

FIGURE 15.42 The greater the polar moment of inertia of the cross-section of a beam about the beam's longitudinal axis, the stiffer the beam. Beams A and B have the same cross-sectional area, but A is stiffer.

Similarly, the moment of inertia about the y -axis is

$$I_y = \int_0^1 \int_0^{2x} x^2 \delta(x, y) dy dx = \frac{39}{5}.$$

Notice that we integrate y^2 times density in calculating I_x and x^2 times density to find I_y . Since we know I_x and I_y , we do not need to evaluate an integral to find I_0 ; we can use the equation $I_0 = I_x + I_y$ from Table 15.2 instead:

$$I_0 = 12 + \frac{39}{5} = \frac{60}{5} + \frac{39}{5} = \frac{99}{5}.$$

The moment of inertia also plays a role in determining how much a horizontal metal beam will bend under a load. The stiffness of the beam is a constant times I , the moment of inertia of a typical cross-section of the beam about the beam's longitudinal axis. The greater the value of I , the stiffer the beam and the less it will bend under a given load. That is why we use I-beams instead of beams whose cross-sections are square. The flanges at the top and bottom of the beam hold most of the beam's mass away from the longitudinal axis to increase the value of I (Figure 15.42).

Exercises 15.6

Plates of Constant Density

- Finding a center of mass** Find the center of mass of a thin plate of density $\delta = 3$ bounded by the lines $x = 0$, $y = x$, and the parabola $y = 2 - x^2$ in the first quadrant.
- Finding moments of inertia** Find the moments of inertia about the coordinate axes of a thin rectangular plate of constant density δ bounded by the lines $x = 3$ and $y = 3$ in the first quadrant.
- Finding a centroid** Find the centroid of the region in the first quadrant bounded by the x -axis, the parabola $y^2 = 2x$, and the line $x + y = 4$.
- Finding a centroid** Find the centroid of the triangular region cut from the first quadrant by the line $x + y = 3$.
- Finding a centroid** Find the centroid of the region cut from the first quadrant by the circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$.
- Finding a centroid** Find the centroid of the region between the x -axis and the arch $y = \sin x$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$.
- Finding moments of inertia** Find the moment of inertia about the x -axis of a thin plate of density $\delta = 1$ bounded by the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$. Then use your result to find I_x and I_0 for the plate.
- Finding a moment of inertia** Find the moment of inertia with respect to the y -axis of a thin sheet of constant density $\delta = 1$ bounded by the curve $y = (\sin^2 x)/x^2$ and the interval $\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$ of the x -axis.
- The centroid of an infinite region** Find the centroid of the infinite region in the second quadrant enclosed by the coordinate axes and the curve $y = e^x$. (Use improper integrals in the mass-moment formulas.)
- The first moment of an infinite plate** Find the first moment about the y -axis of a thin plate of density $\delta(x, y) = 1$ covering

the infinite region under the curve $y = e^{-x^2/2}$ in the first quadrant.

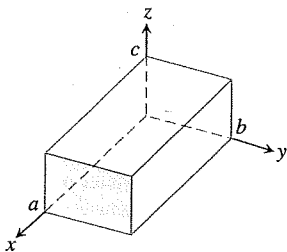
Plates with Varying Density

- Finding a moment of inertia** Find the moment of inertia about the x -axis of a thin plate bounded by the parabola $x = y - y^2$ and the line $x + y = 0$ if $\delta(x, y) = x + y$.
- Finding mass** Find the mass of a thin plate occupying the smaller region cut from the ellipse $x^2 + 4y^2 = 12$ by the parabola $x = 4y^2$ if $\delta(x, y) = 5x$.
- Finding a center of mass** Find the center of mass of a thin triangular plate bounded by the y -axis and the lines $y = x$ and $y = 2 - x$ if $\delta(x, y) = 6x + 3y + 3$.
- Finding a center of mass and moment of inertia** Find the center of mass and moment of inertia about the x -axis of a thin plate bounded by the curves $x = y^2$ and $x = 2y - y^2$ if the density at the point (x, y) is $\delta(x, y) = y + 1$.
- Center of mass, moment of inertia** Find the center of mass and the moment of inertia about the y -axis of a thin rectangular plate cut from the first quadrant by the lines $x = 6$ and $y = 1$ if $\delta(x, y) = x + y + 1$.
- Center of mass, moment of inertia** Find the center of mass and the moment of inertia about the y -axis of a thin plate bounded by the line $y = 1$ and the parabola $y = x^2$ if the density is $\delta(x, y) = y + 1$.
- Center of mass, moment of inertia** Find the center of mass and the moment of inertia about the y -axis of a thin plate bounded by the x -axis, the lines $x = \pm 1$, and the parabola $y = x^2$ if $\delta(x, y) = 7y + 1$.

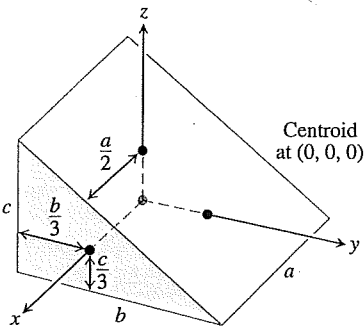
18. **Center of mass, moment of inertia** Find the center of mass and the moment of inertia about the x -axis of a thin rectangular plate bounded by the lines $x = 0, x = 20, y = -1,$ and $y = 1$ if $\delta(x, y) = 1 + (x/20)$.
19. **Center of mass, moments of inertia** Find the center of mass, the moment of inertia about the coordinate axes, and the polar moment of inertia of a thin triangular plate bounded by the lines $y = x, y = -x,$ and $y = 1$ if $\delta(x, y) = y + 1$.
20. **Center of mass, moments of inertia** Repeat Exercise 19 for $\delta(x, y) = 3x^2 + 1$.

Solids with Constant Density

21. **Moments of inertia** Find the moments of inertia of the rectangular solid shown here with respect to its edges by calculating $I_x, I_y,$ and I_z .



22. **Moments of inertia** The coordinate axes in the figure run through the centroid of a solid wedge parallel to the labeled edges. Find $I_x, I_y,$ and I_z if $a = b = 6$ and $c = 4$.



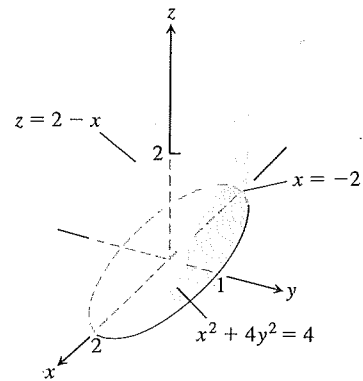
23. **Center of mass and moments of inertia** A solid "trough" of constant density is bounded below by the surface $z = 4y^2,$ above by the plane $z = 4,$ and on the ends by the planes $x = 1$ and $x = -1$. Find the center of mass and the moments of inertia with respect to the three axes.

24. **Center of mass** A solid of constant density is bounded below by the plane $z = 0,$ on the sides by the elliptical cylinder $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4,$ and above by the plane $z = 2 - x$ (see the accompanying figure).

- a. Find \bar{x} and \bar{y} .
b. Evaluate the integral

$$M_{xy} = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-(1/2)\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{(1/2)\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_0^{2-x} z \, dz \, dy \, dx$$

using integral tables to carry out the final integration with respect to x . Then divide M_{xy} by M to verify that $\bar{z} = 5/4$.



25. a. **Center of mass** Find the center of mass of a solid of constant density bounded below by the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ and above by the plane $z = 4$.
b. Find the plane $z = c$ that divides the solid into two parts of equal volume. This plane does not pass through the center of mass.
26. **Moments** A solid cube, 2 units on a side, is bounded by the planes $x = \pm 1, z = \pm 1, y = 3,$ and $y = 5$. Find the center of mass and the moments of inertia about the coordinate axes.
27. **Moment of inertia about a line** A wedge like the one in Exercise 22 has $a = 4, b = 6,$ and $c = 3$. Make a quick sketch to check for yourself that the square of the distance from a typical point (x, y, z) of the wedge to the line $L: z = 0, y = 6$ is $r^2 = (y - 6)^2 + z^2$. Then calculate the moment of inertia of the wedge about L .
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Solids with Varying Density

In Exercises 29 and 30, find

- a. the mass of the solid. b. the center of mass.
29. A solid region in the first octant is bounded by the coordinate planes and the plane $x + y + z = 2$. The density of the solid is $\delta(x, y, z) = 2x$.
30. A solid in the first octant is bounded by the planes $y = 0$ and $z = 0$ and by the surfaces $z = 4 - x^2$ and $x = y^2$ (see the accompanying figure). Its density function is $\delta(x, y, z) = kxy, k$ a constant.

