#### Fluid Mechanics - MTF053

Lecture 3

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# Chapter 2 - Pressure Distribution in a Fluid

# Overview



# Learning Outcomes

- 9 **Explain** how to do a force balance for fluid element (forces and pressure gradients)
- 10 Understand and explain buoyancy and cavitation
- 11 Solve problems involving hydrostatic pressure and buoyancy

we will have a look at the pressure distribution in a fluid at rest, i.e. no flow yet...

# Roadmap - Pressure Distribution in a Fluid



#### Motivation

- Many problems does not include fluid motion
  - pressure distribution in a static fluid
  - pressure on solid surfaces due to presence of static fluid
  - floating and submerged bodies

# Motivation

#### Examples:

- pressure distribution in the atmosphere and in oceans
- design of pressure measurement devices
- buoyancy on a submerged body
- behavior of floating bodies



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#### Pressure

Pressure is a thermodynamic property

Pressure is not a force and has no direction



 Forces arise when the molecules of the fluid interacts with the surface of an immersed body

A force in the surface-normal direction is generated due to the collision of fluid molecules and the surface

- Fluid at rest no shear (by definition)
- Pressures  $p_x$ ,  $p_z$ , and  $p_n$  may be different
- ▶ Small element  $\Rightarrow$  constant pressure on each face





$$\sum F_x = 0 = p_x b \Delta z - p_n b \Delta s \sin \theta$$

$$\sum F_{z} = 0 = \rho_{z}b\Delta x - \rho_{n}b\Delta s\cos\theta - \frac{1}{2}\rho gb\Delta x\Delta z$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta z = \Delta S \sin \theta \\ \Delta x = \Delta S \cos \theta \end{cases}$$



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$$\begin{cases} \rho_x = \rho_n \\ \rho_z = \rho_n + \frac{1}{2}\rho g\Delta z \end{cases}$$



- Since  $\theta$  is arbitrary, the result is general
- ► There is no pressure change in the horizontal direction
  - The pressure change in the vertical direction is proportional to the depth

"The pressure in a static fluid is a point property, independent of orientation"



 ${\bf f}$  is the net force per unit volume

#### Pressure Forces on a Fluid Element

*"it is not the pressure but the pressure gradient causing a net force which must be balanced by gravity or acceleration"* 



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# Equilibrium of a Fluid Element

#### Force balance for a small element

- pressure gradients gives surface forces
- body forces (electromagnetic or gravitational potentials)
- surface forces due to viscous stresses

#### Newton's second law:

$$\sum \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_{\rho} + \mathbf{f}_{g} + \mathbf{f}_{v} = -\nabla \rho + \rho \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{f}_{v} = \rho \mathbf{a}$$

# Equilibrium of a Fluid Element

- Hydrostatic problems:
  - no viscous forces
  - no acceleration

Newton's second law reduces to:

$$\nabla \rho = \rho \mathbf{g}$$

(the general form of Newton's second law will be studied later)

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$$\nabla \rho = \rho \mathbf{g}$$

 $\triangleright$   $\nabla p$  is perpendicular everywhere to surfaces of constant p

The normal of constant-pressure surfaces will be aligned with g

$$\mathbf{g} = -g\mathbf{e}_{z}$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{dz} = -\rho g$$

$$\rho_2 - \rho_1 = -\int_1^2 \rho g dz$$

for liquids, we assume constant density 
$$\Rightarrow p_2 - p_1 = -\int_1^2 \rho g dz = -\rho g(z_2 - z_1)$$



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Is the incompressible assumption for liquids a good assumption? the density is 4.6 percent higher at the deepest part of the ocean - so yes!

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Why is mercury used for pressure measurements?

#### Hydrostatic Pressure in Gases

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g = -\frac{p}{RT}g$$

both pressure and temperature varies with altitude

$$\int_1^2 \frac{d\rho}{\rho} = \ln \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = -\frac{g}{R} \int_1^2 \frac{dz}{T}$$

Temperature variation T(z) needed

# Hydrostatic Pressure in Gases



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#### Pascal's law:

"Any two points at the same elevation in a continuous mass of the same static fluid will be at the same pressure"

 $\rho_A + \rho_1 g(z_A - z_1) - \rho_2 g(z_2 - z_1) = \rho_2 \approx \rho_{atm}$ 



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Archimedes:

A body immersed in a fluid experiences a vertical buoyant force equal to the weight of the fluid it displaces

A floating body displaces its own weight in the fluid in which it floats

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$$F_{up} = \rho g (\mathcal{V}_a + \mathcal{V}_b)$$
$$F_{down} = \rho g \mathcal{V}_a$$

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In general

$$\mathbf{F}_B = \sum \rho_i g(displacement \ volume)_i$$

Floating bodies

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 $\mathbf{F}_B = body weight$ 

# Buoyancy - Stability

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Note! the center of buoyancy (B) is, in this case, the centroid of the displaced volume of liquid

# Buoyancy - Stability

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Pressure is a derived property

The force per unit area related to fluid molecular bombardment of a surface

#### Pressure measurement

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#### Pressure measurement

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## Manometer Example

$$p_{1} + \sum_{down} \rho_{i}g\Delta_{i} - \sum_{up} \rho_{i}g\Delta_{i} = p_{2}$$

$$p_{1} + (\Delta_{2} + \Delta_{1})\rho_{A}g - \Delta_{1}\rho_{B}g - (\Delta_{2} + \Delta_{3})\rho_{A}g = p_{2}$$

$$p_{1} + (\Delta_{2} + \Delta_{1})\rho_{A}g - \Delta_{1}\rho_{B}g - (\Delta_{2} + Z_{2} - Z_{1})\rho_{A}g = p_{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{p_{1}}{\rho_{A}g} + z_{1}\right) - \left(\frac{p_{2}}{\rho_{A}g} + z_{2}\right) = \Delta_{1}\left(\frac{\rho_{B}}{\rho_{A}} - 1\right)$$