

# Fluid Statics

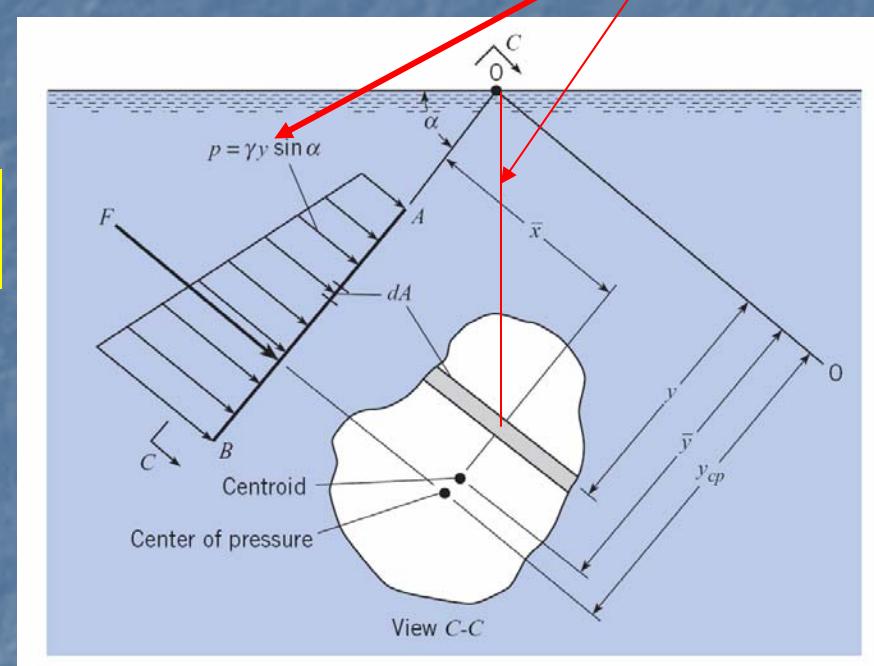
## PRESSURE FORCES ON PLANE SURFACES

$$h = y \sin \alpha$$

### The resultant hydrostatic force

$$F = \int_A p dA = \int_A \gamma y \sin \alpha dA = \gamma \sin \alpha \int_A y dA = \gamma \bar{y} \sin \alpha A = \bar{p} A$$

Where  $\bar{p}$  = pressure at the center of gravity of the surface.



Always Remember  $\bar{y} \sin \alpha = h_{CG}$  = Vertical distance from the surface

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## LINE OF ACTION OF RESULTANT VERTICAL HYDROSTATIC FORCE ON PLANE SURFACES

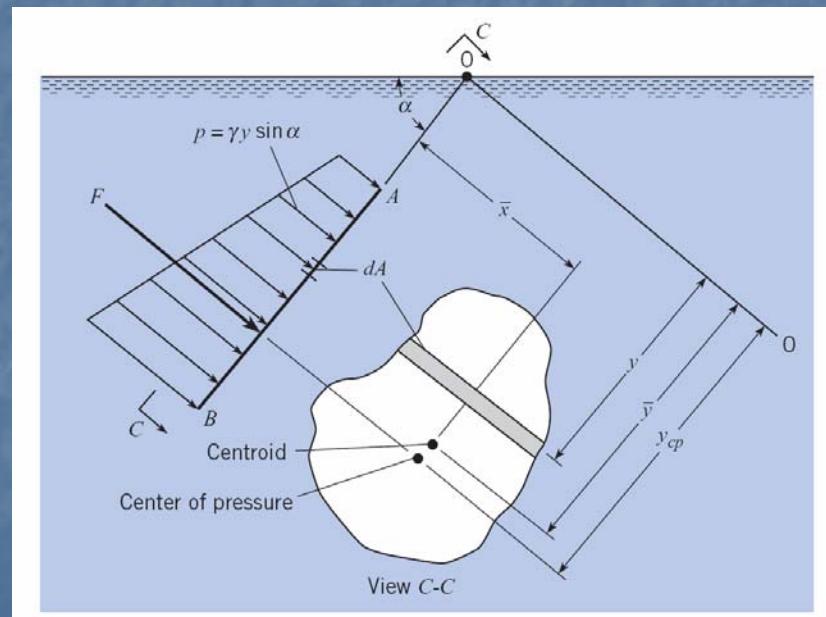
$$y_{cp}F = \int ydF = \int y (pdA) = \int y(\gamma \sin \alpha)dA = \gamma \sin \alpha \int y^2 dA$$

Where  $( \int y^2 dA )$  is the second moment of area =  $I_0 = \bar{I} + \bar{y}^2 A$

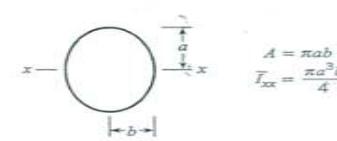
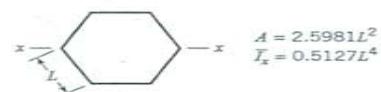
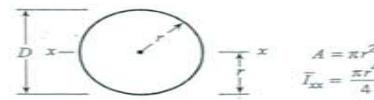
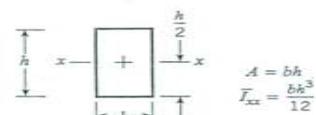
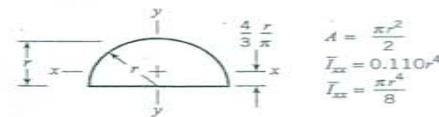
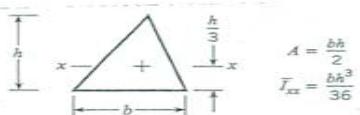
$$y_{cp}F = \gamma \sin \alpha (\bar{I} + \bar{y}^2 A)$$

$$y_{cp}(\gamma \bar{y} \sin \alpha)A = \gamma \sin \alpha (\bar{I} + \bar{y}^2 A)$$

$$y_{cp} - \bar{y} = \frac{\bar{I}}{\bar{y}A}$$



A.1  
Centroids and moments of areas of plane areas



Volume and Area Formulas:

$$A_{\text{circle}} = \pi r^2 = \pi D^2/4$$

$$A_{\text{sphere surface}} = \pi D^2$$

$$V_{\text{sphere}} = \frac{1}{6} \pi D^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

# Example(3.12)

Calculate (F) to open the gate

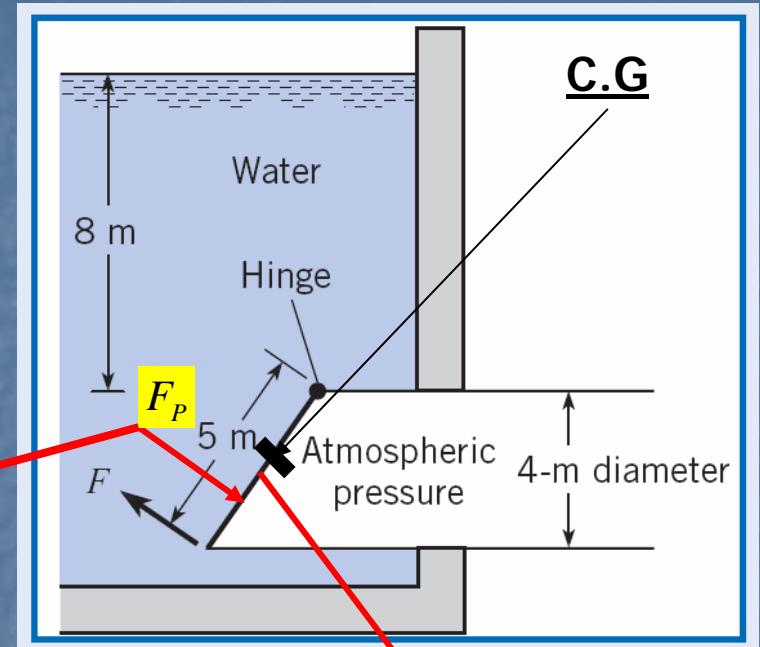
Neglect weight of the gate

Hydrostatic Force due to pressure =

$$F_p = \bar{p}A = \gamma(h_{CG})A = \gamma(\bar{y} \sin \alpha)A$$

$$\sin \alpha = (4/5)$$

Always Remember  $\bar{y} \sin \alpha = h_{CG}$  = Vertical distance from the surface



Elliptical gate

$$D = 4\text{m}$$

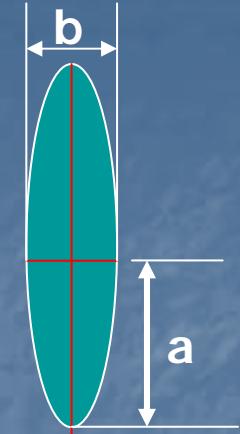
**Solution** First evaluate the magnitude of the hydrostatic force:

$$F = \bar{p} A$$

The area in question is an ellipse with major and minor axes of 5 m and 4 m. The area is given by the formula  $A = \pi ab$  (from Fig. A.1 in the Appendix). Then

$$F = 10 \text{ m} \times 9810 \text{ N/m}^3 \times \pi \times 2 \text{ m} \times 2.5 \text{ m} = 1.541 \text{ MN}$$

$$F_p = \bar{p} A = \gamma(h_{CG})A = \gamma(\bar{y} \sin \alpha)A$$



Now calculate the slant distance between the centroid of the elliptical area and the center of pressure:

$$y_{cp} - \bar{y} = \frac{\bar{I}}{\bar{y}A} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}\pi a^3 b}{\bar{y} \pi ab} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}a^2}{\bar{y}}$$

Here  $\bar{y} = 12.5 \text{ m}$  (slant distance from the water surface to the centroid). Thus

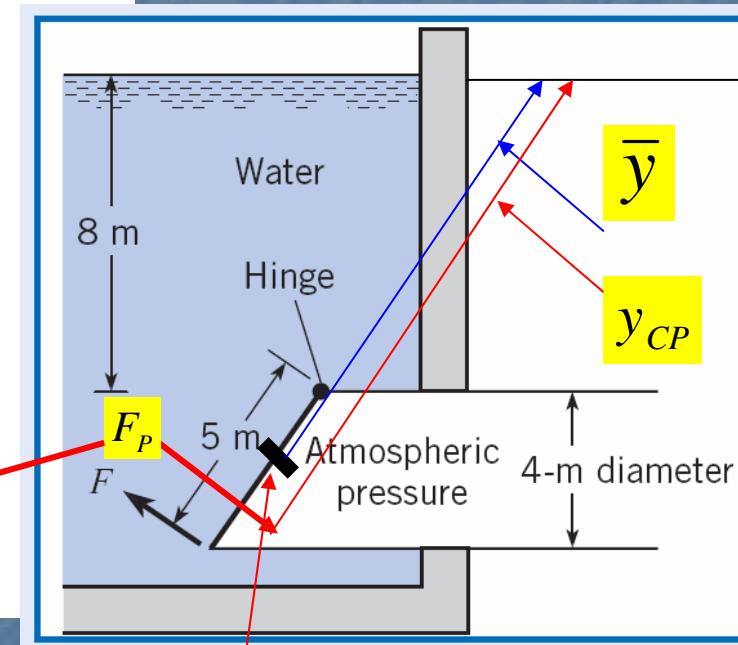
$$y_{cp} - \bar{y} = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{6.25 \text{ m}^2}{12.5 \text{ m}} = 0.125 \text{ m}$$

Now take moments about the hinge at the top of the gate to obtain  $F$ :

$$\sum M_{\text{hinge}} = 0$$

$$1.541 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \times 2.625 \text{ m} - F \times 5 \text{ m} = 0$$

$$F = 809 \text{ kN}$$



## Example(3.12)

Determine the magnitude of the hydrostatic force acting on one side of the submerged vertical plate shown in the figure and determine the location of the center of pressure.

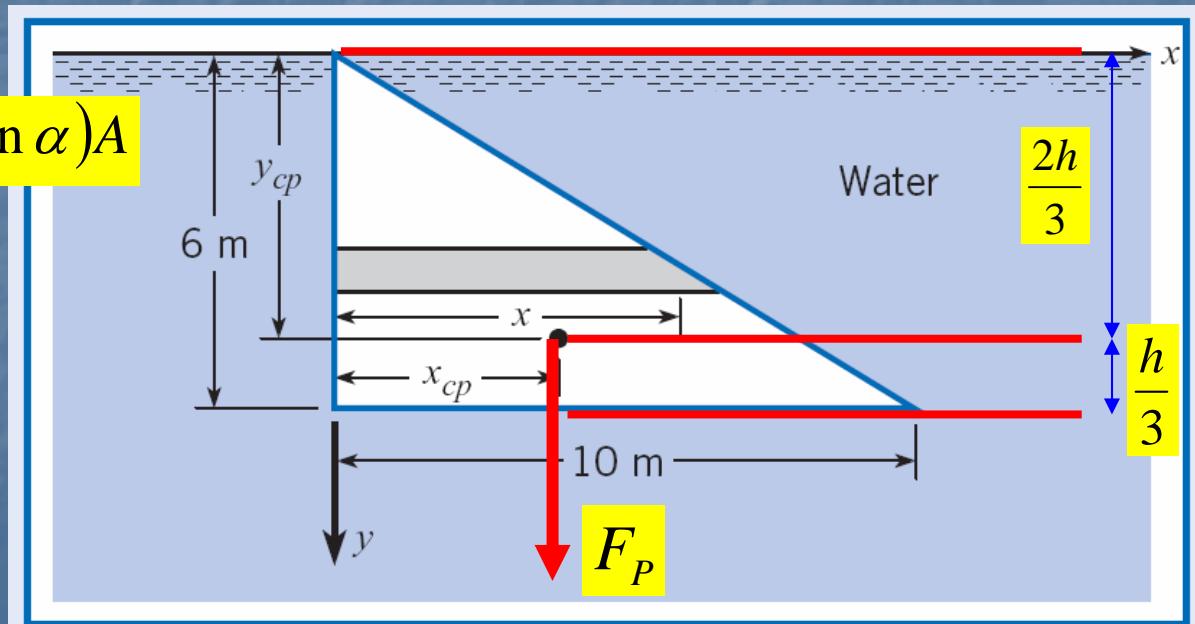
**Solution** The centroid of the plate is at a depth of 4 m. Therefore  $F = 4 \text{ m} \times 9810 \text{ N/m}^3 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 60 \text{ m}^2 = 1.177 \text{ MN}$ . The vertical location of the center of pressure is obtained from the center-of-pressure equation:

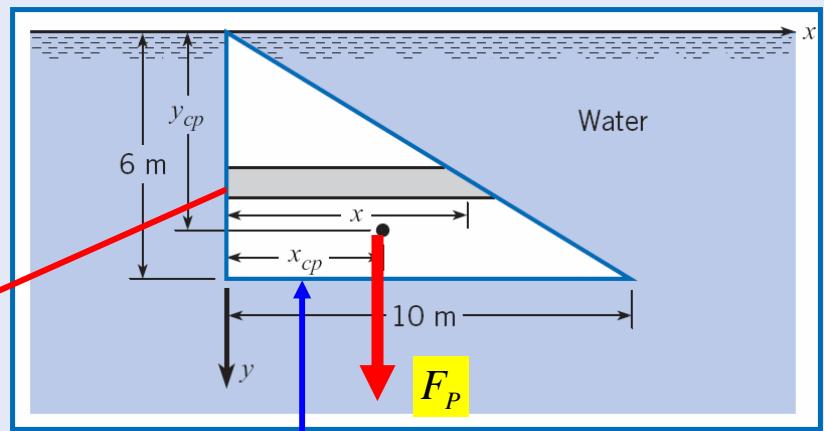
$$y_{cp} - \bar{y} = \frac{\bar{I}}{\bar{y}A} = \frac{bh^3/36}{\bar{y} \frac{1}{2}bh} = \frac{h^2}{18\bar{y}} = \frac{36}{72}$$

$$y_{cp} = 4 + \frac{1}{2} = 4.50 \text{ m}$$

$$F_p = \bar{p}A = \gamma(h_{CG})A = \gamma(\bar{y} \sin \alpha)A$$

Note :  $\alpha = 90^\circ$





Vertical edge

Obtain the lateral location of the center of pressure by summing moments of forces acting on the elemental strips and then dividing by  $F$ . Moments are taken about the vertical edge:

$$dM = \frac{1}{2} x dF = \frac{1}{2} x \gamma y x dy$$

But

$$x = \frac{10}{6} y$$

so

$$M = \frac{50}{36} \gamma \int_0^6 y^3 dy$$

Then

$$M = \frac{50}{36} (9810 \text{ N/m}^3) \frac{y^4}{4} \Big|_0^6 = 4.414 \text{ MN} \cdot \text{m}$$

But

$$F x_{cp} = M$$

$$\bar{p}$$

$$x_{cp} = \frac{M}{F} = \frac{4.414 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{1.177 \text{ N}} = 3.75 \text{ m}$$

END OF LECTURE  
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