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2.122 The homogeneous gate shown in Fig. P2.122 consists of one quarter of a circular cylinder and is used to maintain a water depth of 4 m. That is, when the water depth exceeds 4 m, the gate opens slightly and lets the water flow under it. Determine the weight of the gate per meter of length.

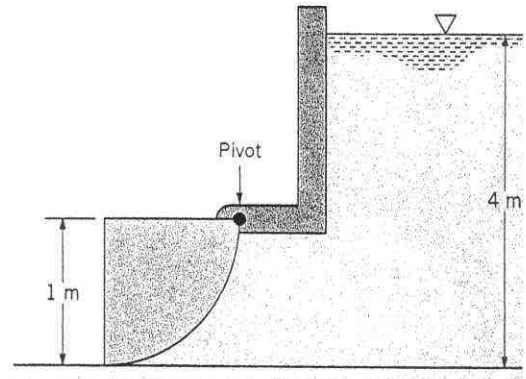


FIGURE P2.122

Consider the free body diagram of the gate and a portion of the water as shown.

$$\sum M_o = 0, \text{ or}$$

$$(1) \quad l_2 W + l_1 W_1 - F_H l_3 - F_V l_4 = 0, \text{ where}$$

$$(2) \quad F_H = \gamma h_c A = 9.8 \times 10^3 \frac{N}{m^3} (3.5 m) (1 m) (1 m) = 34.3 \text{ kN}$$

since for the vertical side,  $h_c = 4 m - 0.5 m = 3.5 m$

Also,

$$(3) \quad F_V = \gamma h_c A = 9.8 \times 10^3 \frac{N}{m^3} (4 m) (1 m) (1 m) = 39.2 \text{ kN}$$

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$$(4) \quad W_1 = \gamma (1 m)^3 - \gamma \left( \frac{\pi}{4} (1 m)^2 \right) (1 m) = 9.8 \times 10^3 \frac{N}{m^3} \left[ 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} \right] m^3 = 2.10 \text{ kN}$$

$$(5) \quad \text{Now, } l_4 = 0.5 m \text{ and}$$

$$(6) \quad l_3 = 0.5 m + (y_R - y_c) = 0.5 m + \frac{I_{xc}}{y_c A} = 0.5 m + \frac{\frac{1}{2} (1 m) (1 m)^3}{3.5 m (1 m) (1 m)} = 0.524 m$$

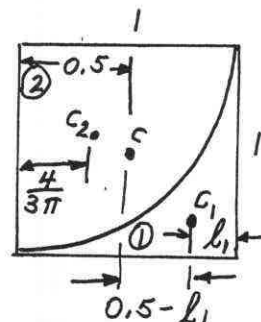
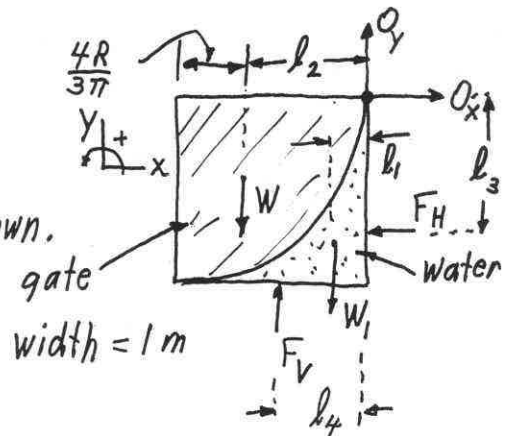
$$(7) \quad \text{and } l_2 = 1 m - \frac{4R}{3\pi} = 1 - \frac{4(1 m)}{3\pi} = 0.576 m$$

To determine  $l_1$ , consider a unit square that consists of a quarter circle and the remainder as shown in the figure. The centroids of areas ① and ② are as indicated.

Thus,

$$\left( 0.5 - \frac{4}{3\pi} \right) A_2 = (0.5 - l_1) A_1$$

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so that with  $A_2 = \frac{\pi}{4}(1)^2 = \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $A_1 = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4}$  this gives

$$(0.5 - \frac{4}{3\pi})\frac{\pi}{4} = (0.5 - l_1)(1 - \frac{\pi}{4})$$

or

$$(8) \quad l_1 = 0.223 \text{ m}$$

Hence, by combining Eqs (1) through (8):

$$(0.576 \text{ m})W + (0.223 \text{ m})(2.10 \text{ kN}) - (34.3 \text{ kN})(0.524 \text{ m}) - (39.2 \text{ kN})(0.5 \text{ m}) = 0$$

or

$$W = \underline{\underline{64.4 \text{ kN}}}$$