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Properties of Plane Areas

Notation: A = area

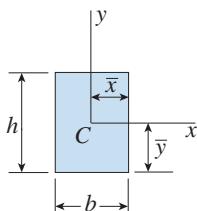
\bar{x}, \bar{y} = distances to centroid C

I_x, I_y = moments of inertia with respect to the x and y axes, respectively

I_{xy} = product of inertia with respect to the x and y axes

$I_P = I_x + I_y$ = polar moment of inertia with respect to the origin of the x and y axes

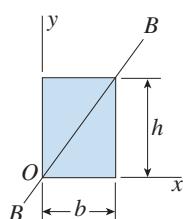
I_{BB} = moment of inertia with respect to axis $B-B$

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Rectangle (Origin of axes at centroid)

$$A = bh \quad \bar{x} = \frac{b}{2} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{h}{2}$$

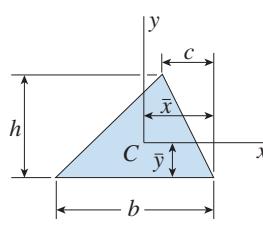
$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{12} \quad I_y = \frac{hb^3}{12} \quad I_{xy} = 0 \quad I_P = \frac{bh}{12}(h^2 + b^2)$$

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Rectangle (Origin of axes at corner)

$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{3} \quad I_y = \frac{hb^3}{3} \quad I_{xy} = \frac{b^2h^2}{4} \quad I_P = \frac{bh}{3}(h^2 + b^2)$$

$$I_{BB} = \frac{b^3h^3}{6(b^2 + h^2)}$$

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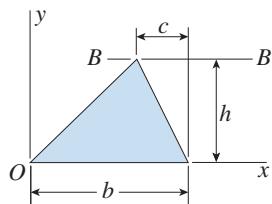
Triangle (Origin of axes at centroid)

$$A = \frac{bh}{2} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{b+c}{3} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}$$

$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{36} \quad I_y = \frac{bh}{36}(b^2 - bc + c^2)$$

$$I_{xy} = \frac{bh^2}{72}(b - 2c) \quad I_P = \frac{bh}{36}(h^2 + b^2 - bc + c^2)$$

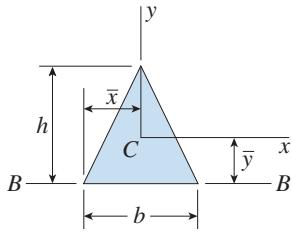
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**Triangle** (Origin of axes at vertex)

$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{12} \quad I_y = \frac{bh}{12}(3b^2 - 3bc + c^2)$$

$$I_{xy} = \frac{bh^2}{24}(3b - 2c) \quad I_{BB} = \frac{bh^3}{4}$$

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**Isosceles triangle** (Origin of axes at centroid)

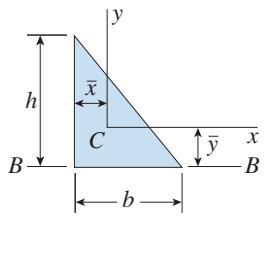
$$A = \frac{bh}{2} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{b}{2} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}$$

$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{36} \quad I_y = \frac{hb^3}{48} \quad I_{xy} = 0$$

$$I_P = \frac{bh}{144}(4h^2 + 3b^2) \quad I_{BB} = \frac{bh^3}{12}$$

(Note: For an equilateral triangle, $h = \sqrt{3} b/2$.)

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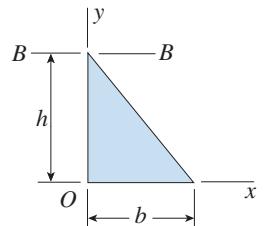
**Right triangle** (Origin of axes at centroid)

$$A = \frac{bh}{2} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{b}{3} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}$$

$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{36} \quad I_y = \frac{hb^3}{36} \quad I_{xy} = -\frac{b^2h^2}{72}$$

$$I_P = \frac{bh}{36}(h^2 + b^2) \quad I_{BB} = \frac{bh^3}{12}$$

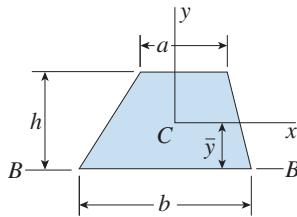
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**Right triangle** (Origin of axes at vertex)

$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{12} \quad I_y = \frac{hb^3}{12} \quad I_{xy} = \frac{b^2h^2}{24}$$

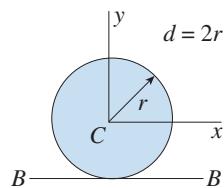
$$I_P = \frac{bh}{12}(h^2 + b^2) \quad I_{BB} = \frac{bh^3}{4}$$

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**Trapezoid** (Origin of axes at centroid)

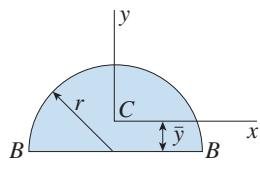
$$A = \frac{h(a + b)}{2} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{h(2a + b)}{3(a + b)}$$

$$I_x = \frac{h^3(a^2 + 4ab + b^2)}{36(a + b)} \quad I_{BB} = \frac{h^3(3a + b)}{12}$$

9**Circle** (Origin of axes at center)

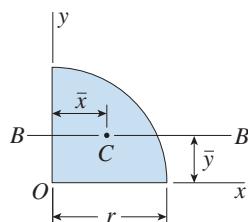
$$A = \pi r^2 = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \quad I_x = I_y = \frac{\pi r^4}{4} = \frac{\pi d^4}{64}$$

$$I_{xy} = 0 \quad I_P = \frac{\pi r^4}{2} = \frac{\pi d^4}{32} \quad I_{BB} = \frac{5\pi r^4}{4} = \frac{5\pi d^4}{64}$$

10**Semicircle** (Origin of axes at centroid)

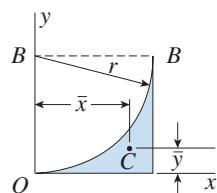
$$A = \frac{\pi r^2}{2} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{4r}{3\pi}$$

$$I_x = \frac{(9\pi^2 - 64)r^4}{72\pi} \approx 0.1098r^4 \quad I_y = \frac{\pi r^4}{8} \quad I_{xy} = 0 \quad I_{BB} = \frac{\pi r^4}{8}$$

11**Quarter circle** (Origin of axes at center of circle)

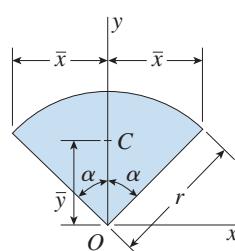
$$A = \frac{\pi r^2}{4} \quad \bar{x} = \bar{y} = \frac{4r}{3\pi}$$

$$I_x = I_y = \frac{\pi r^4}{16} \quad I_{xy} = \frac{r^4}{8} \quad I_{BB} = \frac{(9\pi^2 - 64)r^4}{144\pi} \approx 0.05488r^4$$

12**Quarter-circular spandrel** (Origin of axes at point of tangency)

$$A = \left(1 - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)r^2 \quad \bar{x} = \frac{2r}{3(4 - \pi)} \approx 0.7766r \quad \bar{y} = \frac{(10 - 3\pi)r}{3(4 - \pi)} \approx 0.2234r$$

$$I_x = \left(1 - \frac{5\pi}{16}\right)r^4 \approx 0.01825r^4 \quad I_y = I_{BB} = \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{\pi}{16}\right)r^4 \approx 0.1370r^4$$

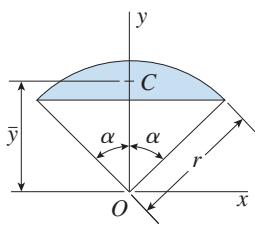
13**Circular sector** (Origin of axes at center of circle)

$$\alpha = \text{angle in radians} \quad (\alpha \leq \pi/2)$$

$$A = \alpha r^2 \quad \bar{x} = r \sin \alpha \quad \bar{y} = \frac{2r \sin \alpha}{3\alpha}$$

$$I_x = \frac{r^4}{4}(\alpha + \sin \alpha \cos \alpha) \quad I_y = \frac{r^4}{4}(\alpha - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha) \quad I_{xy} = 0 \quad I_P = \frac{\alpha r^4}{2}$$

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**Circular segment** (Origin of axes at center of circle)

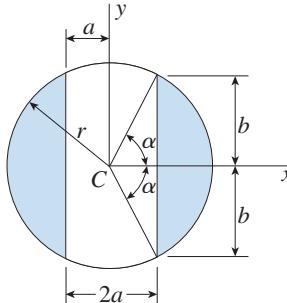
$$\alpha = \text{angle in radians} \quad (\alpha \leq \pi/2)$$

$$A = r^2(\alpha - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha) \quad \bar{y} = \frac{2r}{3} \left(\frac{\sin^3 \alpha}{\alpha - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha} \right)$$

$$I_x = \frac{r^4}{4}(\alpha - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha + 2 \sin^3 \alpha \cos \alpha) \quad I_{xy} = 0$$

$$I_y = \frac{r^4}{12}(3\alpha - 3 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha - 2 \sin^3 \alpha \cos \alpha)$$

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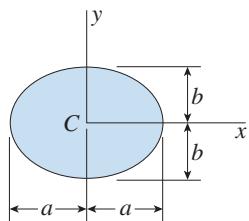
**Circle with core removed** (Origin of axes at center of circle)

$$\alpha = \text{angle in radians} \quad (\alpha \leq \pi/2)$$

$$\alpha = \arccos \frac{a}{r} \quad b = \sqrt{r^2 - a^2} \quad A = 2r^2 \left(\alpha - \frac{ab}{r^2} \right)$$

$$I_x = \frac{r^4}{6} \left(3\alpha - \frac{3ab}{r^2} - \frac{2ab^3}{r^4} \right) \quad I_y = \frac{r^4}{2} \left(\alpha - \frac{ab}{r^2} + \frac{2ab^3}{r^4} \right) \quad I_{xy} = 0$$

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**Ellipse** (Origin of axes at centroid)

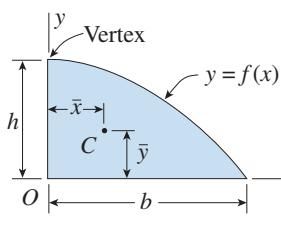
$$A = \pi ab \quad I_x = \frac{\pi ab^3}{4} \quad I_y = \frac{\pi ba^3}{4}$$

$$I_{xy} = 0 \quad I_P = \frac{\pi ab}{4} (b^2 + a^2)$$

$$\text{Circumference} \approx \pi[1.5(a+b) - \sqrt{ab}] \quad (a/3 \leq b \leq a)$$

$$\approx 4.17b^2/a + 4a \quad (0 \leq b \leq a/3)$$

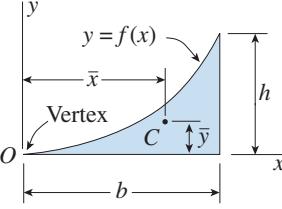
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**Parabolic semisegment** (Origin of axes at corner)

$$y = f(x) = h \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{b^2} \right)$$

$$A = \frac{2bh}{3} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{3b}{8} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{2h}{5}$$

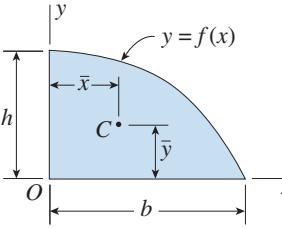
$$I_x = \frac{16bh^3}{105} \quad I_y = \frac{2hb^3}{15} \quad I_{xy} = \frac{b^2h^2}{12}$$

- 18  **Parabolic spandrel** (Origin of axes at vertex)

$$y = f(x) = \frac{hx^2}{b^2}$$

$$A = \frac{bh}{3} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{3b}{4} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{3h}{10}$$

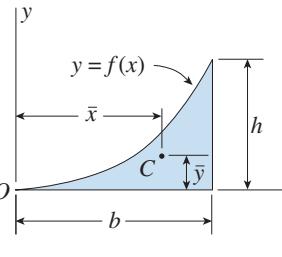
$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{21} \quad I_y = \frac{hb^3}{5} \quad I_{xy} = \frac{b^2h^2}{12}$$

- 19  **Semisegment of nth degree** (Origin of axes at corner)

$$y = f(x) = h\left(1 - \frac{x^n}{b^n}\right) \quad (n > 0)$$

$$A = bh\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right) \quad \bar{x} = \frac{b(n+1)}{2(n+2)} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{hn}{2n+1}$$

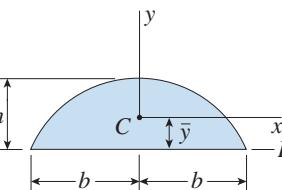
$$I_x = \frac{2bh^3n^3}{(n+1)(2n+1)(3n+1)} \quad I_y = \frac{hb^3n}{3(n+3)} \quad I_{xy} = \frac{b^2h^2n^2}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

- 20  **Spandrel of nth degree** (Origin of axes at point of tangency)

$$y = f(x) = \frac{hx^n}{b^n} \quad (n > 0)$$

$$A = \frac{bh}{n+1} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{b(n+1)}{n+2} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{h(n+1)}{2(2n+1)}$$

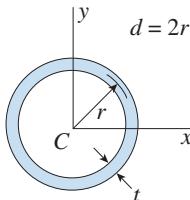
$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{3(3n+1)} \quad I_y = \frac{hb^3}{n+3} \quad I_{xy} = \frac{b^2h^2}{4(n+1)}$$

- 21  **Sine wave** (Origin of axes at centroid)

$$A = \frac{4bh}{\pi} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\pi h}{8}$$

$$I_x = \left(\frac{8}{9\pi} - \frac{\pi}{16}\right)bh^3 \approx 0.08659bh^3 \quad I_y = \left(\frac{4}{\pi} - \frac{32}{\pi^3}\right)hb^3 \approx 0.2412hb^3$$

$$I_{xy} = 0 \quad I_{BB} = \frac{8bh^3}{9\pi}$$

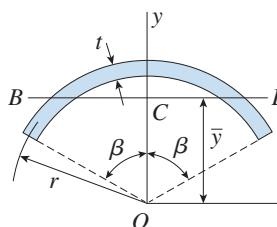
- 22  **Thin circular ring** (Origin of axes at center)

Approximate formulas for case when t is small

$$A = 2\pi rt = \pi dt \quad I_x = I_y = \pi r^3 t = \frac{\pi d^3 t}{8}$$

$$I_{xy} = 0 \quad I_P = 2\pi r^3 t = \frac{\pi d^3 t}{4}$$

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Thin circular arc (Origin of axes at center of circle)
Approximate formulas for case when t is small

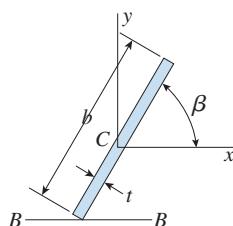
β = angle in radians (Note: For a semicircular arc, $\beta = \pi/2$.)

$$A = 2\beta rt \quad \bar{y} = \frac{r \sin \beta}{\beta}$$

$$I_x = r^3 t (\beta + \sin \beta \cos \beta) \quad I_y = r^3 t (\beta - \sin \beta \cos \beta)$$

$$I_{xy} = 0 \quad I_{BB} = r^3 t \left(\frac{2\beta + \sin 2\beta}{2} - \frac{1 - \cos 2\beta}{\beta} \right)$$

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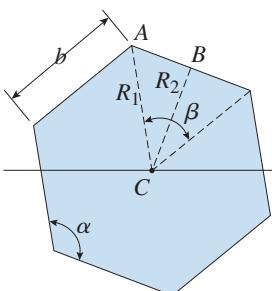


Thin rectangle (Origin of axes at centroid)
Approximate formulas for case when t is small

$$A = bt$$

$$I_x = \frac{tb^3}{12} \sin^2 \beta \quad I_y = \frac{tb^3}{12} \cos^2 \beta \quad I_{BB} = \frac{tb^3}{3} \sin^2 \beta$$

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Regular polygon with n sides (Origin of axes at centroid)

C = centroid (at center of polygon)

n = number of sides ($n \geq 3$) b = length of a side

β = central angle for a side α = interior angle (or vertex angle)

$$\beta = \frac{360^\circ}{n} \quad \alpha = \left(\frac{n-2}{n} \right) 180^\circ \quad \alpha + \beta = 180^\circ$$

R_1 = radius of circumscribed circle (line CA) R_2 = radius of inscribed circle (line CB)

$$R_1 = \frac{b}{2} \csc \frac{\beta}{2} \quad R_2 = \frac{b}{2} \cot \frac{\beta}{2} \quad A = \frac{nb^2}{4} \cot \frac{\beta}{2}$$

I_c = moment of inertia about any axis through C (the centroid C is a principal point and every axis through C is a principal axis)

$$I_c = \frac{nb^4}{192} \left(\cot \frac{\beta}{2} \right) \left(3\cot^2 \frac{\beta}{2} + 1 \right) \quad I_P = 2I_c$$