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Session 10: Fluid Statics

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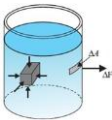
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Introduction

- Fluid statics is a branch of fluid mechanics that deals with the behavior/response of fluid and the balance of forces which stabilize fluids when they are at rest or relative rest
- Since there is no relative movement within the fluid, no viscous shear stress exists
- Only pressure exists on the fluid surface
- Fluid statics mainly concerns with problems related to fluid pressure, the pressure on the solid surface, and their distributions



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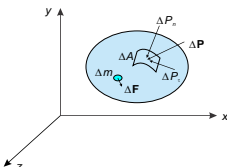
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Forces on fluids

- Surface forces:** contact force; the forces acting on the surface of the fluids
  - Normal stress:
$$p = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta P_n}{\Delta A} = \frac{dP_n}{dA}$$
  - Shear stress:
$$\tau = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta P_t}{\Delta A} = \frac{dP_t}{dA}$$
- Body forces:** non-contact force
$$\mathbf{f} = \lim_{\Delta m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{F}}{\Delta m} = \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dm} \quad \text{m/s}^2$$

$= f_x \mathbf{i} + f_y \mathbf{j} + f_z \mathbf{k}$

e.g., only gravity in y direction:  
 $f_x=0, f_y=-g, f_z=0$



1 atm = 760 mmHg (at 273.15 K,  
g = 9.80665 m/s²) = 101325 Pa

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Pressure

- Characteristics of pressure:
  - The pressure of a fluid at rest always acts perpendicular to the contact surface and points to the inner normal direction
  - The pressures at any point in a fluid at rest are equal in every direction

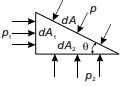
$p_1 dA_1 = p dA \sin \theta$

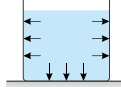
$p_2 dA_2 = p dA \cos \theta$

$p = p_1 = p_2$

$dA_1 = dA \sin \theta$

$dA_2 = dA \cos \theta$





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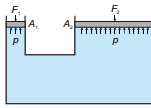
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Pressure

- The fluid pressure applied to a fluid in a closed vessel is transmitted to all parts at the same pressure value as that applied (**Pascal's law**)



$$F_2 = F_1 \frac{A_2}{A_1}$$

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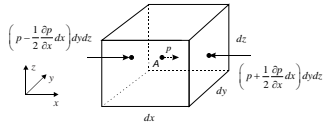
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Differential equations of fluid statics

- Equilibrium in x direction:

$f_x \rho dx dy dz$



$$\left(p - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx\right) dy dz - \left(p + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx\right) dy dz + f_x \rho dx dy dz = 0$$

$$f_x - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \rightarrow f_y - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \quad f_z - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$f_i - \frac{1}{\rho} p_{,i} = 0 \quad \mathbf{f} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = 0$$

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Differential equations of fluid statics

- Euler's equilibrium equation:

$$f_x - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \quad f_y - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \quad f_z - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$f_x dx + f_y dy + f_z dz = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \right) = \frac{1}{\rho} dp$$

$$dp = \rho (f_x dx + f_y dy + f_z dz)$$

If only gravity exists in z direction:

$$dp = -\rho g dz$$

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Pressure of fluid at rest under gravity

$$p dA - \left( p + \frac{dp}{dz} dz \right) dA - \rho g dA dz = 0$$

$$dp = -\rho g dz$$

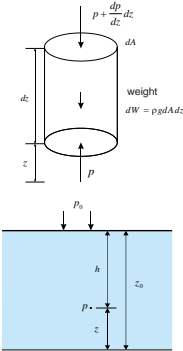
$$p = -\rho g \int dz = -\rho g z + c$$

If the base point is set at  $z_0$  below the upper surface, the upper surface has

$$p = p_0 \quad z = z_0$$

$$c = p_0 + \rho g z_0$$

$$p = p_0 + \rho g (z_0 - z) = p_0 + \rho g h$$



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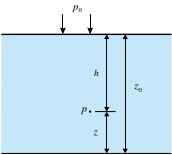
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Pressure of fluid at rest under gravity

$$p = p_0 + \rho g h$$

- Under gravity, the pressure of fluid increases linearly with increasing depth
- Under gravity, the pressures of fluid at same depth are equal



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### Measurement of pressure

- Absolute pressure uses vacuum as base pressure:

$$p = p_a + \rho gh$$

where  $p_a$  is the atmospheric pressure, absolute pressure only has positive values

- Gauge pressure (or relative pressure) uses atmospheric pressure as base pressure:

$$p_g = p - p_a$$

Gauge pressure could be positive and negative

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### Measurement of pressure

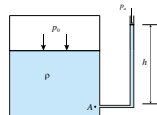
- Manometer
  - A device which measures the fluid pressure by the height of a liquid column

$$p = p_0 + \rho gh$$

- Single tube:

$$p = p_a + \rho gh$$

Disadvantage: the pipe should be long enough



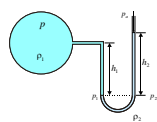
- U-shape tube:

$$p_1 = p + \rho_1 gh_1$$

$$p_2 = p_a + \rho_2 gh_2$$

$$p_1 = p_2$$

$$p = p_a + \rho_2 gh_2 - \rho_1 gh_1$$



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### Hydrostatic forces on plane surfaces

- Pressure on the infinitesimal element:

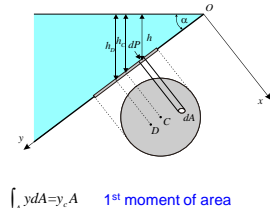
$$p_c = \rho gh$$

$$dP = p_c dA = \rho gh dA = \rho g y \sin \alpha \cdot dA$$

- Overall forces:

$$P = \int_A dP = \rho g \sin \alpha \int_A y dA$$

$$P = \rho g \sin \alpha \cdot y_c A = \rho g h_c A = p_c A$$



The total force  $P$  equals the product of the pressure at the centroid  $C$  and the underwater area  $A$

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Hydrostatic forces on plane surfaces

Force center:

$$P \cdot y_D = \int_A dP \cdot y$$

$$\int_A dP \cdot y = \int_A \rho g y \sin \alpha \cdot dA \cdot y$$
$$= \rho g \sin \alpha \int_A y^2 \cdot dA = \rho g \sin \alpha \cdot I_x$$

where  $I_x = \int_A y^2 \cdot dA$  Area moment of inertia, or 2<sup>nd</sup> moment of area

since  $I_x = I_{Cx} + y_C^2 A$

$$y_D = \frac{\int_A dP \cdot y}{P} = \frac{\rho g \sin \alpha \cdot I_x}{\rho g \sin \alpha \cdot y_C A} = \frac{I_x}{y_C A} = \frac{I_{Cx} + y_C^2 A}{y_C A} = y_C + \frac{I_{Cx}}{y_C A}$$

$y_D$  is always greater than  $y_C$

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Example

Overall forces:

Left:  $P_1 = \rho g h_{C1} A_1 = \rho g \frac{l_1}{2} b l_1$

Right:  $P_2 = \rho g h_{C2} A_2 = \rho g \frac{l_2}{2} b l_2$

$P = P_1 - P_2$

Acting points:

$I_{Cx} = \frac{1}{12} b l^3$   $y_D = y_C + \frac{I_{Cx}}{y_C A} = \frac{l}{2} + \frac{\frac{1}{12} b l^3}{\frac{l}{2} b l} = \frac{2}{3} l$   $y_{D1} = \frac{2}{3} l_1$   $y_{D2} = \frac{2}{3} l_2$

$P \cdot L = P_1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} l_1 - P_2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} l_2$   $L = P_1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} l_1 - P_2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} l_2 = \frac{P_1 \cdot l_1 - P_2 \cdot l_2}{3(P_1 - P_2)}$

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Hydrostatic forces on curved surfaces

The horizontal force acting on the infinitesimal element:

$$dP = \rho g h \cdot dA$$

$$dP_x = dP \cos \alpha = \rho g h \cdot dA \cos \alpha$$

$$P_x = \int_{A_x} dP_x = \rho g \int_{A_x} h \cdot dA \cos \alpha = \rho g \int_{A_x} h \cdot dA_x = \rho g h_C A_x = p_C A_x$$

The horizontal component of the fluid force on the curved surface is equal to the overall force acting on the vertical projection of the curved surface

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Hydrostatic forces on curved surfaces

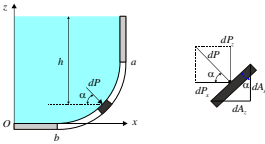
- The vertical force acting on the infinitesimal element:

$$dP = \rho g h \cdot dA$$

$$dP_z = dP \sin \alpha = \rho g h \cdot dA \sin \alpha$$

$$P_z = \int_{A_c} dP_z = \rho g \int_{A_c} h \cdot dA \sin \alpha = \rho g \int_{A_c} h \cdot dA_z = \rho g V_p \quad \text{where } V_p = \int_{A_c} h \cdot dA_z \text{ Volume of the fluid body}$$

The vertical component of the fluid force on the curved surface is equal to the weight of the fluid above the curved surface



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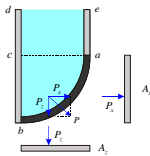
Hydrostatic forces on curved surfaces

- The overall force:

$$P = \sqrt{P_x^2 + P_z^2}$$

- The angle with vertical direction

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{P_x}{P_z}$$



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Example

- Horizontal force:

$$h = R \sin \alpha$$

$$P_x = \rho g h_c A_x = \rho g \frac{h}{2} b h$$

- Vertical force:

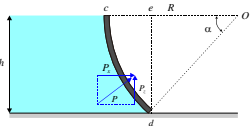
$$V_p = b \left( \pi R^2 \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2} h R \cos \alpha \right) = \frac{b}{2} (a R^2 - R^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha)$$

$$P_z = \rho g V_p$$

- Overall force:

$$P = \sqrt{P_x^2 + P_z^2}$$

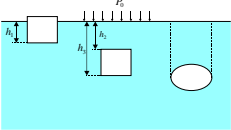
$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{P_x}{P_z}$$



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Buoyancy

Principle of Archimedes



$P_1 = p_0 A$   
 $P_2 = (p_0 + \rho g h_1) A$

$P_1 = (p_0 + \rho g h_2) A$   
 $P_2 = (p_0 + \rho g h_2) A$

$P = P_2 - P_1$   
 $= \rho g h_1 A = \rho g V$

$P = P_2 - P_1$   
 $= \rho g (h_2 - h_1) A = \rho g V$

V is the volume of the body in the liquid

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