

# Centroid of Regular Geometrical Figures

## 1) Rectangle :-

Consider a rectangle of breadth 'b' and depth 'd' on x-y plane as shown in fig.

Let us consider an elemental area "da" of width 'b' and depth 'dy' at a distance 'y' from the x-axis.

$$\text{Elemental area} = da = b \times dy$$

$$\text{W.K.T } \bar{y} = \frac{\int y \cdot da}{A}$$

$$A\bar{y} = \int y \cdot da$$

$$= \int_0^d y \cdot b \, dy$$

$$= b \int_0^d y \, dy$$

$$= b \left[ \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^d$$

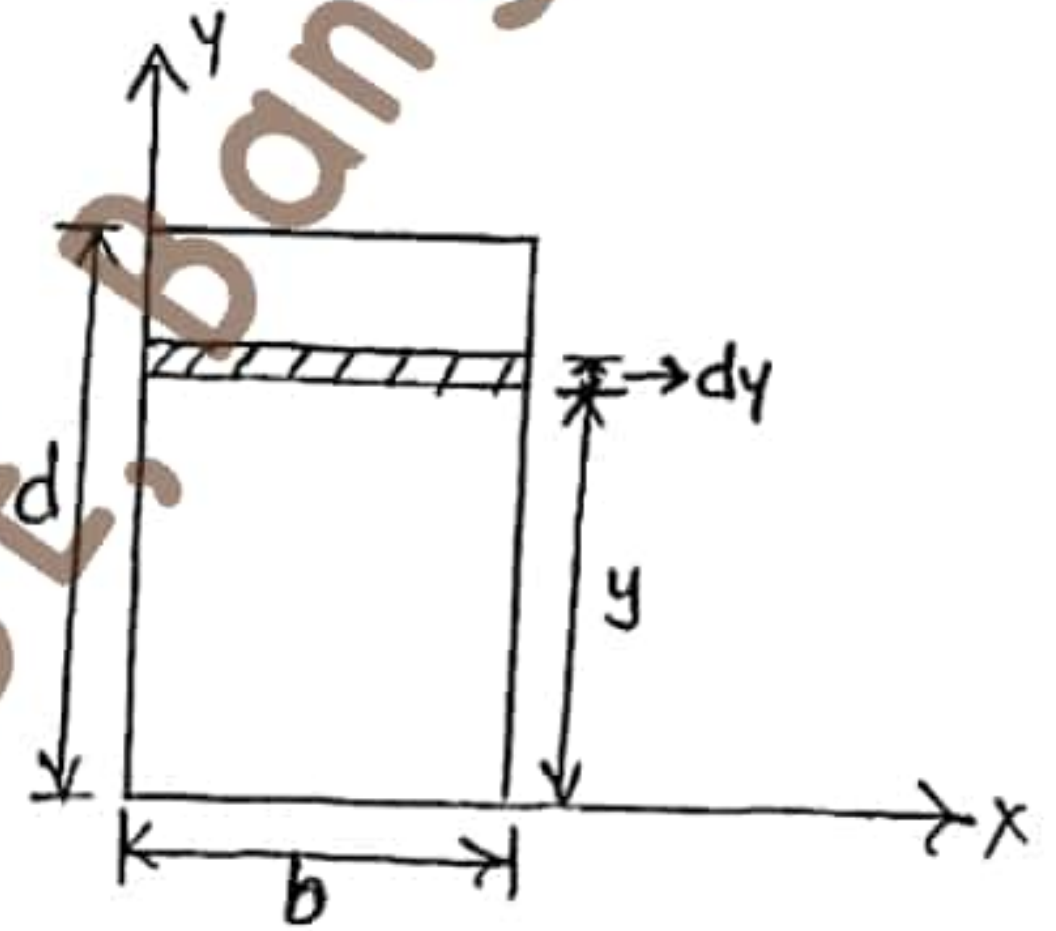
$$A\bar{y} = b \frac{d^2}{2}$$

$$b \times d \bar{y} = \frac{b d^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\bar{y} = \frac{d}{2}}$$

Similarly

$$\boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{d}{2}}$$



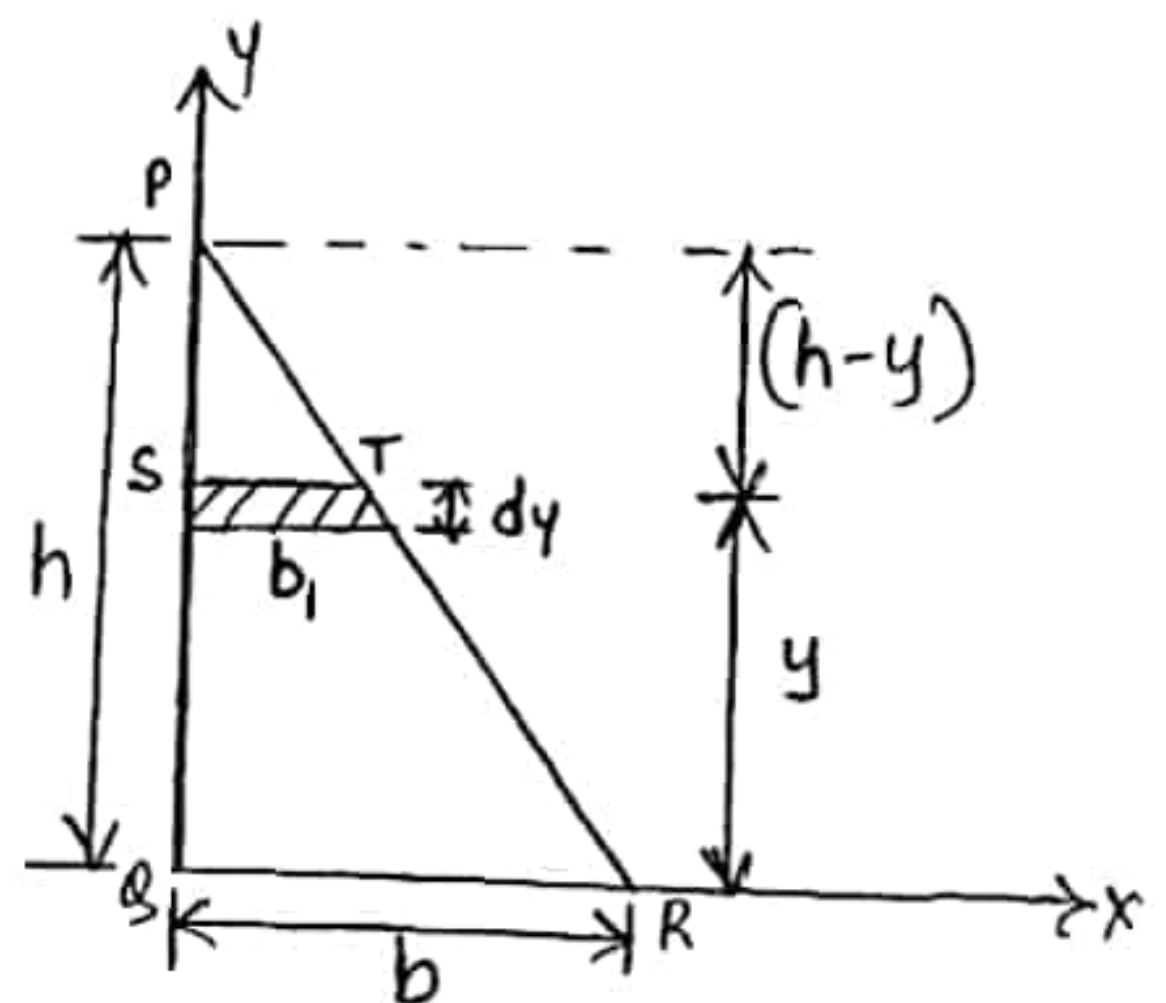
Area of Rectangle  
 $A = b \times d$   
 $da = b \times dy$

## 2) Triangle

### i) Right angle triangle

Consider a right angle  $\Delta$  of base 'b' and height 'h' on xy plane as shown in fig.

Let us consider an elemental area of width 'b<sub>1</sub>' and depth 'dy' at a distance 'y' from the base (y-axis).





From similar  $\Delta^{les}$  PQR & PST

$$\frac{b_1}{h-y} = \frac{b}{h}$$

$$\therefore b_1 = \frac{b(h-y)}{h}$$

Elemental area,  $da = b_1 \times dy$

$$\therefore da = \frac{b(h-y)}{h} dy$$

W.K.T,

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\int y da}{A}$$

$$A\bar{y} = \int_0^h y \frac{b(h-y)}{h} dy$$

$$A\bar{y} = \frac{b}{h} \left[ \int_0^h yh - \int_0^h y^2 dy \right]$$

$$= \frac{b}{h} \left[ \frac{hy^2}{2} \right]_0^h - \left[ \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^h$$

$$= \frac{b}{h} \left[ \frac{h^3}{2} - \frac{h^3}{3} \right]$$

$$A\bar{y} = \frac{bh^3}{6}$$

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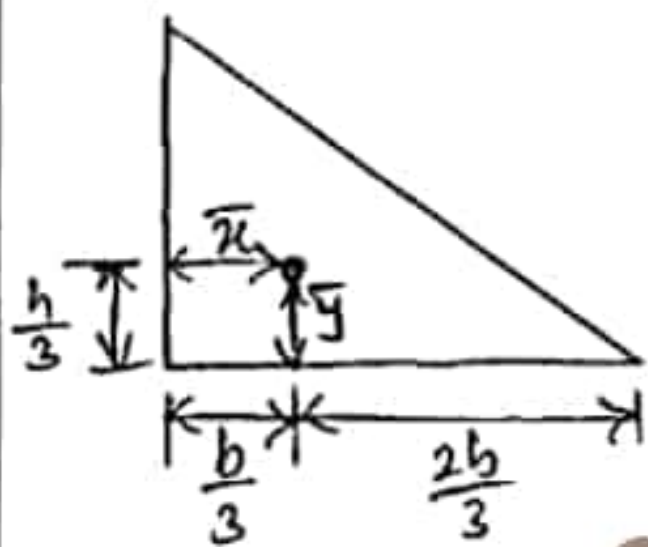
$$\frac{1}{2} \times b \times h \times \bar{y} = \frac{bh^2}{6}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{2h}{6} = \frac{h}{3}$$

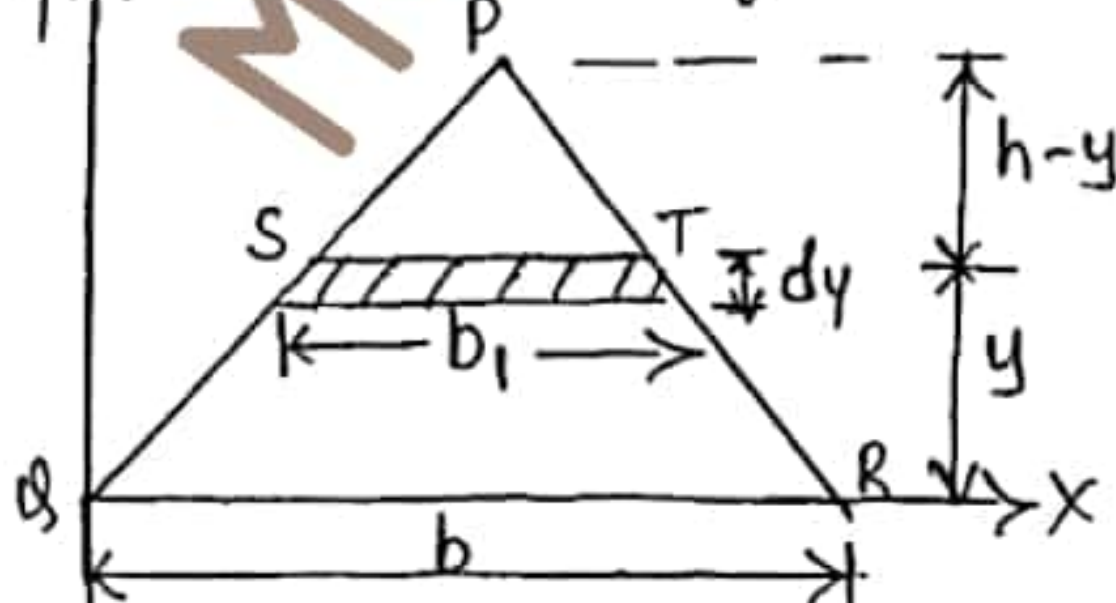
$$\therefore \boxed{\bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}}$$

Similarly

$$\boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{b}{3}}$$



ii) Isosceles Triangle & Equilateral triangle



Derivation part is same

$$\therefore \boxed{\bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}}$$

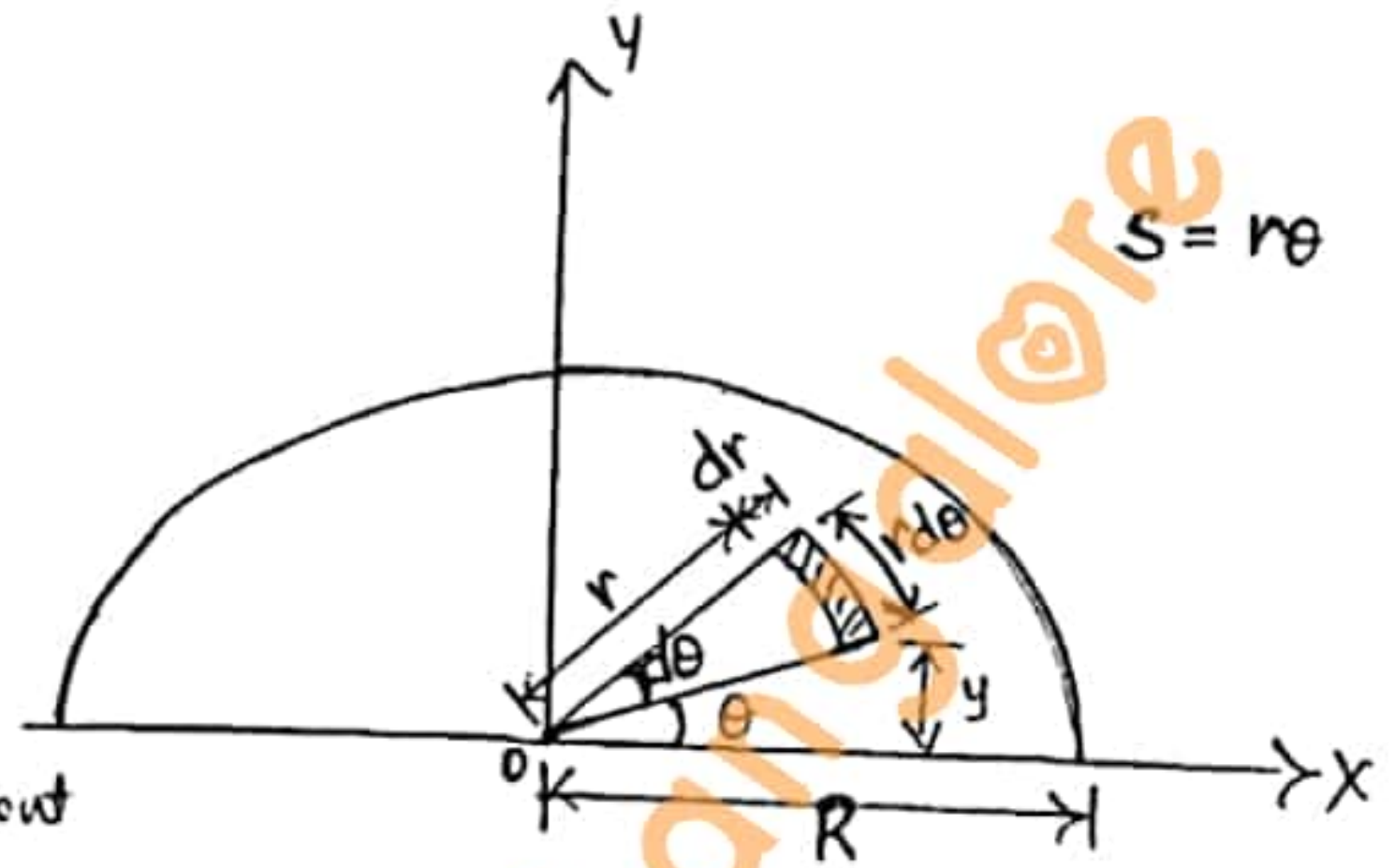
$$\text{but } \boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{b}{2}}$$



### 3) Semi circle

Consider a semicircle of radius 'R' which is symmetrical about y-axis as shown in fig.

Let us consider an elemental area of sides  $r d\theta$  &  $dr$  at a distance 'r' from O.



Semicircle is symmetrical about y-axis  $\therefore \bar{x} = 0$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

Elemental area =  $da = r d\theta \times dr$  | Area of Semicircle,  $A = \frac{\pi R^2}{2}$

W.K.T,

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\int y da}{A}$$

$$A \bar{y} = \int_0^\pi \int_0^R y r d\theta dr$$

$$A \bar{y} = \int_0^\pi \int_0^R r \sin \theta r d\theta dr = \int_0^\pi \int_0^R r^2 \sin \theta d\theta dr$$

$$A \bar{y} = \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^R r^2 dr$$

$$= \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \left[ \frac{r^3}{3} \right]_0^R = \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{R^3}{3} \right] \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{R^3}{3} \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{R^3}{3} [-\cos \theta]_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{R^3}{3} [-\cos \pi + \cos 0]$$

$$= \frac{R^3}{3} [1 + 1] = \frac{2R^3}{3}$$

$$A \bar{y} = \frac{2R^3}{3}$$

$$\frac{\pi R^2}{2} \bar{y} = \frac{2R^3}{3}$$

$$\therefore \bar{y} = \frac{4R}{3\pi}$$

&

$$\bar{x} = 0$$

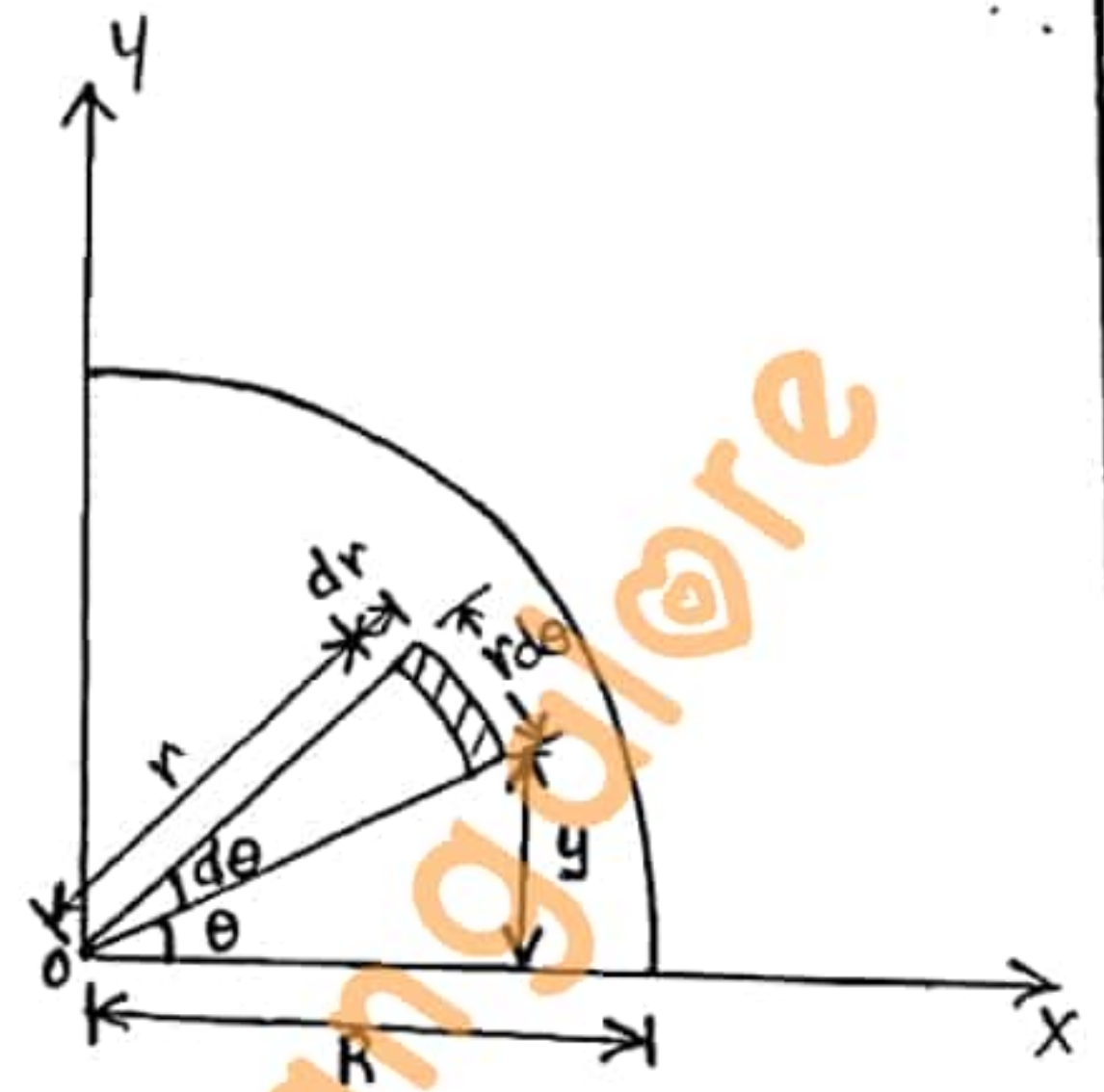
$$A = \frac{\pi R^2}{2}$$



#### 4) Quarter Circle

Consider a quarter circle of a circle of radius 'R' (which is not symmetrical about any axis) on x-y plane as shown in fig.

Let us consider an elemental area of sides  $r d\theta$  &  $dr$  at a distance of 'r' from O.



$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

Elemental area,  $da = r d\theta \times dr$  | Area of quarter circle,  $A = \frac{\pi R^2}{4}$

W.K.T,

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\int y da}{A}$$

$$A \bar{y} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^R r \sin \theta \times r d\theta \times dr$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^R r^2 \sin \theta d\theta \times dr$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^R r^2 dr = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta d\theta \left[ \frac{r^3}{3} \right]_0^R$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta d\theta \left[ \frac{R^3}{3} \right] = \frac{R^3}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{R^3}{3} \left[ \cos \theta \right]_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= \frac{R^3}{3} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos 0 \right] = \frac{R^3}{3} \left[ 0 - (-1) \right]$$

$$A \bar{y} = \frac{R^3}{3} [1]$$

$$\frac{\pi R^2}{4} \times \bar{y} = \frac{R^3}{3}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{4R}{3\pi}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \bar{x} = \frac{4R}{3\pi}$$

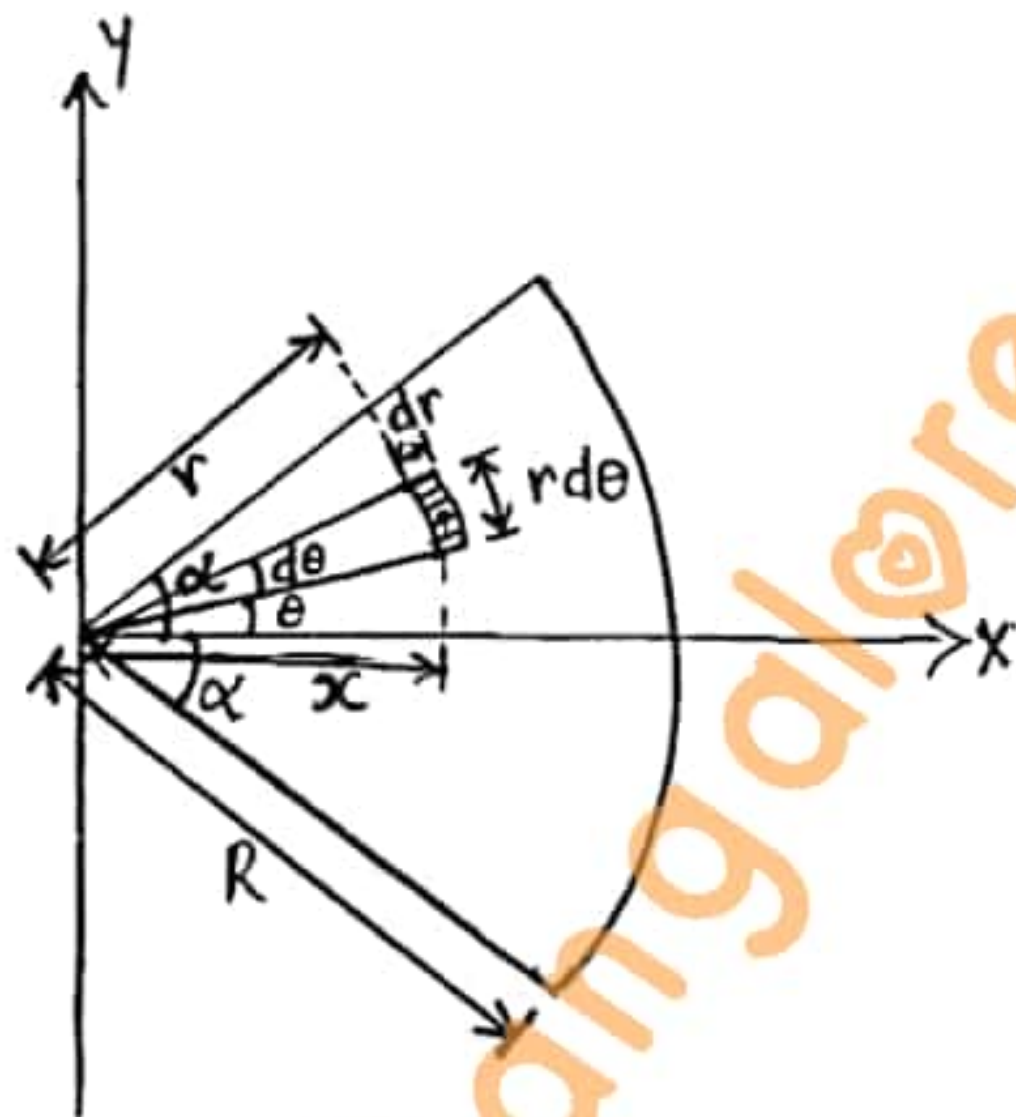
$$A = \frac{\pi R^2}{4}$$



### 5) Sector :

Consider a sector of a circle symmetrical about x-axis, as shown in fig.

Let us consider an elemental area of sides  $r d\theta$  &  $dr$  at a distance of  $r$  from  $O$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\boxed{x = r \cos \theta}$$

As fig is symm, about x-axis

$$\therefore \boxed{\bar{y} = 0}$$

$$\text{Elemental area} = \boxed{da = r d\theta \times dr}$$

$$\text{W.K.T, } \bar{x} = \frac{\int x da}{A}$$

$$A \bar{x} = \int x da$$

$$= \int_{-\alpha}^{\alpha} \int_0^R (r \cos \theta) (r d\theta \times dr)$$

$$A \bar{x} = \int_{-\alpha}^{\alpha} \int_0^R (r^2 dr) (\cos \theta d\theta)$$

$$A \bar{x} = \left[ \frac{r^3}{3} \right]_0^R \left[ \sin \theta \right]_{-\alpha}^{\alpha}$$

$$= \frac{R^3}{3} \times [\sin \alpha - (\sin -\alpha)]$$

$$= \frac{R^3}{3} [\sin \alpha + \sin \alpha]$$

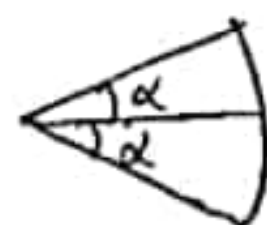
$$\boxed{A \bar{x} = \frac{R^3}{3} 2 \sin \alpha} \rightarrow (i)$$

Area of a sector of an included angle  $\alpha$  is

$$A = \frac{R^2 \theta}{2}$$

$\theta = \text{Total angle}$

$$\therefore \boxed{\theta = 2\alpha}$$



$$A = \frac{R^2 2\alpha}{2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{A = R^2 \alpha}$$

$$\therefore R^2 \alpha \times \bar{x} = \frac{R^3}{3} 2 \sin \alpha$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{2R \sin \alpha}{3\alpha}}$$

$$\& \boxed{\bar{y} = 0}$$

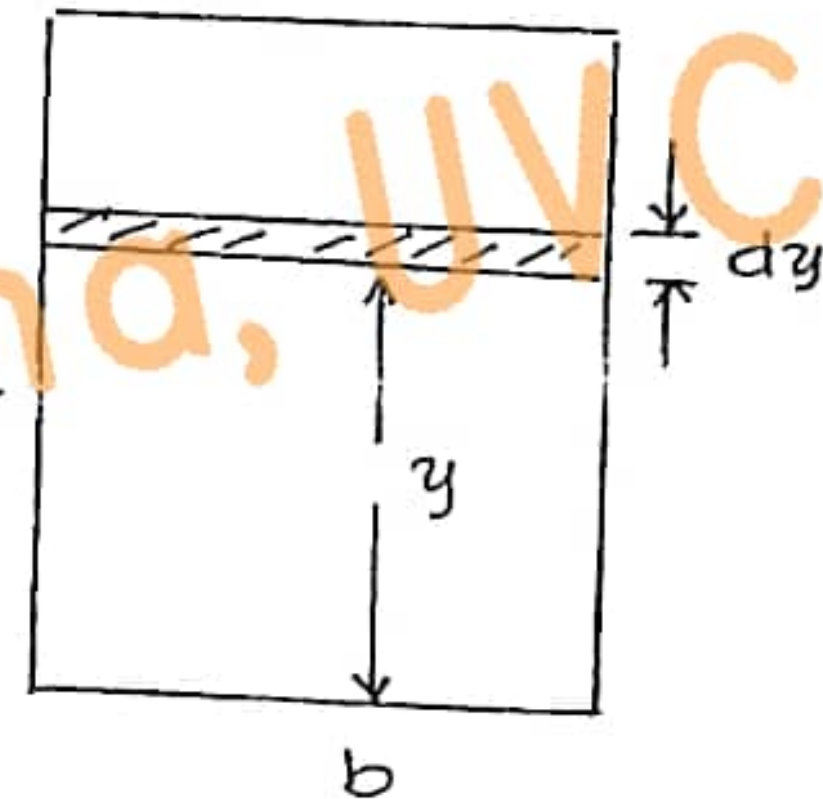


## Moment of Inertia of various geometrical sections

### 1. Moment of Inertia of a Rectangular section.

consider a Rectangular lamina of base 'b' and of depth 'd' as shown in fig.

consider a strip of thickness 'dy' placed parallel to the base at a distance 'y' from it.



Moment of inertia of the strip about the base of rectangle

$$= \text{area of strip} \times \text{distance}^2$$

$$= (b \cdot dy) \cdot y^2$$

$\therefore$  Moment of inertia of the whole rectangle about the base

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{base}} &= \int_0^d (b \cdot dy) \cdot y^2 = b \int_0^d y^2 \cdot dy = b \left[ \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^d \\ &= \frac{b}{3} [d^3 - 0] = \frac{bd^3}{3} \end{aligned}$$



$$I_{\text{base}} = \frac{bd^3}{3}$$

Moment of inertia of the rectangular section about its centroidal axis can be found using parallel axis theorem which says

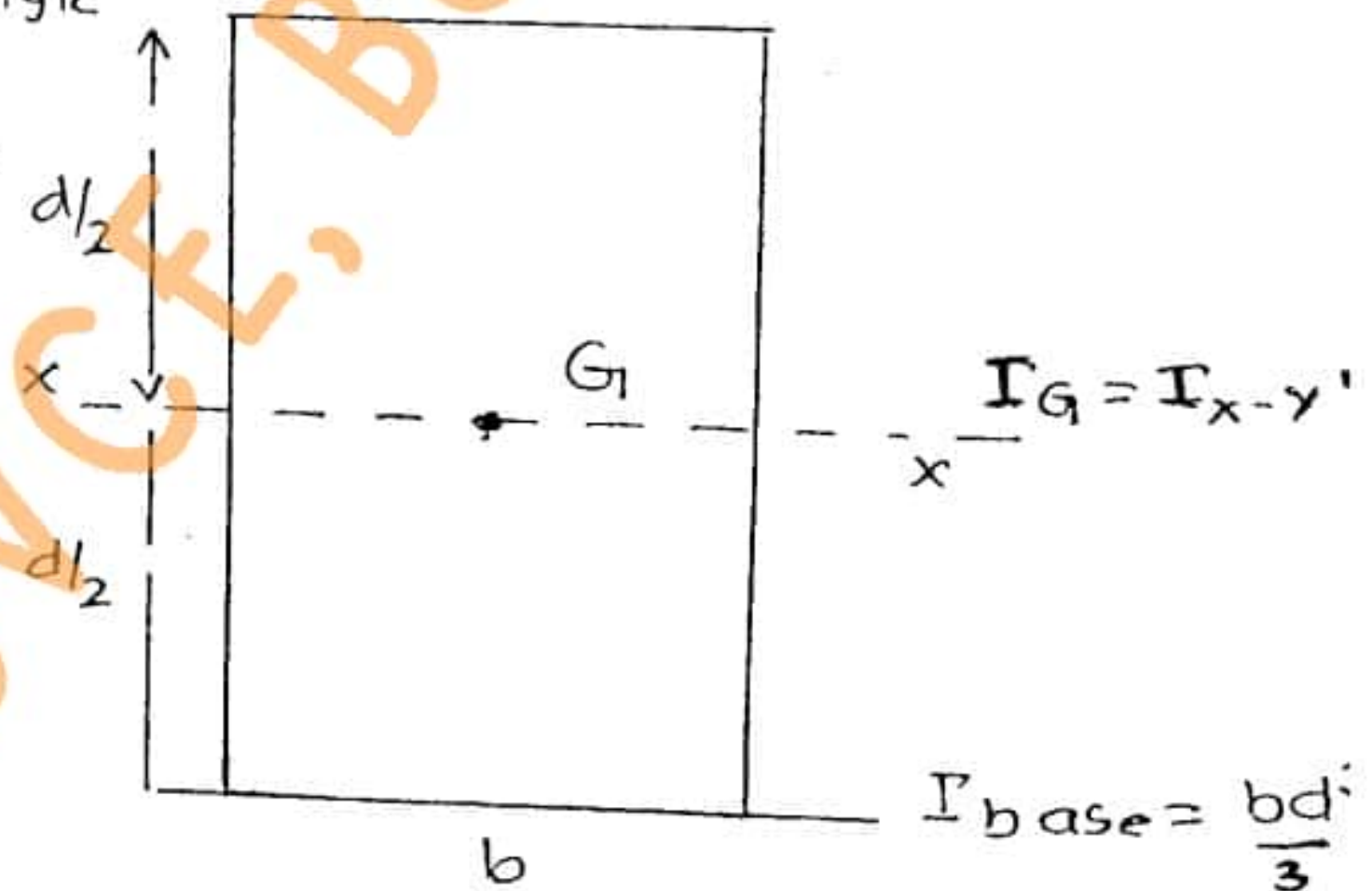
$$I_{\text{any axis}} = I_G + An^2$$

Where any axis = base of rectangle

$$I_G = I_{x-x} \text{ of the rectangle} = ?$$

$$A = \text{area of rectangle} = bd$$

$$h = \text{Distance b/w } x-x \text{ axis and base of rectangle} = d/2$$



$$I_{\text{base}} = I_{x-x} + An^2$$

$$\frac{bd^3}{3} = I_{x-x} + bd\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= I_{x-x} + \frac{bd^3}{4}$$

$$I_{x-x} = \frac{bd^3}{3} - \frac{bd^3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4bd^3 - 3bd^3}{12}$$

$$I_{x-x} = \frac{bd^3}{12}$$

$$I_{y-y} = \frac{db^3}{12}$$

### Radius of Gyration (K)

It is defined as that distance from a given axis upto a point where the entire area is assumed to be concentrated

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}}$$

Radius of gyration about x-x axis

$$K_{x-x} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{x-x}}{A}}$$

Radius of gyration about y-y axis

$$K_{y-y} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{y-y}}{A}}$$



## 2. Moment of Inertia of a triangular lamina.

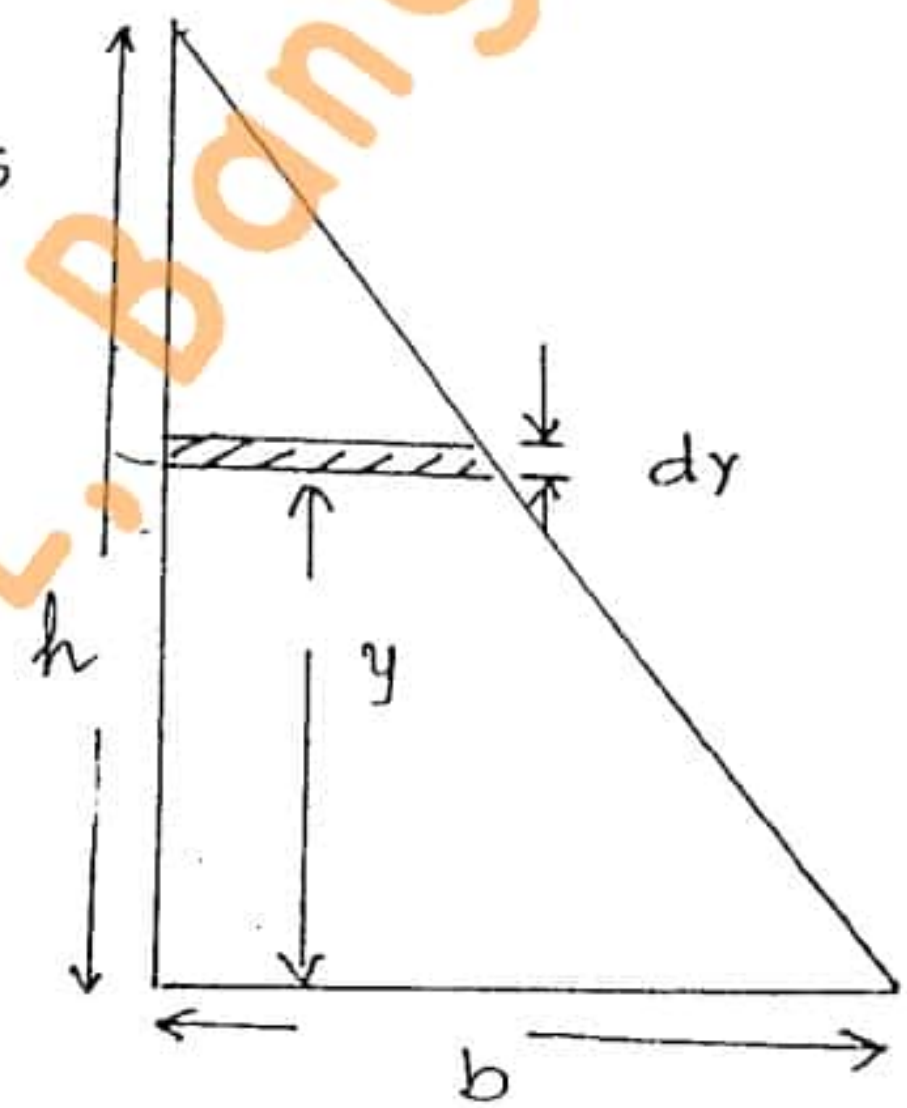
Consider a right angled triangle of base 'b' and of height 'h'. Let us consider a rectangular strip of thickness 'dy' placed parallel to the base at a distance 'y' from it, as shown in fig.

Width of the strip =  $\frac{b}{h}(h-y)$  from similar property of triangles

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of strip} &= \text{Width} \times \text{thickness} \\ &= \frac{b}{h}(h-y) \cdot dy\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Moment of Inertia of the strip about the base of triangle

$$\begin{aligned}&= \text{Area of strip} \times \text{Distance}^2 \\ &= \frac{b}{h}(h-y) \cdot dy \cdot y^2\end{aligned}$$



Moment of Inertia of the whole triangle about the base can be found by integrating the above eqn b/n the limits 0 to h.

$$\begin{aligned}I_{\text{base}} &= \int_0^h \frac{b}{h}(h-y) \cdot dy \cdot y^2 = \frac{b}{h} \int_0^h (hy^2 - y^3) dy \\ &= \frac{b}{h} \left[ \frac{h \cdot y^3}{3} - \frac{y^4}{4} \right]_0^h \\ &= \frac{b}{h} \left[ \frac{h \cdot h^3}{3} - \frac{h^4}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{b}{h} \left[ \frac{h^4}{3} - \frac{h^4}{4} \right] = \frac{b}{h} \left[ \frac{4h^4 - 3h^4}{12} \right] \\ &= \frac{b}{h} \times \frac{h^4}{12} = \frac{bh^3}{12}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Moment of Inertia of the triangle about its base =  $I_{\text{base}} = \frac{bh^3}{12}$



Moment of Inertia of a triangle about its centroidal axis can be found by making use of parallel axis theorem which says

$$I_{\text{any axis}} = I_G + Ah^2$$

where  $I_G$  = M.O.I. of a triangle about centroidal axis.

$A$  = area of the triangle =  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot h$ .

$h$  = Distance b/w the centroidal axis and reference axis (ie base) =  $\frac{h}{3}$

$$\therefore I_{\text{any axis}} = I_G + Ah^2$$

$$I_{\text{base}} = I_{x-x} + Ah^2$$

$$\frac{bh^3}{12} = I_{x-x} + \frac{bh}{2} \left(\frac{h}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= I_{x-x} + \frac{bh^3}{18}$$

$$\therefore I_{x-x} = \frac{bh^3}{12} - \frac{bh^3}{18} = \frac{3bh^3 - 2bh^3}{36}$$

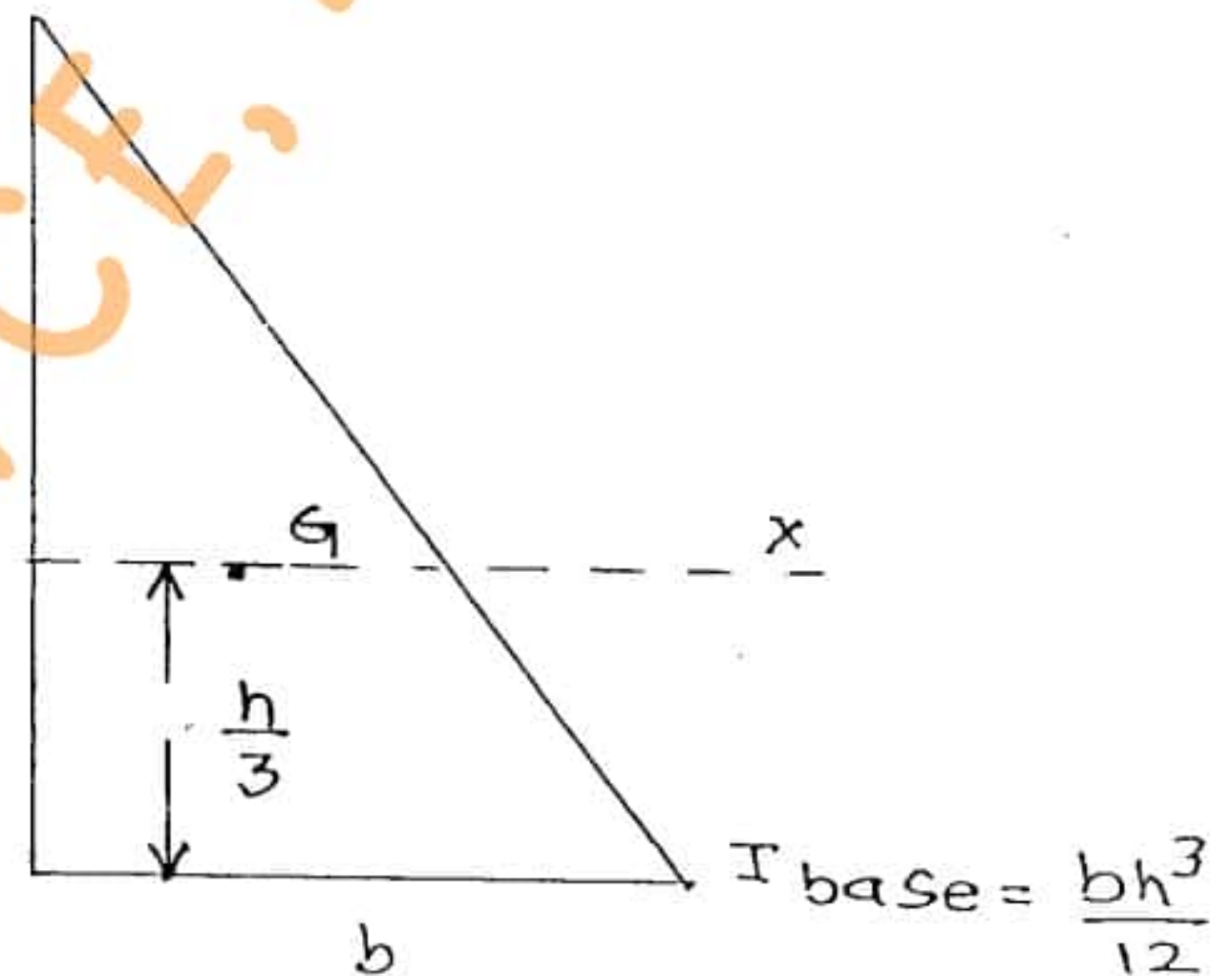
$$I_{x-x} = \frac{bh^3}{36}$$

this is M.O.I. of the triangle about its centroidal axis.

Note:

$$1. \text{ M.O.I of a triangle about its base} = \frac{bh^3}{12}$$

$$2. \text{ M.O.I of a triangle about its centroidal axis} = \frac{bh^3}{36}$$

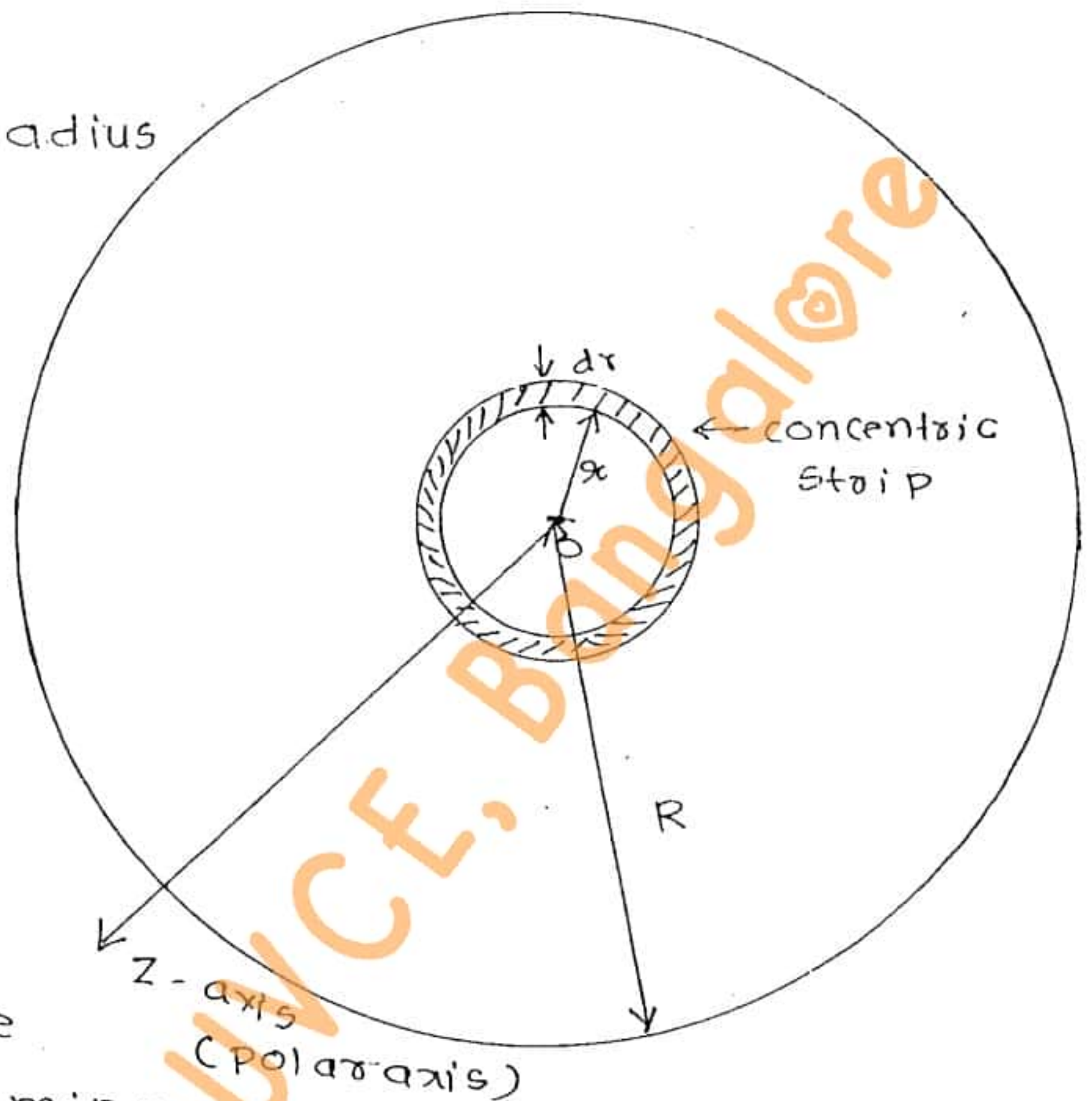




### 3. Moment of Inertia of a circular sections:-

#### 3.1. M.O.I of a circle

Consider a circular lamina of radius 'R'. Let us consider a circular concentric ring of thickness 'dr' at a distance 'r' from the centre of the circular lamina.



Consider Z axis (ie polar axis) through the centre of the circle (ie O)  $\perp$  to the plane of area of circular lamina.

Then area of the elemental ring =  $2\pi r \cdot dr$

M.O.I of the ring about Z-axis (ie polar axis) is

$$= \text{area of the ring} \times \text{Distance}^2$$

$$= 2\pi r \cdot dr \cdot r^2$$

$$= 2\pi r^3 dr$$

$\therefore$  M.O.I of the whole circular lamina about Z-axis can be found by integrating the above eqn. b/n the limits 0 to R.

$$I_{\text{polar axis}} = I_z = \int_0^R 2\pi r^3 dr = 2\pi \int_0^R r^3 dr$$

$$= 2\pi \left[ \frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^R$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{4} [R^4 - 0]$$

$$I_{\text{polar axis}} = \frac{\pi R^4}{2} = I_{\text{Z-axis}}$$



But from  $I^x$  axis theorem we know that

$$I_{\text{Polar axis}} = I_{z-z} = I_{x-x} + I_{y-y}$$

If a lamina is symmetrical about both axis and all 4 areas are equal, then  $I_{x-x} = I_{y-y}$ . Since circular section is symmetrical about both the axis and also all 4 areas are equal, then its  $I_{x-x}$  and  $I_{yy}$  values are equal

$$I_p = I_z = I_{x-x} + I_{yy}$$

$$= 2 I_{x-x} \quad \therefore I_{x-x} = I_{y-y}$$

$$\frac{\pi R^4}{2} = 2 I_{x-x}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{I_{x-x} = \frac{\pi R^4}{4} = I_{y-y}}$$

### 3.2. Moment of inertia of semi-circular lamina:

M.O.I. of a semi-circular lamina can be found by making use of parallel axis theorem which says

$$I_{\text{any axis}} = I_G + Ah^2$$

Where  $I_G$  = M.O.I. of a semicircle about its centroidal axis (say  $x-x$  axis)

$$A = \text{area of semicircle} = \frac{\pi R^2}{2}$$

$h$  = Distance b/w the centroidal axis ( $x-x$ ) and reference axis (say base of semi-circle)

$$= \frac{4R}{3\pi}$$

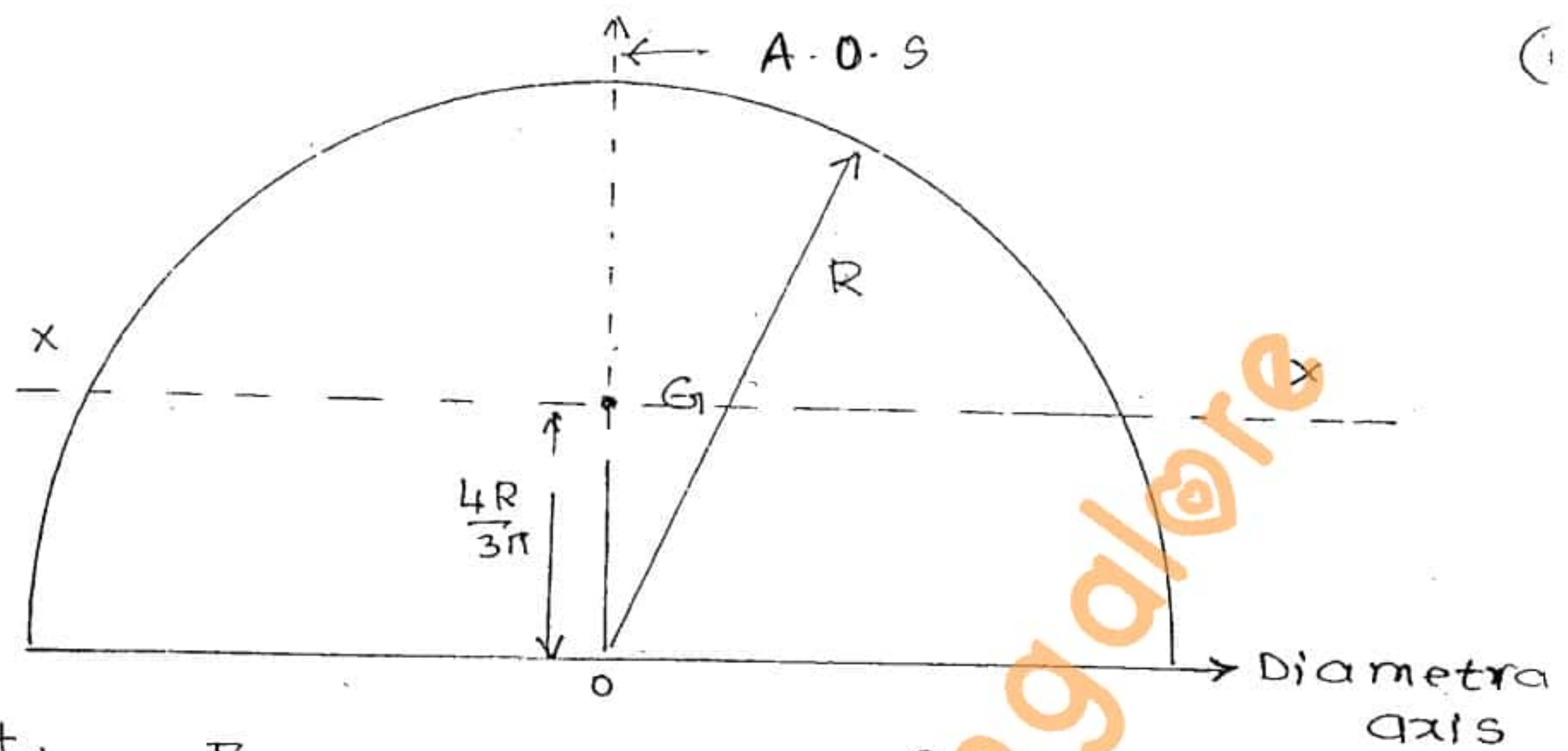
M.O.I. of circle about its centroidal  $x-x$  axis

$$= \frac{\pi R^4}{4}$$

then M.O.I. of Semi-circle about the diametric

$$\text{axis (ie. base of semi-circle)} = \frac{\pi R^4}{8}$$





Wkt,

$$I_{\text{any axis}} = I_G + Ah^2$$

Let any axis be the diametral axis  
where the M.O.I of semicircle is  $\frac{\pi R^4}{8}$

$$I_{\text{Diametral axis}} = I_{x-x} + Ah^2$$

$$\frac{\pi R^4}{8} = I_{x-x} + \frac{\pi R^2}{2} \left( \frac{4R}{3\pi} \right)^2$$

$$= I_{x-x} + \frac{16\pi R^4}{18\pi^2}$$

$$= I_{x-x} + \frac{16R^4}{18\pi}$$

$$I_{x-x} = \frac{\pi R^4}{8} - \frac{16R^4}{18\pi}$$

$$= R^4 \left[ \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{16}{18\pi} \right]$$

$$= R^4 (0.1097)$$

$$I_{x-x} = 0.11 R^4$$

$$\therefore 0.1097 \approx 0.11$$

$I_{y-y} = \frac{\pi R^4}{8}$  = M.O.I of semicircle about its centroidal y-y axis

NOTE:

The values of  $I_{x-x}$  and  $I_{y-y}$  for a semicircle are not constant. If the diametral axis of a semicircle is horizontal then  $I_{x-x} = 0.11 R^4$  and  $I_{y-y} = \frac{\pi R^4}{8}$ .

If the diametral axis is vertical, then  $I_{x-x} = \frac{\pi R^4}{8}$  and  $I_{y-y} = 0.11 R^4$ .



### 3.3. M.O.I of a quarter of a circle :

Let us consider the quadrant of radius 'R' as shown in fig. The M.O.I of a quadrant about its centroidal axis can be found by using parallel axis theorem

$$I_{any axis} = I_G + Ah^2$$

Where  $I_G$  = M.O.I of a quadrant about its centroidal axis (say x-x)

$$A = \text{Area of quadrant} \\ = \frac{\pi R^2}{4}$$

$$h = \text{Distance b/n the centroidal axis (x-x) and the reference axis (say diametral axis)} \\ = \frac{4R}{3\pi}$$

M.O.I of a circle about its centroidal x-x =  $\frac{\pi R^2}{4}$

$\therefore$  Moment of Inertia of quadrant about the same axis (ie Diametral axis)

$$= \frac{\pi R^4}{16}$$

W.K.T,

$$I_{any axis} = I_G + Ah^2$$

$$I_{\text{Diametral axis}} = I_{x-x} + Ah^2$$

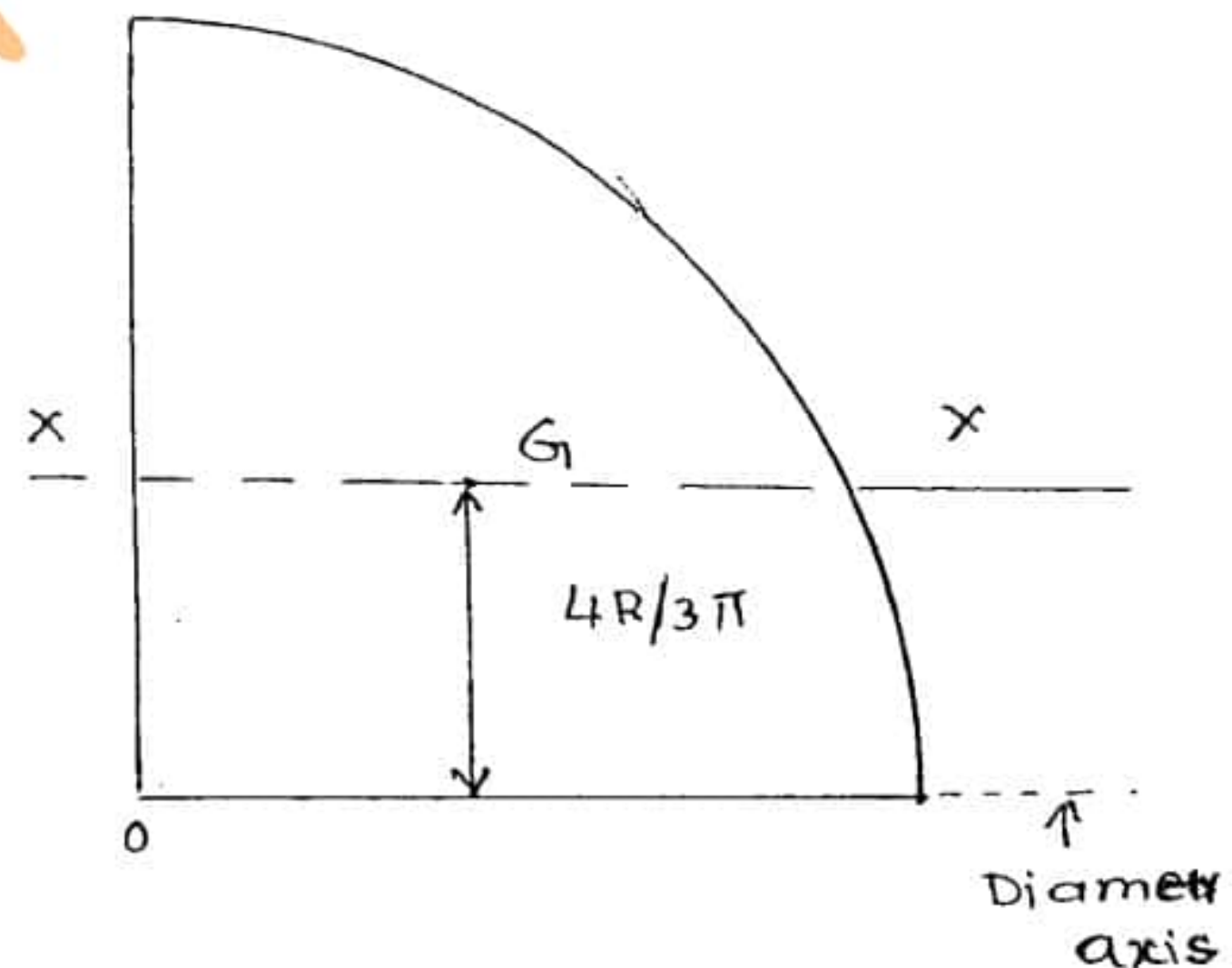
$$\frac{\pi R^4}{16} = I_{x-x} + \frac{\pi R^2}{4} \left( \frac{4R}{3\pi} \right)^2$$

$$= I_{x-x} + \frac{16\pi R^4}{36\pi^2}$$

$$= I_{x-x} + \frac{16R^4}{36\pi}$$

$$\therefore I_{x-x} = \frac{\pi R^4}{16} - \frac{16R^4}{36\pi}$$

$$= R^4 \left[ \frac{\pi}{16} - \frac{16}{36\pi} \right]$$





$$\therefore I_{x-x} = R^4 (0.055)$$

$$I_{x-x} = 0.055 R^4$$

The value of  $I_{y-y}$  in case of a quadrant is  
same as  $I_{x-x}$

$$\therefore I_{x-x} = I_{y-y} = 0.055 R^4$$

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