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A fluid is either a liquid or a gas. Air and Water are both fluids.

This experiment has four parts:

- 1. Archimedes' Principle Why things float (or not)
- 2. Venturi Tube Fluid velocity
- **3. Blood Pressure Bernoulli's equation**
- 4. Diffusion and Osmosis Fick's law

Pressure =
$$\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}}$$
 $P = \frac{F}{A}$ Units: $\frac{N}{m^2}$ = Pascal (Pa) $F = PA$

Pressure as a function of depth in a fluid: $P = P_0 + \rho gh$

 P_0 = Pressure at the top of the fluid ρ = Density of the fluid h = Depth

Archimedes' Principle: Picture a cube with sides *s* submerged in a fluid.



The force on a vertical side varies with the depth, but the forces on opposite sides cancel each other out.

 $\sum F_{x} = 0$

Pressure at the top of the cube: $P_{top} = P_0 + \rho g h$ Force: $F_{top} = P_{top}A = (P_0 + \rho gh)s^2$ Pressure at the bottom of the cube:

 $P_{bottom} = P_0 + \rho g (h+s)$

Force:

 $F_{bottom} = P_{bottom} A = (P_0 + \rho g (h+s)) s^2$

Buoyant Force:
$$F_B = F_{bottom} - F_{top}$$

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$$F_{B} = (P_{0} + \rho g (h + s))s^{2} - (P_{0} + \rho g h)s^{2}$$

$$F_{B} = (P_{0} + \rho g h + \rho g s - P_{0} - \rho g h)s^{2}$$

$$F_{B} = \rho g s^{3} = \rho g V$$

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Though this was derived for the case of a cube but it is true for any shape of the volume.





 $\rho V < m$ Sink

Note that the buoyancy force does not depend on the depth of object in the fluid.

Is it possible for a balloon filled with air to sink in water?

1) Yes

 $m_b = \text{mass of balloon and air}$ $V_b = \text{volume of the balloon}$ $\rho = \text{density of water}$ weight > buoyant force $m_b g > F_B = \rho g V_b$ $m_b g' > \rho g V_b$ 2) No

$$\begin{split} m_{b} g > \rho g V_{b} \\ m_{b} > \rho V_{b} \\ h = \frac{P_{0}}{\rho g} \left(\frac{\rho V_{o}}{m_{b}} - 1 \right) = \frac{1.013 \times 10^{5} \text{ Pa}}{\left(1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^{3}} \right) \left(9.80 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^{2}} \right)} \left(\frac{\left(1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^{3}} \right) \frac{4\pi}{3} \left(0.1 \text{ m} \right)^{3}}{0.01 \text{ kg}} - 1 \right) \\ h = 4320 \text{ m} = 2.68 \text{ mi} \end{split}$$



Cartesian Diver

Increase the pressure at the top of the column of water and the volume of air inside the diver will decrease.

Sink!

Decrease the pressure at the top of the column of water and the volume of air inside the diver will increase. Float! How much do you have to change the volume of air in the diver to make it sink?

m = mass of diver $\rho = \text{density of water} = 1.0 \text{ g/mL}$ $V_0 = \text{initial volume of air in the diver}$ Float: $\rho g V_0 > mg'$ $\rho V_0 > m$

In order for the diver to sink: $\rho(V_0 - \Delta V) < m$ ΔV = change in the volume of air in the diver

Say that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta V > V_0 - \frac{m}{\rho} \\
M = 6.0 \text{ g} \\
V_0 = 6.5 \text{ mL}
\end{aligned}$$
Then: $\Delta V > 6.5 \text{ mL} - \frac{6.0 \text{ g}}{1.0 \text{ g/mL}} > 0.5 \text{ mL}$

The Venturi Tube



Continuity Equation: $A_1v_1 = A_2v_2$

Bernoulli's Equation:
$$P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + \rho s y_1 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + \rho s y_2$$

Assume: $y_1 = y_2$ $P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2$





Basic Procedure

- 1. Measure the air pressure at the inlet and at the constriction.
- 2. Calculate the velocities at the inlet and the constriction.
- 3. Compare to the volume flow rate of the air source.

Blood Pressure

Blood pressure is generally measured on the arm at the level of the heart.

- **Systolic** Maximum pressure produced by the heart in mm-Hg.
- **Diastolic** Minimum pressure produced by the heart in mm-Hg.

$$\frac{\text{systolic}}{\text{diastolic}} = \frac{120}{80}$$

Sphygmomanometer



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Assume: $v_1 = v_2$ $P_1 + \rho g y_1 = P_2 + \rho g y_2$

Rearrange the terms:

$$P_2 - P_1 = \rho g y_1 - \rho g y_2$$

$$\Delta P = -\rho g \Delta y$$

This tells us that a positive change in height (increase) leads to a negative change in pressure (decrease).

If you measure the blood pressure of a person who is standing how does the pressure at the knee compare to the pressure at the elbow? Assume all other factors are equal.

- **1)** The pressure at the knee is lower.
- 2) The pressure at the knee is higher.
- **3)** The pressure at the knee is the same.

 Δy is negative, so ΔP is positive

How much will your blood pressure change if your arm is raised by 20 cm?

$$\frac{\text{systolic}}{\text{diastolic}} = \begin{bmatrix} 120\\ 80 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Delta P = -\rho g \Delta y$$
$$\Delta y = 0.20 \text{ m}$$
Blood: $\rho = 1060 \text{ kg/m}^3$
$$\Delta P = -(1060 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)(0.20 \text{ m})$$
$$\Delta P = -2077.6 \text{ Pa}\left(\frac{1 \text{ mm-Hg}}{133.3 \text{ Pa}}\right) = -15.59 \text{ mm-Hg}$$
$$\frac{\text{systolic}}{\text{diastolic}} = \frac{120 \text{ mm-Hg} - 16 \text{ mm-Hg}}{80 \text{ mm-Hg} - 16 \text{ mm-Hg}} = \frac{104}{64}$$

Basic Procedure

- **1. Measure your blood pressure in a normal sitting position.**
- 2. Measure your blood pressure with your arm resting on a raised platform.
- **3.** Compare the actual change in pressure to the expected change.
- 4. Measure your blood pressure with your arm raised over your head and compare to the expected result.

Diffusion and Osmosis

Solution – A fluid mixture of a **solute** dissolved in a **solvent**.

Example: Saltwater is a solution of a solute (salt) dissolved in a solvent (water).

Diffusion is the process where the solute spreads out randomly in a solvent until it is evenly distributed. Think of a drop of ink spreading out in a glass of water.

Diffusion



Osmosis is a special case of diffusion where high and low concentration solutions are separated by a **selectively permeable** membrane.

Selectively permeable means that certain molecules can pass through but not others.



For instance, a selectively permeable membrane may allow water molecules to pass through but not sugar molecules.

Fick's Law of Diffusion



 $R_{D} = \text{mass flow rate (kg/s)}$ $A = \text{cross sectional area (m^{2})}$ $\Delta C = \text{concentration difference (kg/m^{3})}$ L = membrane thickness (m) $D = \text{diffusion constant (m^{2}/s)}$

 $C = \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{volume of solution}} = \frac{m_s}{m_T / \rho} = \rho \left(\frac{m_s}{m_T}\right)$ $\rho = \text{density of the solution (kg/m^3)}$ $m_s = \text{mass of the solute (kg)}$ $m_T = \text{mass of the solution (kg)}$

A 30% sugar solution means that 30% of the solution is sugar and 70% is water.

If we have pure water on one side and a 30% sugar solution on the other, then:

Pure water:
$$C_1 = (1000 \text{ kg/m}^3) \left(\frac{0.0m_T}{m_T}\right) = 0 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

Bugar solution: $C_2 = (1000 \text{ kg/m}^3) \left(\frac{0.30m_T}{m_T}\right) = 300 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$\Delta C = C_2 - C_1 = 300 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

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In this experiment you will find the diffusion constant for a selectively permeable membrane. So we will need to rearrange Fick's law and solve for *D*.

$$D = R_D \left(\frac{L}{A\Delta C}\right)$$

Osmometer

The water will flow across the membrane into the reservoir causing the volume of the solution to increase.

The change in volume will be measured with the 1.0 mL syringe.

You will use the change in volume over time to determine the mass flow rate which you will then use to calculate the diffusion constant.



Basic Procedure

- 1. Measure the thickness *L* and the cross sectional area *A* of the membrane.
- 2. Place the sugar solution in the reservoir and cap with the membrane.
- 3. Set the osimeter upright with the membrane just below the surface of the water.
- 4. Start the stop watch.
- 5. Record the volume of water in the 1.0 mL syringe at regular time intervals.
- 6. Convert the volume to mass and make a plot of mass versus time. The slope will be the mass flow rate R_D .
- 7. Calculate the diffusion constant D.



Osmotic Pressure



M = mass per mole (kg/mol)

$$\frac{\Delta CRT}{M} = P_0 + \rho g h$$
$$h = \frac{1}{\rho g} \left(\frac{\Delta CRT}{M} - P_0 \right)$$

Assume 5% sugar solution, room temperature (T = 295 K) and standard pressure.

$$h = \frac{1}{(1000 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)} \left(\frac{(50 \text{ kg/m}^3)(8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K})(295 \text{ K})}{0.342 \text{ kg/mol}} - 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} \right)$$
$$h = 26.2 \text{ m}$$



