

1 Moment of Inertia of a Hollow Sphere

Find the moment of inertia of a uniform thin-walled hollow sphere of radius R and total mass M as it rotates about an axis through the center of the sphere. Getting started: The figure below uses the x -axis as the axis of rotation.

$I = \int_{x=-R}^R y^2 dm = \int_{x=-R}^R y^2 (\sigma 2\pi y ds)$ where σ is the mass per unit area for the sphere, and $ds = \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}$.

