

Brakes

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STILL NEED TO DO:

- Meanwhile the diameter of the hydraulic line.
- Find the material and friction for the Pads against the Hub disc.

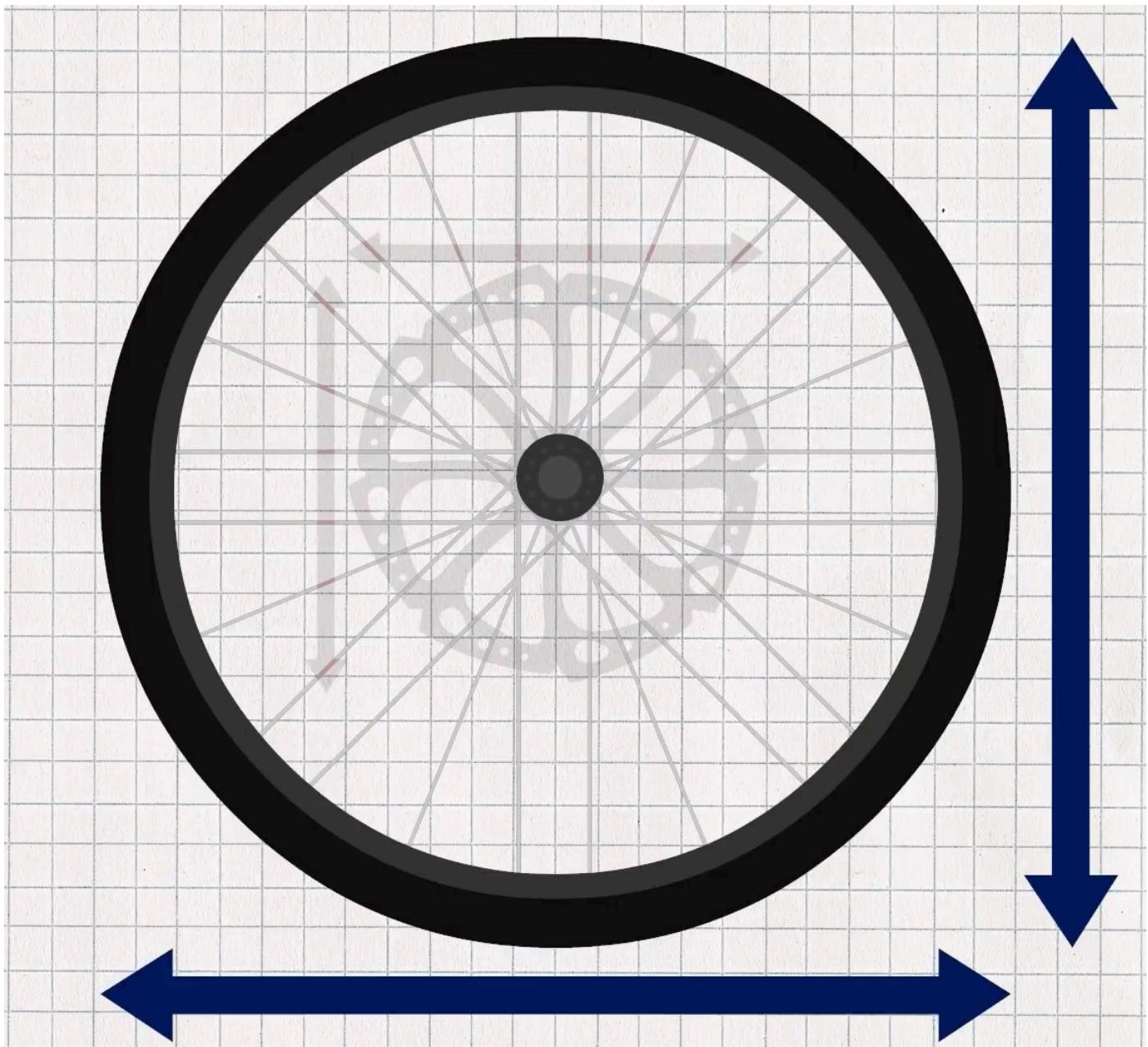
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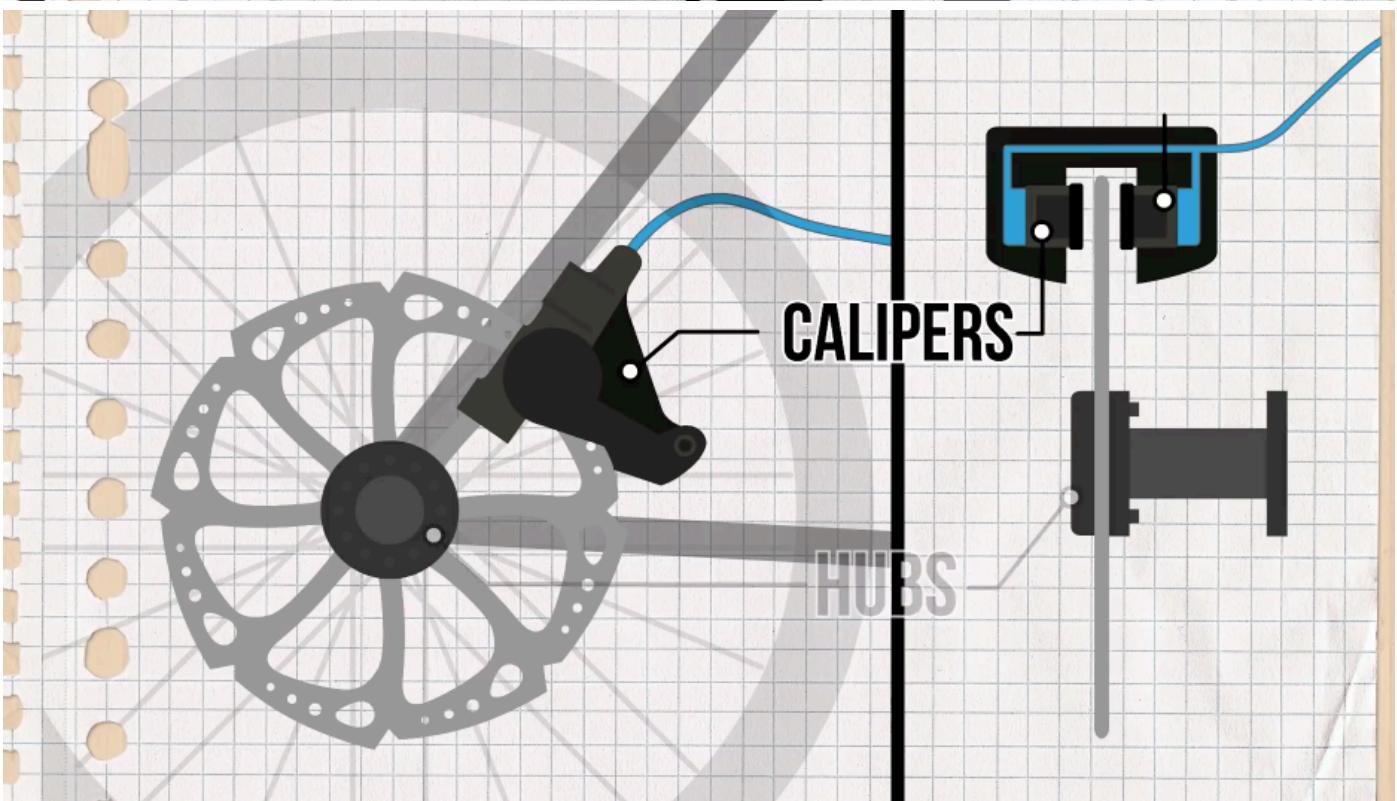
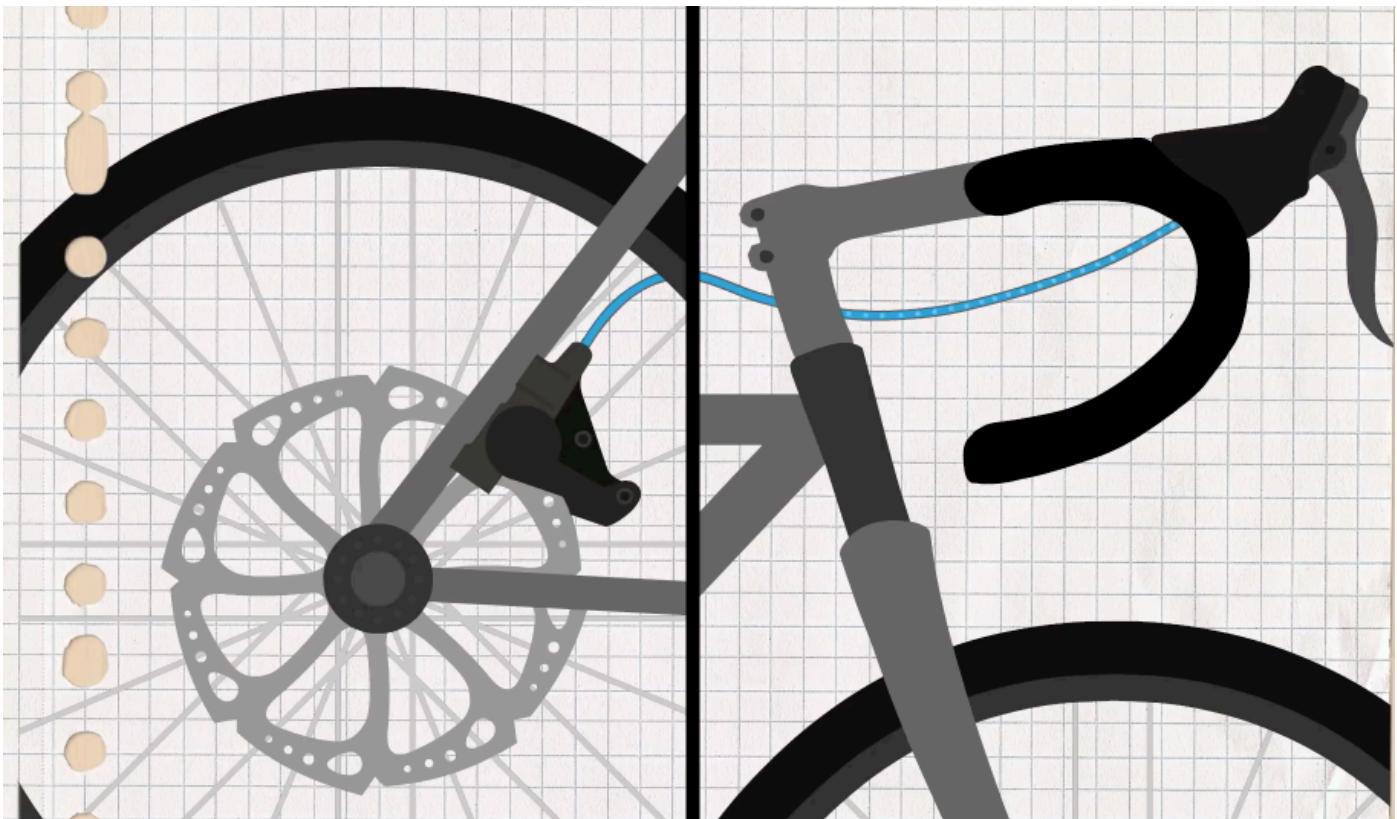
The very common rim brakes and drum brakes covered in the lecture are designed with self-energization idea (which can leverage the input force). While this feature is important in reducing the braking effort required, it also has a disadvantage. When drum brakes are used as vehicle brakes, only a slight change in the coefficient of friction will cause a large change in pedal force required for braking. Then it would be terrible for braking during the rainy day.

To get rid of those issues, we switch to the disc brake. Thanks to the calipers which can be made very stiff indeed and the fact that a disc is much smaller than the rim on a bicycle wheel.

There are relatively more braking power applied to a slower linear velocity hard rotating area.



Back to the fundamental, when you apply the pressure at hand-level paddle, the hydraulic line pass the pressure by fully sealed fluid and push pistons behind the pads at two calipers. As pushing against the rotation of the hubs, it slows down the hubs as well as the rear wheel.



Braking force analysis -- leverage

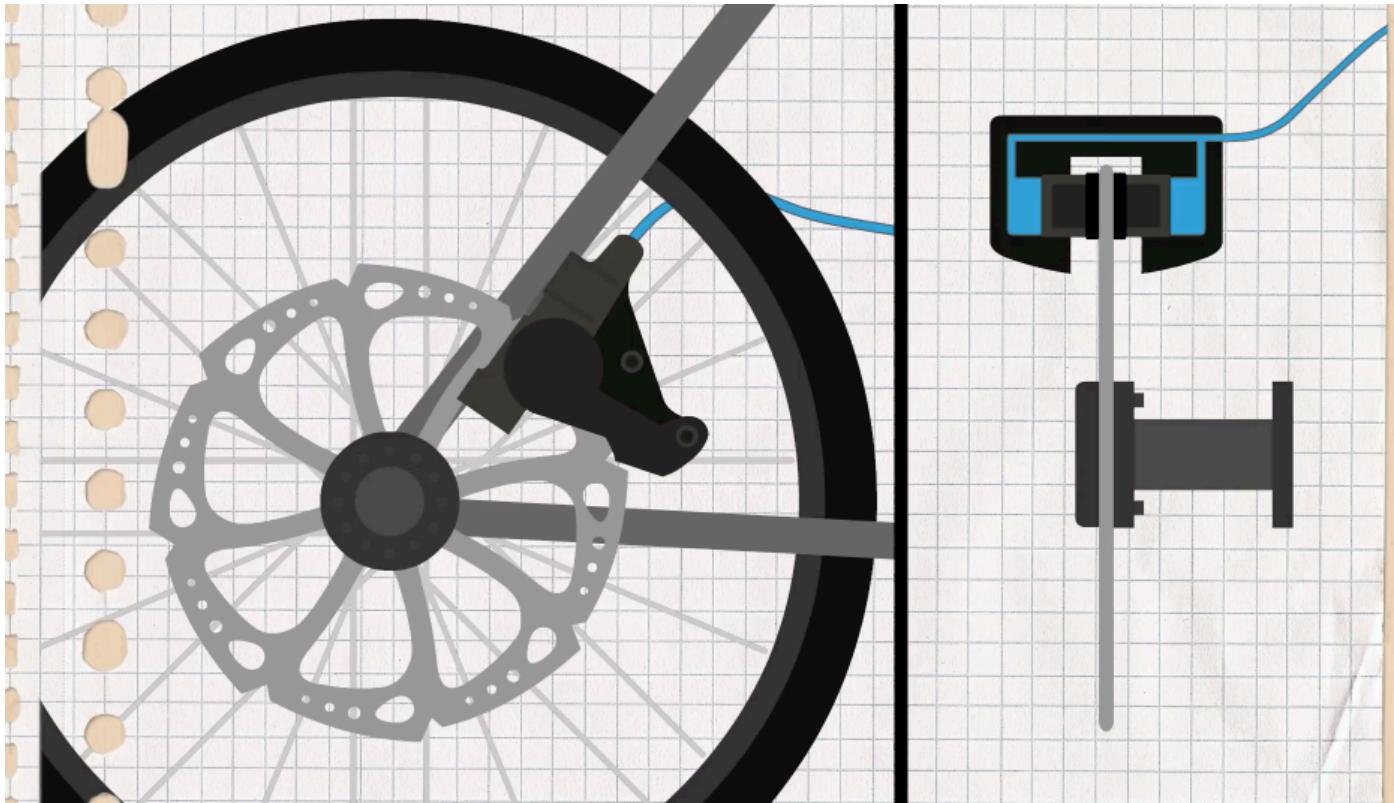
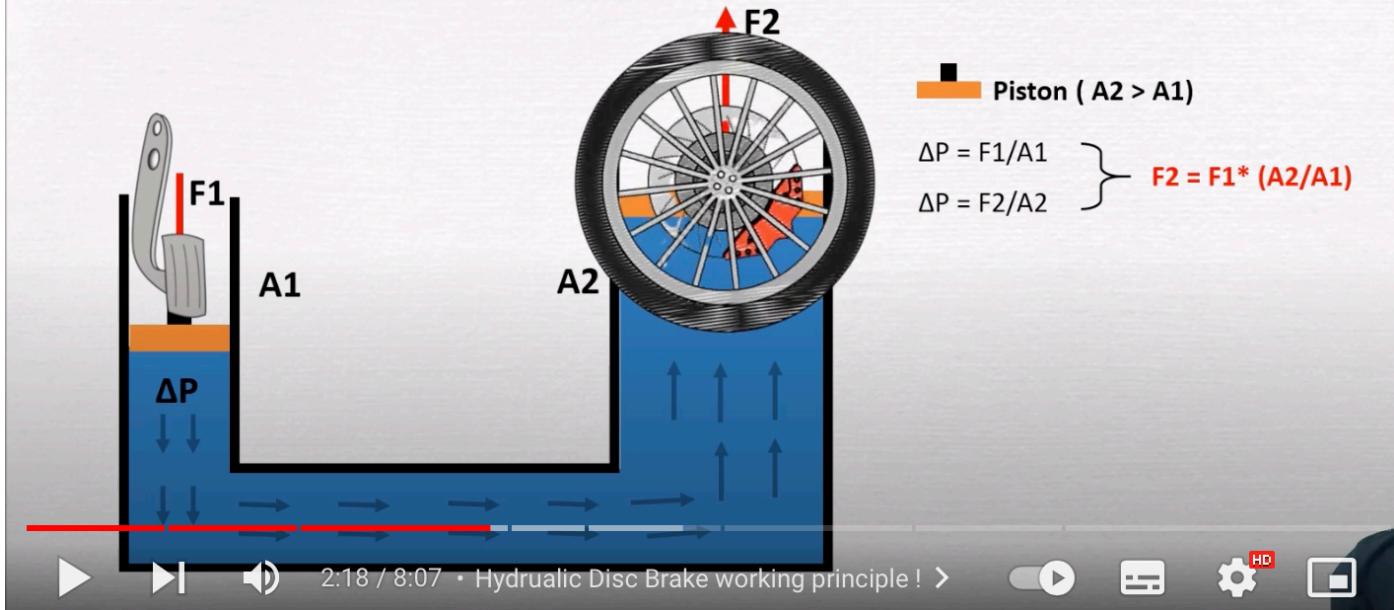
By Pascal's Law :

External pressure applied to an enclosed incompressible fluid transmitted uniformly throughout the volume of the liquid.
Hence, the leverage ratio is based on the dimension ratio of piston bore over the hydraulic line diameter.

Disc Brakes Working (Hydraulic)

Pascal's Law

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Typically, the ratio is within 10-14 (currently guess). Meanwhile, based on this [link](#), the typical force the rider will apply using their hands is 100 lbs ≈ 444 N.

As the common dimension for the piston is found by this [link](#). And the pressure calculation uses the whole Boot Diameter (I believe the outer piston wall is also moving), while the pad diameter for the braking uses the piston diameter (assume pads have similar sizes).

For example, when taking the Piston Size of 32 mm with Dust Boot Diameter of 42 mm .

$$\text{Braking force} = 444 \text{ N} * (42/4) * (42/32) = \dots \text{ N}$$

if there is water between the brake pad

Based on the material of the brake , the coefficient would be different.

We can gain some sense from the [two types of friction coefficient change between wheels and different surface](#)

Surface	Adhesion coefficient	Rolling coefficient
Dry Concrete	0.85	0.014
Wet Concrete	0.55	0.014
Sand	0.35	0.3
Ice	0.1	0.014

I believe the case is most similar to Dry concrete surface to wet one. hence, to hold the same braking force, I would use $85/55 * 444\text{N}$ for the hand input.

For a typical biking speed of 8mi/hr , the stopping distance would enlonger from 0.74 m to 1.13 m .

However, in the reality the disc brake performace beter than the above analysis. Thanks to the holes on its hub disc, which allows water and other fabricates to leave from the braking surface.

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Other Resource

1. Calculate Minimum Stopping Distance of a Bicyclist, [link](#)
 - contains Adhesion coefficient and Rolling coefficient between the wheel and the surface

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2. Youtube: [How Disc Brake works?](#)

3. Youtube: [How Do Disc Brakes Actually Work?](#)

4. Beake Tech and FAQ [usually numbers](#)

5. SHIMANO: [R8000]

- Brake paddle: [link](#)

6. TextBook Chap16-6 + Example 16-4