Fluid mechanics (wb1225)

Lecture 2: pressure distribution in a fluid



Fluid at rest

No fluid motion \rightarrow no shear stresses \rightarrow pressure forces only



Pressure is isotropic (does not depend on direction)



Variation of pressure



Fluid statics

Pressure in a continuously distributed uniform static fluid varies only with vertical distance and is independent of the shape of the container.
The pressure is the same at all points on a given horizontal plane in the fluid.
The pressure increases with depth in the fluid.



Surface tension









 γ = surface tension [N/m]

water: $\gamma = 0.068$ N/m



Contact angle



 $\theta \sim 180^\circ \rightarrow$ super-hydrophobic surface ('Lotus effect')



Example 1.9



Derive an expression for the height h in a circular tube of a liquid with surface tension γ and contact angle θ .



Compressibility

Compressibility effects become important when velocity speed approaches the speed of sound (a):

$$a^{2} = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_{s} = k \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_{T} \quad k = \frac{c_{p}}{c_{v}}$$

Ideal gas: $a = (kRT)^{1/2}$

$$k = 1.4$$

 $R = (8314 [J/kmol/K] / 29 [kg/kmol]) = 287 [J/kg/K]$
 $T = 293 [K]$
 $a = 343 \text{ m/s}$

Mach number: N

$$Aa = \frac{V}{a}$$





Vapor pressure





Cavitation



$$p_0 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 = \text{constant}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} p_0 = 10^5 \text{ Pa,} \\ \rho = 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow V \simeq 14 \text{ m/s (50 km/h)}$$



Cavitation



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the amazing snapping shrimp



Atmospheric scale height

force balance:

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

isothermal atmosphere:

$$p = p_0 \exp(-gz/RT_0) \qquad \Rightarrow L = RT_0/g$$

ideal gas law:

adiabatic atmosphere:

Poisson relation:
$$p\rho^{-\kappa} = \text{const}$$
 $\kappa = c_p / c_v$

$$p = p_0 \left(1 - \frac{\kappa - 1}{\kappa} \frac{\rho_0 g}{p_0} z \right)^{\frac{\kappa}{\kappa - 1}} \implies L_0 = \frac{\kappa}{\kappa - 1} \frac{p_0}{\rho_0 g}$$
$$T = T_0 \left(\frac{p}{p_0} \right)^{\frac{\kappa - 1}{\kappa}} \implies T = T_0 \left(1 - \frac{z}{L_0} \right)$$



Isothermal vs. adiabatic



Temperature vs. height





Our atmosphere

Our atmosphere is 'thin' with respect to the diameter of Earth;

For example, for a 30-cm diameter globe, the equivalent thickness of the atmosphere is 0.18 mm (about the thickness of a sheet of paper)

The atmosphere has a finite volume of $4\pi \times (6370 \text{ km})^2 \times (8 \text{ km}) = 4 \times 10^{18} \text{ m}^3$, and has a weight of 5×10^{18} kg. This corresponds to 10^{44} molecules.

Suppose Julius Caesar's last breath (1 liter, containing 2.7×10^{22} molecules) has mixed with the atmosphere, then your next intake of air contains about 4-5 molecules from Julius' last breath!

You will also breathe molecules from the last breath of Ramses II, Dzjengis Khan, or any other favorite historical person (with the exception of Thomas Edison, whose final breath is held at a museum!)

The world population (7×10^9 people) breathes a total of 1.5×10^{15} m³ over 67 years (human average life span).





Manometer





Example 2.3



$$p_a + \rho_1 gL + \rho_1 gh - \rho_2 gh - \rho_1 gL = p_b$$
$$p_a - p_b = (\rho_2 - \rho_1) gh$$



Complex tube systems





Archimedes' Law

Pressure force on bottom surface:

$$p_b \Delta x \Delta y = \left[p_0 - \rho_f g z \right] \Delta x \Delta y$$

Pressure force on top surface:

$$p_t \Delta x \Delta y = \left[p_0 - \rho_f g(z + \Delta z) \right] \Delta x \Delta y$$

Net pressure force:

$$F_{p} = (p_{b} - p_{t})\Delta x \Delta y = [p_{0} - \rho_{f}gz - (p_{0} - \rho_{f}g(z + \Delta z))]\Delta x \Delta y$$

$$= \rho_f g \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

Weight of object:

 $F_o = -\rho_o g \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$

Net force on object:

$$F = F_o + F_p = -\rho_o g \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z + \rho_f g \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$
$$= -(\rho_o - \rho_f) g \Delta V$$
Weight of displaced volume

X



Δz

g

ρ_f

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Stability of a floating body





Uniform linear acceleration





Rotating frame



$$p = p_0 - \rho g z + \frac{1}{2} \rho r^2 \Omega^2$$



Rigid body rotation



non-rotating

rotating



Casting of a telescope mirror





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Example





Summary

- Chapter 2: 2.1, 2.3-2.9, (2.10)
- Examples: 2.3, 2.4
- Problems: 2.37, 2.44,



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