Ways to express Bernoulli equation

- conservation of energy (no friction loss)

Energy per unit volume:

$$p + \gamma z + \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 = \text{constant} (\text{along streamline})$$

Energy per unit mass:

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + gz + \frac{1}{2}V^2 = \text{constant (along streamline)}$$

Energy per unit weight:

$$\frac{p}{\gamma} + z + \frac{V^2}{2g} = \text{constant (along streamline)}$$

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$$\frac{p}{\gamma}$$
 is often referred to as pressure head

- *Z* is often referred to as elevation (or potential) head
- $\frac{V^2}{2g}$ is often referred to as velocity head

Mechanical engineers often use the "energy per unit volume" form:

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γZ is often referred to as hydrostatic pressure

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 is often referred to as dynamic pressure

Pressure measurements (static, dynamic and stagnation pressure)

Consider the following closed channel flow (neglect friction):



Velocity at point 1 is the velocity of the flow: $V_1 = V$

Point 2 is at the entrance of the pitot tube where velocity is zero



To measure static pressure say at point 1 we use piezometer tube along with $p + \gamma z = constant$ across straight streamlines between pts. 1 and 4:

$$p_{1} = p_{4} + \gamma h$$

$$p_{1} = p_{atm} + \gamma h$$

$$(p_{1})_{gage} = 0 + \gamma h$$



To measure dynamic pressure say at point 1 we use pitot tube along with Bernoulli equation from point 1 to point 5:

$$p_1 + \gamma z_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_1^2 = p_5 + \gamma z_5 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_5^2$$

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 $p_{atm} = 0$ 0 γh

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho V_1^2 = \gamma \overbrace{(z_5 - z_1)}^{=H} - \gamma h = \gamma (H - h) \qquad V_1 = V$$



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Stagnation pressure at pt. 2 is:

$$p_2 = p_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_1^2 \qquad V_1 = V$$

Pressure measurements



Note that
$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2(p_2 - p_1)}{\rho}}$$

Airplanes use pitot-static tubes (a combination of piezometer and pitot tubes) to measure p_2 and p_1 and compute airplane speed using previous equation

Graphical interpretations of the energy along a pipeline may be obtained through the EGL and HGL:

$$EGL = \frac{p}{\gamma} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z$$

$$HGL = \frac{p}{\gamma} + z$$

EGL and HGL may be obtained via a pitot tube and a piezometer tube, respectively

In our discussion we will be taking atmospheric pressure equal to zero, thus we will be working with gage pressures







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Helpful hints when drawing HGL and EGL:

- 1. $EGL = HGL + V^2/2g$, EGL = HGL for V=0
- 2. If *p*=0, then *HGL*=*z*
- 3. A change in pipe diameter leads to a change in $V(V^2/2g)$ due to continuity and thus a change in distance between HGL and EGL
- 4. A change in head loss (h_L) leads to a change in slope of EGL and HGL

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Helpful hints when drawing HGL and EGL (cont.):

6. A sudden head loss due to a turbine leads to a sudden drop in EGL and HGL

7. A sudden head gain due to a pump leads to a sudden rise in EGL and HGL

8. A sudden head loss due to a submerged discharge leads to a sudden drop in EGL

Hydrostatic Paradox



Hoover Dam and Lake Mead



At Lake Mudd and Lake Mead, the depth is ~600 ft.

At Lake Mead, the horizontal thrust near the base of the dam is ~18 tons per square foot.

Here is the paradox: in both cases, the horizontal thrust on the dam is the SAME

Hydrostatic Paradox

The reason for this paradox is that the pressure depends only on the depth of the water, not on its horizontal extent:

 $p + \gamma z = const$