

4. (10 pts) Consider a thick cylinder, inner radius R_1 and outer radius R_2 , of height H and total mass M . What is the rotational inertia of this object about the symmetry axis—the axis running down the center of the tube?

(a) $\frac{1}{4} M(R_2 + R_1)^2$.

(b) $\frac{1}{2} M(R_2^2 - R_1^2)$.

(c) $\frac{1}{2} M(R_2 - R_1)^2$.

** (d) $\frac{1}{2} M(R_2^2 + R_1^2)$.

$$\text{density } \rho = \frac{M}{\pi(R_2^2 - R_1^2)h} \leftarrow \text{volume.}$$

shell of width dr at r has

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{shell}} &= m_{\text{shell}} \cdot r^2 = \rho \underset{\text{vol shell}}{\cancel{\text{vol}}} \cdot r^2 \\ &= \rho \cdot (2\pi r dr \times h) \times r^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{\text{thick cyl}} = \sum_{R_1 \leq R_2} I_{\text{shell}} = \rho \int_{R_1}^{R_2} (2\pi r dr h) \cdot r^2$$

$$= \rho \cdot 2\pi h \int_{R_1}^{R_2} r^3 dr$$

$$= \rho \cdot 2\pi h \cdot \frac{1}{4} r^4 \Big|_{R_1}^{R_2}$$

$$= \rho \cdot 2\pi h \cdot \frac{1}{4} \underbrace{(R_2^4 - R_1^4)}_{(R_2^2 - R_1^2)(R_2^2 + R_1^2)}.$$

$$= \frac{M}{\pi(R_2^2 - R_1^2)h} \cdot 2\pi h \cdot \frac{1}{4} (R_2^2 - R_1^2)(R_2^2 + R_1^2)$$

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

Note (b) & (c) have bad limits for a thin cylinder.