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*This article is about the geometrical property of an area, termed the second moment of area. For the moment of inertia dealing with the rotation of an object with mass, see **Mass moment of inertia**.*

*For a list of equations for second moments of area of standard shapes, see **List of second moments of area**.*

The **second moment of area**, or **second area moment**, or **quadratic moment of area** and also known as the **area moment of inertia** is a geometrical property of an area which reflects how its points are distributed with regard to an arbitrary axis. The second moment of area is typically denoted with either an ***I*** (for an axis that lies in the plane) or with a ***J*** (for an axis perpendicular to the plane). In both cases, it is calculated with a multiple integral over the object in question. Its dimension is L (length) to the fourth power. Its unit of dimension, when working with the International System of Units, is meters to the fourth power, m⁴, or inches to the fourth power, in⁴, when working in the Imperial System of Units.

Definition [edit]

The second moment of area for an arbitrary shape *R* with respect to an arbitrary axis *BB'* is defined as

$$J_{BB'} = \iint_R \rho^2 \, dA$$

where

dA is the infinitesimal area element, and

ρ is the perpendicular distance from the axis *BB'*.^[2]

For example, when the desired reference axis is the x-axis, the second moment of area ***I**_{xx}* (often denoted as ***I**_x*) can be computed in Cartesian coordinates as

$$I_x = \iint_R y^2 \, dx \, dy$$

The second moment of the area is crucial in Euler–Bernoulli theory of slender beams.

Parallel axis theorem [edit]

Main article: Parallel axis theorem

It is sometimes necessary to calculate the second moment of area of a shape with respect to an *x'* axis different to the centroidal axis of the shape. However, it is often easier to derive the second moment of area with respect to its centroidal axis, *x*, and use the parallel axis theorem to derive the second moment of area with respect to the *x'* axis. The parallel axis theorem states

*I*_{*x'*} = *I*_{*x*} + *A**d*²

where

A is the area of the shape, and

d is the perpendicular distance between the *x* and *x'* axes.^{[4][5]}

A similar statement can be made about a *y'* axis and the parallel centroidal *y* axis. Or, in general, any centroidal *B* axis and a parallel *B'* axis.

Composite shapes [edit]

For more complex areas, it is often easier to divide the area into a series of "simpler" shapes. The second moment of area for the entire shape is the sum of the second moment of areas of all of its parts about a common axis. This can include shapes that are "missing" (i.e. holes, hollow shapes, etc.), in which case the second moment of area of the "missing" areas are subtracted, rather than added. In other words, the second moment of area of "missing" parts are considered negative for the method of composite shapes.

Rectangle with centroid at the origin [edit]

Consider a rectangle with base *b* and height *h* whose centroid is located at the origin. *I_x* represents the second moment of area with respect to the x-axis; *I_y* represents the second moment of area with respect to the y-axis; *J_z* represents the polar moment of inertia with respect to the z-axis.

$$I_x = \iint_R y^2 \, dA = \int_{-\frac{b}{2}}^{\frac{b}{2}} \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} y^2 \, dy \, dx = \int_{-\frac{b}{2}}^{\frac{b}{2}} \frac{1}{3} \frac{h^3}{4} \, dx = \frac{bh^3}{12}$$
$$I_y = \iint_R x^2 \, dA = \int_{-\frac{b}{2}}^{\frac{b}{2}} \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} x^2 \, dy \, dx = \int_{-\frac{b}{2}}^{\frac{b}{2}} h x^2 \, dx = \frac{b^3h}{12}$$

Using the perpendicular axis theorem we get the value of *J_z*.

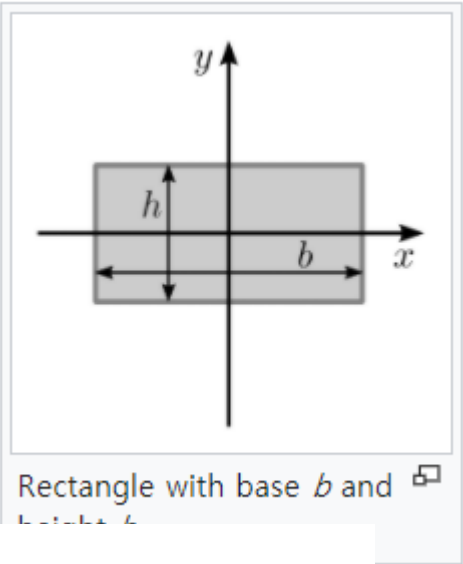
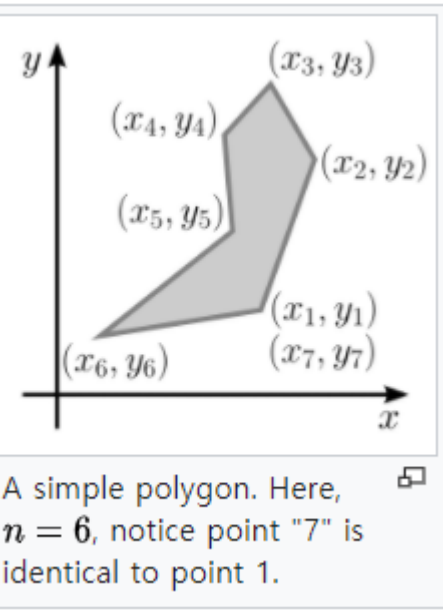
$$J_z = I_x + I_y = \frac{bh^3}{12} + \frac{hb^3}{12} = \frac{bh}{12} (b^2 + h^2)$$

Any polygon [edit]

The second moment of area about the origin for any simple polygon on the XY-plane can be computed in general by summing contributions from each segment of the polygon after dividing the area into a set of triangles. This formula is related to the shoelace formula and can be considered a special case of Green's theorem.

A polygon is assumed to have *n* vertices, numbered in counter-clockwise fashion. If polygon vertices are numbered clockwise, returned values will be negative, but absolute values will be correct.

$$I_y = \frac{1}{12} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i) (x_i^2 + x_i x_{i+1} + x_{i+1}^2)$$
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Perpendicular axis theorem [edit]

Main article: Perpendicular axis theorem

For the simplicity of calculation, it is often desired to define the polar moment of area (with respect to a perpendicular axis) in terms of two area moments of inertia (both with respect to in-plane axes). The simplest case relates *J_z* to *I_x* and *I_y*.

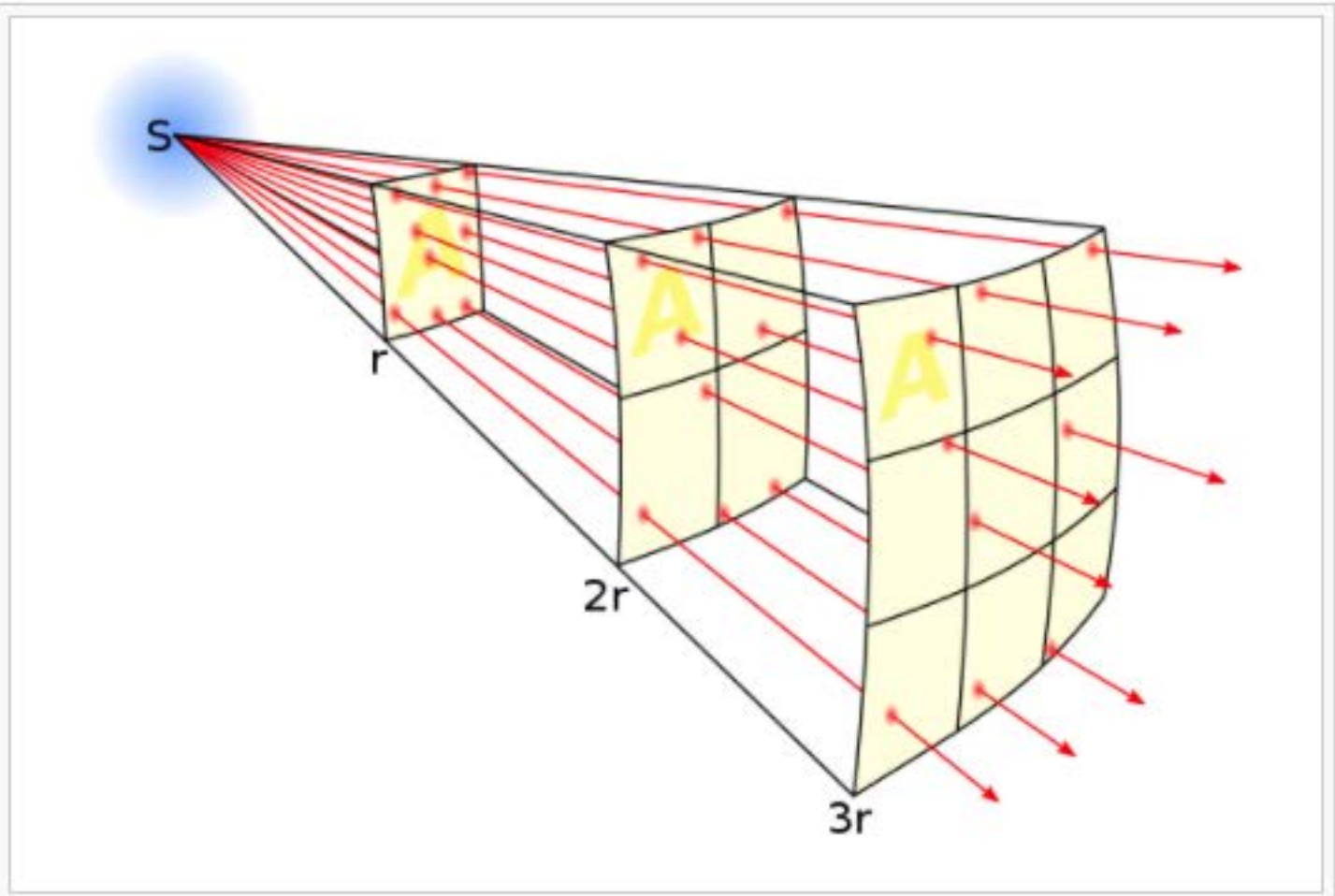
$$J_z = \iint_R \rho^2 \, dA = \iint_R (x^2 + y^2) \, dA = \iint_R x^2 \, dA + \iint_R y^2 \, dA = I_x + I_y$$

This relationship relies on the Pythagorean theorem which relates *x* and *y* to *ρ* and on the linearity of integration.

Inverse-square law

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In science, an **inverse-square law** is any scientific law stating that a specified physical quantity is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the source of that physical quantity. The fundamental cause for this can be understood as geometric dilution



S represents the light source, while r represents the measured points. The lines represent the flux emanating from the sources and fluxes. The total number of flux lines depends on the strength of the light source and is constant with increasing distance, where a greater density of flux lines (lines per unit area) means a stronger energy field. The density of flux lines is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the source because the surface area of a sphere increases with the square of the radius. Thus the field intensity is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the source.

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ComputeMass.cpp - Visual Studio Code [Admin]
C:\Users> PC> Downloads> C:\Users\> ComputeMass.cpp> b2PolygonShape::ComputeMass(b2MassData* float32) const
1 void b2PolygonShape::ComputeMass(b2MassData* massData, float32 density) const
2 {
3     // Polygon mass, centroid, and inertia.
4     // Let rho be the polygon density in mass per unit area.
5     // Then:
6     // mass = rho * int(dA)
7     // centroid.x = (1/mass) * rho * int(x * dA)
8     // centroid.y = (1/mass) * rho * int(y * dA)
9     // I = rho * int((x*x + y*y) * dA)
10    //
11    // We can compute these integrals by summing all the integrals
12    // for each triangle of the polygon. To evaluate the integral
13    // for a single triangle, we make a change of variables to
14    // the (u,v) coordinates of the triangle:
15    // x = x0 + e1x * u + e2x * v
16    // y = y0 + e1y * u + e2y * v
17    // where 0 <= u && 0 <= v && u + v <= 1.
18    //
19    // We integrate u from [0,1-v] and then v from [0,1].
20    // We also need to use the Jacobian of the transformation:
21    // D = cross(e1, e2)
22    //
23    // Simplification: triangle centroid = (1/3) * (p1 + p2 + p3)
24    //
25    // The rest of the derivation is handled by computer algebra.
26
27    b2Assert(m_count >= 3);
28
29    b2Vec2 center; center.Set(0.0f, 0.0f);
30    float32 area = 0.0f;
31    float32 I = 0.0f;
32
33    // s is the reference point for forming triangles.
34    // It's location doesn't change the result (except for rounding error).
35    b2Vec2 s(0.0f, 0.0f);
36
37    // This code would put the reference point inside the polygon.
38    for (int32 i = 0; i < m_count; ++i)
39    {
40        s += m_vertices[i];
41    }
42    s *= 1.0f / m_count;
43
44    const float32 k_inv3 = 1.0f / 3.0f;
45
46    for (int32 i = 0; i < m_count; ++i)
47    {
48        // Triangle vertices.
49        b2Vec2 e1 = m_vertices[i] - s;
50        b2Vec2 e2 = m_vertices[i+1] - s;
51
52        float32 D = b2Cross(e1, e2);
53
54        float32 triangleArea = 0.5f * D;
55        area += triangleArea;
56
57        // Area weighted centroid
58        center += triangleArea * k_inv3 * (e1 + e2);
59
60        float32 ex1 = e1.x, ey1 = e1.y;
61        float32 ex2 = e2.x, ey2 = e2.y;
62
63        float32 intx2 = ex1*ex1 + ex2*ex1 + ex2*ex2;
64        float32 inty2 = ey1*ey1 + ey2*ey1 + ey2*ey2;
65
66        I += (0.25f * k_inv3 * D) * (intx2 + inty2);
67    }
68
69    // Total mass
70    massData->mass = density * area;
71
72    // Center of mass
73    b2Assert(area > b2_epsilon);
74    center *= 1.0f / area;
75    massData->center = center + s;
76
77    // Inertia tensor relative to the local origin (point s).
78    massData->I = density * I;
79
80    // Shift to center of mass then to original body origin.
81    massData->I += massData->mass * (b2Dot(massData->center, massData->center) - b2
82 }
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$$A = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i) \quad \text{where } x_n = x_0 \text{ and } y_n = y_0,$$

Centroid

Using the same convention for vertex coordinates as in the previous section, the coordinates of the centroid of a solid simple polygon are

$$C_x = \frac{1}{6A} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_i + x_{i+1})(x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i),$$
$$C_y = \frac{1}{6A} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (y_i + y_{i+1})(x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i).$$

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