

13. From a solid sphere of mass M and radius R a cube of maximum possible volume is cut. Moment of inertia of cube about an axis passing through its center and perpendicular to one of its faces is :

(1) $\frac{4MR^2}{9\sqrt{3}\pi}$ ← correct

(2) $\frac{4MR^2}{3\sqrt{3}\pi}$

(3) $\frac{MR^2}{32\sqrt{2}\pi}$

(4) $\frac{MR^2}{16\sqrt{2}\pi}$

The cube of max volume will have its longest diagonal as the diameter of the sphere.

Longest diagonal = $\sqrt{3}a^2 = 2R$

$\therefore a = \frac{2R}{\sqrt{3}}$ 'a' is side of the square

Also, density of sphere ρ is

$\rho = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}$

\therefore mass of cube = $\rho a^3 = \frac{2M}{\sqrt{3}\pi} = m$

Moment of inertia of cube

$I = \frac{ma^3}{6}$

$\therefore I = \frac{2M}{\sqrt{3}\pi} \left(\frac{2R}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 \frac{1}{6}$

$I = \frac{4MR^2}{9\sqrt{3}\pi}$

(1) is correct option