

Fluid Statics and Dynamics

Thrust and Pressure

A perfect fluid resists force normal to its surface and offers no resistance to force acting tangential to its surface. A heavy log of wood can be drawn along the surface of water with very little effort because the force applied on the log of wood is horizontal and parallel to the surface of water. Thus fluids are capable of exerting normal stress on the surface with which it is in contact. Force exerted perpendicular to a surface is called thrust and thrust per unit area is called pressure.

Variation of pressure with height

Let h be the height of the liquid column in a cylinder of cross-sectional area A . If ρ is the density of the liquid, then weight of the liquid column W is given by $W = \text{mass of liquid column} \times g = Ah\rho g$. By definition, pressure is the force acting per unit area.

$$\text{Pressure} = \text{weight of liquid column} / \text{area of cross-section}$$

$$P = Ah\rho g / A = h\rho g$$

$$dP = \rho g (dh)$$

This differential relation shows that the pressure in a fluid increases with depth or decreases with increased elevation. Above equation holds for both liquids and gases. Liquids are generally treated as incompressible and we may consider their density ρ constant for every part of liquid. With ρ as constant, equation may be integrated as it stands, and the result is

$$P = P_0 + \rho gh$$

The pressure P_0 is the pressure at the surface of the liquid where $h = 0$

Force due to fluid on a plane submerged surface

The pressure at different points on the submerged surface varies so to calculate the resultant force, we divide the surface into a number of elementary areas and we calculate the force on it first by treating pressure as constant then we integrate it to get the net

$$\text{force i.e } F_R = \int P (dA)$$

The point of application of resultant force must be such that the moment of the resultant force about any axis is equal to the moment of the distributed force about the axis

Solved Numerical

Q) Water is filled up to the top in a rectangular tank of square cross-section. The sides of cross-section is a and height of the tank is H . If density of water is ρ , find force on the bottom of the tank and on one of its wall. Also calculate the position of the point of application of the force on the wall

Solution

Force on the bottom of tank

$$\text{Area of bottom of tank} = a^2$$

$$\text{Force} = \text{pressure} \times \text{Area} \quad \text{Force} = H\rho ga^2$$

Force on the wall and its point of application

Force on the wall of the tank is different at different heights so consider a segment at depth h of thickness dh

$$\text{Pressure at depth } h = h\rho g$$

$$\text{Area of strip} = a \, dh$$

$$\text{Force on strip } dF = h\rho g a \, dh$$

Total force at on the wall

$$F = \int_0^H \rho g a h \, dh$$

$$F = \rho g a \left[\frac{h^2}{2} \right]_0^H$$

$$F = \rho g a H^2 / 2$$

The point of application of the force on the wall can be calculated by equating the moment of resultant force about any line,

say dc to the moment of distributed force about the same line dc Moment of dF about line cd = dF

$$(h) = (\rho g a h) h = \rho g a h^2 dh$$

∴ Net moment of distributed forces

$$\rho g a \int_0^H h^2 dh = \rho g a H^3 / 3$$

Let the point of application of the net force is at a depth 'x' from the line cd
Then the torque of the resultant force about the line cd = $Fx = \rho g a H^2 / 2 x$

Now Net moment of distribution of force = Torque

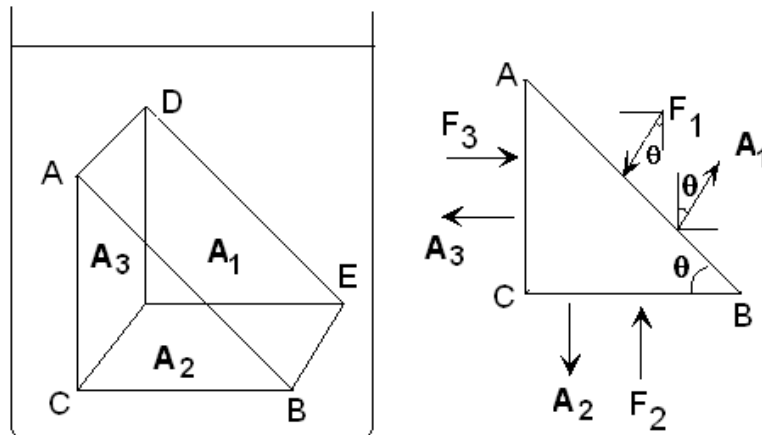
$$\rho g a H^3 / 3 = \rho g a H^2 / 2 x$$

$$x = 2H/3$$

Hence, the resultant force on the vertical wall of the tank will act at a depth $2H/3$ from the free surface of water or at the height of $H/3$ from bottom of tank

Pascal's Law

Pascal's law states that if the effect of gravity can be neglected then the pressure in an incompressible fluid in equilibrium is the same everywhere.. This statement can be verified as follows Consider a small element of liquid in the interior of the liquid at rest. The liquid element is in the shape of prism consisting of two right angled triangle surfaces



Let the areas of surface ADEB, CFEB, ADFC be A_1, A_2, A_3 It is clear from figure that

$$A_2 = A_1 \cos \theta \text{ and } A_3 = A_1 \sin \theta$$

Also, since liquid element is in equilibrium $F_3 = F_1 \cos \theta$ and $F_2 = F_1 \sin \theta$

now pressure on surface ADEB is $P_1 = F_1 / A_1$

Pressure on the surface CFEB is

$$P_2 = F_2 / A_2 = F_1 \sin \theta / A_1 \cos \theta = P_1$$

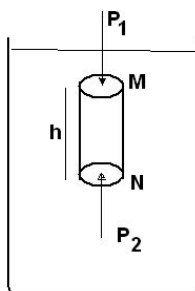
And pressure on the surface ADFC is

$$P_3 = F_3 / A_3 = F_1 \sin \theta / A_1 \sin \theta = F_1 / A_1$$

So, $P_1 = P_2 = P_3$

Since θ is arbitrary this result holds for any surface. Thus Pascal's law is verified.

law and effect of gravity



When gravity is taken into account, Pascal's law is to be modified. Consider a cylindrical liquid column of height h and density ρ in a vessel as shown in the Fig.

If the effect of gravity is neglected, then pressure at M will be equal to pressure at N.

But, if force due to gravity is taken into account, then they are not equal.

As the liquid column is in equilibrium, the forces acting on it are balanced. The vertical forces acting are

- (i) Force $P_1 A$ acting vertically down on the top surface.
- (i) Weight mg of the liquid column acting vertically downwards.
- (ii) Force $P_2 A$ at the bottom surface acting vertically upwards. where P_1 and P_2 are the pressures at the top and bottom faces, A is the area of cross section of the circular face and m is the mass of the cylindrical liquid column.

At equilibrium, $P_1 A + mg - P_2 A = 0$ or $P_1 A + mg = P_2 A$

$$P_2 = P_1 + mg / A \text{ But } m = Ah\rho$$

$$\therefore P_2 = P_1 + Ah\rho g / A$$

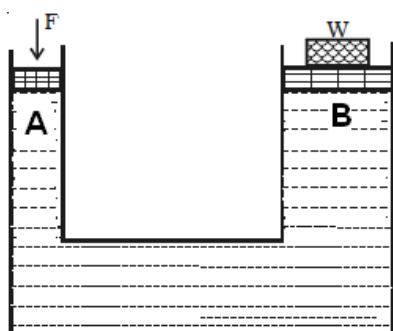
$$(i.e) P_2 = P_1 + h\rho g$$

This equation proves that the pressure is the same at all points at the same depth. This results in another statement of Pascal's law which can be stated as change in pressure at any point in an enclosed fluid at rest is transmitted undiminished to all points in the fluid and act in all directions.

Characteristics of the fluid pressure

- (i) Pressure at a point acts equally in all directions
- (ii) Liquids at rest exerts lateral pressure, which increases with depth
- (iii) Pressure acts normally on any area in whatever orientation the area may be held
- (iv) Free surface of a liquid at rest remains horizontal
- (v) pressure at every point in the same horizontal line is the same inside a liquid at rest
- (vi) liquid at rest stands at the same height in communicating vessels

Application of Pascal's law



An important application of Pascal's law is the hydraulic lift used to lift heavy objects. A schematic diagram of a hydraulic lift is shown in the Fig.. It consists of a liquid container which has pistons fitted into the small and large opening cylinders. If a_1 and a_2 are the areas of the pistons A and B respectively, F is the force applied on A and W is the load on B, then

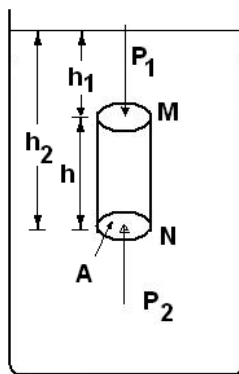
$$F/a_1 = W/a_2$$

$$F = W \ a_1 / a_2$$

This is the load that can be lifted by applying a force F on A . In the above equation a_2/a_1 is called mechanical advantage of the hydraulic lift. One can see such a lift in many automobile service stations.

Buoyancy and Archimedes principle

If an object is immersed in or floating on the surface of a liquid, it experiences a net vertically upward force due to liquid pressure. This force is called as Buoyant force or force of Buoyancy and it acts from the centre of gravity of the displaced liquid. According to Archimedes principle, "the magnitude of force of buoyancy is equal to the weight of the displaced liquid" To prove Archimedes principle, consider a body totally immersed in a liquid as shown in the figure. The vertical force on the body due to liquid pressure may be found most easily by considering a cylindrical volume similar to that one shown in figure



The net vertical force on the element is
 $dF = (P_2 - P_1) A$

$$F = [(P_0 + h_2 \rho g) - (P_0 + h_1 \rho g)]$$

$$F = (h_2 - h_1) g A$$

$$F = h \rho g A$$

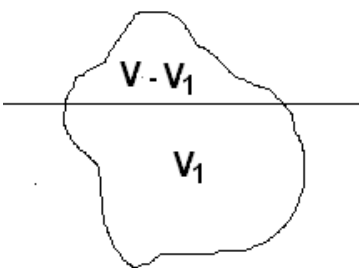
But volume $V = hA$

Thus $F = V \rho g$

$\therefore$ force of Buoyancy = $V \rho g$ = Weight of liquid displaced

Expression for immersed volume of a floating Body

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The weight of the displaced liquid = $V_1 \rho_0 g$

For the body to float

Weight of body = Weight of liquid displaced

$$V \rho g = V_1 \rho_0 g$$

$$V_1 / V = \rho / \rho_0$$

$$V_1 = \rho V / \rho_0$$

$\therefore$ Immersed volume = mass of solid / density of liquid

From above it is clear that density of the solid volume must be less than density of the liquid to enable it to float freely in the liquid. However a metal vessel floats in water though the density of metal is much higher than that of water because floating bodies are hollow inside and hence displace large volume. When they float on water, the weight of the displaced water is equal to the weight of the body

Laws of floatation

The principle of Archimedes may be applied to floating bodies to give the laws of floatation

- (i) When a body floats freely in a liquid the weight of the floating body is equal to the weight of the liquid displaced
- (ii) The centre of gravity of the displaced liquid B (called the centre of buoyancy) lies vertically above or below the centre of gravity of the floating body G

Solved numerical

Q) A stone of mass 0.3kg and relative density 2.5 is immersed in a liquid of relative density 1.2. Calculate the resultant up thrust exerted on the stone by the liquid and the weight of stone in liquid

Solution

Volume of stone $V = \text{mass}/\text{density}$

$$V = 0.3/2.5 = 0.12 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{Upward thrust} = \text{buoyant force} = V\rho_0 g = 0.12 \times 1.2 \times 9.8 = 1.41 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Weight of stone in liquid} = \text{Gravitational force} - \text{buoyant force} = 0.3 \times 9.8 - 1.41 = 1.53 \text{ N or } 0.156 \text{ kg wt}$$

Liquid in accelerated Vessel

Variation of pressure and force of buoyancy in a liquid kept in accelerated vessel

Consider a liquid of density ρ kept in a vessel moving with acceleration **a in upward** direction. Let height of liquid column be h

Then effective gravitational acceleration on liquid $= g + a$

Thus pressure exerted at depth h $P = P_0 + \rho(g+a) h$

Similarly if liquid in container moves down with acceleration a

Then effective gravitational acceleration on liquid $= g - a$

Thus pressure exerted at depth h , $P = P_0 + \rho(g-a) h$ Also Buoyant force on immersed body when liquid is moving up

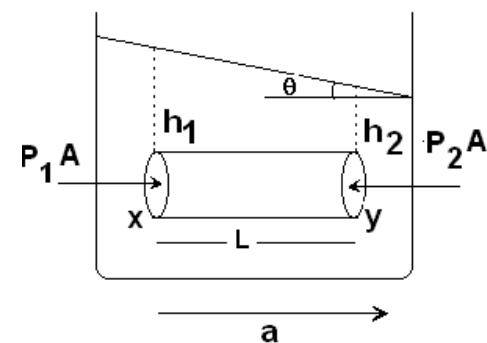
$$F_B = V\rho(g+a)$$

Buoyant force on immersed body when liquid is moving down

$$F_B = V\rho(g-a)$$

V is volume of the liquid displaced

Shape of free surface of a liquid in horizontal accelerated vessel



$$= a/g \tan \theta = a/g$$

When a vessel filled with liquid accelerates horizontally. We observe its free surface inclined at some angle with horizontal. To find angle θ made by free surface with horizontal, consider a horizontal liquid column including two points x and y at the depth of h_1 and h_2 from the inclined free surface of liquid as shown in figure

Force on area at $x = P_1 A = h_1 \rho g$

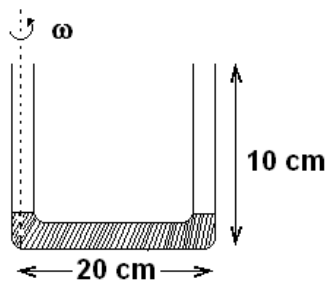
Pseudo force at $y = \text{mass of liquid tube of length } L \text{ and cross sectional area } A \times \text{acceleration}$ Pseudo force at $y = \rho(LA)$

Total force at $y = P_1 A + \text{Pseudo force}$ Force on area at $y = h_1 \rho g + \rho(LA)$

Since liquid is in equilibrium Force on area at $x = \text{Force on area at } y$

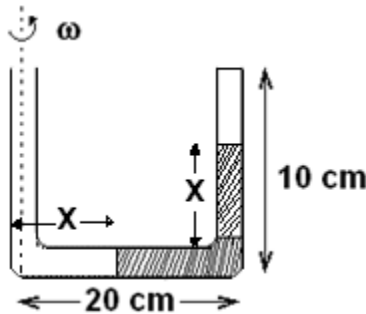
$$h_1 \rho g = h_1 \rho g + \rho(LA) (h_1 - h_2) g = La \text{ From geometry of figure } h_1 - h_2 / L$$

Q) Length of a horizontal arm of a U-tube is 20cm and end of both the vertical arms are



open to a pressure $1.01 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2$. Water is poured into the tube such that liquid just fills horizontal part of the tube is then rotated about a vertical axis passing through the other vertical arm with angular velocity ω . If length of water in sealed tube rises to 5cm, calculate ω . Take density of water = 10^3 kg/m^3 and $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$. Assume temperature to be constant.

Solution



when tube is rotated liquid will experience a centrifugal force thus water moves up in second arm of the U tube. When centrifugal force + pressure in first arm = force due to pressure in second closed arm + force due to liquid column then equilibrium condition is established ---eq(1)

Calculation of force due to pressure in closed tube Before closing pressure $P_i = 1.01 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2$ Volume before closing $V_i = 0.1A$ (A is area of cross-section) After closing the other arm Pressure P_f and volume $V_f = 0.05A$ From equation $P_i V_i = P_f V_f$
 $(1.01 \times 10^3) \times 0.1A = P_f \times (0.05A)$
 $P_f = 2.02 \times 10^3$ Force due to pressure = $(2.02 \times 10^3) \times A$

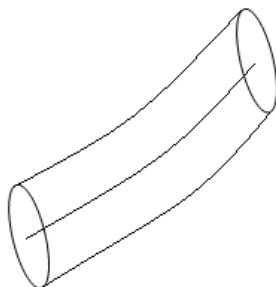
Pressure in first arm = 1.01×10^3

Calculation of force due to liquid column in second arm Height of liquid column = 0.05 m Thus pressure due to column = $h\rho g = 0.05 \times 10^3 \times 10 = 500 \text{ N/m}^2$ Force due to liquid column $PA = 0.5A$

Calculation of centrifugal force Mass of the liquid in horizontal part = volume $\times$ density = $(0.2 - 0.05)A \times 10^3 = 150A$ Centre of mass of horizontal liquid from first arm ' r ' = $0.05 + 0.2 - 0.05 / 2 = 0.125 \text{ m}$ Centrifugal force = $m\omega^2 r = 150A \times \omega^2 \times 0.125 = (18.75A)\omega^2$ Now substituting values in equation 1 we get $(18.75A)\omega^2 + (1.01 \times 10^3) \times A = (2.02 \times 10^3) \times A + 500A$
 $(18.75)\omega^2 + 1.01 \times 10^3 = (2.02 \times 10^3) + 500$
 $\omega = 8.97 \text{ rad/s}$

Fluid dynamics

Tube of flow

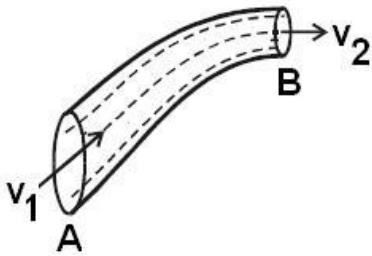


In a fluid having a steady flow, if we select a finite number of streamlines to form a bundle like the streamline pattern shown in the figure, the tubular region is called a tube of flow. The tube of flow is bounded by a streamlines so that by fluid can flow across the boundaries of the tube of flow and any fluid that enters at one end must leave at the other end.

Turbulent flow

When the velocity of a liquid exceeds the critical velocity, the path and velocities of the liquid become disorderly. At this stage, the flow loses all its orderliness and is called turbulent flow. Some examples of turbulent flow are :

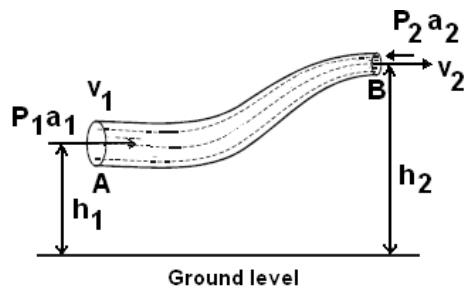
- (i) After rising a short distance, the smooth column of smoke from an incense stick breaks up into irregular and random patterns.
- (ii) The flash - flood after a heavy rain. Critical velocity of a liquid can be defined as that velocity of liquid upto which the flow is streamlined and above which its flow becomes turbulent. Equation of continuity Consider a non-viscous liquid in streamline flow through a tube AB of varying cross section as shown in Fig. Let a_1 and a_2 be the area of cross section, v_1 and v_2 be the velocity of flow of the liquid at A and B respectively.



$\therefore$ Volume of liquid entering per second at A = $a_1 v_1$. If ρ is the density of the liquid, then mass of liquid entering per second at A = $a_1 v_1 \rho$. Similarly, mass of liquid leaving per second at B = $a_2 v_2 \rho$. If there is no loss of liquid in the tube and the flow is steady, then mass of liquid entering per second at A = mass of liquid leaving per second at B (i.e.) $a_1 v_1 \rho = a_2 v_2 \rho$ or $a_1 v_1 = a_2 v_2$ i.e. $av = \text{constant}$. This is called as the equation of continuity. From this equation v is inversely proportional to area of cross-section along a tube of flow i.e. the larger the area of cross section the smaller will be the velocity of flow of liquid and vice-versa.

Bernoulli's Equation

The theorem states that the work done by all forces acting on a system is equal to the change in kinetic energy of the system



Consider streamline flow of a liquid of density ρ through a pipe AB of varying cross section. Let P_1 and P_2 be the pressures and a_1 and a_2 , the cross sectional areas at A and B respectively. The liquid enters A normally with a velocity v_1 and leaves B normally with a velocity v_2 . The liquid is accelerated against the force of gravity while flowing from A to B, because the height of B is greater than that of A from the ground level. Therefore P_1 is greater than P_2 . This is maintained by an external force. The mass m of the liquid crossing per second through any section of the tube in accordance with the equation of continuity is $a_1 v_1 \rho =$

$$a_2 v_2 \rho = m \text{ Or}$$

$$a_1 v_1 = a_2 v_2 = m / \rho$$

$$\text{As } a_1 > a_2, v_1 < v_2$$

The force acting on the liquid at A = $P_1 a_1$

The force acting on the liquid at B = $P_2 a_2$

Work done per second on the liquid at A = $P_1 a_1 \times v_1 = P_1 V$

Work done by the liquid at B = $P_2 a_2 \times v_2 = P_2 V$

$\therefore$ Net work done per second on the liquid by the pressure energy in moving the liquid from A to B is = $P_1 V - P_2 V$. If the mass of the liquid flowing in one second from A to B is m , then increase in potential energy per second of liquid from A to

$$B \text{ is } = mgh_2 - mgh_1$$

Increase in kinetic energy per second of the liquid.

$$\frac{1}{2} mv_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} mv_1^2$$

According to work-energy principle, work done per second by the pressure energy = (Increase in potential energy + Increase in kinetic energy) per second

$$P_1V - P_2V = (mgh_2 - mgh_1) + (\frac{1}{2} mv_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} mv_1^2)$$

$$P_1V + mgh_1 + \frac{1}{2} mv_1^2 = P_2V + mgh_2 + \frac{1}{2} mv_2^2$$

$$P_1V/V + m/V gh_1 + \frac{1}{2} m/V v_1^2 = P_2V/V + m/V gh_2 + \frac{1}{2} m/V v_2^2$$

$$P_1 + \rho gh_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = P_2 + \rho gh_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2$$

Since subscripts 1 and 2 refer to any location on the pipeline, we can write in general

$$P + \rho gh + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \text{constant}$$

The above equation is called Bernoulli's equation for steady non-viscous incompressible flow. Dividing the above equation by ρgh we can rewrite the above equation as

$$h + \frac{v^2}{2g} + \frac{P}{\rho g} = \text{constant, which is called total head}$$

Term h is called elevation head or gravitational head

$$\frac{v^2}{2g} \text{ is called velocity head}$$

$$\frac{P}{\rho g} \text{ is called pressure head}$$

Above equation indicates for **ideal liquid velocity increases when pressure decreases and vice-versa**

Q) A vertical tube of diameter 4mm at the bottom has a water passing through it. If the pressure be atmospheric at the bottom where the water emerges at the rate of 800gm per minute, what is the pressure at a point in the tube 5cm above the bottom where the diameter is 3mm

Solution

Rate of flow of water = 800 gm/min = (40/3)gm/sec

Now mass of water per sec = velocity $\times$ area $\times$ density

$$40/3 = V_1 \times [\pi (0.2)^2] \times 1$$

$$V_1 = (333.33/\pi) \text{ cm/sec}$$

Now $A_1V_1 = A_2V_2$ Thus

$$V_2 = (4/3)V_1 \quad V_2 = (444.44/\pi) \text{ cm/sec is the velocity at height 25cm}$$

Now P_1 = atmospheric pressure = 1.01×10^7 dyne

Now from Bernoulli's equation

$$P_1 + \rho gh_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = P_2 + \rho gh_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2$$

$$1.01 \times 10^6 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} (333.33 \pi)^2 = P_2 + 1 \times 981 \times 25 + \frac{1}{2} (444.44 \pi)^2$$

On solving $P_2 = 0.98 \times 10^6$ dyne

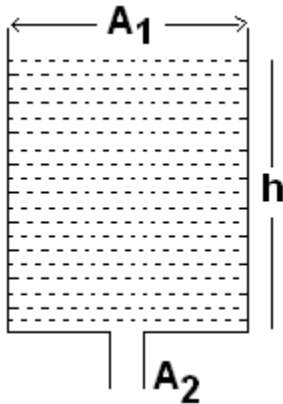
Now pressure = $h\rho_0g$ here ρ_0 is density of mercury = 13.6 in cgs system

$$0.98 \times 10^6 = h \times 980 \times 13.6$$

$$H = 73.5 \text{ cm of Hg}$$

Speed of Efflux

As shown in figure a tank of cross-sectional area A_1 , filled to a depth h with a liquid of density ρ . There is a hole of cross-section area A_2 at the bottom and the liquid flows out



of the tank through the hole $A_2 \ll A_1$. Let v_1 and v_2 be the speeds of the liquid at A_1 and A_2 . As both the cross sections are opened to the atmosphere, the pressure there equals to atmospheric pressure P_0 . If the height of the free surface above the hole is h , Bernoulli's equation gives

$$P_0 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + \rho gh = P_0 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2$$

By the equation of continuity, $A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$

$$P_0 + \frac{1}{2} \rho \left(\frac{A_2}{A_1} \right)^2 v_2^2 + \rho gh = P_0 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2$$

$$\left[1 - \left(\frac{A_2}{A_1} \right)^2 \right] v_2^2 = 2gh$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{2gh / \left[1 - \left(\frac{A_2}{A_1} \right)^2 \right]}$$

If $A_2 \ll A_1$, the equation reduces to $v_2 = \sqrt{2gh}$. The speed of efflux is the same as the speed a body that would acquire in falling freely through a height h . This is known as Torricelli's theorem