



General Physics I

Lecture 16: Fluid Mechanics



Motivations

Newton's laws for fluid statics?

- **Force \rightarrow pressure**
- **Mass \rightarrow density**

How to treat the flow of fluid?

- **Difficulties:**
 - **Continuous medium**
 - **Change of the shape (still incompressible!)**
- **Frame of reference**



Density

Density (scalar): mass of a small element of material Δm divided by its volume ΔV

- For infinitesimally small ΔV :

$$\rho = \Delta m / \Delta V$$

- For homogeneous material:

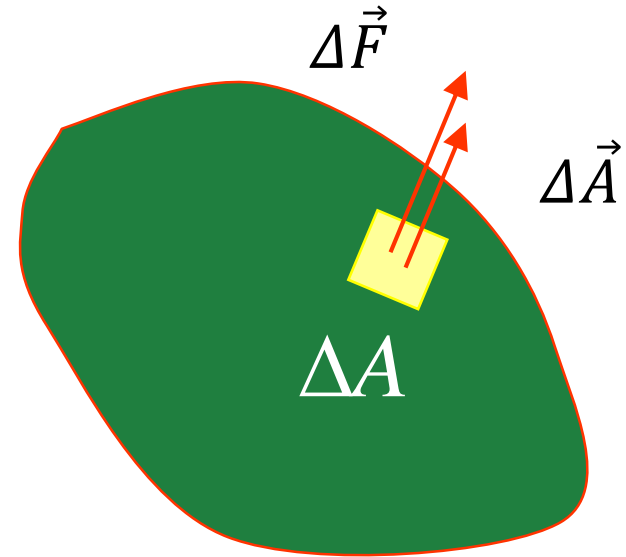
$$\rho = m / V$$



Pressure

Under static condition,
force acts normal or
perpendicular to the
surface – **vector**.

Pressure: the
magnitude of the
normal force per unit
surface area – **scalar**.



$$\Delta \vec{F} = p \Delta \vec{A}$$

$$p = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A}$$



Common Units

$$1 \text{ pascal} = 1 \text{ N} / \text{m}^2 \quad [\text{SI}]$$

$$1 \text{ atmosphere} = 1.01325 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$1 \text{ bar} = 10^5 \text{ Pa} \approx 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ mm of Hg} = 760 \text{ torr}$$

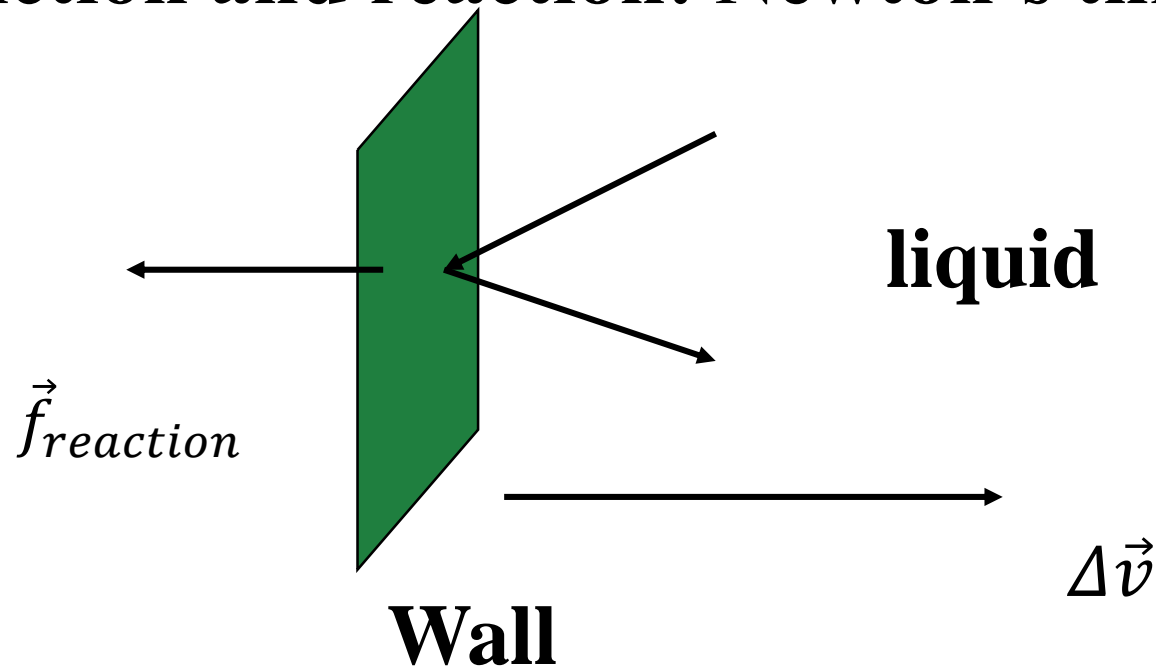
$$1 \text{ atm} \approx 14.7 \text{ lb} / \text{in.}^2$$



Origin of Pressure

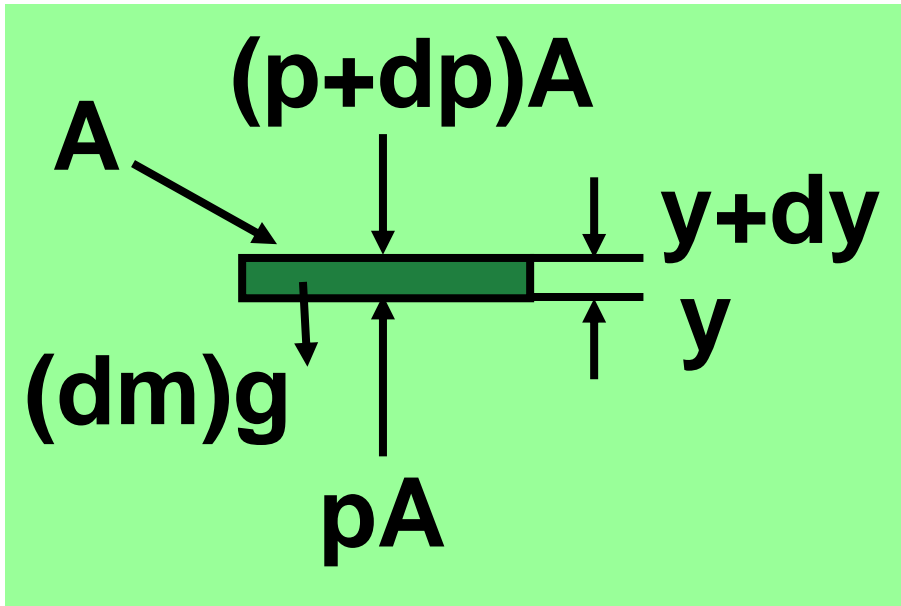
Microscopic origin: collisions of molecules of the fluid with the surface

- Action and reaction: Newton's third law





Pressure in a Fluid at Rest



$$\frac{dp}{dy} = -\rho g$$

$$(dm)g = (\rho A dy)g = \rho g A dy$$

$$pA - \rho g A dy - (p + dp)A = 0$$



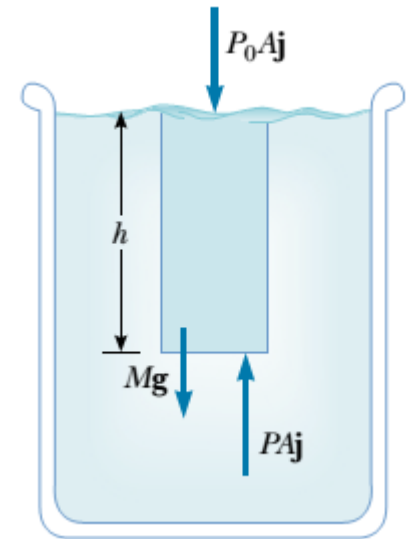
Pressure in a Fluid at Rest

Assumption: ρ , g independent of y

$$\frac{dp}{dy} = -\rho g \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{p_0}^p dp' = -\rho g \int_{y_0}^y dy'$$

$$p - p_0 = -\rho g(y - y_0)$$

$$p = p_0 - \rho g(y - y_0) = p_0 - \rho gh$$





Mercury Barometer

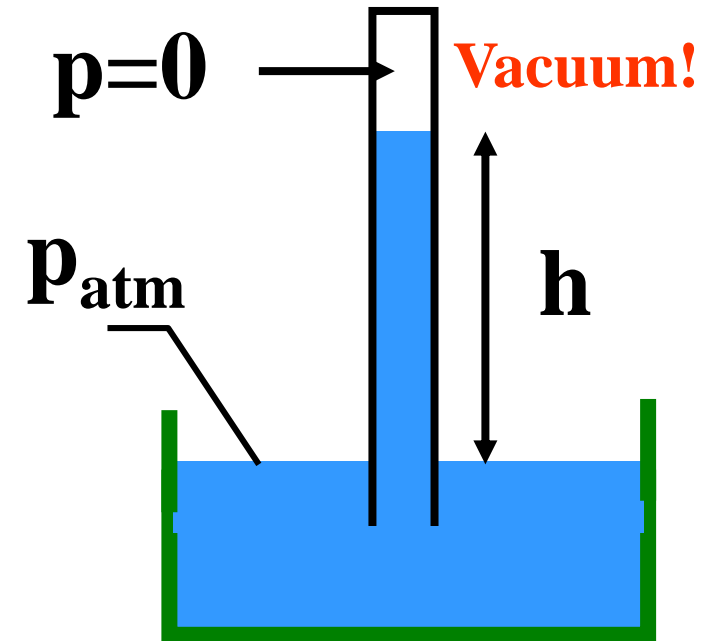
How to measure atmospheric pressure?

E. Torricelli (1608-47)

$$P_{atm} = \rho g h \Rightarrow h = \frac{P_{atm}}{\rho g}$$

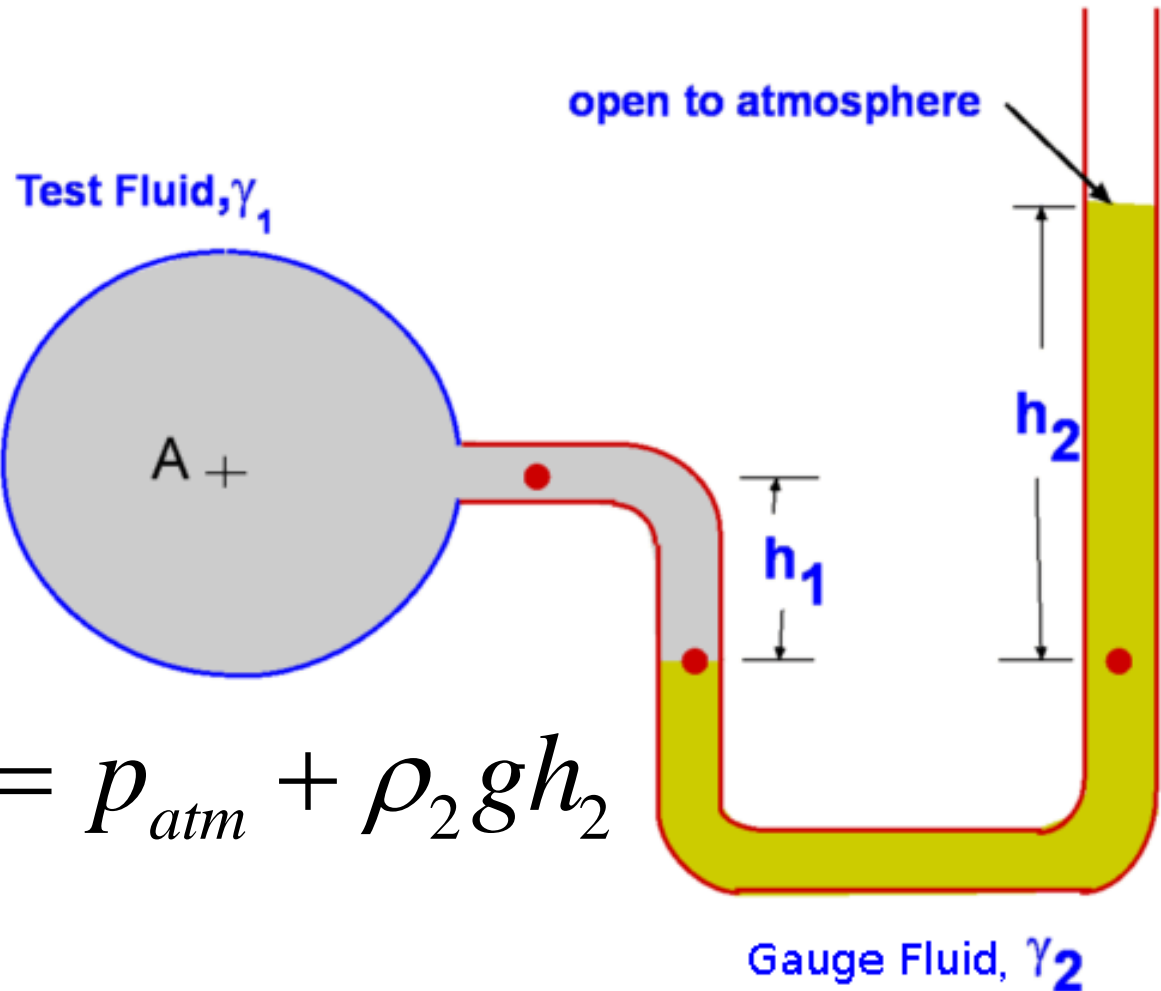
For mercury, $h = 760$ mm.

How high will water rise?





U-Tube Manometer



$$p_A + \rho_1 g h_1 = p_{atm} + \rho_2 g h_2$$



Snorkeling



Can I use a longer snorkel to look closer at the underwater life?



Atmospheric Pressure

Gases are compressible. Thus, ρ varies!

$$p_0 = p_{\text{sea level}} = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$pV = nRT \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{p}{p_0} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}, \quad \text{for constant } T$$

$$\frac{dp}{dy} = -\rho g = -\rho_0 g \frac{p}{p_0}$$



Atmospheric Pressure

$$\frac{dp}{dy} = -\rho_0 g \frac{p}{p_0} \Rightarrow \int_{p_0}^p \frac{dp'}{p'} = -\frac{\rho_0 g}{p_0} \int_{y_0}^y dy'$$

$$\ln p - \ln p_0 = -\frac{\rho_0 g}{p_0} (y - y_0)$$

$$p = p_0 e^{-(\rho_0 g / p_0)h} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} p = p_0 - \rho_0 gh$$



A.P. – an Improved Version

$$pV = nRT$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{p_0} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \frac{T}{T_0}$$

$$T = T_0 - \gamma(y - y_0)$$

$$\frac{dp}{dy} = -\rho g = -\rho_0 g \frac{p}{p_0} \frac{T_0}{T_0 - \gamma(y - y_0)}$$

**Temperature
decreases 6°C for
each 1,000 meters
of elevation**



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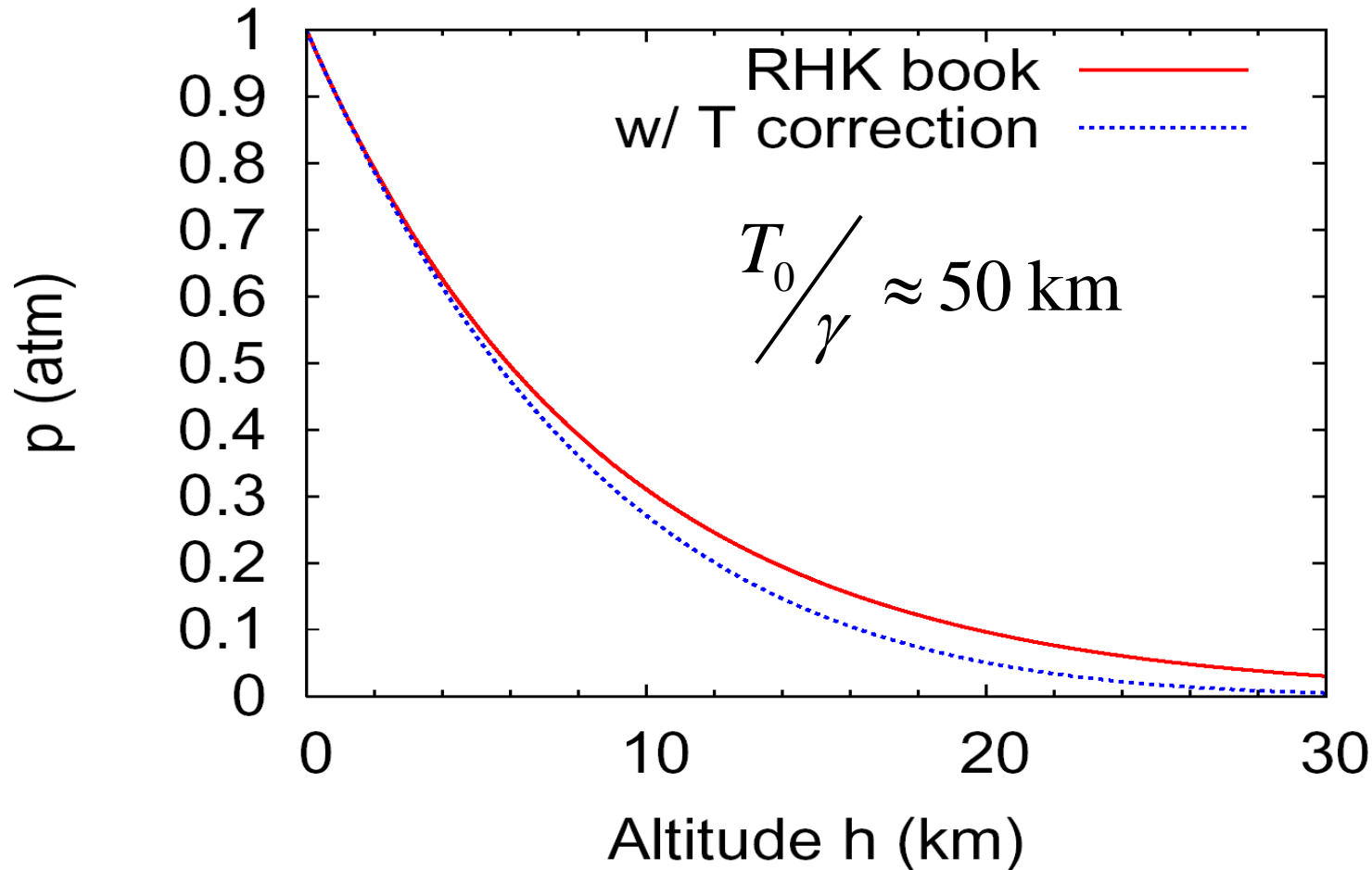
$$\frac{dp}{p} = - \frac{\rho_0 g}{p_0} \frac{T_0 dy}{T_0 - \gamma(y - y_0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{p_0}^p \frac{dp'}{p'} = \frac{\rho_0 g}{p_0} \frac{T_0}{\gamma} \int_{y_0}^y \frac{-\gamma dy'}{T_0 - \gamma(y' - y_0)}$$

$$p = p_0 \left\{ \left[1 - \frac{\gamma h}{T_0} \right]^{-\frac{T_0}{\gamma}} \right\}^{-\frac{\rho_0 g}{p_0}} \xrightarrow{\gamma \rightarrow 0} p_0 e^{-\frac{\rho_0 g}{p_0} h}$$



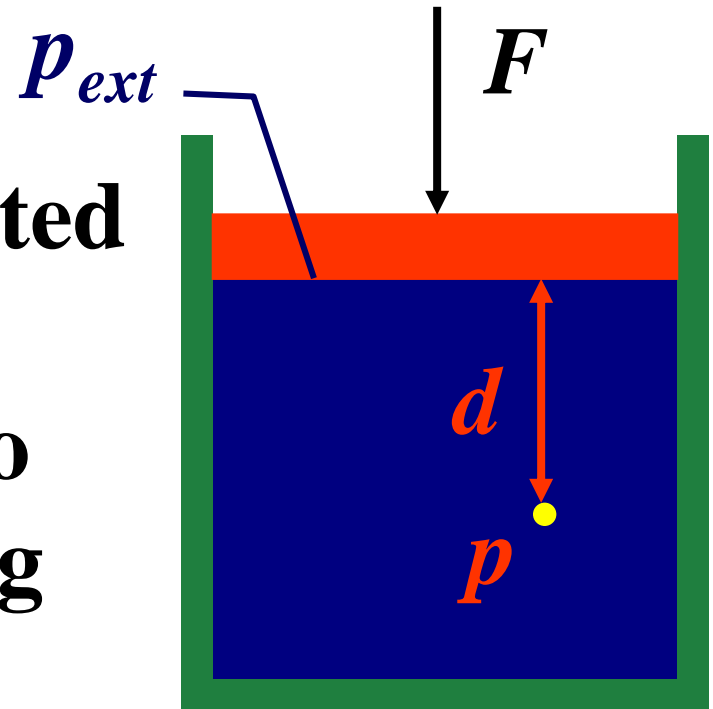
Temperature Corrections





Pascal's Principle

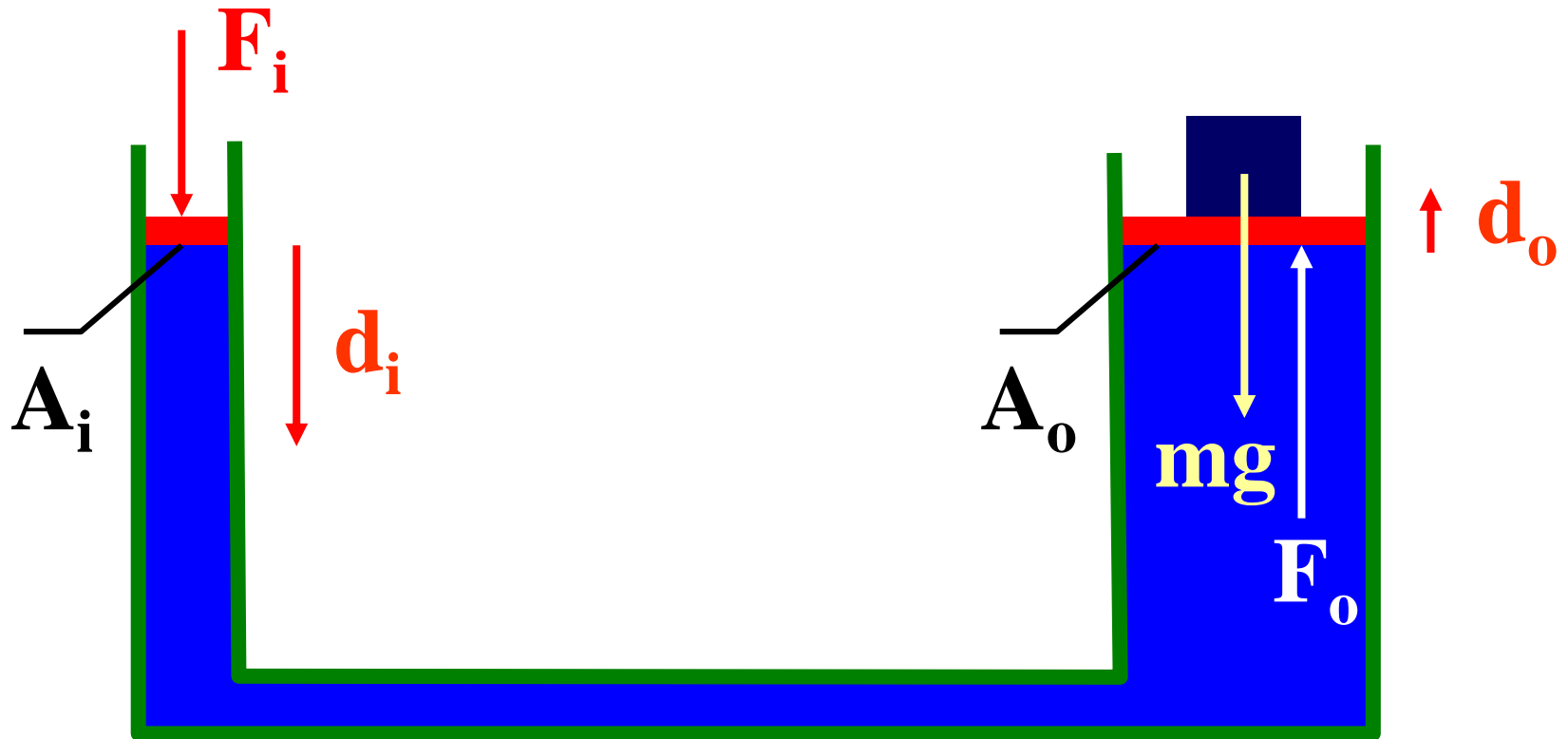
Pressure applied to an enclosed fluid is transmitted undiminished to every portion of the fluid and to the walls of the containing vessel.



$$p = p_{ext} + \rho g d \Rightarrow \Delta p = \Delta p_{ext}$$



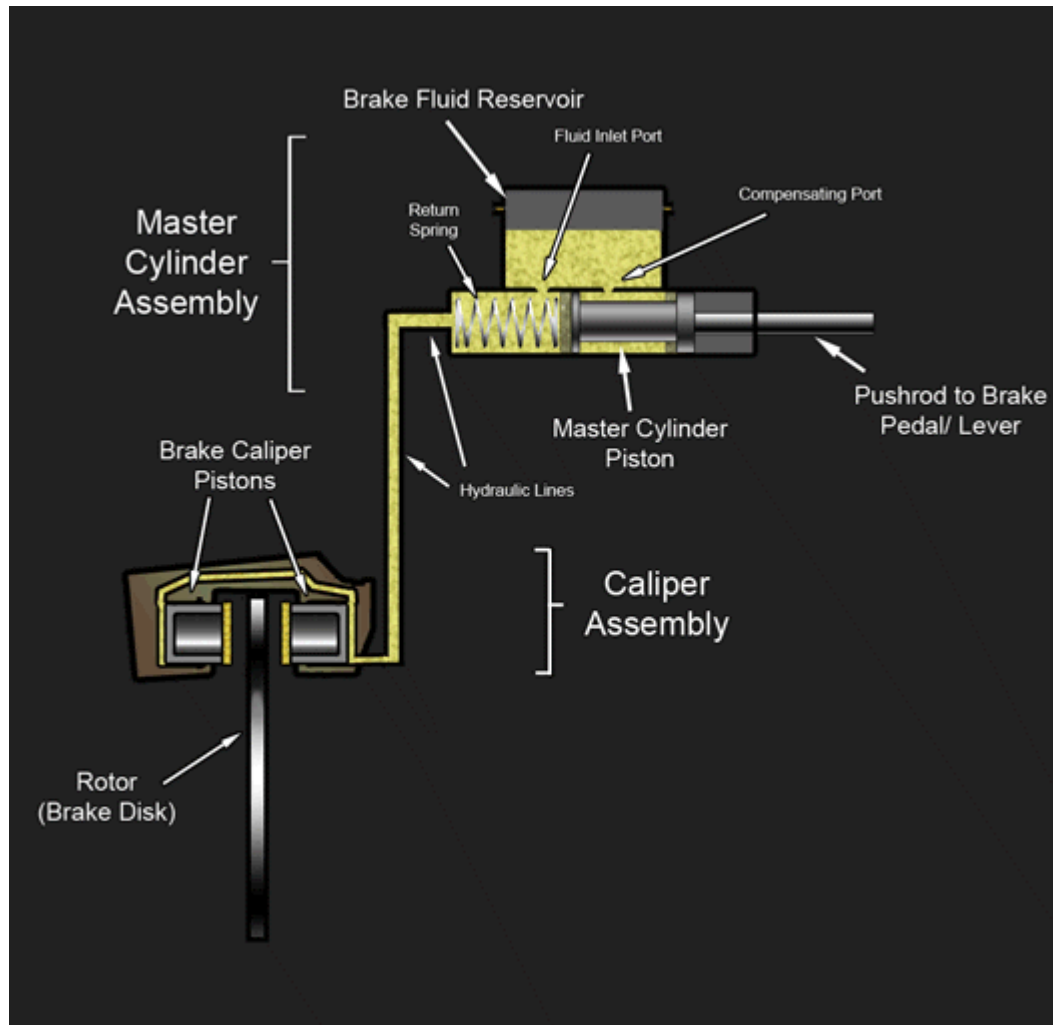
Hydraulic Lever



$$F_i / A_i = F_o / A_o, \quad A_i d_i = A_o d_o$$



Hydraulic Brake



Fred Duesenberg originated hydraulic brakes on his 1914 racing cars and Duesenberg was the first automotive marque to use the technology on a passenger car in 1921. In 1918 Malcolm Lougheed (who later changed the spelling of his name to Lockheed) developed a hydraulic brake system.

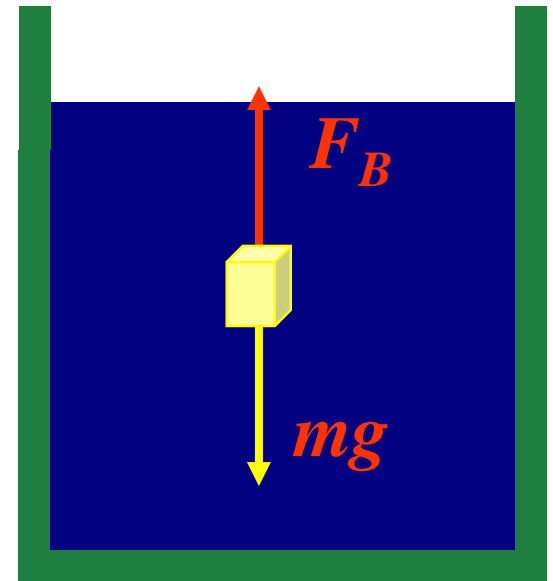


Archimedes' Principle

A body wholly or partially immersed in a fluid is buoyed up by a force equal in magnitude to the weight of the fluid displaced by the body.

$$F_B = \rho_{fluid} V g = m_{fluid} g$$

$$mg = \rho_{object} V g$$





Two Comments

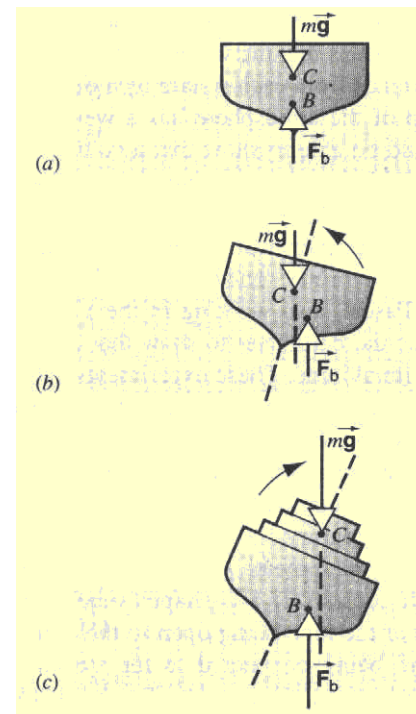
Buoyant force \longleftrightarrow **volume/density**

$$F_B = \rho_{fluid} V g = m_{fluid} g$$

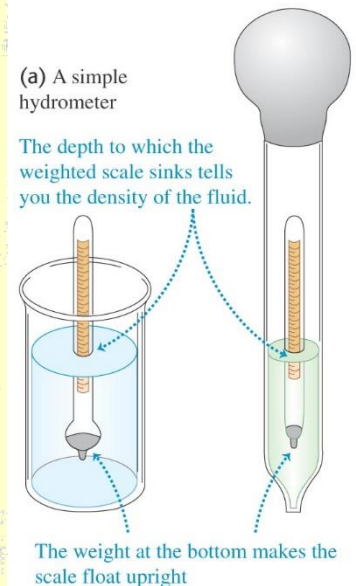
$$mg = \rho_{object} V g$$

Center of buoyancy (not fixed)
Center of gravity

Video—MIT [center of gravity or buoyancy!](#)



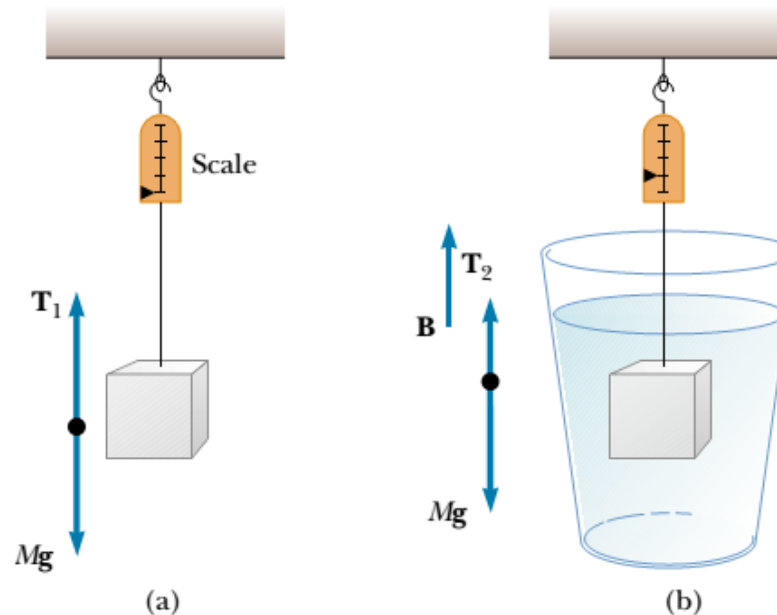
(b) Using a hydrometer to measure the density of battery acid or antifreeze





Question: Galileo's Scale

Can you invent a scale that one can use to read the percentage of silver in the gold crown without explicit calculations?

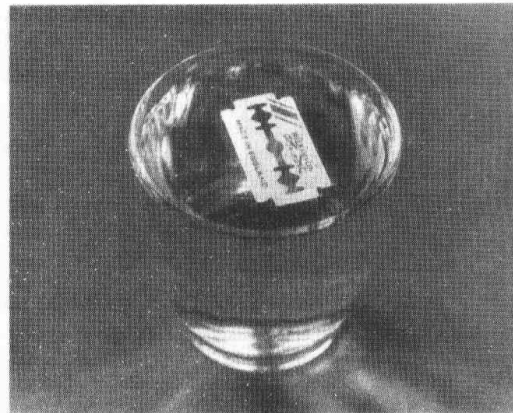
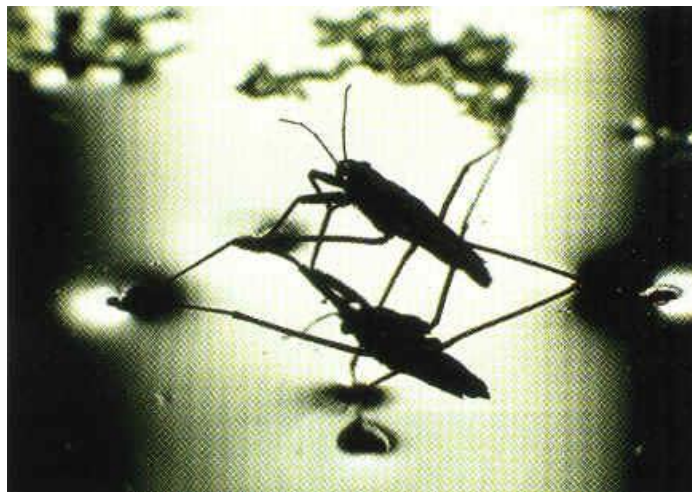




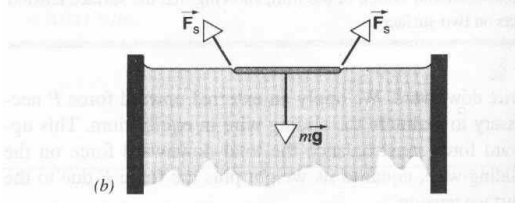
Surface Tension*



$$F = \gamma l \quad \gamma = \frac{F}{l}$$

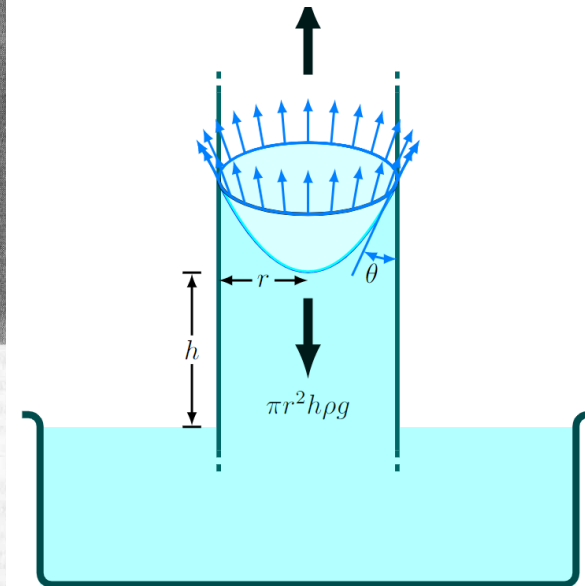


(a)



(b)

$$h = \frac{2\sigma \cos \theta}{\rho g r}$$





Fluid Dynamics

Aerodynamics (gases in motion)

Hydrodynamics (liquids in motion)

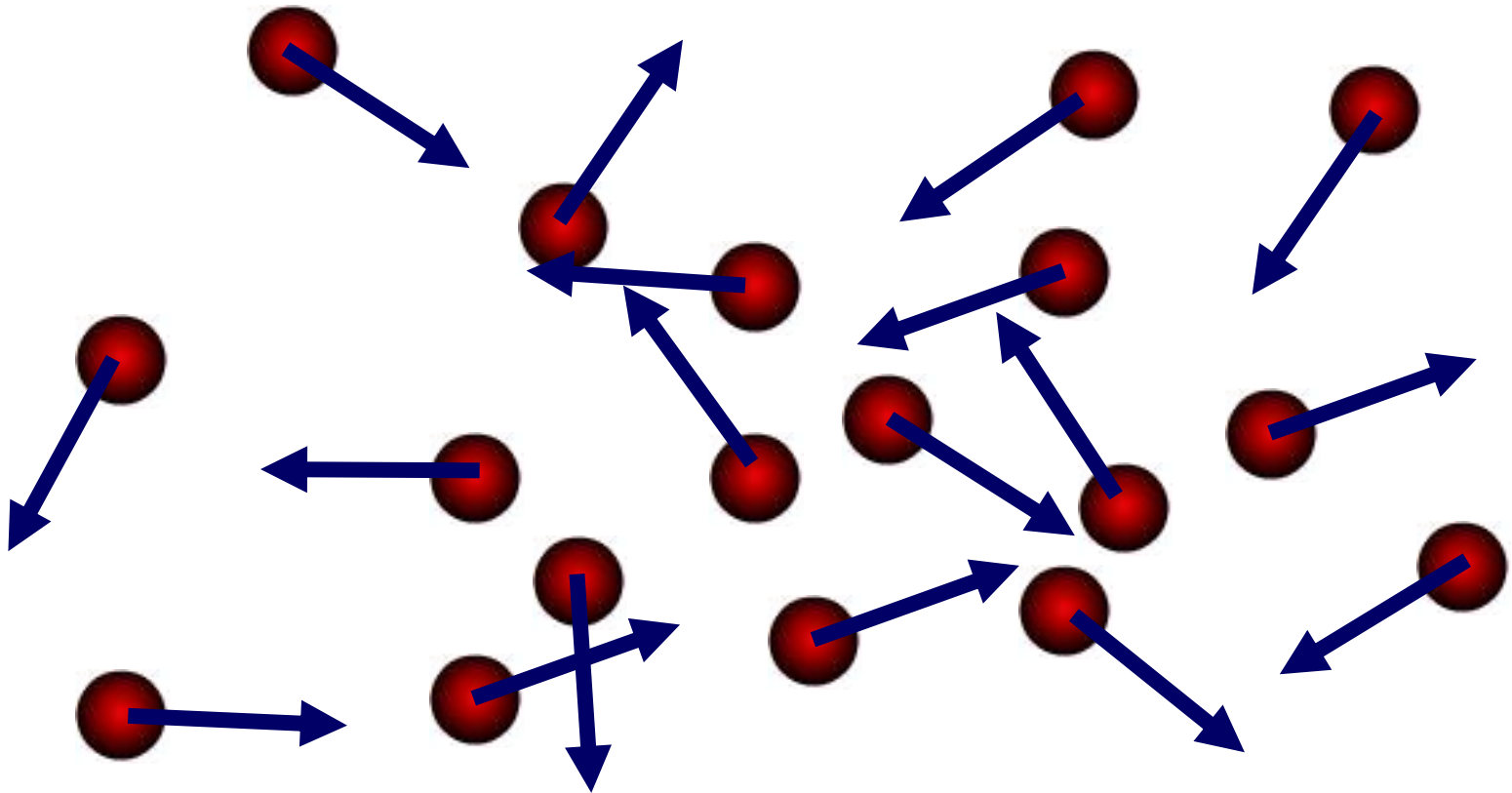
- Blaise Pascal
- Daniel Bernoulli, *Hydrodynamica* (1738)
- Leonhard Euler
- Lagrange, d'Alembert, Laplace, von Helmholtz

Airplane, petroleum, weather, traffic



The Microscopic Approach

N particles $r_i(t)$, $v_i(t)$; interaction $V(r_i - r_j)$





The Macroscopic Approach

A fluid is regarded as a **continuous medium**.

Any small volume element in the fluid is always supposed to be so large that it still contains a very large number of molecules.

When we speak of the displacement of **fluid at a point**, we meant not the displacement of an individual molecule, but that of a volume element containing many molecules, though still regarded as a point.



Euler's Solution

For fluid at a point at a time:

Field

$$\rho(x, y, z, t), \quad \vec{v}(x, y, z, t)$$

State of the fluid: described by parameters p, T .

However, laws of mechanics applied to particles, not to points in space.



Ideal Fluids

Steady: velocity, density and pressure not change in time; no turbulence

Incompressible: constant density

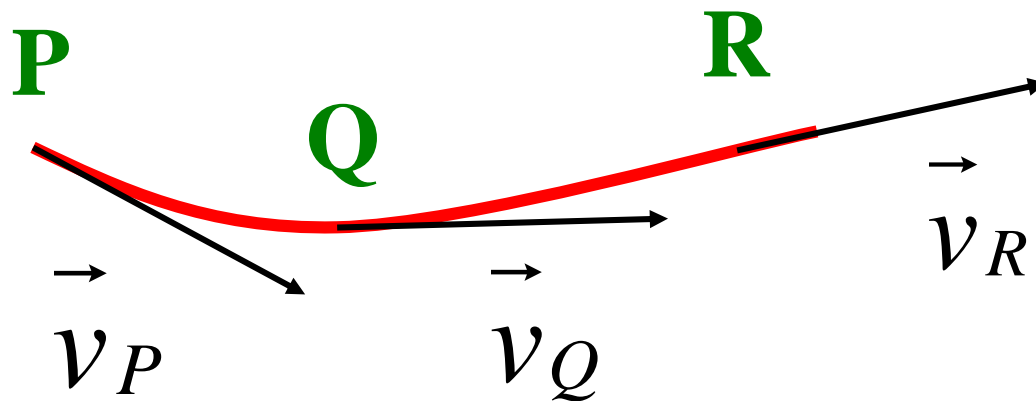
Nonviscous: no internal friction between adjacent layers

Irrotational: no particle rotation about the center of mass



Streamlines

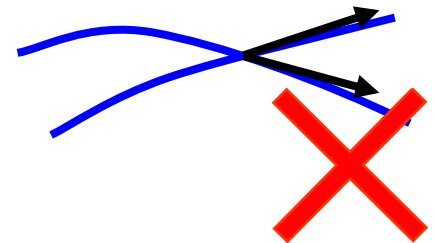
Paths of particles



$P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R$

\vec{v} tangent to the streamline

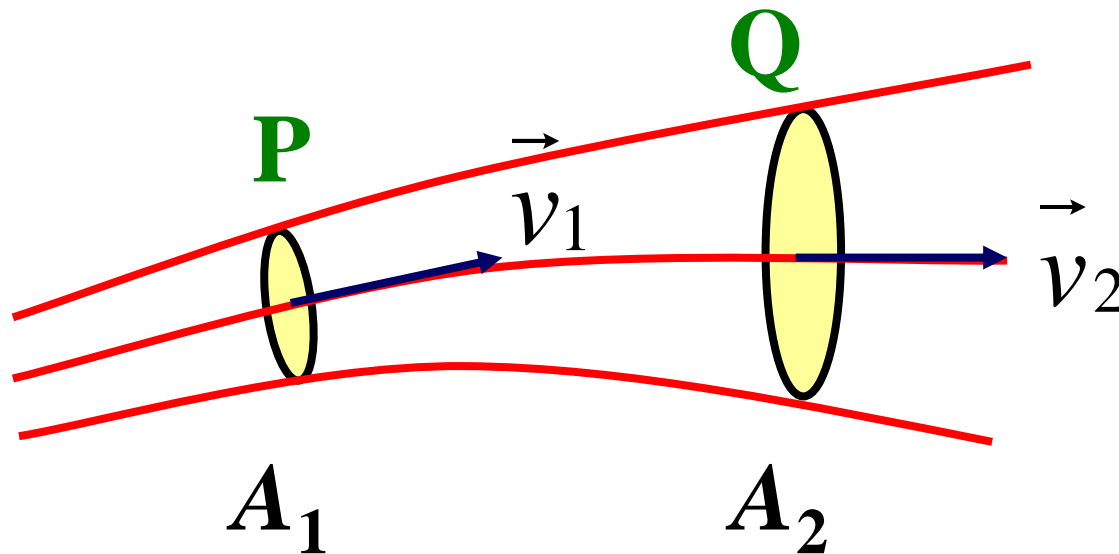
No crossing of streamlines





Mass Flux

Tube of flow: bundle of streamlines



$$\delta m_1 = \rho_1 A_1 v_1 \delta t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{mass flux} \quad \frac{\delta m_1}{\delta t_1} = \rho_1 A_1 v_1$$



Conservation of Mass

IF: no sources and no sinks/drains

$$\rho_1 A_1 v_1 = \rho_2 A_2 v_2 = \text{constant}$$

$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2 = \text{constant}$, **for incompressible fluid**

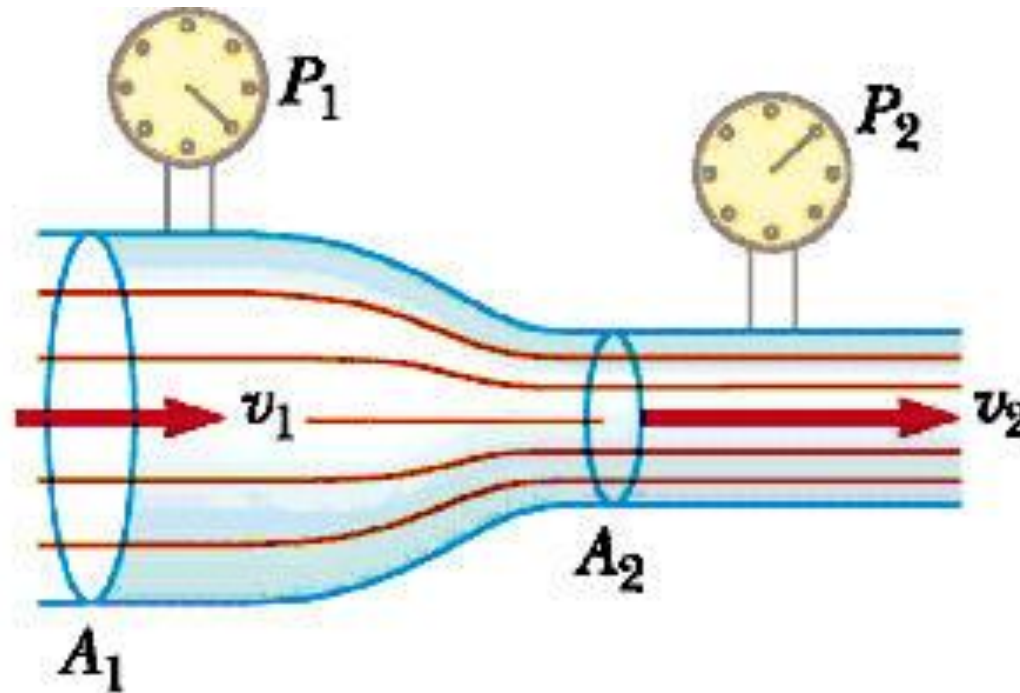
- **Narrower tube == larger speed, fast**
- **Wider tube == smaller speed, slow**

Example of equation of continuity.

Also conservation of charge in E&M



What Accelerates the Fluid?



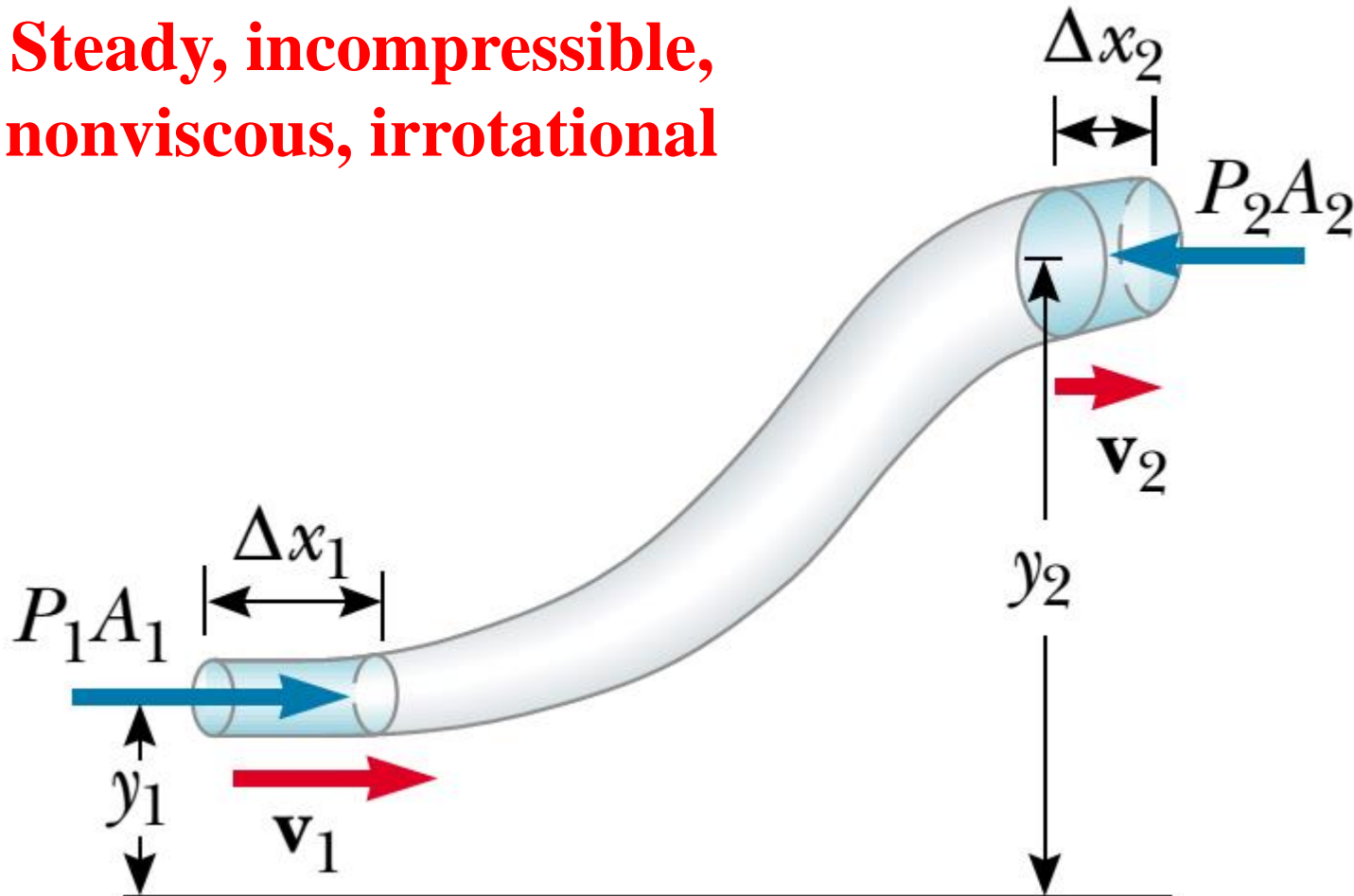
Acceleration due to **pressure difference.**

Bernoulli's Principle = Work-Energy Theorem



Work-Energy Theorem

**Steady, incompressible,
nonviscous, irrotational**





Bernoulli's Equation

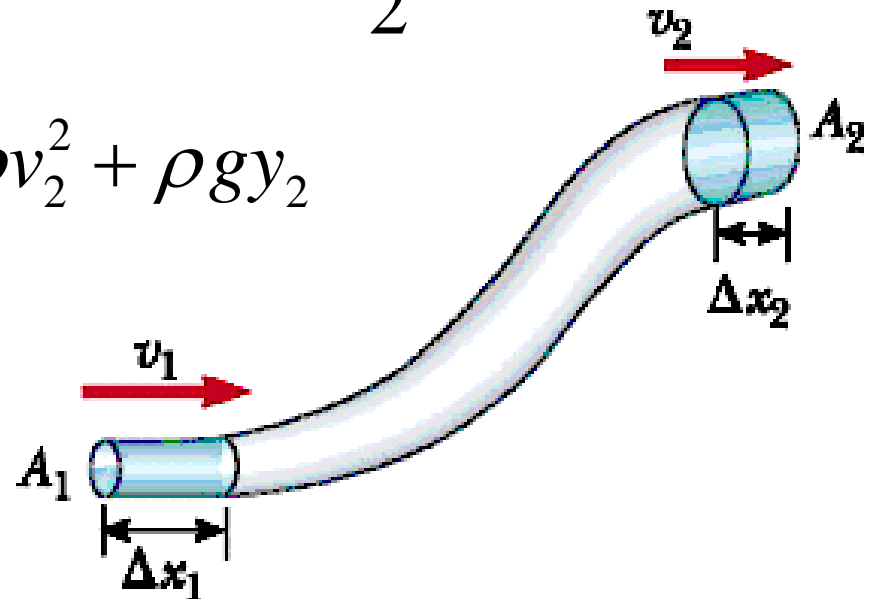
kinetic E, potential E, external work

$$\delta m = \rho A_1 \delta x_1 = \rho A_2 \delta x_2$$

$$p_1 A_1 \delta x_1 - p_2 A_2 \delta x_2 = \frac{1}{2} \delta m v_2^2 + \delta m g y_2 - \frac{1}{2} \delta m v_1^2 - \delta m g y_1$$

$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + \rho g y_1 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + \rho g y_2$$

$$p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g y = \text{constant}$$





Comments

Restrictions of the Bernoulli's equation:

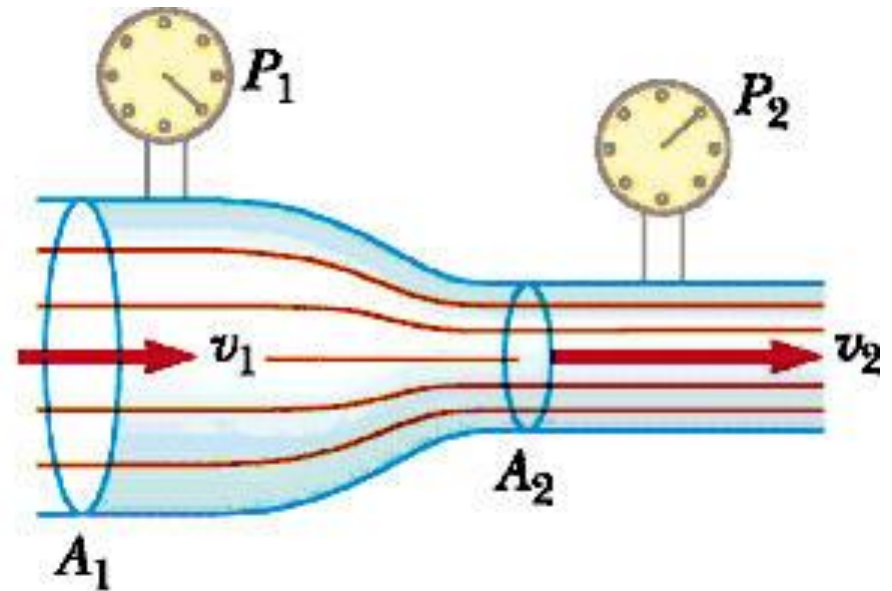
- Points 1 and 2 lie on the same streamline.**
- The fluid has constant density.**
- The flow is steady.**
- There is no friction.**

When streamlines are parallel the pressure is constant across them (if we ignore gravity and assume velocity is constant over the cross-section).



The Venturi Meter

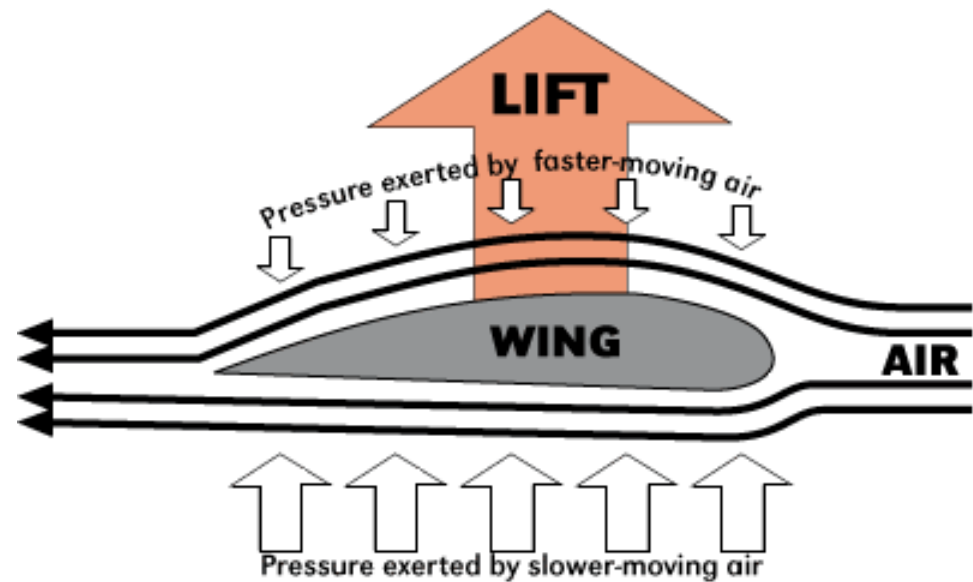
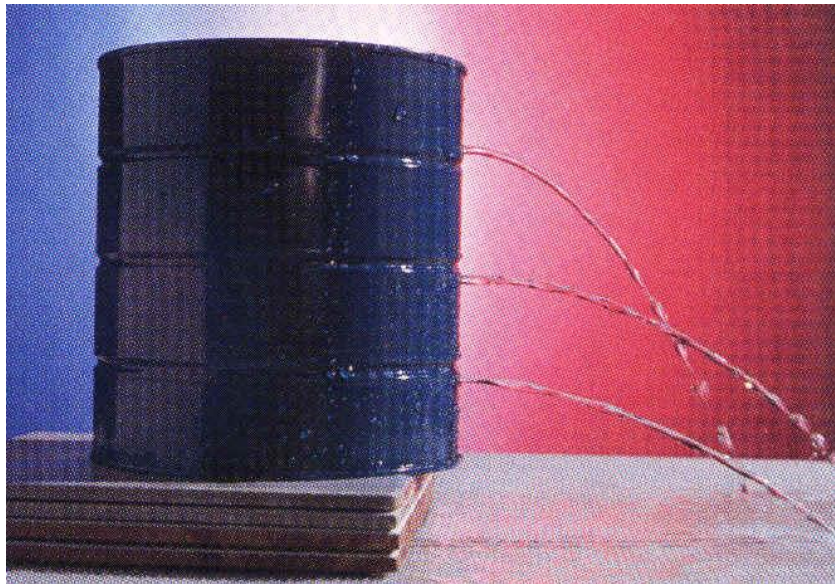
**Speed changes as diameter changes.
Can be used to measure the speed of the fluid flow.**



$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2, \quad v_1 A_1 = v_2 A_2$$

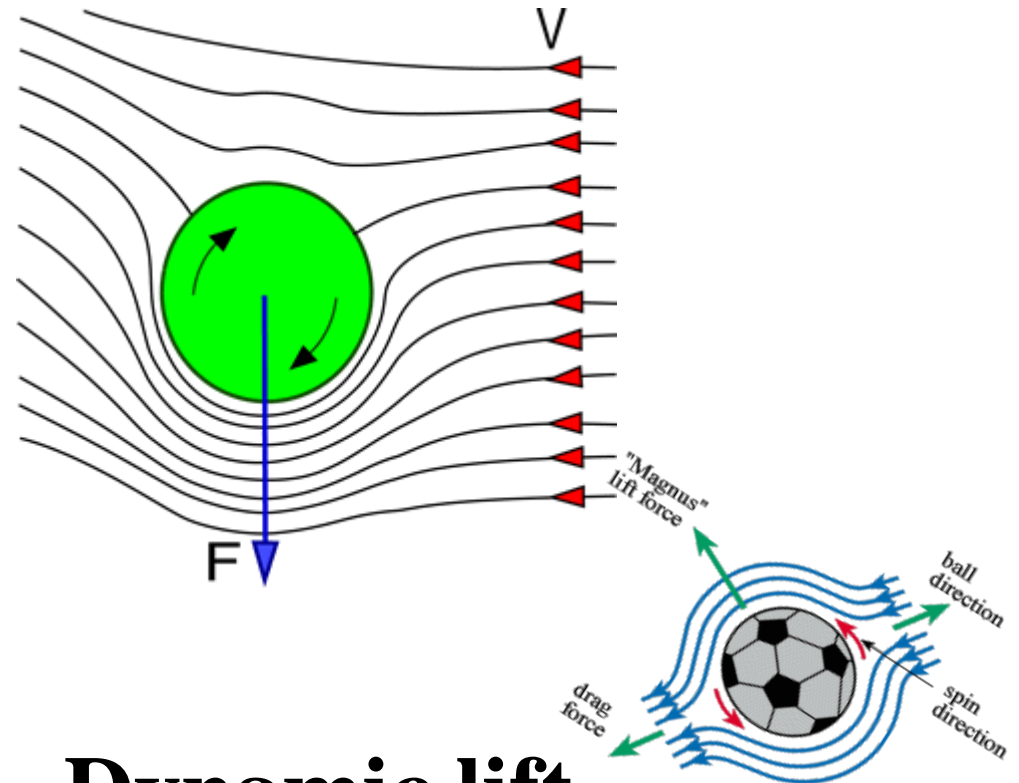


Bernoulli's Equation





Bend it like Beckham*



Dynamic lift

- http://www.tudou.com/programs/view/qLaZ-A0Pk_g/



Banana Free Kick*

Distance 25 m

Initial $v = 25$ m/s

Flight time 1s

Spin at 10 rev/s

Lift force ~ 4 N

Ball mass ~ 400 g

$a = 10$ m/s²

A swing of 5 m!

