

Moment of Inertia:

Moment of inertia of a particle of mass 'm' about a straight line is defined to be mr^2 , where r is perpendicular distance of the particle from the straight line.

The moment of inertia of a system of particle of masses m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n at distance r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n from the straight line is

$$m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2 + \dots + m_n r_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2$$

Problem:

1. Find the moment of inertia of the circular ring.

Soln:

Let the ring be divided into particles of masses $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n$

Then their moment of inertia about I are $m_1 a^2, m_2 a^2, \dots, m_n a^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I of the circular ring} &= m_1 a^2 + m_2 a^2 + \dots + m_n a^2 \\ &= (m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n) a^2 \\ &= Ma^2 \end{aligned}$$



2. Find the M.I of Right circular hollow cylinder.

Soln:

Divide the cylinder into thin circular rings, whose planes are perpendicular to l .

The masses of rings are m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n

M.I of circular rings are $m_1 a^2 + m_2 a^2, \dots, m_n a^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{M.I of the right circular} \\ \text{hollow cylinder about } l \end{array} \right\} &= m_1 a^2 + m_2 a^2 + \dots + m_n a^2 \\ &= (m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n) a^2 \\ &= M a^2 \end{aligned}$$

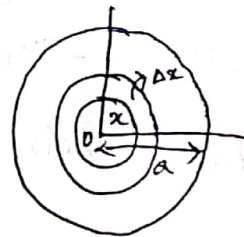
3. Find the M.I of Circular lamina

Soln:

Divide the circular lamina into thin concentric circular rings

Consider the ring whose inner and outer radii are $x, x + \Delta x$

For this ring,



$$\text{Area} = 2\pi x \Delta x$$

$$\text{Mass} = \text{Area} \times \text{Mass per unit area}$$

$$= 2\pi x \Delta x \times \frac{M}{\pi a^2}$$

$$\text{Mass} = \frac{2Mx}{a^2} \Delta x$$

$$M \cdot I \text{ about } l = \left(\frac{2Mx}{a^2} \Delta x \right) x^2$$

$$= \frac{2Mx^3}{a^2} \Delta x$$

$$M \cdot I \text{ of circular lamina about } l \left. \vphantom{\int} \right\} = \int_0^a \frac{2Mx^3}{a^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{2M}{a^2} \left(\frac{x^4}{4} \right)_0^a$$

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

$$M \cdot I \text{ of circular lamina about } l \left. \vphantom{\int} \right\} = \frac{Ma^2}{2}$$

4. Find the M.I of solid right circular cylinder.

Soln:

Divide the cylinder into thin circular lamina
⊥ to the axis of the cylinder

If their mass are m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n

M.I of circular lamina's are $\frac{m_1 a^2}{2}, \frac{m_2 a^2}{2}, \dots, \frac{m_n a^2}{2}$

$$M \cdot I \text{ of the solid right circular cylinder about } l \left. \vphantom{\int} \right\} = \frac{m_1 a^2}{2} + \frac{m_2 a^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{m_n a^2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} (m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n)$$

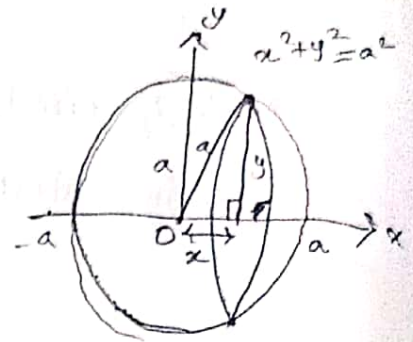
$$= \frac{Ma^2}{2}$$

5. Find the M.I of Solid sphere

Soln:

Divide the sphere into thin circular lamina
⊥ to the diameter.

Consider the lamina whose
distance from the centre of the
sphere is x



Let,

radius of the sphere = a

radius of the disc = y

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

$$y^2 = a^2 - x^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

Area of the disc = $\pi y^2 dx$

Mass of the disc = $\pi y^2 \rho dx$

M.I of the disc = $(\pi y^2 \rho dx) \frac{y^2}{2}$

$$\text{M.I of the Solid Sphere} = \int_{-a}^a \pi \rho \frac{y^4}{2} dx$$

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

$$= \frac{2\pi\rho}{2} \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2)^2 dx$$

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

$$= \pi\rho \left(a^4x + \frac{x^5}{5} - 2a^2 \frac{x^3}{3} \right)_0^a$$

$$= \pi \rho \left(a^5 + \frac{a^5}{5} - \frac{2a^5}{2} \right)$$

$$= \pi \rho \left(\frac{15a^5 + 3a^5 - 10a^5}{15} \right)$$

$$= \pi \rho \left(\frac{8a^5}{15} \right)$$

$$= \pi \left(\frac{8a^5}{15} \right) \left(\frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3} \right)$$

$$= \pi \frac{8a^5}{15} \times \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3} \times 3$$

M.I of the solid sphere = $\frac{2}{5} Ma^2$

b. Find the M.I of hollow sphere.

Soln:

Radius of sphere = a

Radius of circular ring = y

Equation of circular ring.

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

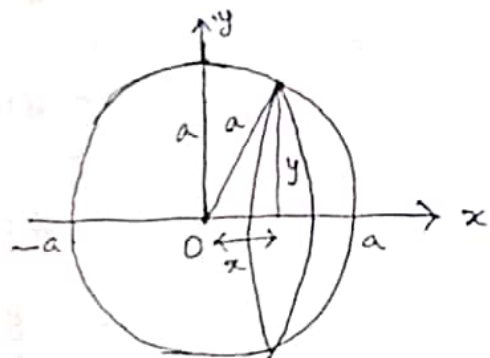
$$y^2 = a^2 - x^2$$

Area of circular ring = $2\pi y ds$

Mass of circular ring = $(2\pi y ds) \rho$

M.I of circular ring = $(2\pi y ds \rho) y^2$

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



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{M.I of hollow sphere} &= \int_{-a}^a 2\pi r y^3 ds \\
 &= 2\pi r \int_{-a}^a y^3 ds \\
 &= 2\pi r \times 2 \int_0^a y^3 \sqrt{1+y'^2} dx \\
 &= 4\pi r \int_0^a y^3 \sqrt{1+\left(\frac{-x}{y}\right)^2} dx \\
 &= 4\pi r \int_0^a y^3 \sqrt{\frac{y^2+x^2}{y^2}} dx \\
 &= 4\pi r \int_0^a y^3 \cdot \frac{a}{y} dx \\
 &= 4\pi r a \int_0^a y^2 dx \\
 &= 4\pi r a \int_0^a (a^2-x^2) dx \\
 &= 4\pi r a \left[a^2x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^a \\
 &= 4\pi r a \left[a^3 - \frac{a^3}{3} \right] \\
 &= 4\pi r a \left(\frac{2a^3}{3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{8\pi r a^4}{3} \left(\frac{M}{4\pi a^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

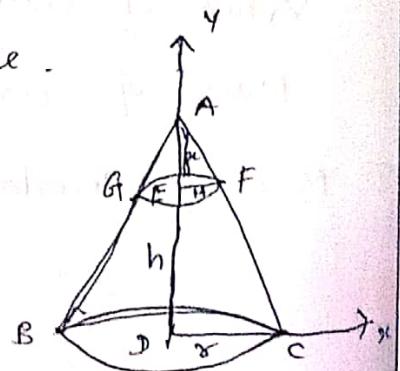
$$\text{M-I of hollow sphere} \left. \vphantom{\int} \right\} = \frac{2Ma^2}{3}$$

7. Find the M-I of Solid Cone.

Soln:

A - vertex of cone

h - height of cone



x, y - Two axis along AD, perpendicular to AD respectively.

Divide the Cone into a number of circular slices of thickness dx .

Let G, F be one such slice of radius y and at a distance x from A.

$$\text{Area of the disk} = \pi y^2 dx$$

$$\text{Mass of the disc} = \pi y^2 \rho dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I of the disc} &= \frac{1}{2} \pi y^2 \rho dx (y^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \pi \rho y^4 dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I of the solid cone} &= \int_0^h \frac{1}{2} \pi \rho y^4 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \pi \rho \int_0^h y^4 dx \end{aligned}$$

$\triangle AEF$ and $\triangle ADC$ are similar triangles

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I of the solid cone} &= \frac{1}{2} \pi \rho \int_0^h \frac{r^4 x^4}{h^4} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \pi \rho \frac{r^4}{h^4} \int_0^h x^4 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \pi \rho \frac{r^4}{h^4} \left(\frac{x^5}{5} \right)_0^h \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \pi r \rho \frac{r^4}{h^4} \left(\frac{h^5}{5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \pi r^4 h \rho$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \pi r^4 h \left(\frac{M}{\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h} \right)$$

$$M.I \text{ of the Solid Cone} = \frac{3}{10} M r^2$$

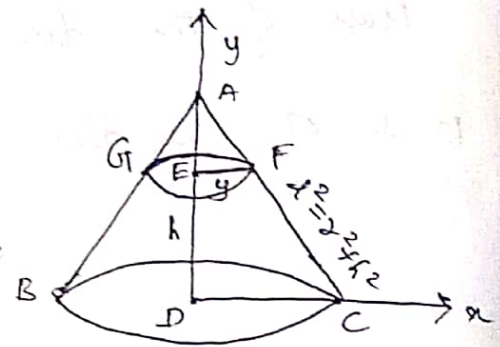
8. Find the M.I of hollow cone.

Soln:

A - vertex of cone

h - height of cone

x, y - Two axis along AD perpendicular to AD respectively.



Divide the cone into a number of circular belts of thickness ds.

Let G, F be one such belt of radius y and at a distance x from A.

$$\text{Area of belt} = 2\pi y ds$$

$$\text{Mass of belt} = 2\pi y \rho ds$$

$$M.I \text{ of belt} = (2\pi y \rho ds) y^2$$

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

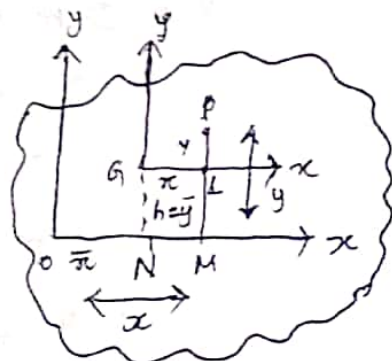
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{M.I of hollow Cone} &= \int_0^h 2\pi y^3 \rho ds \\
 &= 2\pi \rho \int_0^h y^3 ds \\
 &= 2\pi \rho \int_0^h \frac{r^3 x^3}{h^3} \left(\frac{dx}{h}\right) \\
 &= \frac{2\pi \rho r^3 l}{h^4} \int_0^h x^3 dx \\
 &= \frac{2\pi \rho r^3 l}{h^4} \left(\frac{x^4}{4}\right)_0^h \\
 &= \frac{2\pi r^3 l}{h^4} \left(\frac{h^4}{4}\right) \rho \\
 &= \frac{2\pi r^3 l}{4} \left(\frac{M}{\pi r l}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{M.I of hollow cone} = \frac{Mr^2}{2}$$

Theorem of parallel axis :

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

Proof:



- * Let us assume that the body is in the form of a plane lamina
- * Let ox and oy be a pair of Lr lines in the plane.
- * Let I be the M.I about ox
- * Let G be the C.G of the plane lamina.
- * Let (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) be the Co-ordinates of G
- * Let P be any point of the lamina and m be a elementary mass at P .
- * Let its Co-ordinate be (x, y)
- * Let G_x and G_y be a pair of lines parallel to ox and oy
- * Let (x, y) be the Co-ordinates of P w.r.t the axes G_x and G_y

Now,

$$x = OM = ON + NM$$

$$= ON + GL$$

$$x = \bar{x} + x$$

$$y = MP = ML + LP$$

$$= NG + LP$$

$$y = \bar{y} + y$$

Now, M.I of the lamina about ox is

$$I = \sum m (PM)^2$$

$$= \sum my^2$$

$$= \sum m (\bar{y} + y)^2$$

$$= \sum m (\bar{y}^2 + y^2 + 2y\bar{y})$$

$$= \bar{y}^2 \sum m + 2\bar{y} \sum my + \sum my^2$$

$$I = \bar{y}^2 M + 0 + \sum my^2 \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Since $\frac{\sum my}{m}$ is the y coordinates of the C.G of the lamina.

w.r.t axis G_x and G_y and it is zero as G is the origin.

$$\sum my = 0.$$

Also

$$\sum my^2 = \sum m \cdot PL^2$$

= M.I of the lamina about G_x

$$\sum my^2 = I_G$$

Also,

$\bar{y} = h$ = distance between the axis ox and G_x

Hence from ①

$$I = I_G + Mh^2.$$

Note:

1. The above result is true in the case of any rigid body.
2. It is easily seen that the M.I about the C.G of the body is minimum compared to any axis parallel to the axis through G .

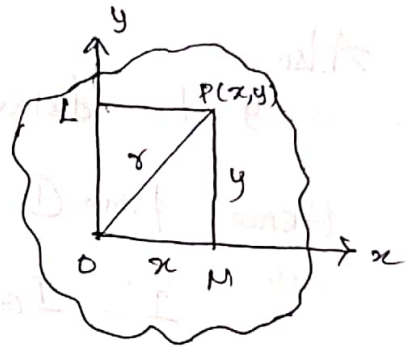
Theorem of perpendicular axis:

If I_x and I_y be the M.I of a plane lamina about two rectangular axis ox and oy in the plane of the lamina then the M.I about an axis through O \perp to its plane is $I_x + I_y$

Proof:

Let ox and oy be a pair of \perp lines in the plane of the lamina and oz be the axis through O \perp to the plane of the lamina.

Let m be an elementary mass at P . Draw PM \perp to ox and PL \perp to oy . then the M.I of the lamina about



$$Ox = I_x = \sum m PM^2$$

The M.I of the lamina about $Oy = I_y = \sum m PL^2$

Now the M.I of the lamina about Oz

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

$$I = I_x + I_y.$$

Note:

The \perp axis theorem holds only to a plane lamina while the parallel axis theorem holds for any rigid body.

Elliptic Lamina:

Divide the lamina into strips

$PQ \cdot P'Q'$ perpendicular to major axis
Coordinates $P(x, y)$,

$$Q(x + \delta x, y + \delta y)$$

$2y$ - length of the strip

δx - width of the strip

$$\text{Area of the strip} = 2y \delta x$$

$$\text{Mass of the strip} = 2y \delta x \rho$$

$$\text{M.I of the strip about } OX = (2y \rho \delta x) \frac{y^2}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I of the elliptic lamina about } OX &= \int_{-a}^a \frac{2}{3} \rho y^3 \delta x \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \rho \int_{-a}^a y^3 \delta x \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \rho \int_{-a}^a y^3 \delta x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{put } x = a \cos \theta, \quad y = b \sin \theta$$

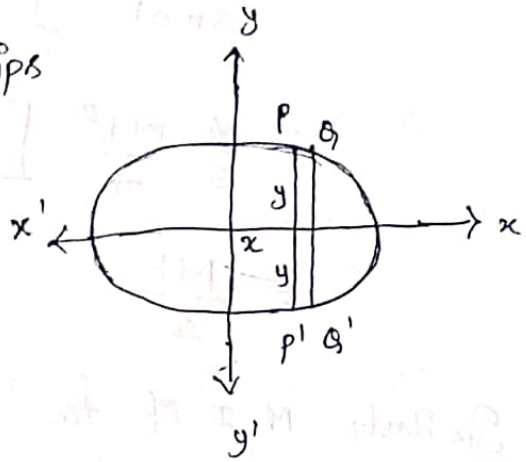
$$\delta x = -a \sin \theta \delta \theta$$

$$\text{when } x = -a, \quad \theta = \pi$$

$$x = a, \quad \theta = 0$$

$$\text{Also } \rho = \frac{M}{\pi ab}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I} &= \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{M}{\pi ab} \right) \int_{\pi}^0 (b \sin \theta)^3 (-a \sin \theta) \delta \theta \\ &= \frac{2M}{3\pi ab} \int_0^{\pi} b^3 a \sin^4 \theta \delta \theta \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 M \cdot I &= \frac{2Mx^2}{3\pi ab} \int_0^{\pi/2} b^3 a \sin^4 \theta d\theta \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \frac{Mb^2}{\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{Mb^2}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly M.I of the ellipse about minor axis (Oy) = $\frac{Ma^2}{4}$.

Triangular lamina:

Dividing the lamina into strips parallel to the BC at a distance x from A

Width: Δx

Length: $\frac{ax}{p}$ by similar triangles.

Area: $\frac{ax}{p} \Delta x$

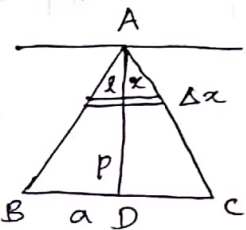
Mass: $\left(\frac{ax}{p} \cdot \Delta x \right) \left[\frac{M}{\frac{1}{2}ap} \right]$

Mass: $\frac{2M}{p^2} x \Delta x$

M.I about $l = \left(\frac{2M}{p^2} x \Delta x \right) x^2$

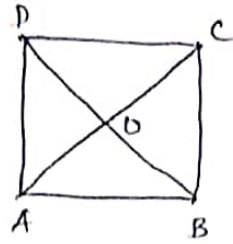
Thus the M.I of the lamina about l is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{2M}{p^2} \int_0^p x^3 dx &= \frac{2M}{p^2} \cdot \frac{p^4}{4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} Mp^2
 \end{aligned}$$



M.I of a square lamina of solid $2a$ about a diagonal.

ABCD - Square lamina
 AC, BD - diagonal meet at O.
 O - C.G of lamina
 I - M.I about the diagonal AC and BD



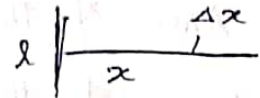
By \perp axis theorem the M.I of the lamina about the line through O \perp to the lamina

$$= I + I$$

$$= 2I$$

M.I of a rod:

Consider an elementary length $2a$ of the rod at a distance x from l



Let its length be Δx

For the elementary length

$$\text{Mass} = \Delta x \cdot \rho$$

$$= \Delta x \cdot \frac{M}{2a}$$

$$\text{M.I of the } \Delta x \text{ about l} = \left(\frac{M}{2a} \Delta x \right) x^2$$

$$\text{M.I of the rod} = \int_0^{2a} \frac{M}{2a} x^2 dx$$

$$= \frac{M}{2a} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right)_0^{2a}$$

$$= \frac{M}{2a} \left(\frac{8a^3}{3} \right) = \frac{4Ma^2}{3}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I of the rod} &= 2 \int_0^a \frac{M}{2a} x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{2M}{2a} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right)_0^a \\ &= \frac{M}{a} \left(\frac{a^3}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

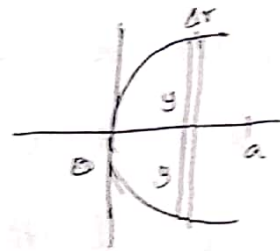
$$\text{M.I of the rod} = \frac{Ma^2}{3}$$

M.I of parabolic lamina

Divide the lamina into thin parallel strips perpendicular to the axis of the parabola.

$$\text{Area of the strip} = 2y \Delta x$$

$$\text{Mass of the strip} = (2y \Delta x) \rho$$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{M.I of the strip} \\ \text{about } x \end{array} \right\} = \frac{1}{3} (2y \Delta x) \rho y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{M.I of the parabolic} \\ \text{lamina} \end{array} \right\} &= \frac{2\rho}{3} \int_0^a y^3 dx \\ &= \frac{2\rho}{3} \int_0^a 2^3 (ra)^2 (rx)^3 dx \\ &= \frac{16\rho a^{3/2}}{3} \int_0^a x^{5/2} dx \\ &= \frac{16}{3} a^{3/2} \rho \left[\frac{x^{5/2}}{5/2} \right]_0^a \\ &= \frac{16}{3} \times \frac{2}{5} a^{3/2} \rho [a^{5/2}] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{32}{15} a^4 \frac{M}{\frac{8}{3} a^2}$$

$$= \frac{32}{15} \times \frac{3}{8} M a^2$$

M.I of the parabolic lamina } = $\frac{4}{5} M a^2$

Radius of gyration:

If the M.I of a system of mass M about a straight line is written as Mk^2 , then k is called the radius of gyration of the system about the straight line. For example, the radius of gyration of the case 1 to 5 are respectively $a, a, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, a\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$.

Problems:

1. S.T the M.I of a rectangular lamina of mass M and sides $2a$ and $2b$ about a diagonal is $M \frac{2a^2b^2}{3(a^2+b^2)}$

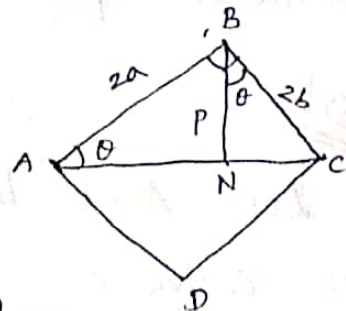
Soln:

Let $ABCD$ be the rectangle

$AB = 2a, BC = 2b$.

Let BN be the perpendicular from B

to AC and $BN = p$. If $\angle BAN = \theta$ Then



$$\sin \theta = \frac{p}{2a}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{p}{2b}$$

$$p^2 = \frac{4a^2b^2}{a^2+b^2} \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

So, Now $M/2, M/2$ are the masses of $\Delta ABC, \Delta ADC$. So M.I of ΔABC about AC = $\frac{1}{6} \frac{M}{2} p^2$

$$\text{M.I of } \Delta ADC \text{ about AC} = \frac{1}{6} \frac{M}{2} p^2$$

$$\text{M.I of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{6} \frac{M}{2} p^2 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{M}{2} p^2$$

$$= \frac{M}{6} p^2$$

$$= \frac{M}{6} \frac{4a^2b^2}{a^2+b^2}$$

$$= \frac{2Ma^2b^2}{3(a^2+b^2)} //$$

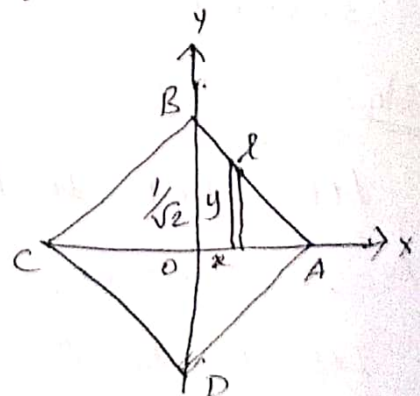
2. Find the M.I of a square lamina of side l about one of its diagonals, the density at any point varying as the square of its distance from this diagonal.

Soln:

Let ABCD be the square with centre O.

Consider, ΔOAB

$$OA = \frac{l}{\sqrt{2}} = \lambda \text{ (Say)} \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$



If OA, OB are x, y axes, the equation of AB is

$$x + y = \lambda$$

Divide $\triangle OAB$ into strips perpendicular to OA .

Consider a typical strip at a distance x from the diagonal BD about which we want the M.I its density is kx^2 ,

for this strip we have

$$\text{Length} : y$$

$$\text{Area} : y \Delta x$$

$$\text{Mass} : y \Delta x (kx^2)$$

$$\text{M.I} = [y \Delta x (kx^2)] x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.I of } \triangle OAB &= k \int_0^{\lambda} y x^4 dx \\ &= k \int_0^{\lambda} (\lambda - x) x^4 dx \\ &\neq \frac{kx^6}{30} \\ &= \frac{k\lambda^6}{30} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{M.I of the square } ABCD = 4 \cdot \frac{k\lambda^6}{30} = \frac{2}{15} k\lambda^6 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of } \triangle OAB &= \int_0^{\lambda} y (kx^2) dx = k \int_0^{\lambda} (\lambda - x) x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{k\lambda^4}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mass } M \text{ of the square } ABCD = l \cdot \frac{k \lambda^4}{12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} k \lambda^4 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Dividing $\textcircled{2}$ by $\textcircled{3}$ we get,

$$M \cdot I = M \cdot \frac{2}{15} k \lambda^6 \cdot \frac{3}{k \lambda^4}$$

$$= \frac{2 M \lambda^2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{2 M}{5} \cdot \frac{l^2}{2} \text{ by } \textcircled{1}$$

$$M \cdot I = \frac{M l^2}{5}$$