordinate axes.
- For a rectangular area,

$$
I_{x}=\int y^{2} d A=\int_{0}^{h} y^{2} b d y=\frac{1}{3} b h^{3}
$$

- The formula for rectangular areas may also be applied to strips parallel to the axes,

$$
d I_{x}=\frac{1}{3} y^{3} d x \quad d I_{y}=x^{2} d A=x^{2} y d x
$$

## Polar Moment of Inertia

- The polar moment of inertia is an important parameter in problems involving torsion of cylindrical shafts and rotations of slabs.

$$
J_{0}=\int r^{2} d A
$$

- The polar moment of inertia is related to the rectangular moments of inertia,

$$
\begin{aligned}
J_{0} & =\int r^{2} d A=\int\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right) d A=\int x^{2} d A+\int y^{2} d A \\
& =I_{y}+I_{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Radius of Gyration of an Area






- Consider area $A$ with moment of inertia $I_{x}$. Imagine that the area is concentrated in a thin strip parallel to the $x$ axis with equivalent $I_{x}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{X}= & k_{X}^{2} A \quad k_{x}=\sqrt{\frac{I_{X}}{A}} \\
k_{x}= & \text { radius of gyration with respect } \\
& \text { to the } x \text { axis }
\end{aligned}
$$

- Similarly,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I_{y}=k_{y}^{2} A \quad k_{y}=\sqrt{\frac{I_{y}}{A}} \\
& J_{O}=k_{O}^{2} A \quad k_{O}=\sqrt{\frac{J_{O}}{A}} \\
& k_{O}^{2}=k_{x}^{2}+k_{y}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Sample Problem 9.1



Determine the moment of inertia of a triangle with respect to its base.

## SOLUTION:

- A differential strip parallel to the $x$ axis is chosen for $d A$.

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

- For similar triangles,

$$
\frac{l}{b}=\frac{h-y}{h} \quad l=b \frac{h-y}{h} \quad d A=b \frac{h-y}{h} d y
$$

- Integrating $d I_{x}$ from $y=0$ to $y=h$,

$$
\begin{array}{rlr}
I_{x} & =\int y^{2} d A=\int_{0}^{h} y^{2} b \frac{h-y}{h} d y=\frac{b}{h} \int_{0}^{h}\left(h y^{2}-y^{3}\right) d y \\
& =\frac{b}{h}\left[h \frac{y^{3}}{3}-\frac{y^{4}}{4}\right]_{0}^{h} & I_{x}=\frac{b h^{3}}{12}
\end{array}
$$

## Parallel Axis Theorem



- Consider moment of inertia $I$ of an area $A$ with respect to the axis $A A^{\prime}$

$$
I=\int y^{2} d A
$$

- The axis $B B^{\prime}$ passes through the area centroid and is called a centroidal axis.

$$
\begin{aligned}
I & =\int y^{2} d A=\int\left(y^{\prime}+d\right)^{2} d A \\
& =\int y^{\prime 2} d A+2 d \int y^{\prime} d A+d^{2} \int d A
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
I=\bar{I}+A d^{2} \quad \text { parallel axis theorem }
$$

## Parallel Axis Theorem



- Moment of inertia $I_{T}$ of a circular area with respect to a tangent to the circle,

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{T} & =\bar{I}+A d^{2}=\frac{1}{4} \pi r^{4}+\left(\pi r^{2}\right) r^{2} \\
& =\frac{5}{4} \pi r^{4}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Moment of inertia of a triangle with respect to a centroidal axis,

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{A A^{\prime}} & =\bar{I}_{B B^{\prime}}+A d^{2} \\
I_{B B^{\prime}} & =I_{A A^{\prime}}-A d^{2}=\frac{1}{12} b h^{3}-\frac{1}{2} b h\left(\frac{1}{3} h\right)^{2} \\
& =\frac{1}{36} b h^{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Moments of Inertia of Composite Areas

- The moment of inertia of a composite area $A$ about a given axis is obtained by adding the moments of inertia of the component areas $A_{1}, A_{2}, A_{3}, \ldots$, with respect to the same axis.
Rectangle


## Moments of Inertia of Composite Areas



## Sample Problem 9.4



The strength of a W14x38 rolled steel beam is increased by attaching a plate to its upper flange.

Determine the moment of inertia and radius of gyration with respect to an axis which is parallel to the plate and passes through the centroid of the section.

## SOLUTION:

- Determine location of the centroid of composite section with respect to a coordinate system with origin at the centroid of the beam section.
- Apply the parallel axis theorem to determine moments of inertia of beam section and plate with respect to composite section centroidal axis.
- Calculate the radius of gyration from the moment of inertia of the composite section.


## Sample Problem 9.4



## SOLUTION:

- Determine location of the centroid of composite section with respect to a coordinate system with origin at the centroid of the beam section.

| Section | $A$, in $^{2}$ | $\bar{y}$, in. | $\bar{y} A$, in $^{3}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Plate | 6.75 | 7.425 | 50.12 |
| Beam Section | 11.20 | 0 | 0 |
|  | $\sum A=17.95$ |  | $\sum \bar{y} A=50.12$ |

$$
\bar{Y} \sum A=\sum \bar{y} A \quad \bar{Y}=\frac{\sum \bar{y} A}{\sum A}=\frac{50.12 \mathrm{in}^{3}}{17.95 \mathrm{in}^{2}}=2.792 \mathrm{in} .
$$

## Sample Problem 9.4



- Apply the parallel axis theorem to determine moments of inertia of beam section and plate with respect to composite section centroidal axis.

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{x^{\prime}, \text { beam section }} & =\bar{I}_{x}+A \bar{Y}^{2}=385+(11.20)(2.792)^{2} \\
& =472.3 \mathrm{in}^{4} \\
I_{x^{\prime}, \text { plate }} & =\bar{I}_{x}+A d^{2}=\frac{1}{12}(9)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{3}+(6.75)(7.425-2.792)^{2} \\
& =145.2 \mathrm{in}^{4}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
I_{x^{\prime}}=I_{x^{\prime}, \text { beam section }}+I_{x^{\prime}, \text { plate }}=472.3+145.2
$$

$$
I_{x^{\prime}}=618 \text { in }^{4}
$$

- Calculate the radius of gyration from the moment of inertia of the composite section.

$$
k_{x^{\prime}}=\sqrt{\frac{I_{x^{\prime}}}{A}}=\frac{617.5 \mathrm{in}^{4}}{17.95 \mathrm{in}^{2}} \quad k_{x^{\prime}}=5.87 \mathrm{in} .
$$

## Sample Problem 9.5

## SOLUTION:



- Compute the moments of inertia of the bounding rectangle and half-circle with respect to the $x$ axis.
- The moment of inertia of the shaded area is obtained by subtracting the moment of inertia of the half-circle from the moment of inertia of the rectangle.
Determine the moment of inertia of the shaded area with respect to the $x$ axis.


## Sample Problem 9.5



$$
\begin{aligned}
a & =\frac{4 r}{3 \pi}=\frac{(4)(90)}{3 \pi}=38.2 \mathrm{~mm} \\
\mathrm{~b} & =120-\mathrm{a}=81.8 \mathrm{~mm} \\
A & =\frac{1}{2} \pi r^{2}=\frac{1}{2} \pi(90)^{2} \\
& =12.72 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{~mm}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## SOLUTION:

- Compute the moments of inertia of the bounding rectangle and half-circle with respect to the $x$ axis.

Rectangle:

$$
I_{x}=\frac{1}{3} b h^{3}=\frac{1}{3}(240)(120)=138.2 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~mm}^{4}
$$

Half-circle:
moment of inertia with respect to $A A^{\prime}$,

$$
I_{A A^{\prime}}=\frac{1}{8} \pi r^{4}=\frac{1}{8} \pi(90)^{4}=25.76 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~mm}^{4}
$$

moment of inertia with respect to $x^{\prime}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\bar{I}_{x^{\prime}} & =I_{A A^{\prime}}-A a^{2}=\left(25.76 \times 10^{6}\right)\left(12.72 \times 10^{3}\right) \\
& =7.20 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~mm}^{4}
\end{aligned}
$$

moment of inertia with respect to $x$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{x} & =\bar{I}_{x^{\prime}}+A b^{2}=7.20 \times 10^{6}+\left(12.72 \times 10^{3}\right)(81.8)^{2} \\
& =92.3 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~mm}^{4}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Sample Problem 9.5

- The moment of inertia of the shaded area is obtained by subtracting the moment of inertia of the half-circle from the moment of inertia of the rectangle.



## Product of Inertia



- Product of Inertia:

$$
I_{x y}=\int x y d A
$$

- When the $x$ axis, the $y$ axis, or both are an axis of symmetry, the product of inertia is zero.

- Parallel axis theorem for products of inertia:

$$
I_{x y}=\bar{I}_{x y}+\overline{x y} A
$$

## Principal Axes and Principal Moments of Inertia



Given $I_{x}=\int y^{2} d A \quad I_{y}=\int x^{2} d A$

$$
I_{x y}=\int x y d A
$$

we wish to determine moments and product of inertia with respect to new axes $x^{\prime}$ and $y^{\prime}$.

Note: $\quad x^{\prime}=x \cos \theta+y \sin \theta$

$$
y^{\prime}=y \cos \theta-x \sin \theta
$$

- The change of axes yields
$I_{x^{\prime}}=\frac{I_{x}+I_{y}}{2}+\frac{I_{x}-I_{y}}{2} \cos 2 \theta-I_{x y} \sin 2 \theta$
$I_{y^{\prime}}=\frac{I_{x}+I_{y}}{2}-\frac{I_{x}-I_{y}}{2} \cos 2 \theta+I_{x y} \sin 2 \theta$
$I_{x^{\prime} y^{\prime}}=\frac{I_{x}-I_{y}}{2} \sin 2 \theta+I_{x y} \cos 2 \theta$
- The equations for $I_{x^{\prime}}$ and $I_{x^{\prime} y}$, are the parametric equations for a circle,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(I_{x^{\prime}}-I_{\text {ave }}\right)^{2}+I_{x^{\prime} y^{\prime}}^{2}=R^{2} \\
& I_{\text {ave }}=\frac{I_{x}+I_{y}}{2} \quad R=\sqrt{\left(\frac{I_{x}-I_{y}}{2}\right)+I_{x y}^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

- The equations for $I_{y^{\prime}}$ and $I_{x^{\prime}}$, lead to the same circle.


## Sample Problem 9.6



## SOLUTION:

- Determine the product of inertia using direct integration with the parallel axis theorem on vertical differential area strips
- Apply the parallel axis theorem to evaluate the product of inertia with respect to the centroidal axes.

Determine the product of inertia of the right triangle (a) with respect to the $x$ and $y$ axes and (b) with respect to centroidal axes parallel to the $x$ and $y$ axes.

## Sample Problem 9.6

## SOLUTION:



- Determine the product of inertia using direct integration with the parallel axis theorem on vertical differential area strips

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
y=h\left(1-\frac{x}{b}\right) & d A=y d x=h\left(1-\frac{x}{b}\right) d x \\
\bar{x}_{e l}=x & \bar{y}_{e l}=\frac{1}{2} y=\frac{1}{2} h\left(1-\frac{x}{b}\right)
\end{array}
$$

Integrating $d I_{x}$ from $x=0$ to $x=b$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{x y} & =\int d I_{x y}=\int \bar{x}_{e l} \bar{y}_{e l} d A=\int_{0}^{b} x\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) h^{2}\left(1-\frac{x}{b}\right)^{2} d x \\
& =h^{2} \int_{0}^{b}\left(\frac{x}{2}-\frac{x^{2}}{b}+\frac{x^{3}}{2 b^{2}}\right) d x=h^{2}\left[\frac{x^{2}}{4}-\frac{x^{3}}{3 b}+\frac{x^{4}}{8 b^{2}}\right]_{0}^{b}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
I_{x y}=\frac{1}{24} b^{2} h^{2}
$$

## Sample Problem 9.6



- Apply the parallel axis theorem to evaluate the product of inertia with respect to the centroidal axes.

$$
\bar{x}=\frac{1}{3} b \quad \bar{y}=\frac{1}{3} h
$$

With the results from part $a$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{x y} & =\bar{I}_{x^{\prime \prime} y^{\prime \prime}}+\overline{x y} A \\
\bar{I}_{x^{\prime \prime} y^{\prime \prime}} & =\frac{1}{24} b^{2} h^{2}-\left(\frac{1}{3} b\right)\left(\frac{1}{3} h\right)\left(\frac{1}{2} b h\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
{\overline{I_{x} y^{\prime \prime}}}=-\frac{1}{72} b^{2} h^{2}
$$

## Sample Problem 9.7



## SOLUTION:

- Compute the product of inertia with respect to the $x y$ axes by dividing the section into three rectangles and applying the parallel axis theorem to each.
- Determine the orientation of the principal axes (Eq. 9.25) and the principal moments of inertia (Eq. 9. 27).

For the section shown, the moments of inertia with respect to the $x$ and $y$ axes are $I_{x}=10.38 \mathrm{in}^{4}$ and $I_{y}=6.97 \mathrm{in}^{4}$.

Determine (a) the orientation of the principal axes of the section about $O$, and (b) the values of the principal moments of inertia about $O$.

## Sample Problem 9.7



## SOLUTION:

- Compute the product of inertia with respect to the $x y$ axes by dividing the section into three rectangles.

Apply the parallel axis theorem to each rectangle,

$$
I_{x y}=\sum\left(\bar{I}_{x^{\prime} y^{\prime}}+\overline{x y} A\right)
$$

Note that the product of inertia with respect to centroidal axes parallel to the $x y$ axes is zero for each rectangle.

| Rectangle | Area, in ${ }^{2}$ | $\bar{x}$, in. | $\bar{y}$, in. | $\overline{x y} A$, in $^{4}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $I$ | 1.5 | -1.25 | +1.75 | -3.28 |
| $I I$ | 1.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $I I I$ | 1.5 | +1.25 | -1.75 | -3.28 |
|  |  |  |  | $\sum \overline{x y} A=-6.56$ |

$$
I_{x y}=\sum \overline{x y} A=-6.56 \text { in }^{4}
$$

## Sample Problem 9.7



- Determine the orientation of the principal axes (Eq. 9.25) and the principal moments of inertia (Eq. 9. 27).

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tan 2 \theta_{m}=-\frac{2 I_{x y}}{I_{x}-I_{y}}=-\frac{2(-6.56)}{10.38-6.97}=+3.85 \\
& 2 \theta_{m}=75.4^{\circ} \text { and } 255.4^{\circ} \\
& \quad \theta_{m}=37.7^{\circ} \text { and } \theta_{m}=127.7^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
I_{x}=10.38 \mathrm{in}^{4} \\
I_{y}=6.97 \mathrm{in}^{4} \\
I_{x y}=-6.56 \mathrm{in}^{4}
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I_{\max , \min }= \frac{I_{x}+I_{y}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{I_{x}-I_{y}}{2}\right)^{2}+I_{x y}^{2}} \\
&= \frac{10.38+6.97}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{10.38-6.97}{2}\right)^{2}+(-6.56)^{2}} \\
& I_{a}=I_{\max }=15.45 \mathrm{in}^{4} \\
& I_{b}=I_{\min }=1.897 \mathrm{in}^{4}
\end{aligned}
$$

