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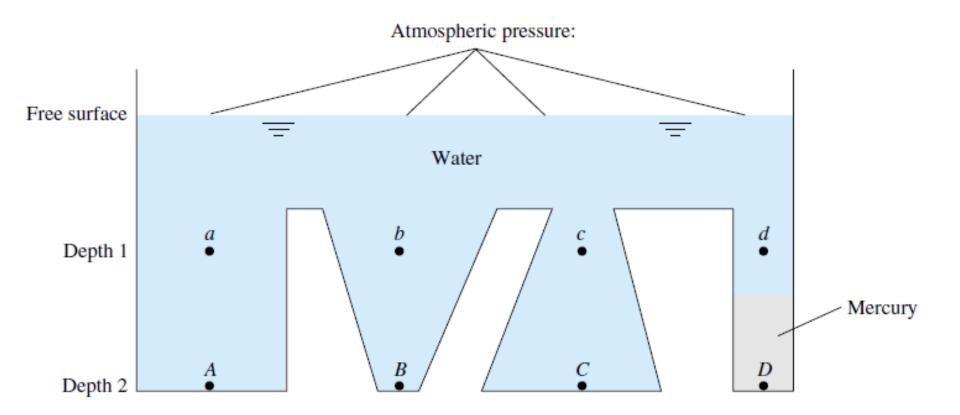
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In our customary coordinate system z is "up." Thus the local-gravity vector for smallscale problems is

$$\mathbf{g} = -g\mathbf{k} \tag{2.16}$$

where g is the magnitude of local gravity, for example, 9.807 m/s². For these coordinates Eq. (2.15) has the components

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$$
 $\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0$ $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho g = -\gamma$ (2.17)

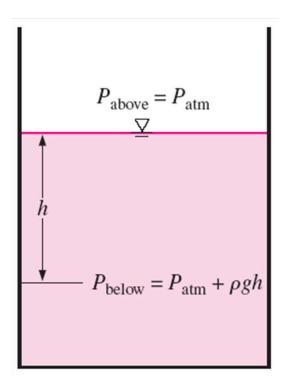


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Pressure in a liquid at rest increases linearly with distance from the free surface

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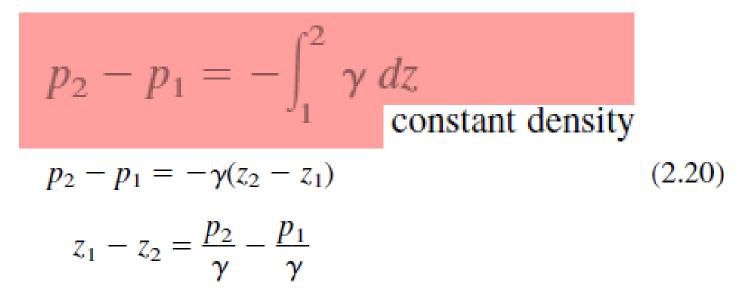
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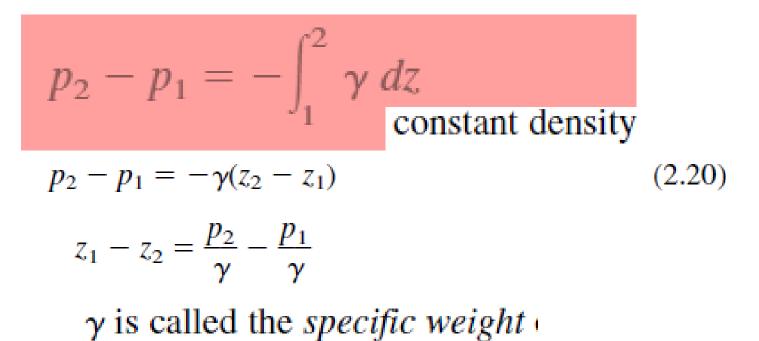
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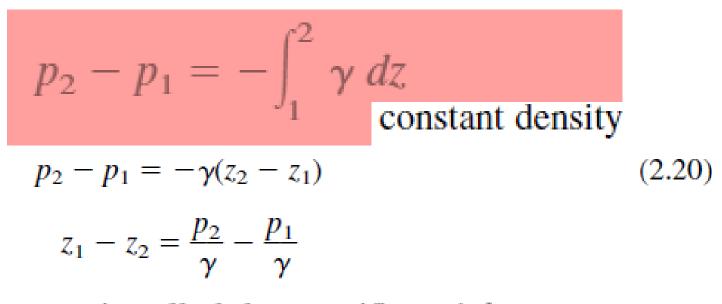
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where r_0 is the planet radius and g_0 is the surface value of g. For earth, $r_0 \approx 3960$ statute mi ≈ 6400 km. In typical engineering problems the deviation from r_0 extends from the deepest ocean, about 11 km, to the atmospheric height of supersonic transport operation, about 20 km. This gives a maximum variation in g of $(6400/6420)^2$, or 0.6 percent. We therefore neglect the variation of g in most problems.

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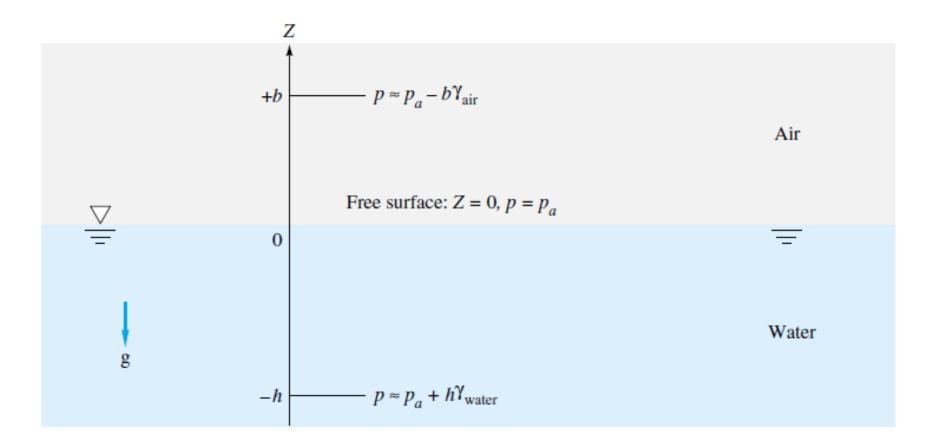




 γ is called the *specific weight* ρ/γ is a length called the *pressure head*

Specific	weight γ
at 68°F	$= 20^{\circ}C$

Fluid	lbf/ft ³	N/m ³
Air (at 1 atm)	0.0752	11.8
Ethyl alcohol	49.2	7,733
SAE 30 oil	55.5	8,720
Water	62.4	9,790
Seawater	64.0	10,050
Glycerin	78.7	12,360
Carbon tetrachloride	99.1	15,570
Mercury	846	133,100



EXAMPLE 2.1

Newfound Lake, a freshwater lake near Bristol, New Hampshire, has a maximum depth of 60 m, and the mean atmospheric pressure is 91 kPa. Estimate the absolute pressure in kPa at this maximum depth.

Solution

From Table 2.1, take $\gamma \approx 9790$ N/m³. With $p_a = 91$ kPa and z = -60 m, Eq. (2.21) predicts that the pressure at this depth will be

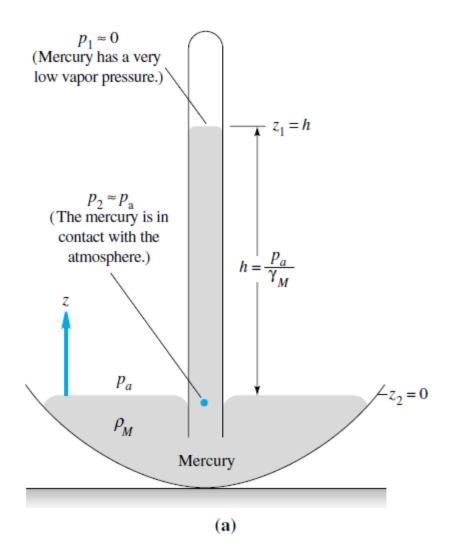
$$p = 91 \text{ kN/m}^2 - (9790 \text{ N/m}^3)(-60 \text{ m}) \frac{1 \text{ kN}}{1000 \text{ N}}$$
$$= 91 \text{ kPa} + 587 \text{ kN/m}^2 = 678 \text{ kPa}$$

Ans.

By omitting p_a we could state the result as p = 587 kPa (gage).

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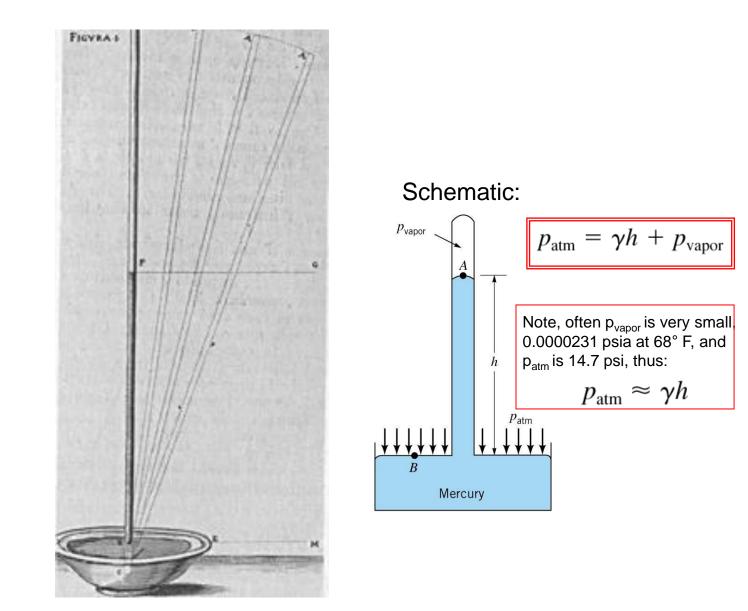
Evangelista Torricelli (1608-1647)

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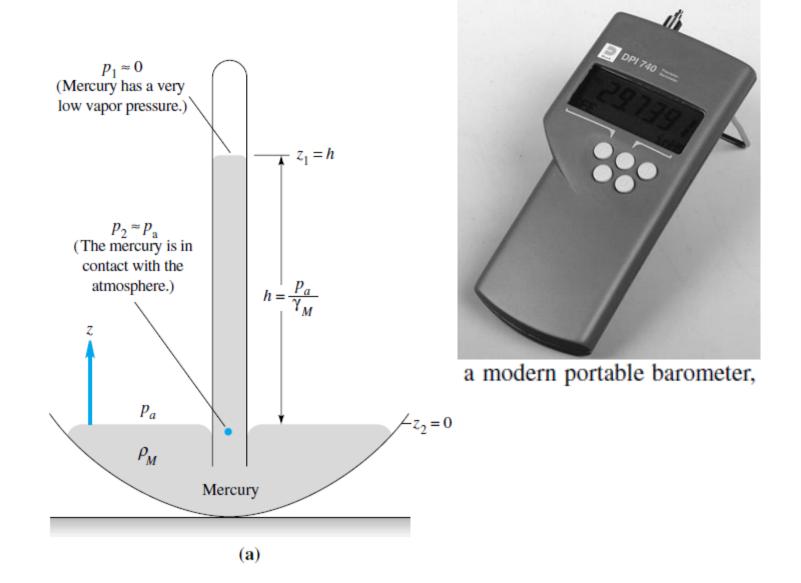
Measurement of Pressure: Barometers

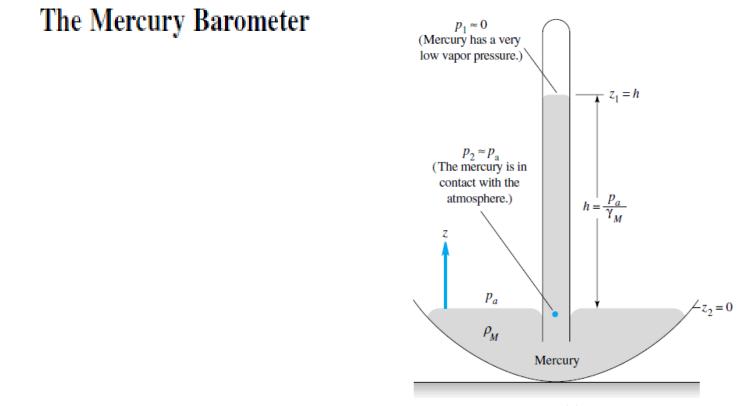
The first mercury barometer was constructed in 1643-1644 by Torricelli. He showed that the height of mercury in a column was 1/14 that of a water barometer, due to the fact that mercury is 14 times more dense that water. He also noticed that level of mercury varied from day to day due to weather changes, and that at the top of the column there is a vacuum.

Torricelli's Sketch



The Mercury Barometer





(a)

At sea-level standard, with $p_a = 101,350$ Pa and $\gamma_M = 133,100$ N/m³ from Table 2.1, the barometric height is h = 101,350/133,100 = 0.761 m or 761 mm. In the United States the weather service reports this as an atmospheric "pressure" of 29.96 inHg (inches of mercury). Mercury is used because it is the heaviest common liquid. A water barometer would be 34 ft high.

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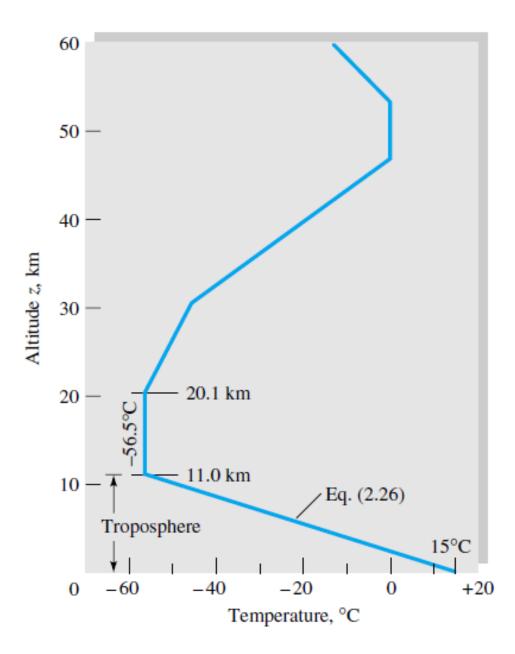
Separate the variables and integrate between points 1 and 2:

$$\int_{1}^{2} \frac{dp}{p} = \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} = -\frac{g}{R} \int_{1}^{2} \frac{dz}{T}$$

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The integral over z requires an assumption about the temperature variation T(z). One common approximation is the *isothermal atmosphere*, where $T = T_0$:

$$p_2 = p_1 \exp\left[-\frac{g(z_2 - z_1)}{RT_0}\right]$$
(2.24)



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Compressible fluid

- Gases are compressible i.e. their density varies with temperature and pressure $\rho = PM/RT$
 - For small elevation changes (as in engineering applications, tanks, pipes etc) we can neglect the effect of elevation on pressure
 - In the general case start from:

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

for T = T_o = const :
$$P_2 = P_1 \exp\left[-\frac{g M(z_2 - z_1)}{RT_o}\right]$$

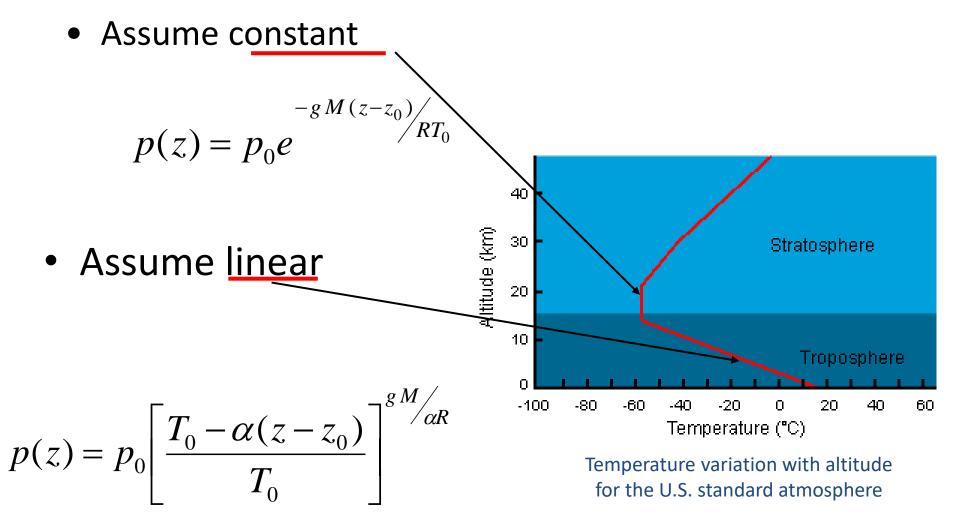
Compressible Linear Temperature Gradient

$$T = T_0 - \alpha(z - z_0)$$

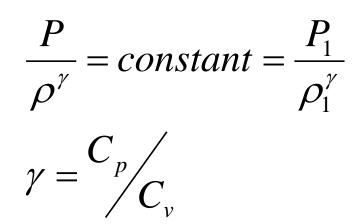
$$\int_{p_0}^{p} \frac{dp}{p} = -\frac{gM}{R} \int_{z_0}^{z} \frac{dz}{T_0 - \alpha(z - z_0)}$$

$$p(z) = p_0 \left[\frac{T_0 - \alpha(z - z_0)}{T_0} \right]^{gM/\alpha R}$$

Atmospheric Equations

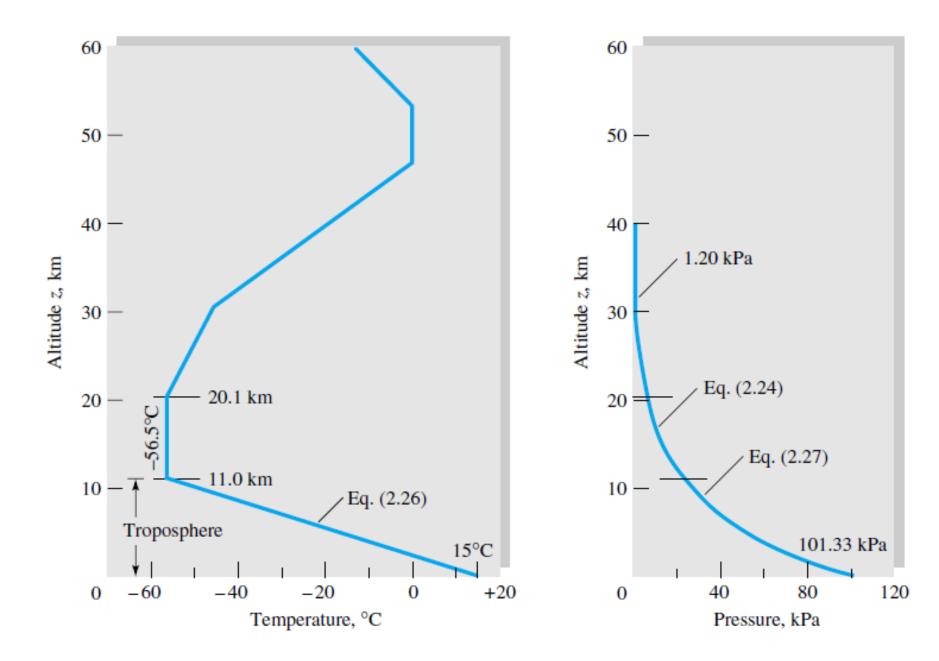


Compressible Isentropic



$$\frac{T}{T_1} = \left(\frac{P}{P_1}\right)^{\gamma - 1/y}$$

$$P_{2} = P_{1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \right) \left(\frac{gM\Delta z}{RT_{1}} \right) \right]^{\gamma/\gamma - 1} \qquad T_{2} = T_{1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \right) \left(\frac{gM\Delta z}{RT_{1}} \right) \right]$$



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This is the standard-pressure result given at z = 5000 m in Table A.6.

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If the atmosphere were isothermal at 288.16 K, Eq. (2.24) would apply:

$$p \approx p_a \exp\left(-\frac{gz}{RT}\right) = (101,350 \text{ Pa}) \exp\left\{-\frac{(9.807 \text{ m/s}^2)(5000 \text{ m})}{[287 \text{ m}^2/(\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{K})](288.16 \text{ K})}\right\}$$
$$= (101,350 \text{ Pa}) \exp(-0.5929) \approx 60,100 \text{ Pa} \qquad Ans. (b)$$

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This is 11 percent higher than the exact result. The isothermal formula is inaccurate in the troposphere.

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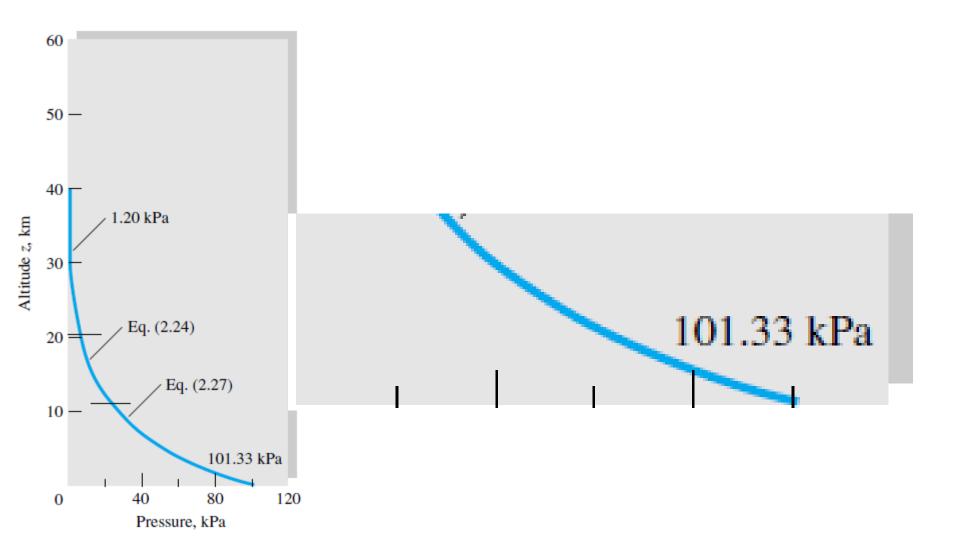
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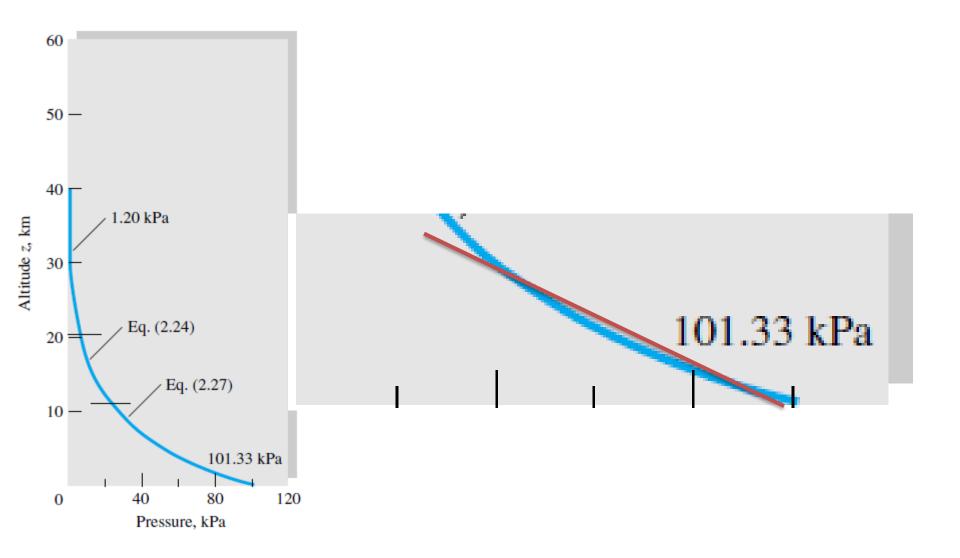
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Thus the error in using the linear formula (2.21) is small if the second term in parentheses in (2.29) is small compared with unity. This is true if

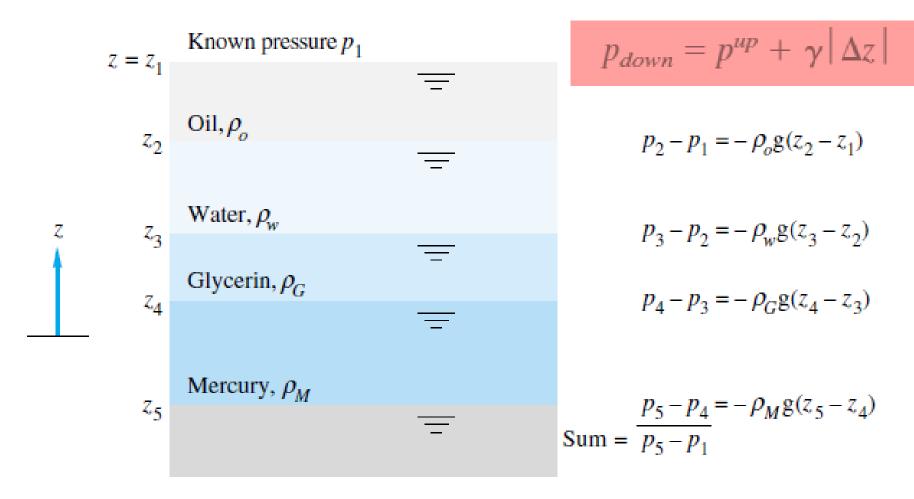
$$z \ll \frac{2T_0}{(n-1)B} = 20,800 \text{ m}$$
(2.30)

We thus expect errors of less than 5 percent if z or δz is less than 1000 m.

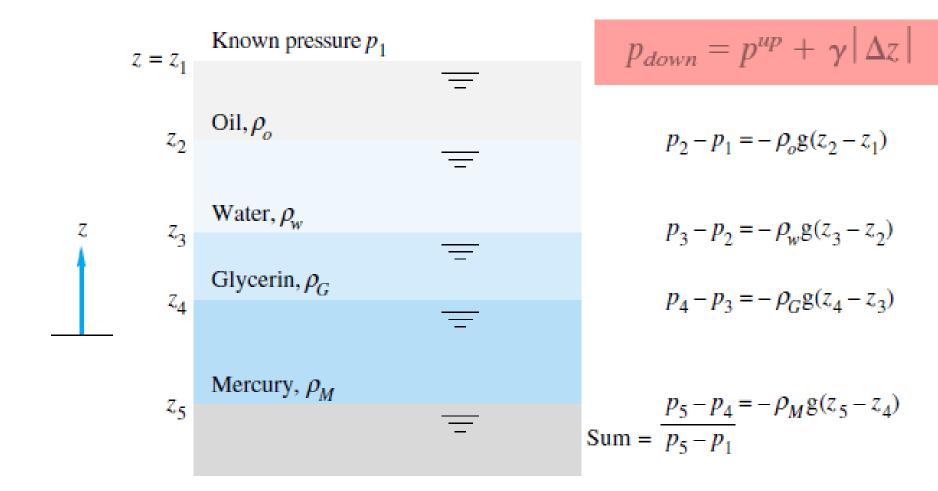




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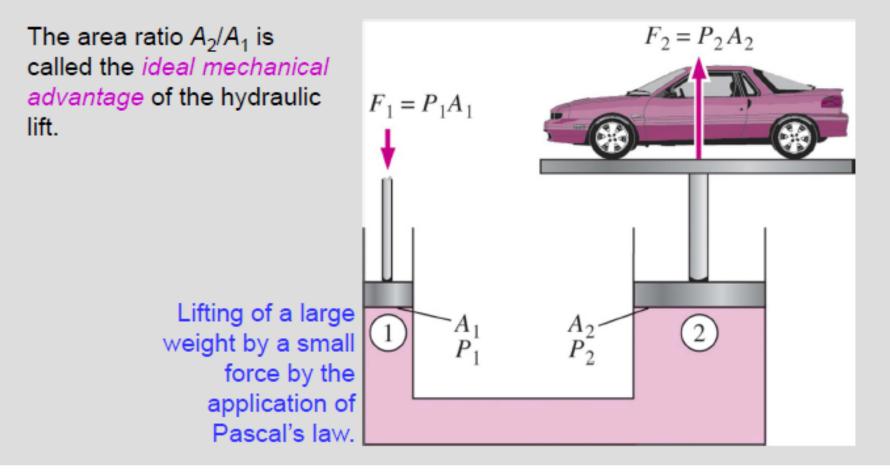
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 $p_5 = p_1 + \gamma_0 |z_1 - z_2| + \gamma_w |z_2 - z_3| + \gamma_G |z_3 - z_4| + \gamma_M |z_4 - z_5|$

Pascal's law: The pressure applied to a confined fluid increases the pressure throughout by the same amount.

$$P_1 = P_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{F_1}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{F_2}{F_1} = \frac{A_2}{A_1}$$



Measurement of Pressure: Manometry

Manometry is a standard technique for measuring pressure using liquid columns in vertical or include tubes. The devices used in this manner are known as manometers.

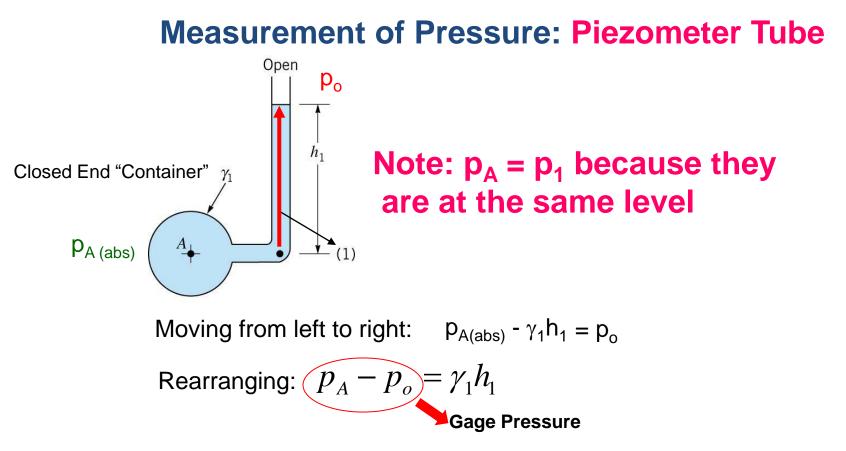
The operation of three types of manometers will be discussed today:

- 1) The Piezometer Tube
- 2) The U-Tube Manometer
- 3) The Inclined Tube Manometer

The fundamental equation for manometers since they involve columns of fluid at rest is the following:

$$p = \gamma h + p_0$$

h is positive moving downward, and negative moving upward, that is pressure in columns of fluid decrease with gains in height, and increase with gain in depth.



Then in terms of gage pressure, the equation for a Piezometer Tube:

$$p_A = \gamma_1 h_1$$

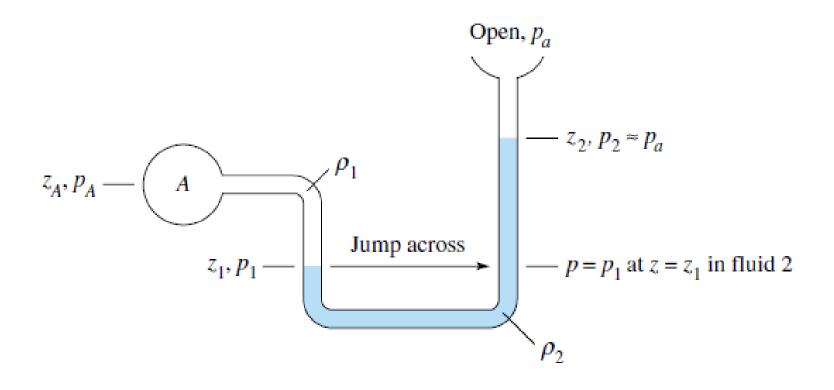
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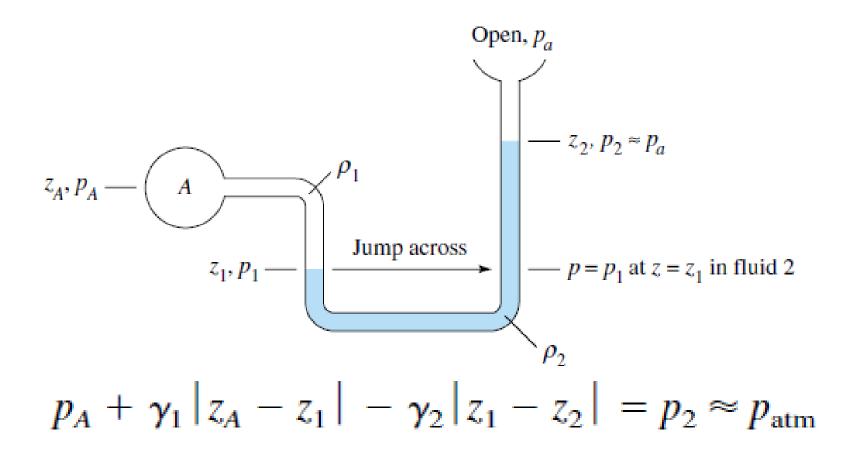
Disadvantages:

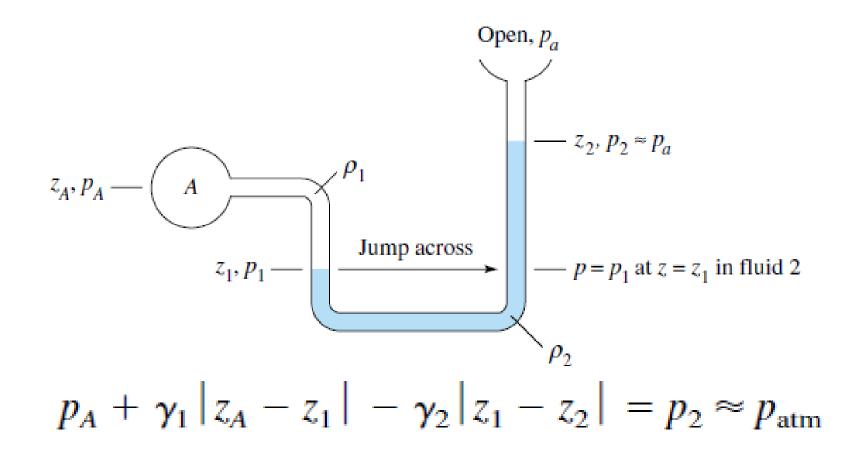
1)The pressure in the container has to be greater than atmospheric pressure.

2) Pressure must be relatively small to maintain a small column of fluid.

3) The measurement of pressure must be of a liquid.

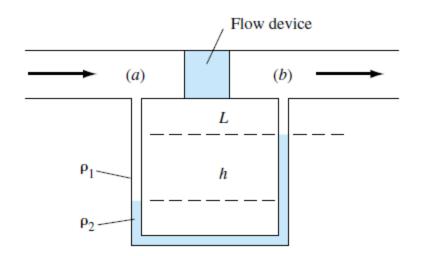






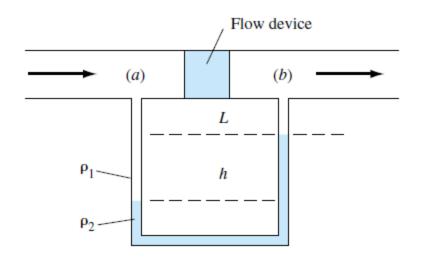
Any two points at the same elevation in a continuous mass of the same static fluid will be at the same pressure.

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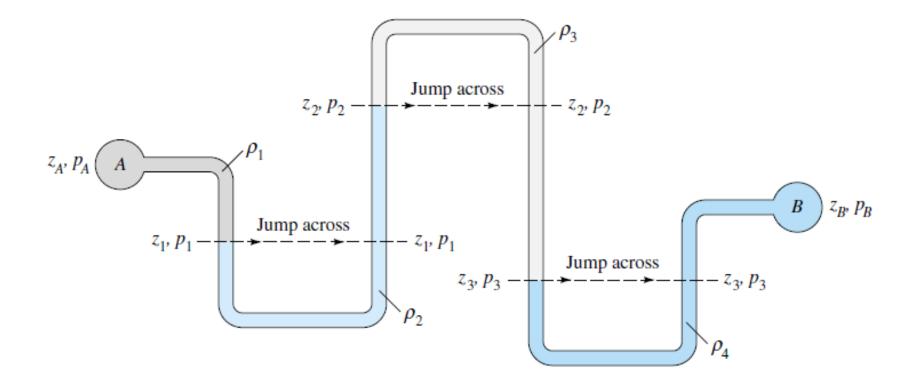
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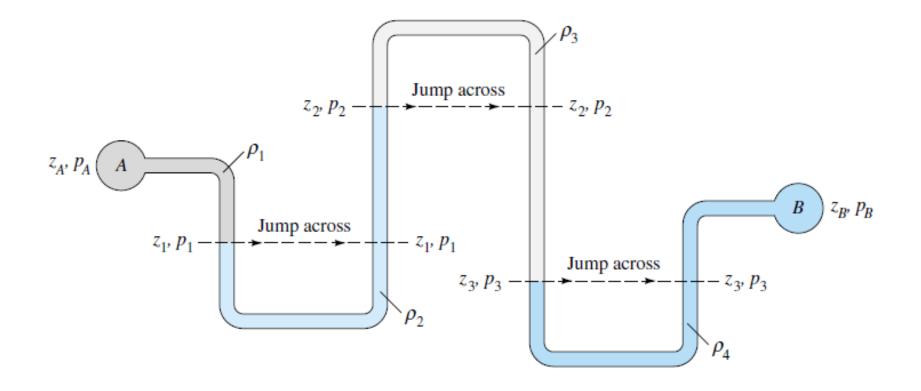
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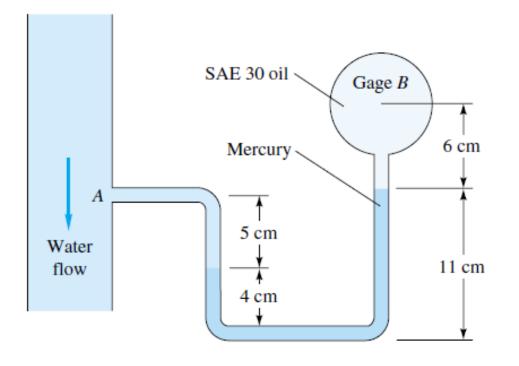
$$p_a + \rho_1 gL + \rho_1 gh - \rho_2 gh - \rho_1 gL = p_b$$
$$p_a - p_b = (\rho_2 - \rho_1) gh$$





$$p_A - p_B = (p_A - p_1) + (p_1 - p_2) + (p_2 - p_3) + (p_3 - p_B)$$
$$= -\gamma_1(z_A - z_1) - \gamma_2(z_1 - z_2) - \gamma_3(z_2 - z_3) - \gamma_4(z_3 - z_B)$$

Pressure gage *B* is to measure the pressure at point *A* in a water flow. If the pressure at *B* is 87 kPa, estimate the pressure at *A*, in kPa. Assume all fluids are at 20°C. See Fig. E2.4.



Solution

First list the specific weights from Table 2.1 or Table A.3:

$$\gamma_{\text{water}} = 9790 \text{ N/m}^3 \qquad \gamma_{\text{mercury}} = 133,100 \text{ N/m}^3 \qquad \gamma_{\text{oil}} = 8720 \text{ N/m}^3$$

Now proceed from A to B, calculating the pressure change in each fluid and adding:

$$p_A - \gamma_W (\Delta z)_W - \gamma_M (\Delta z)_M - \gamma_O (\Delta z)_O = p_B$$

or $p_A - (9790 \text{ N/m}^3)(-0.05 \text{ m}) - (133,100 \text{ N/m}^3)(0.07 \text{ m}) - (8720 \text{ N/m}^3)(0.06 \text{ m})$
 $= p_A + 489.5 \text{ Pa} - 9317 \text{ Pa} - 523.2 \text{ Pa} = p_B = 87,000 \text{ Pa}$

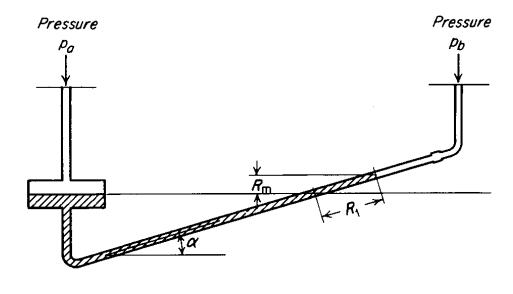
where we replace N/m² by its short name, Pa. The value $\Delta z_M = 0.07$ m is the net elevation change in the mercury (11 cm - 4 cm). Solving for the pressure at point *A*, we obtain

$$p_A = 96,351 \text{ Pa} = 96.4 \text{ kPa}$$
 Ans.

The intermediate six-figure result of 96,351 Pa is utterly fatuous, since the measurements cannot be made that accurately.

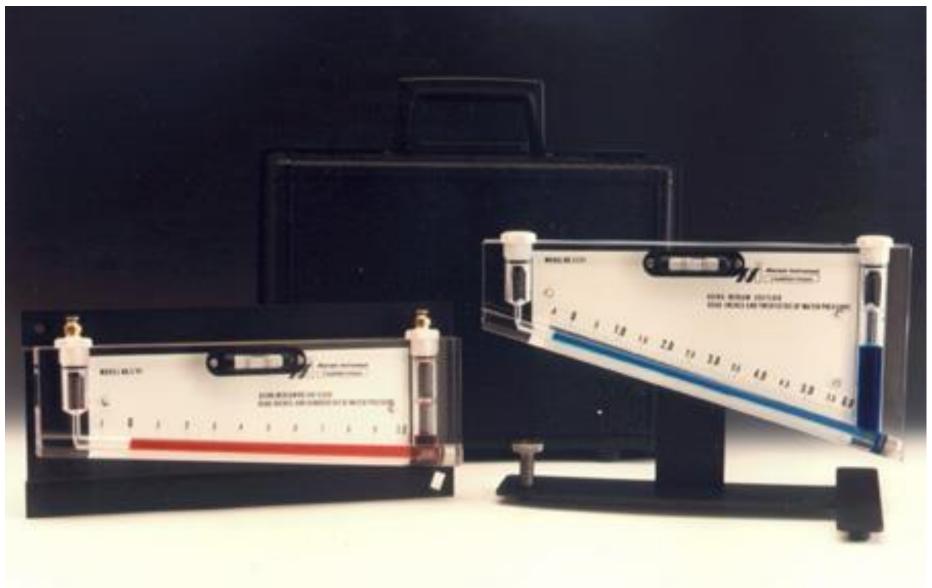
Inclined Manometer

To measure small pressure differences need to magnify R_m some way.



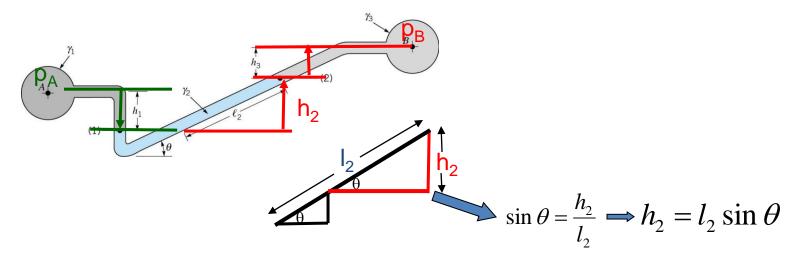
$$P_a - P_b = gR_1(\rho_a - \rho_b)\sin\alpha$$

Inclined Manometer



Measurement of Pressure: Inclined-Tube Manometer

This type of manometer is used to measure small pressure changes.

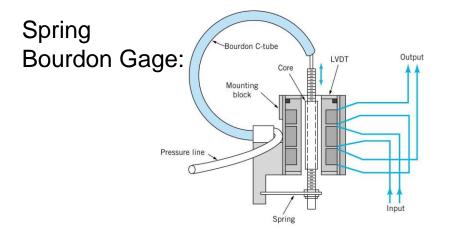


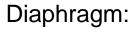
Moving from left to right: $P_A + \gamma_1 h_1 - \gamma_2 h_2 - \gamma_3 h_3 = p_B$ Substituting for h_2 : $p_A + \gamma_1 h_1 - \gamma_2 \ell_2 \sin \theta - \gamma_3 h_3 = p_B$ Rearranging to Obtain the Difference: $p_A - p_B = \gamma_2 \ell_2 \sin \theta + \gamma_3 h_3 - \gamma_1 h_1$ If the pressure difference is between gases: $p_A - p_B = \gamma_2 \ell_2 \sin \theta$

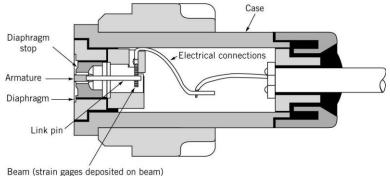
 $\ell_2 = \frac{p_A - p_B}{\gamma_2 \sin \theta}$

Thus, for the length of the tube we can measure a greater pressure differential.

Measurement of Pressure: Mechanical and Electrical Devices







Pressure Measuring Devices - Pressure Transducer

- Pressure transducers generate an electrical signal as a function of the pressure they are exposed to.
- They work on many different technologies, such as
 - Piezoresistive
 - Piezoelectric
 - Capacitive
 - Electromagnetic
 - Optical
 - Thermal
 - etc.





- They can be used to measure pressure fluctuations in time.
- Differential types can measure pressure differences.