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2.101 A closed, 0.4-m-diameter cylindrical tank is completely filled with oil ($SG = 0.9$) and rotates about its vertical longitudinal axis with an angular velocity of 40 rad/s. Determine the difference in pressure just under the vessel cover between a point on the circumference and a point on the axis.

Pressure in a rotating fluid varies in accordance with the equation,

$$p = \frac{\rho \omega^2 r^2}{2} - \gamma z + \text{constant} \quad (\text{Eq. 2.33})$$

Since $z_A = z_B$,

$$\begin{aligned} p_B - p_A &= \frac{\rho \omega^2}{2} (r_B^2 - r_A^2) \\ &= \frac{(0.9)(10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3})(40 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}})^2}{2} [(0.2 \text{ m})^2 - 0] \\ &= \underline{\underline{28.8 \text{ kPa}}} \end{aligned}$$

