## CENTROIDS AND CENTER OF GRAVITIES

Mathematics possesses not only truth, but supreme beauty - a beauty cold and austere, like that of a sculpture. Bertrand Russell

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## **Basic Definitions Composite Objects**



Center of Gravity Center of Mass Volume Centroid Area Centroid Curve (line) Centroid

Weights	W		Center of gravity
Masses	W=gM	g gravitational acceleration	Center of mass
Volumes	W=gpV	ρ density	Volume centroid
Areas	W=gptA	t thin plate thickness	area centroid
Lines	W=gpaL	a wire cross section	line centroid

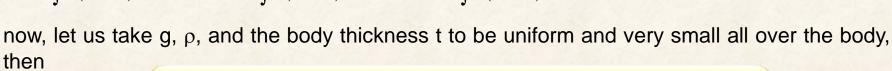
In our work we will consider the following

Uniform gravitational field. density is uniform Uniform cross section Thickness of thin plates is uniform given

$$x_{G} = \frac{\int x_{e} dW}{\int dW}$$
  $y_{G} = \frac{\int y_{e} dW}{\int dW}$   $z_{G} = \frac{\int z_{e} dW}{\int dW}$ 

setting  $dW = d(gm) = d(g\rho V) = d(\rho tA)$  leads to

$$x_{G} = \frac{\int x_{e} d(gptA)}{\int d(gptA)} \qquad y_{G} = \frac{\int y_{e} d(gptA)}{\int d(gptA)} \qquad z_{G} = \frac{\int z_{e} d(gptA)}{\int d(gptA)}$$



**Area Centroid** 

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$$x_{G} = \frac{\int x_{e} dA}{\int dA} \qquad y_{G} = \frac{\int y_{e} dA}{\int dA} \qquad z_{G} = \frac{\int z_{e} dA}{\int dA}$$
  
where dA Element of area  
$$A = \int dA \quad \text{Total area}$$
  
**Thus The Area Centroid Coincides With Its Center of Gravity**

### NOTICE

For uniform objects, if there are two or more lines of SYMMETRY, then the center of gravity is located on its intersection

G

given

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 $x_{G} = \frac{\int x_{e} d(gpaL)}{\int d(gpaL)}$   $y_{G} = \frac{\int y_{e} d(gpaL)}{\int d(gpaL)}$   $z_{G} = \frac{\int z_{e} d(gpaL)}{\int d(gpaL)}$ 

now, let us take g,  $\rho$ , and the wire cross section a to be uniform all over the body, then

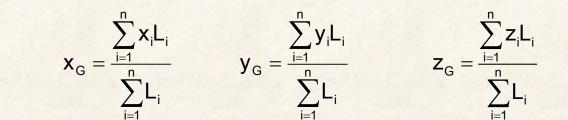
$$x_{G} = \frac{\int x_{e} dL}{\int dL}$$
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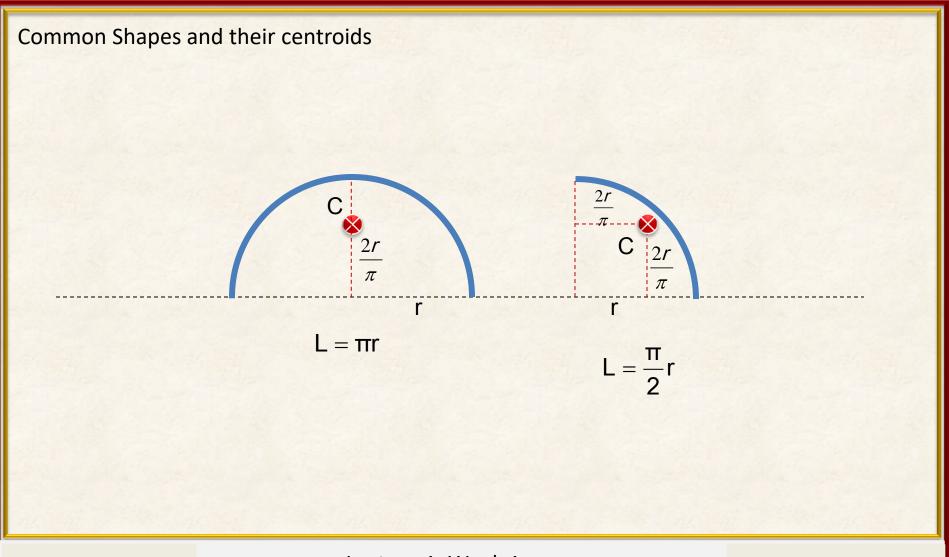
**Line Centroid** 

where dL Element of length  $L = \int dL$  Total length

**Thus The Line Centroid Coincides With Its Center of Gravity** 

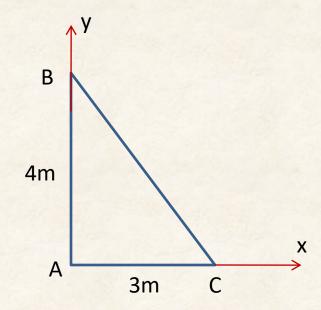
## **Composite Wires**

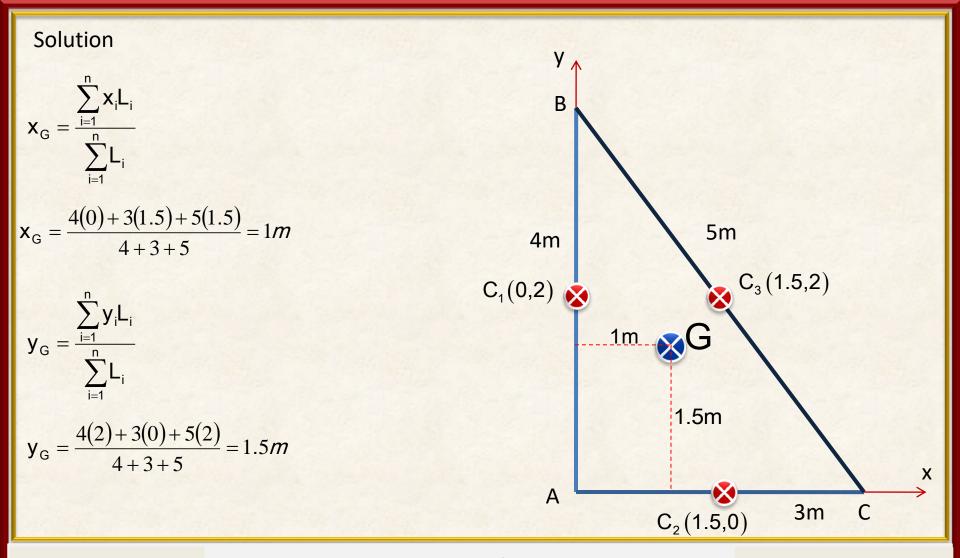




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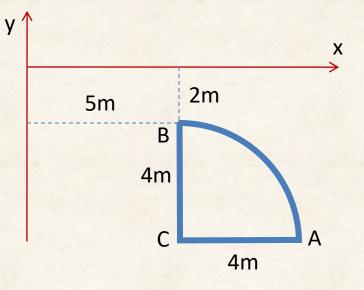
Determine the centroid of the three uniform wires AB, BC, and CA with respect to the x-y coordinates. All three wires have the same density and cross section

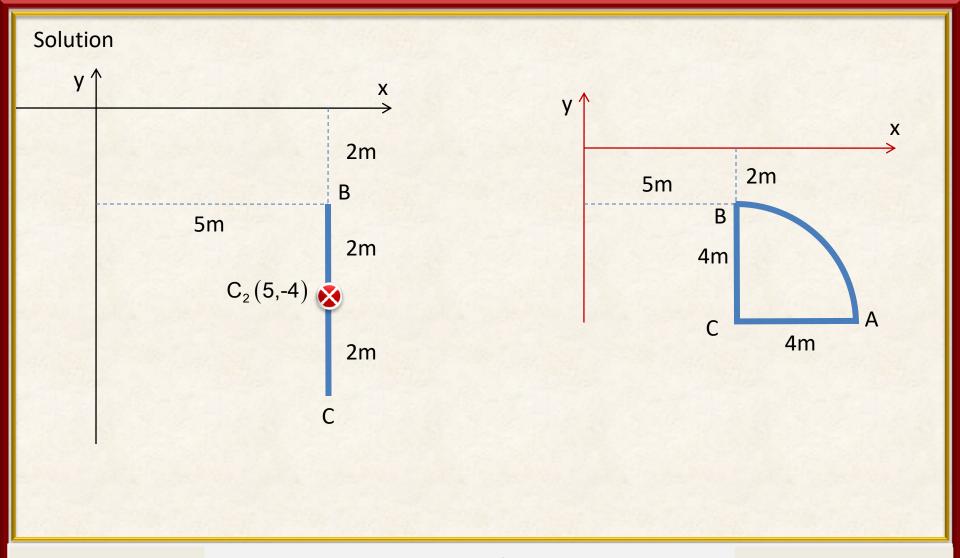


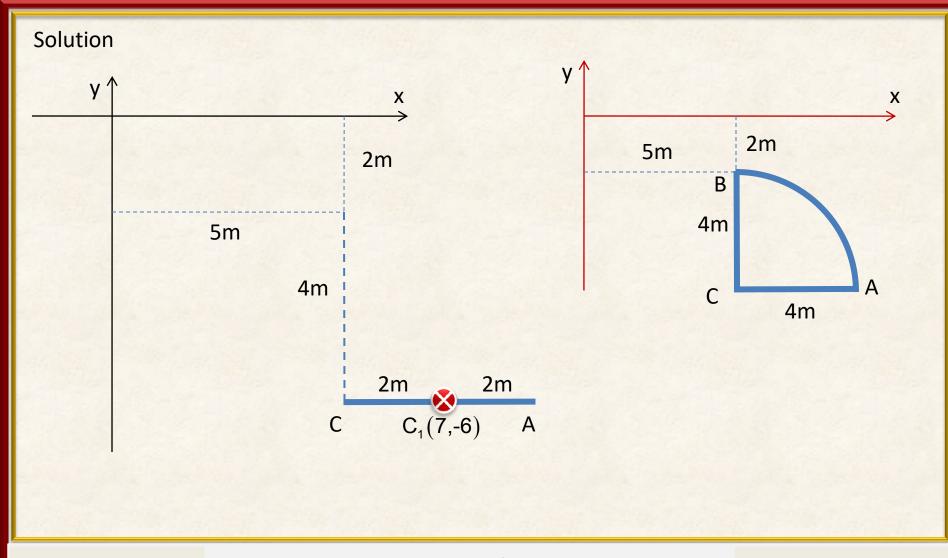


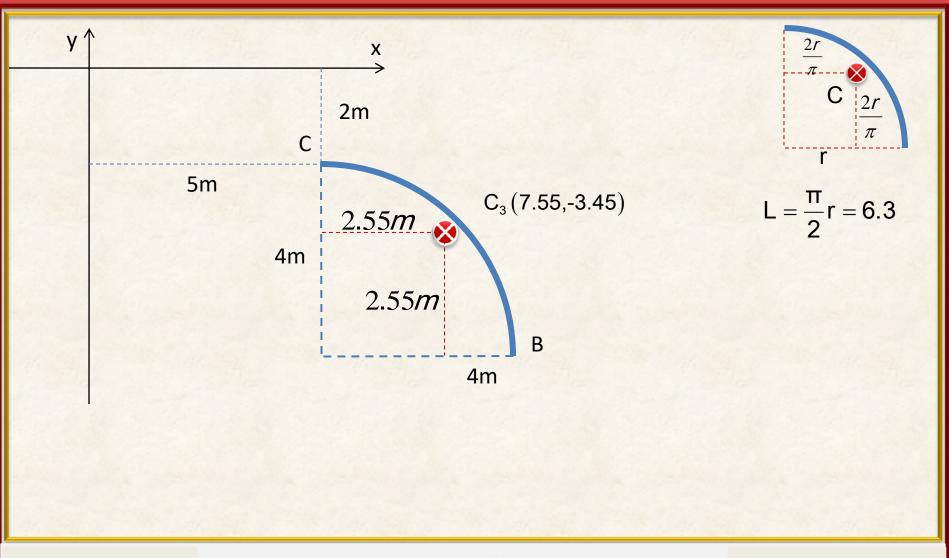
#### Example-2

Determine the centroid of the complete quarter circle shown with respect to the x-y coordinates. All wires have the same density and cross section

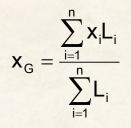




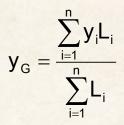




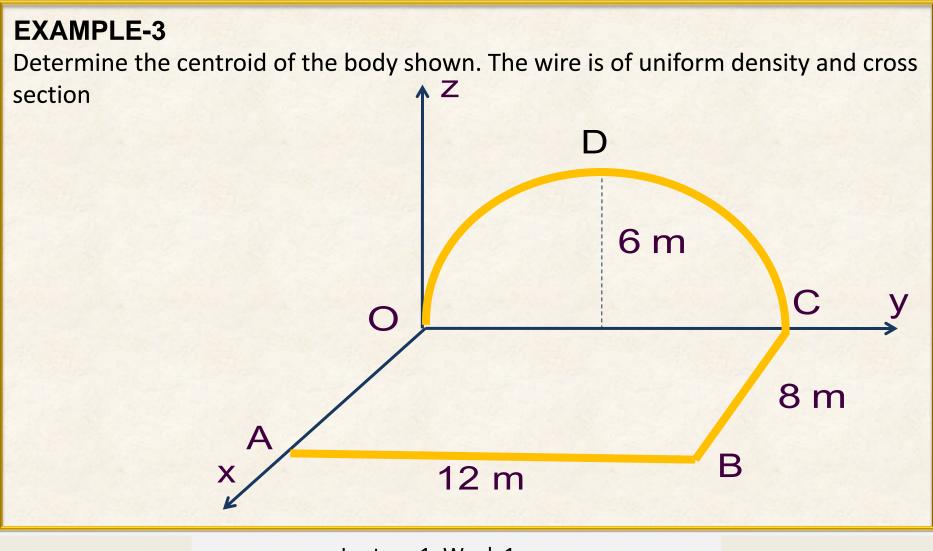
#	L	x	Lx	У	Ly
1	4	5	20	-4	-16
2	4	7	28	-6	-24
3	6.3	7.55	47.6	-3.45	-21.74
SUMS	14.3		95.6		-61.74



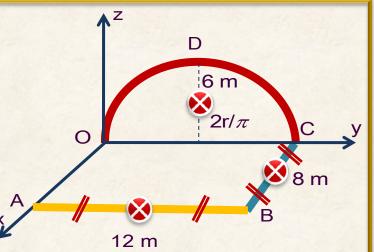
 $\mathbf{x}_{\rm G} = \frac{95.6}{14.3} = 6.68m$ 



$$\mathbf{y}_{\rm G} = \frac{-61.74}{14.3} = -4.32m$$



	SOLUTION Divide the wire into known sections							
1	1- wire AB							
2	2- wire BC							
-	B- wire							
	Ι	$L_3 = CDC$	$\mathcal{O}=\pi$	$\tau r = 3.14$	4(6) = 1	8.85 <i>m</i>		
1		$z_{2} = \frac{2r}{2}$	12	-=3.82	m		×	
	$z_3 = \frac{2r}{\pi} = \frac{12}{3.14} = 3.82 \ m$							
N. N.	#	L	X	Lx	У	Ly	Z	
	1	10	0				0	

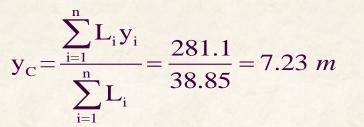


#	L	X	Lx	У	Ly	z	Lz
1	12	8		6		0	
2	8	4		12		0	
3	18.85	0		6		3.82	
SUMS							

3- The centroid of the whole wire is then located using;

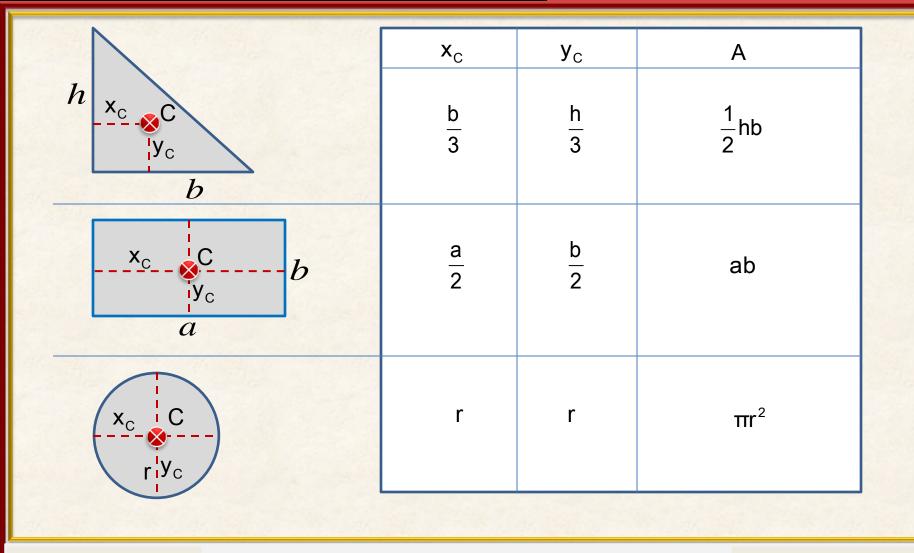
#	L	X	Lx	У	Ly	Z	Lz
1	12	8	96	6	72	0	0
2	8	4	32	12	96	0	0
3	18.85	0	0	6	113.1	3.82	72
SUMS	38.85		128		281.1		72

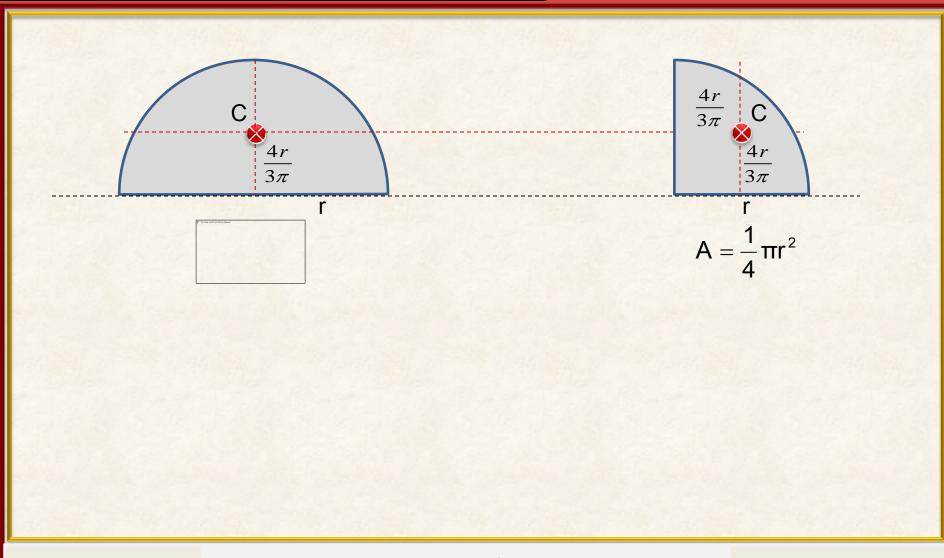
$$x_{c} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_{i} x_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_{i}} = \frac{128}{38.85} = 3.3 m$$
$$z_{c} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_{i} z_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_{i} z_{i}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_{i} z_{i}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_{i} z_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_{i} z_{i}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_{i} z_{i}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}$$



$$z_{\rm C} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i Z_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i} = \frac{72}{38.85} = 1.85 \ m$$

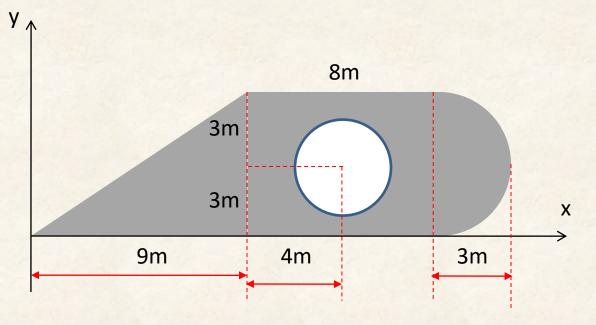


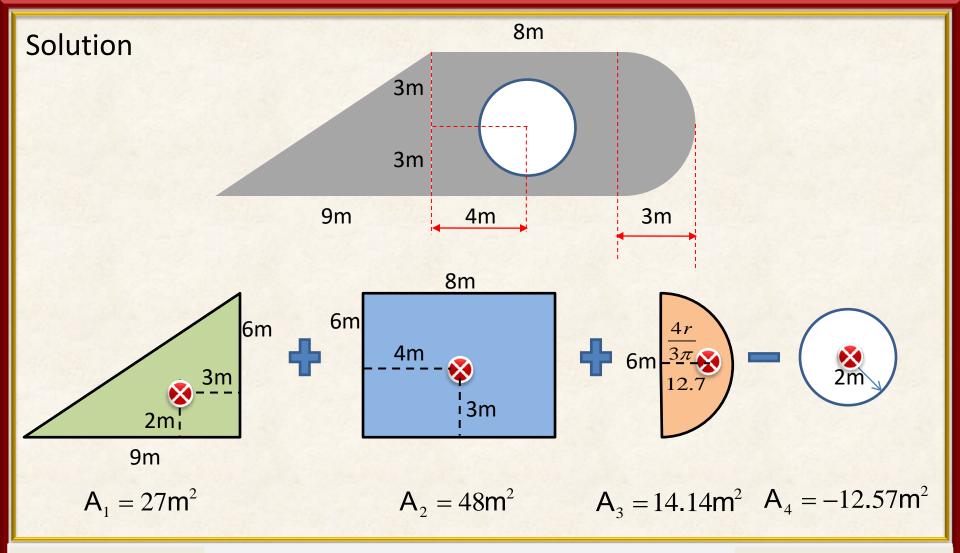


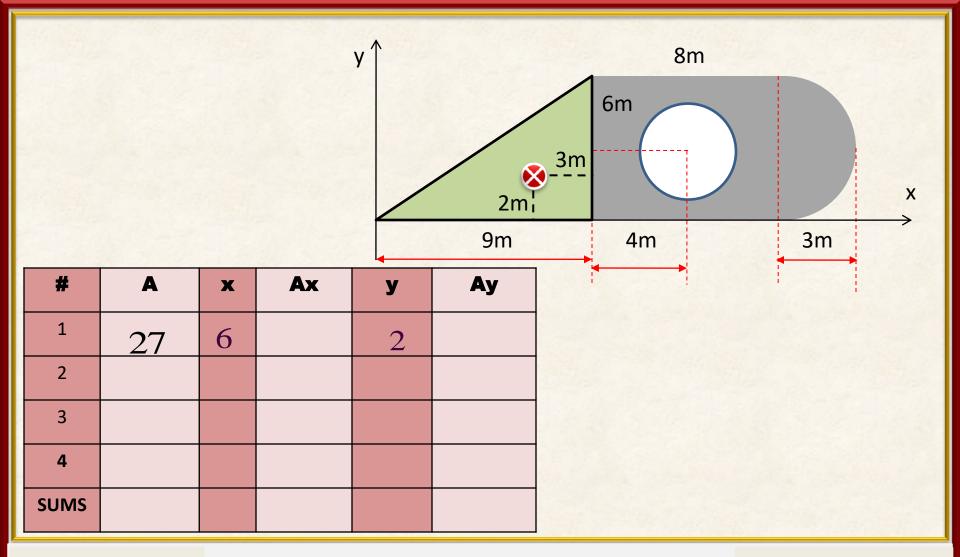


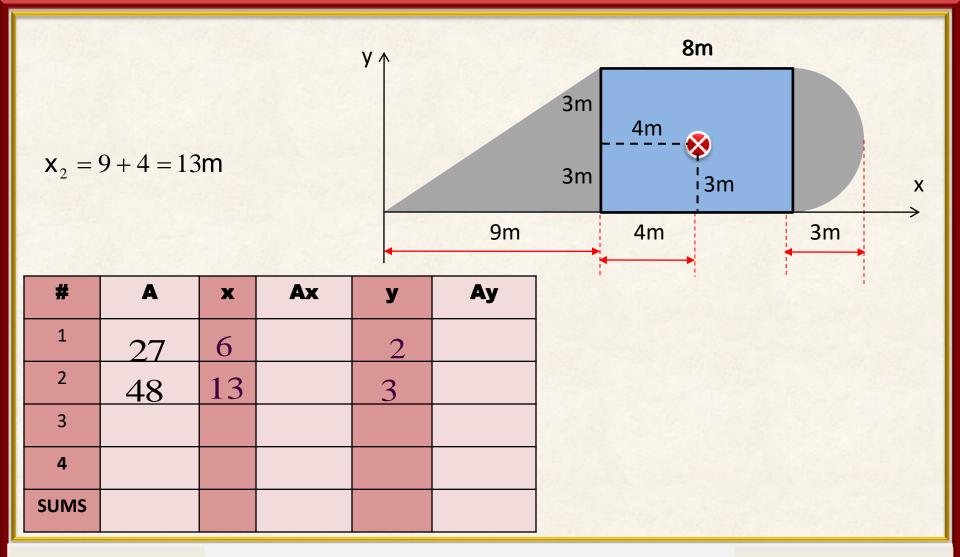
#### **EXAMPLE-4**

A circle of radius 2 m is removed from the uniform area shown. Determine the location of its centroid with respect to the x and y coordinates.

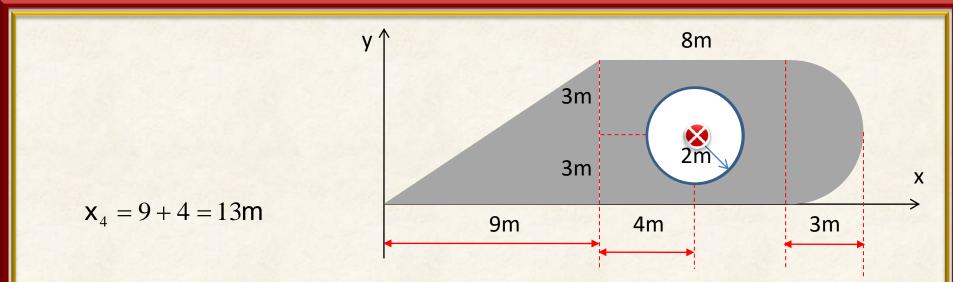








$x_3 = 9 + 3$	8+1.27 = 18.2	27m	3r 3r 9m	(	8m	4 <i>r</i> 3 <i>π</i> 1.27 x 3m
#	A	×	Ах	У	Ау	
1	27	б		2		
2	48	13		3		
3	14.14	18.27		3		
4						
SUMS						



#	A	x	Ax	У	Ау
1	27	6		2	
2	48	13		3	
3	14.14	18.27		3	
4	-12.57	13		3	
SUMS					

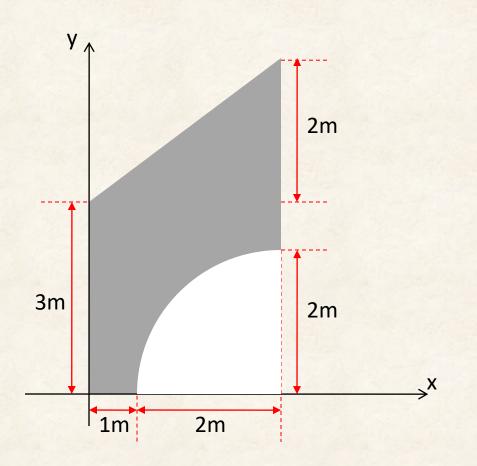
#	A	x	Ах	У	Ау
1	27	б	162	2	54
2	48	13	624	3	144
3	14.14	18.27	258.34	3	42.42
4	-12.57	13	-163.41	3	-37.71
SUMS	76.57		880.93		202.71

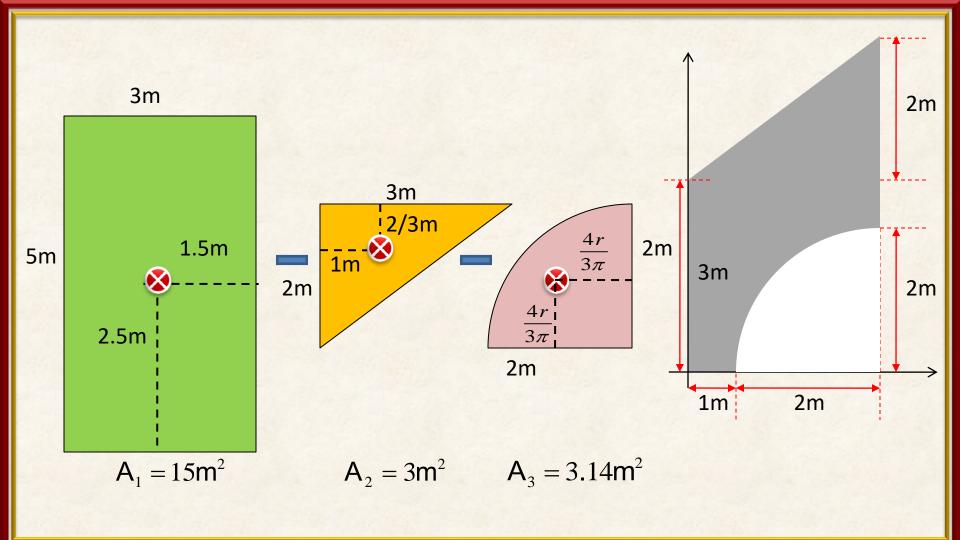
$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{C}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{i}} = \frac{880.93}{76.57} = 11.5 \ m$$

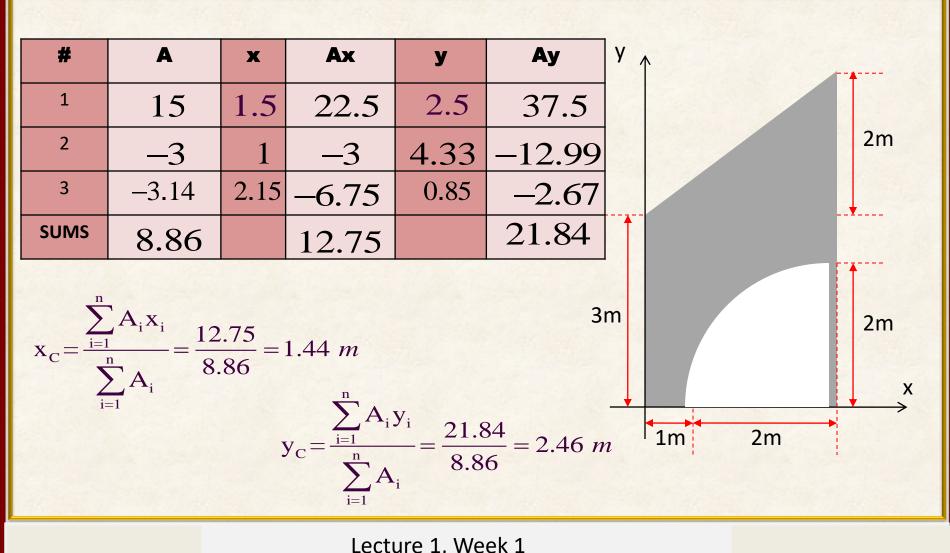
$$y_{\rm C} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_i} = \frac{202.71}{76.57} = 2.65 \ m$$

#### Example-5

Determine the location of the centroid with respect to the x and y coordinates of the uniform area shown.

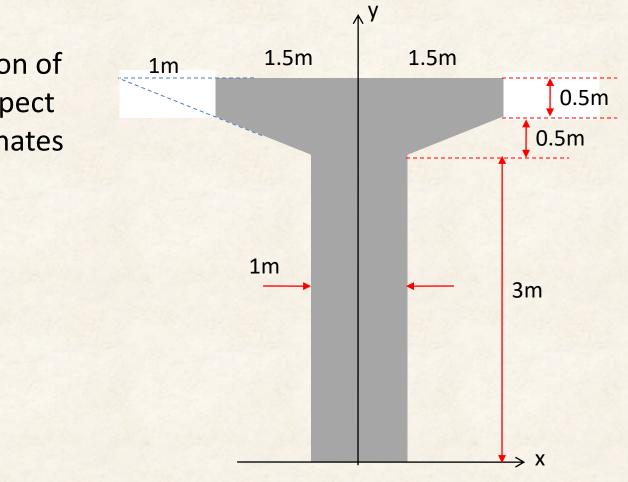


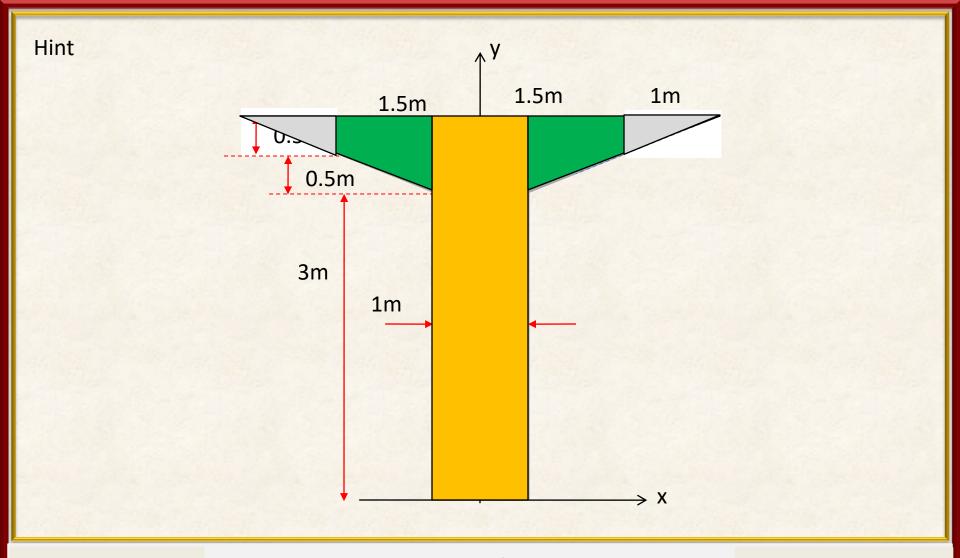




#### Home Work

Determine the location of the centroid with respect to the x and y coordinates of the uniform area shown.





## MOMENTS OF INERTIA

Courage is the first of the human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all the others. Winston Churchill



# First moment of Area ( Q ) Area Moments Of Inertia ( I ) Polar Moments Of Inertia ( J )

#### First moment of Area

The <u>SI</u> unit for **first moment of area** is a cubic <u>metre</u> (m<sup>3</sup>). In the American Engineering and Gravitational systems the unit is a cubic <u>foot</u> (ft<sup>3</sup>) or more commonly <u>inch<sup>3</sup></u>.

The **static** or **statical moment of area**, usually denoted by the symbol *Q*, is a property of a shape that is used to predict its resistance to <u>shear stress</u>. By definition:

$$Q_{j,x} = \int y_i dA,$$

where

 $Q_{j,x}$  - the first moment of area "j" about the neutral x axis of the entire body (not the neutral axis of the area "j");

dA - an elemental area of area "j";

y - the perpendicular distance to the centroid of element dA from the neutral axis x.

# Example

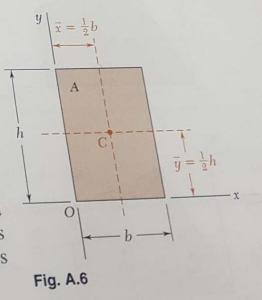
When the centroid C of an area can be located by symmetry, the first moment of that area with respect to any given axis can be readily obtained from Eqs. (A.4). For example, in the case of the rectangular area of Fig. A.6, we have

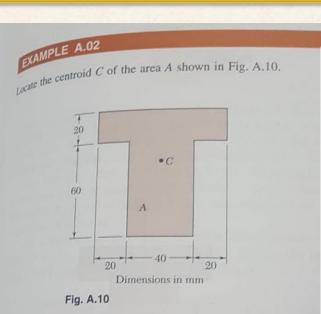
$$Q_x = A\overline{y} = (bh)(\frac{1}{2}h) = \frac{1}{2}bh^2$$

and

$$Q_y = A\overline{x} = (bh)(\frac{1}{2}b) = \frac{1}{2}b^2h$$

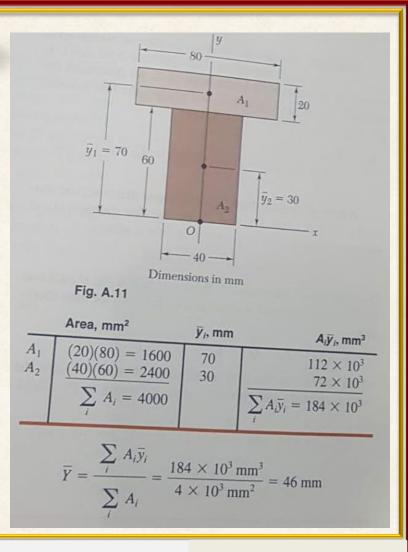
In most cases, however, it is necessary to perform the integrations indicated in Eqs. (A.1) through (A.3) to determine the first moments and the centroid of a given area. While each of the integrals involved is actually a double integral, it is possible in many applications to select elually a for area dA in the shape of thin horizontal or vertical strips, and thus to reduce the computations to integrations in a single variable. This is illustrated in Example A.01. Centroids of common geometric shapes are indicated in a table inside the back cover of this book.





Selecting the coordinate axes shown in Fig. A.11, we note that the centroid C must be located on the y axis, since this axis is an axis of symmetry; thus,  $\overline{X} = 0$ .

Dividing A into its component parts  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , we use the second of Eqs. (A.6) to determine the ordinate  $\overline{Y}$  of the centroid. The actual computation is best carried out in tabular form,



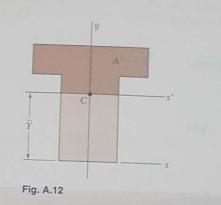
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## Example

#### EXAMPLE A.03

Referring to the area A of Example A.02, we consider the horizontal x' axis through its centroid C. (Such an axis is called a *centroidal axis*.) Denoting by A' the portion of A located above that axis (Fig. A.12), determine the first moment of A' with respect to the x' axis.



**Solution.** We divide the area A' into its components  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  (Fig. A.13). Recalling from Example A.02 that *C* is located 46 mm above the lower edge of *A*, we determine the ordinates  $\overline{y}'_1$  and  $\overline{y}'_3$  of  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  and express the first moment  $Q'_{x'}$  of A' with respect to x' as follows:

 $\begin{aligned} Q'_{x'} &= A_1 \overline{y}'_1 + A_3 \overline{y}'_3 \\ &= (20 \times 80)(24) + (14 \times 40)(7) = 42.3 \times 10^3 \, \mathrm{mm}^3 \end{aligned}$ 

# Area Moments of Inertia (Second Moment of Area)

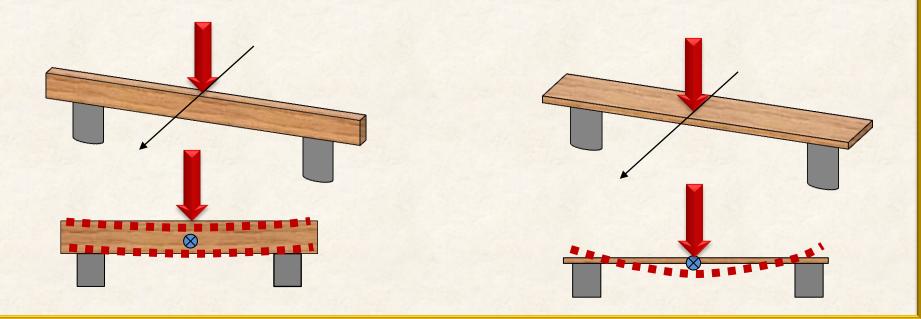
Area Moment of Inertia The Four Area Moments of Inertia Parallel Axes Theorem Evaluating Area Moment of Inertia for Composite Shapes

#### Area Moment of Inertia

Also known as the second moment of area or second moment of inertia

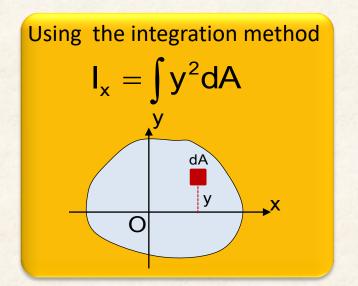
Measures the resistance of beams to bending and deflection.

The deflection of a beam under load depends not only on the load, but also on the geometry of the beam's cross-section



Four area moments of inertia defined for a beams cross section Area moment of inertia about the x axis  $|_{x}$ about the y axis  $\mathbf{I}_{y}$ Polar area moment of inertia about the z axis Area product moment of inertia Х

#### Area Moment of Inertia About the x-Axis



Using the radius of gyration  $I_x = k_x^2 A$  y A  $k_x$  A

 $I_x$  measures the beams ability to resist bending about the x axis. The larger the Moment of Inertia the less the beam will bend.

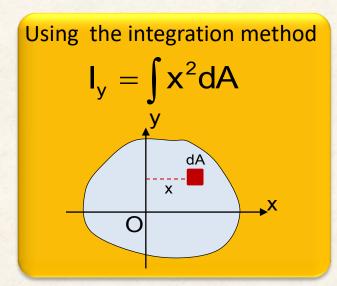
The radius of gyration is the distance *k* away from the x axis that all the area can be concentrated to result in the same moment of inertia.

**By definition** 

 $I_x$  is always positive

Units of I<sub>x</sub> are m<sup>4</sup>

#### Area Moment of Inertia About the y-Axis



Using the radius of gyration  $I_{y} = k_{y}^{2}A$  y  $k_{y}$  A C

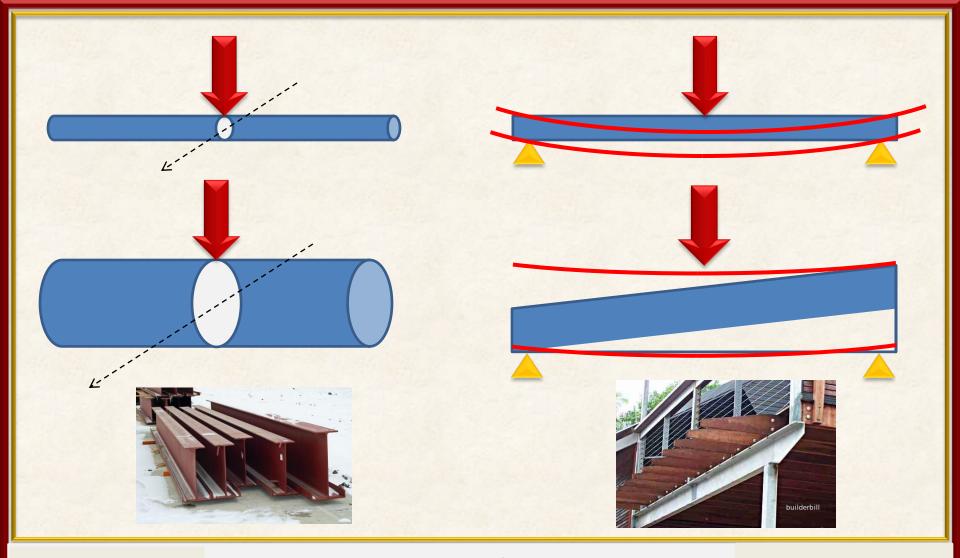
 $I_y$  measures the beams ability to resist bending about the y axis. The larger the Moment of Inertia the less the beam will bend.

The radius of gyration is the distance *k* away from the y axis that all the area can be concentrated to result in the same moment of inertia.

**By definition** 

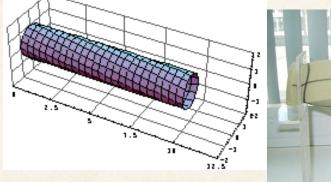
 $I_{y}$  is always positive

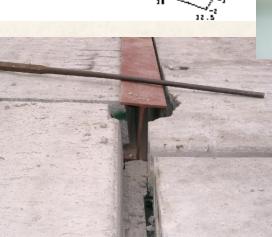
Units of I<sub>v</sub> are m<sup>4</sup>



#### Polar Area Moment of Inertia About the z Axes

The Polar Area Moment of Inertia of a beams cross-sectional area measures the beams ability to resist torsion. The larger the Polar Moment of Inertia the less the beam will twist.





 $I_{o} = I_{x} + I_{y} = k_{x}^{2}A + k_{y}^{2}A = (k_{x}^{2} + k_{y}^{2})A = k_{o}^{2}A$ 

#### **Product Area Moment of Inertia**

The product of inertia for an area A about the x and y axes is defined as

$$I_{xy} = \int xy dA$$

Clearly from the definition of the product of inertia, we could reverse indices, but still both quantities are equal, i.e.

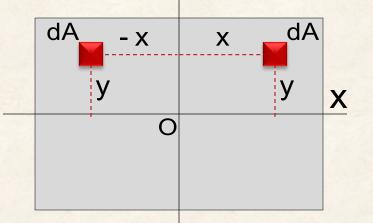
$$I_{xy} = I_{yx}$$

It is seen that  $I_{xy}$  can either be positive or negative depending on the signs of the x and y locations with respect to the element area dA.

The manner in which the area of a planar figure is situated in the coordinate quadrants is described by the area product of inertia. Because  $I_{xy}$  is positive if an element of area is located in the first or third quadrant, and negative in the second or fourth quadrant, we conclude that positive  $I_{xy}$  means that area predominates in the first and/or third quadrants. Obviously, when  $I_{xy}$  is negative, the area predominates in the second and/or fourth quadrants.

### **Principle Axes**

In the important case where a shape is symmetric about one of the coordinate axes, the value of xy for an element to one side of the axis of symmetry is canceled by the value xy for the mirror-image element to the other side.. Thus whenever a planar shape has an axis of symmetry that is either the x or y axis, then



I<sub>xy</sub>=0

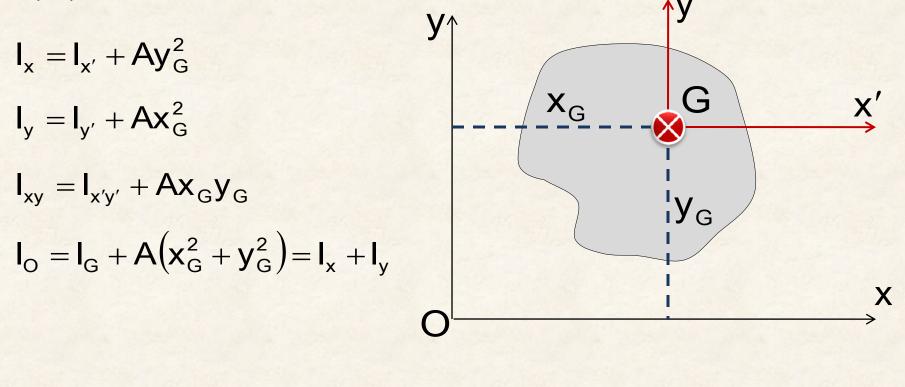
In general, when the x and y coordinates axes give a zero product of inertia we say that they are principal axes.

# Summary

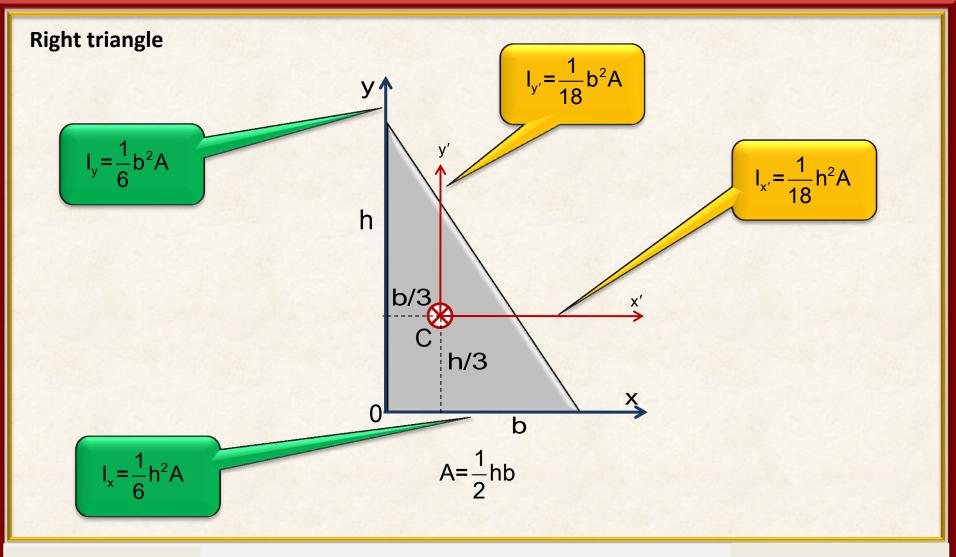
Name	Symbol	Formula Integration	Formula Radius of gyration	sign	Measures
Area Moment of inertia about the x axis	$I_x = I_{xx}$	$I_x = \int y^2 dA$	$I_x = k_x^2 A$	Always positive	Bending about the x axis. The larger the moment of inertia, the less the beam will bend.
Area Moment of inertia about the y axis	$I_y=I_yy$	$I_y = \int x^2 dA$	$I_y = k_y^2 A$	Always positive	Bending about the y axis. The larger the moment of inertia, the less the beam will bend.
Polar area moment of inertia about the z axis	$I_{O} = I_{zz}$		$I_{O} = k_{O}^{2}A$ $= I_{x} + I_{y}$	Always positive	Twisting (torsion) in beams. The larger the polar moment of inertia the less the beam will twist
Product area of inertia	l <sub>xy</sub>	I <sub>xy</sub> =∫xydA		May be positive or negative	When the product of inertia is zero, at least one the x or y axes becomes a principle axis. Representing maximum or minimum moment of inertia

#### **Parallel Axes Theorem**

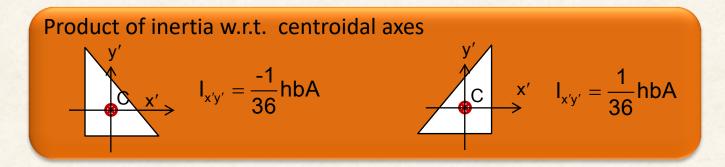
The **parallel axis theorem** can be used to determine the area moment of inertia about any axis, given the area moment of inertia about the parallel axis through the area's centroid and the perpendicular distance between the axes.

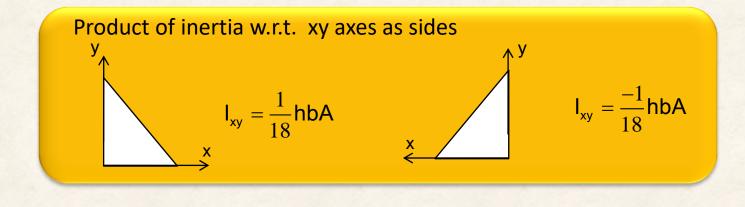


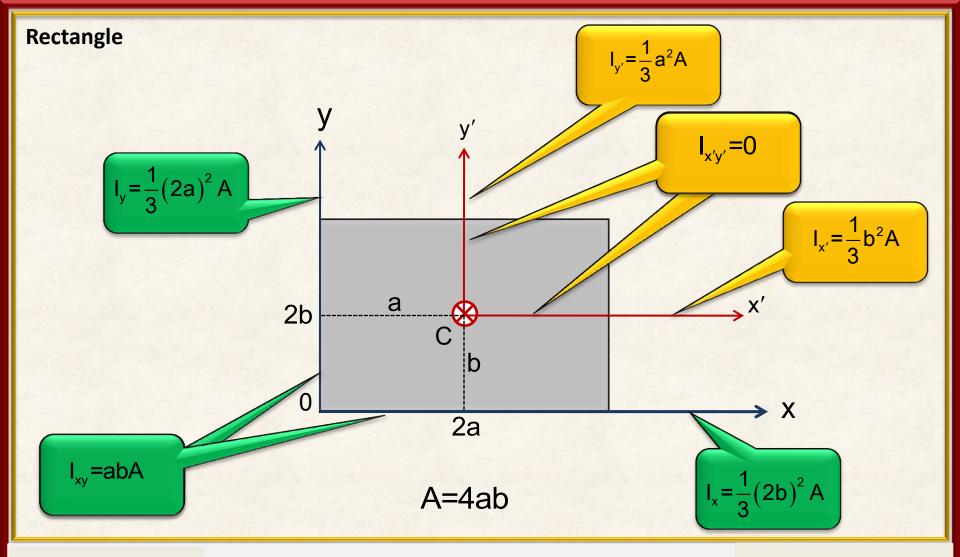
# Area Moment of Inertia For Some Common Cross Sections

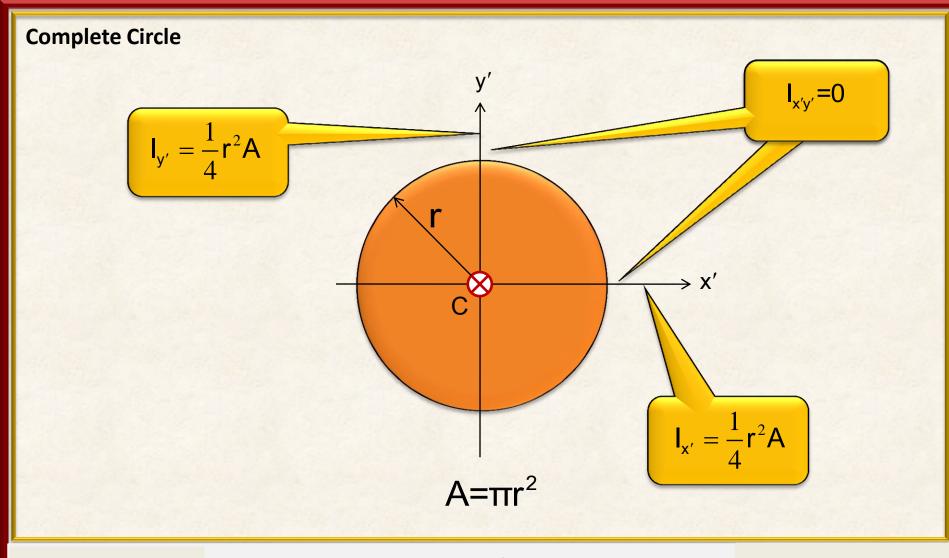


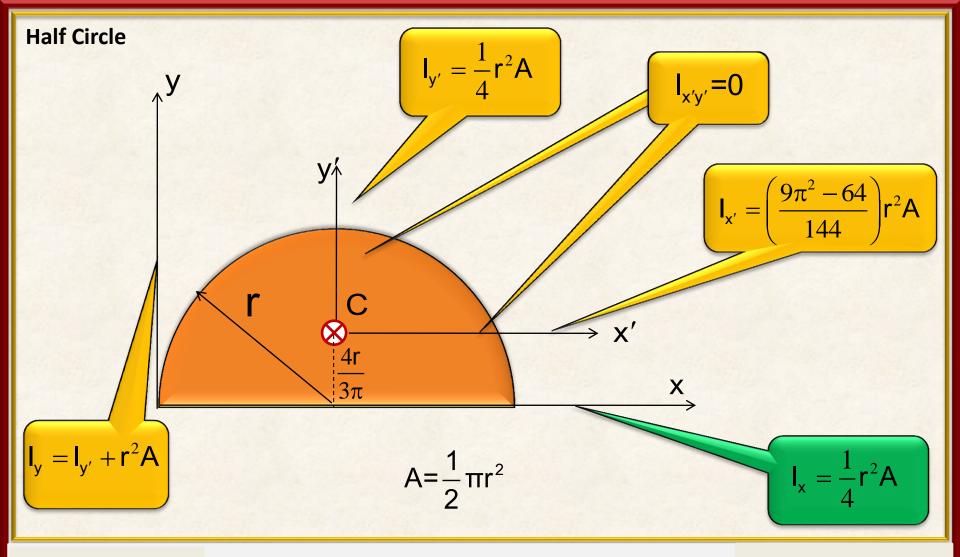
#### **Right triangle**

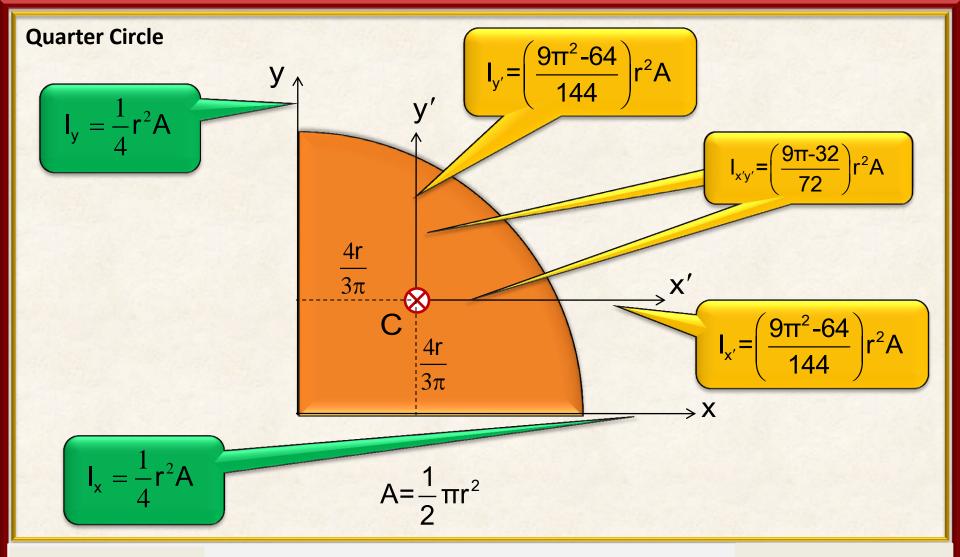








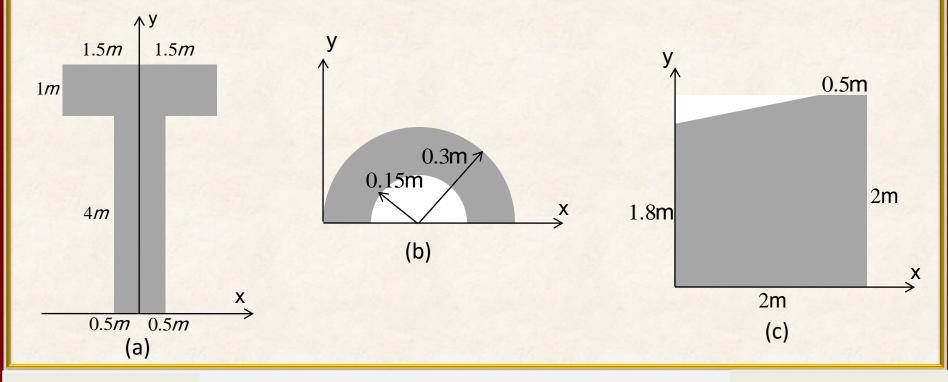


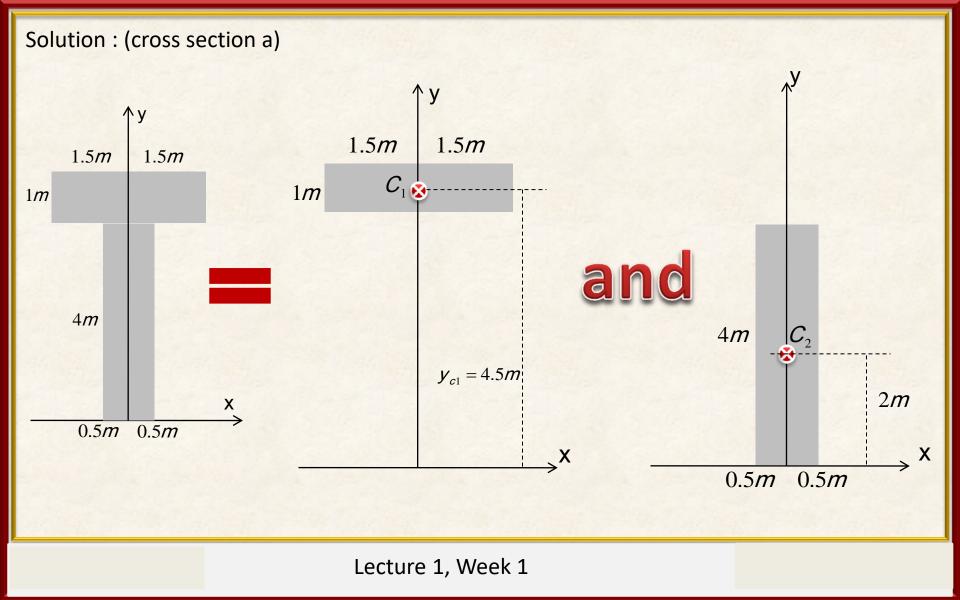


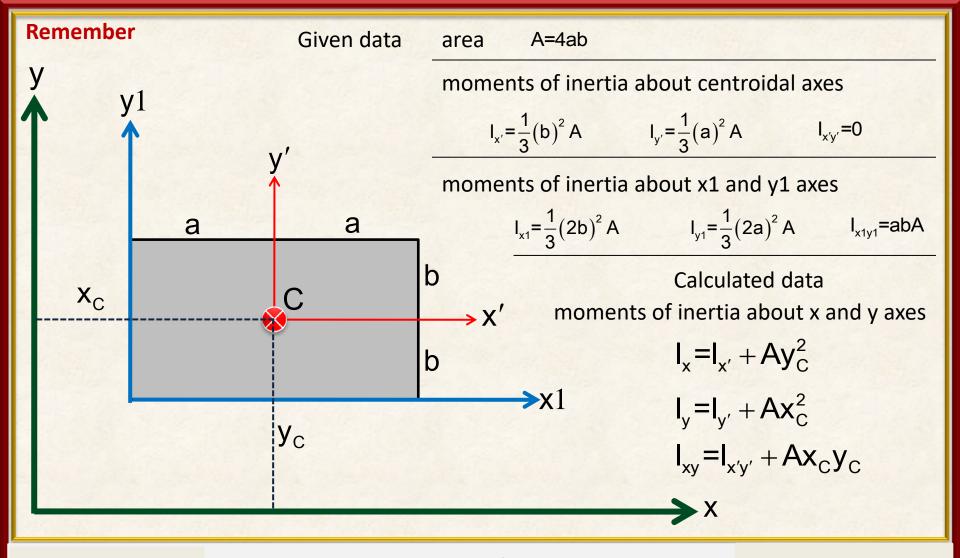
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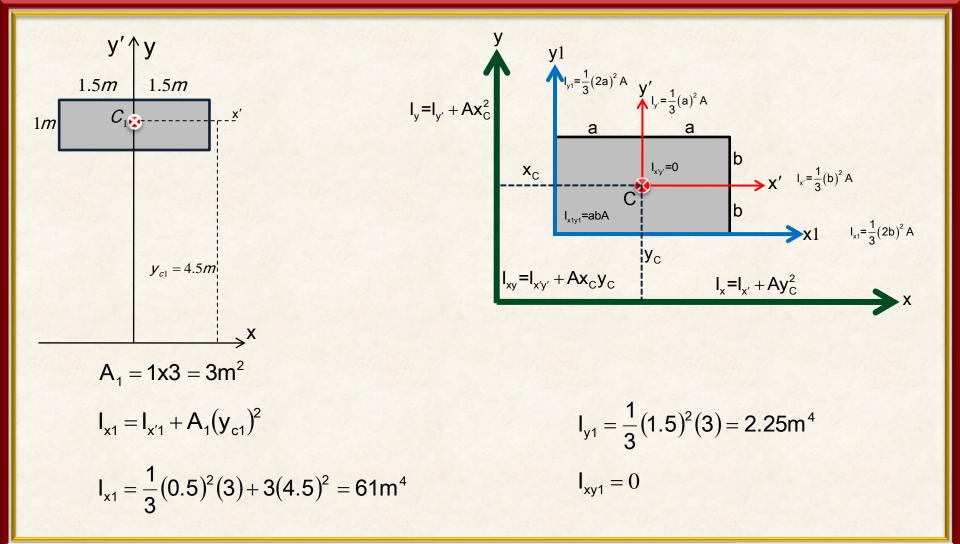
i- Determine the moments and products of inertia for the cross sections shown about the x and y axes

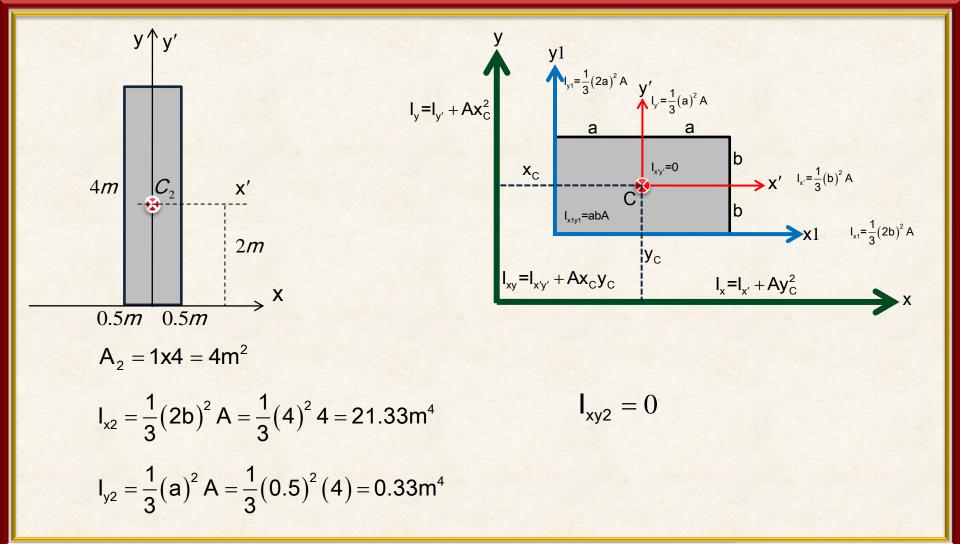
ii- Determine the moments and products of inertia for the cross sections (b) and (c) about their centroidal axes







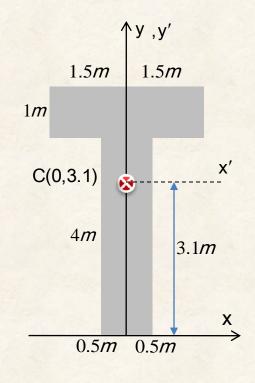




Total area moments of inertia

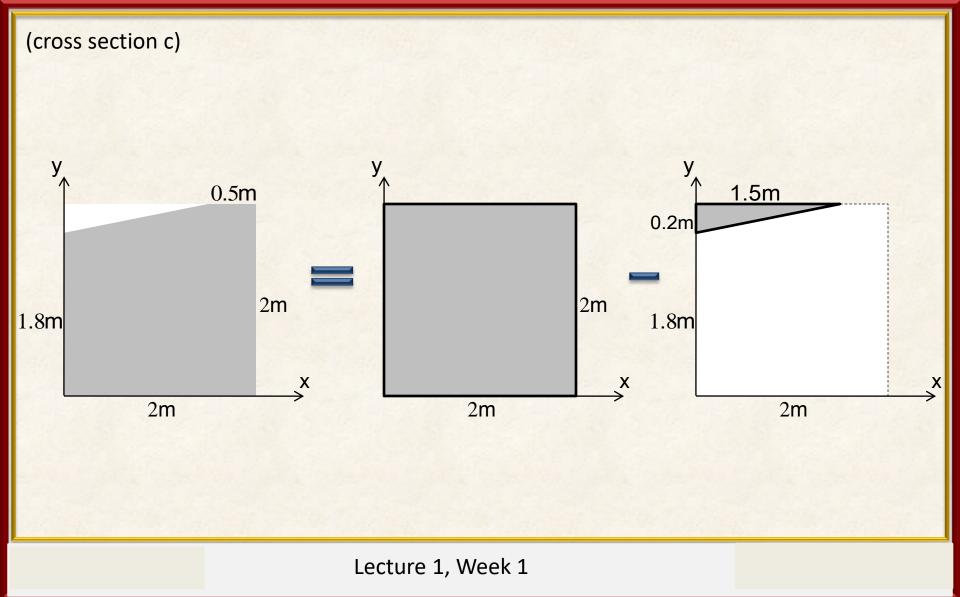
$$I_x = I_{x1} + I_{x2} = 61 + 21.33 = 82.33 \text{ m}^4$$
$$I_y = I_{y1} + I_{y2} = 2.25 + 0.33 = 2.58 \text{ m}^4$$
$$I_{xy} = I_{xy1} + I_{xy2} = 0$$

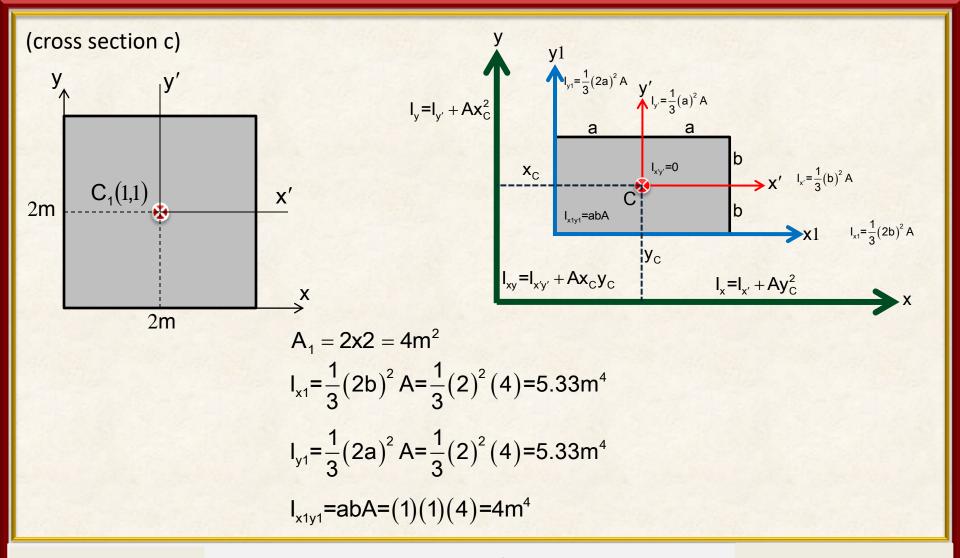
Moments of Inertia about the centroidal axes.

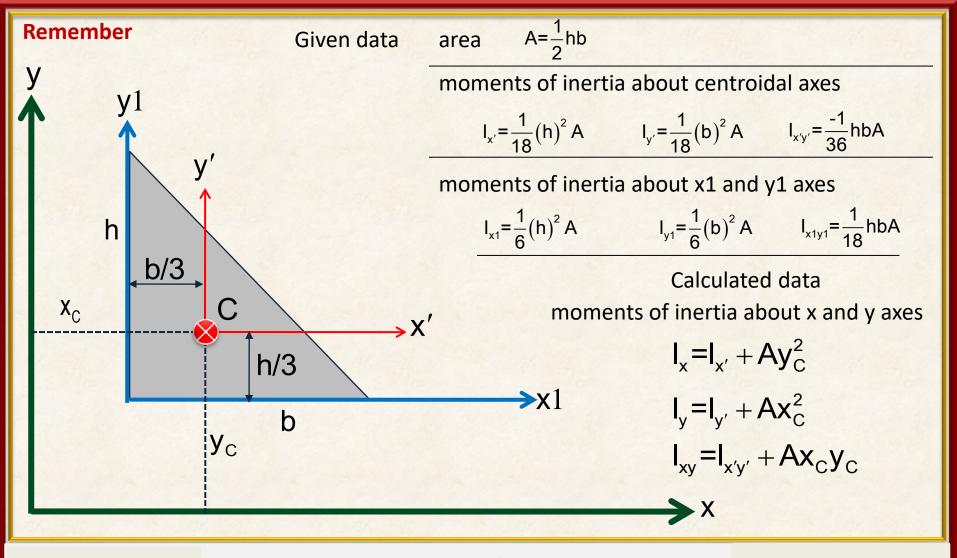


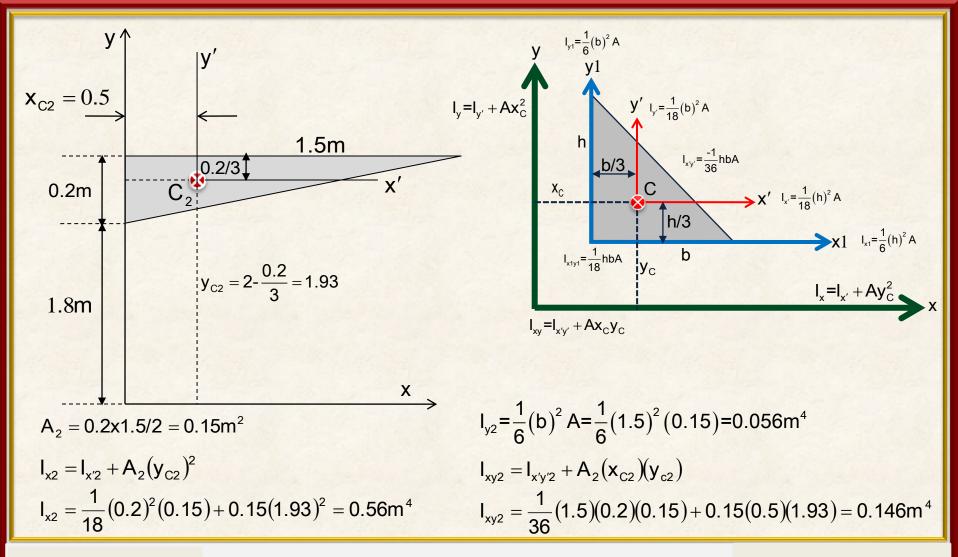
$$I_{x} = I_{x'} + Ay_{C}^{2}$$
  
82.33 =  $I_{x'} + 7(3.1)^{2}$   
 $I_{x'} = ....$   
 $I_{y} = I_{y'} + Ax_{C}^{2}$   
2.58 =  $I_{y'} + 7(0)^{2}$   
 $I_{y'} = ....$ 

 $I_{xy} = I_{x'y'} + Ax_{c}y_{c}$   $0 = I_{x'y'} + 7(0)(3.1)$  $I_{x'y'} = 0$   $I_x = 82.33 \text{ m}^4$  $I_y = 2.58 \text{ m}^4$  $I_{xy} = 0$  $A = A_1 + A_2 = 7\text{m}^2$ 









Total area moments of inertia

$$I_{x} = I_{x1} - I_{x2} = 4.8m^{4}$$
$$I_{y} = I_{y1} - I_{y2} = 5.3m^{4}$$
$$I_{xy} = I_{xy1} - I_{xy2} = 3.9m^{4}$$

moments and products of inertia about the centroidal axes

