

Moment of Inertia

- Now let's take our expression for the moment of inertia for discrete particles and extend it to continuous extended objects.
- We approximate our extended object as a collection of small, identically sized cubes of volume V of density ρ :

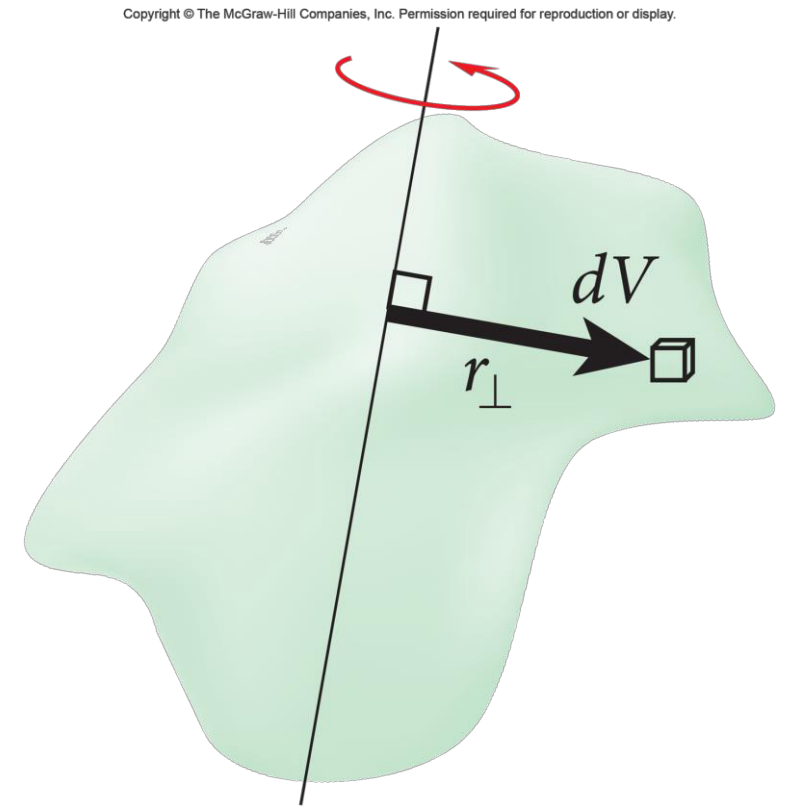
$$m_i = V \rho(\vec{r}_i) \Rightarrow I = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(\vec{r}_i) r_i^2 V$$

- Letting the volume of the cubes go to 0:

$$I = \int_V r_{\perp}^2 \rho(\vec{r}) dV$$

- The total mass of the object is:

$$M = \int_V \rho(\vec{r}) dV$$



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- If we take our results for the moment of inertia and assume that the density is constant, we get:

- The moment of inertia for constant density ρ

$$I = \rho \int_V r_{\perp}^2 dV$$

- The mass for constant density ρ

$$M = \rho \int_V dV = \rho V$$

- Final result

$$I = \frac{M}{V} \int_V r_{\perp}^2 dV$$

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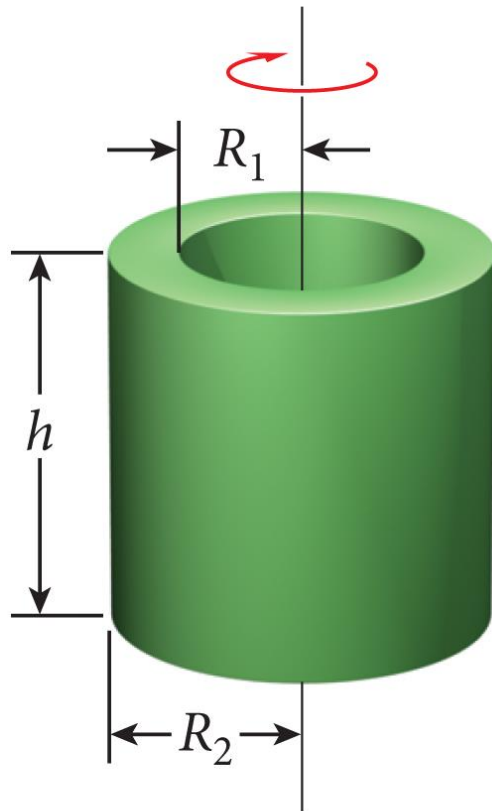
- We can use the formula we just derived to calculate the moment of inertia of an object with respect to rotation about the center of mass:

$$I = \frac{M}{V} \int_V r_{\perp}^2 dV$$

- For convenience, the location of the center of mass is chosen as the origin of the coordinate system.
- We chose our coordinate system wisely to minimize the computational work.

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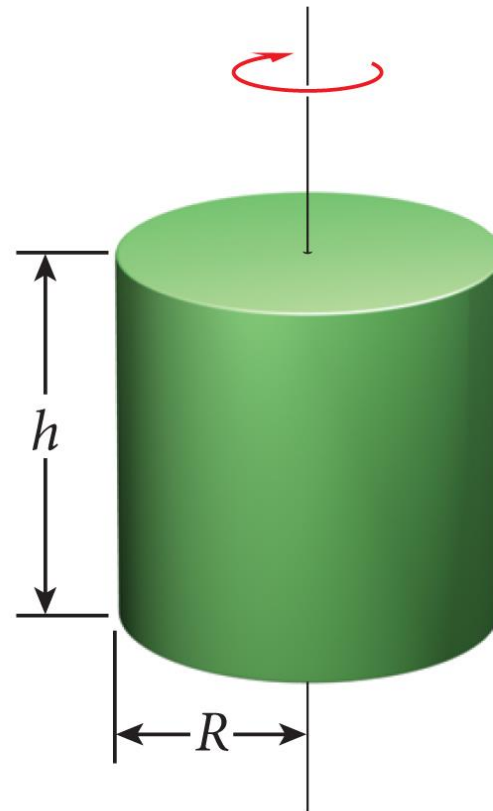
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$$M = \pi(R_2^2 - R_1^2)h\rho$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2}M(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$$

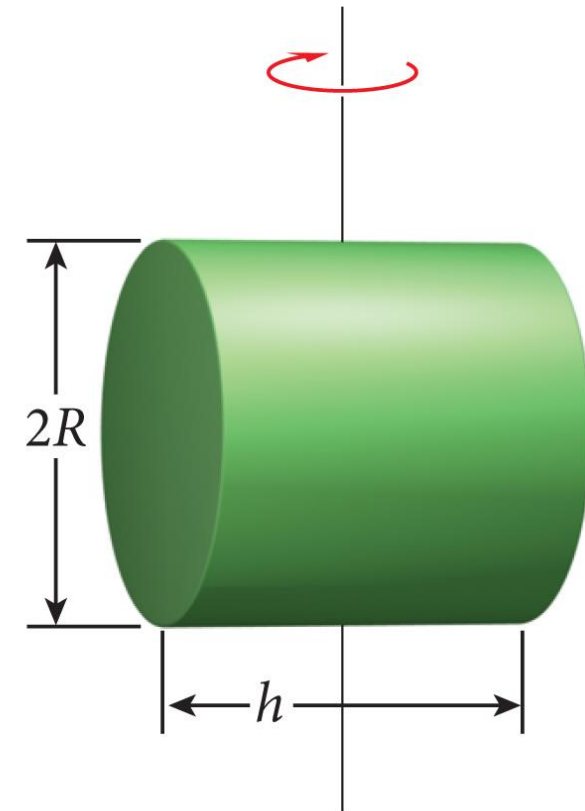
(a)



$$M = \pi R^2 h \rho$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} M R^2$$

(b)



$$M = \pi R^2 h \rho$$

$$I = \frac{1}{4} M R^2 + \frac{1}{12} M h^2$$

(c)

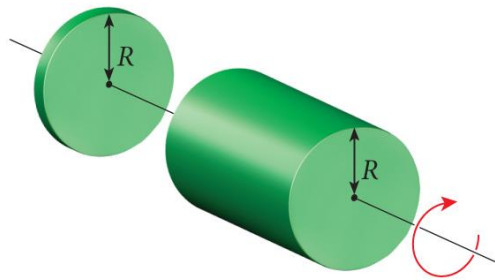
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- If R is the largest perpendicular distance of any part of the rotating object from the axis of rotation, then the moment of inertia is always related to the mass of an object by:

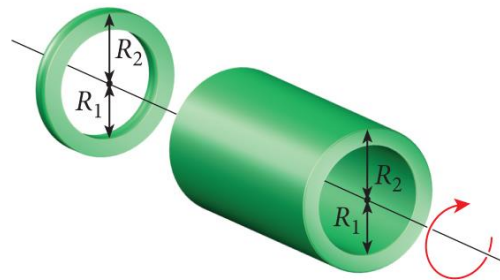
$$I = cMR^2, \text{ with } 0 < c \leq 1$$

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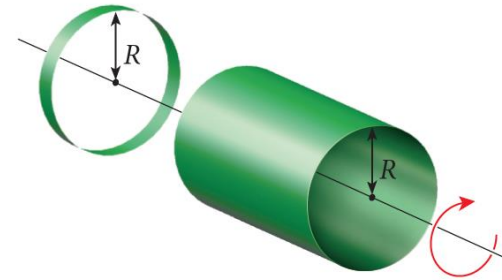
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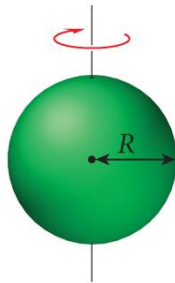
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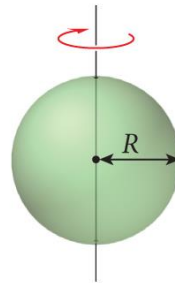
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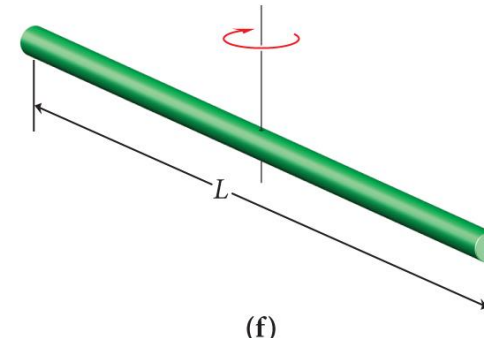
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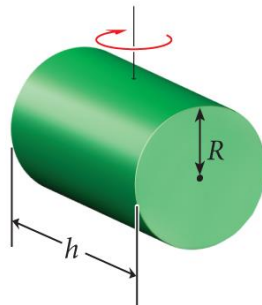
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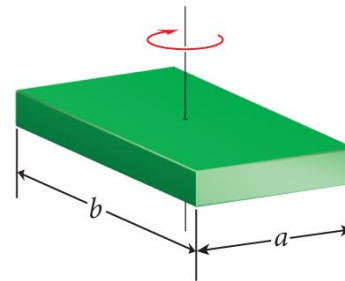
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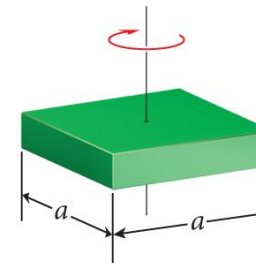
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(h)



(i)

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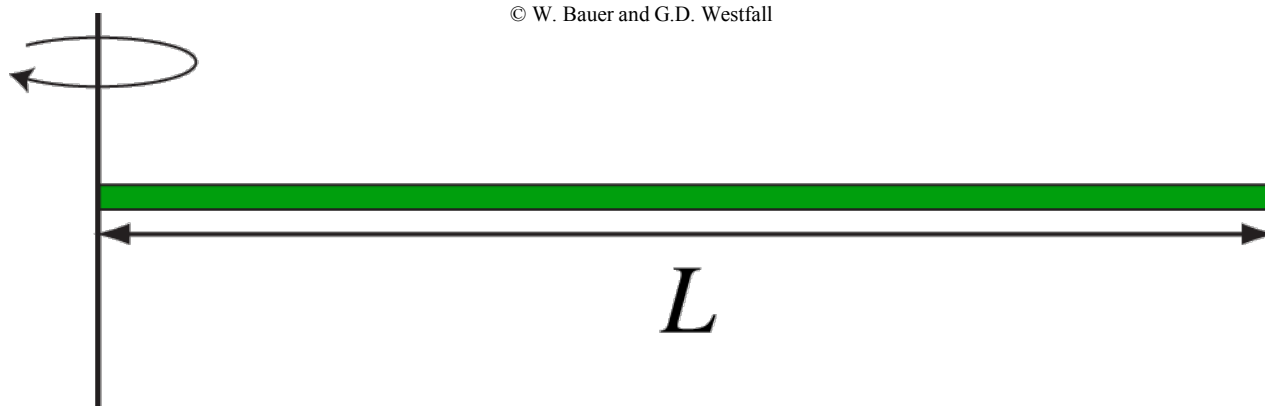
Table 10.1

The Moment of Inertia and Value of Constant c for the Objects Shown in Figure 10.10.
All Objects Have Mass M

Object	I	c
a) Solid cylinder or disk	$\frac{1}{2}MR^2$	$\frac{1}{2}$
b) Thick hollow cylinder or wheel	$\frac{1}{2}M(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$	
c) Hollow cylinder or hoop	MR^2	1
d) Solid sphere	$\frac{2}{5}MR^2$	$\frac{2}{5}$
e) Hollow sphere	$\frac{2}{3}MR^2$	$\frac{2}{3}$
f) Thin rod	$\frac{1}{12}ML^2$	
g) Solid cylinder perpendicular to symmetry axis	$\frac{1}{4}MR^2 + \frac{1}{12}Mh^2$	
h) Flat rectangular plate	$\frac{1}{12}M(a^2 + b^2)$	
i) Flat square plate	$\frac{1}{6}Ma^2$	

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- Consider a uniform rod with length L and mass M as shown below. What is the moment of inertia of this rod if rotated about one end?



- A) $(1/3)ML^2$
- B) $(1/5)ML^2$
- C) $(1/6)ML^2$
- D) $(1/10)ML^2$
- E) $(1/12)ML^2$

$$I = \frac{M}{V} \int_V r_{\perp}^2 dV$$

$$V = AL$$

$$dV = A dx$$

$$r_{\perp} = x$$

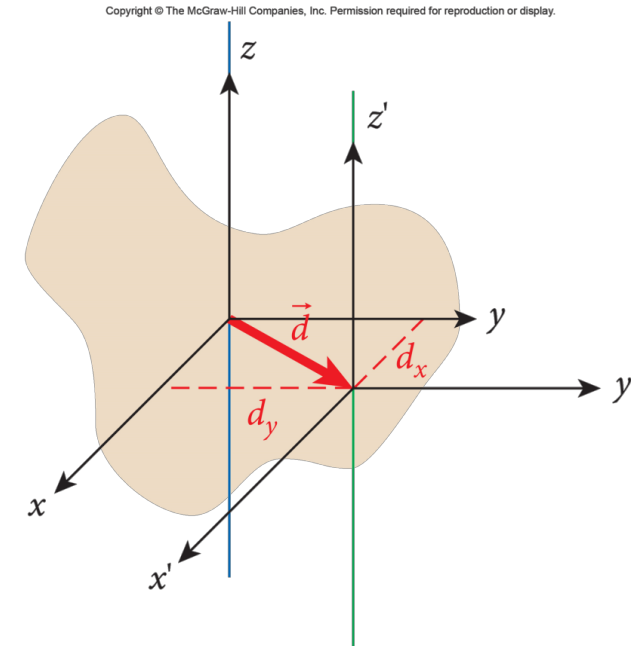
$$I = \frac{M}{AL} \int_L x^2 A dx = \frac{M}{L} \int_0^L x^2 dx = \frac{M}{L} \frac{L^3}{3}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{3} ML^2$$

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Parallel Axis Theorem

- Now that we have solved the problem of the moment of inertia of a body rotating on an axis through the center of mass, let's get the moment of inertia for bodies rotating on an axis that does not go through the center of mass.
- Set up axes of our coordinate system in such a way that it has axes **parallel** to the axes of the system for which we already calculated the moment of inertia of rotation about center of mass!



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- Relationship between old and new coordinates:

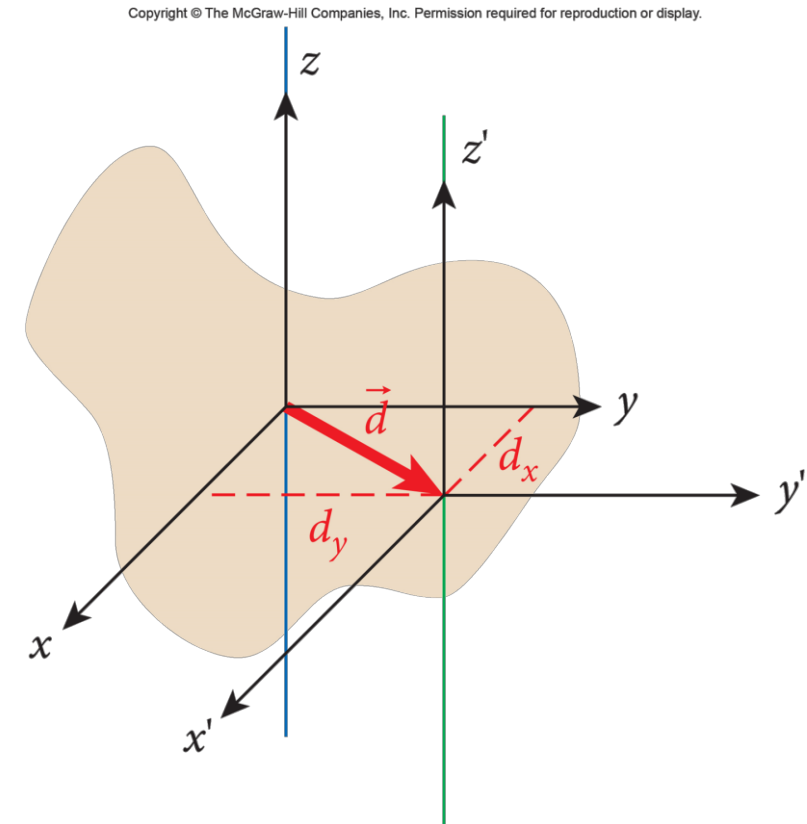
$$x' = x - d_x; \quad y' = y - d_y; \quad z' = z$$

- Perpendicular distance in the new coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} r'^2_{\perp} &= x'^2 + y'^2 = (x - d_x)^2 + (y - d_y)^2 = \\ &= x^2 - 2xd_x + d_x^2 + y^2 - 2yd_y + d_y^2 \\ &= (x^2 + y^2) + (d_x^2 + d_y^2) - 2xd_x - 2yd_y \\ &= r^2_{\perp} + d^2 - 2xd_x - 2yd_y \end{aligned}$$

- Moment of inertia about new axis:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\parallel} &= \int_V (r'_{\perp})^2 \rho dV \\ &= \int_V r^2_{\perp} \rho dV + d^2 \int_V \rho dV - 2d_x \int_V x \rho dV - 2d_y \int_V y \rho dV \end{aligned}$$



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- Need to evaluate integrals individually:

$$I_{\parallel} = \int_V r_{\perp}^2 \rho dV + d^2 \int_V \rho dV - 2d_x \int_V x \rho dV - 2d_y \int_V y \rho dV$$

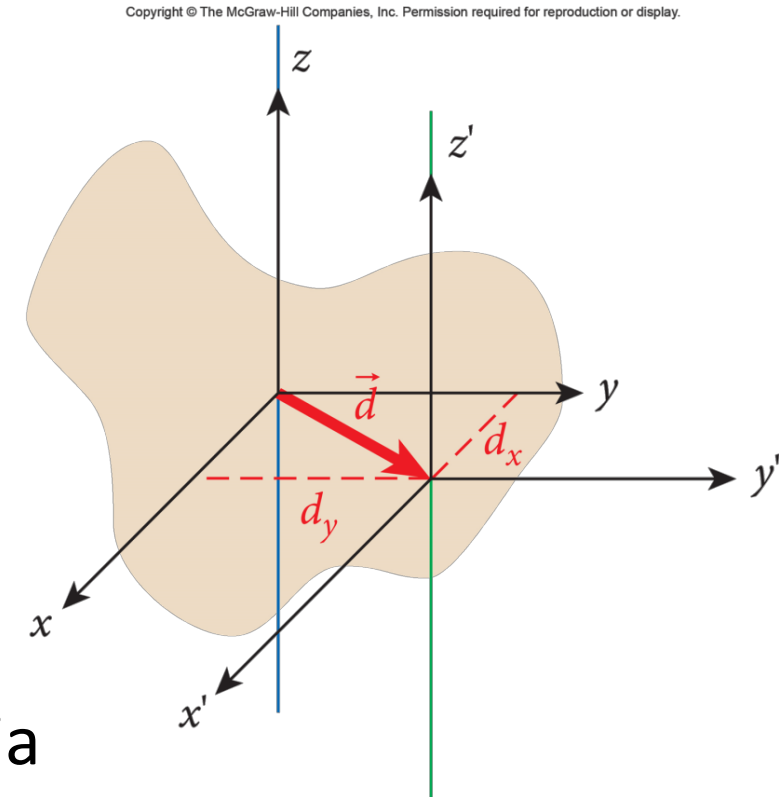
- 1st: I about c.m.
- 2nd: $d^2 M$.
- 3rd & 4th: location of x-and y-coordinate of c.m. by construction these integrals are 0.

- Final result:

$$I_{\parallel} = I_{\text{cm}} + Md^2$$

- General way of writing any moment of inertia

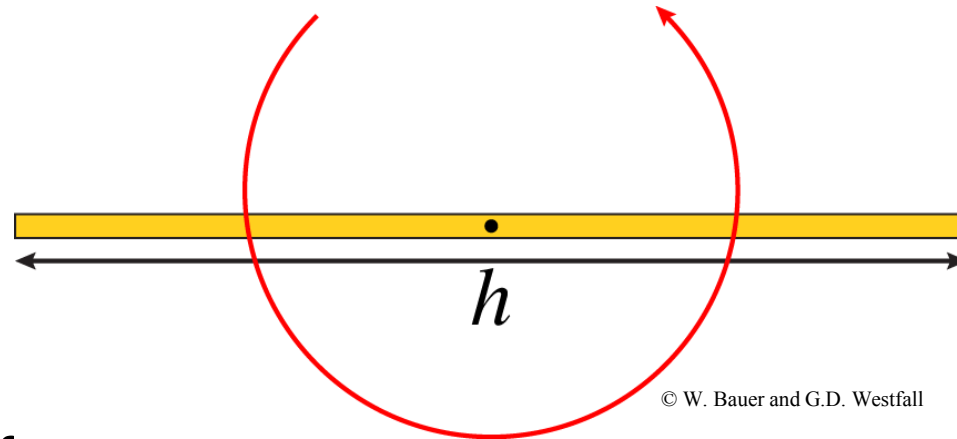
$$I = (cR^2 + d^2)M \quad (0 < c \leq 1, \text{ depending on } I_{\text{cm}})$$



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- The moment of inertia of a rod with mass M and length h rotating about its center of mass is:

$$I_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{12} Mh^2$$

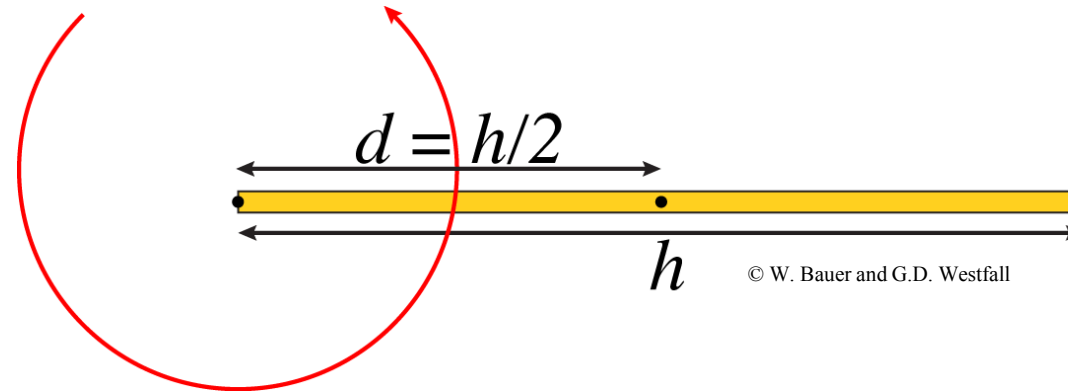


- What is the moment of inertia of a rod rotating about one of its ends.
- We can get the result using the parallel-axis theorem:

$$I_{\parallel} = I_{\text{cm}} + Md^2$$

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- The moment of inertia of a rod with mass M and length h rotating about its end is:



$$I_{\parallel} = I_{\text{cm}} + Md^2 = \frac{1}{12}Mh^2 + M\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2$$

$$I_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{12}Mh^2 + \frac{1}{4}Mh^2 = \frac{1}{12}Mh^2 + \frac{3}{12}Mh^2$$

$$I_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{3}Mh^2$$