

Physics 042

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CH 14: Fluid Mechanics

Things can float in air as well as in water. A balloon filled with helium pulls up on the string, but a balloon filled with air drifts down to the floor. **What makes the difference ?! ::**



What are we going to talk about today?

Ch14: Fluid Mechanics

- 14.0 Introduction: Pressure, density and fluid
- 14.1 Pressure
- 14.2 Variation of Pressure with Depth
- 14.3 Pressure Measurements



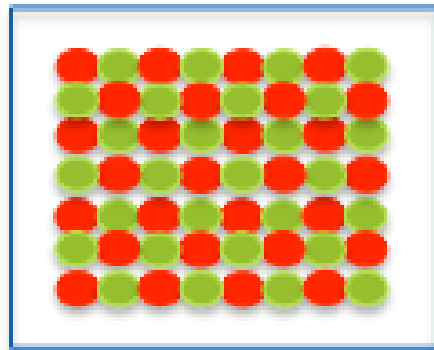
Archimedes
Greek Mathematician,
Physicist, and
Engineer (c. 287–212 BC)

14.0 Introduction: Pressure, density and fluid

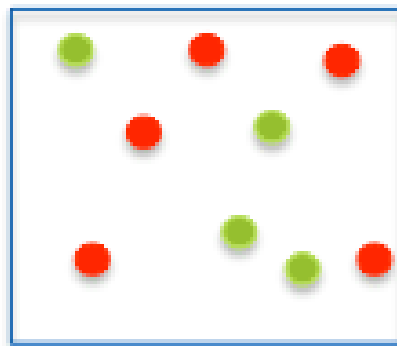
Density is defined as the mass per unit volume.

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

- Density is a scalar quantity.
- The dimension of density is $[\rho] = \frac{M}{L^3}$
- The S.I unit of density is the (Kg/m^3) .



High Density



Low Density

Densities of various substances

Substance	Density (Kg/m ³)
Water	1 × 10 ³
Aluminum	2.70 × 10 ³
Titanium	4.54 × 10 ³
Zinc	7.13 × 10 ³
Tin	7.31 × 10 ³
Iron	7.87 × 10 ³
Nickel	8.90 × 10 ³
Copper	8.96 × 10 ³
Silver	10.50 × 10 ³
Lead	11.35 × 10 ³
Mercury	13.55 × 10 ³
Gold	19.30 × 10 ³



For more about density
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14.0 Introduction: Pressure, density and fluid

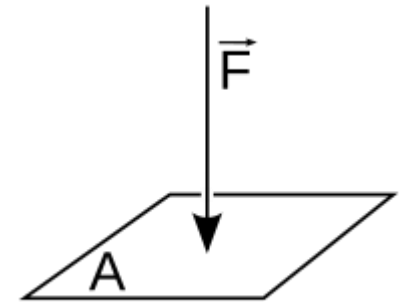
The **pressure** exerted on an object depends on:

1. The force exerted on the object. In fact, **pressure** is directly proportional to **force**
 $P \propto F$.
2. The area over which the force is applied. In fact, **pressure** is inversely proportional to **area** $P \propto \frac{1}{A}$.

Therefore we can define pressure as the **force** applied perpendicular to the surface of an object per unit **area** over which that force is distributed. Or Mathematically:

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

- Pressure is a scalar quantity.
- The dimension of pressure is $[P] = \frac{M}{LT^2}$
- The S.I unit of pressure is the pascal (Pa), where $(1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{ms}^2} = 1 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2})$.



14.0 Introduction: Pressure, density and fluid

Why lying on a bed of nails doesn't hurt ?

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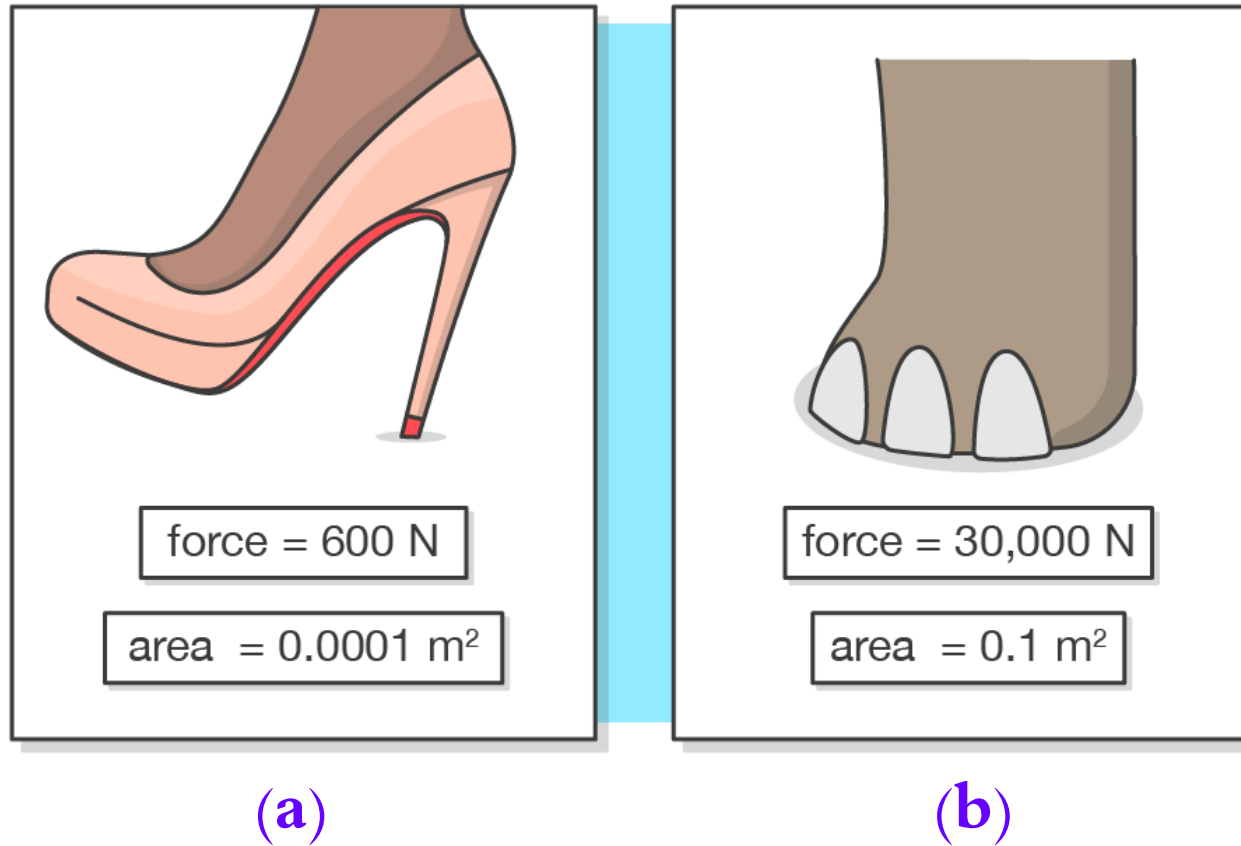


When there's plenty of nails, the pressure any single nail exerts on the skin is quite small, resulting in no pain and no cuts. Resting an entire body on a single nail, however, would be a different story!!

14.0 Introduction: Fluid, pressure and density

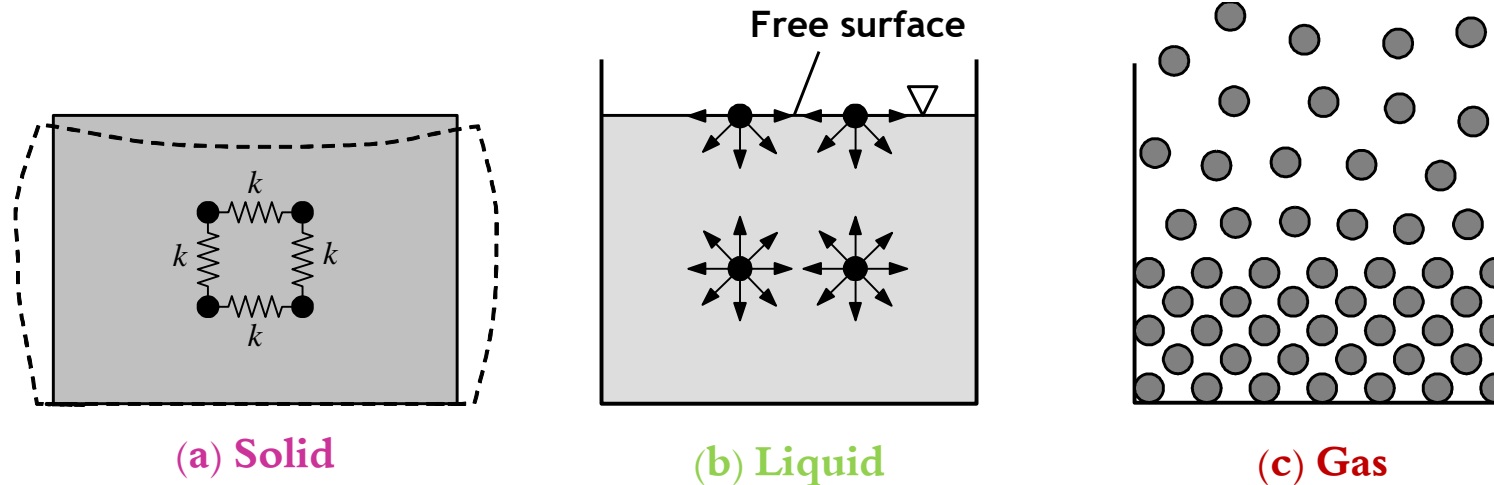
✓ Checkpoint 2:

Which exerts more pressure: a person in a stiletto heel or an elephant?



14.0 Introduction: Pressure, density and fluid

Matter is normally classified as being in one of three states: **solid**, **liquid**, or **gas**. From everyday experience we know that a **solid** has a definite volume and shape, a **liquid** has a definite volume but no definite shape, and an unconfined **gas** has neither a definite volume nor a definite shape.

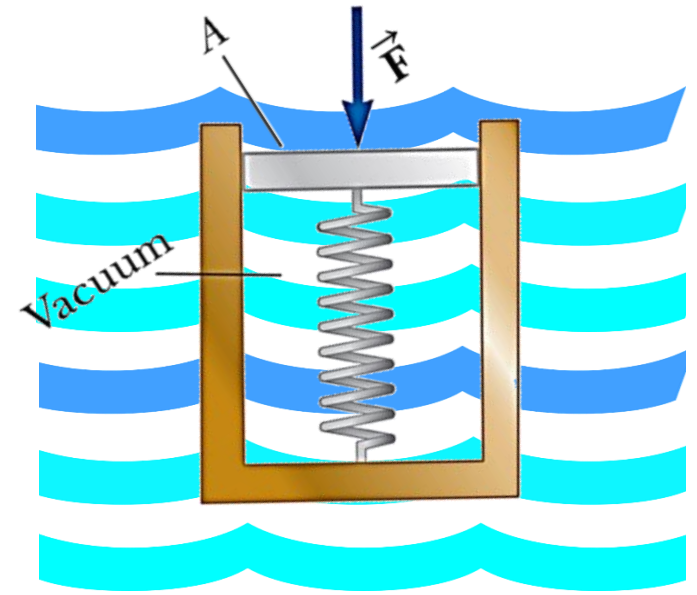


What is a Fluid?

A Fluid is a substance can flow. It is a collection of molecules that are randomly arranged and held together by weak cohesive forces and by forces exerted by the walls of a container. Both **liquids** and **gases** are fluids.

14.1 Pressure (Liquid and Gas)

The **pressure P** in a fluid can be measured with the device consists of an evacuated cylinder that encloses a light piston connected to a spring. As the device is submerged in a fluid, the fluid presses on the top of the piston and compresses the spring until the inward force exerted by the fluid is balanced by the outward force exerted by the spring. The fluid pressure can be measured directly if the spring is calibrated in advance.



If **F** is the magnitude of the force exerted on the piston and **A** is the surface area of the piston, the pressure **P** of the fluid at the level to which the device has been submerged is defined as:

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

Not that: The force exerted by a static fluid on an object is **always perpendicular to the surfaces** of the object.

14.2 Variation of Pressure with Depth

The pressure exerted on the piston extends uniformly throughout the fluid, causing it to push outward with equal force per unit area on the walls and bottom of the cylinder.

[Fig. (a)]

Pascal's Principle:

Any change in the pressure of a fluid is transmitted uniformly in all directions throughout the fluid.

What technology uses Pascal's principle?

One of the most important technological applications of Pascal's principle is found in a hydraulic system, which is an enclosed fluid system used to exert forces. The most common hydraulic systems are those one that can lift cars easily , which named : (**Hydraulic Jack**) [Fig. (b)]

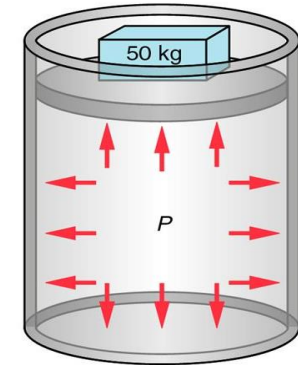


Figure (a) What happens inside a fluid when pressure is exerted on it?



Figure (b) : A hydraulic jack can easily lift a car

14.2 Variation of Pressure with Depth

Hydraulic Jack :

When an input force \vec{F}_1 is applied to the small piston (with area A_1) in a hydraulic system, the piston pushes against the fluid sealed in the system.

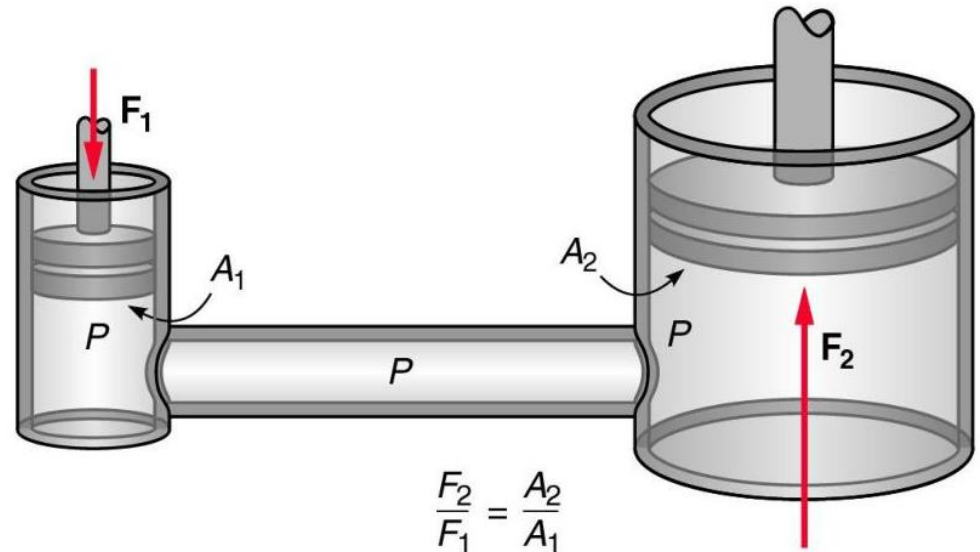
- The pressure produced by the small piston is transmitted through the fluid to the large piston.
- The pressure on both pistons is the same $P_{in} = P_{out}$
- Because the output pressure acts on a much larger area A_2 , the output force is larger \vec{F}_2

$$P_{in} = P_{out}$$

$$\frac{F_1}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2}$$

or

$$\frac{F_2}{F_1} = \frac{A_2}{A_1}$$



14.2 Variation of Pressure with Depth

Exercise 1:

A force of 10 N is applied to a circular piston with an area of 2cm^2 in a hydraulic jack. The output piston for the jack has an area of 100cm^2 .

(a) What is the pressure in the fluid?

14.2 Variation of Pressure with Depth

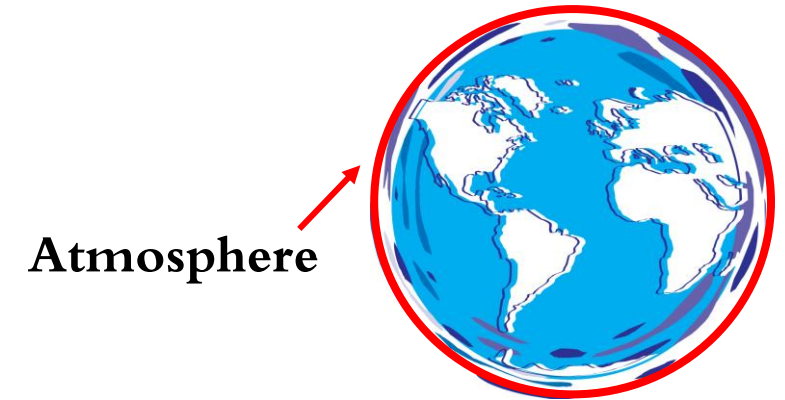
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(b) What is the force exerted on the output piston by the fluid?

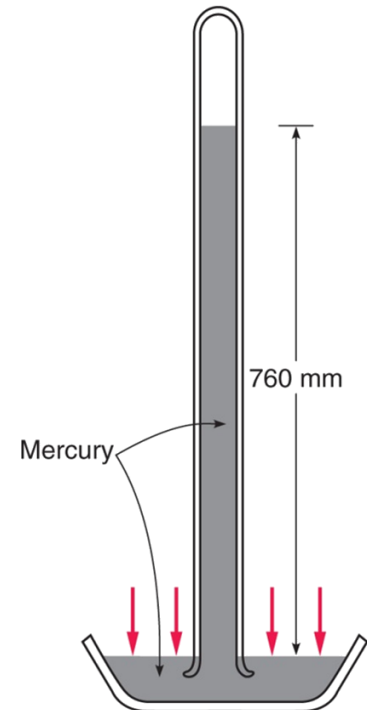
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Atmospheric pressure knows as the pressure of the layer of air that surrounds the earth. At sea level, the atmospheric pressure is 1 atm which equal to 100 kPa $= 14.7 \frac{\text{IP}}{\text{in}^2} = 760 \text{ mmHg}$, but it decreases with altitude.



How is atmospheric pressure measured?

Torricelli invented the barometer, a device for measuring atmospheric pressure. He filled a tube with mercury (**Hg**) and inverted it into an open container of mercury. Air pressure acting on the mercury in the dish can supported a column of mercury 760 mm in height.



 Two teams of horses try, but fail, to **separate Otto von Guericke's** evacuated metal hemispheres. For more [Click Here](#)

14.2 Variation of Pressure with Depth



If you poke two holes in a bucket, top and bottom, why the water flow faster out of the bottom hole than the top one?!



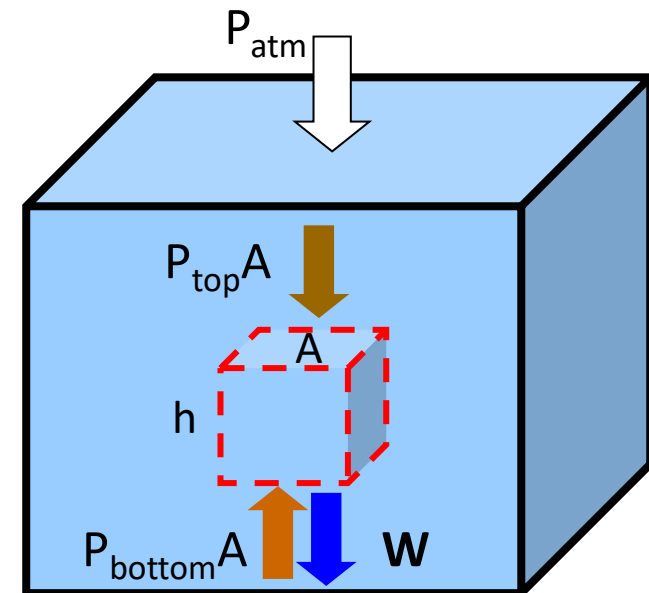
14.2 Variation of Pressure with Depth

To obtain a relation for the variation of pressure with depth, consider a rectangular fluid element of **height h** and a **cross-sectional area A** . The pressure exerted by the liquid on the bottom face of the parcel is P_{bottom} , and the pressure on the top face is P_{top} . Therefore, the upward force exerted by the outside fluid on the bottom of the parcel has a magnitude $P_{\text{bottom}} A$, and the downward force exerted on the top has a magnitude $P_{\text{top}} A$. The mass of liquid in the parcel is $M = \rho V = \rho hV$; therefore, the weight of the liquid in the parcel is $Mg = \rho hAg$. Because the parcel is at rest and remains at rest, it can be modeled as a particle in equilibrium.

$$\sum F = 0, \text{ therefore } P_{\text{bottom}} A - P_{\text{top}} A - W = 0$$

$$P_{\text{bottom}} = P_{\text{top}} + \rho h g$$

If the liquid is open to the atmosphere and P_{top} is the pressure at the surface of the liquid, then P_{top} is atmospheric pressure P_{atm} .

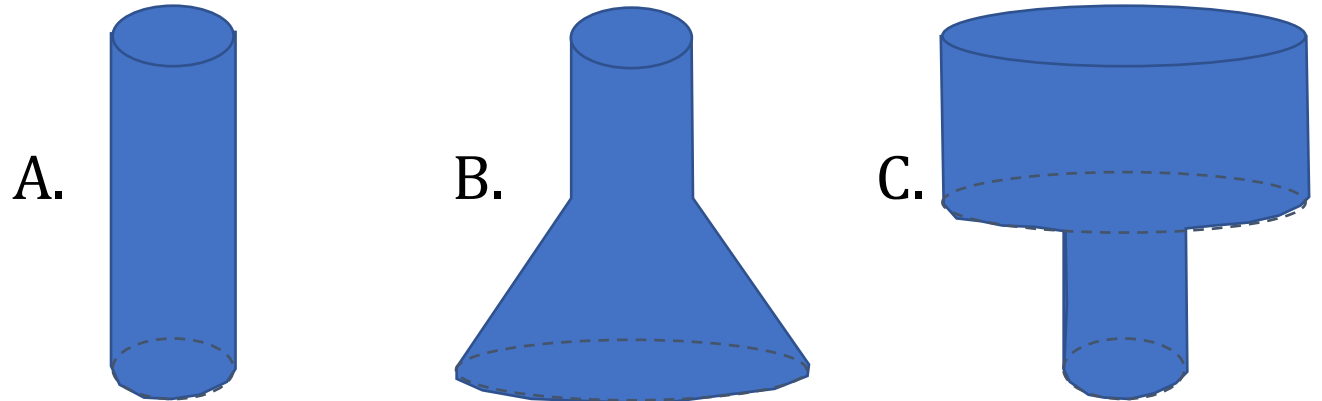


14.2 Variation of Pressure with Depth

✓ Checkpoint 3:

Consider the three open containers with height h filled with water. How do the pressures at the bottoms compare ?

1. $P_A = P_B = P_C$
2. $P_A < P_B = P_C$
3. $P_A < P_B < P_C$
4. $P_B < P_A < P_C$
5. Not enough information



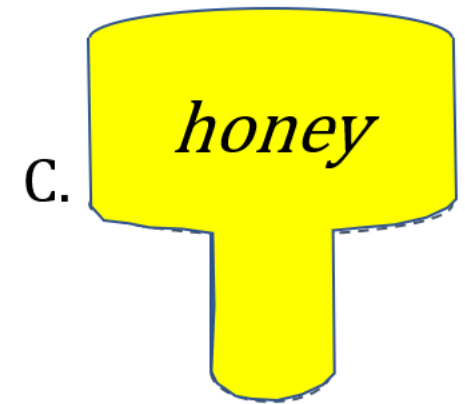
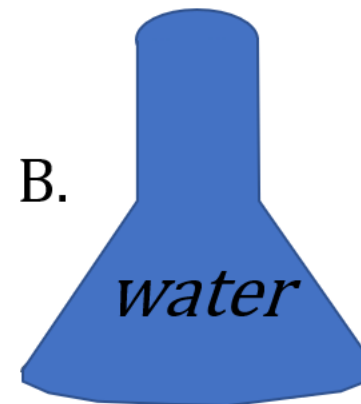
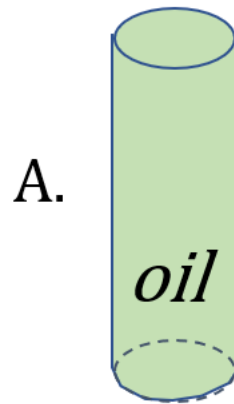
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✓ Checkpoint 4:

The three open containers with height are now filled with oil, water and honey respectively. How do the pressures at the bottoms compare ?

(where $\rho_{oil} = 9.5 \times 10^2 \frac{kg}{m^3}$, $\rho_{water} = 10^3 \frac{kg}{m^3}$, $\rho_{honey} = 1.4 \times 10^3 \frac{kg}{m^3}$)

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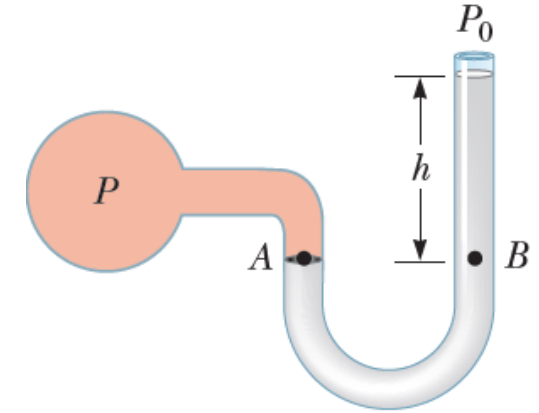
14.3 Pressure Measurements

■ Manometer:

A device for measuring the pressure of a gas contained in a vessel is the open tube **manometer** illustrated in Fig. One end of a U-shaped tube containing a liquid is open to the atmosphere, and the other end is connected to a container of gas at **pressure P**. In an equilibrium situation, the pressures at **points A and B must be the same** ($P_A = P_B$), and the pressure at A is the unknown pressure of the gas. Therefore, equating the unknown pressure **P** to the pressure at point B, we see that.

$$P_A = P_0 + \rho h g$$

Again, we can calibrate the height **h** to the pressure **P**.



Devices for measuring pressure, an open-tube manometer.