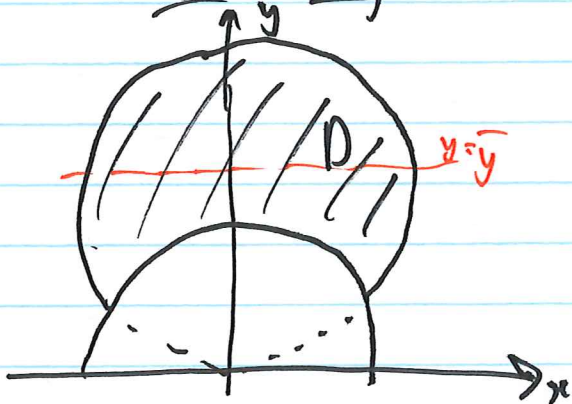


Handout today (or online)

Last day: moments problem



$$\rho(x, y) = \frac{k}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\iint_D y \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_D \rho(x, y) dA} \approx 1.26$$

$\bar{x} = 0?$  (intuition)

$$\bar{x} = \iint_D \underbrace{x}_{\text{odd}} \underbrace{\rho(x, y)}_{\text{even}} dA = 0$$

Symmetric about  $x=0$

odd

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

even

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

# Math 253 Notes on Moments of Inertia

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## 1 Moments of Inertia

We've previously seen *moments* when calculating centre of mass of a lamina. This involved two double integrals:

$$M_y = \int \int_D x\rho(x,y)dA$$
$$M_x = \int \int_D y\rho(x,y)dA$$

These can also be called the "first moments"; here we look at the "second moments" or "moments of inertia".

### 1.1 Kinetic Energy of a spinning lamina

Suppose our lamina (which lies in the  $x$ - $y$  plane) is rotating around the  $z$ -axis (note this is orthogonal to the lamina) at a constant angular rotational speed  $\omega$  radians/s. (E.g., 60 rpm = 1 rev/s =  $2\pi$  rad/s). Find the *Kinetic Energy* of the lamina. [Draw diagram!]

Riemann sum idea: as before, we consider a small rectangular piece  $R_{ij}$  with area  $\Delta x\Delta y$ . The kinetic energy of a point mass is  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ . Its going to be small in the limit so we use this to get:

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho(x_i, y_j)\Delta x\Delta y|\vec{v}_{ij}|^2.$$

The piece  $R_{ij}$  moves faster the further it is from the axis of rotation ( $z$ -axis,  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ ). Different pieces move at different speeds. Our piece has kinetic energy:

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho(x_i, y_j)\Delta x\Delta y\omega^2(x_i^2 + y_j^2).$$

So take the Riemann sum over all pieces of the lamina and we get:

$$K = \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \int \int_D (x^2 + y^2)\rho(x, y)dA.$$

We define  $I_0$  the **moment of inertia** about the  $z$ -axis as just the integral part:

$$I_0 = \int \int_D (x^2 + y^2)\rho(x, y)dA.$$

Larger  $I_0$  means more energy (work) to rotate the lamina about the  $z$ -axis.

## 1.2 About some other axis?

A similar argument shows how to compute the moment of inertia about some other axis parallel to the  $z$ -axis, centred at  $(x, y) = (a, b)$ :

$$I_0 = \int \int_D ((x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2) \rho(x, y) dA.$$

And in particular about the centre of mass  $(x, y) = (\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , this would be:

$$I_{0,c} =$$

## 1.3 Rotation around $x$ or $y$ axes

What about rotating around the  $x$ -axis and  $y$ -axis? This gives the moment of inertia about the  $y$ -axis denoted  $I_y$  and the moment of inertia about the  $x$ -axis denoted  $I_x$ . [Draw diagrams]

$$I_y =$$

$$I_x =$$

Note relationship to previous,

$$I_0 =$$

## 1.4 Changing the axis of rotation

Suppose we have  $I_{0,c}$  and want rotation around  $z$ -axis? Let  $M$  be overall mass of lamina. We get:

$$I_0 =$$

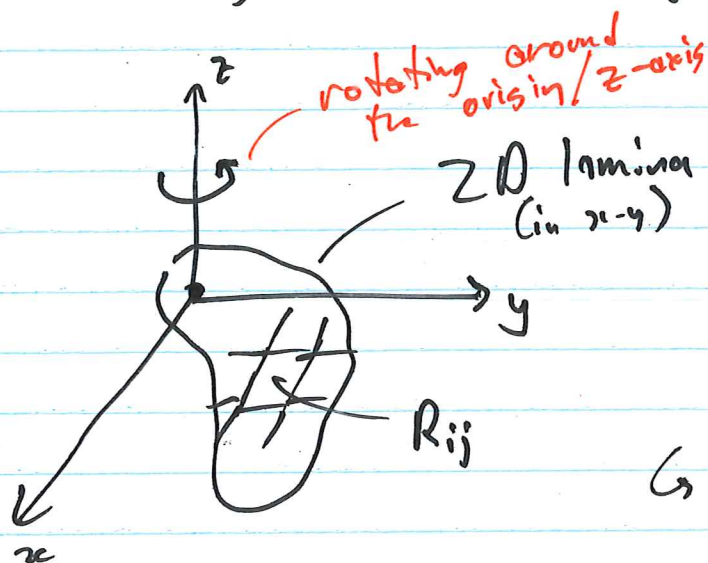
## 1.5 Examples

1. Find moment of inertia about the  $z$ -axis of a uniform circular disc of radius  $R$  and total mass  $M$ , centred at the origin.
2. Find same, but with disc centred at point  $(a, b)$ .
3. Find same, for a uniform rectangular plate, mass  $M$ , axis through centre, size  $a \times b$ .

# Applications of $\iint$ : Moments on inertia

(exercise in §13.4)  
(and handout)

Still talking laminas: suppose it is rotating with angular speed  $\omega$  rad/s



E.g. 60 rpm = 1 rev/s  
=  $2\pi$  rad/s

Want to find the kinetic energy of the lamina.

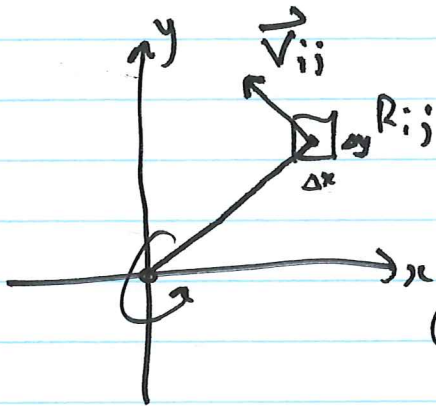
↳ Riemann Sum:

① find the K.E. of  $R_{ij}$

②  $\sum \sum$  over all  $R_{ij}$

③  $\lim_{\Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0} \sum \sum \text{?} = \iint_D \text{?} dA$

K.E. of  $R_{ij}$  : So pretend it's a point mass  $\rightarrow$  K.E. is  $\frac{1}{2} m v^2$



b/c  $R_{ij}$  is small

mass  $\rho$   
speed  $v$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ K.E.} = \frac{1}{2} \overbrace{\rho(x_i, y_j) \Delta x \Delta y}^{\text{mass}} \underbrace{|\vec{v}_{ij}|^2}_{\omega^2 (x_i^2 + y_j^2)}$$

(why?  $|\vec{v}_{ij}| = \omega r_{ij}$ )

$\textcircled{2} \textcircled{3}$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \iint_D (x^2 + y^2) \rho(x, y) dA \rightarrow I_0$$

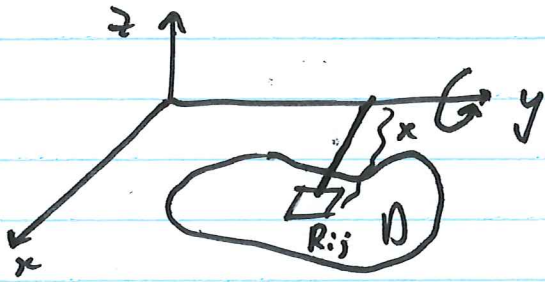
Moment of Inertia about the z-axis (or "about the origin")

Similarly, about the centre of mass,

$$I_{0,c} = \iint_D [(x - \bar{x})^2 + (y - \bar{y})^2] \rho(x, y) dA$$

Centre of mass

Moment of Inertia about the y-axis  
(i.e.  $x=0$ )



2<sup>nd</sup> moment

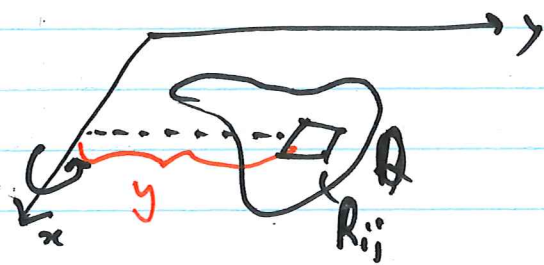
$$I_y = \iint_D x^2 \rho(x,y) dA$$

distance<sup>2</sup> to the y-axis /  $x=0$

1<sup>st</sup> moment

Recall:  $M_y = \iint_D x \rho(x,y) dA$

Moment of Inertia about the x-axis: -  $y=0$

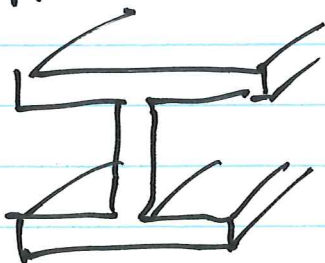


$$I_x = \iint_D y^2 \rho(x,y) dA$$

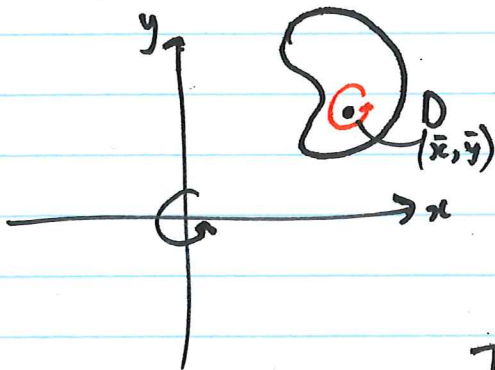
Note:  $I_0 = I_x + I_y$

Applications: gyroscopes, spacecraft

rigidity of beams



## Changing axis of rotation



Suppose we have  $I_{O,c}$  calculated

Want  $I_0$ , w/o integrating "from scratch".

$$I_0 = \underbrace{m(\bar{x}^2 + \bar{y}^2)}_{\text{total mass}} + \underbrace{I_{O,c}}_{\text{moment of inertia about centre of mass}}$$

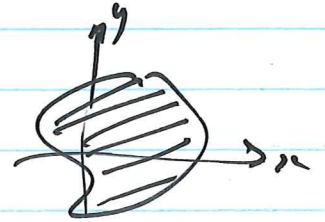
moment of inertia of a point mass (equivalent to lamina) about z-axis.

(Derivation requires  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}$  to be centre of mass).

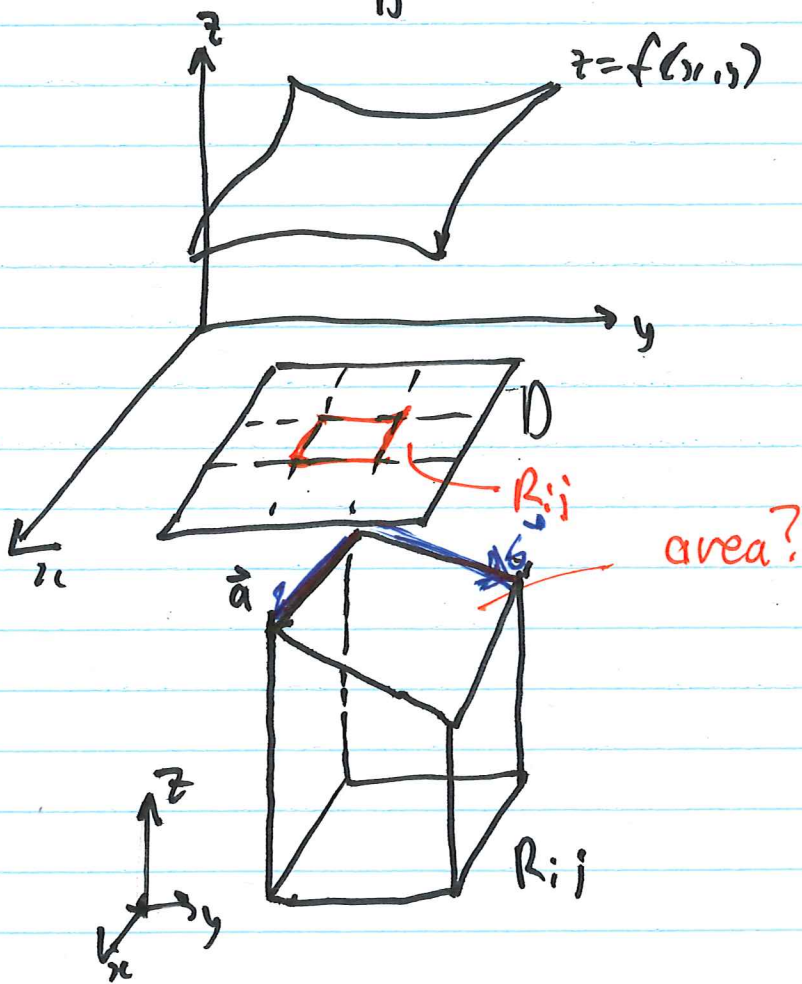
Eden (Exercises on handout).

Applications of  $\iint$ : Surface area §13.5

Recall  $\iint_D 1 \, dA = \text{area of } D.$



$\iint_D f(x,y) \, dA = \text{volume under surface } z=f(x,y)$



What about the surface area of  $z=f(x,y)$  (above  $D$ )

↳ how much paint do I need?