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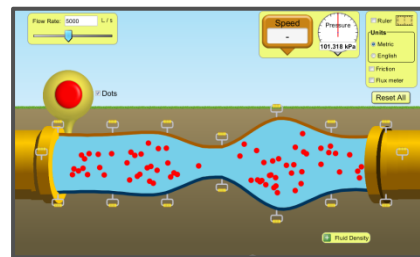
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Static Fluid Pressure and Fluid Flow

Students Will

- Apply the concept of static fluid pressure to real world problems
- Investigate concepts of fluid flow

Head to the following website to investigate fluid pressure. Click 'Run Now!' <http://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/fluid-pressure-and-flow>



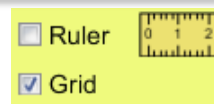
Notes for today:

- Use Pascals for your unit of pressure. Remember, $[Pa] = [\frac{N}{m^2}]$
- For all of your pressures today, use four significant figures for your answers. For example, if the pressure meter gives you 101.325 kPa you can write that as 101,300 Pa.

Part 1: Atmospheric Pressure

Setup

- In the top right hand corner, select the grid option for the simulation.
- Using the sliding knob, fill the pool so that there the water is 3 meters deep
- Make sure that the acceleration due to gravity is equal to 9.8 m/s^2



Click the pressure meter to control it. Drag the pressure meter to ground level and determine the pressure at the ground. Record this value in the space below.

$$P_{\text{atm}} = \text{_____ Pa}$$

This value is the **atmospheric pressure**; because that is the pressure you feel when one atmosphere is on top of you.

Where do you think the atmospheric pressure is the least?

- Denver, CO (1609 m above sea level)
- Ocean City, NJ (0 meters above sea level)
- Death Valley, CA (86 meters below sea level)
- Hillsborough, NJ (45 meters above sea level)

Explain your response: _____

Part II: Gauge pressure, Absolute Pressure, and atms

Now let's go under water, where the pressure is different. The pressure-meter on the simulation measures **absolute pressure**, the actual pressure that is occurring. Depending on our situation it may be beneficial to represent the pressure in a different way. **Gauge pressure** ignores atmospheric pressure and only takes into account the fluid. **Atmospheres** or **atms** represent the "number of atmospheres" you are experiencing. Use the simulation and your brain to fill in the table below.

	Gauge Pressure	Absolute Pressure	Atmospheres
1.0 meter below the surface			
2.0 meters below the surface			
3.0 meters below the surface			

Part III: Calculating Pressure

To determine the absolute pressure of a static (unmoving) fluid, we can apply the following concept.

$$P = P_0 + \rho gh$$

Summarize this formula in words. _____

For this next part you'll have to decide what type of person you are. Do you want to jump into a pool full of honey or gasoline?

Gasoline ($\rho_g = 700 \text{ kg/m}^3$)

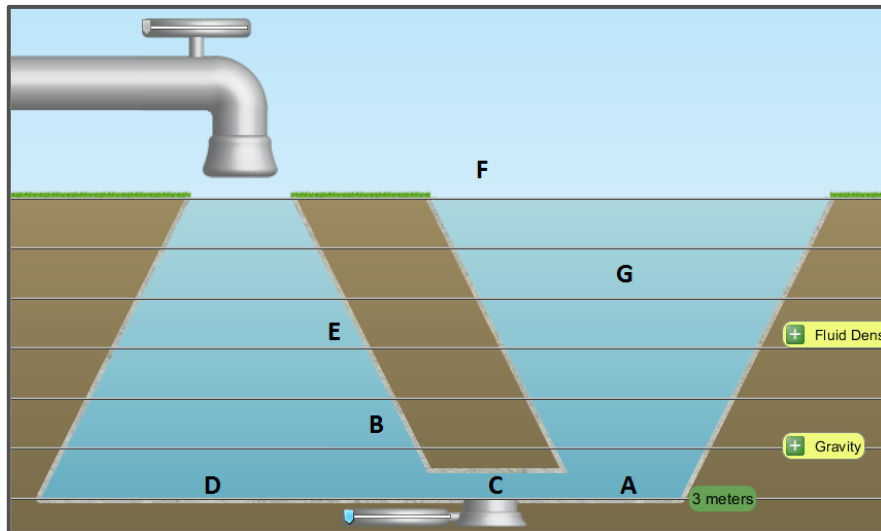
Honey ($\rho_H = 1420 \text{ kg/m}^3$)

Justify your response: _____

So now that you've made your decision, predict the gauge pressure 3.0 meters below the surface of your fluid. Show your work in the space below.

Check your answer by using the simulation.

Part IV: Pressure at different depths



Rank the following points on the diagram above from least pressure to greatest pressure. If any points have the same pressure, give them the same ranking.

___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Justify your response: _____

Part V: Fluid Flow

Setup

- Click on the 'Flow' Tab

Pressure Flow Water Tower

We are now going to talk about fluids moving. Begin by record the current time in the space below.

_____ : _____

Mess around with the simulation for at least 2 minutes. Experiment with every variable you can until you are familiar with the simulation.

Okay. It better be at least 2 minutes later. We're going to talk about **mass flow rate** and **volume flow rate**, which are two ways to talk about fluids flowing.

Setup

- Click on the 'Reset All' button

Reset All

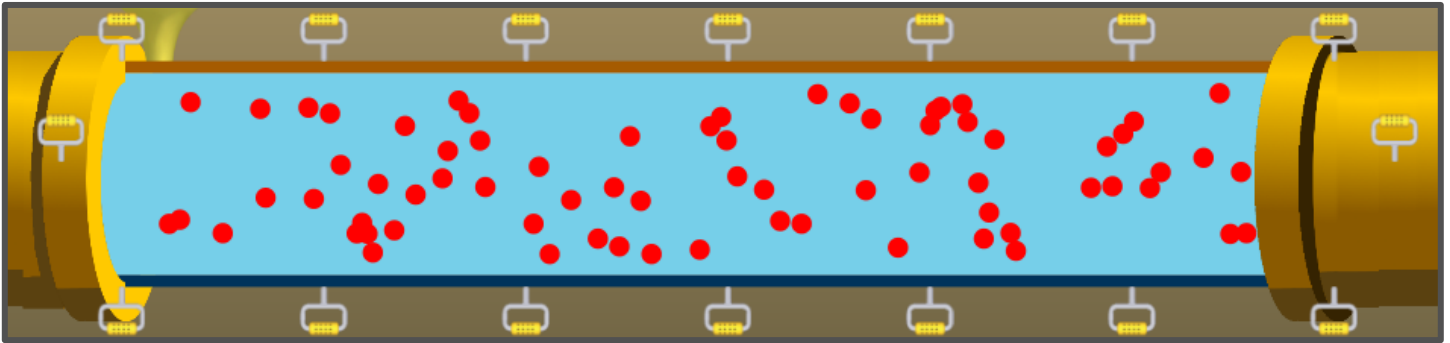
Mass flow rate, $\frac{\Delta m}{t}$, is the mass of the fluid passing through a pipe in a given second.

In physics, **mass flow rate** is measured in $\frac{kg}{s}$

Volume flow rate, $\frac{\Delta V}{t}$, is the volume of the fluid passing through a pipe in a given second

What do you think volume flow rate is measured in in physics?

Ask Mr. Templin if you are correct.



In the current simulation, the volume flow rate is 5000 L/s, or 5 m³/s. This means that 5 cubic meters of water are passing through the pipe in a second. If the density of this water is 1000 kg/m³, answer the following questions.

What is the volume of water that flows through the pipe in 6 seconds?

What is the mass flow rate of the water?

What is the mass of the water that flows through the pipe in 6 seconds?

Part VI: Continuity

The mass flow rate and the volume flow rate are always the same in a closed pipe. Why do you think that has to be the case? (Try and think about what might happen if the rates were *not* the same). _____

Setup

Flux meter

- Select the 'Flux meter' option
- Drag the pipe so that you have areas of 12.5 m^2 , 10.0 m^2 , 5.0 m^2 , 2.5 m^2 , and 1.0 m^2

What do you notice about the volume flow rate at different points along the pipe? _____

What do you notice about the speed of the water at different points along the pipe? When is the water the fastest? The slowest? _____

Use the simulation to fill in the table below.

Area (m^2)	Speed (m/s)	Volume Flow Rate (m^3/s)
1.0		
2.5		
5.0		
10.0		
12.5		

Determine the **continuity formula**, which relates two points where fluid flows in a closed pipe.

Answer the questions below about water moving through a closed pipe.

Determine the speed at which water would flow through a point in the pipe that has a cross sectional area of 0.25 m^2 and a volume flow rate of $5.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

Determine the speed at which water would flow through a point in the pipe that has a cross sectional area of 0.25 m^2 and a volume flow rate of $10.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

Determine the speed at which water would flow through a point in the pipe that has a cross sectional area of 1.0 m^2 and a volume flow rate of $10.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

Determine the speed at which water would flow through a point in the pipe that has a cross sectional area of 1.0 m^2 and a volume flow rate of $20.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.