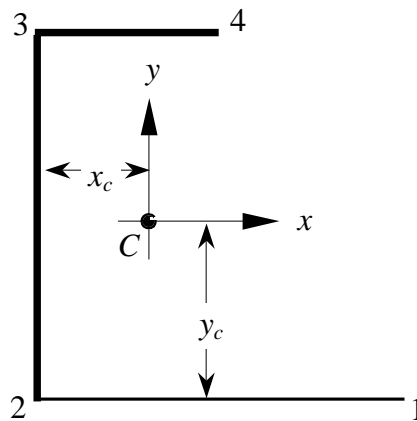


## I. Centroid



**Fig. 4** Calculation of the centroid.

Let's place the origin at point 2 and calculate  $x_c$  and  $y_c$ .

Section	$x_i$	$y_i$	$A_i$
12	$a$	$0$	$(2a)(t)$
23	$0$	$a$	$(2t)(2a)$
34	$a/2$	$2a$	$(a)(2t)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum A_i &= 8at \\ \sum x_i A_i &= 3a^2t \\ \sum y_i A_i &= 8a^2t\end{aligned}$$

$$x_c = \frac{\sum x_i A_i}{\sum A_i} = \frac{3}{8}a$$

$$y_c = \frac{\sum y_i A_i}{\sum A_i} = a$$

$x_c = \frac{3}{8}a$	$y_c = a$	(4)
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Ans.

## II. Second moments of area

Using thin-walled assumption

Section	$I_{x_{c_i}}$	$I_{y_{c_i}}$	$I_{x_c y_{c_i}}$
12	$(2a t^3)/12 \approx 0$	$(t (2a)^3)/12$	0
23	$(2t (2a)^3)/12$	$(2a (2t)^3)/12 \approx 0$	0
34	$(a (2t)^3)/12 \approx 0$	$(2t (a)^3)/12$	0

Second Moment of area  $I_{xx}$  using thin-walled assumption is

$$\begin{aligned} I_{xx_{12}} &= I_{x_{c_{12}}} + A_{12} [dy_{12}]^2 \\ &= 0 + (2a)(t) [-a]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{xx_{23}} &= I_{x_{c_{23}}} + A_{23} [0]^2 \\ &= \frac{16}{12} t a^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{xx_{34}} &= I_{x_{c_{34}}} + A_{34} [dy_{34}]^2 \\ &= 0 + (a)(2t) [a]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{xx} &= I_{xx_{12}} + I_{xx_{23}} + I_{xx_{34}} \\ &= 2 t a^3 + \frac{4}{3} t a^3 + 2 t a^3 = \frac{16}{3} t a^3 \end{aligned}$$

Second Moment of area  $I_{yy}$  using thin-walled assumption is

$$\begin{aligned} I_{yy_{12}} &= I_{y_{c_{12}}} + A_{12} [dx_{12}]^2 \\ &= \frac{8}{12} t a^3 + (2a)(t) \left[ \frac{5}{8} a \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{yy_{23}} &= I_{y_{c_{23}}} + A_{23} [dx_{23}]^2 \\ &= 0 + (2a)(2t) \left[ -\frac{3}{8} a \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{yy_{34}} &= I_{y_{c_{34}}} + A_{34} [dx_{34}]^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{12} t a^3 + (a)(2t) \left[ \frac{1}{8} a \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{yy} &= I_{yy_{12}} + I_{yy_{23}} + I_{yy_{34}} \\ &= \left( \frac{8}{12} t a^3 + \frac{50}{64} t a^3 \right) + \left( 0 + \frac{36}{64} t a^3 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{6} t a^3 + \frac{2}{64} t a^3 \right) = \frac{53}{24} t a^3 \end{aligned}$$

Second Moment of area  $I_{xy}$  using thin-walled assumption is

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{xy_{12}} &= I_{x_c y_{c_{12}}} + A_{12} [dx_{12} dy_{12}] \\
 &= 0 + (2a)(t) \left[ \left( \frac{5}{8} a \right) (-a) \right] \\
 I_{xy_{23}} &= I_{x_c y_{c_{23}}} + A_{23} [dx_{23} dy_{23}] \\
 &= 0 + (2a)(2t) \left[ \left( -\frac{3}{8} a \right) (0) \right] \\
 I_{xy_{34}} &= I_{x_c y_{c_{34}}} + A_{34} [dx_{34} dy_{34}] \\
 &= 0 + (a)(2t) \left[ \left( \frac{1}{8} a \right) (a) \right] \\
 I_{xy} &= I_{xy_{12}} + I_{xy_{23}} + I_{xy_{34}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{8} t a^3 + 0 - \frac{10}{8} t a^3 = -t a^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Second moments of area about the centroid

$$I_{xx} = \frac{16}{3} t a^3 \qquad I_{yy} = \frac{53}{24} t a^3 \qquad I_{xy} = -t a^3 \qquad (5)$$

The factor in the denominator is

$$I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2 = \frac{97}{9} a^6 t^2 \qquad (6)$$

Ans.