



Fluid Mechanics

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Density

SI units - $\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$

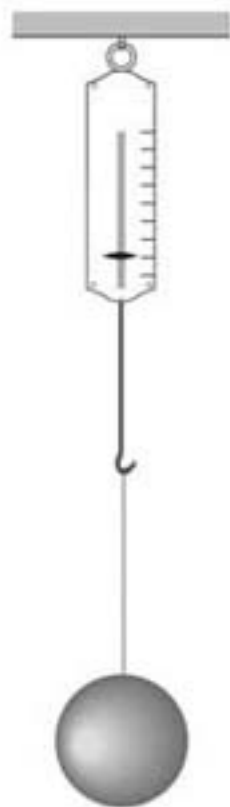
$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

ρ = density

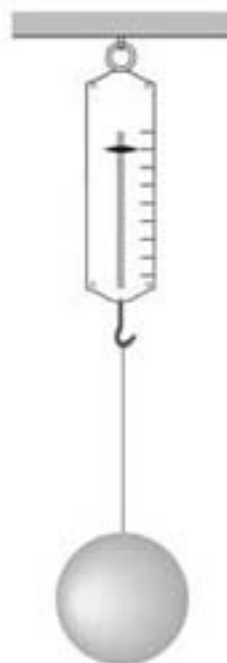
m = mass

V = volume

Density is the mass per unit volume



higher density



lower density

$$\rho_{A_2O} = \frac{1000 \text{ kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$= \frac{1 \text{ g}}{\text{cm}^3} = \frac{1 \text{ g}}{\text{cc}}$$

$$= \frac{1 \text{ g}}{\text{mL}}$$

$$= \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{\text{L}}$$

specific gravity - ratio of an object's density to the density of water.

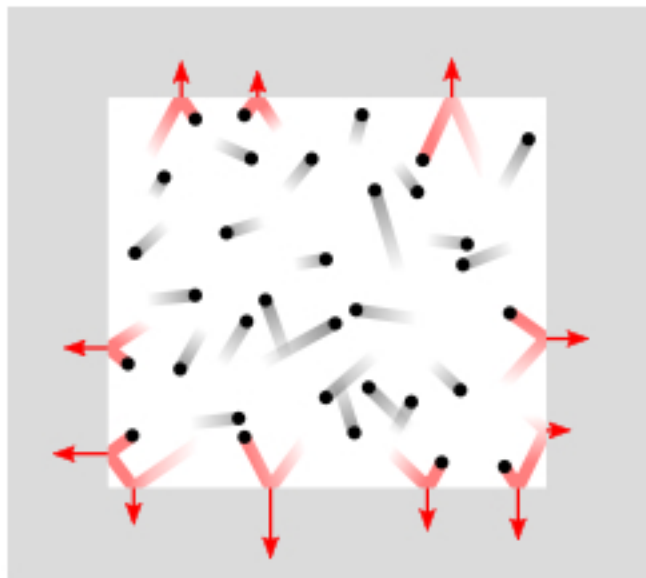
Pressure

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

P = pressure

F = force

A = area



$$1 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = 1 \text{ Pascal}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 101,000 \text{ Pa}$$
$$1 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

← exactly
1 bar

$$= 760 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$= 760 \text{ torr}$$

Pressure Increases with Depth

$$P = P_a + \rho gh$$

density

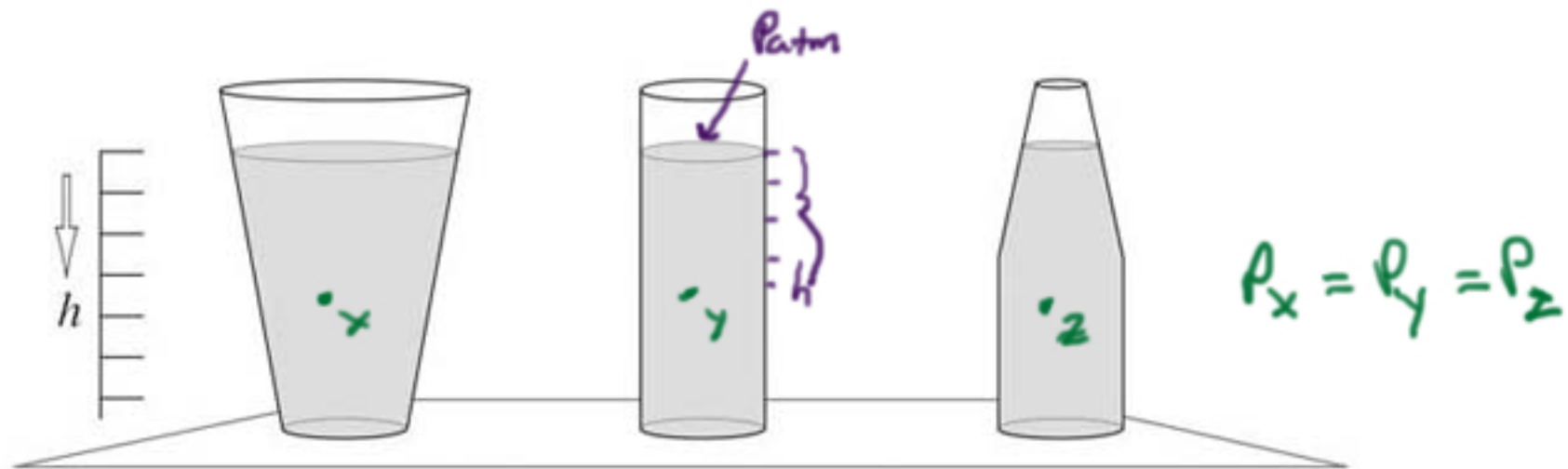
P = pressure

P_a = atmospheric pressure

ρ = density

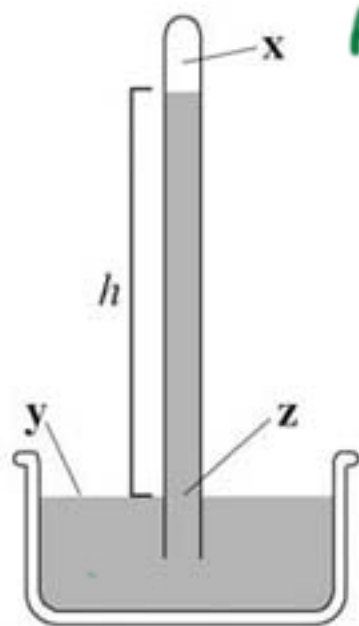
g = acceleration due to gravity (10m/s^2)

h = depth



Pressure is independent of the shape and size of the container.

With the common mercury barometer pictured at right, the atmospheric pressure is equal to the product of ρgh (ρ is the density of mercury). Which of the following is not always true with regard to this device when it is accurately measuring atmospheric pressure?



$$P_x \sim \text{vacuum}$$

$$P_z = P_y$$

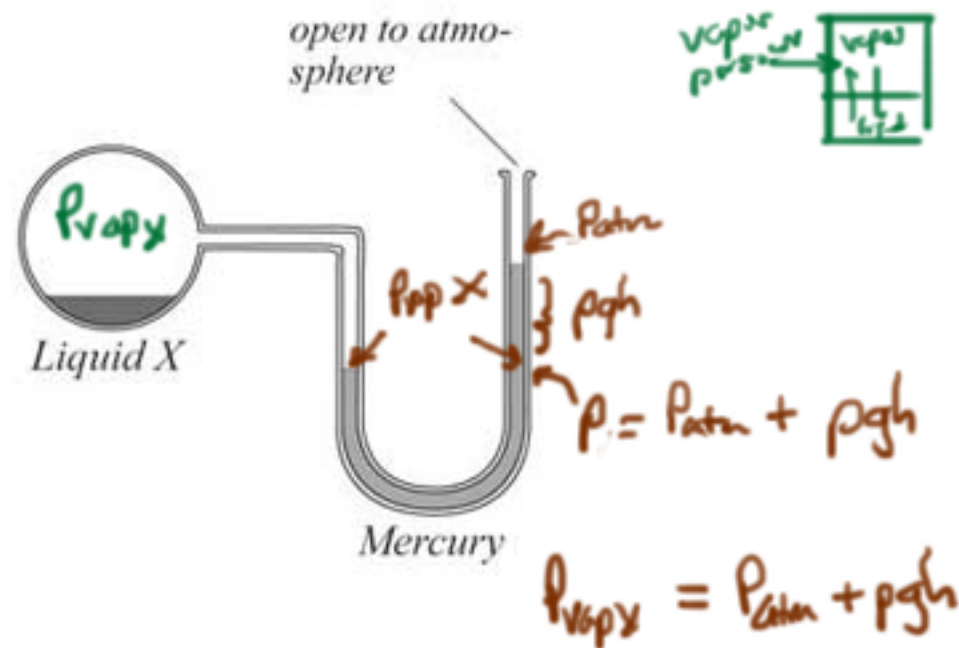
$$P_y = P_{\text{atm}}$$

$$P_z = \rho g h$$

$$P_{\text{atm}} = \rho g h$$

- ~~a.~~ P_x is very nearly a vacuum
- ~~b.~~ $P_y = P_z$
- ~~c.~~ $P_y = P_{\text{atm}}$
- d.** $P_y = 760$ torr

After adding a 50 ml sample of *Liquid X* to the vacuum bulb at right, it was observed to boil within the bulb. After a time, the system reached the state shown at right, the boiling having ceased. Assume that the vapor pressure of mercury at this temperature is nearly zero (pressure of the gaseous phase above its liquid phase) what can we conclude from the experiment?



- The density of *Liquid X* is greater than the density of mercury.
- Liquid X* possesses implausible properties.
- The vapor pressure of *Liquid X* at room temperature is higher than atmospheric pressure.
- The bouyancy of *Liquid X* is greater than the bouyancy of mercury.

Pascal's Law

$$\frac{F_a}{A_a} = \frac{F_b}{A_b}$$

F = force
 A = area

simple machines multiply
force but not work
(at best)

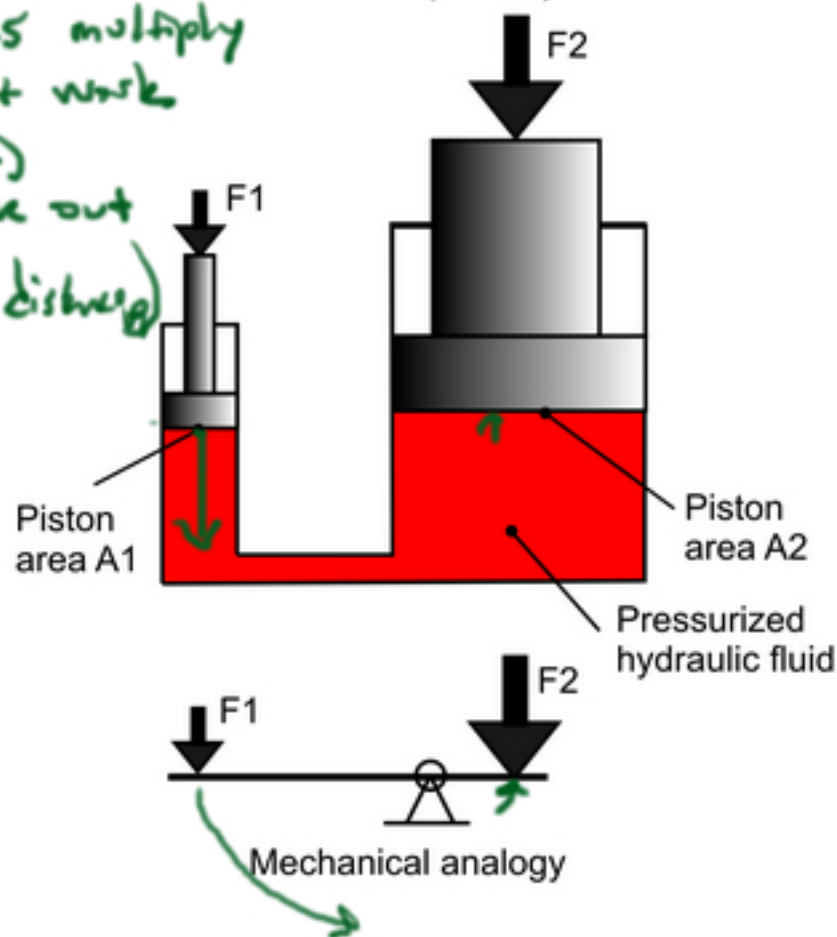
work in = work out

$$(force_A)(distance_A) = (force_B)(distance_B)$$

Pascal's Law states that an increase in the pressure on one of the surfaces enclosing a fluid will be transmitted as an undiminished increase in pressure to all parts of the fluid. This means for our hydraulic press at right that one hundred newtons exerting over one square meter, can hold up four hundred newtons over four square meters.

Force increase with hydraulics

$$F_2 = F_1 \cdot (A_2/A_1)$$



Specific gravity = $\frac{W_{air}}{W_{air} - W_{submerged}}$

Archimedes' Principle

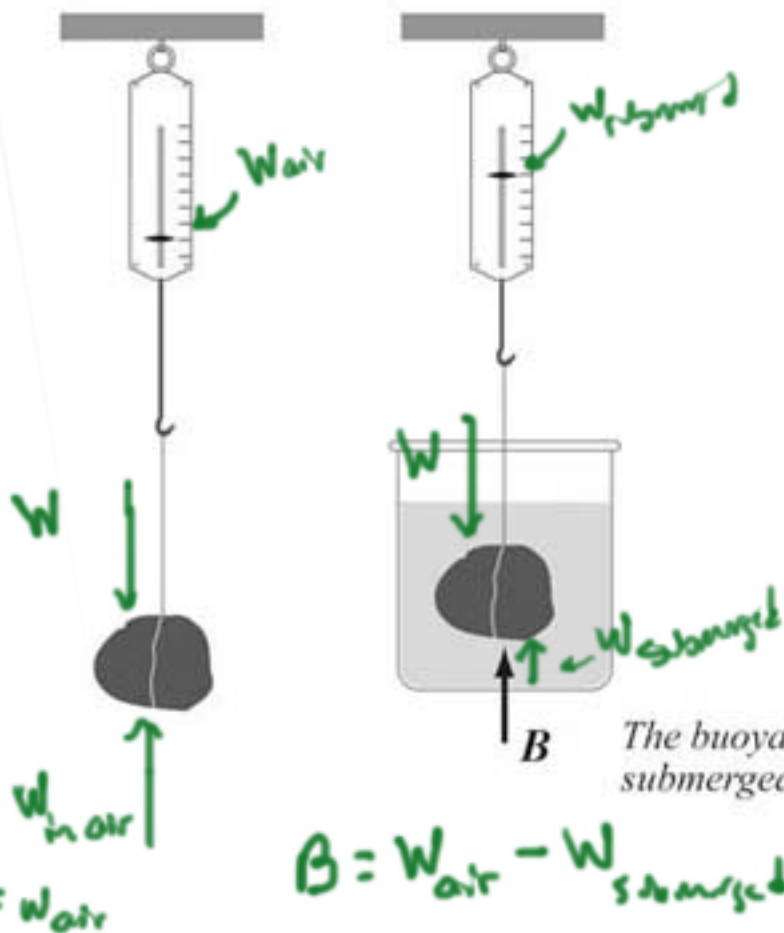
$$B = W_{\text{fluid displaced}}$$

B = Buoyant Force

$W_{\text{fluid displaced}}$ = weight of fluid displaced

- Submerged object -
 volume of object \rightarrow volume of water
 \rightarrow mass of water \rightarrow weight = B

- floating object
 start with force equilibrium



A bar of lead has the dimensions $2 \times 3 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$ and mass 330 g. What is the specific gravity of lead?

- A. 1
- B. 10
- C. 11
- D. cannot be determined from given information

$\rho?$

$$\frac{330 \text{ g}}{30 \text{ cm}^3} = 11 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

If the bar of lead were submerged in water, what would be the apparent loss of weight on the bar?

- A. 300 N
- B. 1 N
- C. 0.3 N
- D. 1/11 N

apparent loss of weight
means buoyant force.

displaces $30 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$
 $= 30 \text{ g H}_2\text{O} = 0.03 \text{ kg}$

$$W = mg = 0.3 \text{ N}$$

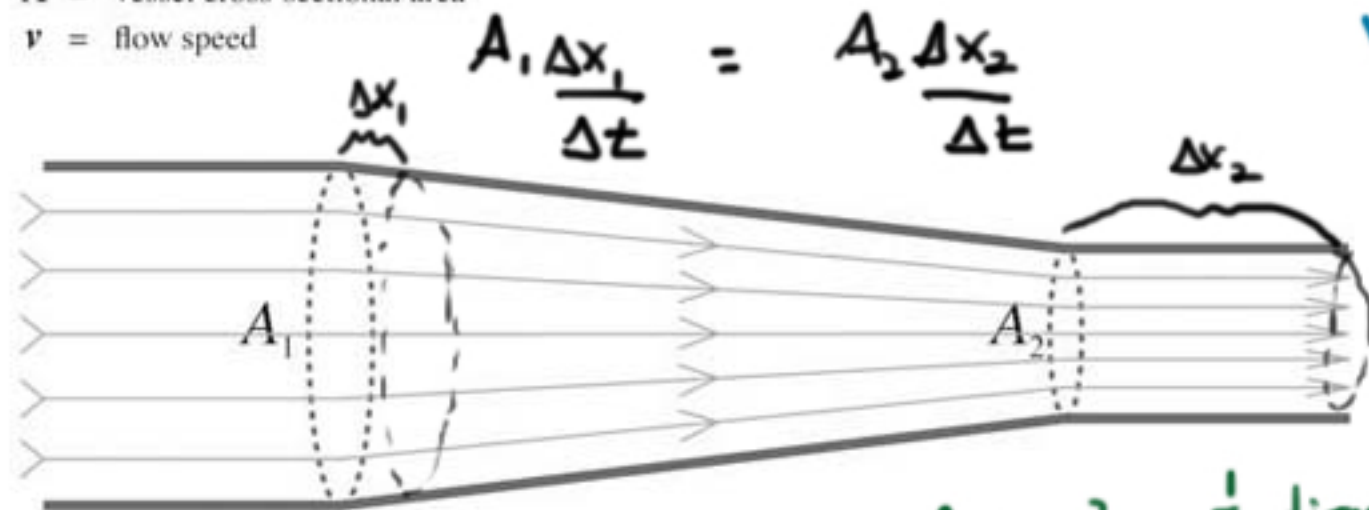
Continuity of Volume Flux

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

flow speed (pointing to v_2)

A = vessel cross-sectional area

v = flow speed



Ideal Fluid

- incompressible
- only laminar flow
- no viscosity

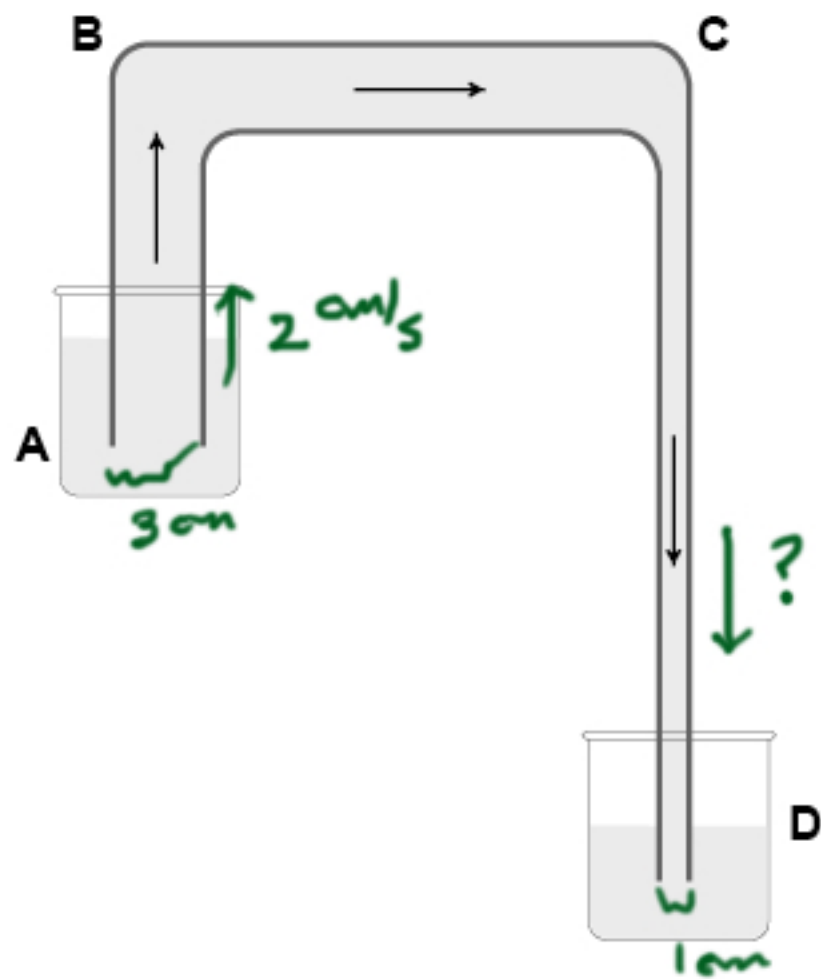
Volume Flux = $\frac{\text{volume}}{\text{time}}$

$$\frac{\text{gal}}{\text{s}} \quad \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$\text{Volume Flux} = Q = Av$$

$$A = \pi r^2 \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ diameter} = 4 \text{ times flow speed}$$

In the flow of an ideal fluid, the rate at which fluid volume moves through the vessel (volume flux) is the same everywhere along the pipe. Where vessel diameter is narrowest, the flow speed is greatest.



The diameter of tube segment AB is 3 cm. The diameter of tube segment CD is 1 cm. When the flow speed through AB is 2 cm/s, what will the flow speed be through CD?

- A. 6 cm/s
- B. 18 cm/s**
- C. 9 cm/s
- D. 15 cm/s

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}r\right)^2 = \frac{1}{9}r^2$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \text{ radius} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{9} \text{ area}$$

conservation of energy / volume element Bernoulli's Equation

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

↑
pressure

P = pressure

ρ = density

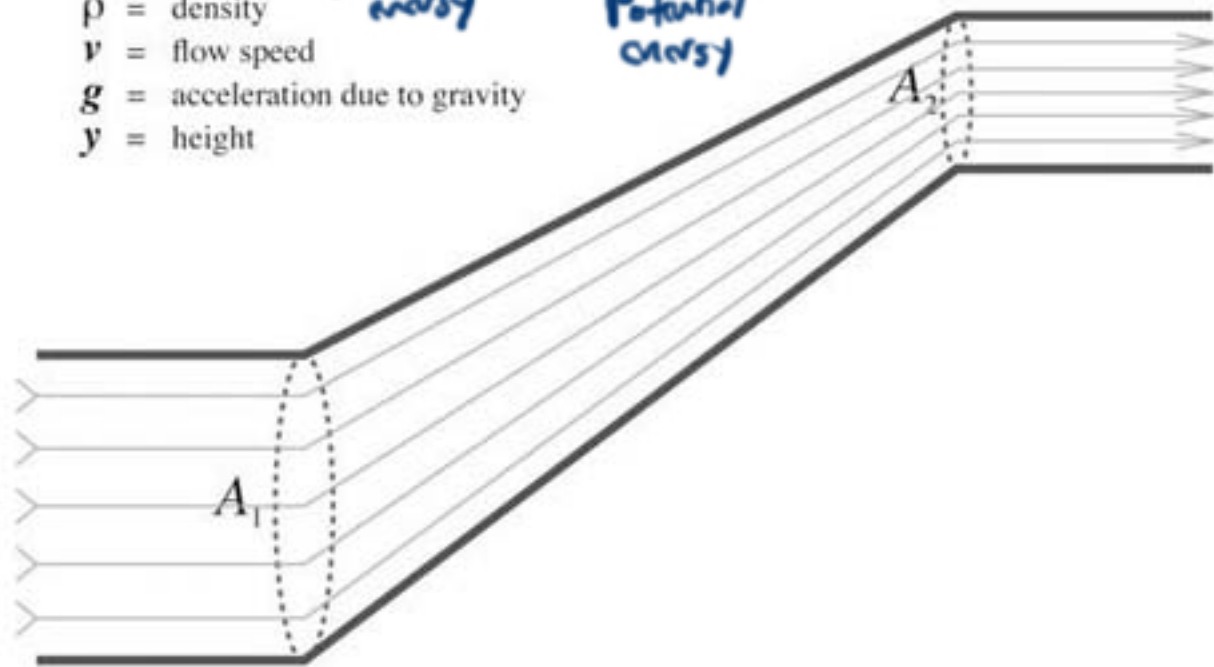
v = flow speed

g = acceleration due to gravity

y = height

↑
Kinetic energy

↑
Potential energy

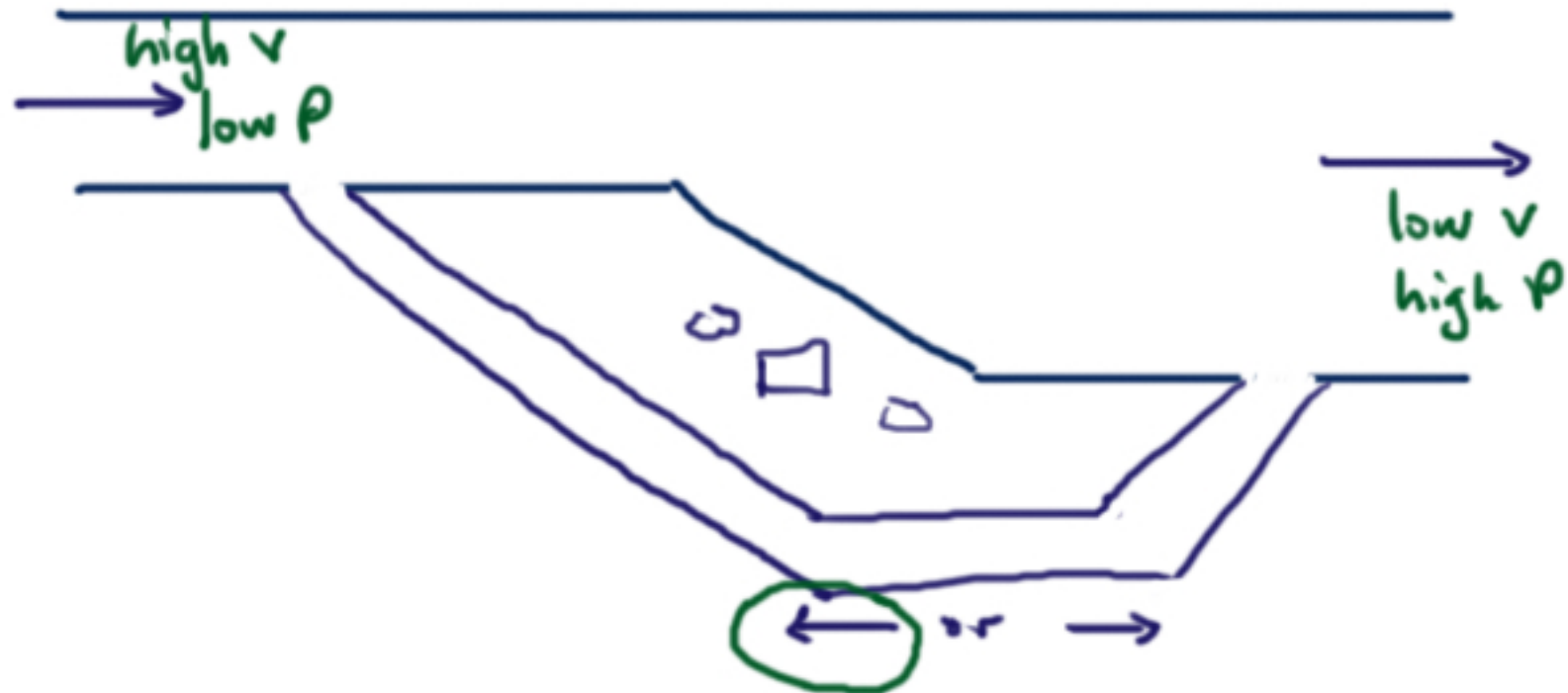


By far the most common problem - level flow where interchange between P and $\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2$

Where flow speed is high, pressure is low



$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$$
$$P + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g y = \text{constant}$$



canals - uniform depth
bird's eye view

An aneurysm is caused by the weakening of the arterial wall where a bulge occurs and the cross-section of a vessel increases considerably. At the cross-section of an aneurysm



- A. flow velocity will be reduced and the pressure will be reduced
- B.** flow velocity will be reduced and the pressure will increase
- C. flow velocity will increase and the pressure will be reduced
- D. flow velocity will increase and the pressure will increase

Real Fluids

Viscosity

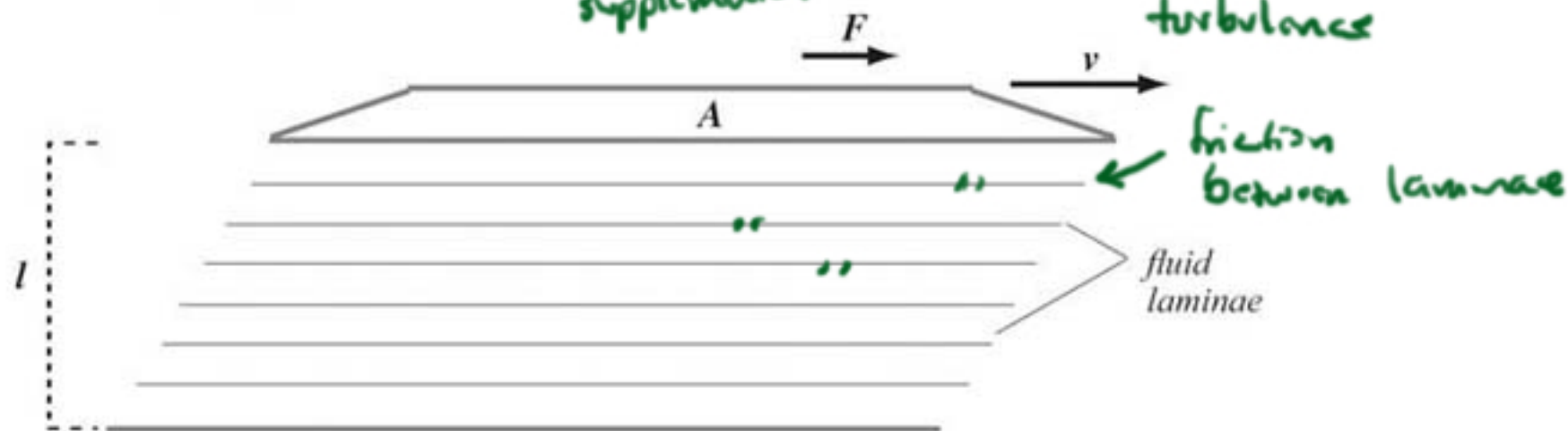
- η = viscosity
- F = shearing force
- A = sheared area
- v = sliding speed
- l = fluid thickness

$$\eta = \frac{F/A}{v/l}$$

↑
supplemental

- Viscosity leads to resistance to flow (Poiseuille's Law)

- Viscosity opposes turbulence



The figure above shows laminae, or layers of liquid, between two surfaces. The more viscous the fluid, the larger the shearing force required for the top surface to slide past the bottom surface at a given speed. Viscosity reflects friction between the laminae, or fluid layers.



The Causes of Turbulent Flow

$$RN = \frac{\rho v d}{\eta}$$

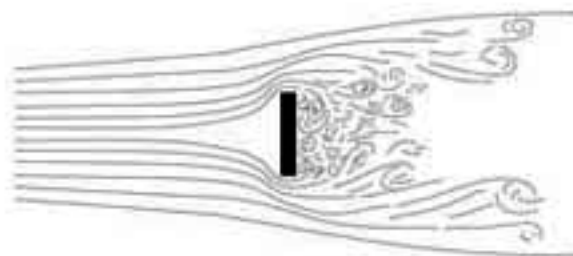
density →
speed →
geometric property →
↑
viscosity

- RN = Reynolds number
 ρ = fluid density
 v = flow speed
 d = geometrical property of the flow
(diameter of obstruction, pipe width)
 η = viscosity

$RN > 3000$
turbulence is
likely

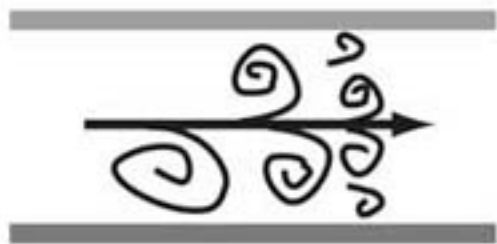


laminar (streamline) flow
(low Reynolds number)



turbulent flow
(high Reynolds number)

Most blood flow is remarkably free of turbulence, although, under both normal or abnormal conditions, turbulence may occur in certain areas of the circulatory system. Which of the following would be most likely to directly contribute to turbulence?



$$RN = \frac{\rho v d}{\eta}$$

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2 = Q$$

- a. decreased cardiac output
- b. increased blood viscosity
- c. localized narrowing of an arterial vessel
- d. decrease in blood density

Poiseuille's Law

$$Q = \frac{\Delta P \pi r^4}{8 \eta l}$$

Q = volume flux
 ΔP = change in pressure
 r = pipe or vessel radius
 η = viscosity
 l = pipe or vessel length

ΔP is effect



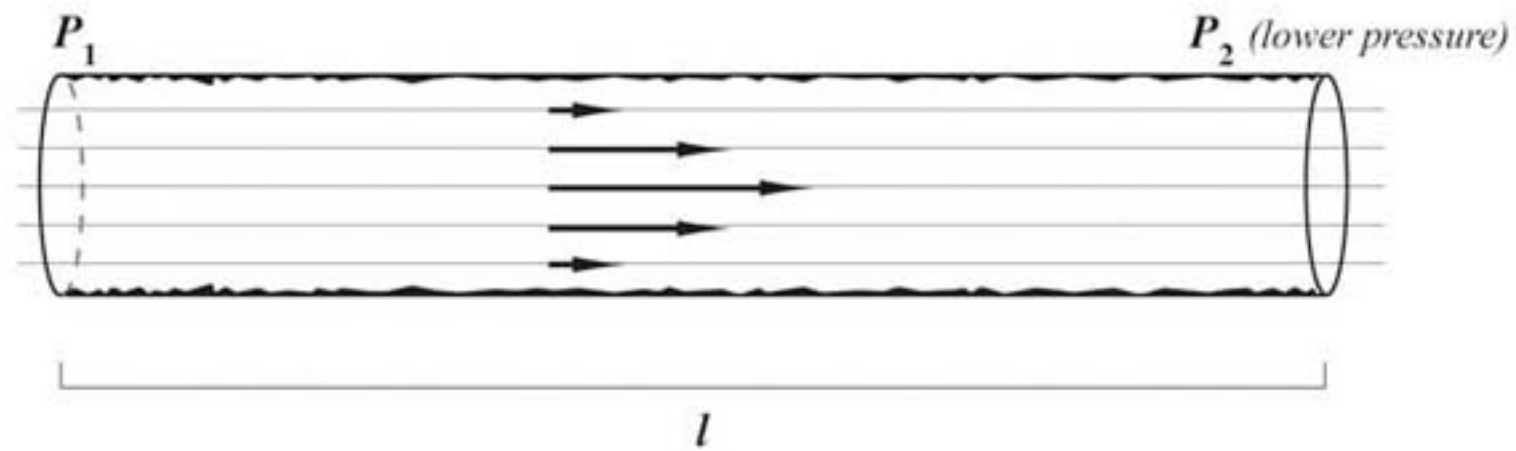
2) What leads to a big ΔP ?
viscous dissipation
small r , big η

! .
2 ways to look at this

1) What leads to high Q (volume flux)

$\frac{\Delta P}{l}$ big pressure gradient
 r^4 large vessel
 η low viscosity

ΔP as cause



With the plunger exerting the same negative pressure, the total time required to draw 10ml of blood through a syringe with a needle having half the length and half the diameter would be

- A. 1/2 as long
- B. the same
- C. 8 times longer
- D. 32 times longer

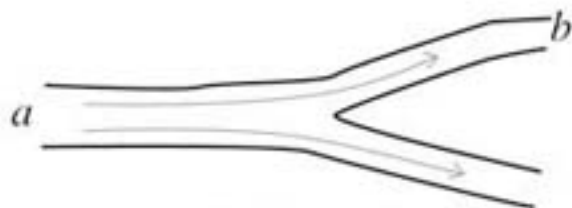
$$Q = \frac{\Delta P \pi r^4}{8 \eta l}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} l \Rightarrow 2 \times Q$$

$$\frac{1}{2} r \Rightarrow \frac{1}{16} \times Q$$

$$\frac{1}{8} Q$$

A large artery branches into two smaller arteries, each with 50% of the radius of the larger. Since all blood flowing into the junction enters the smaller arteries, the volume flux within the larger must be twice the volume flux through either of the smaller.



$$Q = \frac{\Delta P \pi r^4}{8 \eta l}$$

$$r_b = \frac{1}{2} r_a$$

Thus, from Poiseuille's Law:

$$\frac{\Delta P_a r_a^4}{l_a} = \frac{2 \Delta P_b r_b^4}{l_b}$$

$$\frac{\Delta P_a}{l_a} = \frac{1}{8} \frac{\Delta P_b}{l_b}$$

Poiseuille's Law

Q = volume flux
 ΔP = change in pressure
 r = vessel radius
 η = viscosity
 l = vessel length

$$\frac{\Delta P}{l}$$

Which follows from this relationship?

- a. Pressure drop per unit length is much greater in a small artery than in the large.
- b. Pressure drop per unit length is double in the large artery vs. the small.
- c. Total flow speed in the small arteries equals total flow speed in the large.
- d. Pressure drop per unit length is double in the small artery vs. the large.

The answer is **a**

Because of the extreme effect of the decreasing radius on viscous dissipation as described by Poiseuille's Law, decreasing the radius causes a very large increase in the pressure drop per unit length.

In our example, if we substitute $(0.5)r_a$ for r_b :

$$\frac{\Delta P_a r_a^4}{l_a} = \frac{2\Delta P_b r_b^4}{l_b}$$

$$\frac{\Delta P_a r_a^4}{l_a} = \frac{2\Delta P_b (0.5 r_a)^4}{l_b}$$

$$\frac{\Delta P_a}{l_a} = \frac{1}{8} \frac{\Delta P_b}{l_b}$$

A MAJOR CONSEQUENCE OF POISEUILLE'S LAW IS THAT IN THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM, THE NARROW VESSELS ARE MUCH SHORTER. IF NOT, THERE WOULDN'T BE PRESSURE REMAINING AFTER BLOOD FLOWS THROUGH THE CAPILLARIES FOR IT TO RETURN TO THE HEART.

