

SKAA 1213 - Engineering Mechanics

TOPIC 9

Moment of Inertia

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Moment of Inertia for Areas

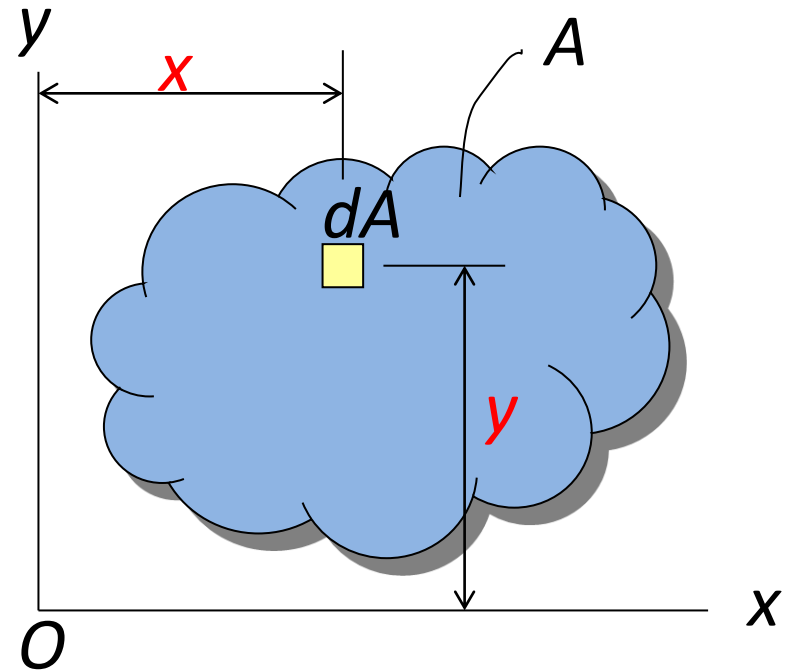
Definition : $\int x^2 dA$

Moment of inertia of a differential area dA about x and y axes are :

$$dl_x = y^2 dA \quad dl_y = x^2 dA$$

For the entire area, the moment of inertia;

$$I_x = \int_A y^2 dA \quad I_y = \int_A x^2 dA$$



Polar Moment of Area

The polar moment of inertia of dA (about z-axis),

$$dJ_o = r^2 dA .$$

For the entire area;

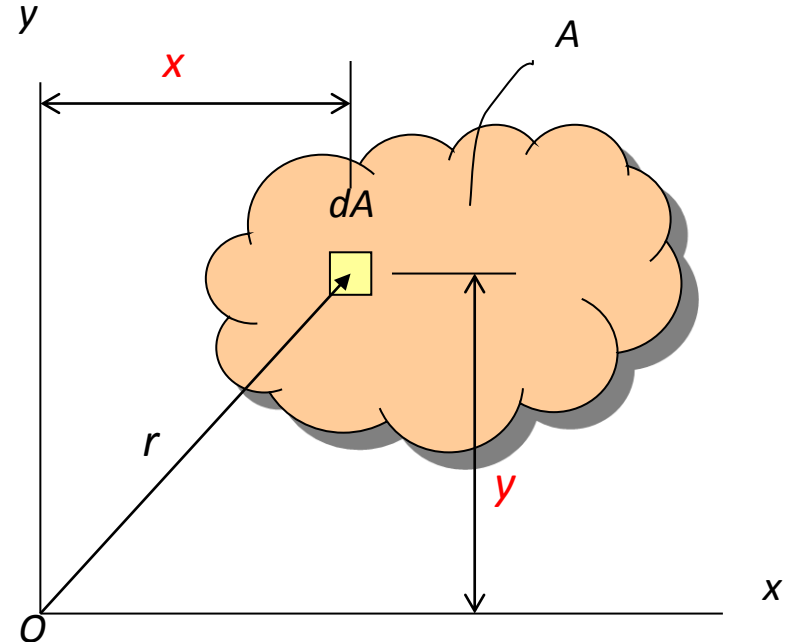
$$J_o = \int_A r^2 dA = I_x + I_y$$

Radius of Gyration of an Area

$$K_x = \sqrt{\frac{I_x}{A}}$$

$$K_z = \sqrt{\frac{I_z}{A}}$$

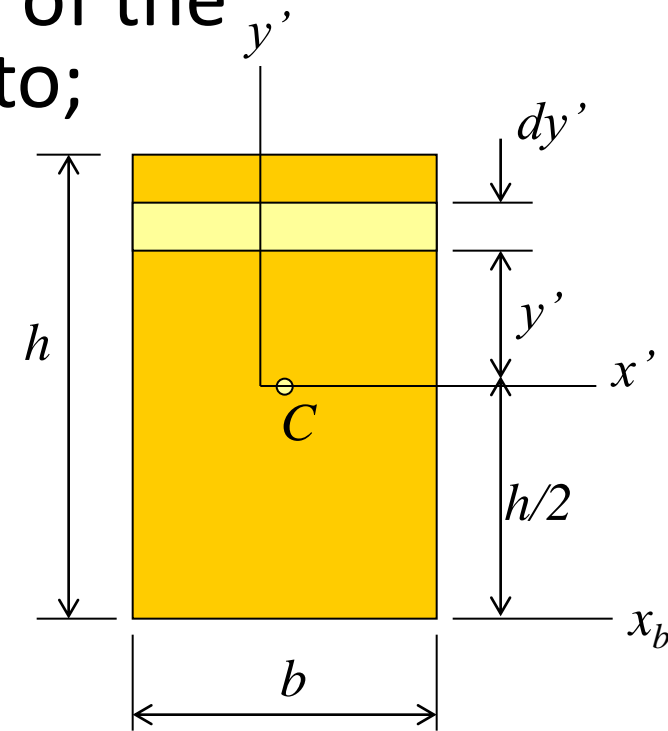
$$K_y = \sqrt{\frac{I_y}{A}}$$



Example 1

Determine the moment of inertia of the rectangular section with respect to;

- centroidal axis x' ,
- axis x_b
- z axis passing through C, and
- the radius of gyration x' .



[Answer]

$$(a) \quad I_{x'} = \frac{bh^3}{12}$$

$$(b) \quad I_{x_b} = \frac{bh^3}{3}$$

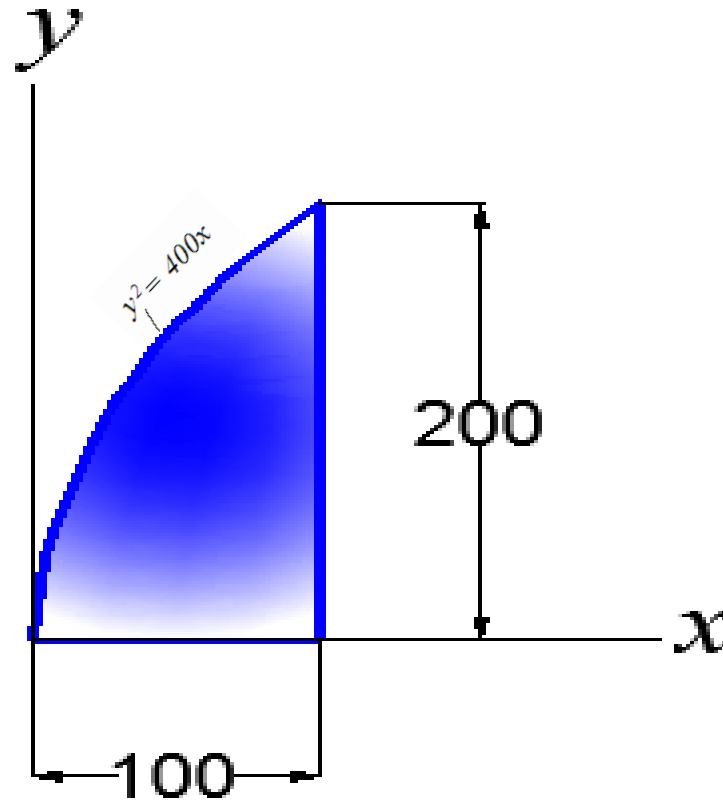
$$(c) \quad J_c = \frac{1}{12}bh(h^2 + b^2)$$

$$(d) \quad K_x = \sqrt{h^2/12}$$

Example 2

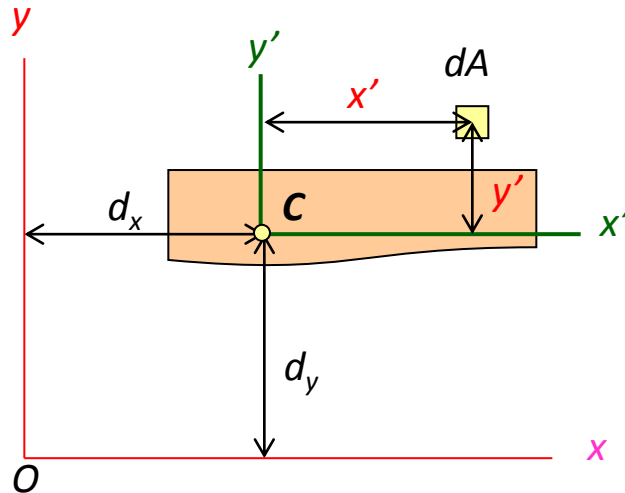
Compute the moment of inertia of the shaded area about the x axis.

[Answer : $I_x = 106 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$]



Parallel-Axis Theorem for an Area

Definition & Usage : Provided that the moment of inertia about an axis which pass through the centroid is known, the moment of inertia about a corresponding **parallel** axis can be determined easily by using *parallel axis theorem*.



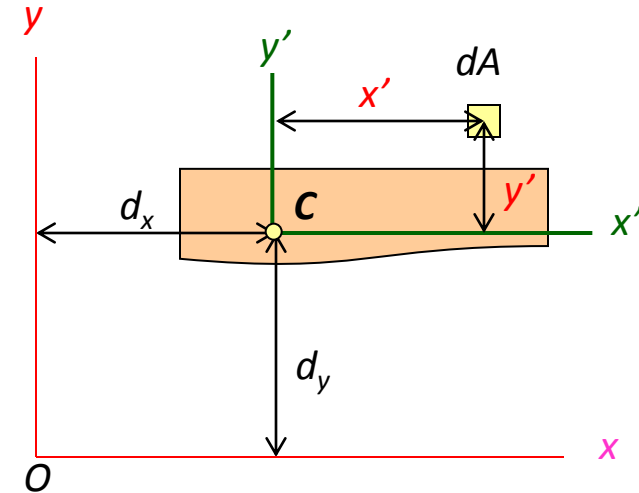
Prove

Consider a differential area dA about the x axis;

$$dI_x = (y' + d_y)^2 dA$$

$$I_x = \int_A (y' + d_y)^2 dA$$

$$= \int_A y'^2 dA + 2d_y \int_A y' dA + d_y^2 \int_A dA$$



The **1st integral** is the MOI about the centroid.

The **2nd integral** is zero since the moment of area about the centroidal axis is 0.

The **3rd integral** is the **total area**.

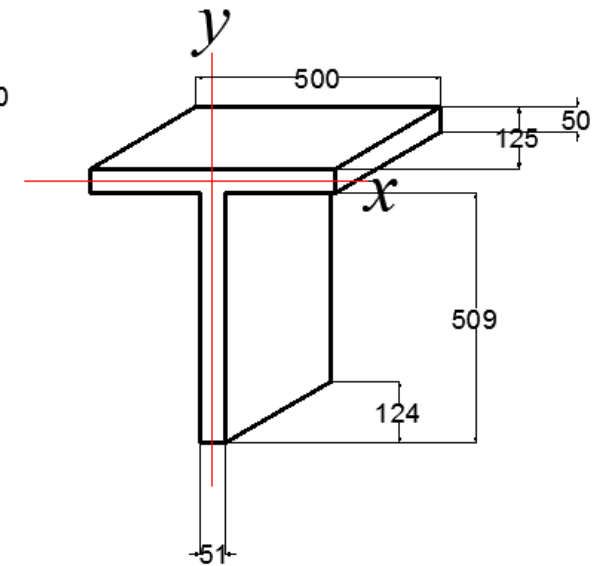
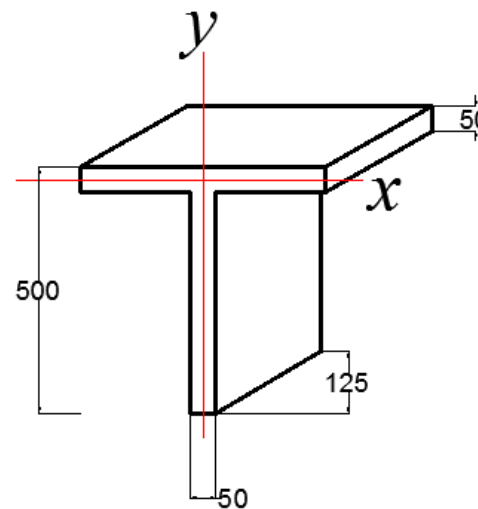
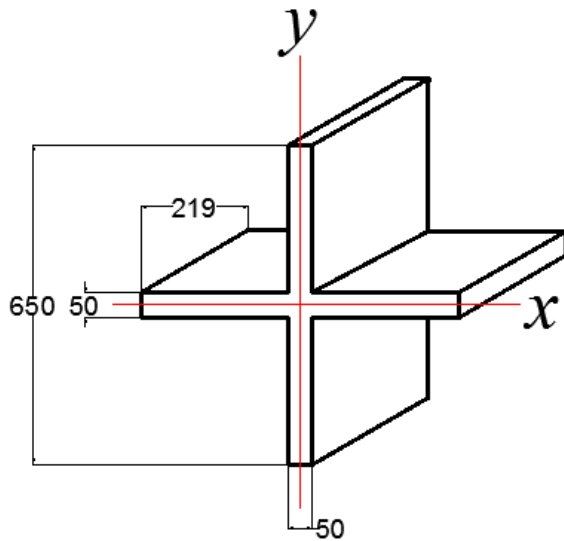
Conclusion : $I_x = I_{x'} + Ad_y^2$

$$I_y = I_{y'} + Ad_x^2$$

$$J_o = I_c + Ad^2$$

Moments of Inertia for Composite Areas

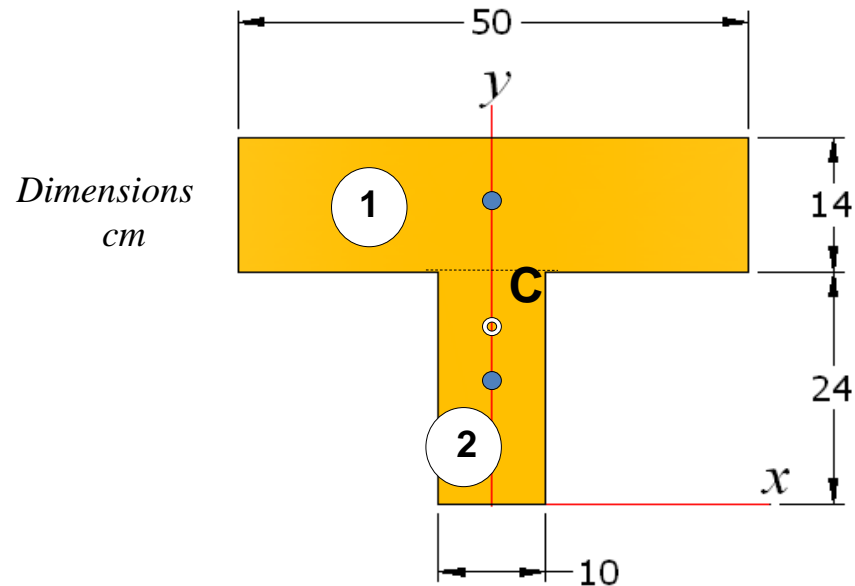
Provided the moment of inertia of each parts is known , then the moment of inertia of the composite area equals the algebraic summation of the moments of inertia of each individual part.



Example 3

Determine the moment of inertia of the T-section about the centroidal x' and y' axes.

[Answer : , $x = 0$, $y = 26.1\text{cm}$, $I_x = 87474\text{ cm}^4$, $I_y = 147833\text{ cm}^4$]



Example 4

Compute the moment of inertia of a composite area about the x' centroidal axis. [Answer : $I_{x'} = 14905 \text{ cm}^4$]

