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*To all students, with the hope of stimulating their desire to explore our marvelous world, of which fluid mechanics is a small but fascinating part. And to our wives Zehra and Suzy for their unending support.*

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# P R E F A C E

## BACKGROUND

Fluid mechanics is an exciting and fascinating subject with unlimited practical applications ranging from microscopic biological systems to automobiles, airplanes, and spacecraft propulsion. Fluid mechanics has also historically been one of the most challenging subjects for undergraduate students because proper analysis of fluid mechanics problems requires not only knowledge of the concepts but also physical intuition and experience. Our hope is that this book, through its careful explanations of concepts and its use of numerous practical examples, sketches, figures, and photographs, bridges the gap between knowledge and the proper application of that knowledge.

Fluid mechanics is a mature subject; the basic equations and approximations are well established and can be found in any introductory textbook. Our book is distinguished from other introductory books because we present the subject in a *progressive order* from simple to more difficult, building each chapter upon foundations laid down in earlier chapters. We provide more diagrams and photographs than other books because fluid mechanics is, by its nature, a highly visual subject. Only by illustrating the concepts discussed, can students fully appreciate the mathematical significance of the material.

## OBJECTIVES

This book has been written for the first fluid mechanics course for undergraduate engineering students. There is sufficient material for a two-course sequence, if desired. We assume that readers will have an adequate background in calculus, physics, engineering mechanics, and thermodynamics. The objectives of this text are

- To present the *basic principles and equations* of fluid mechanics.
- To show numerous and diverse real-world *engineering examples* to give the student the intuition necessary for correct application of fluid mechanics principles in engineering applications.
- To develop an *intuitive understanding* of fluid mechanics by emphasizing the physics, and reinforcing that understanding through illustrative figures and photographs.

The book contains enough material to allow considerable flexibility in teaching the course. Aeronautics and aerospace engineers might emphasize potential flow, drag and lift, compressible flow, turbomachinery, and CFD, while mechanical or civil engineering instructors might choose to emphasize pipe flows and open-channel flows, respectively.

## NEW TO THE FOURTH EDITION

All the popular features of the previous editions have been retained while new ones have been added. The main body of the text remains largely unchanged. A noticeable change is the addition of a number of exciting new pictures throughout the book.



Four new subsections have been added: “Uniform versus Nonuniform Flow” and “Equation Solvers” to Chap. 1, “Flying in Nature” by guest author Azar Eslam Panah of Penn State Berks to Chap. 11, and “CFD Methods for Two-Phase Flows” by guest author Alex Rattner of Penn State to Chap. 15. In Chap. 8, we now highlight the explicit Churchill equation as an alternative to the implicit Colebrook equation.

Two new Application Spotlights, have been added: “Smelling Food; the Human Airway” by Rui Ni of Penn State, to Chap. 4, and “Multicolor Particle Shadow Velocimetry/Accelerometry” by Michael McPhail and Michael Krane of Penn State to Chap. 8.

A large number of the end-of-chapter problems in the text have been modified and many problems were replaced by new ones. Also, several of the solved example problems have been replaced.

## PHILOSOPHY AND GOAL

The Fourth Edition of *Fluid Mechanics: Fundamentals and Applications* has the same goals and philosophy as the other texts by lead author Yunus Çengel.

- Communicates directly with tomorrow’s engineers in a *simple yet precise* manner
- Leads students toward a clear understanding and firm grasp of the *basic principles* of fluid mechanics
- Encourages creative thinking and development of a *deeper understanding* and *intuitive feel* for fluid mechanics
- Is read by students with *interest* and *enthusiasm* rather than merely as a guide to solve homework problems

The best way to learn is by practice. Special effort is made throughout the book to reinforce the material that was presented earlier (in each chapter as well as in material from previous chapters). Many of the illustrated example problems and end-of-chapter problems are comprehensive and encourage students to review and revisit concepts and intuitions gained previously.

Throughout the book, we show examples generated by computational fluid dynamics (CFD). We also provide an introductory chapter on the subject. Our goal is not to teach the details about numerical algorithms associated with CFD—this is more properly presented in a separate course. Rather, our intent is to introduce undergraduate students to the capabilities and limitations of CFD as an *engineering tool*. We use CFD solutions in much the same way as experimental results are used from wind tunnel tests (i.e., to reinforce understanding of the physics of fluid flows and to provide quality flow visualizations that help explain fluid behavior). With dozens of CFD end-of-chapter problems posted on the website, instructors have ample opportunity to introduce the basics of CFD throughout the course.

## CONTENT AND ORGANIZATION

This book is organized into 15 chapters beginning with fundamental concepts of fluids, fluid properties, and fluid flows and ending with an introduction to computational fluid dynamics.

- Chapter 1 provides a basic introduction to fluids, classifications of fluid flow, control volume versus system formulations, dimensions, units, significant digits, and problem-solving techniques.

- Chapter 2 is devoted to fluid properties such as density, vapor pressure, specific heats, speed of sound, viscosity, and surface tension.
- Chapter 3 deals with fluid statics and pressure, including manometers and barometers, hydrostatic forces on submerged surfaces, buoyancy and stability, and fluids in rigid-body motion.
- Chapter 4 covers topics related to fluid kinematics, such as the differences between Lagrangian and Eulerian descriptions of fluid flows, flow patterns, flow visualization, vorticity and rotationality, and the Reynolds transport theorem.
- Chapter 5 introduces the fundamental conservation laws of mass, momentum, and energy, with emphasis on the proper use of the mass, Bernoulli, and energy equations and the engineering applications of these equations.
- Chapter 6 applies the Reynolds transport theorem to linear momentum and angular momentum and emphasizes practical engineering applications of finite control volume momentum analysis.
- Chapter 7 reinforces the concept of dimensional homogeneity and introduces the Buckingham Pi theorem of dimensional analysis, dynamic similarity, and the method of repeating variables—material that is useful throughout the rest of the book and in many disciplines in science and engineering.
- Chapter 8 is devoted to flow in pipes and ducts. We discuss the differences between laminar and turbulent flow, friction losses in pipes and ducts, and minor losses in piping networks. We also explain how to properly select a pump or fan to match a piping network. Finally, we discuss various experimental devices that are used to measure flow rate and velocity, and provide a brief introduction to biofluid mechanics.
- Chapter 9 deals with differential analysis of fluid flow and includes derivation and application of the continuity equation, the Cauchy equation, and the Navier–Stokes equation. We also introduce the stream function and describe its usefulness in analysis of fluid flows, and we provide a brief introduction to biofluids. Finally, we point out some of the unique aspects of differential analysis related to biofluid mechanics.
- Chapter 10 discusses several *approximations* of the Navier–Stokes equation and provides example solutions for each approximation, including creeping flow, inviscid flow, irrotational (potential) flow, and boundary layers.
- Chapter 11 covers forces on living and non-living bodies (drag and lift), explaining the distinction between friction and pressure drag, and providing drag coefficients for many common geometries. This chapter emphasizes the practical application of wind tunnel measurements coupled with dynamic similarity and dimensional analysis concepts introduced earlier in Chap. 7.
- Chapter 12 extends fluid flow analysis to compressible flow, where the behavior of gases is greatly affected by the Mach number. In this chapter, the concepts of expansion waves, normal and oblique shock waves, and choked flow are introduced.
- Chapter 13 deals with open-channel flow and some of the unique features associated with the flow of liquids with a free surface, such as surface waves and hydraulic jumps.

- Chapter 14 examines turbomachinery in more detail, including pumps, fans, and turbines. An emphasis is placed on how pumps and turbines work, rather than on their detailed design. We also discuss overall pump and turbine design, based on dynamic similarity laws and simplified velocity vector analyses.
- Chapter 15 describes the fundamental concepts of computational fluid dynamics (CFD) and shows students how to use commercial CFD codes as tools to solve complex fluid mechanics problems. We emphasize the *application* of CFD rather than the algorithms used in CFD codes.

Each chapter contains a wealth of end-of-chapter homework problems. A comprehensive set of appendices is provided, giving the thermodynamic and fluid properties of several materials, in addition to air and water, along with some useful plots and tables. Many of the end-of-chapter problems require the use of material properties from the appendices to enhance the realism of the problems.

## LEARNING TOOLS

### EMPHASIS ON PHYSICS

A distinctive feature of this book is its emphasis on the physical aspects of the subject matter in addition to mathematical representations and manipulations. The authors believe that the emphasis in undergraduate education should remain on *developing a sense of underlying physical mechanisms* and a *mastery of solving practical problems* that an engineer is likely to face in the real world. Developing an intuitive understanding should also make the course a more motivating and worthwhile experience for the students.

### EFFECTIVE USE OF ASSOCIATION

An observant mind should have no difficulty understanding engineering sciences. After all, the principles of engineering sciences are based on our *everyday experiences* and *experimental observations*. Therefore, a physical, intuitive approach is used throughout this text. Frequently, *parallels are drawn* between the subject matter and students' everyday experiences so that they can relate the subject matter to what they already know.

### SELF-INSTRUCTING

The material in the text is introduced at a level that an average student can follow comfortably. It speaks *to* students, not *over* students. In fact, it is *self-instructive*. Noting that the principles of science are based on experimental observations, most of the derivations in this text are largely based on physical arguments, and thus they are easy to follow and understand.

### EXTENSIVE USE OF ARTWORK AND PHOTOGRAPHS


Figures are important learning tools that help the students “get the picture,” and the text makes effective use of graphics. It contains more figures, photographs, and illustrations than any other book in this category. Figures attract attention and stimulate curiosity and interest. Most of the figures in this text

are intended to serve as a means of emphasizing some key concepts that would otherwise go unnoticed; some serve as page summaries.

## NUMEROUS WORKED-OUT EXAMPLES

All chapters contain numerous worked-out *examples* that both clarify the material and illustrate the use of basic principles in a context that helps develop the student's intuition. An *intuitive* and *systematic* approach is used in the solution of all example problems. The solution methodology starts with a statement of the problem, and all objectives are identified. The assumptions and approximations are then stated together with their justifications. Any properties needed to solve the problem are listed separately. Numerical values are used together with numbers to emphasize that without units, numbers are meaningless. The significance of each example's result is discussed following the solution. This methodical approach is also followed and provided in the solutions to the end-of-chapter problems, available to instructors.

## A WEALTH OF REALISTIC END-OF-CHAPTER PROBLEMS

The end-of-chapter problems are grouped under specific topics to make problem selection easier for both instructors and students. Within each group of problems are *Concept Questions*, indicated by "C," to check the students' level of understanding of basic concepts. Problems under *Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam Problems* are designed to help students prepare for the *Fundamentals of Engineering* exam, as they prepare for their Professional Engineering license. The problems under *Review Problems* are more comprehensive in nature and are not directly tied to any specific section of a chapter—in some cases they require review of material learned in previous chapters. Problems designated as *Design and Essay* are intended to encourage students to make engineering judgments, to conduct independent exploration of topics of interest, and to communicate their findings in a professional manner. Problems with the  icon are comprehensive in nature and are intended to be solved with a computer, using appropriate software. Several economics- and safety-related problems are incorporated throughout to enhance cost and safety awareness among engineering students. Answers to selected problems are listed immediately following the problem for convenience to students.

## USE OF COMMON NOTATION

The use of different notation for the same quantities in different engineering courses has long been a source of discontent and confusion. A student taking both fluid mechanics and heat transfer, for example, has to use the notation  $Q$  for volume flow rate in one course, and for heat transfer in the other. The need to unify notation in engineering education has often been raised, even in some reports of conferences sponsored by the National Science Foundation through Foundation Coalitions, but little effort has been made to date in this regard. For example, refer to the final report of the *Mini-Conference on Energy Stem Innovations*, May 28 and 29, 2003, University of Wisconsin. In this text we made a conscious effort to minimize this conflict by adopting the familiar thermodynamic notation  $\dot{V}$  for volume flow rate, thus reserving the notation  $Q$

for heat transfer. Also, we consistently use an overdot to denote time rate. We think that both students and instructors will appreciate this effort to promote a common notation.

## COMBINED COVERAGE OF BERNOULLI AND ENERGY EQUATIONS

The Bernoulli equation is one of the most frequently used equations in fluid mechanics, but it is also one of the most misused. Therefore, it is important to emphasize the limitations on the use of this idealized equation and to show how to properly account for imperfections and irreversible losses. In Chap. 5, we do this by introducing the energy equation right after the Bernoulli equation and demonstrating how the solutions of many practical engineering problems differ from those obtained using the Bernoulli equation. This helps students develop a realistic view of the Bernoulli equation.

## A SEPARATE CHAPTER ON CFD

Commercial *Computational Fluid Dynamics* (CFD) codes are widely used in engineering practice in the design and analysis of flow systems, and it has become exceedingly important for engineers to have a solid understanding of the fundamental aspects, capabilities, and limitations of CFD. Recognizing that most undergraduate engineering curriculums do not have room for a full course on CFD, a separate chapter is included here to make up for this deficiency and to equip students with an adequate background on the strengths and weaknesses of CFD.



## APPLICATION SPOTLIGHTS

Throughout the book are highlighted examples called *Application Spotlights* where a real-world application of fluid mechanics is shown. A unique feature of these special examples is that they are written by *guest authors*. The Application Spotlights are designed to show students how fluid mechanics has diverse applications in a wide variety of fields. They also include eye-catching photographs from the guest authors' research.

## CONVERSION FACTORS

Frequently used conversion factors, physical constants, and properties of air and water at 20°C and atmospheric pressure are listed at the very end of the book for easy reference.

## NOMENCLATURE

A list of the major symbols, subscripts, and superscripts used in the text is provided near the end of the book for easy reference.

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Your home page for teaching fluid mechanics, the *Fluid Mechanics: Fundamentals and Applications* text-specific website is password protected and offers resources for instructors.

- **Electronic Solutions Manual**—provides PDF files with detailed typed solutions to all text homework problems.
- **Lecture Slides**—provide PowerPoint lecture slides for all chapters.

# INTRODUCTION AND BASIC CONCEPTS

In this introductory chapter, we present the basic concepts commonly used in the analysis of fluid flow. We start this chapter with a discussion of the phases of matter and the numerous ways of classification of fluid flow, such as *viscous versus inviscid regions of flow*, *internal versus external flow*, *compressible versus incompressible flow*, *laminar versus turbulent flow*, *natural versus forced flow*, and *steady versus unsteady flow*. We also discuss the *no-slip condition* at solid–fluid interfaces and present a brief history of the development of fluid mechanics.

After presenting the concepts of *system* and *control volume*, we review the *unit systems* that will be used. We then discuss how mathematical models for engineering problems are prepared and how to interpret the results obtained from the analysis of such models. This is followed by a presentation of an intuitive systematic *problem-solving technique* that can be used as a model in solving engineering problems. Finally, we discuss accuracy, precision, and significant digits in engineering measurements and calculations.



## OBJECTIVES

When you finish reading this chapter, you should be able to

- Understand the basic concepts of fluid mechanics
- Recognize the various types of fluid flow problems encountered in practice
- Model engineering problems and solve them in a systematic manner
- Have a working knowledge of accuracy, precision, and significant digits, and recognize the importance of dimensional homogeneity in engineering calculations

Schlieren image showing the thermal plume produced by Professor Cimbala as he welcomes you to the fascinating world of fluid mechanics.

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**FIGURE 1-1**

Fluid mechanics deals with liquids and gases in motion or at rest.

## 1-1 ■ INTRODUCTION

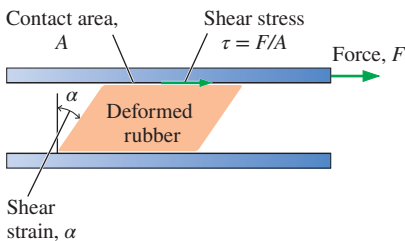
**Mechanics** is the oldest physical science that deals with both stationary and moving bodies under the influence of forces. The branch of mechanics that deals with bodies at rest is called **statics**, while the branch that deals with bodies in motion under the action of forces is called **dynamics**. The subcategory **fluid mechanics** is defined as the science that deals with the behavior of fluids at rest (*fluid statics*) or in motion (*fluid dynamics*), and the interaction of fluids with solids or other fluids at the boundaries. Fluid mechanics is also referred to as **fluid dynamics** by considering fluids at rest as a special case of motion with zero velocity (Fig. 1-1).

Fluid mechanics itself is also divided into several categories. The study of the motion of fluids that can be approximated as incompressible (such as liquids, especially water, and gases at low speeds) is usually referred to as **hydrodynamics**. A subcategory of hydrodynamics is **hydraulics**, which deals with liquid flows in pipes and open channels. **Gas dynamics** deals with the flow of fluids that undergo significant density changes, such as the flow of gases through nozzles at high speeds. The category **aerodynamics** deals with the flow of gases (especially air) over bodies such as aircraft, rockets, and automobiles at high or low speeds. Some other specialized categories such as **meteorology**, **oceanography**, and **hydrology** deal with naturally occurring flows.

### What Is a Fluid?

You will recall from physics that a substance exists in three primary phases: solid, liquid, and gas. (At very high temperatures, it also exists as plasma.) A substance in the liquid or gas phase is referred to as a **fluid**. Distinction between a solid and a fluid is made on the basis of the substance's ability to resist an applied shear (or tangential) stress that tends to change its shape. A solid can resist an applied shear stress by deforming, whereas *a fluid deforms continuously under the influence of a shear stress, no matter how small*. In solids, stress is proportional to *strain*, but in fluids, stress is proportional to *strain rate*. When a constant shear force is applied, a solid eventually stops deforming at some fixed strain angle, whereas a fluid never stops deforming and approaches a constant *rate* of strain.

Consider a rectangular rubber block tightly placed between two plates. As the upper plate is pulled with a force  $F$  while the lower plate is held fixed, the rubber block deforms, as shown in Fig. 1-2. The angle of deformation  $\alpha$  (called the *shear strain* or *angular displacement*) increases in proportion to the applied force  $F$ . Assuming there is no slip between the rubber and the plates, the upper surface of the rubber is displaced by an amount equal to the displacement of the upper plate while the lower surface remains stationary. In equilibrium, the net force acting on the upper plate in the horizontal direction must be zero, and thus a force equal and opposite to  $F$  must be acting on the plate. This opposing force that develops at the plate-rubber interface due to friction is expressed as  $F = \tau A$ , where  $\tau$  is the shear stress and  $A$  is the contact area between the upper plate and the rubber. When the force is removed, the rubber returns to its original position. This phenomenon would also be observed with other solids such as a steel block provided that the applied force does not exceed the elastic range. If this experiment were repeated with a fluid (with two large parallel plates placed in a large



**FIGURE 1-2**

Deformation of a rubber block placed between two parallel plates under the influence of a shear force. The shear stress shown is that on the rubber—an equal but opposite shear stress acts on the upper plate.

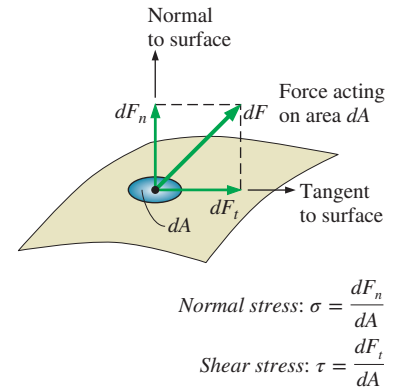
body of water, for example), the fluid layer in contact with the upper plate would move with the plate continuously at the velocity of the plate no matter how small the force  $F$ . The fluid velocity would decrease with depth because of friction between fluid layers, reaching zero at the lower plate.

You will recall from statics that **stress** is defined as force per unit area and is determined by dividing the force by the area upon which it acts. The normal component of a force acting on a surface per unit area is called the **normal stress**, and the tangential component of a force acting on a surface per unit area is called **shear stress** (Fig. 1–3). In a fluid at rest, the normal stress is called **pressure**. A fluid at rest is at a state of zero shear stress. When the walls are removed or a liquid container is tilted, a shear develops as the liquid moves to re-establish a horizontal free surface.

In a liquid, groups of molecules can move relative to each other, but the volume remains relatively constant because of the strong cohesive forces between the molecules. As a result, a liquid takes the shape of the container it is in, and it forms a free surface in a larger container in a gravitational field. A gas, on the other hand, expands until it encounters the walls of the container and fills the entire available space. This is because the gas molecules are widely spaced, and the cohesive forces between them are very small. Unlike liquids, a gas in an open container cannot form a free surface (Fig. 1–4).

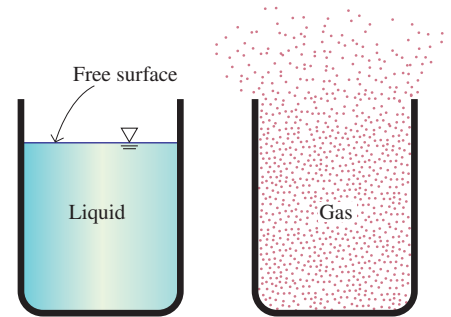
Although solids and fluids are easily distinguished in most cases, this distinction is not so clear in some borderline cases. For example, *asphalt* appears and behaves as a solid since it resists shear stress for short periods of time. When these forces are exerted over extended periods of time, however, the asphalt deforms slowly, behaving as a fluid. Some plastics, lead, and slurry mixtures exhibit similar behavior. Such borderline cases are beyond the scope of this text. The fluids we deal with in this text will be clearly recognizable as fluids.

Intermolecular bonds are strongest in solids and weakest in gases. One reason is that molecules in solids are closely packed together, whereas in gases they are separated by relatively large distances (Fig. 1–5). The molecules in a solid are arranged in a pattern that is repeated throughout. Because of the small distances between molecules in a solid, the attractive forces of molecules on each other are large and keep the molecules at fixed positions. The molecular spacing in the liquid phase is not much different from that of



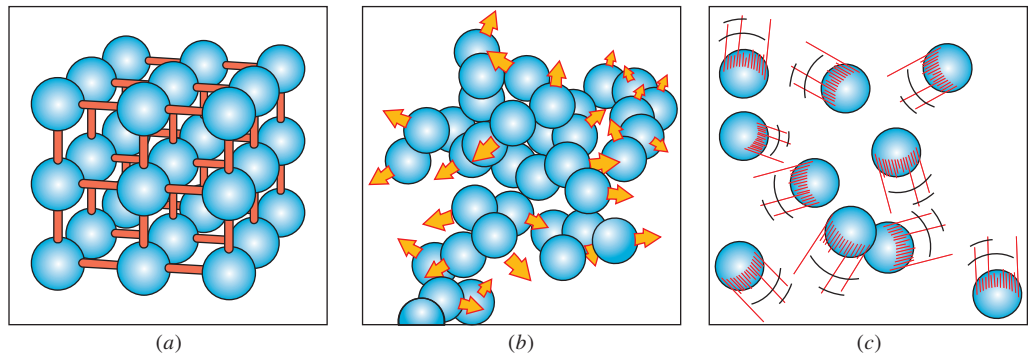
**FIGURE 1–3**

The normal stress and shear stress at the surface of a fluid element. For fluids at rest, the shear stress is zero and pressure is the only normal stress.



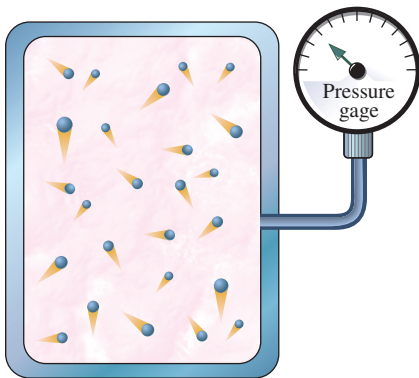
**FIGURE 1–4**

Unlike a liquid, a gas does not form a free surface, and it expands to fill the entire available space.

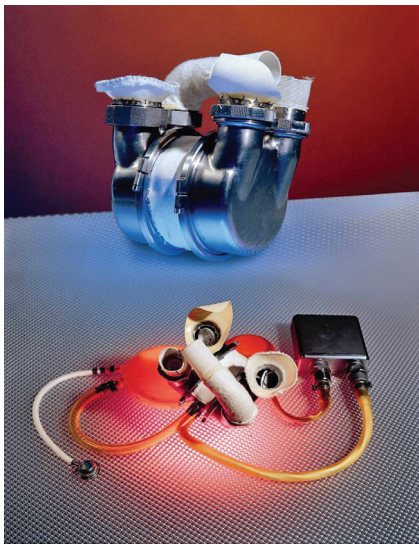


**FIGURE 1–5**

The arrangement of atoms in different phases: (a) molecules are at relatively fixed positions in a solid, (b) groups of molecules move about each other in the liquid phase, and (c) individual molecules move about at random in the gas phase.

**FIGURE 1-6**

On a microscopic scale, pressure is determined by the interaction of individual gas molecules. However, we can measure the pressure on a macroscopic scale with a pressure gage.

**FIGURE 1-7**

Fluid dynamics is used extensively in the design of artificial hearts. Shown here is the Penn State Electric Total Artificial Heart.

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the solid phase, except the molecules are no longer at fixed positions relative to each other and they can rotate and translate freely. In a liquid, the intermolecular forces are weaker relative to solids, but still strong compared with gases. The distances between molecules generally increase slightly as a solid turns liquid, with water being a notable exception.

In the gas phase, the molecules are far apart from each other, and molecular ordering is nonexistent. Gas molecules move about at random, continually colliding with each other and the walls of the container in which they are confined. Particularly at low densities, the intermolecular forces are very small, and collisions are the only mode of interaction between the molecules. Molecules in the gas phase are at a considerably higher energy level than they are in the liquid or solid phase. Therefore, the gas must release a large amount of its energy before it can condense or freeze.

*Gas* and *vapor* are often used as synonymous words. The vapor phase of a substance is customarily called a *gas* when it is above the critical temperature. *Vapor* usually implies that the current phase is not far from a state of condensation.

Any practical fluid system consists of a large number of molecules, and the properties of the system naturally depend on the behavior of these molecules. For example, the pressure of a gas in a container is the result of momentum transfer between the molecules and the walls of the container. However, one does not need to know the behavior of the gas molecules to determine the pressure in the container. It is sufficient to attach a pressure gage to the container (Fig. 1-6). This macroscopic or *classical* approach does not require a knowledge of the behavior of individual molecules and provides a direct and easy way to analyze engineering problems. The more elaborate microscopic or *statistical* approach, based on the average behavior of large groups of individual molecules, is rather involved and is used in this text only in a supporting role.

## Application Areas of Fluid Mechanics

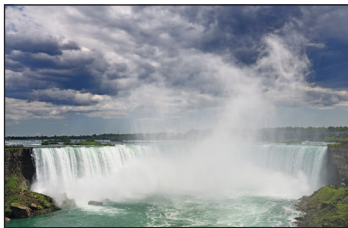
It is important to develop a good understanding of the basic principles of fluid mechanics, since fluid mechanics is widely used both in everyday activities and in the design of modern engineering systems from vacuum cleaners to supersonic aircraft. For example, fluid mechanics plays a vital role in the human body. The heart is constantly pumping blood to all parts of the human body through the arteries and veins, and the lungs are the sites of airflow in alternating directions. All artificial hearts, breathing machines, and dialysis systems are designed using fluid dynamics (Fig. 1-7).

An ordinary house is, in some respects, an exhibition hall filled with applications of fluid mechanics. The piping systems for water, natural gas, and sewage for an individual house and the entire city are designed primarily on the basis of fluid mechanics. The same is also true for the piping and ducting network of heating and air-conditioning systems. A refrigerator involves tubes through which the refrigerant flows, a compressor that pressurizes the refrigerant, and two heat exchangers where the refrigerant absorbs and rejects heat. Fluid mechanics plays a major role in the design of all these components. Even the operation of ordinary faucets is based on fluid mechanics.

We can also see numerous applications of fluid mechanics in an automobile. All components associated with the transportation of the fuel from the fuel tank to the cylinders—the fuel line, fuel pump, and fuel injectors or

carburetors—as well as the mixing of the fuel and the air in the cylinders and the purging of combustion gases in exhaust pipes—are analyzed using fluid mechanics. Fluid mechanics is also used in the design of the heating and air-conditioning system, the hydraulic brakes, the power steering, the automatic transmission, the lubrication systems, the cooling system of the engine block including the radiator and the water pump, and even the tires. The sleek streamlined shape of recent model cars is the result of efforts to minimize drag by using extensive analysis of flow over surfaces.

On a broader scale, fluid mechanics plays a major part in the design and analysis of aircraft, boats, submarines, rockets, jet engines, wind turbines, biomedical devices, cooling systems for electronic components, and transportation systems for moving water, crude oil, and natural gas. It is also considered in the design of buildings, bridges, and even billboards to make sure that the structures can withstand wind loading. Numerous natural phenomena such as the rain cycle, weather patterns, the rise of ground water to the tops of trees, winds, ocean waves, and currents in large water bodies are also governed by the principles of fluid mechanics (Fig. 1–8).



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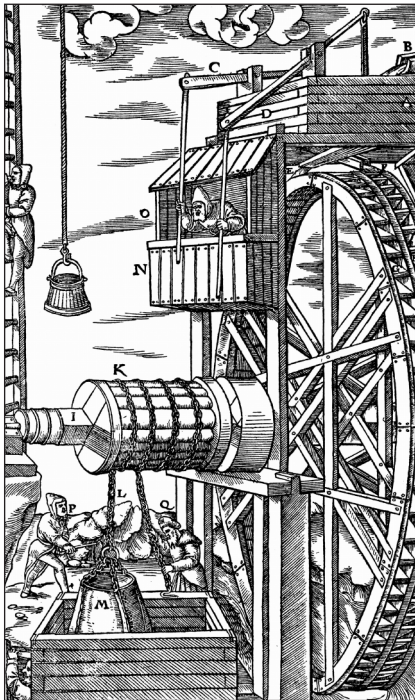
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**FIGURE 1–8**  
Some application areas of fluid mechanics.

**FIGURE 1-9**

Segment of Pergamon pipeline. Each clay pipe section was 13 to 18 cm in diameter.

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**FIGURE 1-10**

A mine hoist powered by a reversible water wheel.

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## 1-2 ■ A BRIEF HISTORY OF FLUID MECHANICS<sup>1</sup>

One of the first engineering problems humankind faced as cities were developed was the supply of water for domestic use and irrigation of crops. Our urban lifestyles can be retained only with abundant water, and it is clear from archeology that every successful civilization of prehistory invested in the construction and maintenance of water systems. The Roman aqueducts, some of which are still in use, are the best known examples. However, perhaps the most impressive engineering from a technical viewpoint was done at the Hellenistic city of Pergamon in present-day Turkey. There, from 283 to 133 BC, they built a series of pressurized lead and clay pipelines (Fig. 1-9), up to 45 km long that operated at pressures exceeding 1.7 MPa (180 m of head). Unfortunately, the names of almost all these early builders are lost to history.

The earliest recognized contribution to fluid mechanics theory was made by the Greek mathematician Archimedes (285–212 BC). He formulated and applied the buoyancy principle in history's first nondestructive test to determine the gold content of the crown of King Hiero II. The Romans built great aqueducts and educated many conquered people on the benefits of clean water, but overall had a poor understanding of fluids theory. (Perhaps they shouldn't have killed Archimedes when they sacked Syracuse.)

During the Middle Ages, the application of fluid machinery slowly but steadily expanded. Elegant piston pumps were developed for dewatering mines, and the watermill and windmill were perfected to grind grain, forge metal, and for other tasks. For the first time in recorded human history, significant work was being done without the power of a muscle supplied by a person or animal, and these inventions are generally credited with enabling the later industrial revolution. Again the creators of most of the progress are unknown, but the devices themselves were well documented by several technical writers such as Georgius Agricola (Fig. 1-10).

The Renaissance brought continued development of fluid systems and machines, but more importantly, the scientific method was perfected and adopted throughout Europe. Simon Stevin (1548–1617), Galileo Galilei (1564–1642), Edme Mariotte (1620–1684), and Evangelista Torricelli (1608–1647) were among the first to apply the method to fluids as they investigated hydrostatic pressure distributions and vacuums. That work was integrated and refined by the brilliant mathematician and philosopher, Blaise Pascal (1623–1662). The Italian monk, Benedetto Castelli (1577–1644) was the first person to publish a statement of the continuity principle for fluids. Besides formulating his equations of motion for solids, Sir Isaac Newton (1643–1727) applied his laws to fluids and explored fluid inertia and resistance, free jets, and viscosity. That effort was built upon by Daniel Bernoulli (1700–1782), a Swiss, and his associate Leonard Euler (1707–1783). Together, their work defined the energy and momentum equations. Bernoulli's 1738 classic treatise *Hydrodynamica* may be considered the first fluid mechanics text. Finally, Jean d'Alembert (1717–1789) developed the idea of velocity and acceleration components, a differential expression of

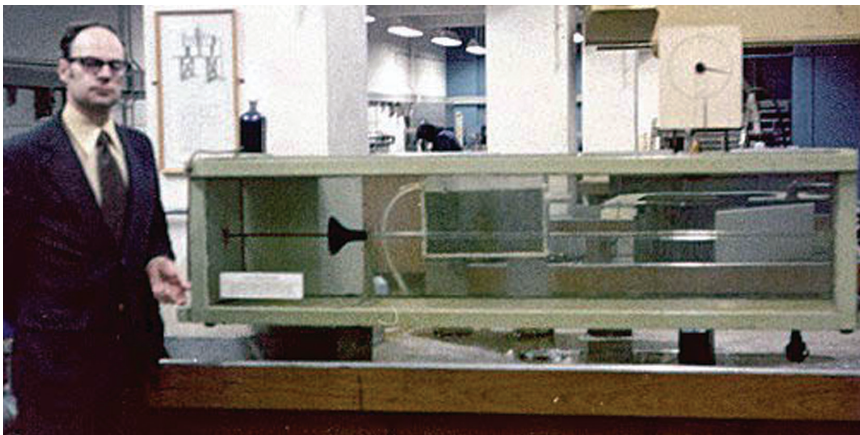
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continuity, and his “paradox” of zero resistance to steady uniform motion over a body.

The development of fluid mechanics theory through the end of the eighteenth century had little impact on engineering since fluid properties and parameters were poorly quantified, and most theories were abstractions that could not be quantified for design purposes. That was to change with the development of the French school of engineering led by Riche de Prony (1755–1839). Prony (still known for his brake to measure shaft power) and his associates in Paris at the *École Polytechnique* and the *École des Ponts et Chaussées* were the first to integrate calculus and scientific theory into the engineering curriculum, which became the model for the rest of the world. (So now you know whom to blame for your painful freshman year.) Antonie Chezy (1718–1798), Louis Navier (1785–1836), Gaspard Coriolis (1792–1843), Henry Darcy (1803–1858), and many other contributors to fluid engineering and theory were students and/or instructors at the schools.

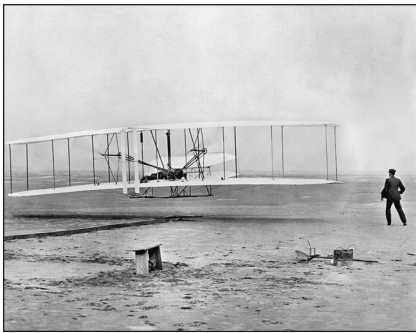
By the mid nineteenth century, fundamental advances were coming on several fronts. The physician Jean Poiseuille (1799–1869) had accurately measured flow in capillary tubes for multiple fluids, while in Germany Gotthilf Hagen (1797–1884) had differentiated between laminar and turbulent flow in pipes. In England, Lord Osborne Reynolds (1842–1912) continued that work (Fig. 1–11) and developed the dimensionless number that bears his name. Similarly, in parallel to the early work of Navier, George Stokes (1819–1903) completed the general equation of fluid motion (with friction) that takes their names. William Froude (1810–1879) almost single-handedly developed the procedures and proved the value of physical model testing. American expertise had become equal to the Europeans as demonstrated by James Francis’ (1815–1892) and Lester Pelton’s (1829–1908) pioneering work in turbines and Clemens Herschel’s (1842–1930) invention of the Venturi meter.

In addition to Reynolds and Stokes, many notable contributions were made to fluid theory in the late nineteenth century by Irish and English scientists, including William Thomson, Lord Kelvin (1824–1907), William Strutt, Lord Rayleigh (1842–1919), and Sir Horace Lamb (1849–1934). These individuals investigated a large number of problems, including dimensional analysis, irrotational flow, vortex motion, cavitation, and waves. In a broader sense,



**FIGURE 1–11**  
Osborne Reynolds’ original apparatus for demonstrating the onset of turbulence in pipes, being operated by John Lienhard at the University of Manchester in 1975.

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**FIGURE 1-12**

The Wright brothers take flight at Kitty Hawk.

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**FIGURE 1-13**

Old and new wind turbine technologies north of Woodward, OK. The modern turbines have up to 8 MW capacities.

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their work also explored the links between fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, and heat transfer.

The dawn of the twentieth century brought two monumental developments. First, in 1903, the self-taught Wright brothers (Wilbur, 1867–1912; Orville, 1871–1948) invented the airplane through application of theory and determined experimentation. Their primitive invention was complete and contained all the major aspects of modern aircraft (Fig. 1–12). The Navier–Stokes equations were of little use up to this time because they were too difficult to solve. In a pioneering paper in 1904, the German Ludwig Prandtl (1875–1953) showed that fluid flows can be divided into a layer near the walls, the *boundary layer*, where the friction effects are significant, and an outer layer where such effects are negligible and the simplified Euler and Bernoulli equations are applicable. His students, Theodor von Kármán (1881–1963), Paul Blasius (1883–1970), Johann Nikuradse (1894–1979), and others, built on that theory in both hydraulic and aerodynamic applications. (During World War II, both sides benefited from the theory as Prandtl remained in Germany while his best student, the Hungarian-born von Kármán, worked in America.)

The mid twentieth century could be considered a golden age of fluid mechanics applications. Existing theories were adequate for the tasks at hand, and fluid properties and parameters were well defined. These supported a huge expansion of the aeronautical, chemical, industrial, and water resources sectors; each of which pushed fluid mechanics in new directions. Fluid mechanics research and work in the late twentieth century were dominated by the development of the digital computer in America. The ability to solve large complex problems, such as global climate modeling or the optimization of a turbine blade, has provided a benefit to our society that the eighteenth-century developers of fluid mechanics could never have imagined (Fig. 1–13). The principles presented in the following pages have been applied to flows ranging from a moment at the microscopic scale to 50 years of simulation for an entire river basin. It is truly mind-boggling.

Where will fluid mechanics go in the twenty-first century and beyond? Frankly, even a limited extrapolation beyond the present would be sheer folly. However, if history tells us anything, it is that engineers will be applying what they know to benefit society, researching what they don't know, and having a great time in the process.

### 1-3 ■ THE NO-SLIP CONDITION

Fluid flow is often confined by solid surfaces, and it is important to understand how the presence of solid surfaces affects fluid flow. We know that water in a river cannot flow through large rocks, and must go around them. That is, the water velocity normal to the rock surface must be zero, and water approaching the surface normally comes to a complete stop at the surface. What is not as obvious is that water approaching the rock at any angle also comes to a complete stop at the rock surface, and thus the tangential velocity of water at the surface is also zero.

Consider the flow of a fluid in a stationary pipe or over a solid surface that is nonporous (i.e., impermeable to the fluid). All experimental observations indicate that a fluid in motion comes to a complete stop at the surface

and assumes a zero velocity relative to the surface. That is, a fluid in direct contact with a solid “sticks” to the surface, and there is no slip. This is known as the **no-slip condition**. The fluid property responsible for the no-slip condition and the development of the boundary layer is *viscosity* and is discussed in Chap. 2.

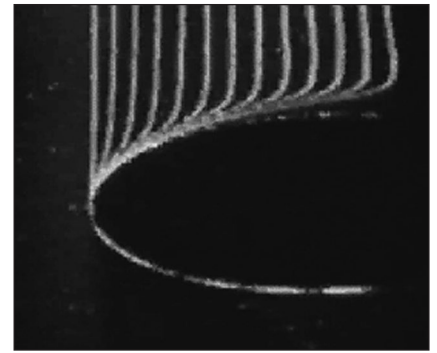
The photograph in Fig. 1–14 clearly shows the evolution of a velocity gradient as a result of the fluid sticking to the surface of a blunt nose. The layer that sticks to the surface slows the adjacent fluid layer because of viscous forces between the fluid layers, which slows the next layer, and so on. A consequence of the no-slip condition is that all velocity profiles must have zero values with respect to the surface at the points of contact between a fluid and a solid surface (Fig. 1–15). Therefore, the no-slip condition is responsible for the development of the velocity profile. The flow region adjacent to the wall in which the viscous effects (and thus the velocity gradients) are significant is called the **boundary layer**. Another consequence of the no-slip condition is the *surface drag*, or *skin friction drag*, which is the force a fluid exerts on a surface in the flow direction.

When a fluid is forced to flow over a curved surface, such as the back side of a cylinder, the boundary layer may no longer remain attached to the surface and separates from the surface—a process called **flow separation** (Fig. 1–16). We emphasize that the no-slip condition applies *everywhere* along the surface, even downstream of the separation point. Flow separation is discussed in greater detail in Chap. 9.

A phenomenon similar to the no-slip condition occurs in heat transfer. When two bodies at different temperatures are brought into contact, heat transfer occurs such that both bodies assume the same temperature at the points of contact. Therefore, a fluid and a solid surface have the same temperature at the points of contact. This is known as **no-temperature-jump condition**.

## 1–4 ■ CLASSIFICATION OF FLUID FLOWS

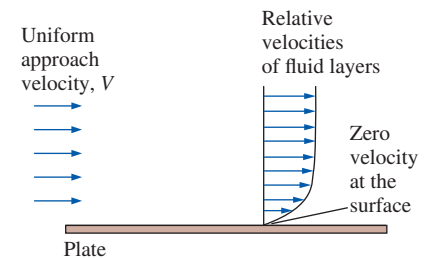
Earlier we defined *fluid mechanics* as the science that deals with the behavior of fluids at rest or in motion, and the interaction of fluids with solids or other fluids at the boundaries. There is a wide variety of fluid flow problems encountered in practice, and it is usually convenient to classify them on the basis of some common characteristics to make it feasible to study them in groups. There are many ways to classify fluid flow problems, and here we present some general categories.



**FIGURE 1–14**

The development of a velocity profile due to the no-slip condition as a fluid flows over a blunt nose.

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**FIGURE 1–15**

A fluid flowing over a stationary surface comes to a complete stop at the surface because of the no-slip condition.