

# Ch1-1 Introduction and Big Idea

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## Objectives:

Reading: 1.1

- Fluid Definition <Identify and Explain>
- Fluid Mechanics (Big Idea) <Identify and Explain>
- Continuum <Identify and Explain>

Why should we learn fluid mechanics? (Show slides)

- What we see is either fluid or object surrounded by fluid.  
Fluid is everywhere in our life.
- The knowledge of fluids promotes the technological progress of human society.

Example 1: Building: skyscraper: {  
wind (outdoor air)  
HVAC (indoor air, air quality  
thermal comfort)  
water supply and drainage  
...

Example 2: Sports balls

banana kick of soccer ball (Free kick)  
baseball, tennis, ping pong, etc.

Example 3, COVID19

How far may the droplets from a cough travel in the air?

What is a fluid?

- Discussion: all about fluid
- Intuition: it flows.

A fluid is defined as a substance that deforms continuously when acted on by a shear stress of any magnitude. ★

Solid:

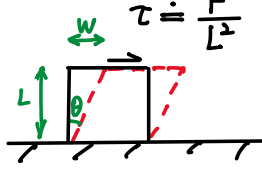
shear stress,  $\tau \doteq \frac{F}{L^2}$

$\gamma = \frac{w}{L} = \tan \theta \approx \theta$

shear strain

$\tau = \gamma \cdot G$

shear modulus  $G \doteq \frac{F}{L^2}$

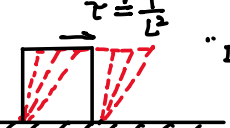


- A solid can resist an applied shear by a static deformation.
- "Elasticity" resists deformation.

Fluid:

$\tau \doteq \frac{F}{L^2}$

"It flows."



- "Viscosity" resists the deformation.

$$\mu \doteq \frac{F}{L^2} \cdot T$$

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What is fluid mechanics?

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Force and Motion. e.g.  $\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$   
Newton's Second Law of Motion.

"Big Idea" of Fluid Mechanics

Fluid mechanics is the science that studies the force and motion of fluids.

"Big Idea" of Fluid Mechanics.



$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$  applied to fluids  
↑                      ↑  
4 key forces       Acceleration.  
                         or  
                         Inertia.

- \* pressure
- \* gravity
- \* Viscous effect (Text 1.6)
- \* Surface tension (Text 1.9)

Fluid mechanics { Fluid Statics (at rest) : Ch2  
                          { Fluid Dynamics (in motion) : Ch3, Ch5-10  
                          (Fluid Kinematics focuses on various aspects of fluid motion  
                          w/o being concerned w/ the forces necessary to produce/change  
                          the motion. Ch 4)

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Continuum.

\* It is not practical to study the behavior of individual molecules when trying to describe the behavior of fluids at rest or in motion.

\* A fluid is treated as **continuum**. Fluid mechanics characterizes the behavior of fluid, e.g. velocity, by the **average** evaluated over a small volume containing a large number of molecules.



Examples:

\* The velocity of fluid at a given **position** (Eulerian description) is the average velocity of all fluid molecules in a tiny volume at this position. The volume is so tiny that it can be considered a

point. However, there are still many fluid molecules inside the volume.

- \* The velocity of a given **fluid particle** (Lagrangian description) is the average velocity of all fluid molecules within the fluid particle. The fluid particle is an ideal model used to describe the behavior of fluid. **A fluid particle is a small parcel of fluid.** It is very small and can be considered a point. However, there are still many fluid molecules inside the fluid particle.
- \* Eulerian description and Lagrangian description will be discussed in chapter 4.