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 ΔA on which they act and also vary linearly with the distance of ΔA 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.

 $\Delta \vec{F} = ky \Delta A$

 $R = k \int y \, dA = 0 \quad \int y \, dA = Q_x = \text{first moment}$ $M = k \int y^2 \, dA \qquad \int y^2 \, dA = \text{second moment}$

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

 $\Delta F = p\Delta A = \gamma y \Delta A$ $R = \gamma \int y \, dA$ $M_x = \gamma \int y^2 \, dA$

Moment of Inertia of an Area by Integration

x



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

$$I_x = \int y^2 dA \qquad I_y = \int x^2 dA$$

- Evaluation of the integrals is simplified by choosing *dA* to be a thin strip parallel to one of the coordinate axes.
- For a rectangular area, $I_x = \int y^2 dA = \int_0^h y^2 b dy = \frac{1}{3}bh^3$
- The formula for rectangular areas may also be applied to strips parallel to the axes,

$$dI_x = \frac{1}{3}y^3 dx \qquad dI_y = x^2 dA = x^2 y dx$$

Polar Moment of Inertia



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

$$J_0 = \int r^2 dA$$

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

$$J_0 = \int r^2 dA = \int \left(x^2 + y^2\right) dA = \int x^2 dA + \int y^2 dA$$
$$= I_y + I_x$$

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.

$$I_x = k_x^2 A$$
 $k_x = \sqrt{\frac{I_x}{A}}$

 $k_x = radius of gyration$ with respect to the x axis

• Similarly,

$$I_{y} = k_{y}^{2}A \quad k_{y} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{y}}{A}}$$
$$J_{O} = k_{O}^{2}A \quad k_{O} = \sqrt{\frac{J_{O}}{A}}$$

 $k_O^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2$



SOLUTION:

• A differential strip parallel to the *x* axis is chosen for *dA*.

$$dI_x = y^2 dA$$
 $dA = l dy$

• For similar triangles,

$$\frac{l}{b} = \frac{h - y}{h} \qquad l = b\frac{h - y}{h} \qquad dA = b\frac{h - y}{h}dy$$

• Integrating dI_x from y = 0 to y = h,

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

Parallel Axis Theorem



• Consider moment of inertia *I* of an area *A* with respect to the axis *AA*'

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

• The axis *BB*' passes through the area centroid and is called a *centroidal axis*.

$$I = \int y^2 dA = \int (y'+d)^2 dA$$
$$= \int {y'}^2 dA + 2d \int y' dA + d^2 \int dA$$

 $I = \overline{I} + Ad^2$ parallel axis theorem

Parallel Axis Theorem



• Moment of inertia I_T of a circular area with respect to a tangent to the circle,

$$I_T = \bar{I} + Ad^2 = \frac{1}{4}\pi r^4 + (\pi r^2)r^2$$
$$= \frac{5}{4}\pi r^4$$



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

$$I_{AA'} = \bar{I}_{BB'} + Ad^{2}$$
$$I_{BB'} = I_{AA'} - Ad^{2} = \frac{1}{12}bh^{3} - \frac{1}{2}bh\left(\frac{1}{3}h\right)^{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{36}bh^{3}$$

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, \dots , with respect to the same axis.



Moments of Inertia of Composite Areas

			Axis X-X	Axis Y-Y	
	Area Designation mm ²	Depth Width mm mm	$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{I}_x & \overline{k}_x & \overline{y} \\ 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 & \text{mm} & \text{mm} \end{array}$		
W Shapes (Wide-Flange Shapes) X - X Y	$\begin{array}{cccc} W460 \times 113 \dagger & 14400 \\ W410 \times 85 & 10800 \\ W360 \times 57 & 7230 \\ W200 \times 46.1 & 5890 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 463 & 280 \\ 417 & 181 \\ 358 & 172 \\ 203 & 203 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	
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C Shapes (American Standard Channels) $X \xrightarrow{Y}$ $X \xrightarrow{X}$ Y	$\begin{array}{cccc} \text{C}310\times 30.8^{\dagger} & 3929 \\ \text{C}250\times 22.8 & 2897 \\ \text{C}200\times 17.1 & 2181 \\ \text{C}150\times 12.2 & 1548 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccc} 305 & 74 \\ 254 & 65 \\ 203 & 57 \\ 152 & 48 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	



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.



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	\overline{y} , in.	$\overline{y}A$, in ³
Plate	6.75	7.425	50.12
Beam Section	11.20	0	0
	$\sum A = 17.95$		$\sum \overline{y}A = 50.12$



$$\overline{Y}\sum A = \sum \overline{y}A$$
 $\overline{Y} = \frac{\sum \overline{y}A}{\sum A} = \frac{50.12 \text{ in}^3}{17.95 \text{ in}^2} = 2.792 \text{ in.}$



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

$$I_{x',\text{beam section}} = \bar{I}_x + A\bar{Y}^2 = 385 + (11.20)(2.792)^2$$

= 472.3 in⁴
$$I_{x',\text{plate}} = \bar{I}_x + Ad^2 = \frac{1}{12}(9)(\frac{3}{4})^3 + (6.75)(7.425 - 2.792)^2$$

= 145.2 in⁴



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

 $I_{x'} = 618 \, \mathrm{in}^4$

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

$$k_{x'} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{x'}}{A}} = \frac{617.5 \text{ in}^4}{17.95 \text{ in}^2}$$

$$k_{x'} = 5.87$$
 in.



Determine the moment of inertia of the shaded area with respect to the x axis.

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.



SOLUTION:

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

Rectangle:

$$I_x = \frac{1}{3}bh^3 = \frac{1}{3}(240)(120) = 138.2 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$



$$a = \frac{4r}{3\pi} = \frac{(4)(90)}{3\pi} = 38.2 \text{ mm}$$

b = 120 - a = 81.8 mm
$$A = \frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{2}\pi (90)^2$$
$$= 12.72 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$$

Half-circle: moment of inertia with respect to AA', $I_{AA'} = \frac{1}{8}\pi r^4 = \frac{1}{8}\pi (90)^4 = 25.76 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$

moment of inertia with respect to x',

$$\bar{I}_{x'} = I_{AA'} - Aa^2 = (25.76 \times 10^6)(12.72 \times 10^3)$$
$$= 7.20 \times 10^6 \,\mathrm{mm}^4$$

moment of inertia with respect to x,

$$I_x = \bar{I}_{x'} + Ab^2 = 7.20 \times 10^6 + (12.72 \times 10^3)(81.8)^2$$

= 92.3×10⁶ mm⁴

• 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.



 $I_x = 45.9 \times 10^6 \,\mathrm{mm}^4$

Product of Inertia



• Product of Inertia: $I_{xy} = \int xy \, dA$

• 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:

$$I_{xy} = \overline{I}_{xy} + \overline{xy}A$$

Principal Axes and Principal Moments of Inertia



Given
$$I_x = \int y^2 dA$$
 $I_y = \int x^2 dA$
 $I_{xy} = \int xy dA$

we wish to determine moments and product of inertia with respect to new axes x' and y'.

Note:
$$x' = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$$

 $y' = y \cos \theta - x \sin \theta$

The change of axes yields

$$I_{x'} = \frac{I_x + I_y}{2} + \frac{I_x - I_y}{2} \cos 2\theta - I_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$

$$I_{y'} = \frac{I_x + I_y}{2} - \frac{I_x - I_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + I_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$

$$I_{x'y'} = \frac{I_x - I_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + I_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$

• The equations for $I_{x'}$ and $I_{x'y'}$ are the parametric equations for a circle,

$$(I_{x'} - I_{ave})^2 + I_{x'y'}^2 = R^2$$
$$I_{ave} = \frac{I_x + I_y}{2} \quad R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{I_x - I_y}{2}\right) + I_{xy}^2}$$

• The equations for $I_{y'}$ and $I_{x'y'}$ lead to the same circle.



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.



SOLUTION:

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

$$y = h \left(1 - \frac{x}{b} \right) \quad dA = y \, dx = h \left(1 - \frac{x}{b} \right) dx$$
$$\overline{x}_{el} = x \qquad \overline{y}_{el} = \frac{1}{2} \, y = \frac{1}{2} h \left(1 - \frac{x}{b} \right)$$

Integrating dI_x from x = 0 to x = b,

$$I_{xy} = \int dI_{xy} = \int \overline{x}_{el} \overline{y}_{el} dA = \int_{0}^{b} x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) h^{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{b}\right)^{2} dx$$
$$= h^{2} \int_{0}^{b} \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^{2}}{b} + \frac{x^{3}}{2b^{2}}\right) dx = h^{2} \left[\frac{x^{2}}{4} - \frac{x^{3}}{3b} + \frac{x^{4}}{8b^{2}}\right]_{0}^{b}$$

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



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

 $\overline{x} = \frac{1}{3}b \qquad \overline{y} = \frac{1}{3}h$

With the results from part *a*,

 $I_{xy} = \bar{I}_{x''y''} + \bar{xy}A$ $\bar{I}_{x''y''} = \frac{1}{24}b^2h^2 - \left(\frac{1}{3}b\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}h\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}bh\right)$

$$\bar{I}_{x''y''} = -\frac{1}{72}b^2h^2$$



For the section shown, the moments of inertia with respect to the *x* and *y* axes are $I_x = 10.38$ in⁴ and $I_y = 6.97$ in⁴.

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*.

SOLUTION:

- Compute the product of inertia with respect to the *xy* 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).





• Compute the product of inertia with respect to the *xy* axes by dividing the section into three rectangles.

Apply the parallel axis theorem to each rectangle,

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

Note that the product of inertia with respect to centroidal axes parallel to the *xy* axes is zero for each rectangle.

Rectangle	Area, in ²	\overline{x} , in.	\overline{y} , in.	$\overline{xy}A, in^4$
Ι	1.5	-1.25	+1.75	-3.28
II	1.5	0	0	0
III	1.5	+1.25	-1.75	-3.28
				$\sum \overline{xy}A = -6.56$

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





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

$$\tan 2\theta_m = -\frac{2I_{xy}}{I_x - I_y} = -\frac{2(-6.56)}{10.38 - 6.97} = +3.85$$

$$2\theta_m = 75.4^{\circ} \text{ and } 255.4^{\circ}$$

$$\theta_m = 37.7^\circ$$
 and $\theta_m = 127.7^\circ$

$$I_x = 10.38 \text{ in}^4$$

 $I_y = 6.97 \text{ in}^4$
 $I_{xy} = -6.56 \text{ in}^4$

$$I_{\text{max,min}} = \frac{I_x + I_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{I_x - I_y}{2}\right)^2 + I_{xy}^2}$$
$$= \frac{10.38 + 6.97}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{10.38 - 6.97}{2}\right)^2 + (-6.56)^2}$$

$$I_a = I_{\text{max}} = 15.45 \text{ in}^4$$

 $I_b = I_{\text{min}} = 1.897 \text{ in}^4$