

In the figure, surface AB is a circular arc with a ridius of 2m and a depth of 1m into the paper. The distance EB is 4m. The fluid above surface AB is water, and atmospheric pressure prevails on the free surface of the water and on the bottom side of surface AB. Find the magnitude and line of action of the hydrostatic force acting on surface AB.

Solution:

$$F_R = F_{R_x}\hat{i} + F_{R_y}\hat{j}$$

$$F_{R_y} = -\gamma V_{CDEB+ACB}$$
$$= -\gamma \left[4 \times 2 \times 1 + \frac{1}{4}\pi 2^2 \times 1 \right] = -109.3 \text{kN}$$

$$x_{cp}F_{R_y} = 1 \times \gamma V_{CDEB} + \left(r - \frac{4r}{3\pi}\gamma V_{ACB}\right)$$
$$x_{cp} = 1.04 \text{m}$$

$$F_{R_x} = \overline{p}A = \gamma \times 5 \times 2 \times 1 = 98.1 \text{kN}$$
$$y_{cp} = \overline{y} + \frac{\overline{I}}{\overline{y}A} = 5.067 \text{m}$$

where

$$\overline{I} = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{1 \times 2^3}{12}$$