Course Code: ESC106A
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Lecture No. 43:
Problems on Centre of gravity and Moment of Inertia

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Lecture Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of this lecture, students will be able to:

- Calculate the co-ordinates of the centroid of the composite area after converting the composite section into simple regular areas
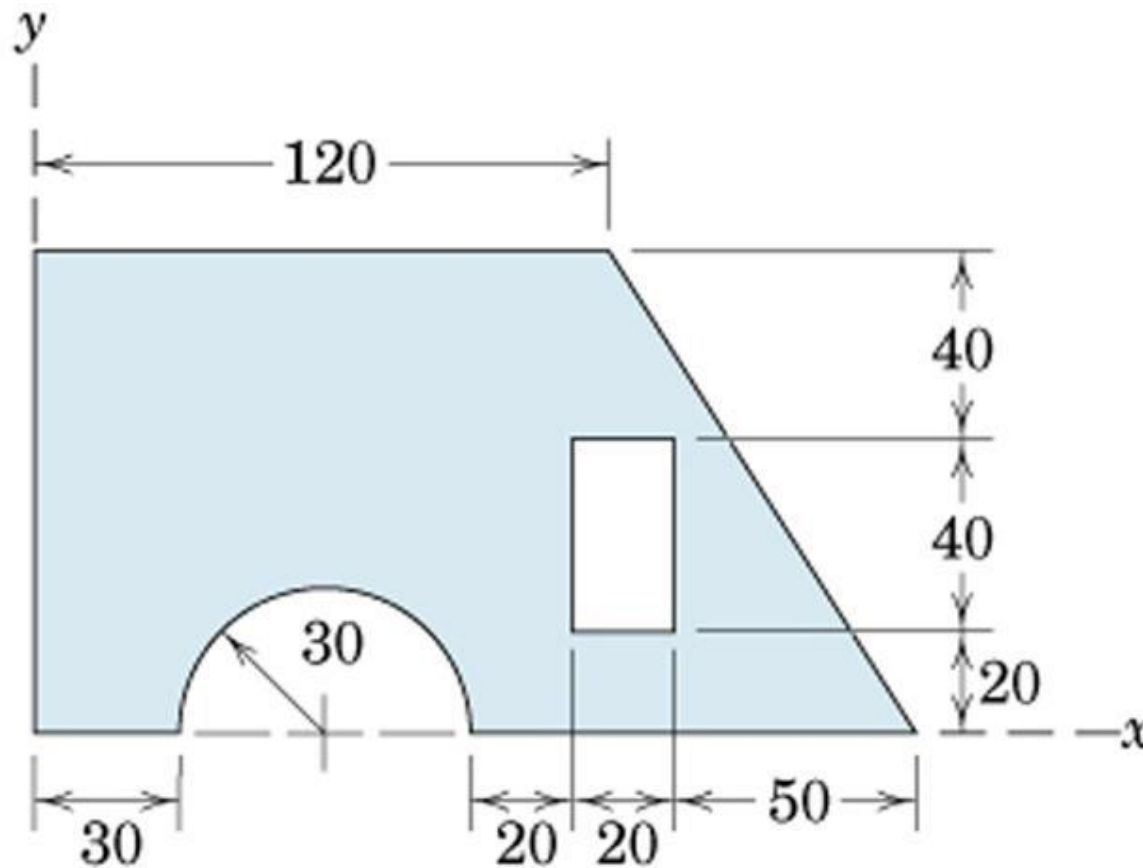- Solve for the Moment of Inertia of sections with respect to the considered axis

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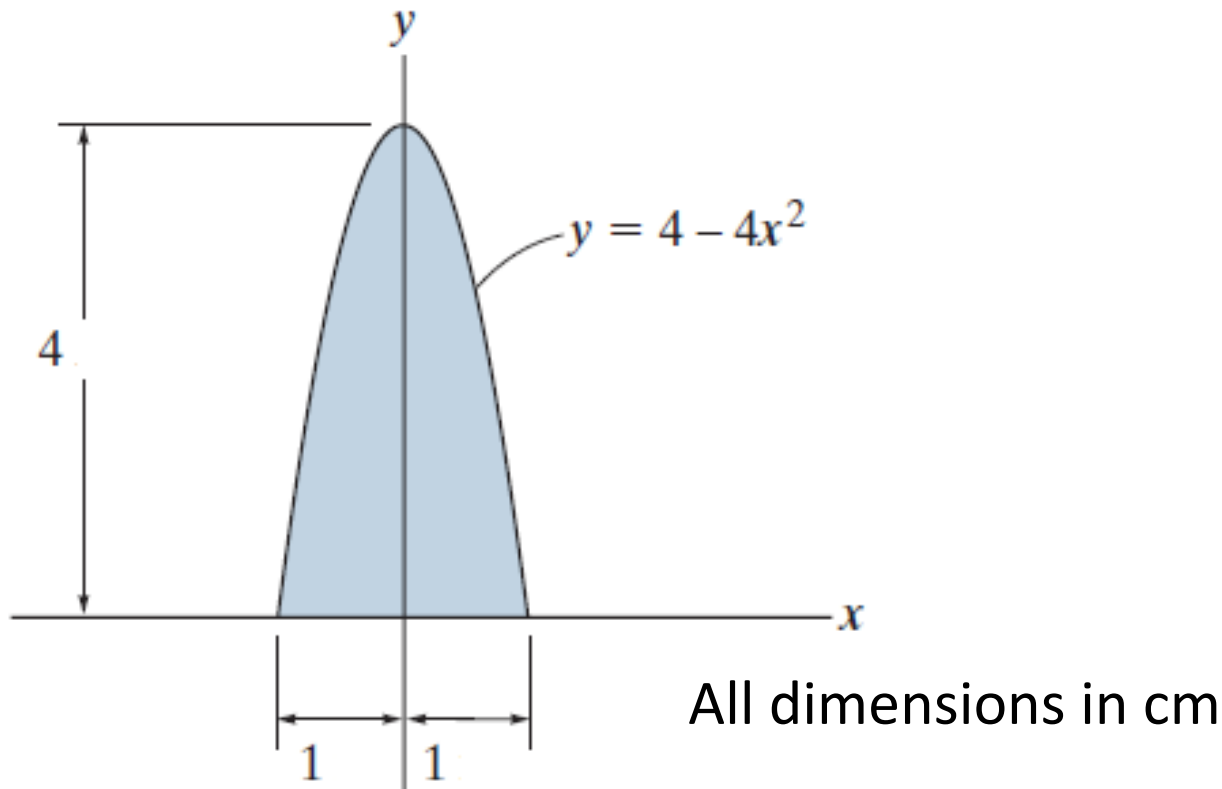
Problems on CG and MI

1. Locate the centroid of the shaded area.

Dimensions in millimeters

$\bar{x} = 75mm$

$\bar{y} = 50.83mm$

2. Determine the moment of inertia of the area about the y axis. Solve the problem using rectangular differential elements: (a) having a thickness of dx, and (b) having a thickness of dy. Find out the centroid also

$y = 4 - 4x^2$
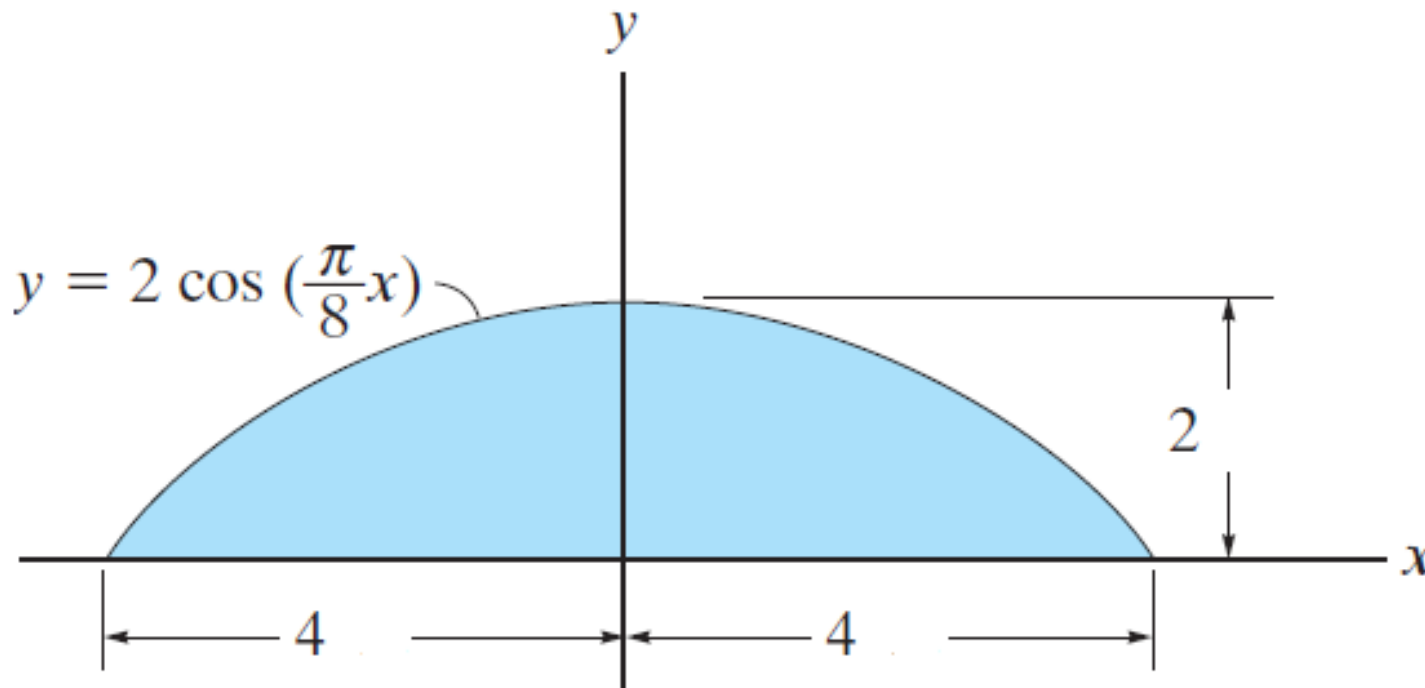
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All dimensions in cm

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$\bar{x} = 0$

$\bar{y} = 1.6 cm$

$I_{yy} = 1.07 cm^4$

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3. Determine the moment of inertia of the area about the y axis.
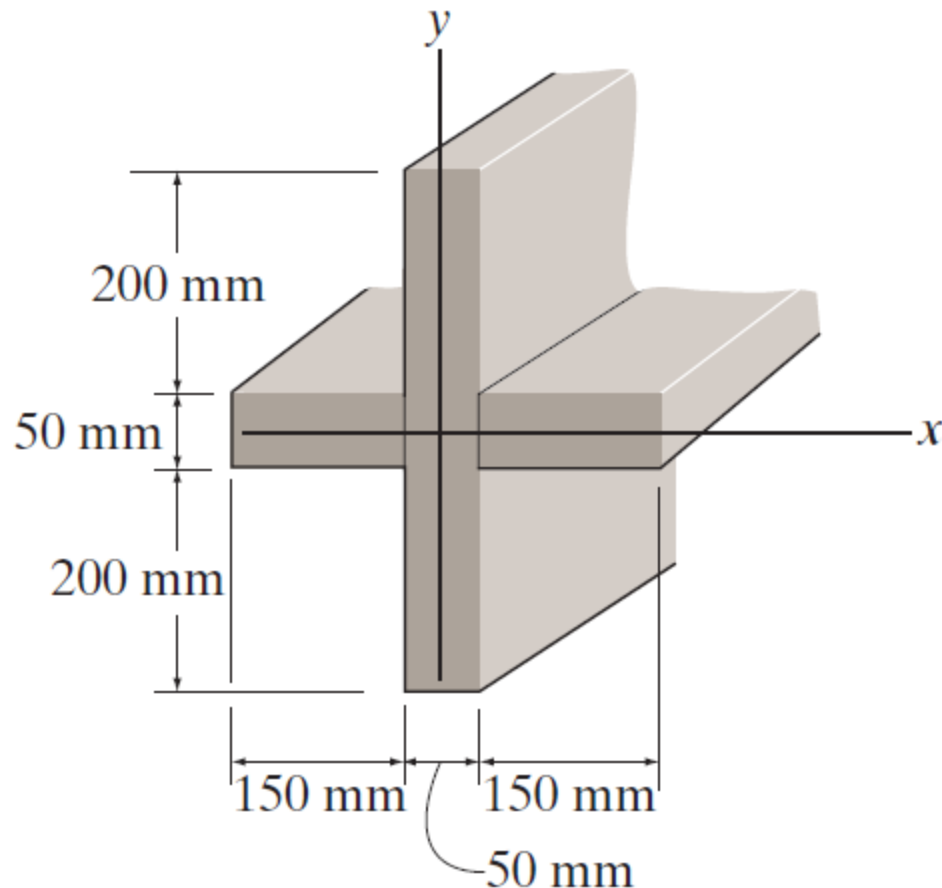

All dimensions in cm

Hint: Apply the principle of integration by parts

$Ans:$

$I_{yy} = 96.92 cm^4$

Problems on CG and MI

4. Determine the moment of inertia of the given beam's cross-sectional area about the centroidal x and y axes.

$$I_{xx} = 382{,}812{,}500\,mm^4$$

$$I_{yy} = 332{,}812{,}500\,mm^4$$

Summary

- The composite areas are divided into simple areas and the coordinates of the centre of gravity are determined.

- Integration method is adopted to find out the centre of gravity of irregular/curved sections

- Moment of inertia of the sections are found out with respect to the centroidal axis.