

Unit 1: Fluids

1.1 - Fluid Systems

- fluids:
 - includes liquids and gases
 - liquids have constant mass and constant volume, take the shape of a container, and have uniform density
 - gases have constant mass but variable volume and density, and it fills the container entirely
 - can flow
 - has pressure
- systems:
 - collections of objects that can be treated as a whole
 - properties of systems are determined by the properties and interactions of its particles
- **density**: represented by ρ , measured in $\frac{kg}{m^3}$, and calculated by $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$, is the measurement of how much matter per space



- **Density**: represented by ρ and calculated by $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$, is the measurement of how much matter per unit of space

1.2 - Density

- density is a property of a material
- to experimentally determine density, you need mass and volume
- for experimental procedures, use a best fit line to find the average ratio between quantities
 - when calculating the slope, never use your data points — use two points on the best fit line instead
 - convert the data points to a unit you actually want to use



- You'll be asked questions related to experimental procedures on the AP exam

1.3 - Fluids - Pressure and Forces

- **Newton's Third Law**: every action has an equal and opposite reaction
 - force is always the same between two objects, even if the objects are in motion
- **pressure**: represented by P , measured in Pascals, and calculated by $P = \frac{F}{A}$, is how force affects an entire area
 - the pressure is higher for a smaller area if the force applied stays constant
- hydrostatic or gauge pressure:
 - pressure exerted by the fluid, calculated by $P_G = \rho gh$
- absolute pressure:
 - the sum of atmospheric pressure and hydrostatic pressure calculated by $P_0 + \rho gh$
 - atmospheric pressure is denoted by $P_0 = 100,000 \text{ Pa}$
- pressure is equal at the same depth
- **Pascal's Principle**: changing the pressure at any point in an incompressible fluid causes the same pressure change at all points in that fluid

- if you add something on top of the fluid, all points of pressure within the fluid change by the pressure of what you just added on top
- if a fluid of unknown density is added to one side of a U-shaped tube, the pressure at the same depth is still equal, meaning you can solve for the density of the unknown fluid with $\rho_1 h_1 = \rho_2 h_2$
 - the taller column of fluid is less dense



- **Pressure (Pa):** represented by P and calculated by $P = \frac{F}{A}$, is how force affects an entire area
- **Pascal's Principle:** changing the pressure at any point in a fluid causes the same pressure change at all points in that fluid
- Absolute pressure is just hydrostatic pressure plus the atmospheric pressure

1.4 - Fluids and Free-Body Diagrams

- a free-body diagram is a drawing that shows the forces acting on an object
 - the object is denoted by a dot and all forces are represented by arrows
 - only draw forces affecting the object and every force gets its own arrow that points away from the dot
- **Newton's Second Law:** $F = ma$
 - you have to take the vector sum of the forces before plugging them into the equation
 - you can only find the vertical $\sin \theta$ or horizontal $\cos \theta$ acceleration at a time, not both



- A free-body diagram shows how forces affect an object

1.5 - Buoyancy

- **Archimedes' Principle:** $F_b = \rho V g$ calculates the buoyant force on an object using the density of the liquid ρ , the volume of the object submerged V , and gravity g
 - liquids with higher densities have higher buoyant forces
 - bigger volume means larger buoyant force
 - object density doesn't affect buoyant force, because the density in the equation is of the liquid
 - depth, orientation, and object mass don't affect buoyant force
- to find the density of an object that's partially submerged in a fluid, use the equation $\frac{V_f}{V_o} = \frac{\rho_o}{\rho_f}$
 - the density of the object is just the percentage submerged multiplied by the density of the fluid



- **Archimedes' Principle:** $F_b = \rho V g$ which calculates the buoyant force on an object
- The density of an object that's partially submerged in a fluid is calculated by $\frac{V_f}{V_o} = \frac{\rho_o}{\rho_f}$

1.6 - Conservation of Energy in Fluid Flow

- speed of the fluid stays the same as the water moves up and down
 - a difference in pressure accounts for the change in gravitational potential energy
- **Bernoulli's Equation:** $P_1 + \rho g y_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = P_2 + \rho g y_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2$ where $\rho g y$ is gravitational potential energy and $\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2$ is kinetic energy
 - energy is conserved in a closed fluid flow system

- as liquid flows into a narrower tube, velocity increases and pressure decreases
- as liquid flows into a wider tube, velocity decreases but pressure increases
- tips for doing these types of questions on the AP exam:
 - set the lower height y_1 or y_2 as 0
 - write out your steps so you don't get lost
 - these questions take lots of time, so it might be good to just come back to it later
- **Torricelli's Theorem:** $v = \sqrt{2gh}$, calculates the speed at which water exits a hole in a container
 - depth affects the speed of the water and its range
 - range (how far a projectile travels) is calculated by $R = v_x \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2d}{g}}$



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- The range of a projectile is $R = v_x \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2d}{g}}$

1.7 - Conservation of Mass Flow Rate in Fluids

- **continuity equation:** $A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$, states the relationship between cross-sectional area and velocity in a tube of water
 - volume of water passing through a tube is conserved meaning that the same amount coming in at a velocity must be equal to the same amount exiting at a velocity
 - when speed increases, pressure decreases, and when speed decreases, pressure increases
- if the speed is unknown, use the continuity equation to get speed, and then use Bernoulli's equation
- the Venturi effect is when air is blown through a tube connected to water, and the pressure within the tube towards the water is less than the atmospheric pressure outside of the tube pressing on the water



- Continuity equation: $A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$ which calculates cross-sectional area and velocity of water moving through a tube