

# Phy 212: General Physics II

## Chapter 14: Fluids Lecture Notes

### Daniel Bernoulli (1700-1782)

- Swiss merchant, doctor & mathematician
- Worked on:
  - Vibrating strings
  - Ocean tides
  - Kinetic theory
- Demonstrated that as the velocity of a fluid increases its pressure decreases (known as Bernoulli's Principle)



## What are fluids?

- Fluids are substances that flow (liquids or gases)
- Mass Density ( $\rho$ ) is mass per unit volume or

$$\rho = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta V} \left\{ \text{for a uniform substance : } \rho = \frac{m}{V} \right\}$$

– SI units are kg/m<sup>3</sup>

- Pressure is the magnitude of the normal force ( $\Delta F_N$ ) applied to a surface per unit area ( $\Delta A$ ), or

$$P = \frac{\Delta F_N}{\Delta A} \left\{ \text{For a uniformly applied force : } P = \frac{F_N}{A} \right\}$$

– SI units are newtons/meters<sup>2</sup> (N/m<sup>2</sup>) or pascals (Pa)

- Note: for static fluids (at rest), force can only be applied normal to the surface
- Tangential forces result in fluid flow!

## Pressure in Fluids

- Fluids are mobile
  - Fluids do not retain their shape
  - Fluids do not independently support their shape
- The pressure within a fluid varies with depth
  - Pressure within a fluid is constant at all points of the same depth
  - Pressure increases with increasing depth (H)

$$P \sim H$$

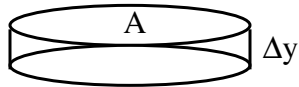
{where H is the depth below the surface of the fluid}

- The pressure difference ( $\Delta P$ ) between 2 points within a fluid is related to the density of the fluid ( $\rho$ ) & the depth difference between the points
  - The greater the fluid density ( $\rho$ ), the greater  $\Delta P$
  - The greater the depth difference ( $\Delta H$ ), the greater  $\Delta P$

$$P_2 - P_1 = \rho g \Delta H$$

## Derivation of pressures in fluids

Consider a disk of water in a static fluid:



- Applying Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law to the disk:

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Net}} = P_2 A \hat{j} - P_1 A \hat{j} - mg \hat{j} = 0$$

or

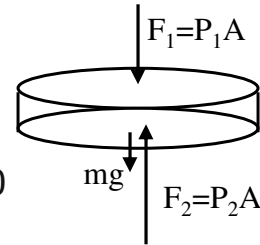
$$P_2 A - P_1 A = mg$$

- The mass of the disk is:  $m = \rho A \Delta y$  so Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law can be rewritten as

$$P_2 A - P_1 A = mg = (\rho A \Delta y)g \quad \text{or} \quad P_2 - P_1 = \rho g \Delta y$$

- Note that pressure in a fluid does not depend on:

- The total mass of the fluid disk
- The surface area where the force is applied



## Atmospheric Pressure

- If the surface of a fluid is exposed to air, the pressure at that surface ( $P_o$ ) is equal to that of the atmospheric air pressure at that elevation
- At sea level the atmospheric pressure is

$$P_o = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$$

- The pressure at any depth ( $H$ ) below the surface of the fluid is given by:

$$P = P_o + \rho g H$$

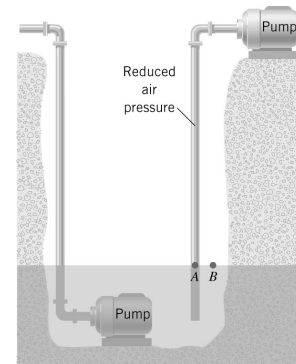
- This relationship also applies to air pressure at higher altitudes (to the extent that the air density does not change substantially)

## How high can you suck water up using a straw? (or pumping water uphill)

- In order to draw water (or any fluid) upward you must lower the pressure difference between the pressure inside the “straw” and the outside environment (usually the atmosphere)

1. *Is there a limit to how low you can make the pressure inside a straw?*

2. *How high can you suck water?*

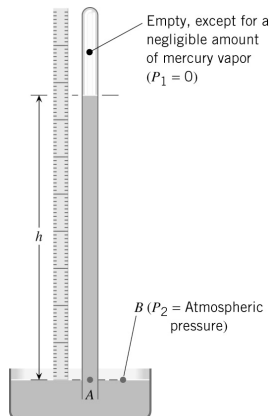


## Barometers

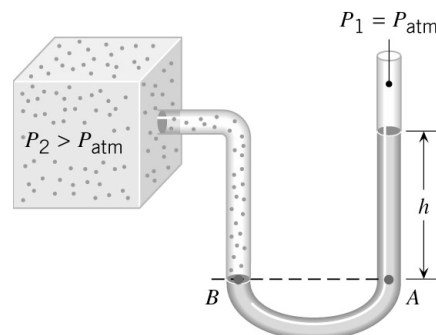
Barometers are devices used to measure air (or atmospheric) pressure

- Types of barometers:

### Closed end



### Open end



## Pascal's Principle

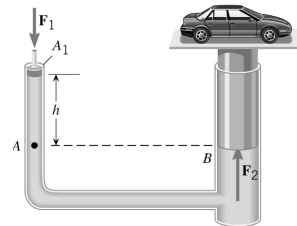
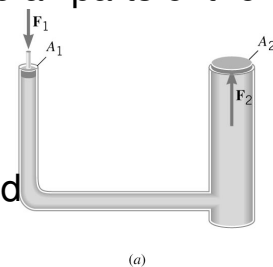
When pressure is applied to an enclosed fluid, the pressure is transmitted undiminished to all parts of the fluid and the enclosing walls

- The effect of applied pressure is to increase the  $P_0$  for the fluid.
- The application of hydraulics is based on this Pascal's Principle:

$$P_2 = P_1 + \rho gH$$

or 
$$\frac{F_2}{A_2} = \frac{F_1}{A_1} + \rho gH$$

Therefore 
$$F_2 = A_2 \left( \frac{F_1}{A_1} + \rho gH \right)$$



## Archimedes' Principle

When an object is submerged in a fluid, the fluid exerts a buoyant force ( $F_B$ ) on the object equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by the object:

$$F_B = m_{\text{fluid}}g = \rho_{\text{fluid}}V_{\text{displaced}}g$$

Notes:

- When a submerged object has greater density than the fluid, its weight will be greater than  $F_B$  (it will sink)
- When a submerged object has lower density than the fluid, it will partially submerge in the fluid until it reaches a depth where its weight will be the same as  $F_B$  (it will float)
- When the submerged object has the same density as the fluid it will neither sink nor float but will remain in equilibrium as long as it is completely submerged

## Equation of Continuity

When a fluid flows, the rate of mass entering a point must be equal to the rate of mass exiting the point:

$$\frac{\Delta m_1}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta m_2}{\Delta t}$$

Or (since  $\Delta m = \rho \Delta V = \rho A \Delta x$  &  $\frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t} = \vec{v}$  )

$$\rho_1 A_1 v_1 = \rho_2 A_2 v_2$$

Where:

- A is the cross-sectional area of the fluid segment
- $\Delta x$  is the width of the fluid segment



## Bernoulli's Equation

Bernoulli's Principle: *as speed of fluid increases its pressure drops*

Bernoulli's principle can be extended to Bernoulli's equation for a fluid that is:

- Nonviscous (no friction or interaction with sidewalls)
- Incompressible (liquid does not expand nor compress)

**Bernoulli's Equation:**

$$P_1 + \rho g y_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = P_2 + \rho g y_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2$$

Which can be rewritten as

$$P_2 - P_1 = -\rho g y_1 - \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + \rho g y_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2$$

Or:

$$P_2 - P_1 = \rho g (y_1 - y_2) + \frac{1}{2} \rho (v_1^2 - v_2^2)$$

**Note:** the "state" of the fluid is constant at all points:

$$P_1 + \rho g y_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = \text{constant}$$