CHAPTER 2. FLUID STATICS

- 1. Pressure on a point. Pascal's law
- 2. The basic hydrostatic equation
- 3. Measurement of pressure
- 4. Forces on surfaces: plane and curved surfaces
- 5. Mechanics of buoyant bodies and submerged bodies

1. Pascal's law: pressure on a point, isotropy

- \checkmark Isotropy in the definition of pressure
- \checkmark Proof: force balance in a differential wedge of fluid



• Conclusion:

$$p_s = p_x = p_y = p_z = p$$

Figura 1.28 Differential wedge of fluid

2. The basic hydrostatic equation

- The basic hydrostatic equation*
- Application to obtain the pressure field *: (1) constant density (liquids)
- Application to obtain the pressure field *: (2) variable density

2.1. The basic hydrostatic equation

✓ Concept:

$$\rho \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} p$$

$$\rho(f_x\hat{i} + f_y\hat{j} + f_z\hat{k}) = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\hat{i} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}\hat{j} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}\hat{k}\right)$$

✓ Deduction. Force balance:

In a differential, static cube, centred in a point P(x,y,z) with a known pressure of p=p(x,y,z), downward vertical gravity



Figure 2.1 Infinitesimal element of fluid

2.1. The basic hydrostatic equation

- \checkmark Conclusions of the force balance
 - The basic hydrostatic equation:



- Isobaric line: force of the external field is normal to any isobaric line
- Free surface, isobaric surfaces

 \checkmark Incompressible fluid, integration of the basic law



Figure 2.4 Hydrostatic equation in case of constant density. **a)** General reference plane; **b)** Reference plane in the free surface

 \checkmark Pressure, exclusive dependence on depth



Figure 2.5 Pressure into tanks with different shapes and containing different liquids



Figure 2.6 Principle of communicating vessels

✓ Pressures´ law given in heights

$$p = p_0 - \gamma z$$
 γ $q = z + \frac{p}{\gamma} = H = Cte$ ("piezometric head")



Figura 2.7 Piezometric head constancy

✓ Equivalent liquid column



Figura 2.8 Mercury barometer

2.2. Application to obtain the pressure field: (2) variable density (gases)

 \checkmark Compressible fluid, integration of the basic law

$$\boxed{-\frac{dp}{dz} = \gamma} \qquad \boxed{p = p_0 - \int_{z_0}^z \gamma dz = p_0 - g \int_{z_0}^z \rho dz}$$

Gases. Standard atmosphere (I.S.A.)







3. Measurement of pressure

Measurement of pressure:

- 1. Piezometer (static pressure probe)*
- 2. U tube manometer*
- 3. Differential manometer*

3.1. Piezometer



Figure 2.11 Piezometer

3.2. U tube manometer



Figure 2.12 U tube manometer

3.3. Differential manometer

✓ Differential manometer: U tube



$$p_{A} - p_{B} = \gamma_{m}h + \gamma_{a}a - \gamma_{b}b$$

$$p_{A} - p_{B} = h(\gamma_{m} - \gamma)$$
 "Equation of the differential

manometer"

Figure 2.14. Two regions connected by a U tube differential manometer

• "Mnemonic manometer rule":

$$p_{A} = p_{B} - \gamma_{b}b + \gamma_{m}h + \gamma_{a}a$$

$$| \qquad | \qquad |$$
From (B): Go up Go Go down
to (2) down to to (A)
(1)



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3.3. Differential manometer

✓ Differential manometer: inverted U tube



$$p_{A} = p_{B} - \gamma_{b}b - \gamma_{m}h + \gamma_{a}a$$
$$p_{A} - p_{B} = h (\gamma - \gamma_{m})$$

Figure 2.16 Inverted U tube differential manometer

3.6. Other gauges

✓Bourdon manometer





Figure 2.17 Bourdon manometer, available at the Fluid Mechanics Laboratory of the Faculty of Engineering in Bilbao. On the left hand side a typical manometer, on the right hand side manometer / vacuum meter

Figure 2.18 Details of the interior of a Bourdon manometer

4. Forces on surfaces

Forces on surfaces:

- 1. Plane surfaces*
- 2. Curved surfaces*

4.1. Forces on surfaces: plane surfaces

✓ CASE 1:

- Pressure forces caused by the atmosphere
- Pressure forces caused by gases
- Pressure forces caused by liquids on isobaric surfaces (parallel to free surface)



• Resulting hydrostatic force

$$E = \iint_{A} pdA = pA$$

• Point of application

Figure 2.20 Uniform pressure distribution

4.1. Forces on surfaces: plane surfaces

✓ CASE 2:

• Force by a liquid on an inclined surface



Method of the formula

• Force $E = \gamma h_G A = p_G A$

Point of application

$$y_{\rm C} = \frac{I_{\rm xG}}{y_{\rm G}A} + y_{\rm G}$$



4.1. Forces on surfaces: plane surfaces

✓ CASE 2:

• Force by a liquid on an inclined surface



Figure 2.23 Method of the prism of pressures

4.2. Forces on surfaces: curved surfaces



4.2. Forces on surfaces: curved surfaces

✓ Curved three-dimensional surface



Figure 2.26 Curved three-dimensional surface

 \checkmark There is not any fluid above





Figure 2.27 Fluid below the surface

4.2. Forces on surfaces: curved surfaces

\checkmark Pressurized containers



 \checkmark Vertical force, addition – subtraction of volumes



- 1. Mechanics of buoyant and submerged bodies
 - ✓ Equilibrium and stability of submerged bodies*
 - \checkmark Equilibrium and stability of partially submerged bodies*
 - Calculation of the metacentric radius*
 - Effect of an internal liquid mass*
 - Restoring Couple*

✓ 1st Archimedes' principle



Figure 2.31 Body submerged in a fluid with a specific weight γ

$$\uparrow E_{T} = E_{AFD} - E_{ABD} = \gamma (V_{AFDIH} - V_{ABDIH}) = \gamma V_{ABDF}$$

✓ Equilibrium of totally submerged bodies



 $\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{E}=\mathsf{W} & ; \mbox{ Equilibrium situation } (\rho=\rho_s) \\ \mathsf{E}>\mathsf{W} & ; \mbox{ The body floats } (\rho>\rho_s) \\ \mathsf{E}<\mathsf{W} & ; \mbox{ The body sinks } (\rho<\rho_s) \end{array}$

Figure 2.32 Equilibrium of submerged bodies

✓ Stability of totally submerged bodies



Figure 2.33 Study of the stability of submerged bodies

- ✓ Equilibrium of partially submerged bodies
 - 2nd Archimedes' principle:

 $W = \gamma_s V = E = \gamma V_{submerged}$

✓ Stability of partially submerged bodies

• C above G:



Figure 2.34 Stable equilibrium in buoyant bodies

✓ Stability of partially submerged bodies

• G above C:



Figure 2.36 Stability of buoyant bodies in case C is below C

✓ Stability of partially submerged bodies



✓ Stability of partially submerged bodies

• G below C: calculation of the position of the metacentre M



Figure 2.37 Calculation of the position of the metacentre with small heel angles in the buoyant body

 $\overline{CM} =$

- ✓ Stability of partially submerged bodies
 - Internal liquid mass





Figure 2.39 Stability in case of internal liquid mass inside the buoyant body

- ✓ Stability of partially submerged bodies
 - Restoring couple



Figure 2.42 Restoring couple