

HYDROSTATICS

Hydrostatics : the study of static fluids, i.e. $\underline{u} \equiv 0$

Governing equations:

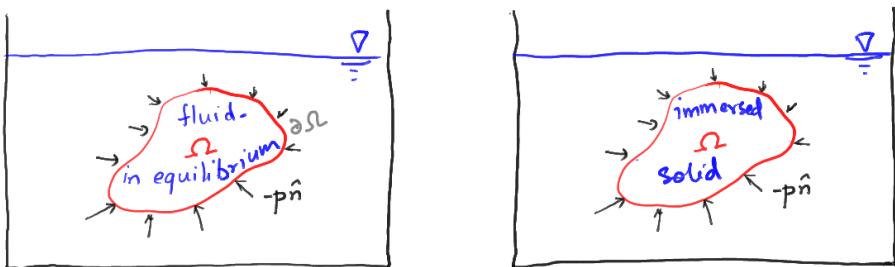
$$\rho \left[\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} \right] = -\nabla p + \rho g + \mu \nabla^2 \underline{u} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \nabla p = \rho g \quad \text{OR} \\ \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad p = \rho g \cdot z + p_0.$$

Note :

1. Fluid acceleration and viscous stress vanish
2. Pressure rises in the direction of gravity. $\underline{d} \cdot \nabla p = \rho g \cdot \underline{d} = 0$
 \Rightarrow directional derivative of p along d is zero.

• Archimedes principle.

$$F = \int_{\partial\Omega} T \cdot \hat{n} dA = \int_{\partial\Omega} -p \hat{n} dA = \int_{\Omega} -\nabla p d\Omega = - \int_{\Omega} \rho g d\Omega = \text{weight of the fluid displaced by } \Omega.$$



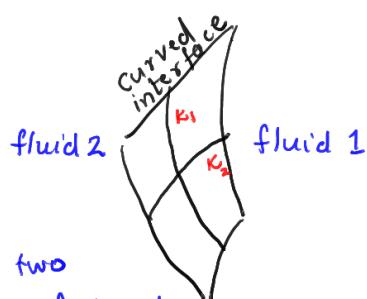
Force of buoyancy = weight of displaced fluid.

• Hydrostatics and surface tension:

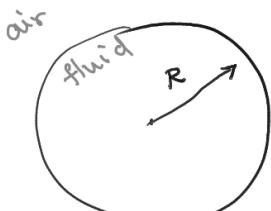
Background : Laplace law for pressure jump across an interface

$$\Delta p = \sigma (K_1 + K_2)$$

$\underbrace{\qquad}_{\text{surface tension}}$ interface curvatures along two orthogonal directions.
 $\underbrace{\qquad}_{\text{jump in pressure.}}$



e.g.



spherical drop of radius R

$$p_{\text{inside}} = p_{\text{outside}} + \frac{2\sigma}{R}.$$

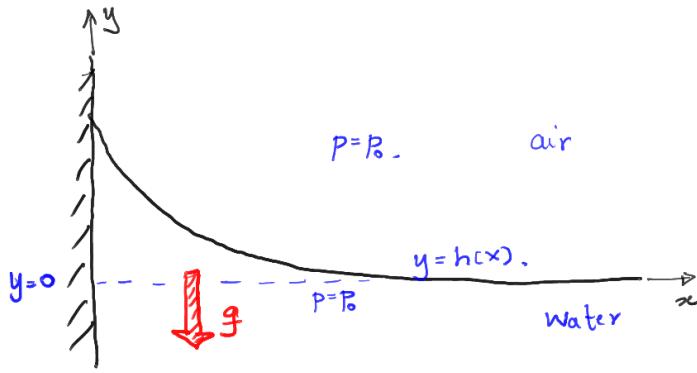
$$K_1 = \frac{1}{R}, \quad K_2 = \frac{1}{R}.$$

Consequences:

(i) Shape of the air water meniscus.

$$\kappa_1 = \frac{h''(x)}{(1+h'(x)^2)^{3/2}}, \quad \kappa_2 = 0$$

$$P_{\text{air}} = P_0 = \text{constant}.$$



$$P_{\text{water}} = P_0 - \underbrace{\rho g y}_{\text{hydrostatic variation of pressure w/ depth.}}$$

$$\text{pressure @ } y=0 \quad \frac{h}{L^2} \quad h$$

$$\Delta P = \sigma \kappa_1 = +\rho g h(x) \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\sigma h''(x)}{[1+h'(x)^2]^{3/2}} = \rho g h(x)} \quad \star \star .$$

ASIDE: A direction towards solution of this ODE.

Multiplying by $h'(x)$:

$$\left[\frac{\rho g}{\sigma} \right] = \frac{1}{L^2} .$$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{\sigma h'(x) h''(x)}{[1+h'(x)^2]^{3/2}} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{-\sigma}{[1+h'(x)^2]^{1/2}} \right]$$

$$\text{RHS} = \rho g h(x) h'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{2} \rho g h(x)^2 \right].$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Integrating once: } \frac{\sigma}{(1+h'(x)^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{2} \rho g h(x)^2 = A \dots \text{constant of integration.}$$

$A = \sigma$, because as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $h, h' \rightarrow 0$.

Non-dimensionalization: Note $\frac{\sigma}{\rho g}$ has dimensions of (length)². Define:

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho g}} = l = \text{capillary length.} \Rightarrow h_{\max} \leq \sqrt{2} l.$$

Rescale h and x by l , i.e. $x = l \tilde{x}$ and $h = l \tilde{h}$.

$$\star \quad \boxed{\frac{\tilde{h}''}{(1+\tilde{h}'^2)^{3/2}} = \tilde{h}}$$

Multiply by \tilde{h}' and integrate to get

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{(1+\tilde{h}'^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{\tilde{h}^2}{2} = 1} .$$

Separable equation, can be solved.

$$\boxed{2 \sqrt{1-\frac{\tilde{h}^2}{4}} + \frac{1}{2} \log \left[\frac{1-\sqrt{1-\tilde{h}^2/4}}{1+\sqrt{1-\tilde{h}^2/4}} \right] = \tilde{x} - \tilde{x}_0.} \quad \tilde{h}' \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{h} = \sqrt{2}$.

i.e. meniscus shape is universal because the dimensionless version of the governing equation has no parameters.

ASIDE:

$$\left(1 - \frac{h^2}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{1+h'^2} \Rightarrow h'^2 = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{h^2}{2}\right)^2} - 1 = \frac{h^2 - h^4/4}{(1-h^2/2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow h' = \frac{-h(1-h^2/4)^{1/2}}{1-h^2/2} \dots \text{let } 1 - \frac{h^2}{4} = z \Rightarrow -h \frac{h'}{2} = z' \text{ and } \frac{h^2}{2} = 4(1-z) \\ 1 - \frac{h^2}{2} = 1 - 2(1-z) = 2z - 1$$

$$2z' = -\frac{4(1-z)z'^{1/2}}{(2z-1)} = \frac{2(1-z)z'^{1/2}}{(1/2-z)} \Rightarrow z' = \frac{(1-z)z^{1/2}}{(1/2-z)} = \frac{1/2 z'^{1/2}}{(1/2-z)} + z'^{1/2}$$

$$z' \frac{\left(1-z-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\left(1-z\right)z'^{1/2}} = 1 \Rightarrow z' \left[\frac{1}{z'^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{2z'^{1/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{1-z} \right] = 1.$$

$$\text{Let } z'^{1/2} = t \Rightarrow z = t^2 \text{ and } dz = 2t dt. \Rightarrow 2t' t' \left[\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{2t} \frac{1}{1-t^2} \right] = 1$$

$$t' \left[2 - \frac{1}{2(1-t)} - \frac{1}{2(1+t)} \right] = 1 \Rightarrow 2t + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right) = x - x_0$$

$$2z'^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2} \log \left[\frac{1-z'^{1/2}}{1+z'^{1/2}} \right] = x - x_0$$

$$2\sqrt{1 - \frac{h^2}{4}} + \frac{1}{2} \log \left[\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - h^2/4}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - h^2/4}} \right] = x - x_0.$$

Capillary length for water = $\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho g}} = \sqrt{\frac{72 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}}{9800 \text{ N/m}^3}} = 2.71 \text{ mm}$