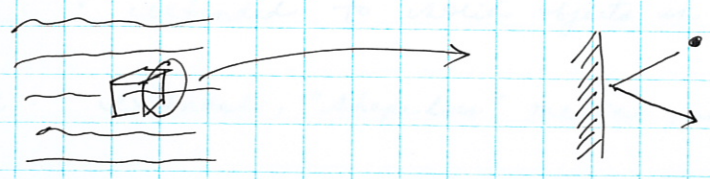


Define Pressure :  $P = \frac{F}{A}$  (unit  $\frac{N}{m^2} = Pa$  (Pascal))

(Apply notion of pressure to fluids)

↳ also : PSI → tire pressure

4. An object in a fluid feels pressure due to the fluid : (32-ish)



molecule hits the surface and transfers momentum (IMPULSE)

Pressure vs.  $t$  fluctuates } "Instantaneous"  
→ So use average . } pressure : not very useful. (lots per second)

Add up contributions from all molecules and average over time gives the force acting on the surface :

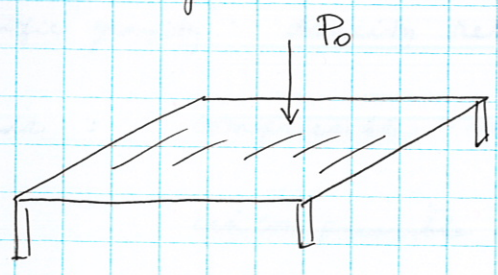
Magnitude :  $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$  (or  $F = \frac{dp}{dt}$ ) for  $\Delta t$  very small.

Pressure  $P = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dp}{dt}$

What is the direction of the net force  $\vec{F}$ ?

Direction The net force  $\vec{F}$  from all the molecules is perpendicular to the surface. Why? The components of the force parallel to the surface all cancel out.

e.g. a table-top :



- $1 m^2 = A$
  - $P_0 =$  air pressure at sea level  
 $= 1.013 \times 10^5 N/m^2$  (1 atm)  
 (global average; locally, varies w/ weather)
- ⇒ Net force  $\approx 10^5 N \approx$  weight of about 150 people.

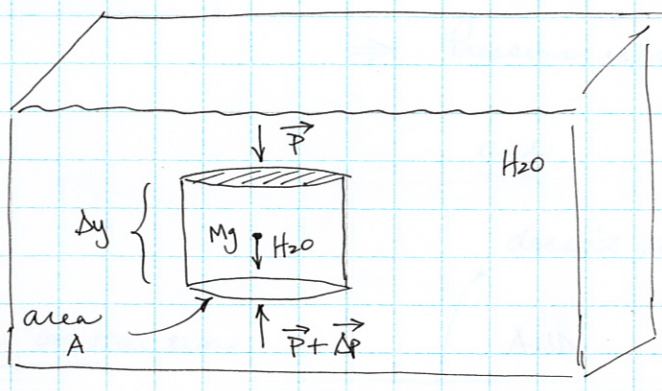
Why doesn't the table collapse?

(Think of table (or sheet of paper) as "immersed" in a fluid — at a particular depth, pressure is the same from all directions.

The fundamental law of "hydrostatics": pressure goes up as you go deeper into the fluid (fluids at rest) (know from experience)

BQ: (How does pressure <sup>in a fluid</sup> change with depth?) → P ↑ as depth increases

- Consider a cylinder of water, immersed in water:
  - mass M
  - area A (top and bottom)
  - height Δy



Look at the forces acting on the cylinder:

- Surrounding water:
  - downward force  $P \cdot A$  on top of cylinder
  - upward force  $(P + \Delta P) \cdot A$  on bottom of cylinder
- gravity:  $Mg = \rho \cdot V \cdot g = \rho \Delta y \cdot A g$
- cylinder is not moving → all forces have to balance out

$$(P + \Delta P)A - P \cdot A - \rho \Delta y A g = 0$$

$$\Delta P \cdot A = \rho \Delta y A g$$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta y} = \rho \cdot g \quad (\text{or } \Delta P = \rho g \Delta y)$$

How does this equation solve the puzzle from last time?

or  $\frac{dP}{dy} = \rho \cdot g$  → ~~integrate~~ (1)

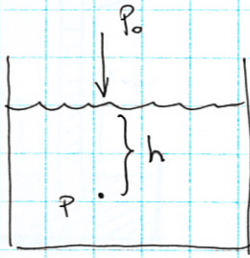
for  $\Delta y \rightarrow 0, \Delta P \rightarrow 0$

⇒ Pressure from top = Pressure from bottom.

⇒ Table doesn't collapse.

(2)

So, at depth  $h$  from the surface of water in a tank:



$$P = P_0 + \rho gh$$

(note that  $h$  is measured downwards)

[from the top]

(deeper  $\rightarrow$  higher pressure)

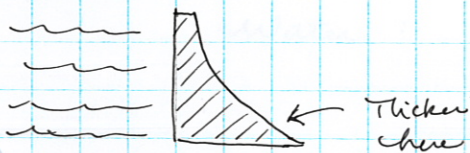
$\Rightarrow$  Pressure increases linearly with depth.

and

doesn't depend on the width of the container.

Applications

Dam construction ✓



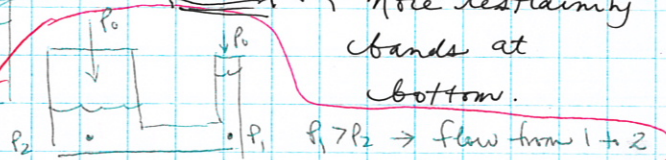
AND

(grain silo)

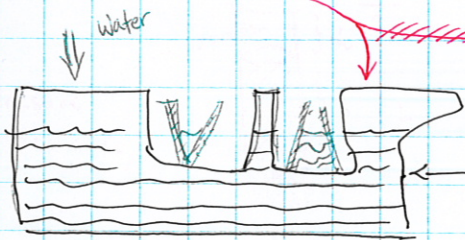
Silo ✓



more restraining bands at bottom.



also note that all points at a given depth have the same pressure:



[do this as an exercise]

P at this level is the same in all parts of the container.

NB: Blood pressure measurement: why upper arm? (ASK)

• At heart:  $P_h = 1.034 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  (3% above  $P_0$ )

• At foot:  $\sim 1.5 \text{ m}$  lower (standing)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } P_f &= P_h + \rho gh \\
 &= 1.034 \times 10^5 + \underbrace{(1050 \text{ kg/m}^3)}_{\text{density of blood}} (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) (1.5 \text{ m}) \\
 &= 1.19 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}
 \end{aligned}$$