Moment of Inertia

Uniform solid cylinder rotating about its long axis which is centered on the z-axis



$$V_{cyl} = \pi r^2 h = \pi r^2 L$$

$$\Rightarrow dV = 2\pi r L dr$$
(for tall dr ring)

$$I_{z} = \int \rho r^{2} dV$$

$$= \int_{0}^{R} (2\rho\pi L) r^{3} dr$$

$$= 2\rho\pi L \int_{0}^{R} r^{3} dr$$

$$= 2\rho\pi L \left(\frac{1}{4}R^{4}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho\pi L R^{4}$$

* If we want to reduce our answer to an expression that only includes M & R. Using $\rho = \frac{M}{V}$ for the total cylinder and the value for V for a cylinder $\rho = \frac{M}{\pi r^2 L}$ $\Rightarrow I_z = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{M}{\pi R^2 L} \right) \pi L R^4$ $I_z = \frac{1}{2} M R^2$