

Review of Centroids and Moments of Inertia

Centroids of Plane Areas

The problems for Section 12.2 are to be solved by integration.

Problem 12.2-1 Determine the distances \bar{x} and \bar{y} to the centroid *C* of a right triangle having base *b* and altitude *h* (see Case 6, Appendix D).

Solution 12.2-1 Centroid of a right triangle

Problem 12.2-2 Determine the distance \overline{y} to the centroid *C* of a trapezoid having bases *a* and *b* and altitude *h* (see Case 8, Appendix D).

Problem 12.2-3 Determine the distance \overline{y} to the centroid *C* of a semicircle of radius *r* (see Case 10, Appendix D).

Problem 12.2-4 Determine the distances \overline{x} and \overline{y} to the centroid *C* of a parabolic spandrel of base *b* and height *h* (see Case 18, Appendix D).

Problem 12.2-5 Determine the distances \overline{x} and \overline{y} to the centroid *C* of a semisegment of *n*th degree having base *b* and height *h* (see Case 19, Appendix D).

Solution 12.2-5 Centroid of a semisegment of *n***th degree** $= bh^2 \left[\frac{n^2}{(n+1)(2n+1)} \right]$ $Q_x =$ *y* $\frac{y}{2}dA = \int_{0}^{1}$ *b* 1 0 $\frac{1}{2}h\left(1-\frac{x^n}{b^n}\right)$ $\frac{\alpha}{b^n}(h)(1 \frac{x^n}{x^n}$ $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p}u\right)dx$ $\overline{x} = \frac{Q_y}{A} = \frac{b(n+1)}{2(n+2)}$ $Q_y = \int x dA = \int_0^b xh\left(1 - \frac{x^n}{b^n}\right)dx = \frac{hb^2}{2}\left(\frac{n}{n+2}\right)$ *b* 0 $xh\left(1-\frac{x^{n}}{h^{n}}\right)$ $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p}u\right)dx$ $A = \int dA = \int_0^b h\left(1 - \frac{x^n}{b^n}\right) dx = bh\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)$ *b* 0 $h\left(1-\frac{x^n}{h^n}\right)$ $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p}u\right)dx$ $dA = y dx = h \left(1 - \frac{x^n}{b^n} \right)$ $\left(\frac{x^n}{b^n}\right)dx$ $\qquad \qquad \bar{y} = \frac{Q_x}{A} = \frac{hn}{2n+1}$ *y* θ and θ *dx* $-y = h(1 - \frac{x^n}{b^n})$ *x b C h y x* $n > 0$

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Centroids of Composite Areas

The problems for Section 12.3 are to be solved by using the formulas for composite areas.

Problem 12.3-1 Determine the distance \overline{y} to the centroid *C* of a trapezoid having bases *a* and *b* and altitude *h* (see Case 8, Appendix D) by dividing the trapezoid into two triangles.

Problem 12.3-2 One quarter of a square of side *a* is removed (see figure). What are the coordinates \bar{x} and \bar{y} of the centroid *C* of the remaining area?

Solution 12.3-2 Centroid of a composite area

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A_1 = \frac{a^2}{4} \quad \bar{y}_1 = \frac{3a}{4}
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A_2 = \frac{a^2}{2} \quad \bar{y}_2 = \frac{a}{4}
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$$
A = \sum A_i = \frac{3a^2}{4}
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$$
Q_x = \sum \bar{y}_i A_i = \frac{3a}{4} \left(\frac{a^2}{4}\right) + \frac{a}{4} \left(\frac{a^2}{2}\right) = \frac{5a^3}{16}
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\bar{x} = \bar{y} = \frac{Q_x}{A} = \frac{5a}{12}
$$

Problem 12.3-3 Calculate the distance \overline{y} to the centroid *C* of the channel section shown in the figure if $a = 6$ in., $b = 1$ in., and $c = 2$ in.

Problem 12.3-4 What must be the relationship between the dimensions *a*, *b*, and *c* of the channel section shown in the figure in order that the centroid *C* will lie on line *BB*?

Problem 12.3-5 The cross section of a beam constructed of a W 24 \times 162 wide-flange section with an 8 in. \times 3/4 in. cover plate welded to the top flange is shown in the figure.

Determine the distance \bar{y} from the base of the beam to the centroid C of the cross-sectional area.

Solution 12.3-5 Centroid of beam cross section

W 24 \times 162 *A*₁ = 47.7 in.² *d* = 25.00 in. $\bar{y}_1 = d/2 = 12.5$ in.

PLATE: 8.0 × 0.75 in.
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A_2 = (8.0)(0.75) = 6.0
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 in.²
\n $\bar{y}_2 = 25.00 + 0.75/2 = 25.375$ in.
\n $A = \sum A_i = A_1 + A_2 = 53.70$ in.²
\n $Q_x = \sum \bar{y}_i A_i = \bar{y}_1 A_1 + \bar{y}_2 A_2 = 748.5$ in.³
\n $\bar{y} = \frac{Q_x}{A} = 13.94$ in.

Problem 12.3-6 Determine the distance \overline{y} to the centroid *C* of the composite area shown in the figure.

PROBS. 12.3-6, 12.5-6 and 12.7-6

Solution 12.3-6 Centroid of composite area

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A_1 = (360)(30) = 10,800 \text{ mm}^2
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\bar{y}_1 = 105 \text{ mm}
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A_2 = 2(120)(30) + (120)(30) = 10,800 \text{ mm}^2
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$$
\bar{y}_2 = 0
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A = \sum A_i = A_1 + A_2 = 21,600 \text{ mm}^2
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$$
Q_x = \sum \bar{y}_i A_i = \bar{y}_1 A_1 + \bar{y}_2 A_2 = 1.134 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3
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$$
\bar{y} = \frac{Q_x}{A} = 52.5 \text{ mm}
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Problem 12.3-7 Determine the coordinates \bar{x} and \bar{y} of the centroid *C* of the L-shaped area shown in the figure.

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PROBS. 12.3-7, 12.4-7, 12.5-7 and 12.7-7

Thickness $t = 0.5$ in,

Solution 12.3-8 Centroid of composite area

 A_1 = large rectangle A_2 ^{$\overline{A_2}$} triangular cutout $A_3^2 = A_4$ = circular holes All dimensions are in millimeters. Diameter of holes $=$ 50 mm Centers of holes are 80 mm from edges. $A_1 = (280)(300) = 84,000$ mm² $\bar{x}_1 = 150$ mm $\bar{y}_1 = 140$ mm

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\frac{2}{x_2} = 300 - 130/3 = 256.7 \text{ mm}
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\bar{y}_2 = 280 - 130/3 = 236.7 \text{ mm}
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A_3 = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4} (50)^2 = 1963 \text{ mm}^2
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\bar{x}_3 = 80 \text{ mm} \qquad \bar{y}_3 = 80 \text{ mm}
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$$
A_4 = 1963 \text{ mm}^2 \qquad \bar{x}_4 = 220 \text{ mm} \qquad \bar{y}_4 = 80 \text{ mm}
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$$
A = \sum A_i = A_1 - A_2 - A_3 - A_4 = 71,620 \text{ mm}^2
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Q_y = \sum \bar{x}_i A_i = \bar{x}_1 A_1 - \bar{x}_2 A_2 - \bar{x}_3 A_3 - \bar{x}_4 A_4
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= 9.842 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3
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$$
\bar{x} = \frac{Q_y}{A} = \frac{9.842 \times 10^6}{71,620} = 137 \text{ mm}
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$$
Q_x = \sum \bar{y}_i A_i = \bar{y}_1 A_1 - \bar{y}_2 A_2 - \bar{y}_3 A_3 - \bar{y}_4 A_4
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= 9.446 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3
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$$
\bar{y} = \frac{Q_x}{A} = \frac{9.446 \times 10^6}{71,620} = 132 \text{ mm}
$$

 $A_2 = 1/2(130)^2 = 8450$ mm²

Moments of Inertia of Plane Areas

Problems 12.4-1 through 12.4-4 are to be solved by integration.

Problem 12.4-1 Determine the moment of inertia I_x of a triangle of base *b* and altitude *h* with respect to its base (see Case 4, Appendix D).

Solution 12.4-1 Moment of inertia of a triangle

Width of element

$$
= b\left(\frac{h-y}{h}\right)
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dA = \frac{b(h-y)}{h} dy
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I_x = \int y^2 dA = \int_0^h y^2 b \frac{(h-y)}{h} dy
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$$
= \frac{bh^3}{12}
$$

Problem 12.4-2 Determine the moment of inertia I_{BB} of a trapezoid having bases *a* and *b* and altitude *h* with respect to its base (see Case 8, Appendix D).

Problem 12.4-3 Determine the moment of inertia I_x of a parabolic spandrel of base *b* and height *h* with respect to its base (see Case 18, Appendix D).

Solution 12.4-3 Moment of inertia of a parabolic spandrel

Problem 12.4-4 Determine the moment of inertia I_x of a circle of radius *r* with respect to a diameter (see Case 9, Appendix D).

Problems 12.4-5 through 12.4-9 are to be solved by considering the area to be a composite area.

Problem 12.4-5 Determine the moment of inertia I_{BB} of a rectangle having sides of lengths *b* and *h* with respect to a diagonal of the rectangle (see Case 2, Appendix D).

Solution 12.4-5 Moment of inertia of a rectangle with respect to a diagonal

 $L =$ length of diagonal *BB* h_1 = distance from *A* to diagonal *BB* Triangle *BBC*: $\sin \alpha = \frac{b}{L}$ Triangle *ADB*: $\sin \alpha = \frac{h_1}{h}$ $h_1 = h \sin \alpha = \frac{bh}{L}$ I_1 = moment of inertia of triangle *ABB* with respect to its base *BB* $L = \sqrt{b^2 + h^2}$

From Case 4, Appendix D: \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r} $\mathbf{3}$

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I_1 = \frac{Lh_1^3}{12} = \frac{L}{12} \left(\frac{bh}{L}\right)^3 = \frac{b^3h^3}{12L^2}
$$

For the rectangle:

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I_{BB} = 2I_1 = \frac{b^3 h^3}{6(b^2 + h^2)}
$$

Problem 12.4-6 Calculate the moment of inertia I_r for the composite circular area shown in the figure. The origin of the axes is at the center of the concentric circles, and the three diameters are 20, 40, and 60 mm.

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Diameters $= 20, 40,$ and 60 mm

$$
I_x = \frac{\pi d^4}{64} \text{ (for a circle)}
$$

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I_x = \frac{\pi}{64} [(60)^4 - (40)^4 + (20)^4]
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$$
I_x = 518 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4
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Problem 12.4-7 Calculate the moments of inertia I_x and I_y with respect to the *x* and *y* axes for the L-shaped area shown in the figure for Prob. 12.3-7.

Solution 12.4-7 Moments of inertia of composite area

Problem 12.4-8 A semicircular area of radius 150 mm has a rectangular cutout of dimensions 50 mm \times 100 mm (see figure).

Calculate the moments of inertia I_x and I_y with respect to the *x* and *y* axes. Also, calculate the corresponding radii of gyration r_x and r_y .

Solution 12.4-8 Moments of inertia of composite area

All dimensions in millimeters

r = 150 mm
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b = 100
$$
 mm $h = 50$ mm
\n $I_x = (I_x)_{\text{semicircle}} - (I_x)_{\text{rectangle}} = \frac{\pi r^4}{8} - \frac{bh^3}{3}$
\n= 194.6 × 10⁶ mm⁴
\n $I_y = I_x$
\n $A = \frac{\pi r^2}{2} - bh = 30.34 × 10^3$ mm²
\n $r_x = \sqrt{I_x/A} = 80.1$ mm

Problem 12.4-9 Calculate the moments of inertia I_1 and I_2 of a W 16 \times 100 wide-flange section using the cross-sectional dimensions given in Table E-l, Appendix E. (Disregard the cross-sectional areas of the fillets.) Also, calculate the corresponding radii of gyration r_1 and r_2 , respectively.

Solution 12.4-9 Moments of inertia of a wide-flange section

W 16×100 *d* = 16.97 in. $t_w = t_{web} = 0.585$ in. $b = 10.425$ in. $t_f = t_{\text{flange}} = 0.985 \text{ in.}$

All dimensions in inches.

$$
I_1 = \frac{1}{12} bd^3 - \frac{1}{12} (b - t_w)(d - 2t_f)^3
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$$
= \frac{1}{12} (10.425)(16.97)^3 - \frac{1}{12} (9.840)(15.00)^3
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$$
= 1478 \text{ in.}^4 \qquad \text{say}, \quad I_1 = 1480 \text{ in.}^4
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$$
I_2 = 2(\frac{1}{12}) t_f b^3 + \frac{1}{12} (d - 2t_f) t_w^3
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$$
= \frac{1}{6} (0.985)(10.425)^3 + \frac{1}{12} (15.00)(0.585)^3
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$$
= 186.3 \text{ in.}^4 \qquad \text{say}, \quad I_2 = 186 \text{ in.}^4
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$$
A = 2(bt_f) + (d - 2t_f)t_w
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$$
= 2(10.425)(0.985) + (15.00)(0.585)
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= 29.31 \text{ in.}^2
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r_1 = \sqrt{I_1/A} = 7.10 \text{ in.}
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r_2 = \sqrt{I_2/A} = 2.52 \text{ in.}
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Note that these results are in close agreement with the tabulated values.

Parallel-Axis Theorem

Problem 12.5-1 Calculate the moment of inertia I_b of a W 12 \times 50 wide-flange section with respect to its base. (Use data from Table E-l, Appendix E.)

W 12×50 $I_1 = 394$ in.⁴ $A = 14.7$ in.² $d = 12.19$ in. $=$ 394 + 14.7(6.095)² = 940 in.⁴ $I_b = I_1 + A\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)$ $\overline{2}$ 2

Problem 12.5-2 Determine the moment of inertia I_c with respect to an axis through the centroid *C* and parallel to the *x* axis for the geometric figure described in Prob. 12.3-2.

Solution 12.5-2 Moment of inertia

Problem 12.5-3 For the channel section described in Prob. 12.3-3, calculate the moment of inertia I_x with respect to an axis through the centroid *C* and parallel to the *x* axis.

Solution 12.5-3 Moment of inertia

From Prob. 12.3-3: $A = 10.0$ in.² $I_x = 1/3(4)(1)^3 + 2(1/3)(1)(3)^3 = 19.33 \text{ in.}^4$ $= 7.23$ in.⁴ $I_{x_c} = I_x - A\overline{y}^2 = 19.33 - (10.0)(1.10)^2$ $I_x = I_{x_c} + A\overline{y}^2$ \bar{y} = 1.10 in.

Solution 12.5-4 Moment of inertia

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b = 40 \text{ mm} \qquad I_1 = 90 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4 \qquad I_1 = bh^3/12
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$$
h = \sqrt[3]{\frac{12I_1}{b}} = 30 \text{ mm}
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$$
I_c = bh^3/36 = 30 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4
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$$
I_2 = I_c + Ad^2 = I_c + (bh/2) d^2 = 30 \times 10^3
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$$
+ \frac{1}{2}(40) (30) (25)^2 = 405 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4 \qquad \longleftarrow
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Problem 12.5-5 For the beam cross section described in Prob. 12.3-5, calculate the centroidal moments of inertia I_{x_c} and I_{y_c} with respect to axes through the centroid *C* such that the x_c axis is parallel to the *x* axis and the *yc* axis coincides with the *y* axis.

Solution 12.5-5 Moment of inertia

From Prob. 12.3-5:

 \bar{y} = 13.94 in.

W 24 \times 162 *d* = 25.00 in. *d*/2 = 12.5 in. $I_1 = 5170$ in.⁴ $A = 47.7$ in.² $I_2 = I_v = 443$ in.⁴ $=$ 5269 in.⁴ $I'_{yc} = I_2 = 443$ in.⁴ $I'_{x_c} = I_1 + A(\bar{y} - d/2)^2 = 5170 + (47.7)(1.44)^2$

PLATE

$$
I''_{x_c} = 1/12(8)(3/4)^3 + (8)(3/4)(d + 3/8 - \bar{y})^2
$$

= 0.2813 + 6(25.00 + 0.375 - 13.94)²
= 0.2813 + 6(11.44)² = 785 in.⁴

$$
I''_{y_c} = 1/12(3/4)(8)^3 = 32.0 \text{ in.}^4
$$

ENTIRE CROSS SECTION

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I_{x_c} = I'_{x_c} + I''_{x_c} = 5269 + 785 = 6050 \text{ in.}^4 \quad \leftarrow
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 $I_{y_c} = I'_{y_c} + I''_{y_c} = 443 + 32 = 475$ in.⁴

Problem 12.5-6 Calculate the moment of inertia I_{x_c} with respect to an axis through the centroid C and parallel to the x axis for the composite area shown in the figure for Prob. 12.3-6.

From Prob. 12.3-6:

 \bar{y} = 52.50 mm $t = 30$ mm $A = 21,600$ mm² *A*₁: $I_r = 1/12(360) (30)^3 + (360) (30) (105)^2$ $= 119.9 \times 10^6$ mm⁴ A_2 : $I_x = 1/12(120) (30)^3 + (120) (30) (75)^2$ $= 20.52 \times 10^6$ mm⁴ *A*₃: $I_r = 1/12(30) (120)^3 = 4.32 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ *A*₄: $I_r = 20.52 \times 10^6$ mm⁴

ENTIRE AREA:

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I_x = \sum I_x = 165.26 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4
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$$
I_{x_c} = I_x - A\bar{y}^2 = 165.26 \times 10^6 - (21,600)(52.50)^2
$$

\n= 106 × 10⁶ mm⁴

Problem 12.5-7 Calculate the centroidal moments of inertia I_{x_c} and I_{y_c} with respect to axes through the centroid C and parallel to the \tilde{x} and \tilde{y} axes, respectively, for the L-shaped area shown in the figure for Prob. 12.3-7.

Solution 12.5-7 Moments of inertia

From Prob. 12.3-7:
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t = 0.5
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 in. $A = 4.75$ in.²
\n $\overline{y} = 1.987$ in.
\n $\overline{x} = 0.9869$ in.
\nFrom Problem 12.4-7:
\n $I_x = 36.15$ in.⁴
\n $I_y = 10.90$ in.⁴
\n $I_{x_c} = I_x - A\overline{y}^2 = 36.15 - (4.75) (1.987)^2$
\n $= 17.40$ in.⁴
\n $I_{y_c} = I_y - A\overline{x}^2 = 10.90 - (4.75)(0.9869)^2$
\n $= 6.27$ in.⁴

Problem 12.5-8 The wide-flange beam section shown in the figure has a total height of 250 mm and a constant thickness of 15 mm.

Determine the flange width *b* if it is required that the centroidal moments of inertia I_x and I_y be in the ratio 3 to 1, respectively.

 $t = 15$ mm $b =$ flange width

All dimensions in millimeters.

$$
I_x = \frac{1}{12} (b) (250)^3 - \frac{1}{12} (b - 15) (220)^3
$$

= 0.4147 × 10⁶ b + 13.31 × 10⁶ (mm)⁴

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I_y = 2 \left(\frac{1}{12}\right) (15) (b)^3 + \frac{1}{12} (220) (15)^3
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I_y = 2\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)(15)(b)^3 + \frac{1}{12}(220)(1)
$$

= 2.5 b³ + 61,880 (mm⁴)

Equate I_x to $3I_y$ and rearrange:

 $7.5 b³ - 0.4147 \times 10⁶ b - 13.12 \times 10⁶ = 0$ Solve numerically:

$$
b = 250 \text{ mm} \quad \leftarrow
$$