

CE 213 - Fluid Mechanics

Basic Equation of Fluid Statics



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# Learning Objectives



- Basic equation of fluid statics
  - Compressible fluids
  - Isothermal fluids
  - No-isothermal fluids
- Scales of pressure measurement

# Fluid Statics



A fluid element, in isolation from its surroundings, will experience two types of forces:

- **Body forces**
  - Forces act throughout the body of fluid and distributed over entire mass
  - Caused by external factors: gravitational, electro magnetic, or electro static fields
- **Surface forces**
  - Forces exerted its surroundings through direct contact at the surface.
  - Two components:
    - Normal force - component along the normal to the area
    - Shear force - along the plane of the area.

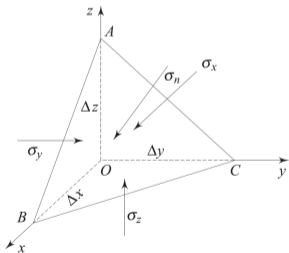


# Fluid Statics

## Normal Stresses in a Stationary Fluid

Assumption: Fluid is at rest

- No shear stresses and tensile stresses
- only normal forces - compressive in nature



Equations of static equilibrium

$$\Sigma F_x = \sigma_x \left( \frac{\Delta y \Delta z}{2} \right) - \sigma_n \Delta A \cos \alpha = 0.$$

$$\Sigma F_y = \sigma_y \left( \frac{\Delta z \Delta x}{2} \right) - \sigma_n \Delta A \cos \beta = 0.$$

$$\Sigma F_z = \sigma_z \left( \frac{\Delta x \Delta y}{2} \right) - \sigma_n \Delta A \cos \gamma - \frac{\rho g}{6} (\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z) = 0.$$

$\Sigma F_x, \Sigma F_y, \Sigma F_z$  - net forces acting on fluid element

$\cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma$  - direction cosines of the normal to the inclined plane



# Fluid Statics

## Normal Stresses in a Stationary Fluid

$$\Delta A \cos \alpha = \frac{\Delta y \Delta z}{2}$$

$$\Delta A \cos \beta = \frac{\Delta x \Delta y}{2}$$

$$\Delta A \cos \gamma = \frac{\Delta y \Delta x}{2}$$

Upon equating and substituting,

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma_z = \sigma_n \quad (1)$$



# Pascal's Law

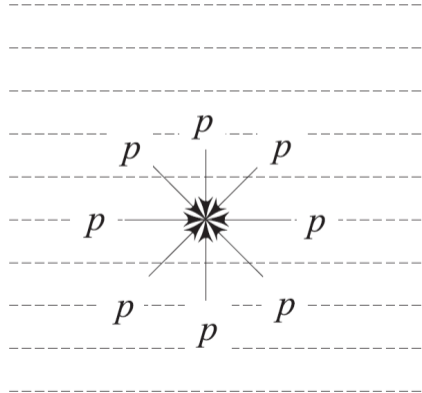
## Pascal's law

Normal stress at any point in a fluid at rest are

- Directed towards the point from all directions
- Equal magnitude

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma_z = -p \quad (2)$$

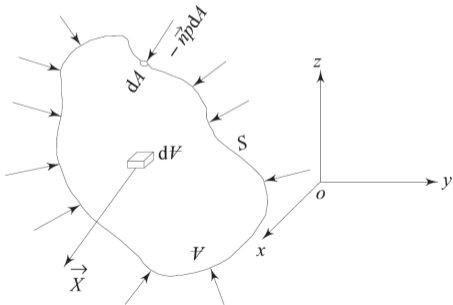
where  $p$  is a scalar quantity, defined as hydrostatic/fluid static/thermodynamic pressure





# Basic Equation of Fluid Statics

How pressure field varies across space coordinates ?



Surface -  $s$

Volume -  $v$

Forces

- Body forces,  $\vec{F}_B$
- Surface forces,  $\vec{F}_S$



# Basic Equation of Fluid Statics

$$\vec{F}_B + \vec{F}_S = 0$$

$$\iiint_V \rho \vec{X} dV + \iint_S -\vec{\eta} P dA = 0 \quad (3)$$

Gauss Divergence theorem: Surface integral to volume integral

$$\iint_S -\vec{\eta} P dA = \iiint_V -\nabla \cdot P dV \quad (4)$$

$$\iiint_V \rho \vec{X} dV + \iint_S -\vec{\eta} P dA = 0 \rightarrow \iiint_V (\rho \vec{X} - \nabla \cdot P) dv = 0 \quad (5)$$

Eq. (5) is valid for any elementary volume

$$\rho \vec{X} - \nabla \cdot P = 0 \rightarrow \rho \vec{X} = \nabla \cdot P \quad (6)$$





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$$\rho \vec{X} = \nabla \cdot P$$

Variation in pressure w.r.t. space coordinates

$$\nabla P = \vec{i} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \quad (7)$$

$$\rho \vec{X} = \vec{i} \rho X_x + \vec{j} \rho X_y + \vec{k} \rho X_z \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \rho X_x$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \rho X_y \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \rho X_z$$

Gravity is the only body force, acting in z-direction. Hence,  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$ ;  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0$ ;  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho g$



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$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho g \rightarrow \frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$$

Integration cannot be done, until and unless we know the nature of the fluid: i.e change in density w.r.t. temperature or pressure.

**Special Cases:** (Refer to class notes for derivations and more details)

- Iso-density fluid:  $P = P_o + \rho g(z_o - z)$
- Isothermal fluid:  $P = P_o \exp \left[ \frac{\rho_o g}{P_o} (z_o - z) \right]$



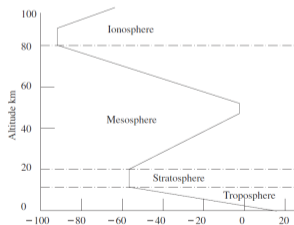
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## Variation in Temperature

### Non-isothermal Fluid

Variation in temperature w.r.t height:  $T = T_o - \alpha z$

$T_o=288$  k at MSL=0, Lapse rate,  $\alpha=6.5$ K/km; Z is Altitude in km



Pressure at any point, z:  $P = P_o \left(1 - \frac{\alpha z}{T_o}\right)^{g/R\alpha}$



**THANK YOU !!**