

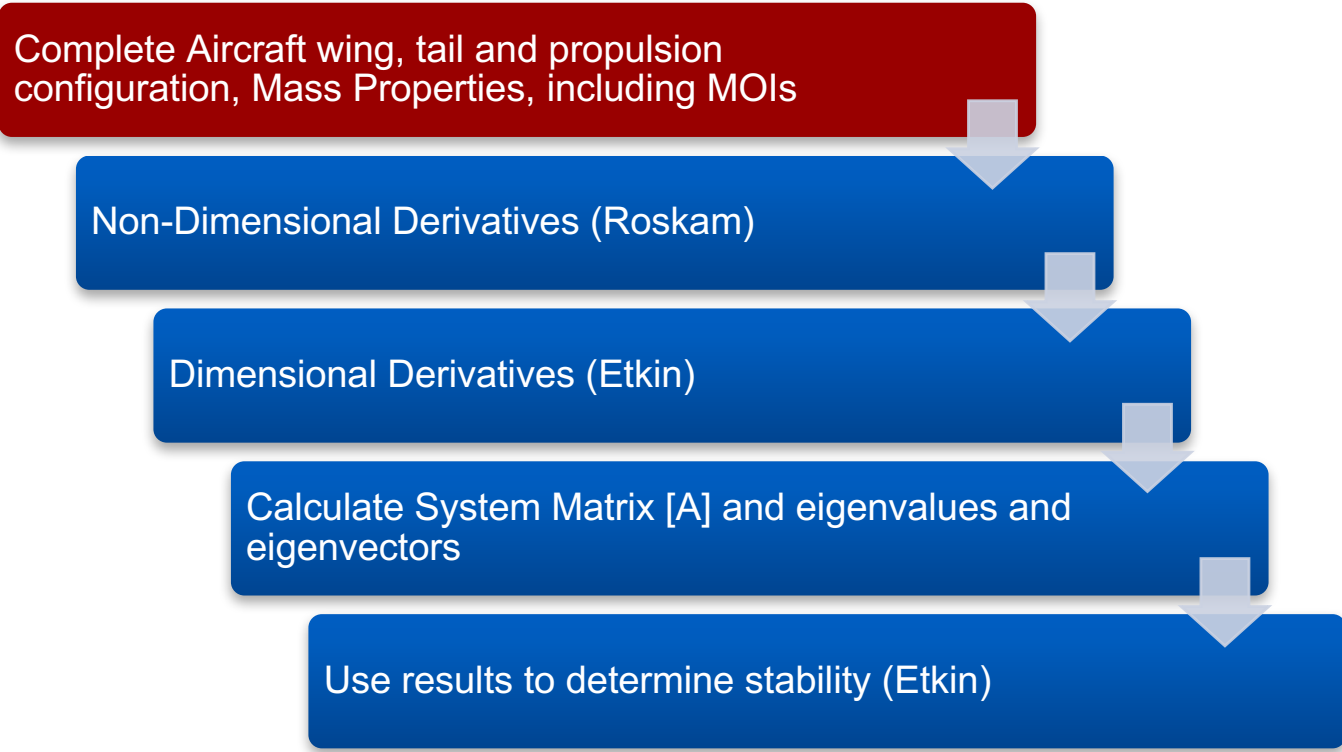


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Mass Properties w/MOI

a.k.a. Weight and Balance

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Reading:
Nicolai - CH 21, 22 & 23
Roskam – VI, CH 8 & 10

Other references:
MIL-STD-1797/MIL-F-8785 Flying Qualities of Piloted Aircraft
Airplane Flight Dynamics Part I (Roskam)

Background



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- Calculation of CG and Moments of Inertia (MOI) is an important input to the stability and control analysis (S&C) of an aircraft.
- MOI and Coordinate System is locked together, need to understand the coordinate system you are talking about, i.e.,
 - Coordinate system around the center of gravity of an object
 - ACS (0,0,0)
 - Coordinate system around the center of gravity of the aircraft
- CAD programs do a great job of Mass Properties analysis as long as the following rules are followed:
 - Parts are geometrically similar to the estimated final design
 - **Note: a solid wing is not going to be the same as a wing with spars and ribs, even if the mass is the same.**
 - The MOI output values being used for S&C are referenced to the correct coordinate system
 - Mass in the CAD model shall be corrected for the part being analyzed
 - Note: In preliminary design, it is acceptable to approximate the geometry of a part, and using an estimated weight, to “force” a correct weight of the part in CAD or “fudge” a fictitious density to obtain the estimated weight, to obtain a more accurate measure of MOI – more on this later.

Mass Properties Spreadsheet



- Using a spreadsheet, all parts of an aircraft can be accounted for with respect to Weight (mass), CG location and Moments of Inertia.

Part Weight

CG of each part in REF CS (ACS 0, 0, 0)

MOI of each part in REF CS (ACS 0,0,0)

Item	Name	Weight			Distance			Moment			Radius of Gyration			"I" from Ref CS				Radius of Gyration Calculator					
		W	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z	lx	ly	lz	Ixx	Iyy	Izz	Ixy	Iyz	R	r	h	kx	ky	kz	
		lb	in	in	in	lb-in	lb-in	lb-in	in	in	in	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	in	in	in	in	in	in	
Cylinder Shell		1614	300.000	0.000	80.000	484267	0	129138	17.981	70.519	70.519	10852952	163638498	153307468	38741365	Cylinder Shell	18,000	17,968	240,000	17,981	70,519	70,519	
Frame 1		236	200.000	0.000	80.000	47166	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	10961461	9452161	3773251	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 2		236	210.000	0.000	80.000	49524	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	11928356	10419056	3961913	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 3		236	220.000	0.000	80.000	51882	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	12942418	11433117	4150576	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 4		236	230.000	0.000	80.000	54240	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	14003644	12494344	4339238	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 5		236	240.000	0.000	80.000	56599	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	15112037	13602736	4527901	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 6		236	250.000	0.000	80.000	58957	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	16267595	14758294	4716563	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 7		236	260.000	0.000	80.000	61315	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	17470318	15961018	4905226	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 8		236	270.000	0.000	80.000	63674	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	18720207	17210907	5093888	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 9		236	280.000	0.000	80.000	66032	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	20017262	18507982	5283251	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 10		236	290.000	0.000	80.000	68390	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	21361483	19852183	5471213	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 11		236	300.000	0.000	80.000	70748	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	22752869	21243569	5659876	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 12		236	310.000	0.000	80.000	73107	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	24191421	22682120	5848538	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 13		236	320.000	0.000	80.000	75465	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	25677138	24167838	6037201	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 14		236	330.000	0.000	80.000	77823	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	27210021	25700721	6225863	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 15		236	340.000	0.000	80.000	80182	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	28790070	27280769	6414526	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 16		236	350.000	0.000	80.000	82540	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	30417284	28907984	6603188	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 17		236	360.000	0.000	80.000	84898	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	32091664	30582364	6791851	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 18		236	370.000	0.000	80.000	87256	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	33813209	32303909	6990513	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 19		236	380.000	0.000	80.000	89615	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	35581921	34072620	7189176	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 20		236	390.000	0.000	80.000	91973	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	37397797	35888497	7357838	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	
Frame 21		236	400.000	0.000	80.000	94331	0	18866	12.705	8.984	8.984	1547369	39260840	37751540	7546501	Cylinder Solid	17,968		0,125	12,705	8,984	8,984	

Note: Format numbers as above, i.e. right justified, decimal point, etc.

Total Weight: $\Sigma W = 6567$ lb

CG in REF CS: $X_{CG} = 300$ in, $Y_{CG} = 0$ in, $Z_{CG} = 80$ in

Total MOI in REF CS (ACS 0,0,0): $\Sigma I_{xx} = 43347694$ lb-in², $\Sigma I_{yy} = 659607512$ lb-in², $\Sigma I_{zz} = 617581177$ lb-in², $\Sigma I_{xy} = 157598756$ lb-in²

Total MOI at Body CS CG (300, 0, 80): $\Sigma I_{xxb} = 4331350$ lb-in², $\Sigma I_{yyb} = 26585843$ lb-in², $\Sigma I_{zzb} = 26585843$ lb-in², $\Sigma I_{xyb} = 0$ lb-in²

Transform Matrix:

α_1 (deg)	0	1	0	0	ΣI_{xxs}	ΣI_{xys}	ΣI_{zxs}
α_1 (rad)	0	0	1	0	1321359	26585843	26585843
		0	0	1	0	0	0
α_1 (deg)	5.0	0.992	0.008	-0.174	1321359	26585843	1513271
α_1 (rad)	0.087	0.008	0.992	0.174	26585843	0	26393931
		0.087	-0.087	0.985	0	0	-2193566

Total MOI at CG, transformed to Stability Axis for AoA

Calculate Radius Of Gyration

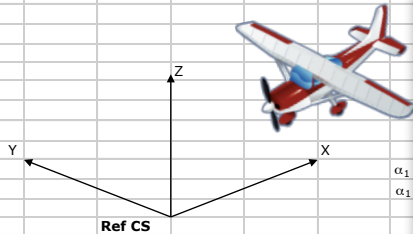


Item Name	Weight			Distance			Moment			Radius of Gyration			"I" from Ref CS				Item Name	Radius of Gyration Calculator					
	W	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z	k_x	k_y	k_z	I_{xx}	I_{yy}	I_{zz}	I_{yz}	R	r		h	k_x	k_y	k_z		
Cylinder Solid	6567	300.000	0.000	80.000	2E+06	0	525360	12.728	69.864	69.864	43092654	665112327	623083527	157608000	Cylinder Solid	18.000	in	240.000	12.728	69.864	69.864		
ΣW	6567	lb																					

Note: Format numbers as above, i.e. right justified, decimal point, etc.

X_{CG}	Y_{CG}	Z_{CG}
in	in	in
300	0	80

Ref CS	ΣI_{xx}	ΣI_{yy}	ΣI_{zz}	ΣI_{yz}
	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
	43092654	665112327	623083527	157608000



Step 3: Calculate the Radius Of Gyration (k) for each component

Note: Each shape type will have a different formula, the example above is only for a SOLID CYLINDER

Step 4: You may choose other calculation methods, i.e. direct calculation of MOI, but k is convenient, since it is mass-independent.

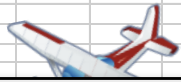
Step 5: Enter Values in appropriate columns for k

Calculate MOI of each Part at REF CS



Item	Name	Distance			Moment			Radius of Gyration			"I" from Ref CS					Radius of Gyration Calculator						
		W lb	X in	Y in	Z in	X lb-in	Y lb-in	Z lb-in	k _x in	k _y in	k _z in	I _{xx} lb-in ²	I _{yy} lb-in ²	I _{zz} lb-in ²		I _{yz} lb-in ²	R in	r in	h in	k _x in	k _y in	k _z in
	Cylinder Solid	6567	300.000	0.000	80.000	2E+06	0	525360	12.728	69.864	69.864	43092654	665112327	623083527	157608000	Cylinder Solid	18.000		240.000	12.728	69.864	69.864
ΣW		6567	lb	Note: Format numbers as above, i.e. right justified, decimal point, etc.																		

X _{CG}	Y _{CG}	Z _{CG}
in	in	in
300	0	80



Ref CS	Σ I _{xx}	Σ I _{yy}	Σ I _{zz}	Σ I _{yz}
	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
	43092654	665112327	623083527	157608000
Body CS at CG	Σ I _{xxB}	Σ I _{yyB}	Σ I _{zzB}	Σ I _{yzB}
	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
	1063854	32053527	32053527	0

Step 6: Using Radius Of Gyration (k), calculate the MOI values for each item referenced to Ref CS (0, 0, 0) using Parallel Axis Theorem, see below

Ref CS									
	α ₁ (deg)	5.0	0.992	0.008	-0.174		1063854		1299255
	α ₁ (rad)	0.087	0.008	0.992	0.174	x	32053527	=	31818126
			0.087	-0.087	0.985		0		-2690650

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{XX_R} &= I_{XX_G} + W(y_G^2 + z_G^2) & I_{YY_R} &= I_{YY_G} + W(x_G^2 + z_G^2) & I_{ZZ_R} &= I_{ZZ_G} + W(x_G^2 + y_G^2) \\
 I_{XX_R} &= Wk_x^2 + W(y_G^2 + z_G^2) & I_{YY_R} &= Wk_y^2 + W(x_G^2 + z_G^2) & I_{ZZ_R} &= Wk_z^2 + W(x_G^2 + y_G^2) \\
 I_{XX_R} &= W(k_x^2 + y_G^2 + z_G^2) & I_{YY_R} &= W(k_y^2 + x_G^2 + z_G^2) & I_{ZZ_R} &= W(k_z^2 + x_G^2 + y_G^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

0, due to symmetry

$$I_{XZ_R} = I_{XZ_G} + W(z_g \times x_g)$$

Transform MOI to Aircraft CG



Item	Name	Weight				Distance				Moment			Radius of Gyration			"I" from Ref CS				Radius of Gyration Calculator					
		W	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z	k _x	k _y	k _z	I _{xx}	I _{yy}	I _{zz}	I _{yz}	R	r	h	k _x	k _y	k _z				
Cylinder Solid		6567	300.000	0.000	80.000	2E+06	0	525360	12.728	69.864	69.864	43092654	665112327	623083527	157608000	Cylinder Solid	18.000		240.000	12.728	69.864	69.864			

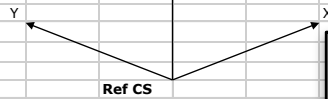
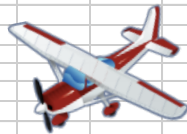
Step 7: Sum the MOI values for referenced to Ref CS (0, 0, 0)

ΣW 6567 lb

Note: Format numbers as above, i.e. right justified, decimal point, etc.

X _{CG}	Y _{CG}	Z _{CG}
300	0	80

Calculated CG of aircraft



Ref CS	Σ I _{xx}	Σ I _{yy}	Σ I _{zz}	Σ I _{yz}
	43092654	665112327	623083527	157608000

Body CS at CG	Σ I _{x_B}	Σ I _{y_B}	Σ I _{z_B}	Σ I _{z_B}
	1063854	32053527	32053527	0

Transform Matrix	Σ I _{x_B}	Σ I _{y_B}	Σ I _{z_B}	Σ I _{x_S}	Σ I _{y_S}	Σ I _{z_S}
x						

Step 8: Use Parallel to Transform the MOI Sum to the Body CS, located at the calculated CG of the aircraft.

MOI Calculation, to transform total MOI to Aircraft CG

$$I_{XX_B} = I_{XX_{CG}} = I_{XX_R} - \Sigma W \times (Y_{CG}^2 + Z_{CG}^2)$$

$$I_{YY_B} = I_{YY_{CG}} = I_{YY_R} - \Sigma W \times (X_{CG}^2 + Z_{CG}^2)$$

$$I_{ZZ_B} = I_{ZZ_{CG}} = I_{ZZ_R} - \Sigma W \times (X_{CG}^2 + Y_{CG}^2)$$

$$I_{XZ_B} = I_{XZ_{CG}} = I_{XZ_R} - \Sigma W (Z_{CG} \times X_{CG})$$



Transform MOI to Stability Control Axis

	Weight		Distance			Moment			Radius of Gyration			"I" from Ref CS				Radius of Gyration Calculator				
	W	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z	k _x	k _y	k _z	I _{xx}	I _{yy}	I _{zz}	I _{yz}	R	r	h	k _x	k _y	k _z

Step 9: There is no change in MOI for this step, but be aware, the Body axis at the CG requires to be rotated 180 degrees around YY Axis for use in the Stability Control Frame of Reference.

ΣW 6567 lb

Note: Format numbers as above, i.e. right justified, decimal point, etc.

X _{CG}	Y _{CG}	Z _{CG}
300	0	80

Ref CS

Σ I _{xx}	Σ I _{yy}	Σ I _{zz}	Σ I _{yz}
lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
43092654	665112327	623083527	157608000

Body CS at CG

Σ I _{x_Bx_B}	Σ I _{y_By_B}	Σ I _{z_Bz_B}	Σ I _{z_By_B}
lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
1063854	32053527	32053527	0

Transform Matrix

	Σ I _{x_Bx_B}	Σ I _{z_Bz_B}	Σ I _{z_By_B}
x	1063854	32053527	0
x	32053527	0	0
x	1063854	32053527	0

α₁ (deg) 0
α₁ (rad) 0
α₁ (deg) 5.0
α₁ (rad) 0.087

	Σ I _{x_Sx_S}	Σ I _{z_Sz_S}	Σ I _{z_Sy_S}
x	1063854	1299255	0
x	32053527	31818126	0
x	0	-2690650	0

Step 10: Transform the Body Axis to the Stability Control Axis for the Specified AoA.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \alpha & \sin^2 \alpha & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ \sin^2 \alpha & \cos^2 \alpha & \sin(2\alpha) \\ \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\alpha) & -\frac{1}{2} \sin(2\alpha) & \cos 2\alpha \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} I_{XXCG} \\ I_{ZZCG} \\ I_{XZCG} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{XXS} \\ I_{ZZS} \\ I_{XZS} \end{bmatrix}$$

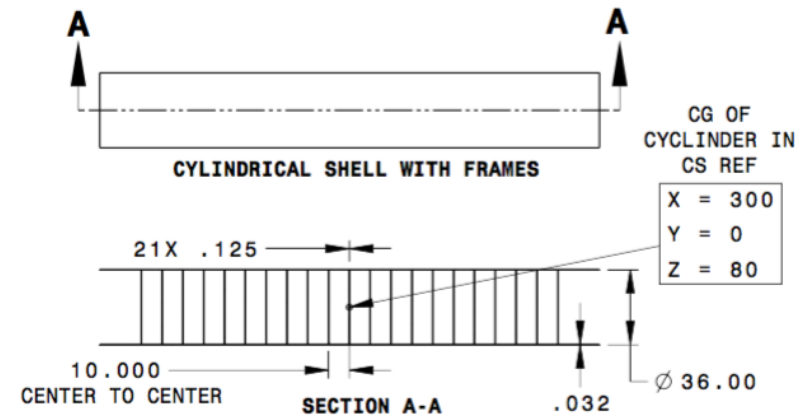
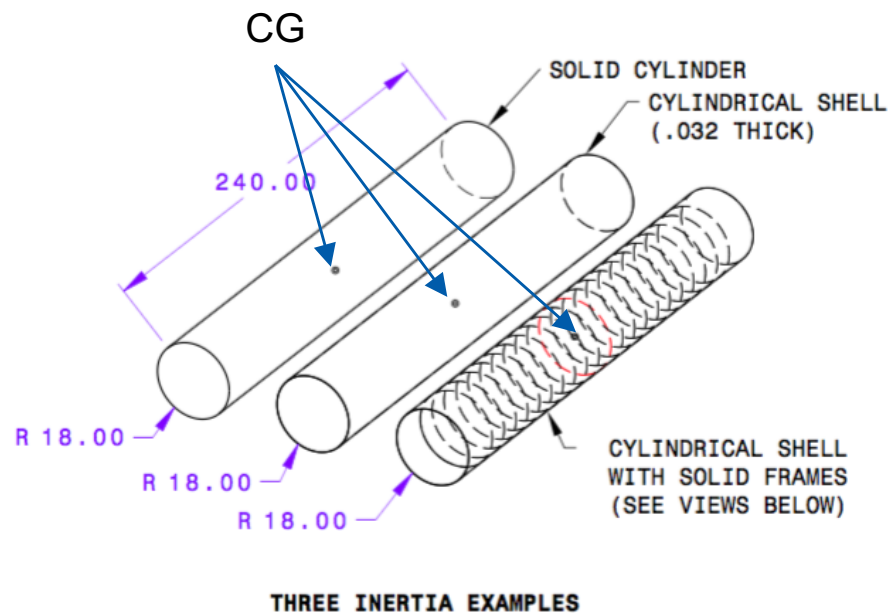
$I_{YY_S} = I_{YY_{CG}}$ Since rotation is around YY axis

Where α = Angle of Attack at the specified Flight Condition



Example MOI of Various Cylindrical Objects

- Assumptions:
 - W = 6567 lbs of each configuration
 - Volume varies between configurations
 - Density is adjusted to achieve the same weight



Example shows two methods, breaking down the cylinder with frames or use CAD for analysis



CS REF of each respective cylinder

Solid Cylinder - Calculated vs. CAD

Below is the calculated MOI vs. CAD analysis of a Solid Cylinder

										CAD Comparison			
Ref CS										ΣI_{xx}	ΣI_{yy}	ΣI_{zz}	ΣI_{xz}
										lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
										43092654	665112327	623083527	157608000
										43092718	665100000	623100000	-157600000
Body CS at CG										ΣI_{xxB}	ΣI_{yyB}	ΣI_{zzB}	ΣI_{xzb}
										lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
										1063854	32053527	32053527	0
										1063856	32053575	32053575	0
Transform Matrix										ΣI_{xxB}	ΣI_{yyB}	ΣI_{zzB}	ΣI_{xzb}
										x	ΣI_{xxS}	ΣI_{yyS}	ΣI_{zzS}
											ΣI_{zxs}	ΣI_{zys}	ΣI_{zzs}
α_1 (deg)	0	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$			x	$\begin{bmatrix} 1063854 \\ 32053527 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	=	$\begin{bmatrix} 1063854 \\ 32053527 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$					
α_1 (rad)	0												
α_1 (deg)	5.0	0.992	0.008	#####	x	$\begin{bmatrix} 1063854 \\ 32053527 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	=	$\begin{bmatrix} 1299255 \\ 31818126 \\ -2690650 \end{bmatrix}$					
α_1 (rad)	0.087	0.008	0.992	0.174									
		0.087	#####	0.985									
										ΣI_{xxS}	ΣI_{yyS}	ΣI_{zzS}	ΣI_{zxs}
										lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
										1299257	32053575	31818173	-2690654

This is confirmation the spreadsheet is correct, along with an understanding of the CAD tool.

Cylinder Shell - Calculated vs. CAD

Below is the calculated MOI vs. CAD analysis of a Cylinder Shell

		Ref CS				CAD Comparison				
		ΣI_{xx}	ΣI_{yy}	ΣI_{zz}	ΣI_{xz}	ΣI_{xx}	ΣI_{yy}	ΣI_{zz}	ΣI_{xz}	
		lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	
		44152087	665715743	623686943	157608000	44152781	665600000	623600000	-157600000	
		Body CS at CG				CAD Comparison				
		ΣI_{xXB}	ΣI_{yYB}	ΣI_{zZB}	ΣI_{xZB}	ΣI_{xXB}	ΣI_{yYB}	ΣI_{zZB}	ΣI_{xZB}	
		lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	
		2123287	32656943	32656943	0	2123931	32583603	32583603	0	
		Transform Matrix		x	ΣI_{xXB}	=	ΣI_{xXS}			
					ΣI_{zZB}	=	ΣI_{zZS}			
					ΣI_{xZB}	=	ΣI_{xZS}			
α_1 (deg)	0	1	0	0	2123287	=	2123287			
α_1 (rad)	0	0	1	0	32656943	=	32656943			
		0	0	1	0	=	0			
α_1 (deg)	5.0	0.992	0.008	#####	2123287	=	2355225			
α_1 (rad)	0.087	0.008	0.992	0.174	32656943	=	32425005			
		0.087	#####	0.985	0	=	-2651057			
							ΣI_{xXS}	ΣI_{yYS}	ΣI_{zZS}	ΣI_{xZS}
							lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
							2355307	32583603	32352227	-2644633

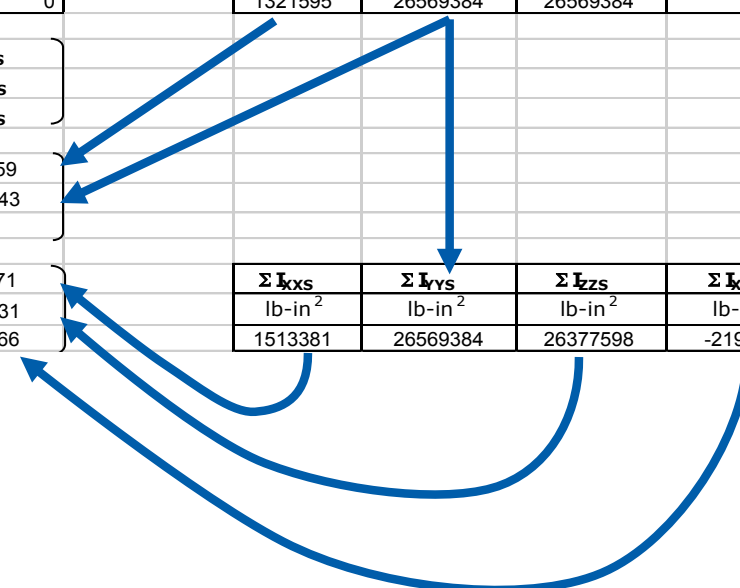
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Cylinder Shell with Frames- Calculated vs. CAD

Below is the calculated MOI vs. CAD analysis of a Cylinder Shell frames

					Ref CS	ΣI_{xx}	ΣI_{yy}	ΣI_{zz}	ΣI_{xz}	CAD Comparison				
						lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	ΣI_{xx}	ΣI_{yy}	ΣI_{zz}	ΣI_{xz}	
						43347694	659607512	617581177	157598756	43350426	659600000	617600000	-157600000	
					Body CS at CG	ΣI_{xxB}	ΣI_{yyB}	ΣI_{zzB}	ΣI_{xzb}	ΣI_{xxB}	ΣI_{yyB}	ΣI_{zzB}	ΣI_{xzb}	
						lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	
						1321359	26585843	26585843	0	1321595	26569384	26569384	0	
					Transform Matrix	x	ΣI_{xxB}	ΣI_{zzB}	ΣI_{xzb}	=	ΣI_{xXS}	ΣI_{zZS}	ΣI_{xZS}	
α_1 (deg)	0	1	0	0	x	1321359				=	1321359			
α_1 (rad)	0	0	1	0	x	26585843				=	26585843			
		0	0	1		0					0			
α_1 (deg)	5.0	0.992	0.008	-0.174	x	1321359				=	1513271			
α_1 (rad)	0.087	0.008	0.992	0.174	x	26585843				=	26393931			
		0.087	-0.087	0.985		0					-2193566			
											ΣI_{xXS}	ΣI_{yYS}	ΣI_{zZS}	ΣI_{xZS}
											lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²	lb-in ²
											1513381	26569384	26377598	-2192116



This is confirmation the spreadsheet is correct, along with an understanding of the CAD tool.



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