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Subject: Engineering Mechanics

Topic: Moment of Inertia Calculation

Problem: Calculate the moment of inertia for the I section with respect to the centroidal vertical axis.

Given Information and Introduction:

- There is an I-shaped cross section with dimensions provided:
  - Flange width: 200 mm
  - Flange thickness: 50 mm
  - Web height: 300 mm
  - Web thickness: 50 mm
- The moment of inertia (**I<sub>y</sub>**) with respect to the vertical centroidal axis needs to be computed.

Solution Steps:

Step 1: Calculate the Moment of Inertia of Each Rectangle

To find the moment of inertia (**I<sub>y</sub>**) of the entire I-section with respect to the centroidal vertical axis, the structure can be divided into three rectangles: one web and two flanges. The standard formula for the moment of inertia about the centroidal axis for a rectangle is:

$$I_y = \frac{1}{12} b h^3$$

- **b** is the width
- **h** is the height

Consider the plates:

1. Top Flange
2. Bottom Flange
3. Web

Step 2: Moment of Inertia of the Web

- Width (**b**) = 50 mm
- Height (**h**) = 300 mm

The moment of inertia for the web:

$$I_{\text{web}} = \frac{1}{12} \times 50 \times 300^3$$

$$I_{\text{web}} = \frac{1}{12} \times 50 \times 27000000$$

$$I_{\text{web}} = 112500000 \text{ mm}^4$$

**Explanation:** The moment of inertia of the web is calculated using the standard formula for a rectangle. The width and the height of the web are taken as given.

Step 3: Moment of Inertia of Each Flange

- Width (**b**) = 200 mm
- Height (**h**) = 50 mm

The moment of inertia for each flange:

$$I_{\text{flange}} = \frac{1}{12} \times 200 \times 50^3$$

$$I_{\text{flange}} = \frac{1}{12} \times 200 \times 125000$$

$$I_{\text{flange}} = 2083333.33 \text{ mm}^4$$

**Explanation:** Each flange has its moment of inertia calculated using the standard rectangle formula. The width and height are taken for each flange.

Step 4: Combined Moment of Inertia

Since the flanges are symmetrical about the centroid, sum the moments of inertia of the web and the flanges:

$$I_y = I_{\text{web}} + 2 \times I_{\text{flange}}$$

$$I_y = 112500000 + 2 \times 2083333.33$$

$$I_y = 112500000 + 4166666.66$$

$$I_y = 116666666.66 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$I_y \approx 117 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

**Explanation:** The combined moment of inertia of the I-section is found by summing the moment of inertia of the web and twice the moment of inertia of one flange. This accounts for both the top and bottom flanges.

**Final Solution:**

The moment of inertia ( **$I_y$** ) of the I-section with respect to the centroidal vertical axis is approximately:

$$\boxed{117 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4}$$

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