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**Introduction**


Mechanics

Rigid body mechanics

Nonrigid body mechanics  
(continuum mechanics)

Elasticity (solid elastic bodies)

Fluid mechanics



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**Introduction**

- Fluid mechanics studies the statics and dynamics of fluid, i.e. flow of **fluid**
- A fluid is a substance which cannot resist a shear force or stress without moving as can a solid
- Any shear stress applied to a fluid, no matter how small, will result in motion of that fluid



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Characteristics of a fluid

Fluid

Liquid

Gas

- Intermolecular forces, possess volume but no definite shape
- Light compressibility
- Density varies little with temperature/pressure

- no definite volume/shape, fill any container into which it is placed
- Large compressibility
- Density may vary significantly with temperature/pressure

free surface

Liquid

gas

Water takes the shape of the vessel containing it

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Characteristics of a fluid

- Important characteristics of fluid from fluid mechanics viewpoint: compressibility and viscosity
  - Compressibility: a fluid increases its pressure against compression, trying to retain its original volume
  - Viscosity: a fluid shows resistance when two layers slide over each other
- In general: liquids are called incompressible fluids and gases are compressible

free surface

Liquid

gas

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Characteristics of a fluid

- Density: mass per unit volume of material
$$\rho = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta V} = \frac{dm}{dV}$$

The density of a gas changes according to the pressure, while that of a liquid may be considered unchangeable in general
- Specific gravity:
$$s = \frac{\rho}{\rho_w}$$
- Specific volume:
$$v = \frac{1}{\rho}$$
- Specific weight:
$$\gamma = \rho g$$

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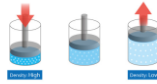
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Compressibility

- Compressibility: the volume of fluids decrease with increasing pressure
- The bulk modulus of a fluid:

$$K = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta V/V} = -V \frac{dp}{dV}$$



- Compressibility:

$\beta = \frac{1}{K}$  indicates how compressible the fluid is

- Water of normal pressure/temperature:  $K = 2.06 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $\beta = 4.85 \times 10^{-10} \text{ 1/Pa}$ , it shrinks only by  $\sim 0.005\%$  if the atmospheric pressure is increased by 1 atm
- For air,  $K = 1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $\beta = 7.14 \times 10^{-6} \text{ 1/Pa}$
- Incompressible fluid:  $\beta=0$ , no volume change under changing pressure and temperature
- Liquid can be approximated as incompressible fluid

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Viscosity

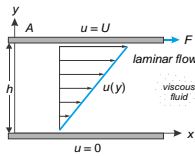
- Viscosity:
  - The internal stickiness of a fluid
  - A quantitative measure of a fluid's resistance to flow
- Viscosity experiments between two parallel plates:



$$F = \mu \frac{AU}{h}$$

$$\tau = \frac{F}{A} = \mu \frac{U}{h}$$

Newton's law of viscosity



- where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of viscosity, or **dynamic viscosity**, Pa-s or N-s/m<sup>2</sup> (1 poise = 0.1 Pa-s), depends on the fluid property, temperature, and pressure
- It measures how well a fluid resists deformation
- Dynamic viscosity can also be used to distinguish solid and fluid

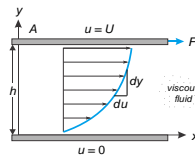
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Viscosity

- Viscosity:

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy} = \mu \dot{\epsilon} \quad \dot{\epsilon} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{du \cdot dt}{dy} \bigg/ dt = \frac{du}{dy}$$

- The shear stress between fluid layers is proportional to the gradient of flow velocity
- When  $du/dy=0$ , no relative movement between fluid layers,  $\tau=0$
- Friction of fluid depends on velocity gradient; friction of solid depends on pressure



- **Newtonian fluids:** the shear stress  $\tau$  is proportional to the velocity gradient/shear strain rate  $du/dy$

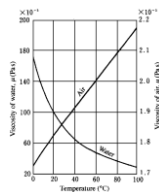
- Newtonian fluids: air, water, gasoline, alcohol, etc.
- Non-Newtonian fluids: toothpaste, paint, etc.

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### Viscosity

- Gases: increased temperature makes the molecular movement more vigorous and increases mixing so that viscosity increases
- Liquids: molecules separate from each other with increasing temperature and the attraction between them decreases, and thus results in a decreasing viscosity
  - Under high pressure, the viscosity of gases and liquids increase with increasing pressure
  - Ordinary pressure has minor influence on the viscosity of fluids
- Kinematic viscosity:

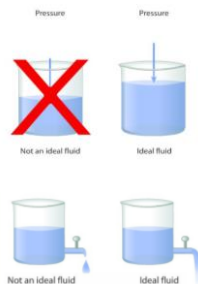
$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho} \quad \text{unit: m}^2/\text{s}$$



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### Ideal fluid or perfect fluid

- An ideal fluid is a fluid that has no internal friction or viscosity
- Ideal fluid do not actually exist in nature, but sometimes used for in particular fluid flow problems in order to simplify the problem



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### Fluidity of fluid

- The most fundamental difference between fluid and solid is that the fluid can flow
- Fluid is easy to deform and flow; no specific shape; for gas, there is even no specific volume
- Solid can sustain compression, tension, bending, shear, torsion forces; fluid can only sustain compression and shear forces
- When fluid is static, it cannot sustain shear stress
- Fluid can continuously deform when subjected to constant shear stress



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