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## 4. Forces due to Static Fluid

## Chapter Objectives

1. Compute the force exerted on a plane area by a pressurized gas.
2. Compute the force exerted by any static fluid acting on a horizontal plane area.
3. Compute the resultant force exerted on a rectangular wall by a static liquid.
4. Define the term center of pressure.
5. Compute the resultant force exerted on any submerged plane area by a static liquid.
6. Show the vector representing the resultant force on any submerged plane area in its proper location and


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7. Visualize the distribution of force on a submerged curved surface.
8. Compute the total resultant force on the curved surface.
9. Compute the direction in which the resultant force acts and show its line of action on a sketch of the surface.
10. Include the effect of a pressure head over the liquid on the force on a plane or curved surface.

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## 4. Forces due to Static Fluid

### 4.1 Introductory Concepts

- Fig 4.1 shows the examples of cases where forces on submerged areas must be computed.



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### 4.1 Introductory Concepts

- In each case, the fluid exerts a force on the surface of interest that acts perpendicular to the surface, considering the basic definition of pressure, $p=F / A$ and the corresponding form, $F=p A$.
- We apply these equations directly only when the pressure is uniform over the entire area of interest.
- An example is when the fluid is a gas for which we consider the pressure to be equal throughout the gas because of its low specific weight.


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### 4.2 Gases Under Pressure

- Fig 4.2 shows the fluid power cylinder.
- The air pressure acts on the piston face, producing a force that causes the linear movement of the rod.
- The pressure also acts on the end of the cylinder, tending to pull it apart.
- Therefore, we can calculate the force on the piston and the cylinder ends directly from $F=p A$.


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### 4.2 Gases Under Pressure



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## Example 4.1

If the cylinder in Fig. 4.2 has an internal diameter of 51 mm and operates at a pressure of 2070 kPa (gage), calculate the force on the ends of the cylinder.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F=p A \\
& A=\frac{\pi D^{2}}{4}=\frac{\pi(0.051 \mathrm{~m})^{2}}{4}=0.002 \mathrm{~m}^{2} \\
& F=\frac{2070 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}^{2}}{\mathrm{~m}^{2}} \times 0.002 \mathrm{~m}^{2}=4.41 \mathrm{kN}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.1

Notice that gage pressure was used in the calculation of force instead of absolute pressure. The additional force due to atmospheric pressure acts on both sides of the area and is thus balanced. If the pressure on the outside surface is not atmospheric, then all external forces must be considered to determine a net force on the area.

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### 4.3 Horizontal Flat Surfaces Under Liquids

- Fig 4.3 shows the cylindrical drum.
- The pressure in the water at the bottom of the drum is uniform across the entire area because it is a horizontal plane in a fluid at rest.
- We can simply use $F=p A$ to calculate the force on the bottom



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## Example 4.2

If the drum in Fig. 4.3 is open to the atmosphere at the top, calculate the force on the bottom.

To use we must first calculate the pressure at the bottom of the drum and the area of the bottom:

$$
\begin{aligned}
p_{B} & =p_{\mathrm{atm}}+\gamma_{0}(2.4 \mathrm{~m})+\gamma_{w}(1.5 \mathrm{~m}) \\
\gamma_{0} & =(\mathrm{sg})_{0}\left(9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)=(0.90)\left(9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)=8.83 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3} \\
p_{B} & =0 \mathrm{~Pa}(\text { gage })+\left(8.83 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)(2.4 \mathrm{~m})+\left(9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)(1.5 \mathrm{~m}) \\
& =(0+21.2+14.7) \mathrm{kPa}=35.9 \mathrm{kPa}(\text { gage }) \\
A & =\pi D^{2} / 4=\pi(3.0 \mathrm{~m})^{2} / 4=7.07 \mathrm{~m}^{2} \\
F & =p_{B} A=\left(35.9 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}\right)\left(7.07 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)=253.8 \mathrm{kN}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.2

Would there be any difference between the force on the bottom of the drum in Fig. 4.3 and that on the bottom of the cone-shaped container in Fig. 4.4?


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## Example 4.2

The force would be the same because the pressure at the bottom is dependent only on the depth and specific weight of the fluid in the container. The total weight of fluid is not the controlling factor.

Comment: The force computed in these two example problems is the force exerted by the fluid on the inside bottom of the container. Of course, when designing the support structure for the container, the total weight of the container and the fluids must be considered. For the structural design, the cone-shaped container will be lighter than the cylindrical drum.

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### 4.4 Rectangular Walls

- Fig 4.5 shows the rectangular walls.
- They are walls which exposed to a pressure varying from zero on the surface of the fluid to a maximum at the bottom of the wall.
- The force due to the fluid pressure tends to overturn the wall or break it at the place where it is fixed to the bottom.
- The actual force is distributed over the entire wall, but for the purpose of analysis it is desirable to determine the resultant force and the place where it acts, called the center of pressure.


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### 4.4 Rectangular Walls


(a) Vertical retaining wall

(b) Inclined wall (dam)

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### 4.4 Rectangular Walls

- Fig 4.6 shows the vertical rectangular wall.



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### 4.4 Rectangular Walls

- The total resultant force can be calculated from the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{R}=p_{\mathrm{avg}} \times A \tag{4-1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p_{\text {avg }}$ is the average pressure and $A$ is the total area of the wall.

- But the average pressure is that at the middle of the wall and can be calculated from the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
p_{\mathrm{avg}}=\gamma(h / 2) \tag{4-2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $h$ is the total depth of the fluid.

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### 4.4 Rectangular Walls

- Therefore, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{R}=\gamma(h / 2) A \tag{4-3}
\end{equation*}
$$

- The center of pressure is at the centroid of the pressure distribution triangle, one third of the distance from the bottom of the wall.
- The resultant force acts perpendicular to the wall at this point.


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### 4.4 Rectangular Walls

- Below are the procedures for computing the force on a rectangular wall:

1. Calculate the magnitude of the resultant force from

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{R}=\gamma(h / 2) A \\
& \gamma=\text { Specific weight of the fluid } \\
& h=\text { Total depth of the fluid } \\
& A=\text { Total area of the wall }
\end{aligned}
$$

2. Locate the center of pressure at a vertical distance of from the bottom of the wall.
3. Show the resultant force acting at the center of pressure perpendicular to the wall.

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## Example 4.4

In Fig. 4.6, the fluid is gasoline and the total depth is 3.7 m . The wall is 12.2 m long. Calculate the magnitude of the resultant force on the wall and the location of the center of pressure.


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## Example 4.4

## Step 1

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{R}=\gamma(\mathrm{h} / 2) A \\
& \gamma=(0.68)\left(9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)=6.67 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3} \\
& A=(3.7 \mathrm{~m})(12.2 \mathrm{~m})=45.14 \mathrm{~m}^{2} \\
& F_{R}=\frac{6.67 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}}{\mathrm{~m}^{3}} \times \frac{3.7 \mathrm{~m}}{2} \times 45.14 \mathrm{~m}^{2}=557.0 \mathrm{kN}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.4

## Step 2

$$
\mathrm{h} / 3=3.7 \mathrm{~m} / 3=1.23 \mathrm{~m}
$$

Step 3
The force acts perpendicular to the wall at the center of pressure as shown in Fig. 4.6.

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## Example 4.5

Figure 4.7 shows a dam 30.5 m long that retains 8 m of fresh water and is inclined at an angle of $60^{\circ}$. Calculate the magnitude of the resultant force on the dam and the location of the center of pressure.


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## Example 4.5

## Step 1

$$
F_{R}=\gamma(h / 2) A
$$

To calculate the area of the dam we need the length of its face, called $L$ in Fig. 4.7:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sin \theta & =h / L \\
L & =h / \sin \theta=8 \mathrm{~m} / \sin 60^{\circ}=9.24 \mathrm{~m}
\end{aligned}
$$

Then, the area of the dam is

$$
A=(9.24 \mathrm{~m})(30.5 \mathrm{~m})=281.8 \mathrm{~m}^{2}
$$

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## Example 4.5

## Step 1

Now we can calculate the resultant force:

$$
\begin{aligned}
F_{R} & =\gamma(h / 2) A=\frac{9.81 \mathrm{kN}}{\mathrm{~m}^{3}} \times \frac{8 \mathrm{~m}}{2} \times 281.8 \mathrm{~m}^{2} \\
& =11060 \mathrm{kN}=11.06 \mathrm{MN}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.5

## Step 2

The center of pressure is at a vertical distance of

$$
h / 3=8 \mathrm{~m} / 3=2.67 \mathrm{~m}
$$

from the bottom of the dam, or, measured from the bottom of the dam along the face of the dam, the center of pressure is at

$$
L / 3=9.24 \mathrm{~m} / 3=3.08 \mathrm{~m}
$$

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## Example 4.5

## Step 2

Measured along the face of the dam we define

```
\(L_{p}=\) Distance from the free surface of the fluid to the center of pressure
\(L_{p}=L-L / 3\)
\(L_{p}=9.24 \mathrm{~m}-3.08 \mathrm{~m}=6.16 \mathrm{~m}\)
```

We show $F_{R}$ acting at the center of pressure perpendicular to the wall.

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### 4.5 Submerged Plane Areas - General

- Fig 4.85 shows the force on a submerged plane area.



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### 4.5 Submerged Plane Areas - General

- The standard dimensions and symbols used in the procedure described later are shown in the figure and defined as follows:
$F_{R} \quad$ Resultant force on the area due to the fluid pressure
- The center of pressure of the area is the point at which the resultant force can be considered to act
- $\quad$ The centroid of the area is the point at which the area would be balanced if suspended from that point; it is equivalent to the center of gravity of a solid body
$\theta \quad$ Angle of inclination of the area
$h_{c} \quad$ Depth of fluid from the free surface to the centroid of the area
$L_{C} \quad$ Distance from the level of the free surface of the fluid to the centroid of the area, measured along the angle of inclination of the area
$L_{p} \quad$ Distance from the level of the free surface of the fluid to the center of pressure of the area, measured along the angle of inclination of the area
$h_{p} \quad$ Distance from the free surface to the center of pressure of the area
$B, H \quad$ Dimensions of the area


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### 4.5 Submerged Plane Areas - General

- Fig 4.9 shows the properties of a rectangle.



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### 4.5 Submerged Plane Areas - General

- Below are the procedure for computing the force on a submerged plane area:

1. Identify the point where the angle of inclination of the area of interest intersects the level of the free surface of the fluid. This may require the extension of the angled surface or the fluid surface line. Call this point $S$.
2. Locate the centroid of the area from its geometry.
3. Determine $h_{c}$ as the vertical distance from the level of the free surface down to the centroid of the area.

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### 4.5 Submerged Plane Areas - General

4. Determine $L_{c}$ as the inclined distance from the level of the free surface down to the centroid of the area. This is the distance from $S$ to the centroid. Note that $h_{c}$ and $L_{c}$ are related by

$$
h_{c}=L_{c} \sin \theta
$$

5. Calculate the total area $A$ on which the force is to be determined.
6. Calculate the resultant force from

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{R}=\gamma h_{c} A \tag{4-4}
\end{equation*}
$$

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### 4.5 Submerged Plane Areas - General

where $y$ is the specific weight of the fluid. This equation states that the resultant force is the product of the pressure at the centroid of the area and the total area.
7. Calculate $I_{c}$ the moment of inertia of the area about its centroidal axis.
8. Calculate the location of the center of pressure from

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{p}=L_{c}+\frac{I_{c}}{L_{c} A} \tag{4-5}
\end{equation*}
$$

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### 4.5 Submerged Plane Areas - General

Notice that the center of pressure is always below the centroid of an area that is inclined with the horizontal. In some cases it may be of interest to calculate only the difference between $L_{p}$ and $L_{c}$ from

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{p}-L_{c}=\frac{I_{c}}{L_{c} A} \tag{4-6}
\end{equation*}
$$

9. Sketch the resultant force $F_{R}$ acting at the center of pressure, perpendicular to the area.
10. Show the dimension $L_{p}$ on the sketch in a manner similar to that used in Fig. 4.8.
11. Draw the dimension lines for $L_{p}$ and $L_{c}$ from a reference line drawn through point $S$ and perpendicular to the ${ }^{\text {cenosprangle }}$ offinclination of the area.

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### 4.5 Submerged Plane Areas - General

12. If it is desired to compute the vertical depth to the center of pressure, $h_{p}$ either of two methods can be used. If the distance $L_{p}$ has already been computed, use

$$
h_{p}=L_{p} \sin \theta
$$

Alternatively, Step 8 could be avoided and $h_{p}$ can be computed directly from

$$
h_{p}=h_{c}+\frac{I_{c} \sin ^{2} \theta}{h_{c} A}
$$

We will now use the programmed instruction approach to illustrate the application of this procedure.

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## Example 4.6

The tank shown in Fig. 4.8 contains a lubricating oil with a specific gravity of 0.91 . A rectangular gate with the dimensions $B=1.2 \mathrm{~m}$ and $H=0.6 \mathrm{~m}$ is placed in the inclined wall of the tank $\left(\theta=60^{\circ}\right)$. The centroid of the gate is at a depth of 1.5 m from the surface of the oil.
Calculate (a) the magnitude of the resultant force $F_{R}$ on the gate and (b) the location of the center of pressure.


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## Example 4.6

The terms $L_{c}$ and $h_{c}$ are related in this case by

$$
h_{c}=L_{c} \sin \theta
$$

Therefore, we have

$$
L_{\mathrm{c}}=h_{c} / \sin \theta=1.5 \mathrm{~m} / \sin 60^{\circ}=1.73 \mathrm{~m}
$$

Because the area of the rectangle is $B H$,

$$
A=B H=(1.2 \mathrm{~m})(0.6 \mathrm{~m})=0.72 \mathrm{~m}^{2}
$$

We need the specific weight of the oil:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{0} & =(\mathrm{sg})_{0}\left(9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)=(0.91)\left(9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right) \\
& =8.92 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.6

Then we have

$$
F_{R}=\gamma_{0} h_{c} A=\frac{8.92 \mathrm{kN}}{m^{3}} \times 1.5 \mathrm{~m} \times 0.72 \mathrm{~m}^{2}=9.63 \mathrm{kN}
$$

We find that for a rectangle,

$$
I_{c}=B H^{3} / 12=(1.2 \mathrm{~m})(0.6 \mathrm{~m})^{3}=0.02 \mathrm{~m}^{4}
$$

Because $I_{c}=0.02 \mathrm{~m}^{4}, L_{c}=1.73 \mathrm{~m}$, and $A=0.72 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& L_{p}=L_{c}+\frac{I_{c}}{L_{c} A}=1.73 m+\frac{0.02 m^{4}}{(1.73 m)\left(0.72 m^{2}\right)} \\
& L_{p}=1.73 m+0.016 m=1.75 m
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.6

This means that the center of pressure is 0.016 m (or 16 mm ) below the centroid of the gate.

Be sure you understand how the dimension $L_{p}$ is drawn from the reference line.

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4.6 Development of the General Procedure for Forces on Submerged Plane Areas

- The resultant force is defined as the summation of the forces on small elements of interest.
- Fig 4.11 shows the development of the general procedure for forces on submerged plane areas.



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4.6 Development of the General Procedure for Forces on Submerged Plane Areas

- The resultant force is defined as the summation of the forces on small elements of interest.
- Fig 4.11 shows the development of the general procedure for forces on submerged plane areas.
- On any small area $d A$, there exists a force $d F$ acting perpendicular to the area owing to the fluid pressure $p$. But the magnitude of the pressure at any depth $h$ in a static liquid of specific weight is $p=y h$.
- Then, the force is

$$
\begin{equation*}
d F=p(d A)=\gamma h(d A) \tag{4-7}
\end{equation*}
$$

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4.6 Development of the General Procedure for Forces on Submerged Plane Areas

- Because the area is inclined at an angle it is convenient to work in the plane of the area, using $y$ to denote the position on the area at any depth $h$. Note that

$$
\begin{equation*}
h=y \sin \theta \tag{4-8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $y$ is measured from the level of the free surface of the fluid along the angle of inclination of the area. Then,

$$
\begin{equation*}
d F=\gamma(y \sin \theta)(d A) \tag{4-9}
\end{equation*}
$$

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4.6 Development of the General Procedure for Forces on Submerged Plane Areas

- The summation of forces over the entire area is accomplished by the mathematical process of integration,

$$
F_{R}=\int_{A} d F=\int_{A} \gamma(y \sin \theta)(d A)=\gamma \sin \theta \int_{A} y(d A)
$$

- From mechanics we learn that $\int y(d A)$ is equal to the product of the total area times the distance to the centroid of the area from the reference axis. That is,

$$
\int_{A} y(d A)=L_{c} A
$$

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- Then, the resultant force is

$$
\begin{gather*}
F_{R}=\gamma \sin \theta\left(L_{c} A\right)  \tag{4-10}\\
F_{R}=\gamma h_{c} A \tag{4-11}
\end{gather*}
$$

- This is the same form as Eq. (4-4). Because each of the small forces $d F$ acted perpendicular to the area, the resultant force also acts perpendicular to the area.


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### 4.6.1 Center of Pressure

- The center of pressure is that point on an area where the resultant force can be assumed to act so as to have the same effect as the distributed force over the entire area due to fluid pressure.
- The moment of each small force $d F$ is

$$
d M=d F \cdot y
$$

- But

$$
d M=y[\gamma(y \sin \theta)(d A)]=\gamma \sin \theta\left(y^{2} d A\right)
$$

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### 4.6.1 Center of Pressure

- Now, if we assume that the resultant force acts at the center of pressure, its moment with respect to the axis through $S$ is $F_{R} L_{p}$. Then

$$
F_{R} L_{p}=\int \gamma \sin \theta\left(y^{2} d A\right)=\gamma \sin \theta \int\left(y^{2} d A\right)
$$

- Substituting $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{R}}$ for from Eq. (4-10) gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{p}=\frac{\gamma \sin \theta(I)}{\gamma \sin \theta\left(L_{c} A\right)}=\frac{I}{L_{c} A} \tag{4-12}
\end{equation*}
$$

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### 4.6.1 Center of Pressure

- A more convenient expression can be developed by using the transfer theorem for moment of inertia from mechanics.

$$
I=I_{c}+A L_{c}^{2}
$$

- Equation (4-12) then becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{p}=\frac{I}{L_{c} A}=\frac{I_{c}+A L_{c}^{2}}{L_{c} A}=\frac{I_{c}}{L_{c} A}+L_{c} \tag{4-13}
\end{equation*}
$$

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### 4.6.1 Center of Pressure

- Rearranging gives the same form as Eq. (4-6):

$$
L_{p}-L_{c}=\frac{I_{c}}{L_{c} A}
$$

- We now continue the development by creating an expression for the vertical depth to the center of pressure $h_{p}$. Starting from Eq. (4-13), note the following relationships:

$$
\begin{aligned}
h_{p} & =L_{p} \sin \theta \\
L_{c} & =h_{c} / \sin \theta
\end{aligned}
$$

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### 4.6.1 Center of Pressure

- Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& h_{p}=L_{p} \sin \theta=\sin \theta\left[\frac{h_{c}}{\sin \theta}+\frac{I_{c}}{\left(h_{c} / \sin \theta\right) A}\right] \\
& h_{p}=h_{c}+\frac{I_{c} \sin ^{2} \theta}{h_{c} A}
\end{aligned}
$$

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### 4.7 Piezometric Head

- In all the problems demonstrated so far, the free surface of the fluid was exposed to the ambient pressure where $p=0$ (gage).
- Fig 4.12 shows the illustration of piezometric head.

(a) Tank from Fig. 4.8 with pressure above the oil

(b) Tank showing piezometric head equivalent to pressure above the oil


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### 4.7 Piezometric Head

- A convenient method uses the concept of piezometric head, in which the actual pressure above the fluid, is converted into an equivalent depth of the fluid, that would create the same pressure (Fig. 4.12):

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{a}=p_{a} / \gamma \tag{4-14}
\end{equation*}
$$

- This depth is added to any depth $h$ below the free surface to obtain an equivalent depth, That is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{e}=h+h_{a} \tag{4-15}
\end{equation*}
$$

- The equivalent depth to the centroid is

$$
h_{c e}=h_{c}+h_{a}
$$

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## Example 4.7

Repeat Example Problem 4.6, except consider that the tank shown in Fig. 4.8 is sealed at its top and that there is a pressure of 10.3 kPa (gage) above the oil.

Several calculations in the solution to Example Problem 4.6 used the depth to the centroid, given to be 1.5 m below the surface of the oil. With the pressure above the oil, we must add the piezometric head from Eq. (4-14). Using ? $=8.92 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m} 3$, we get

$$
h_{a}=\frac{p_{a}}{\gamma}=\frac{10.3 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{2}}{8.92 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}}=1.15 \mathrm{~m}
$$

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## Example 4.7

Then, the equivalent depth to the centroid is

$$
h_{c e}=h_{c}+h_{a}=1.5 \mathrm{~m}+1.15 \mathrm{~m}=2.65 \mathrm{~m}
$$

The resultant force is then

$$
F_{R}=\gamma h_{c e} A=\left(8.92 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)(2.65 \mathrm{~m})\left(0.72 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)=17.02 \mathrm{kN}
$$

Compare this with the value of 9.63 kN found before for the open tank. The center of pressure also changes because the distance $L_{c}$ changes $L_{c e}$ to as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& L_{c c e}=h_{c e} / \sin \theta=2.65 \mathrm{~m} / \sin 60^{\circ}=3.0 \mathrm{~m} \\
& L_{p e}-L_{c e}=\frac{I_{c}}{L_{c e} A}=\frac{0.02 \mathrm{~m}^{4}}{(3.0 \mathrm{~m})\left(0.72 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)}=0.009 \mathrm{~m}=9 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.7

Then, the equivalent depth to the centroid is

The resultant force is then

Compare this with the value of 9.63 kN found before for the open tank. The center of pressure also changes because the distance $L_{c}$ changes $L_{c e}$ to as follows:

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### 4.8 Distribution of Force on a Submerged Curved Surface

- Fig 4.13 shows the tank with a curved surface containing a static fluid.



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### 4.8 Distribution of Force on a Submerged Curved Surface

- One way to visualize the total force system involved is to isolate the volume of fluid directly above the surface of interest as a free body and show all the forces acting on it, as shown in Fig. 4.14.
- Fig 4.14 shows the free-body diagram of a volume of fluid above the curved surface.


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### 4.8 Distribution of Force on a Submerged Curved Surface



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### 4.8.1 Horizontal Force

- The vertical solid wall at the left exerts horizontal forces on the fluid in contact with it in reaction to the forces due to the fluid pressure.
- The magnitude of $F_{2 b}$ and its location can be found using the procedures developed for plane surfaces. That is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{2 b}=\gamma h_{c} A \tag{4-16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $h_{c}$ is the depth to the centroid of the projected area.

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### 4.8.1 Horizontal Force

- Calling the height of the rectangle $s$, you can see that $h_{c}=h+s / 2$. Also, the area is $s w$, where $w$ is the width of the curved surface. Then,

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{2 b}=F_{H}=\gamma s w(h+s / 2) \tag{4-17}
\end{equation*}
$$

- Again using the principles developed earlier, we get

$$
h_{p}-h_{c}=I_{c} /\left(h_{c} A\right)
$$

- For the rectangular projected area, however,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I_{c}=w s^{3} / 12 \\
& A=s w
\end{aligned}
$$

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### 4.8.1 Horizontal Force

- Then,

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{p}-h_{c}=\frac{w s^{3}}{12\left(h_{c}\right)(s w)}=\frac{s^{2}}{12 h_{c}} \tag{4-18}
\end{equation*}
$$

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### 4.8.2 Vertical Force

- The vertical component of the force exerted by the curved surface on the fluid can be found by summing forces in the vertical direction.
- Only the weight of the fluid acts downward, and only the vertical component acts upward.

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{V}=\gamma(\text { volume })=\gamma A w \tag{4-19}
\end{equation*}
$$

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### 4.8.3 Resultant Force

- The total resultant force is

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{R}=\sqrt{F_{H}^{2}+F_{V}^{2}} \tag{4-20}
\end{equation*}
$$

- The resultant force acts at an angle relative to the horizontal found from

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi=\tan ^{-1}\left(F_{V} / F_{H}\right) \tag{4-21}
\end{equation*}
$$

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4.8.4 summary of the Procedure for Computing the Force on a Submerged Curved Surface

1. Isolate the volume of fluid above the surface.
2. Compute the weight of the isolated volume.
3. The magnitude of the vertical component of the resultant force is equal to the weight of the isolated volume. It acts in line with the centroid of the isolated volume.
4. Draw a projection of the curved surface onto a vertical plane and determine its height, called $s$.
5. Compute the depth to the centroid of the projected area from the below, where $h$ is the depth to the top of the projected area.

$$
h_{c}=h+s / 2
$$

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6. Compute the magnitude of the horizontal component of the resultant force from

$$
F_{H}=\gamma s w(h+s / 2)=\gamma s w h_{c}
$$

7. Compute the depth to the line of action of the horizontal component from

$$
h_{p}=h_{c}+s^{2} /\left(12 h_{c}\right)
$$

8. Compute the resultant force from

$$
F_{R}=\sqrt{F_{V}^{2}+F_{H}^{2}}
$$

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4.8.4 summary of the Procedure for Computing the Force on a Submerged Curved Surface
9. Compute the angle of inclination of the resultant force relative to the horizontal from

$$
\phi=\tan ^{-1}\left(F_{V} / F_{H}\right)
$$

10. Show the resultant force acting on the curved surface in such a direction that its line of action passes through the center of curvature of the surface.

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## Example 4.8

For the tank shown in Fig. 4.13, the following dimensions apply:

$$
\begin{aligned}
h_{1} & =3.00 \mathrm{~m} \\
h_{2} & =4.50 \mathrm{~m} \\
w & =2.50 \mathrm{~m} \\
\gamma & =9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3} \quad \text { (water) }
\end{aligned}
$$

Compute the horizontal and vertical components of the resultant force on the curved surface and the resultant force itself. Show these force vectors on a sketch.

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## Example 4.8

Using the steps outlined above:

1. The volume above the curved surface is shown in Fig. 4.15.
2. The weight of the isolated volume is the product of the specific weight of the water times the volume. The volume is the product of the area times the length $w$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Area }=A_{1}+A_{2}=h_{1} \cdot R+\frac{1}{4}\left(\pi R^{2}\right) \\
& \text { Area }=(3.00 \mathrm{~m})(1.50 \mathrm{~m})+\frac{1}{4}\left[\pi(1.50 \mathrm{~m})^{2}\right]=4.50 \mathrm{~m}^{2}+1.767 \mathrm{~m}^{2} \\
& \text { Area }=6.267 \mathrm{~m}^{2} \\
& \text { Volume }=\text { area } \cdot w=\left(6.267 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)(2.50 \mathrm{~m})=15.67 \mathrm{~m}^{3} \\
& \text { Weight }=\gamma V=\left(9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)\left(15.67 \mathrm{~m}^{3}\right)=153.7 \mathrm{kN}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.8



## 4. Forces due to Static Fluid

## Example 4.8

3. Then $\mathrm{Fv}=153.7 \mathrm{~N}$, acting upward through the centroid of the volume. The location of the centroid is found using the composite-area technique. Refer to Fig. 4.15 for the data. Each value should be obvious except the location of the centroid of the quadrant. From Appendix L,

$$
x_{2}=0.424 R=0.424(1.50 \mathrm{~m})=0.636 \mathrm{~m}
$$

Then, the location of the centroid for the composite area is

$$
\bar{x}=\frac{A_{1} x_{1}+A_{2} x_{2}}{A_{1}+A_{2}}=\frac{(4.50)(0.75)+(1.767)(0.636)}{4.50+1.767}=0.718 \mathrm{~m}
$$

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## Example 4.8

4. The vertical projection of the curved surface is shown in Fig. 4.15. The height $s$ equals 1.50 m .
5. The depth to the centroid of the projected area is

$$
h_{c}=h_{1}+s / 2=3.00 \mathrm{~m}+(1.50 \mathrm{~m}) / 2=3.75 \mathrm{~m}
$$

6. The magnitude of the horizontal force is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{H}=\gamma s w\left(h_{1}+s / 2\right)=\gamma s w h_{c} \\
& F_{H}=\left(9.81 \mathrm{kN} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)(1.50 \mathrm{~m})(2.50 \mathrm{~m})(3.75 \mathrm{~m})=138.0 \mathrm{kN}
\end{aligned}
$$

7. The depth to the line of action ot the horizontal component is found from

$$
\begin{aligned}
& h_{p}=h_{c}+s^{2} /\left(12 h_{c}\right) \\
& h_{p}=3.75 \mathrm{~m}+(1.50)^{2} /[(12)(3.75)]=3.80 \mathrm{~m}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.8

8. The resultant force is computed from

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{R}=\sqrt{F_{V}^{2}+F_{H}^{2}} \\
& F_{R}=\sqrt{(153.7 \mathrm{kN})^{2}+(138.0 \mathrm{kN})^{2}}=206.5 \mathrm{kN}
\end{aligned}
$$

9. The angle of inclination of the resultant force relative to the horizontal is computed from

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \phi=\tan ^{-1}\left(F_{V} / F_{H}\right) \\
& \phi=\tan ^{-1}(153.7 / 138.0)=48.1^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Example 4.8

10. The horizontal component, the vertical component, and the resultant force are shown in Fig. 4.16. Note that the line of action $F_{R}$ of is through the center of curvature of the surface. Also note that the vertical component is acting through the centroid of the volume of liquid above the surface. The horizontal component is acting through the center of pressure of the projected area at a depth $h_{p}$ from the level of the free surface of the fluid.

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### 4.9 Effect of Pressure above the Fluid Surface

- If an additional pressure exists above the fluid or if the fluid itself is pressurized, the effect is to add to the actual depth a depth of fluid equivalent to $p / \gamma$.
- This is the same procedure, called piezometric head.


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### 4.10 Forces on a Curved Surface with Fluid Below It

- Fig 4.17 shows the curved surface restraining a liquid below it.



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### 4.10 Forces on a Curved Surface with Fluid Below It

- The pressure in the fluid at any point is dependent on the depth of fluid to that point from the level of the free surface.
- This situation is equivalent to having the curved surface supporting a volume of liquid above it, except for the direction of the force vectors.
- Fig 4.18 shows the forces exerted by a curved surface on the fluid.
- As before, the horizontal component of the force exerted by the curved surface on the fluid is the force on the projection of the curved surface on a vertical plane.
- The vertical component is equal to the weight of the ${ }^{\text {enossifrnatginfary volume of fluid above the surface. }}$


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### 4.10 Forces on a Curved Surface with Fluid Below It



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### 4.11 Forces on Curved Surfaces with Fluid above and below

- Fig 4.19 shows the semicylindrical gate.



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### 4.11 Forces on Curved Surfaces with Fluid above and below

- The force due to fluid pressure would have a horizontal component acting to the right on the gate.
- This force acts on the projection of the surface on a vertical plane and is computed in the same manner as used in Section 4.8.
- However, there is also a force acting upward on the bottom surface of the gate equal to the total weight of the fluid, both real and imaginary, above that surface.
- The net vertical force is the difference between the two forces, equal to the weight of the semicylindrical volume of fluid displaced by the gate itself.


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### 4.11 Forces on Curved Surfaces with Fluid above and below

- Fig 4.19 shows the volumes used to compute the net vertical force on the gate.


