

L12- FLUIDS-1

FLUIDS → Stuff that *FLOWS*

- FLUIDS
 - liquids
 - gases
- sand, snow, or grain (granular materials)
- While kernels of corn are solid, they behave more like a liquid when flowing through a silo



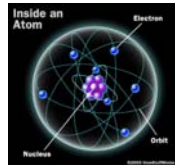
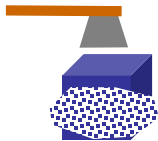
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States of Matter

- Comes in three states – solid, liquid, gas
- So far we have only dealt with *solid* objects → blocks, sticks, balls, etc.
- The study of fluids is more complicated because fluids are complicated since *they do not have any particular shape*
- Fluids are not rigid bodies
- *But, Newton's laws can be applied to fluids*

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Atoms – the basic pieces of stuff



- All matter is composed of atoms (atomic hypothesis)
- If we imagine cutting an object into smaller and smaller pieces, we eventually get down to atoms
- Diameter about 10^{-10} m
- Acceptance of the atomic hypothesis evolved over about a century 1800-1900

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Differences between solids, liquids and gases

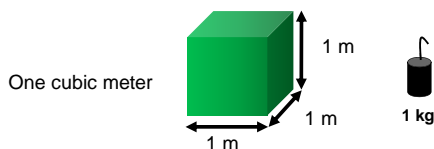
1. The main difference is the distance between the atoms
 - The atoms of a solid are closer to each other than the atoms in a liquid
 - the atoms in a liquid are closer to each other than the atoms in a gas, and
2. The strength of the forces between the atoms.
 - The forces between atoms in a solid are stronger than the forces between atoms in a liquid
 - The forces between atoms in a liquid are stronger than the forces between atoms in a gas



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Mass Density (ρ , Greek rho)

- Density is one way to characterize matter → it depends on how close the atoms are to each other
- The mass density is the amount of mass in a unit volume of the substance
- It is measured in kilograms per cubic meter (kg/m^3) or g/cm^3 (g/cc) = 1000 kg/m^3



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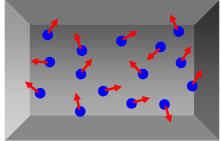
A few mass densities

Substance	Density (kg / m^3)
lead	11,000
water	1,000
air	1.25
aluminum	2,700
iron	2,300
mercury	13,600

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Gases: air pressure

- The air molecules (oxygen and nitrogen) in the box bounce around in all directions
- When they hit the wall they give it an impulse



- The average effect of many, many molecules hitting the walls produces a force on the wall
- The size of this force depends on the **surface area** of the wall – which depends on the container
- It makes more sense to give the force on a unit surface --- **PRESSURE**

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Definition of pressure

- **Pressure = force per unit area**
 $P = \text{force} / \text{area} = F / A$
- The unit of pressure is Newtons per m^2
- One N/m^2 is called one Pascal (Pa)
- Another commonly used unit is **pounds per square inch (psi)**. These are the units on a typical tire pressure gauge

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The pressure in a gas

- The more molecules in the box (the number per unit volume) the larger the pressure
- The pressure of a gas is also larger if the molecules have larger speeds (faster)
- At a higher temperature the molecules have more energy and thus higher speeds
- Thus the pressure depends on 2 factors:

pressure \propto number density \times temperature

proportional to

Ideal gas law

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The Earth's atmosphere

atmosphere



If the earth were a basketball, the atmosphere would be the thickness of a sheet of paper.

- The atmosphere is a thin layer of air surrounding the earth
- It extends upward to about 6 miles
- It is held in place by gravity.
- The moon has no atmosphere because its gravity is not strong enough to hold on to one

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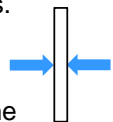
Atmospheric pressure

- At the earth's surface the pressure due to the atmosphere is about $100,000 \text{ N}/\text{m}^2$ ($10^5 \text{ N}/\text{m}^2$) or just 1 atmosphere (atm)
- units: **$1 \text{ N}/\text{m}^2 = 1 \text{ Pa}$ (Pascal)**
- This means that over a 1 square meter of surface area the atmosphere exerts a force of $100,000 \text{ N}/\text{m}^2 \times 1 \text{ m}^2 = 100,000 \text{ N}$
- This amounts to about 22,500 lbs or 11 tons!
- This corresponds to a mass of 10,000 kg
- Why don't we seem to notice this force?

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The power of atmospheric pressure

- We typically do not 'feel' atmospheric pressure because it is the same on all sides (inside and outside) of objects.
- For example, the pressure is the same on both sides of a window.
- The pressure inside our bodies is the same as the pressure outside.
- You feel atmospheric pressure on your eardrums when you go up a mountain or an elevator to the top of a tall building.



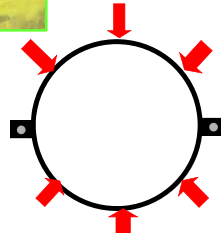
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Magdeburg hemispheres



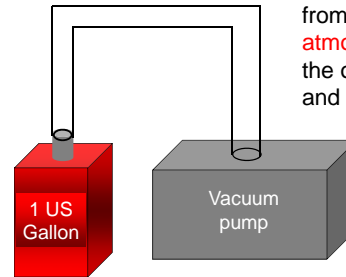
In 1654 two teams of horses try to separate the halves of a sphere with the air pumped out.

When under vacuum there is about 1 ton of force holding the hemisphere's together



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Atmospheric pressure in action



When the air is removed from inside the gas can, **atmospheric pressure** on the outside is unbalanced and crushes the can.

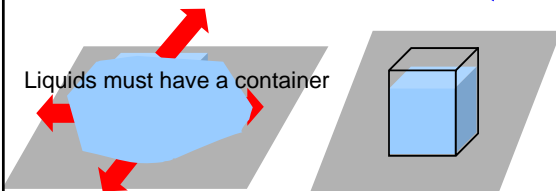
Suction cups also use atmospheric pressure to hold things together.

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LIQUIDS

- Liquids cannot support themselves
- one layer of a fluid cannot exert a shear force (sidewise) to prevent slipping

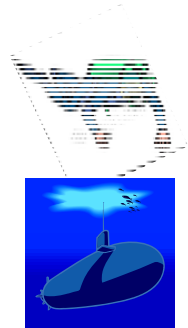
Liquids must have a container



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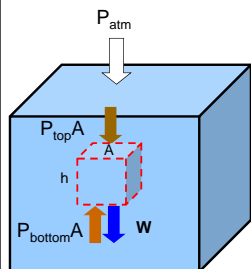
Variation of pressure with depth in a liquid

- Anybody who does scuba diving knows that the pressure increases as you dive to greater depths
- The increasing water pressure with depth limits how deep a submarine can go → **crush depth**
- about 2400 ft for the US Seawolf class subs, 4000 ft for titanium soviet subs.



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The deeper you go, the higher the pressure



Force = Pressure x Area
 $F = P A$

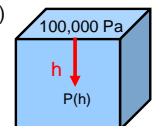
- The hypothetical volume of liquid of volume $A \times h$ is **at rest**
- Thus, the net force on this volume must = 0**
- $\rightarrow F_{\text{bottom}} = F_{\text{top}} + W$
- Therefore: F_{bottom} must be greater than F_{top}
- The pressure on the bottom is higher than pressure on top
- Pressure increases with depth

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How much does P increase with depth?

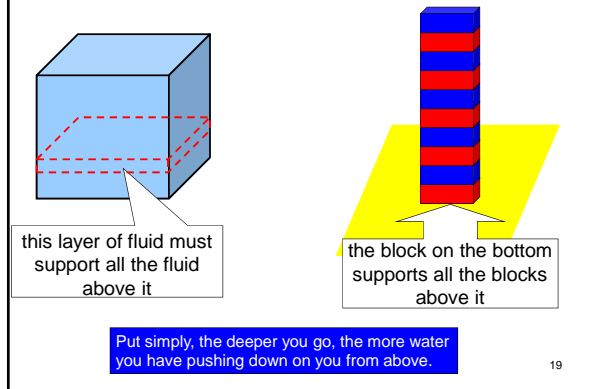
$$P(h) = P_{\text{atm}} + \rho g h$$

- where ρ is the **density** of the liquid (kg/m^3)
- At the surface of a body of water the pressure is 1 atm = 100,000 Pa
- As we go down into the water, **at what depth does the pressure double**, from 1 atm (100,000 Pa) to 2 atm (200,000 Pa)?
- $P(h) = 200,000 \text{ Pa} = 100,000 \text{ Pa} + \rho g h$
- $\rightarrow \rho g h = 100,000 \text{ Pa} = 1000 (\text{kg/m}^3) \times 10 (\text{m/s}^2) \times h (\text{m})$
- $\rightarrow h = 10 \text{ m}$, or roughly 32 feet.

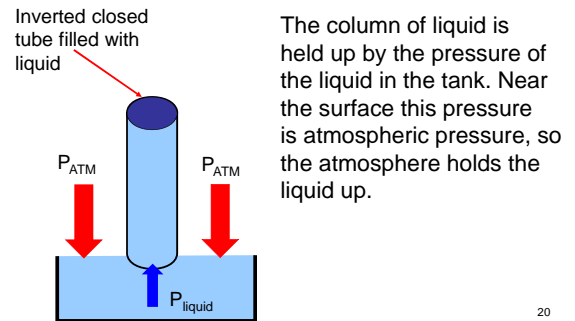


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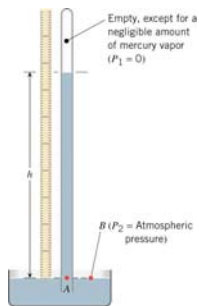
Why does pressure increase with depth?



Measuring atmospheric pressure - Barometers



Barometric pressure

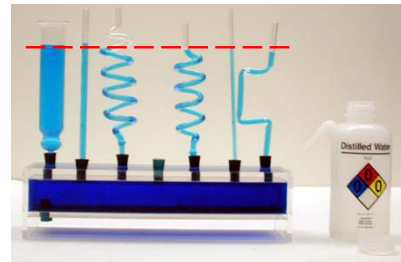


Atmospheric pressure can support a column of water 10.3 m high, or a column of mercury (which is 13.6 times as dense as water) 30 inches high → the mercury barometer

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Pascal's Vases



The fluid levels are the same in all each tube, **regardless** of their shape

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