

Lecture 1 Review : Fluid Properties

Density $\rho \equiv \text{mass / unit vol}$

Pressure $P \equiv \text{force / unit area} \perp \text{ to any surface}$

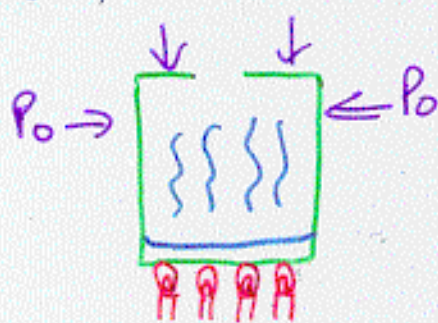
$$\text{Hydrostatic Pressure gradient } \frac{dP}{dy} = -\rho g \quad [\text{Pa/m}]$$

For many liquids $\rho \approx \text{constant}$ ("incompressible")

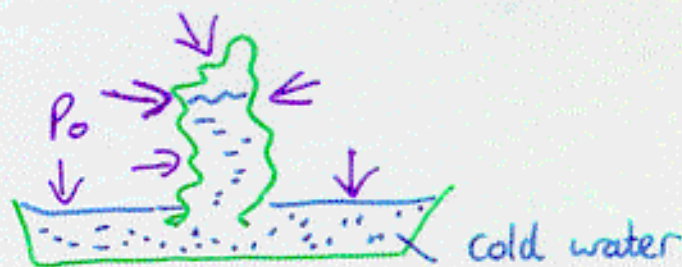
$$\Rightarrow P_1 - P_2 = \rho g (y_2 - y_1) \text{ or } \Delta P = \rho g \underline{h} \quad \text{depth only}$$

For gases, ρ changes with Pressure (and Temperature)

e.g. "Crushing Can" demo:



heat: steam at
 $P = 1 \text{ atm}$



rapid cooling reduces steam
pressure inside can

Results: • Can crushed by outside air pressure

• air pressure forces water from bath into can.

Using Fluids to Measure Pressure

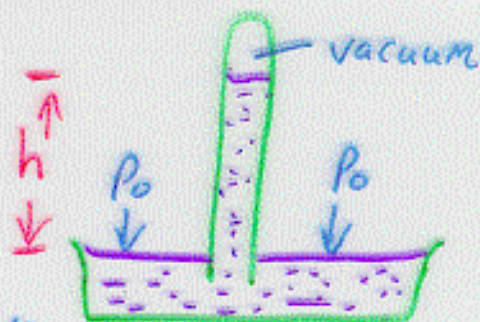
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1. Mercury (Hg) barometer:

atm. pressure supports

fluid column above level of bath

$$\Rightarrow P_0 = \rho g h$$



Given standard values of ρ and g , can measure P_0
in terms of height h . $1 \text{ torr} = 1 \text{ mm Hg}$

$$1 \text{ atm} \approx 760 \text{ torr} \approx 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

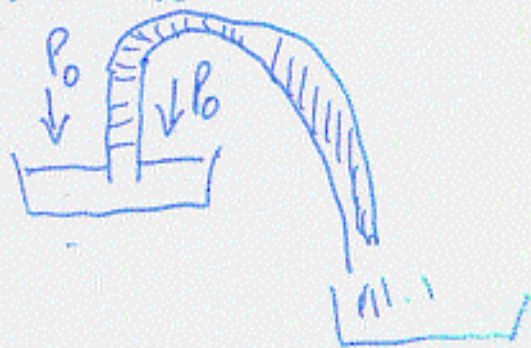
Q: Why not use water?

For $1 \text{ atm} \approx 10^5 \text{ Pa}$, $\rho = 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$, height of
column $h = \frac{P_0}{\rho g} = 10 \text{ m}$ or 33 ft!

Also, water vapor destroys vacuum at top



BUT: Can use atm. pressure to "lift" water
up over a barrier $\approx 10 \text{ m}$ high
i.e. a siphon



2. Open-tube Manometer: Pressure differences



Pressure difference between gas and atmosphere

$$P - P_0 = \rho g h$$

- can measure h as a warning that gas vessel (aircraft cabin?) will explode if $(P - P_0)$ gets too high

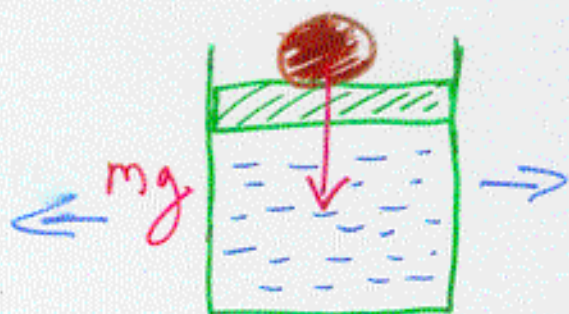
Pascal's Principle

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- Already assumed / demo'd

"Change in pressure applied to incompressible fluid
..... transmitted to every portion of the fluid"

(transmitted at speed of sound - fast!)



e.g. add weight to top of fluid

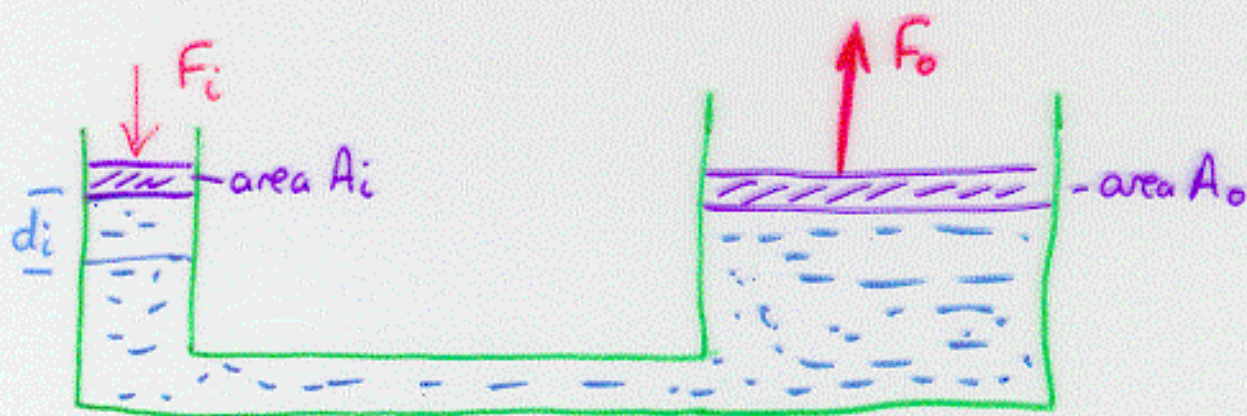
→ transmitted to bottom and
side walls

(Remember: at any point in fluid, pressure supports
weight of everything above it)

At top of fluid: $P = P_0 + \frac{mg}{A}$

At depth h $P = P_0 + \frac{mg}{A} + \rho g h$

Hydraulic Lever



Apply input force $F_i \Rightarrow$ increases P throughout fluid
by $\Delta P = F_i / A_i$ (Pascal)

$\Rightarrow$ net force on larger piston $F_o = \Delta P / A_o$

i.e. $F_o = \frac{A_o}{A_i} F_i$: force magnified !

But: no free lunch. If F_i moves piston down by d_i

input work = $F_i d_i$

volume displaced = $A_i d_i = V$

$\therefore$ output piston moves up by $d_o = \frac{V}{A_o} = \frac{A_i d_i}{A_o}$

$\Rightarrow$ output work $F_o d_o = \frac{A_o}{A_i} F_i \cdot \frac{A_i d_i}{A_o}$

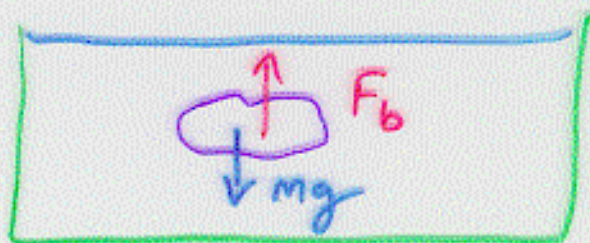
i.e. $F_o d_o = F_i d_i$

$\therefore$ Work (energy) conserved

Archimedes Principle - Eureka!

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Buoyant Force



Isolate a piece of fluid, any shape or size

At eqm., weight of fluid piece is supported by pressure diff. above + below:

i.e. a buoyant force $F_b = \int P \cdot dA = mg = \rho Vg$

Now "remove" fluid piece and replace with something else, mass M

Buoyant force F_b still provided by fluid above / below

$\Rightarrow$ "A body immersed in a fluid experiences a buoyant force $F_b =$ weight of the fluid displaced."
(occupying same volume)



"Effective weight" of object (downwards)

$$= Mg - \rho Vg$$

- Can be used to simulate reduced gravity
(bottom of pool $\approx$ moon)

Or: if $M < \rho V$, i.e. $\rho_{\text{obj}} = \frac{M}{V} < \rho$,

object is pushed upwards until it floats,

displacing a mass = M of fluid

e.g. ships with steel hulls

Subs, fishes, whales control F_b by changing their
average density relative to water

i.e. $\frac{M}{V}$