

Computing Project 3

Properties of Area

1. Introduction

This project describes a MATLAB program that computes various properties of a cross-section. Three different cross-sections are implemented – rectangle, hollow rectangle and an L shape.

2. Program Description

The execution flow of the program is as follows:

- (1) Ask the user to input the type of cross-section. The program allows for 3 types of cross-sections, and each load is represented by a number that the user has to input.

1 = Rectangle, 2 = Hollow Rectangular Tube, 3 = Equal-Angle L shape

- (2) Depending upon the type of cross-section, the program calculates the area, centroid, the moment of inertia tensor, the principal values of the moment of inertia tensor and the polar moment of inertia.
- (3) The basic algorithm is as follows:

1. Store coordinates of vertices in array \mathbf{x}

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_N & y_N \\ x_1 & y_1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

2. Initialize properties $A = 0$, $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0}$

3. Loop over the sides, $i = 1 : N$

a. Compute the unit vectors \mathbf{n}_i and \mathbf{m}_i from \mathbf{x}

b. Compute $\sin \varphi_i = (\mathbf{n}_i \times \mathbf{m}_i) \cdot \mathbf{e}_1$

c. Compute the triangle contributions

$$A_i = \int_{A_i} dA, \mathbf{p}_i = \int_{A_i} \mathbf{r} dA, \text{ and } \mathbf{R}_i = \int_{A_i} \mathbf{r} \otimes \mathbf{r} dA$$

d. Add the contributions to the whole

$$A \leftarrow A + A_i, \mathbf{p} \leftarrow \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{R} \leftarrow \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{R}_i$$

4. Finish the computation of \mathbf{c} and \mathbf{J}

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{p} / A, \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{R} - A[\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{c}]$$

5. Compute principal values of \mathbf{J}

6. Print and plot results

3. File Structure

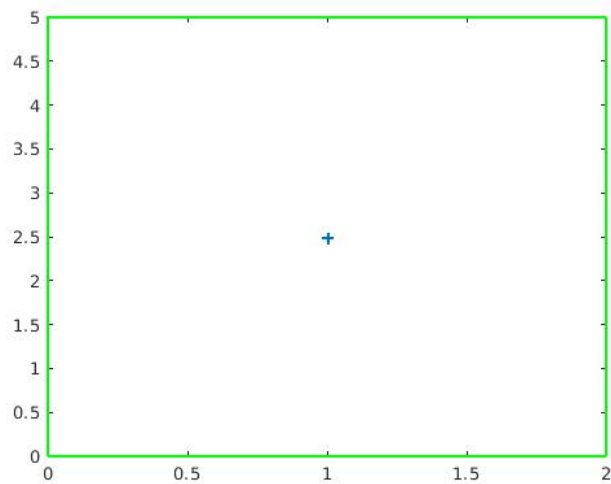
The program consists of 2 files:

- CP3_Input
- AreaProp.m
- Simpson.m

The file “AreaProp.m” is the core script that runs and interacts with the other file that contains a helper routine that generates coordinates for the cross-section.

4. Results

Case 1 : Rectangle of width 2 and height 5



The '+' represents the centroid.

Polygon Type (Rectangle = 1, Hollow Rectangular Tube = 2, Equal-Angle L shape = 3) = 1

Area = 10.000

Centroid = (1.000000, 2.500000)

Moment of Inertia Tensor is:

J =

| | |
|--------|---------|
| 3.3333 | 0.0000 |
| 0.0000 | 20.8333 |

Principal values of moment of inertia are:

J_{max} =

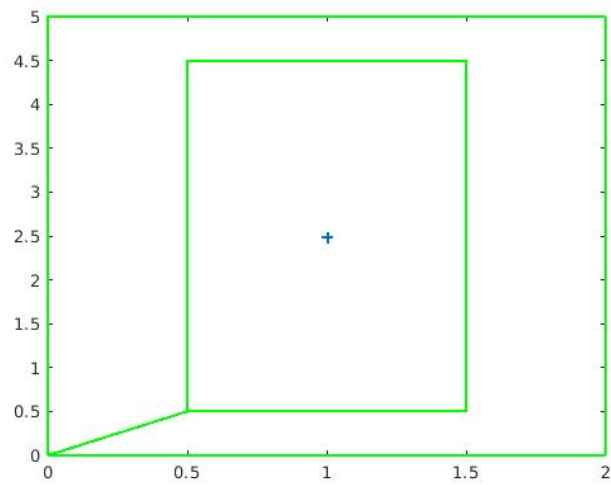
20.8333

J_{min} =

3.3333

Polar Moment of Inertia = 24.167

Case 2 : Hollow Rectangular Tube of width 2 and height 5 and wall thickness 0.5



The '+' represents the centroid.

Polygon Type (Rectangle = 1, Hollow Rectangular Tube = 2, Equal-Angle L shape = 3) = 2

Area = 6.000

Centroid = (1.000000, 2.500000)

Moment of Inertia Tensor is:

J =

| | |
|--------|---------|
| 3.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 0.0000 | 15.5000 |

Principal values of moment of inertia are:

Jmax =

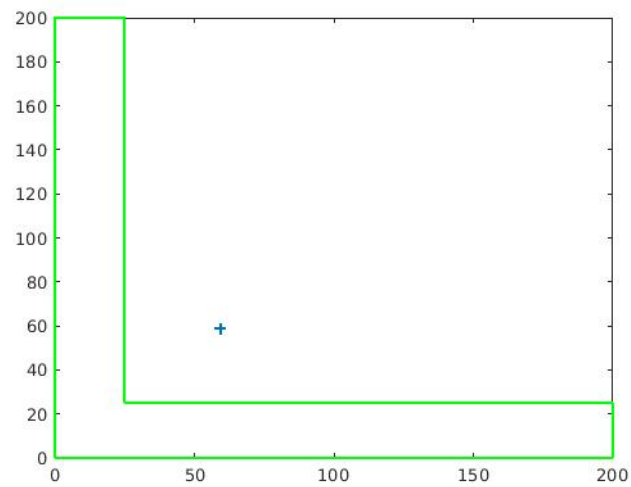
15.5000

Jmin =

3

Polar Moment of Inertia = 18.500

Case 3 : Equal Angle L-shape with side length 200 and width 25



Polygon Type (Rectangle = 1, Hollow Rectangular Tube = 2, Equal-Angle L shape = 3) = 3

Area = 9375.000

Centroid = (59.166667, 59.166667)

Moment of Inertia Tensor is:

J =

1.0e+07 *

| | |
|---------|---------|
| 3.4759 | -2.0417 |
| -2.0417 | 3.4759 |

Principal values of moment of inertia are:

Jmax =

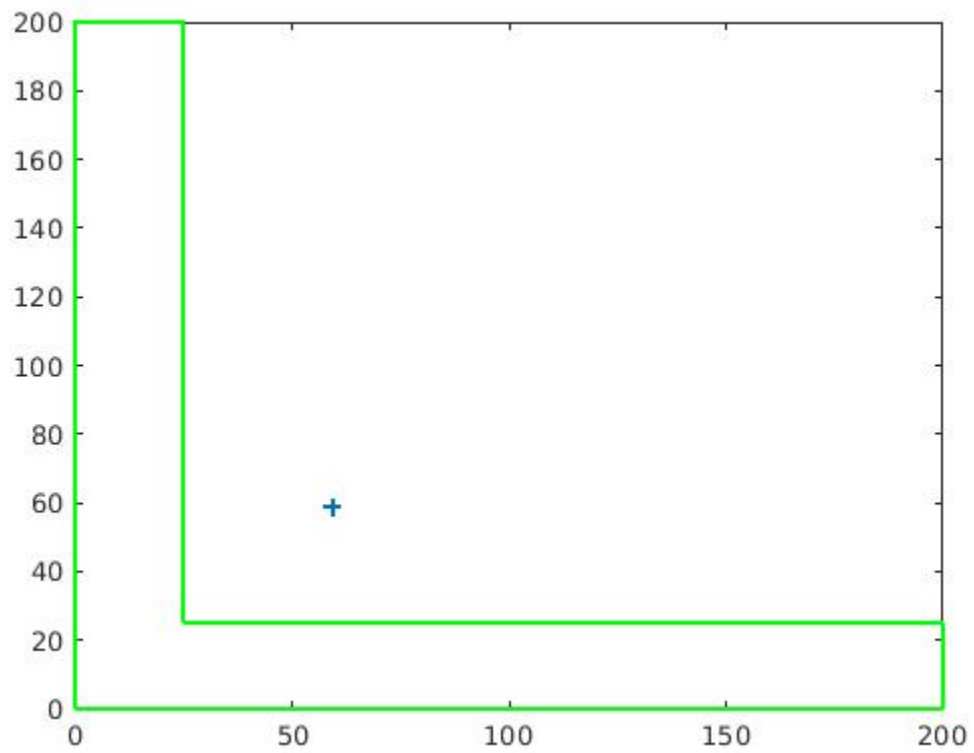
5.5176e+07

Jmin =

1.4342e+07

Polar Moment of Inertia = 69518229.167

5. Results for benchmark case



Area = 9375

Centroid Location = (59.167, 59.167)

$J_{yy} = 3.4759 \times 10^7$

$J_{xx} = 3.4759 \times 10^7$

$J_{yz} = -2.0417 \times 10^7$

$J_{\max} = 5.5176 \times 10^7$

$J_{\min} = 1.4342 \times 10^7$

$J_{\text{polar}} = 6.9518 \times 10^7$