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Solids: do not  
change shape

Fluids: can change  
shape

• liquids: do not change  
volume

• gases: do change  
volume

# Density

rho → ρ =  $\frac{m}{V}$

not P

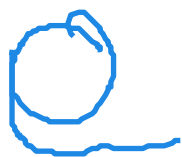
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mass

Volume

capital V



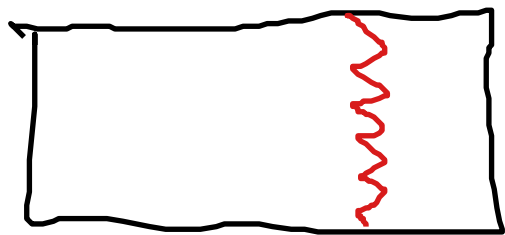
$\rho_{\text{water}} = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$

varies very little

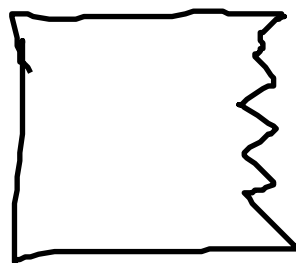
$\rho_{\text{air}} = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$  in free air

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# Block of wood



A



B



C

Which has the largest density?

All have the same density,

Density is an intrinsic property of the material,

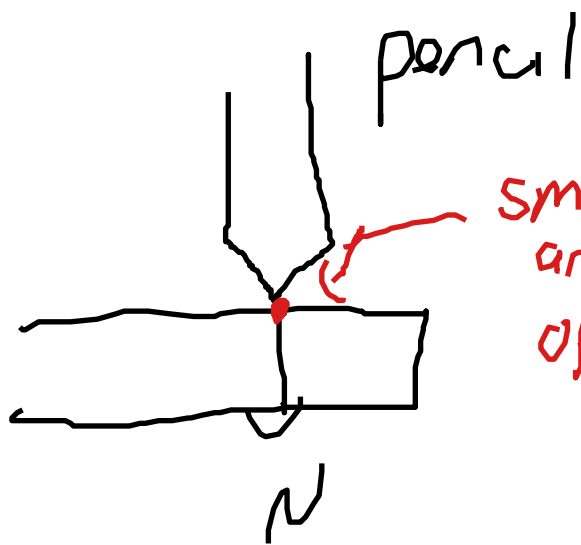
# Pressure

on a surface due to a normal force



$$P = \frac{N}{A}$$

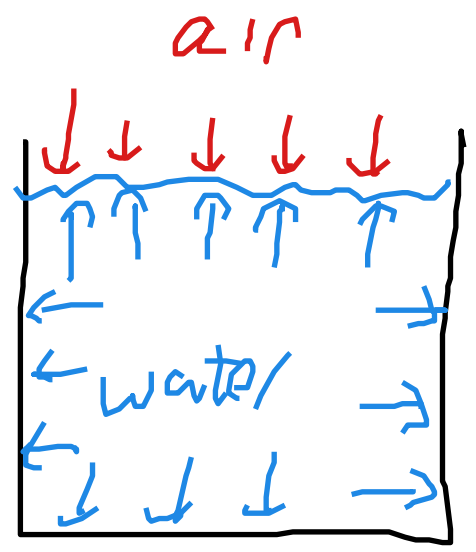
normal force  
Force  
 Area of application



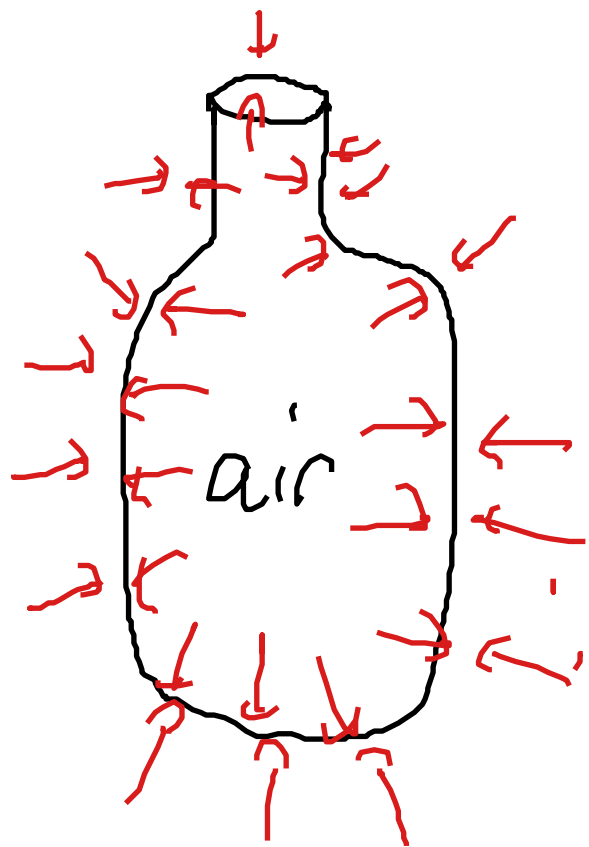
smaller area of contact

→ larger pressure

Fluids apply a pressure to everything they touch

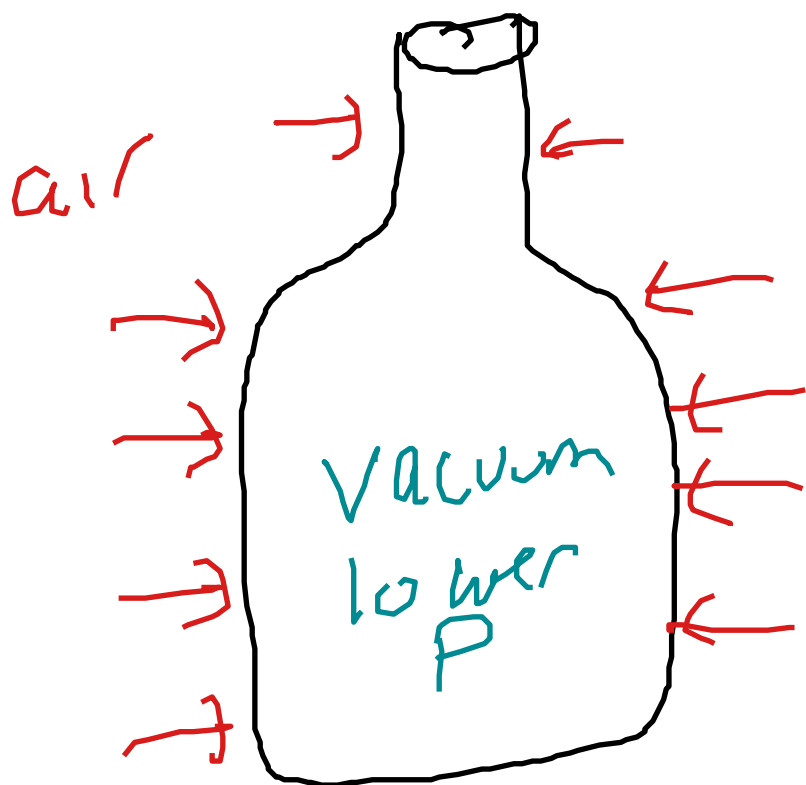


If we remove the air from the top, the water will rise.



bottle of  
air -  
pressures  
balance

Remove the air



bottle  
collapses  
due to  
atmospheric  
pressure  
"suction"

# Atmospheric Pressure

$$P_{atm} = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$1 \text{ Pascal} = 1 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$P_{atm} = 101 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_{atm} = 1 \text{ atm} \quad (\text{atmosphere})$$

$$1 \text{ bar} = 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

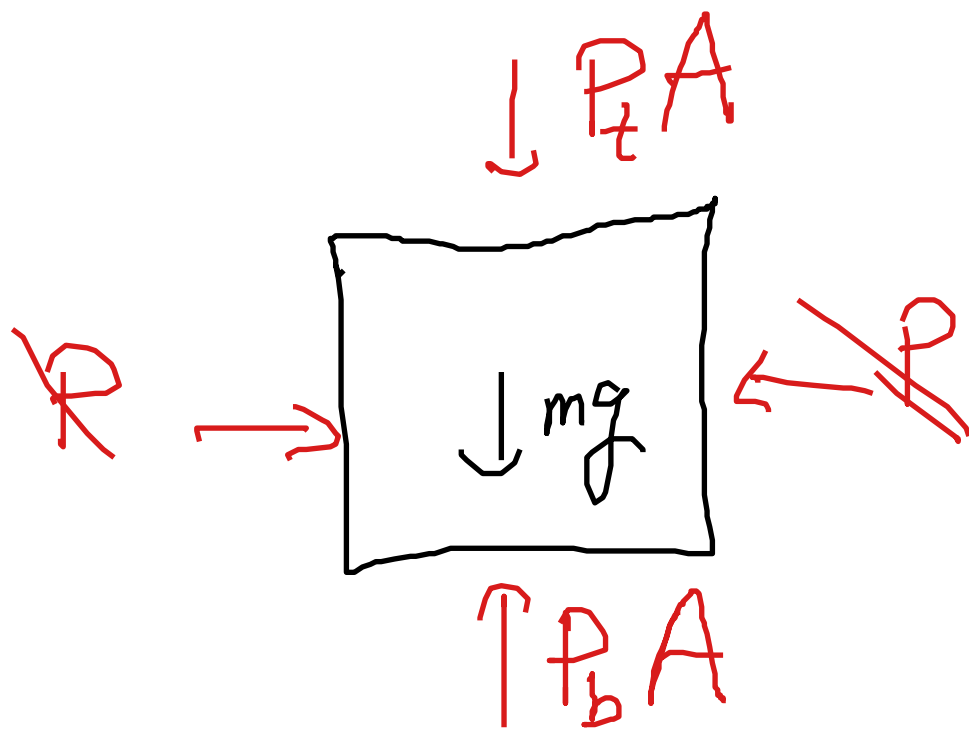
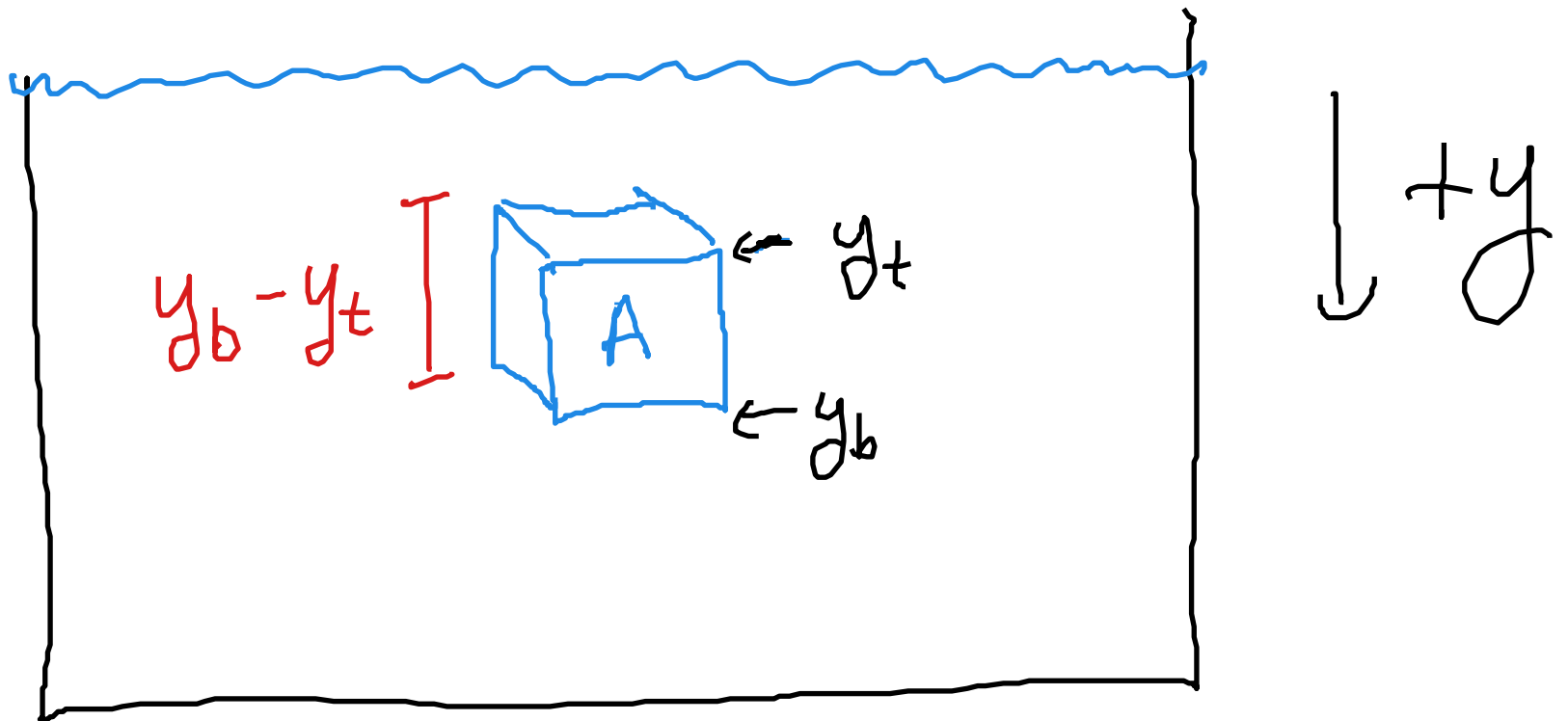
"millibars"

"mm Hg"

P.S.I.

Other pressure units





$$F_{net} = + P_t A + mg - P_b A = 0$$

equilibrium

$$\frac{mg}{A} = \frac{(P_b - P_t)A}{A}$$

$$\frac{mg}{A} = P_b - P_t = \Delta P$$

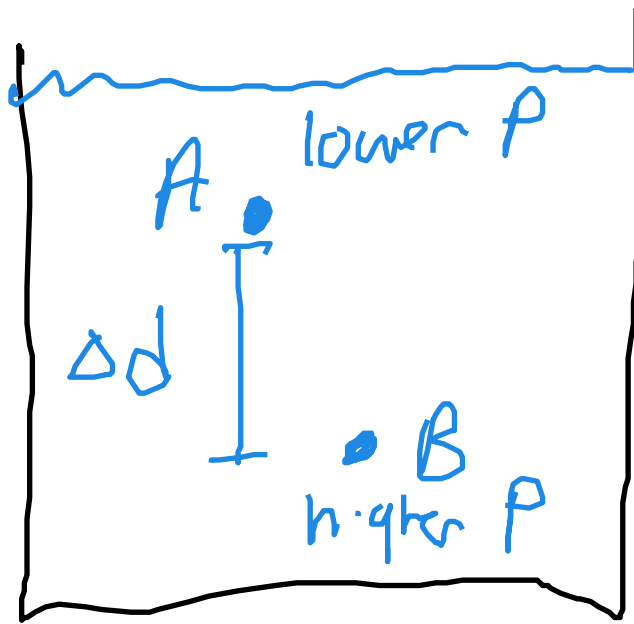
$$\frac{\rho_f V g}{A} = \Delta P$$

$$\frac{\rho_f A (y_b - y_t) g}{A} = P_b - P_t$$

$$\rho_f g (y_b - y_t) = P_b - P_t$$

$$\Delta P = \rho_f g \Delta d$$

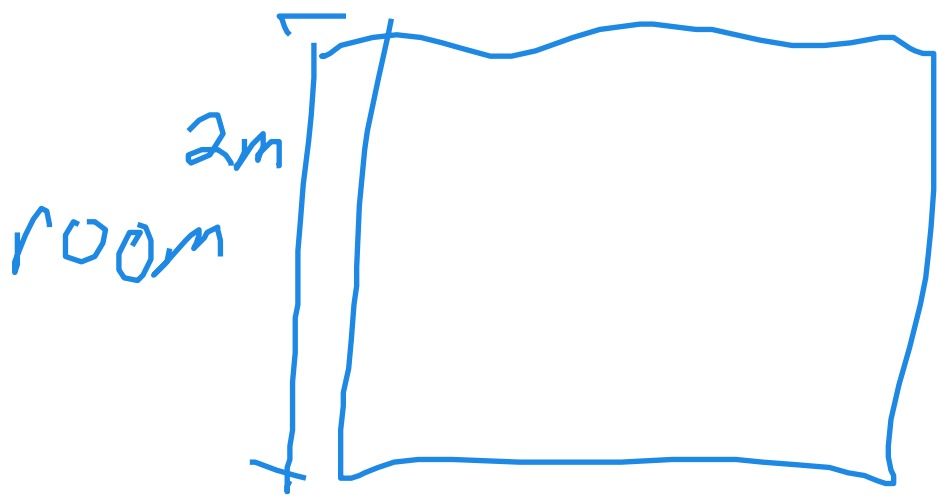
$d = y$   
"depth"



$$P_B - P_A = \rho_f g \Delta d$$

In air,

$$\rho_f = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$$



$$\Delta P = (1.2)(9.8)(1)$$

$$= 11.8 \text{ Pa}$$

Compare with

101 kPa

We will typically

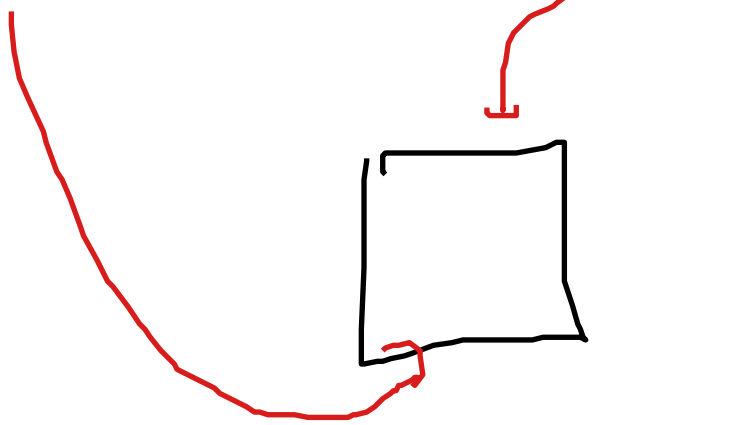
treat  $P_{\text{atm}}$  as

a constant, independent

of height, in room-scale experiments

$$P_b - P_t = \rho g (y_b - y_t)$$

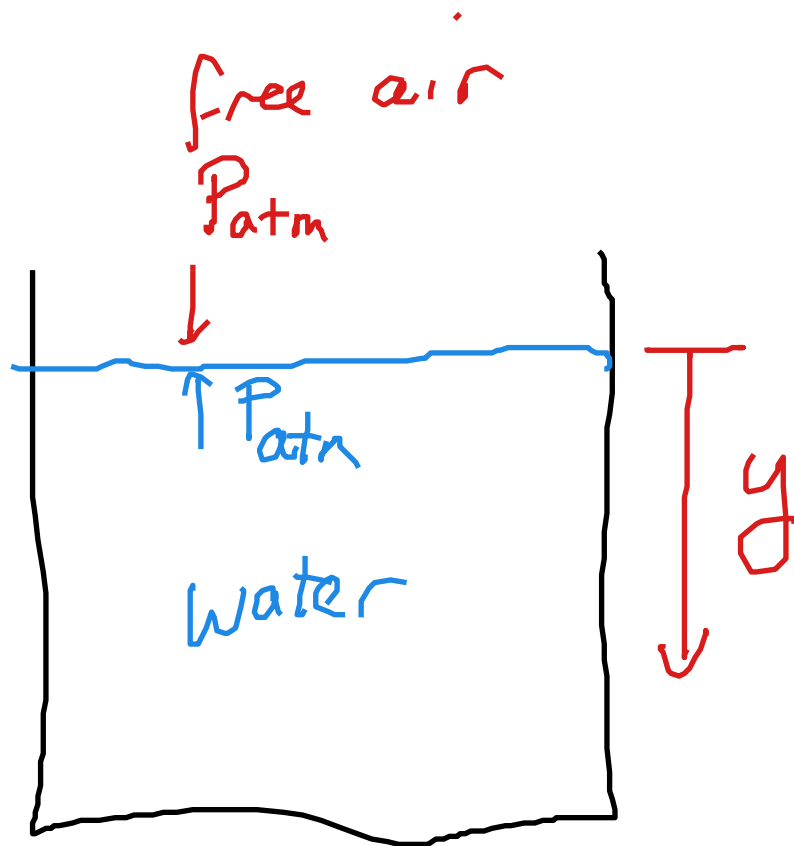
$$P_b - \rho g y_b = P_t - \rho g y_t$$



$$P - \rho g y = \text{constant}$$

If we know the pressure at one location, we can calculate it everywhere else.

# Example



Surface of a fluid in  
 contact with free air  
 is at pressure  $P_{atm}$

If  $y = 0$  at surface,

$$P_{atm} - \rho_f g(0) = \text{constant}$$

Anywhere in this  
 water,  $P(y) =$

$$P - \rho_f g y = P_{atm}$$

$$P(y) = P_{atm} + \rho_f g y$$

anywhere in fluid

where  $y$  is depth below  
surface, in contact with  
free air

$$\rho_f g y$$

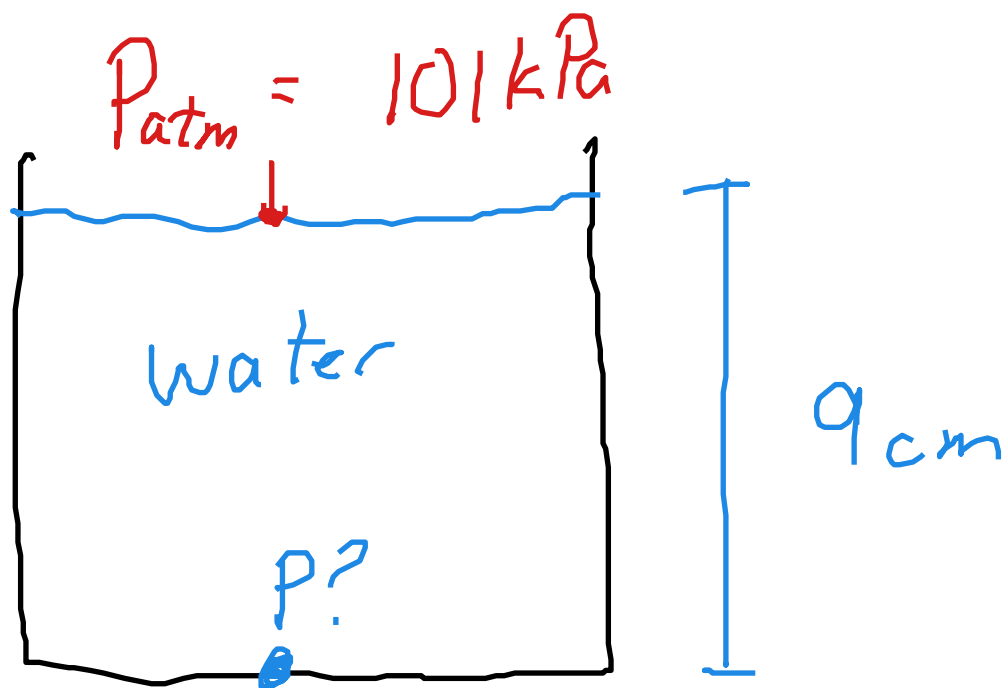
$$\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg}} \text{m}$$

$$\frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

e.g.

Density of water

$$\rho_f = 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$



ponytail

bald

$$P = P_{\text{atm}} + \rho_f g d$$

$$= 101 \text{ kPa} + \left(1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \left(9.8 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg}}\right) (9 \text{ cm})$$

$$= 101 \text{ kPa} + \left(1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \left(9.8 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg}}\right) (0.09 \text{ m})$$

$$= 101 \text{ kPa} + (1000)(0.882) \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$= 101 \text{ kPa} + 882 \text{ Pa}$$

$$= 101 \text{ kPa} + 0.882 \text{ kPa}$$

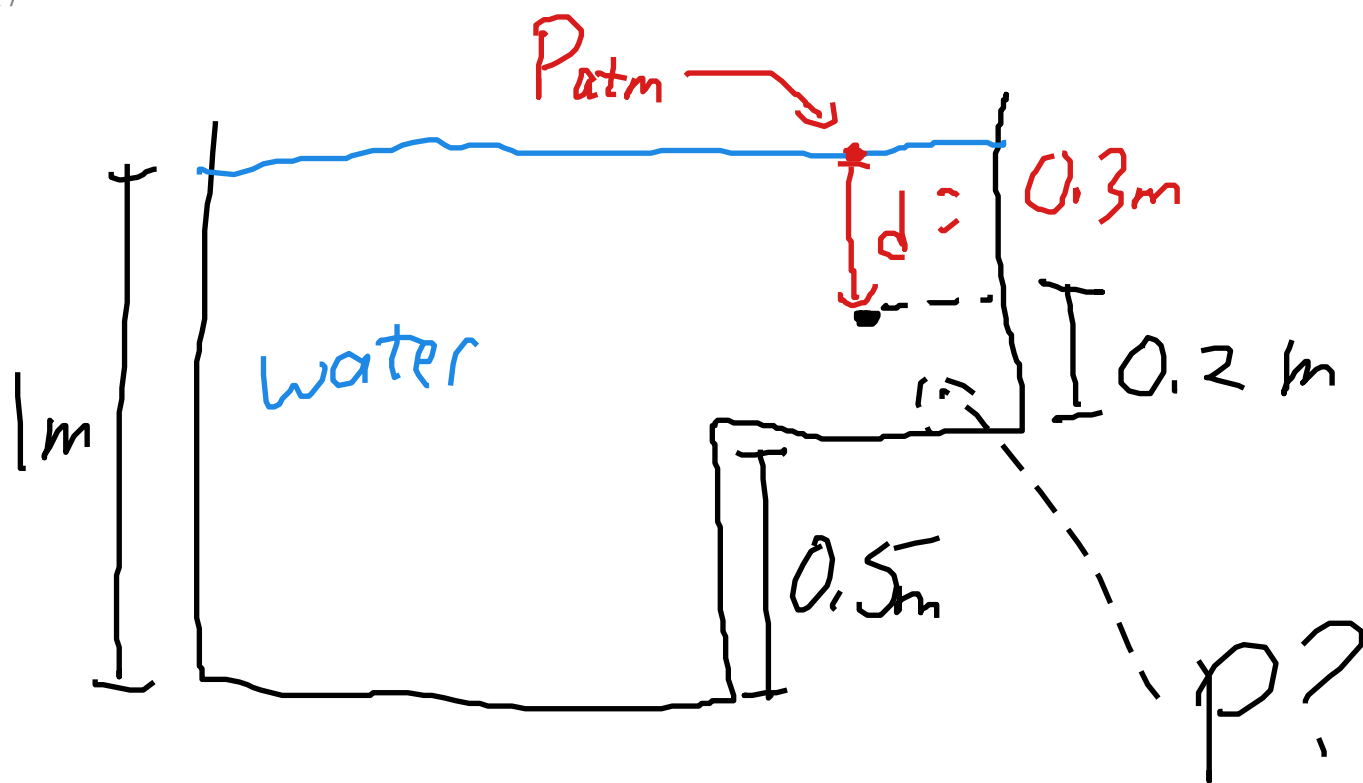
$$= 101.9 \text{ kPa}$$

if this were filled with ethanol,

$$\rho_f = 800 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$P = 101 \text{ kPa} + (800) (0.882) \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$P = 101.7 \text{ kPa}$$



$$\rho_f = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$P = P_0 + \rho_f g d$$

reference pressure  $\downarrow$

depth below reference  $\swarrow$

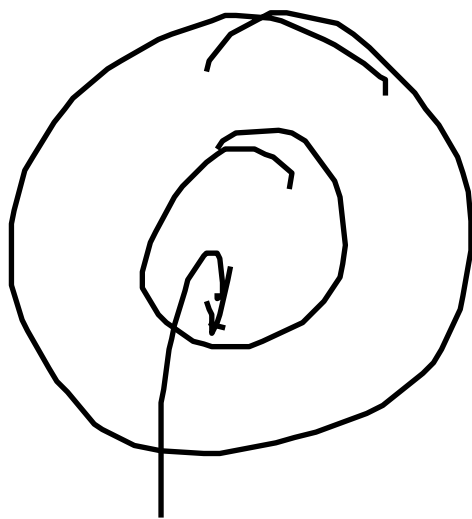
$$= 101 \text{ kPa} + (1000)(9.8)(0.3)$$

$$= 101 \text{ kPa} + 2.94 \text{ kPa}$$

$$= 104 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P - P_{atm} = \text{gauge pressure}$$

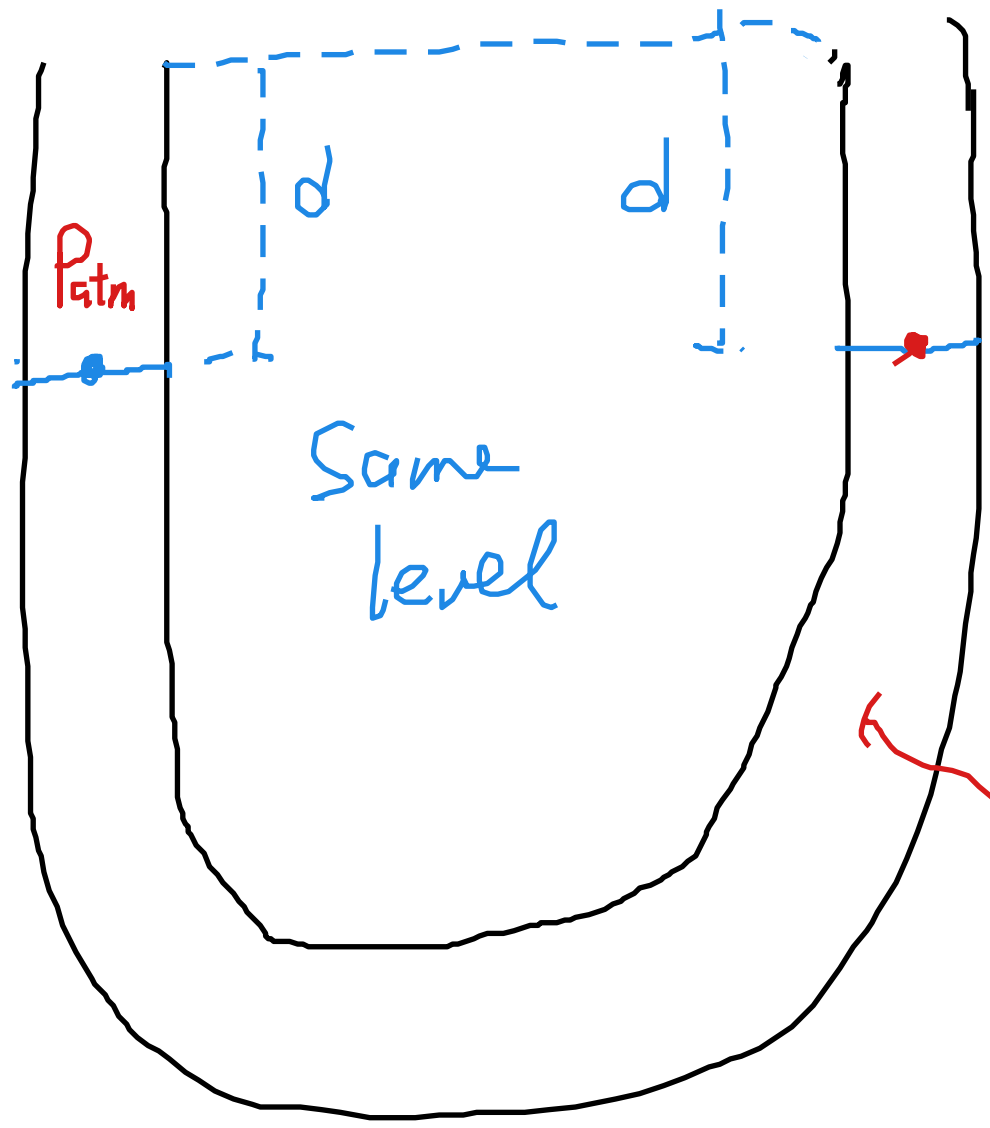
usually what is measured



$P_{\text{inside tire}} = 10 \text{ Pa}$   
 means  $P \neq P_{atm} + 10 \text{ Pa}$

open

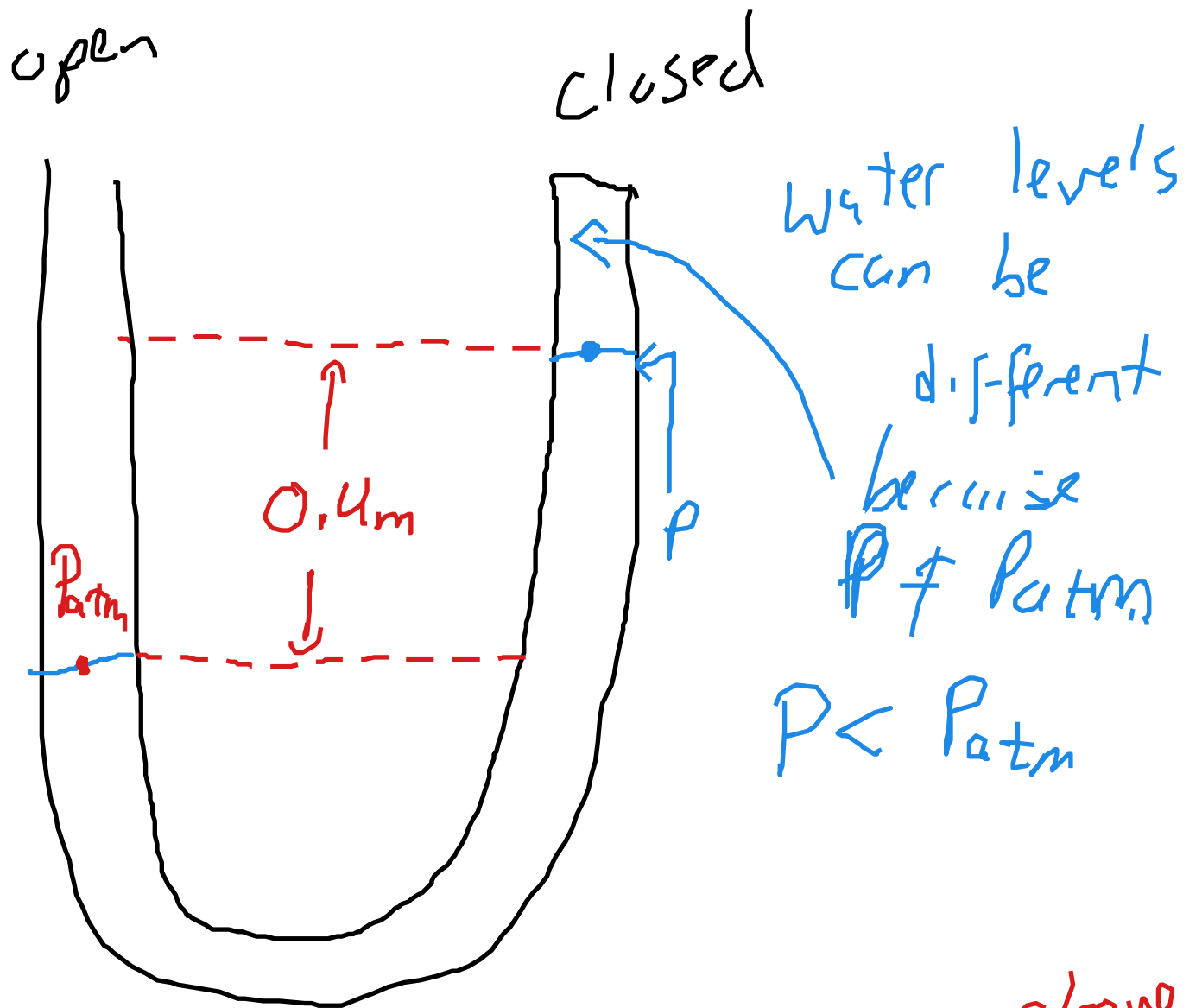
open



$$P = P_{atm} + \rho_f g d = P_{atm} \text{ (open)}$$

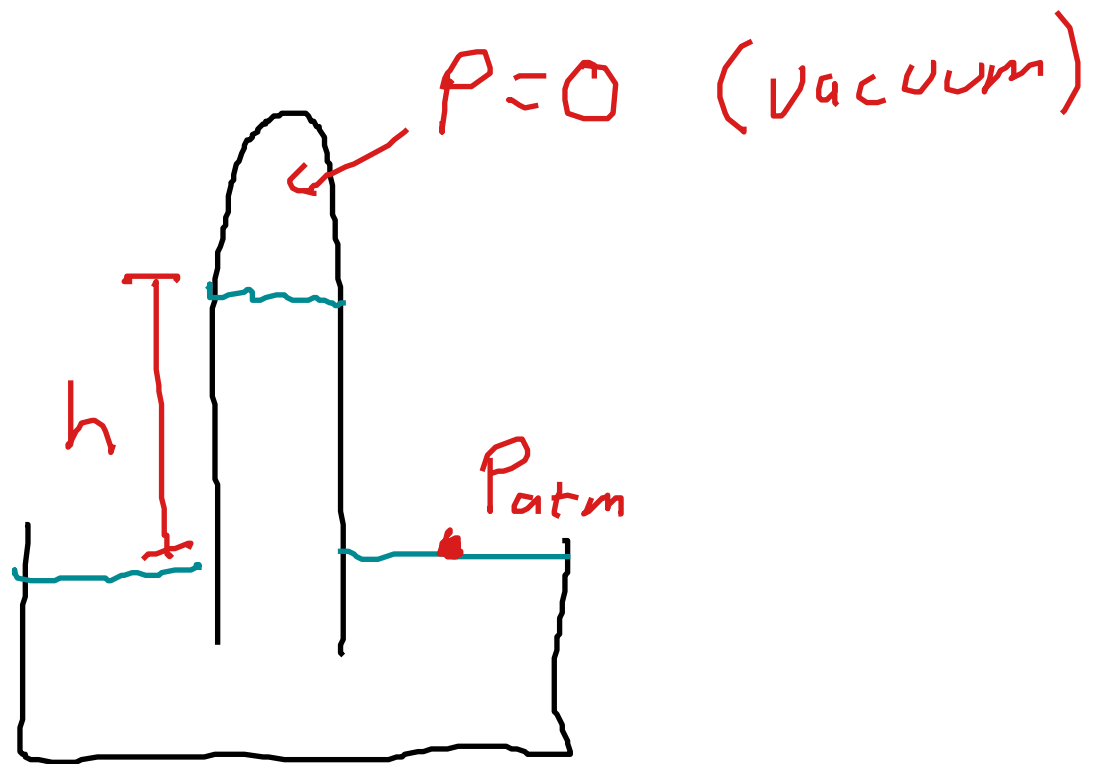
$$\rightarrow d = 0$$

$$P = P_{atm} + \rho_f g d$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= P_{atm} + \rho g d \quad \text{above reference point} \\
 &= 101 \text{ kPa} + (1000)(9.8)(-0.4) \\
 &= 101 \text{ kPa} - 3.92 \text{ kPa} \\
 &= 97 \text{ kPa}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Barometer



$$0 = P_{atm} - \rho g h$$

$$h = \frac{P_{atm}}{\rho g}$$

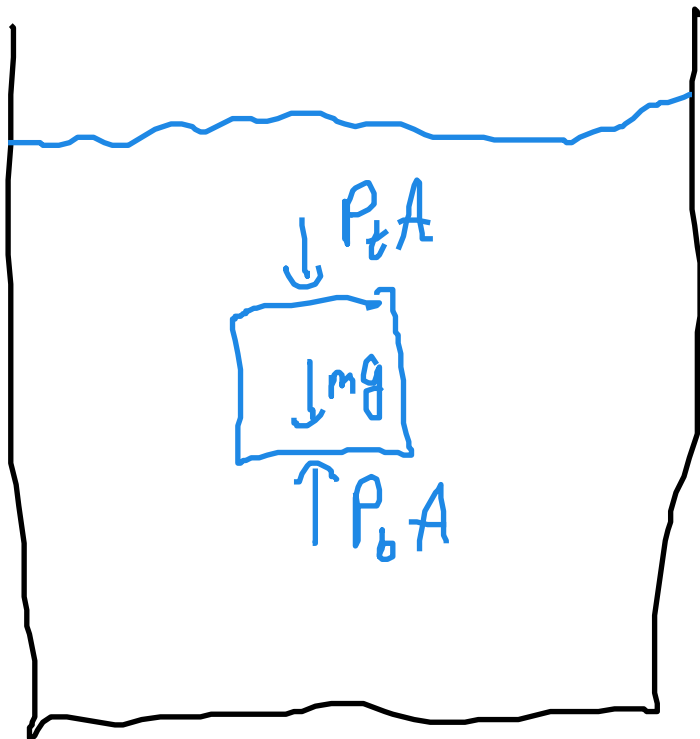
$$h \approx \frac{101 \text{ kPa}}{(1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3})(9.8)} = \frac{101 \text{ kPa}}{9.8 \text{ kPa/m}} \approx 10.3 \text{ m}$$

very tall!

Instead use mercury,

$$\rho_f = 13,500 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

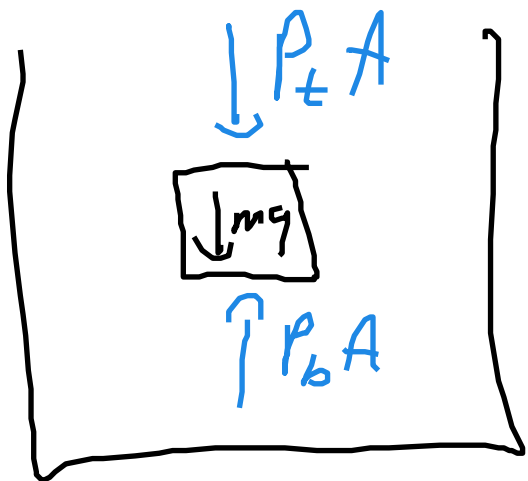
$$h = \frac{101 \text{ kPa}}{(13,500)(9.8)} = 0.76 \text{ m}$$
$$= 760 \text{ mm Hg}$$



$$P_t A + mg = P_b A$$

$$P_t A + \rho_f V g = P_b A$$

Replace cube of water  
with wood.



$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = mg + P_t A - P_b A$$

Pressures are the same

$$P_t A - P_b A = - \underbrace{\rho_f V g}_{\text{Weight of water that is displaced}}$$

on wood

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = mg - \rho_f V g$$

$$= \rho_{\text{wood}} V g - \rho_f V g$$

$$= (\rho_{\text{wood}} - \rho_f) V g$$

if  $\rho_{\text{wood}} > \rho_f$   
 then  $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} \downarrow$  sinks

if  $\rho_{\text{wood}} < \rho_f$   
 then  $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} \uparrow$  floats

Buoyancy Force

$$\vec{B} = \rho_f V_{\text{displaced}} g \uparrow$$

occurs in all fluids  
 including air