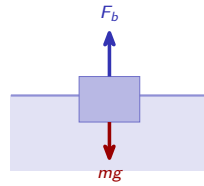


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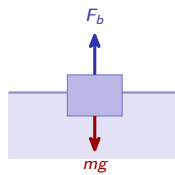
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Fluids

What we will cover

- 1 Density
- 2 Pressure
- 3 Buoyancy and Archimedes
- 4 Continuity and Bernoulli



1 Density

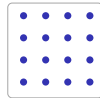
Density

Density 密度 is how tightly matter is packed – mass per unit volume:

Mass per volume

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

Solids and liquids are dense (particles almost touching); gases are far less dense.



solid



liquid



gas

600 g in 200 cm³: $\rho = 3 \text{ g/cm}^3$ – three times water.

2 Pressure

Pressure

Pressure 压强 is force spread over an area:

Two key formulas

$$P = \frac{F}{A}, \quad P = \rho gh$$

- smaller area $\Rightarrow$ bigger pressure (a sharp knife)
- fluid pressure grows with **depth**, and pushes equally in **all directions**



Pressure is force per unit area

3 Buoyancy

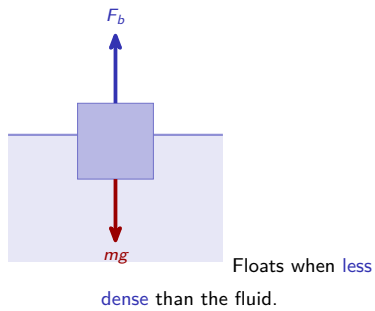
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Buoyancy and Archimedes' principle

A fluid pushes up with a **buoyant force** 浮力. **Archimedes' principle** 阿基米德原理: it equals the **weight of the fluid displaced**.

$F_b > \text{weight} \Rightarrow \text{floats}$

$F_b < \text{weight} \Rightarrow \text{sinks}$



Continuity and Bernoulli

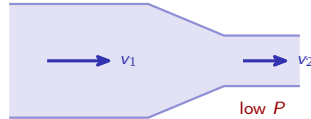
Two conservation laws for flowing fluids:

Continuity (mass)

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$$

A narrower pipe forces a **faster** flow.

Bernoulli's principle 伯努利原理 (energy): where a fluid flows **faster**, its pressure is **lower**.



$A : 4 \rightarrow 1 \text{ cm}^2$ raises $v : 2 \rightarrow 8 \text{ m/s}$.

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Recap

Unit 8 – key takeaways

1 Density

$\rho = m/V$; how tightly matter is packed

2 Pressure

$P = F/A$; in a fluid $P = \rho gh$, grows with depth

3 Buoyancy

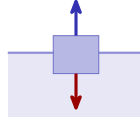
F_b = weight of displaced fluid; float if less dense

4 Flow

$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$; faster flow means lower pressure

Check yourself

- 1 Dive twice as deep – what happens to the fluid pressure?
- 2 What does the buoyant force equal?
- 3 A pipe narrows. Does the fluid speed up or slow down?
- 4 Where the flow is faster, is the pressure higher or lower?



Answers 1. it doubles 2. the weight of displaced fluid 3. speeds up 4. lower