

UNIT-V

Moment of Inertia

If m is the mass of a particle and r is its r^{th} distance from a given line, the quantity mr^2 is called the moment of inertia of the particle about the line.

If a series of particles of masses $m_1, m_2, \dots$ etc. are arranged at points where r^{th} distances from a given straight line are $r_1, r_2, \dots$, then the quantity $m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2 + \dots$ is defined to be the moment of inertia of the system of particles about the line and written as $\sum mr^2$.

If we write moment of inertia of a body of mass M about an axis as Mk^2 , then k is called the radius of gyration of the body about the line.

The theorem

The theorem of Parallel Axes

If I is the M.I. of a body about any axis and I_G is its M.I. about a parallel axis through G , the C.G. of body then $I = I_G + Mh^2$, where M is the mass of the body and h is the distance between the two parallel axes.

Proof:-

Let us consider the case of a plane lamina.

Let its M.I. about a line Ox in its plane be I .

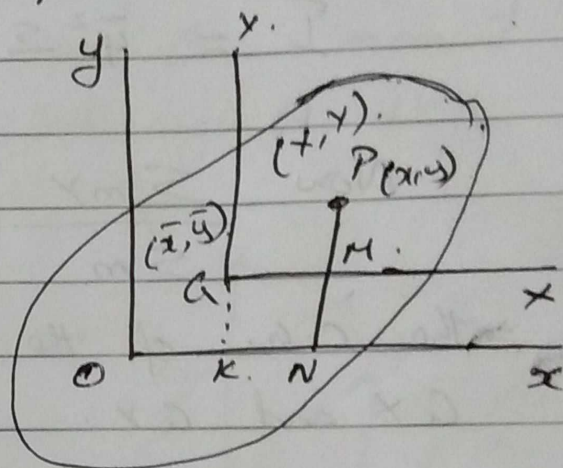
Oy is $\perp^r$ to Ox in the same plane.

Let G be the C.G. of the lamina with coordinates $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ referred to Ox, Oy .

Take an elementary mass m at the point P whose coordinates are (x, y) referred to Ox, Oy .

Let P be (x, y) referred to Gx and Gy , a set of $\parallel$ axes to Ox and Oy .

$$\therefore x = ON = OK + KN = \bar{x} + GM = \bar{x} + x$$



$$y = NP = NM + MP = \bar{y} + Y.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } I &= \text{M.I. of the lamina about } Ox \\ &= \sum m PN^2 \\ &= \sum m y^2 = \sum m (\bar{y} + Y)^2 \\ &= \sum m (\bar{y}^2 + 2\bar{y}Y + Y^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$I = \bar{y}^2 \sum m + 2\bar{y} \sum mY + \sum mY^2. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now $\frac{\sum mY}{\sum m}$ will give the y -coordinate of the C.G. of the lamina with respect to axes Gx and Gy .

But it must be equal to zero as G itself is the origin in this system.

Hence the 2nd term in (1) is zero.

Also $\sum m = \text{total mass } M$.

$$\sum mY^2 = \sum m PN^2 = \text{M.I. about } Gx = I_G.$$

$\bar{y} = Gk = \text{distance b/w the } 11^{\text{el}} \text{ axes } Ox \text{ and } Gx = h.$

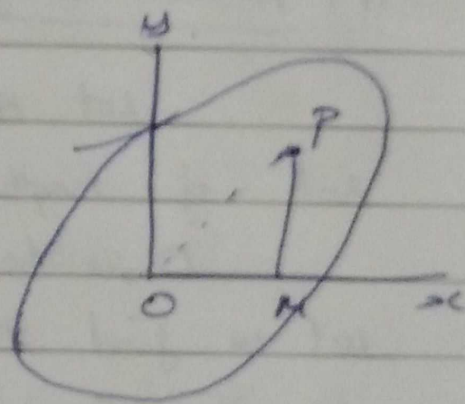
$$\therefore \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow I = h^2 M + I_a \\ = I_a + M h^2 //$$

The Theorem Of Perpendicular Axes:

If I_x and I_y denote the moment of inertia of a plane lamina about two rectangular axes Ox and Oy in the plane, the $I_x + I_y$ will be its moment of inertia about an axis through O $\perp$ to its plane (i.e.) to the plane xOy .

Let Ox and Oy be two rectangular axes in the plane of the lamina

Let Oz be the axis through O $\perp$ to the plane xOy



Consider an elementary mass m , at P . Draw PM $\perp$ to Ox .

$$I_x = M \cdot I. \text{ of the lamina about } Ox \\ = \sum m PM^2$$

$$I_y = M \cdot I. \text{ about } Oy = \sum m OM^2$$

$M \cdot I.$ of the lamina about $Oz = \sum m OP^2$ ($\because OP$ is the $\perp$ distance of P from Oz).

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum m (PM^2 + OM^2) \\
 &= \sum m PM^2 + \sum m OM^2 \\
 &= I_x + I_y
 \end{aligned}$$

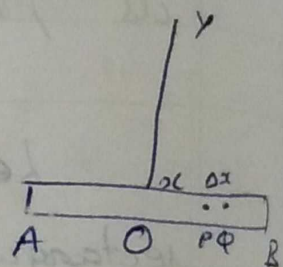
Note:-

This theorem is applicable only to a plane lamina while the 11th axes theorem is true for any rigid body.

Moments of Inertia in some particular cases.

(i) A thin uniform rod.

Let AB be a thin uniform rod of length $2a$.



O is the midpoint and OY is $\perp$ to AB.

Let us find the M.I. of the rod about OY.

Consider an elementary section PQ of the rod of length Δx at a distance x from O.

If ρ is the mass per unit length of the rod,

mass of the section PQ = $\rho \cdot \Delta x$.

The M.I. of the section about OY = $\rho \cdot \Delta x \cdot x^2$.

∴ M.I. of the rod }
AB about OY } $x = -a$

$$= \int_{-a}^a \rho x^2 dx = \rho \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-a}^a$$

$$= \rho \left[\frac{a^3}{3} - \left(-\frac{a^3}{3} \right) \right]$$

$$= \rho \left[\frac{2a^3}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{M}{2a} \cdot \frac{2a^3}{3} \quad \left(\because \rho = \frac{M}{2a} \right)$$

$$= \frac{Ma^2}{3}$$

$$\frac{2a}{1} = \frac{M}{\rho}$$

$$\rho = \frac{M}{2a}$$

Note:

- (i) M.I. of the rod AB about the line through A
I' to AB

= M.I. about OY + $M \cdot (AO)^2$ using the parallel axis theorem.

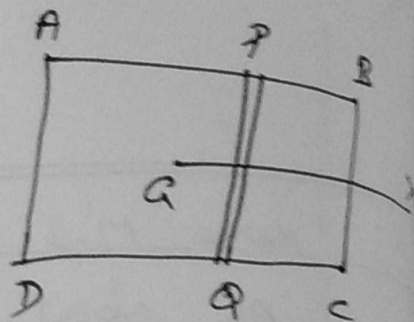
$$= \frac{Ma^2}{3} + Ma^2 = \frac{4Ma^2}{3}$$

- (ii) M.I. of the rod AB about itself = 0

(3) Rectangular lamina:

Let ABCD be a uniform rectangular lamina $\therefore AB = 2a$, $BC = 2b$ and

G its centre of inertia.
 To obtain its M.I. about Gx ,
 $\parallel$ to AB , we divide the
 rectangle into elementary strips such as PQ
 $\perp$ to Gx .



Each strip is of length $2b$ and can
 be considered as a thin uniform rod.

Hence M.I. of the strip about $Gx = \text{its mass} \times \frac{b^2}{3}$.

Summing up the moment of inertia of
 such strips, we get the M.I. of the whole
 rectangle about Gx to be $\frac{Mb^2}{3}$ where M is
 the mass of the lamina.

Similarly M.I. about a line through G
 $\parallel$ to the side $2b$ is $\frac{Ma^2}{3}$.

By the theorem of $\perp$ axes, the M.I.
 of the ~~rect~~ lamina about an axis through G
 $\perp$ to its plane $= \frac{Ma^2}{3} + \frac{Mb^2}{3} = \frac{M}{3}(a^2 + b^2)$.

Also by the theorem of $\parallel$ axes

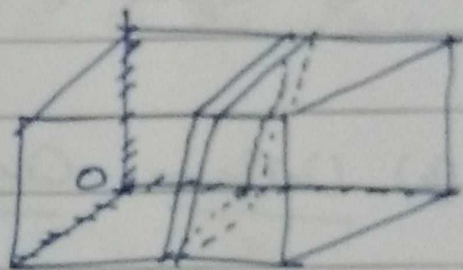
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{M.I. about } AB &= \text{M.I. about } Gx + Mb^2 \\
 &= \frac{Mb^2}{3} + Mb^2 = M\frac{4b^2}{3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{III}^{\text{ly}} \text{ M.I. about AD} = \frac{M \cdot 4a^2}{3}$$

$$\text{M.I. about an axis through A } \perp \text{ to its plane} = \frac{M \cdot 4a^2}{3} + \frac{M \cdot 4b^2}{3} = \frac{4M}{3} (a^2 + b^2)$$

(3) Uniform rectangular parallelepiped of edge 2a, 2b, 2c

Let us find the M.I. about an axis through the centre O $\perp$ to the side 2a.



Divide the solid into a very large number of thin $\perp$ rectangular slices all $\perp$ to the above axis.

Each ~~rectangle~~ slice is a rectangle with sides 2b and 2c and its

$$\text{M.I. about the axis} = \text{mass} \cdot \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{Hence M.I. of the whole solid } \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{about the axis} \end{array} \right\} = M \cdot \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{3} \right)$$

where M is the whole mass.

III^{ly} the M.I. about the two axes through

the centre //el to the edges of length $2b$ and $2c$ are

$$\frac{M}{3}(a^2 + c^2) \text{ and } \frac{M}{3}(a^2 + b^2).$$

If the rectangular parallelepiped is a cube of edge $2a$, then in the above result $b=c=a$ and hence M.I. about any of the three axes of symmetry through the centre is equal to $\frac{M}{3}(2a^2)$.

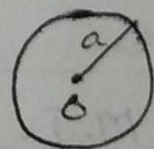
(4) Uniform Circular Ring.

(a) About an axis through the centre $\perp$ to its plane

Let a be the radius of the ring.

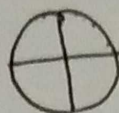
Then each particle of the ring is at the same distance ' a ' from the above axis.

Hence M.I. of the element = mass $\times a^2$.



$$\text{So M.I. of the ring} = \sum \text{mass} \times a^2 = Ma^2$$

where M is the mass of the ring.



(b) About a diameter.

Let I be the M.I. of the circular ring about a diameter.

By symmetry, I is also the M.I. about any other diameter.

Take two diameters at right angles.

By the theorem of I^2 axes

$$I + I = \text{M.I. of the ring about an axis through the centre } \perp \text{ to the plane} \\ = Ma^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{Ma^2}{2}.$$

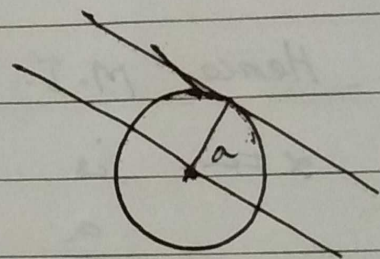
(c) About a tangent line

By Theorem of I^2 axes

M.I. of the circular ring about a tangent line = M.I. about a $\parallel$ diameter + Ma^2 .

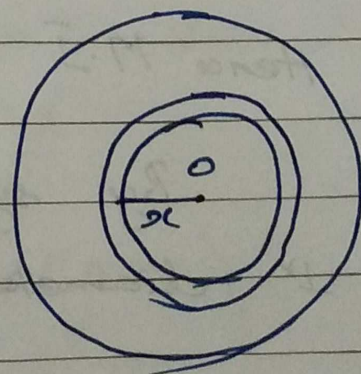
$$= \frac{Ma^2}{2} + Ma^2.$$

$$= M \frac{3a^2}{2}.$$



5). Uniform Circular Disc

Let O be the centre of the disc, a its radius and ρ be the mass per unit area.



Divide the disc into concentric rings of breadth Δx .

The area contained between two consecutive rings of radii x and $x + \Delta x$ is $2\pi x \cdot \Delta x$.

The mass of this element is $2\pi \rho x \cdot \Delta x$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I. of this ring about a diameter} &= 2\pi \rho x \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \cdot \Delta x \\ &= \pi \rho x^3 \Delta x. \end{aligned}$$

Hence M.I. of the whole disc about a diameter $x=a$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=0}^a \pi \rho x^3 \Delta x &= \pi \rho \int_0^a x^3 dx = \pi \rho \left(\frac{x^4}{4} \right)_0^a \\ &= \pi \rho \frac{a^4}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

The area of the whole disc $= \pi a^2$.

and so $\pi a^2 \rho = M$, its total mass.

$$\text{Hence M.I.} = \pi a^2 \rho \cdot \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{Ma^2}{4}.$$

By symmetry M.I. of the disc about a 1^{st} diameter is also $\frac{Ma^2}{4}$.

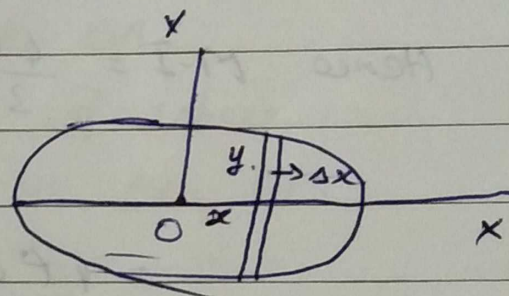
Hence by the theorem of 1^{st} axes, M.I. about an axis through the centre $\perp^{\text{r}}$ to the disc $C = \frac{Ma^2}{4} + \frac{Ma^2}{4} = \frac{Ma^2}{2}$.

Note:

By the theorem of 11^{th} axes.
M.I. of the circular disc about a tangent line = M.I. about a 11^{th} diameter + Ma^2 .
$$= \frac{Ma^2}{4} + Ma^2 = M \cdot \frac{5a^2}{2}$$

6). Uniform elliptic lamina (axes $2a, 2b$) about those axes.

To find the M.I. about the major axis, let (x, y) be any point on the ellipse.



Divide the area into elementary rectangular strips $\perp^{\text{r}}$ to the major axis.

Area of one typical section of length $2y$ and breadth $\Delta x = 2y \Delta x$.

If ρ is the mass per unit area, the mass of this section = $2y \rho \Delta x$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I. about the major axis} &= 2y \rho \Delta x \cdot \frac{y^2}{3} \\ &= 2 \rho \frac{y^3}{3} \Delta x. \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n \theta d\theta = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is even}$$

$$= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdots \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd}$$

Hence M.I. of the whole ellipse = $2 \times \sum_{x=0}^a 2\rho \frac{y^3}{3} \Delta x$

$$= \frac{4\rho}{3} \int_0^a y^3 dx$$

We know that in the ellipse $x = a \cos \theta$ and $y = b \sin \theta$ where θ is the eccentric angle of the point

$$x = a \cos \theta \Rightarrow dx = -a \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow a \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$$

$$x = a \Rightarrow a \cos \theta = a \Rightarrow \theta = 0$$

Hence M.I. = $\frac{4\rho}{3} \int_{\pi/2}^0 b^3 \sin^3 \theta (-a \sin \theta d\theta)$

$$= \frac{4\rho a b^3}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4\rho a b^3}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi \rho a b^3}{4}$$

The whole area being πab , we have $\pi ab \rho = M$, the total mass.

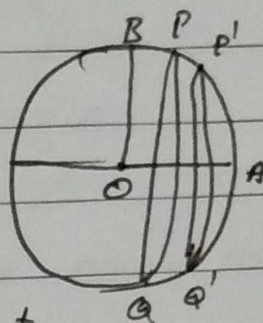
So M.I. = $\pi ab \rho \cdot \frac{b^2}{4} = \frac{M b^2}{4}$

∴ M.I. of the ellipse about minor axis is $\frac{M a^2}{4}$

Hence by the theorem of I^r axes,
 $M.I.$ of the ellipse about an axis through
 the centre I^r to its plane $= M \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{4} \right)$.

(7) A solid sphere about its diameter

Taking the I^r radii OA, OB
 of a circle of radius a as
 axes of x & y , its equation
 is $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$.



By revolving this circle about
 OA , we get a sphere.

Divide the sphere into a number of
 circular discs by planes I^r to OA .

$PPQ'P'$ is one such section of sphere
 cut off at distance x and $x + \Delta x$ from O .

Elementary volume b/w these two
 sections $= \pi y^2 \Delta x$.

elementary mass $= \rho \cdot \pi y^2 \Delta x$

where ρ is the mass per unit ~~length~~ volume.

This section is a circular plate of
 radius y and hence

$$M.I. \text{ about } OA = \rho \pi y^2 \Delta x \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} \cdot a$$

$$\text{Hence } M.I. \text{ of the whole sphere} = \int_0^a \frac{\rho \pi y^4}{2} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \cancel{\pi \rho \int_0^a y^2 dx} \\
 & = \pi \rho \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2)^2 dx \quad \text{as } x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \\
 & = \pi \rho \int_0^a (a^4 + x^4 - 2a^2 x^2) dx \\
 & = \pi \rho \left[a^4 x + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{2a^2 x^3}{3} \right]_0^a \\
 & = \pi \rho \left(a^5 + \frac{a^5}{5} - \frac{2a^5}{3} \right) \\
 & = \pi \rho \left(\frac{15a^5 + 3a^5 - 10a^5}{15} \right) \\
 & = \pi \rho \left(\frac{8a^5}{15} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The volume of the whole sphere = $\frac{4}{3} \pi a^3$

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3} \pi a^3} = \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3}$$

$$\text{Hence M.I. of the sphere about OA} = \frac{8\pi a^5}{15} \cdot \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3} = \frac{2Ma^2}{5}$$

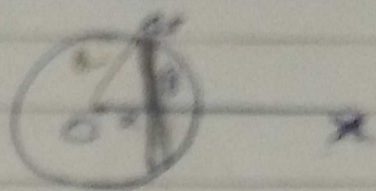
Note:

M.I. of the sphere about a tg° line = M.I. about a parallel diameter + Ma^2 .

$$= \frac{2Ma^2}{5} + Ma^2 = \frac{7Ma^2}{5}$$

(9) A hollow sphere about its diameter.

Divide the hollow sphere into thin circular rings Δs to OX .



Consider a ~~top~~ ring of radius y and arcual width Δs , at a distance x from O .

Surface area of this ring $= 2\pi y \Delta s$.

mass $= \rho \cdot 2\pi y \Delta s$, where ρ is mass per unit area of the surface.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I. of the circular ring} &= \rho \cdot 2\pi y \Delta s \cdot y^2 \\ \text{about } OX &= \rho \cdot 2\pi y^3 \Delta s \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{M.I. of the hollow sphere about } OX = 2 \int_0^a 2\pi \rho y^3 dy$$

$$\text{But } x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

$$\therefore 2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -x/y$$

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{y^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{y^2 + x^2}{y^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{y^2}} = \frac{a}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow ds = \frac{a}{y} dx$$

$$\text{Hence } M.I = \int_0^a 4\pi\rho \cdot y^2 \cdot \frac{a}{y} dx$$

$$= 4\pi\rho a \int_0^a y^2 dx$$

$$= 4\pi\rho a \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2) dx$$

$$= 4\pi\rho a \left[a^2x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^a$$

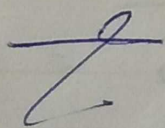
$$= 4\pi\rho a \left(a^3 - \frac{a^3}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{8\pi\rho a^4}{3}$$

Total surface area of the hollow sphere $= 4\pi a^2$.

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{M}{4\pi a^2}$$

$$\text{Hence } M.I = \frac{8\pi a^4}{3} \cdot \frac{M}{4\pi a^2} = \frac{2Ma^2}{3}$$

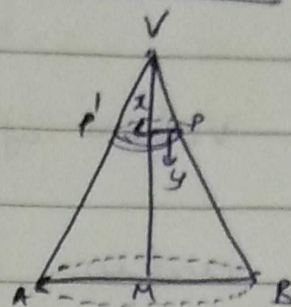


(9). A solid right circular cone come about its axis:

Let V be the vertex,
 VM - the axis

r - the base radius

h - height of the cone.



Let PP' be a circular section of the cone, by a distant x from V

Let y be the radius LP of this section and Δx its width.

Volume of the section = $\pi y^2 \Delta x$.

$\therefore$ mass " " = $\rho \pi y^2 \Delta x$ where

ρ is the mass per unit volume.

This is in the form of a circular disc and its M.I. about VM = $\rho \pi y^2 \Delta x \cdot \frac{y^2}{2}$.

$\therefore$ M.I. of the cone about VM = $\frac{\rho \pi}{2} \int_0^h y^4 dx$.

Triangles VLP and VMB are similar.

$$\text{Hence } \frac{LP}{MB} = \frac{VL}{VM} \quad (\text{co}) \quad \frac{y}{r} = \frac{x}{h}.$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{rx}{h}.$$

$$\therefore \text{required M.I.} = \frac{\rho \pi}{2} \int_0^h \frac{x^4 r^4}{h^4} dx = \frac{\rho \pi r^4}{2 h^4} \left(\frac{x^5}{5} \right)_0^h.$$

$$= \frac{\rho \pi r^4 h}{10}.$$

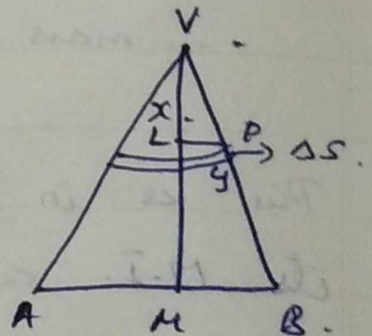
Volume of the cone is $\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$.

$$\text{and so } \rho = \frac{M}{\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h} = \frac{3M}{\pi r^2 h}.$$

$$\text{So required } M.I = \frac{3M}{\pi r^2 h} \cdot \frac{\pi r^4 h}{10} = \frac{3r^2 M}{10}.$$

(10). A hollow cone about its axis.

Consider a belt-like section of the surface area, at a distance x from the vertex V and having actual width $= \Delta s$.



Radius of this section $= y$.

Let r, h be the radius and height of the cone.

The surface area of this section $= 2\pi y \cdot \Delta s$.

So mass $= \rho \cdot 2\pi y \Delta s$ where ρ is the ~~area~~ surface density.

M.I. of this ring about VM = $\rho \cdot 2\pi y \cdot ds \cdot y^2$

$$= 2\pi \rho y^3 ds$$

So the whole M.I. of the whole cone
 $\therefore = 2\pi \rho \int_0^h y^3 ds$

As $\triangle VLP$ and $\triangle MNB$ are similar

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{x}{h} \Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{h} x$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{h}$$

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{h^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{h^2 + x^2}{h^2}} = \frac{l}{h}$$

where l is the slant height.

$$\therefore M.I. = 2\pi \rho \int_0^h \frac{x^2 x^2}{h^2} \cdot \frac{l}{h} dx$$

$$= \frac{2\pi \rho x^2 l}{h^4} \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^h = \frac{\pi \rho x^2 l}{2}$$

Surface area of cone = $\pi x l$

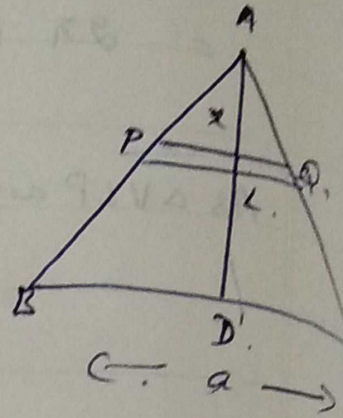
$$\text{Hence } \rho = \frac{M}{\pi x l}$$

$$\therefore M.I. = \frac{\pi x^3 l}{2} \cdot \frac{M}{\pi x l} = \frac{M x^2}{2}$$

1). Show that the M.I. of a triangular lamina of mass M about a side is $\frac{Mh^2}{6}$ where h is the altitude from the opposite vertex.

Divide the lamina into strips $\parallel$ to BC .

Let PQ be one such strip at a distance x from A and its width be Δx .



Area of the strip $= PQ \cdot \Delta x$.

As $\triangle APQ$ & $\triangle ABC$ are similar $\triangle$ s.

$$\frac{PQ}{BC} = \frac{AL}{AD} = \frac{x}{h}$$

Hence $PQ = \frac{ax}{h}$ where $BC = a$.

If ρ is the areal density, mass of the strip

$$PQ = \frac{\rho ax}{h} \Delta x$$

M.I. of PQ about $BC =$ M.I. of PQ about a line through the midpoint of PQ $\parallel$ to $BC + (\text{mass of } PQ)(LD)^2$

(by parallel axis theorem)

$$= \text{M.I. of } PQ \text{ itself} + (\text{mass of } PQ)(LD)^2$$

$$= 0 + \frac{\rho ax}{h} \Delta x (h-x)^2$$

Hence M.I. of the whole }
$$= \int_0^h \frac{\rho a x}{h} (h^2 + x^2 - 2hx) dx$$

 ΔABC about BC

$$= \frac{\rho a}{h} \int_0^h (h^2 x + x^3 - 2hx^2) dx$$

$$= \frac{\rho a}{h} \left[\frac{h^2 x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{2hx^3}{3} \right]_0^h$$

$$= \frac{\rho a}{h} \left[\frac{h^4}{2} + \frac{h^4}{4} - \frac{2h^4}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\rho a}{h} \left[\frac{6h^4 + 3h^4 - 8h^4}{12} \right] = \frac{\rho a}{h} \left[\frac{h^4}{12} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\rho a h^3}{12}$$

Area of the $\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} BC \cdot AD = \frac{1}{2} ah$.

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{M}{\frac{1}{2} ah} = \frac{2M}{ah}$$

Hence M.I. = $\frac{ah^3}{12} \cdot \frac{2M}{ah} = \frac{Mh^2}{6}$.

- 2). Show that the M.I. of a hollow sphere whose external and internal radii are a and b about a diameter is $\frac{2M}{5} \left(\frac{a^5 - b^5}{a^3 - b^3} \right)$. Deduce the M.I. of

Q. a hollow sphere of radius a .

The given hollow sphere can be got by removing from a solid sphere of radius a , an inner solid sphere of radius b .

Let M_1 and M_2 be the masses of these spheres and ρ be the mass per unit volume.

$$M_1 = \frac{4}{3} \pi a^3 \rho \quad \text{and} \quad M_2 = \frac{4}{3} \pi b^3 \rho.$$

$$\therefore \frac{M_1}{M_2} = \frac{a^3}{b^3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{M_1}{a^3} = \frac{M_2}{b^3} = \frac{M_1 - M_2}{a^3 - b^3} = \frac{M}{a^3 - b^3}$$

$$\therefore M_1 = \frac{M a^3}{a^3 - b^3} \quad \text{and} \quad M_2 = \frac{M b^3}{a^3 - b^3}$$

reqd. $M \cdot I = M \cdot I$ of outer sphere - $M \cdot I$ of inner sphere.

$$= M_1 \left(\frac{2a^2}{5} \right) - M_2 \left(\frac{2b^2}{5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2a^2}{5} \cdot \frac{M a^3}{a^3 - b^3} - \frac{2b^2}{5} \cdot \frac{M b^3}{a^3 - b^3}$$

$$= \frac{2M}{5} \left(\frac{a^5 - b^5}{a^3 - b^3} \right)$$

Now as $b \rightarrow a$, the ~~body~~ above body becomes a thin hollow sphere.

$\therefore$ M.I. of a hollow sphere of radius a

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow a} \frac{2M}{5} \left(\frac{a^5 - b^5}{a^3 - b^3} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow a} \frac{2M}{5} \frac{(a-b)(a^4 + a^3b + a^2b^2 + ab^3 + b^4)}{(a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)}$$

$$= \frac{2M}{5} \left(\frac{a^4 + a^4 + a^4 + a^4 + a^4}{a^2 + a^2 + a^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2M}{5} \cdot \frac{5a^4}{3a^2} = \frac{2Ma^2}{3} //$$

Dr. Routh's Rule:

A body has three axes of symmetry.
Its moment of ~~inter~~ inertia about an axis
of symmetry

$$= \text{Mass} \times \left(\text{sum of the squares of the } \frac{1}{2} \text{ semi-axes} \right)$$

D

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where D is 3 or 4 or 5 according as the body is rectangular, elliptical (including circle) or ellipsoidal (including spherical).