

PRESSURE

(w Mercury)  
Measuring  
pressure

Barometer

• measures atm pressure

pressure ↑  
height ↑

$P_{atm} = h\rho g$

$P_A = P_B$

• pressure at same level are equal

• only measure atmospheric pressure

$h$  = surface to top vacuum = no pressure

**$h$  does not change even if tube is slanted**

$P = h\rho g$   
 $= (h \text{ in mm})(\text{density})(9.81)$

check if there is a vacuum by tilting tube & seeing if  $h$  remains the same

The change in heights of the liquids are directly proportional

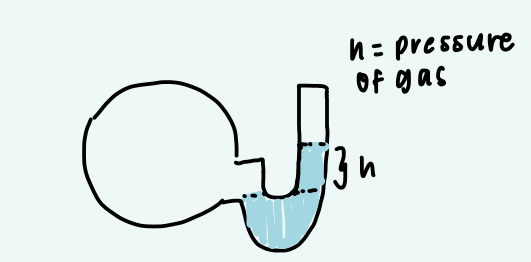
$P_A h_A \rho_A = P_B h_B \rho_B$

$\frac{\Delta h_A}{\Delta h_B} = \frac{\rho_B}{\rho_A}$  } proportional to liquid density

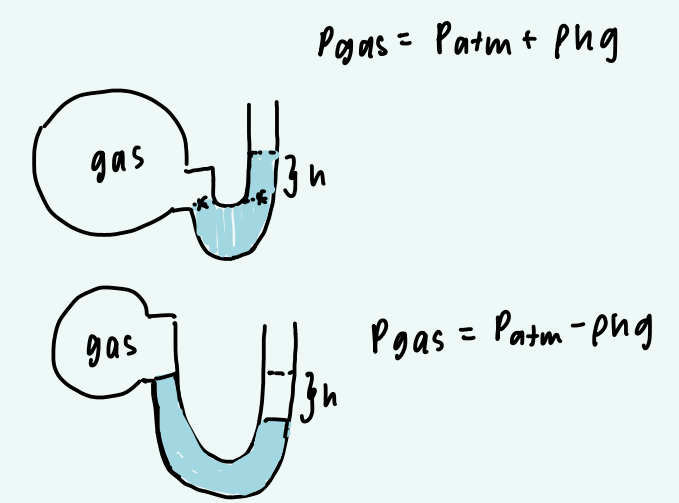
Manometer

utilize  $P = \rho h g$  concept

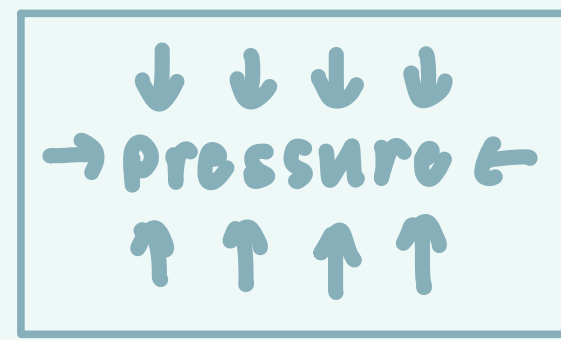
1) closed end manometer



2) open end manometer



$\rho h g = \text{mmHg}$   
 $1 \text{ mmHg} \approx 133.3 \text{ Pa}$



When there is a pressure difference, a force acts in a direction of higher pressure to lower pressure.

Atmospheric pressure

- air all around you
- acts in all directions
- At sea level:  $1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$

$P_{at} - P_{air} = \frac{F}{A}$

air partial vacuum

atmospheric pressure

vacuum so atm pressure pushes liquid up straw

air particles

less dense

more dense due to gravity

gravity weaker when farther

$F$  due to atm  $P$

suction cup

partial vacuum

allow air to escape

hold heavier

↳ removing more air inside

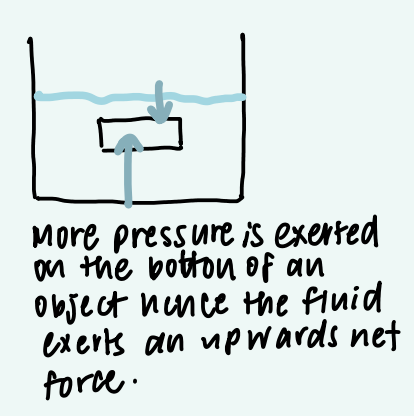
↳ increase cup area

Liquid pressure

$P = \rho h g$

• not affected by container shape

• acts in all directions at the same depth



stronger water force due to higher pressure (from  $h$ )

Application

Why do your eardrums feel uncomfortable when the airplane is taking off?

[P] Ear contains a pocket of trapped air

[R] It is at atmospheric pressure before the plane takes off.

At higher altitude, cabin pressure is lowered to match lower atmospheric pressure outside

[O] As  $P_{ear} > P_{outside}$ , the change in pressure exerts a force on the eardrum

[P] A force applied on the master cylinder with a smaller surface area exerts a pressure on the oil in the system.

[R] According to Pascal's Principle, a change in pressure is transmitted undiminished to all parts of an enclosed incompressible fluid.

[O] Thus pressure by oil on the wheel cylinder pistons is the same but due to the larger area, force applied to the wheel will be larger, thus producing a larger breaking force at the wheel cylinder.

Why is using air inferior to oil in a hydraulic system?

[P] Air is compressible, thus the pressure at the wheel cylinder will be smaller than the increase in the pressure at the master cylinder. So the force acting on the wheel cylinder will be smaller.

Is the conservation of energy still valid?

Some air is transferred to the air to increase the energy in the internal store of the air.

Ex: car's hydraulic brakes

application of pressure

$P = \frac{F}{A}$

Hydraulic systems

input

output

$F_1$

$F_2$

$P_1 = \frac{F_1}{A_1}$

$P_2 = \frac{F_2}{A_2}$

larger area → greater output force

pressure is constant

$P_1 \frac{F_1}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2}$

↳ if amplified by 10x height will go up by 10x decrease by 10x

Pascal's principle

- any change in pressure is transmitted undiminished to all other parts of an enclosed incompressible fluid
- ↳ no air bubbles

liquid used

- 1) incompressible
- 2) pressure acts in all directions at the same level
- 3) change in  $P$  pressure is transmitted undiminished to the whole system

$V = A_1 d_1 = A_2 d_2$   
 $Wd = F_1 d_1 = F_2 d_2$