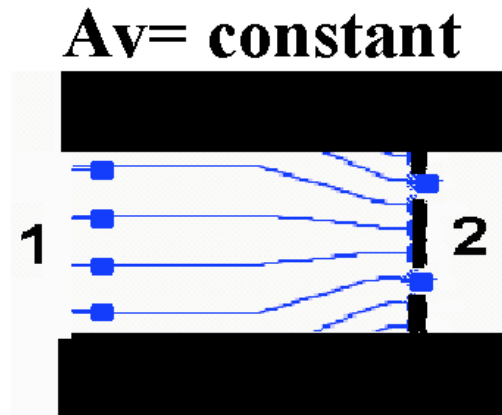


## The continuity equation (Question 2)



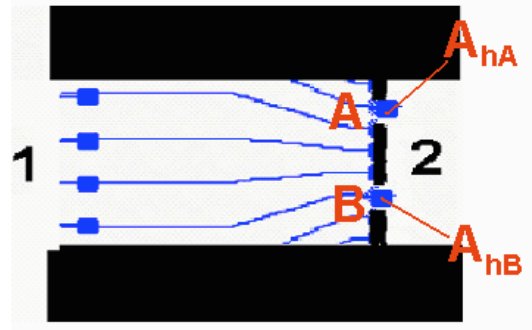
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At which point the speed of the flow is greater?

- 1) Point 1      2) Point 2      3) the speed is the same

# The continuity equation

$$Av = \text{constant} \quad \text{or} \quad A_1v_1 = A_2v_2$$



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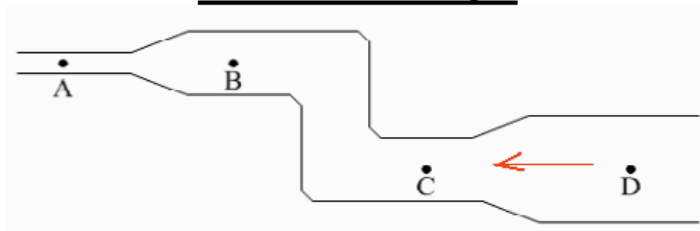
At which point the speed of the flow is greater?

*The total cross-sectional area of two holes  $A_2 = A_{hA} + A_{hB}$  is still **less** than the area at the open end!*

$$A_1 > A_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_1 < v_2$$

**B) Point 2**

## Fluid in a Pipe



1. To connect the speed of the current at different places we use

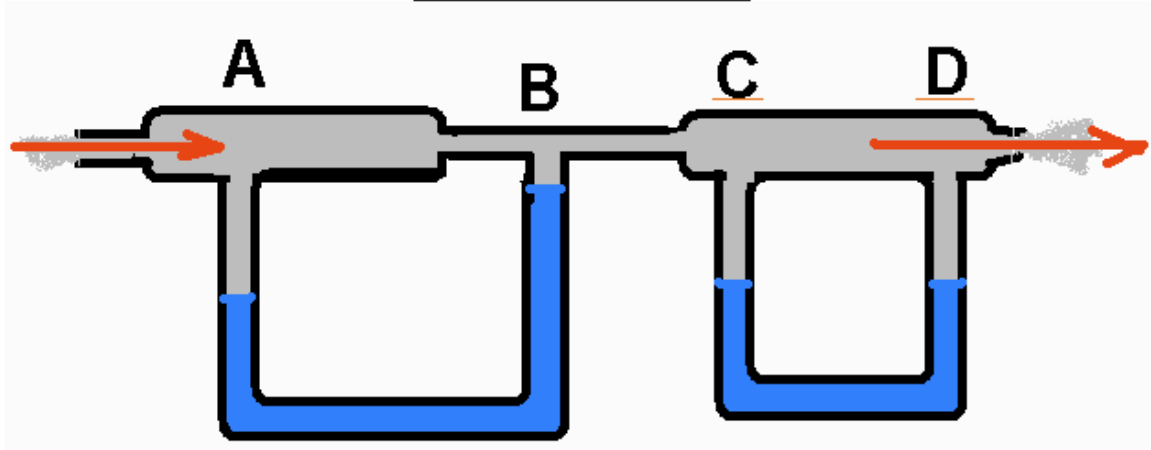
$$A_1v_1 = A_2v_2$$

2. To connect the pressure at different places and understand how the difference in the height and speed influences the pressure we use

### Bernoulli's equation:

$$\rho gy_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + P_1 = \rho gy_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + P_2$$

## Air flow demo

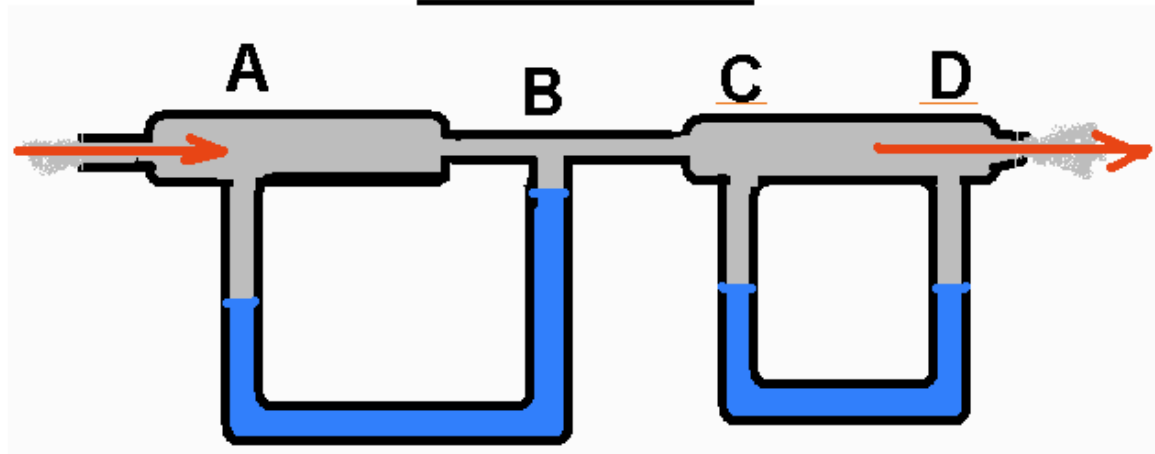


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At which point, C or D, the pressure is higher (if so)?

- 1)  $P_C = P_D$     2)  $P_C < P_D$     3)  $P_C > P_D$

## Air flow demo

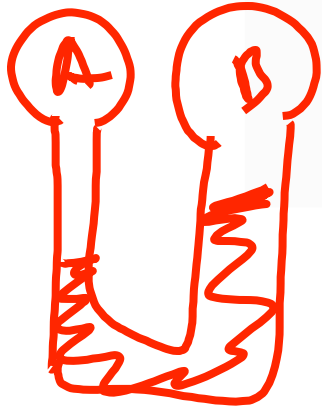
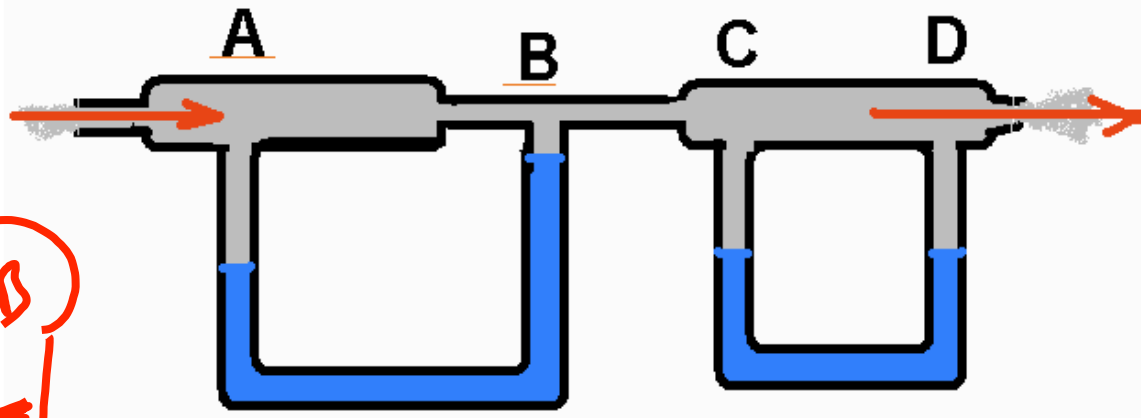


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## Air flow demo



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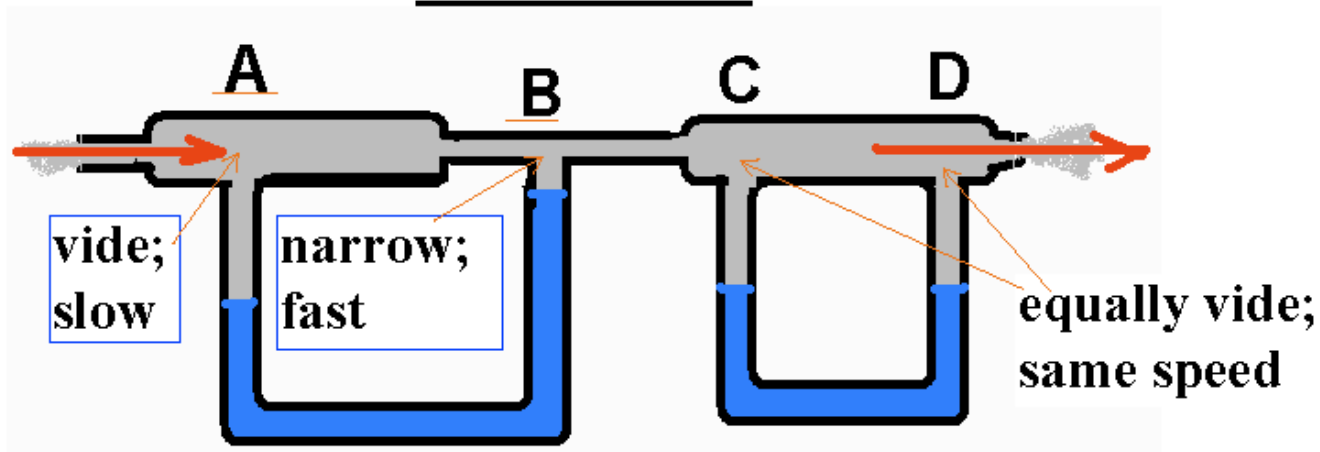
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## Air flow demo



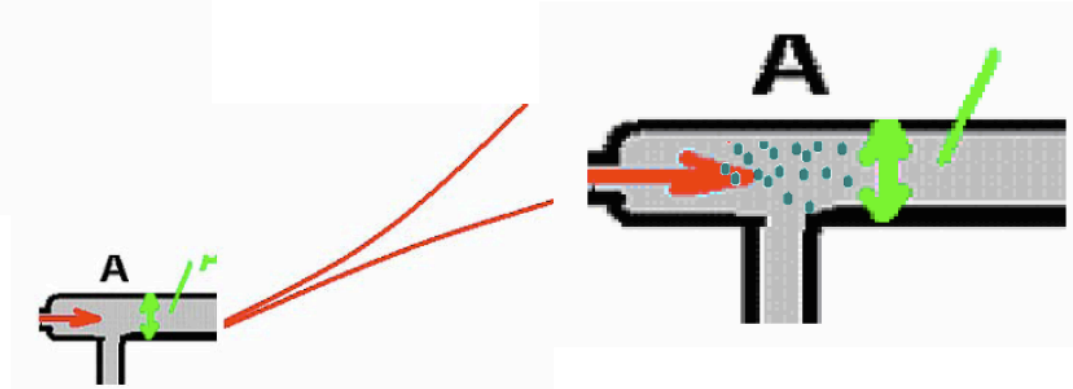
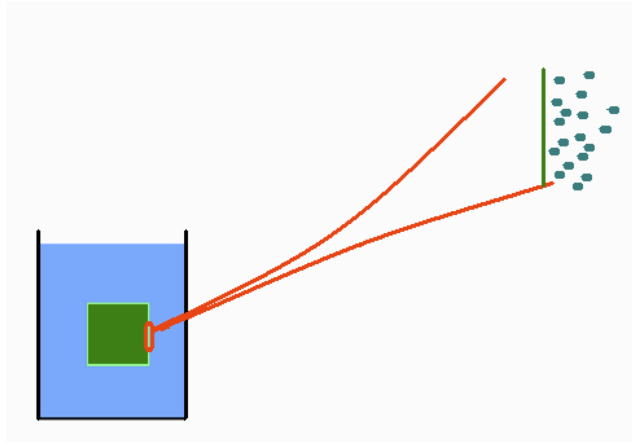
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C)  $P_A > P_B$

## Remember?

Pressure is the consequence of the fact that many tiny particles hit the surface of an object (for example, the pipe!)

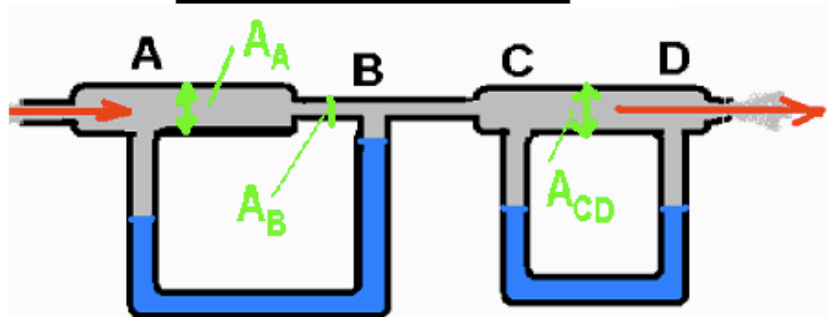


When particles are moving TOO fast, they do not have time to make as many hits as they would have made if moving slower!

So:  $v_A < v_B \Rightarrow P_A > P_B$



## Air flow demo



$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$$

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

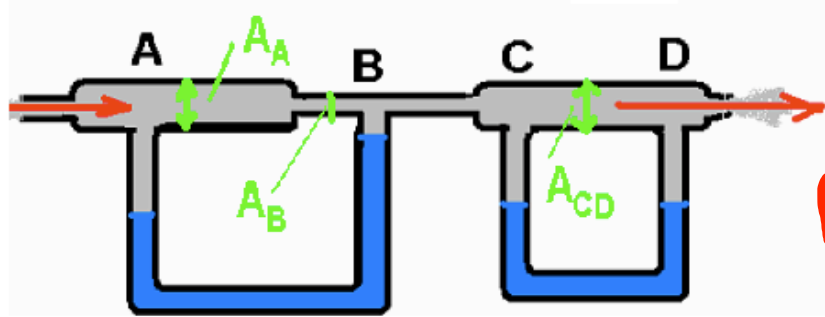
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## Air flow demo



$$P_A - P_B = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_B^2 - \frac{1}{2} \rho v_A^2 > 0$$

$$P_A - P_B > 0$$

$$\underline{P_A > P_B}$$

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho v_A^2 + P_A = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_B^2 + P_B$$

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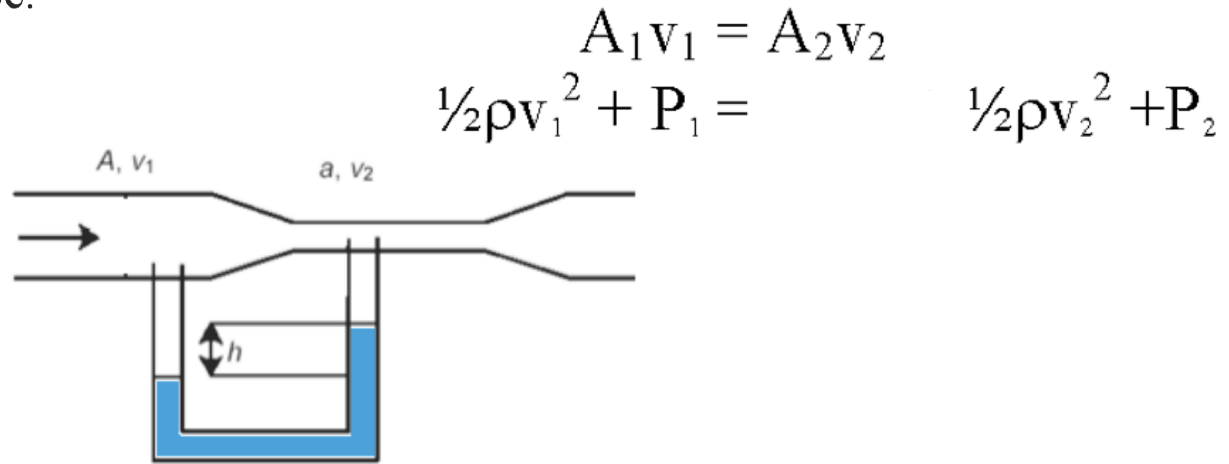
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# Application of Bernoulli's Principle

## Venturi Meter

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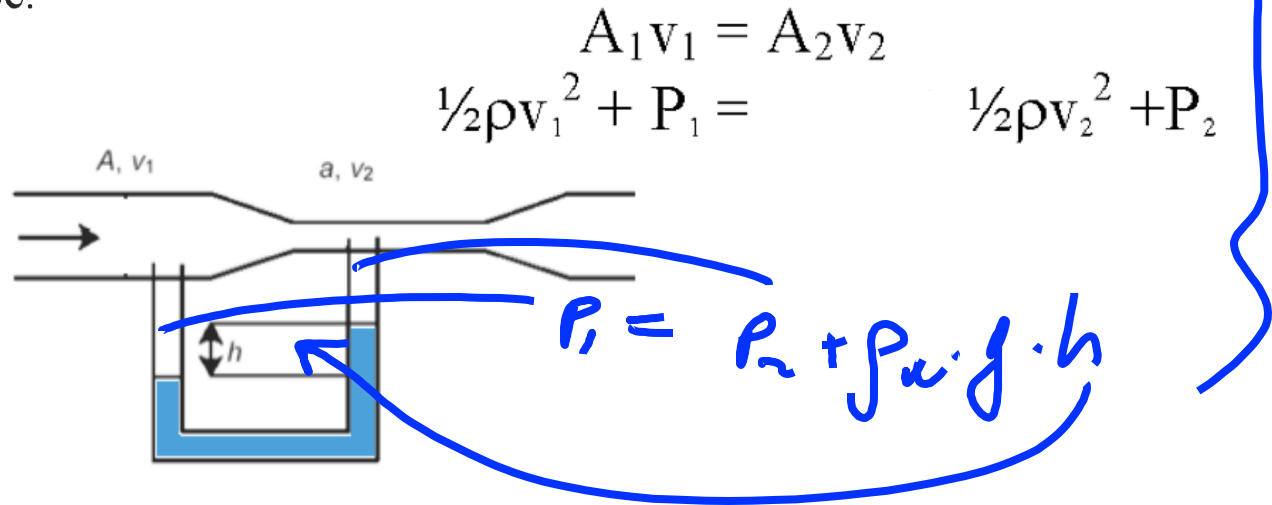


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# Application of Bernoulli's Principle

## Venturi Meter

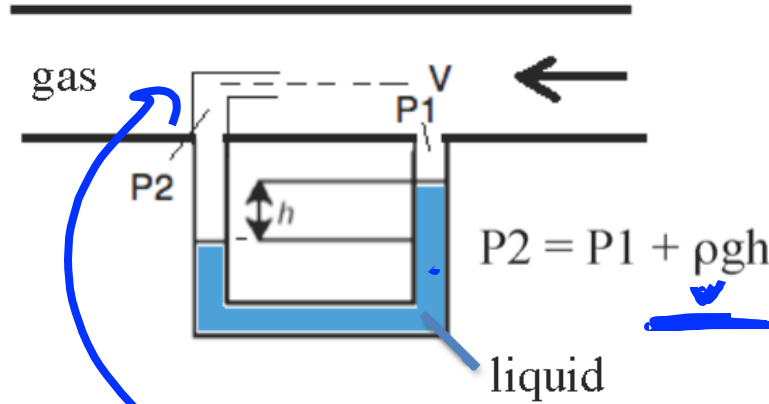
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Let's derive an expression for  $V_1$ .

NO!

The densities are different!



$$P_1 + \frac{\rho V^2}{2} = P_2$$

Terminology:

Static (or absolute) pressure

Dynamic pressure

$$P_2 - P_1 = \underline{\underline{\Delta P}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\Delta P}} = \rho g h$$

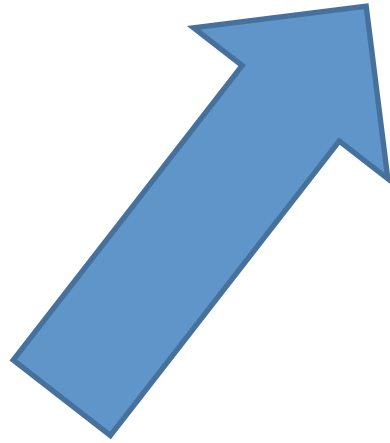
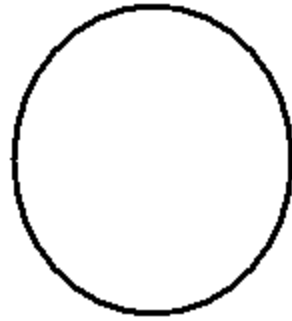
$$\underline{\underline{\Delta P}} = \frac{\rho V^2}{2}$$
~~$$\rho g h = \frac{\rho V^2}{2}$$~~

In a moving fluid the measured pressure depends on the orientation!

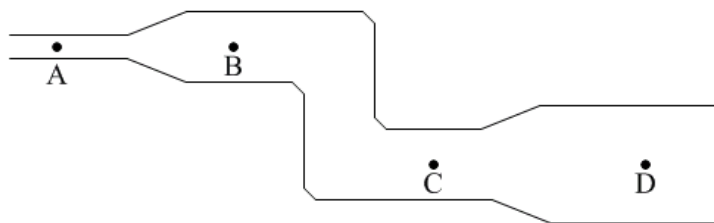
$$V = \sqrt{2gh}$$

1. Yes

2. No



## Fluid in a Pipe



$$Av = \text{const}$$

$$\rho gy_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + P_1 = \rho gy_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + P_2$$

The picture above shows fluid in a section of pipe. The pipe is narrow where point A is located, widens out where points B and C are located, and widens again where point D is located.

Points C and D are vertically below points A and B.

If the fluid is at rest in the pipe, rank the four points based on their pressure.

1. Equal for all four
2.  $A > B = C > D$
3.  $D > B = C > A$
4.  $A = B > C = D$
5.  $C = D > A = B$
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**“Rest” means  $v = 0$**

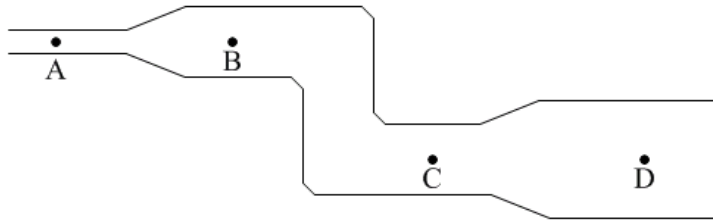
$$y_A = y_B > y_C = y_D$$

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Lower points have higher pressure

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|-----------------------|--|
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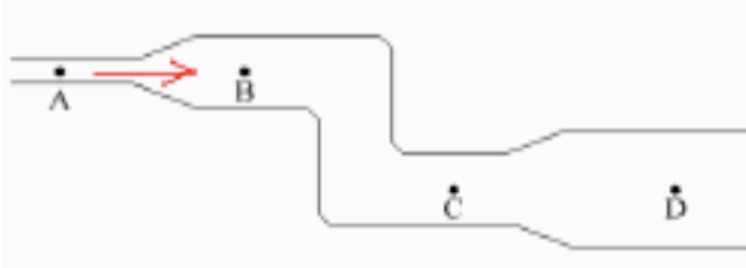
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$$\begin{aligned}
 P_2 - P_1 &= \\
 &= \Delta P = \\
 &= \rho g (y_1 - y_2) = \\
 &= \rho g h
 \end{aligned}$$



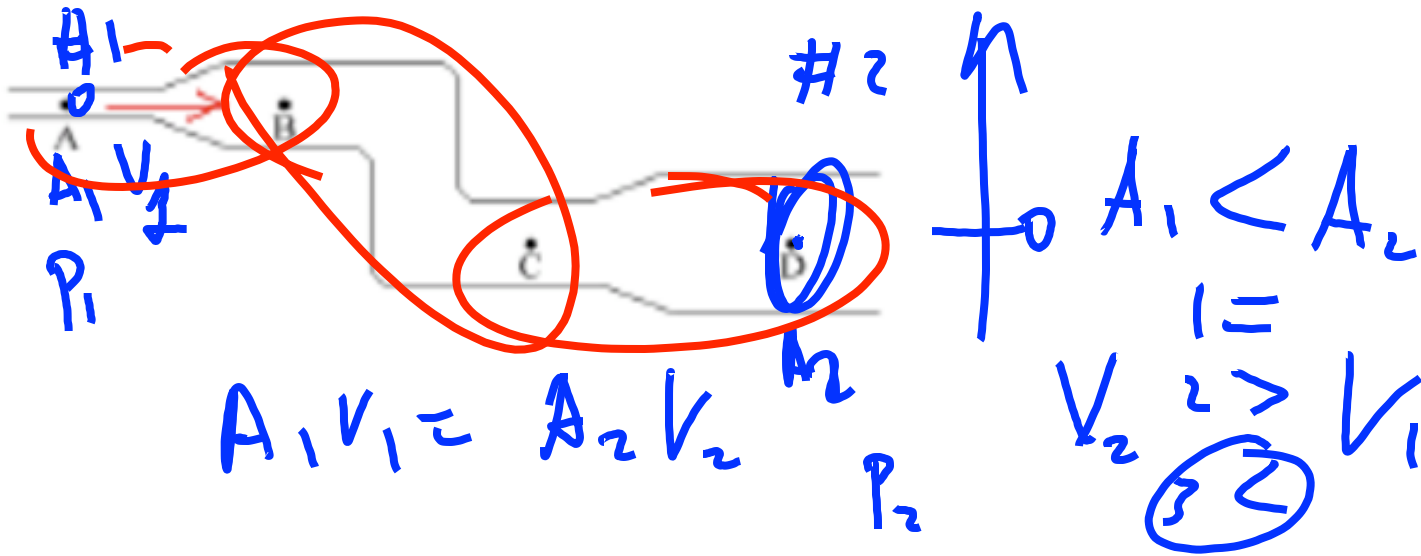
## Fluid in a Pipe

## Work Together!



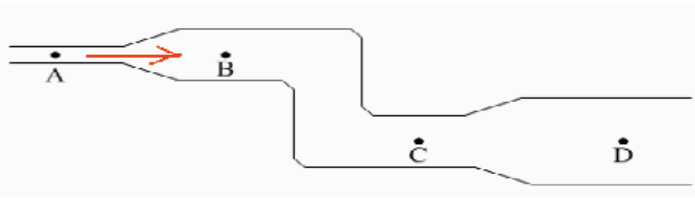
If the fluid is *flowing from left to right* through the tube, rank the four points based on the speed and on the pressure of the fluid at their location.

1. Chose a pair of points
2. Write the continuity equation for the pair
3. Write the Bernoulli's equation for the pair
4. State the relation between the heights of the points
5. State the relation between the cross-sectional areas of the pipe a the points.
6. Use the continuity equation to relate the speed
7. Use the Bernoulli's equation to relate the pressure



$$\underbrace{P_1 + \rho g y_1 + \rho \frac{V_1^2}{2}} = \underbrace{P_2 + \rho g y_2 + \rho \frac{V_2^2}{2}}$$

## Fluid in a Pipe



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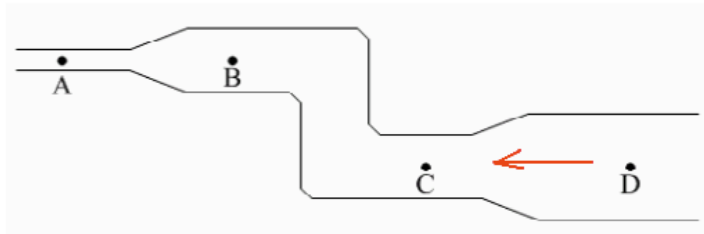
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## Fluid in a Pipe (not a question)



$$Av = \text{const}$$

$$\rho gy_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + P_1 =$$

$$= \rho gy_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + P_2$$

If the fluid is flowing from right to left through the tube, rank the four points based on their pressure.

The direction of the current does NOT involved in ANY of the equations, so it does not matter!

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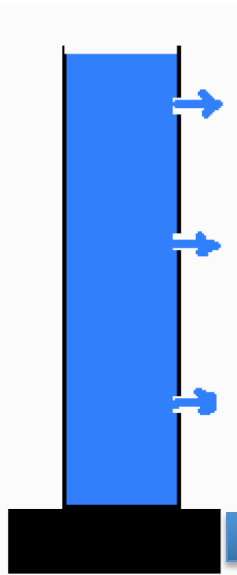
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## There's a hole in my bucket...

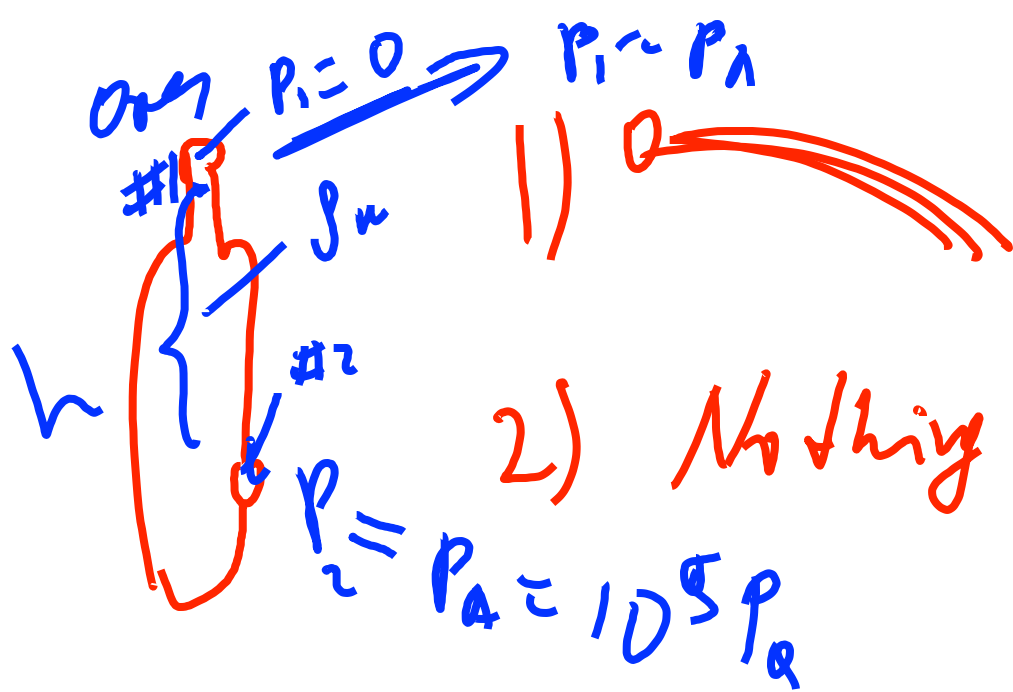


A cylinder is full of water. There are three holes in the side of the cylinder at the different height (initially covered).

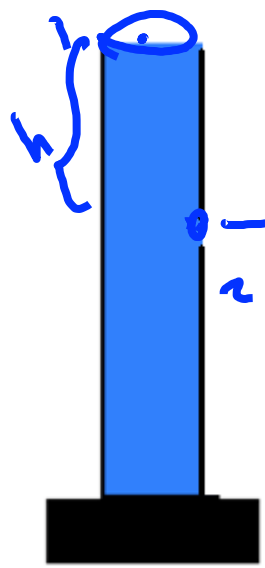
When the holes are uncovered, water shoots out.

Which hole shoots the water furthest horizontally on the table?

- 1 The hole closest to the top.
- 2 The hole halfway down.
- 3 The hole closest to the bottom.
- 4 It's a three-way tie.



~~$\rho_A$~~   $\rho_w \cdot g \cdot h = \cancel{\rho_A} + \rho_w \cdot g \cdot h + \frac{\rho_w \cdot v^2}{2}$   
 $\sqrt{(\rho_w \cdot g \cdot h)} \cdot \frac{2}{\rho_w} = v$



$$v_1 A_1 = A_2 v_2$$

~~$$P_1 + \rho g h + \frac{\rho v_1^2}{2} = P_2 + \rho g \cdot 0 + \frac{\rho v_2^2}{2}$$~~

$$gh = \frac{v_2^2}{2}$$

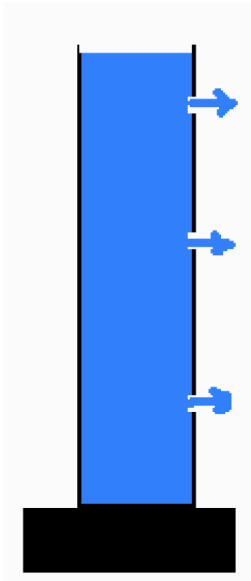
$$v_2 = \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$0 \sim \frac{A_2}{A_1}$$



$$v_1 = v_2 \cdot \left( \frac{A_2}{A_1} \right) \approx 0$$

## There's a hole in my bucket...



A cylinder is full of water. There are three holes in the side of the cylinder at the different height (initially covered).

When the holes are uncovered, water shoots out. Which hole shoots the water furthest horizontally on the table?

Water from the lowest hole has the highest pressure; hence the highest speed. But this hole is the closest to the surface.

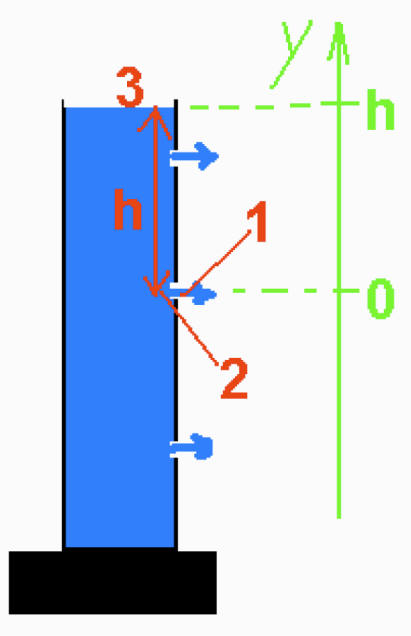
Water from the highest hole has the lowest pressure; hence the lowest speed. But this hole is the furthest to the surface.

*Probably*, the hole in the middle has the best chance to win.

**B) The hole halfway down.**



# There's a hole in my bucket...



Let's consider the hole at a distance  $h$  from the top of the cylinder.

According to the Bernoulli's equation:

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

We will apply this equation to two pairs of points.

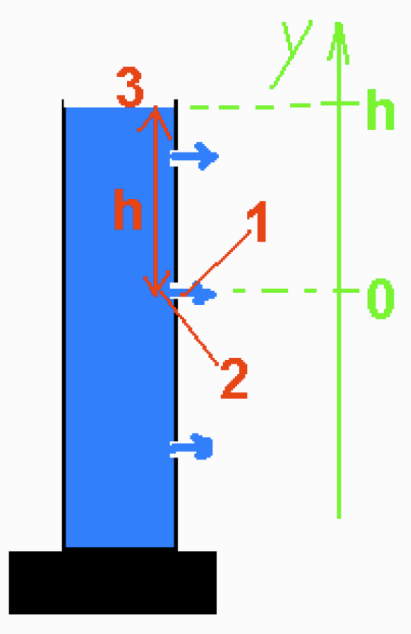
The Point # 1 is right after the hole (we are looking

at the speed of water at this point). *The pressure right outside the hole is equal (always) to the atmospheric pressure.*

The Point # 2 is right before the hole.

The Point # 3 is at the surface of the water (hence, again, only atmospheric pressure is involved at this point).

## There's a hole in my bucket...



Let's consider the hole at a distance  $h$  from the top of the cylinder.

The Bernoulli's equations:

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

$$\rho g y_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + P_2 = \rho g y_3 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_3^2 + P_3$$

**We set the zero level at the level of the hole.**

According to the Bernoulli's equations:

For the points # 1 and # 2

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + P_{\text{Atm}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + P_2$$

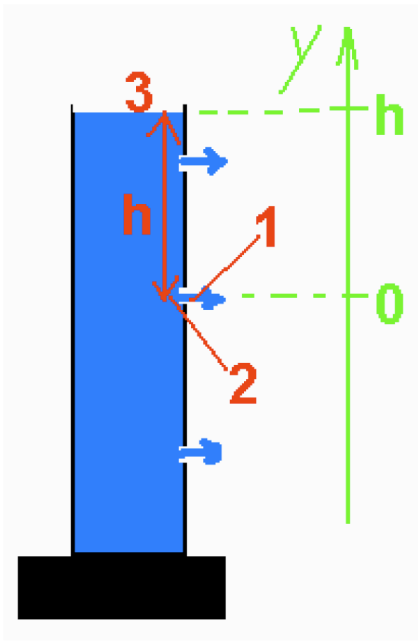
For the points # 2 and # 3

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + P_2 = \rho g h + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_3^2 + P_{\text{Atm}}$$

Hence, for the points #1 and #3 we can write

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + P_{\text{Atm}} = \rho g h + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_3^2 + P_{\text{Atm}}$$

(We could write this equation just by considering the points #1 and #3)



## There's a hole in my bucket...

For the points #1 and #3 we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + P_{\text{Atm}} = \rho gh + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_3^2 + P_{\text{Atm}}$$

Let's solve it for the speed  $v_1$

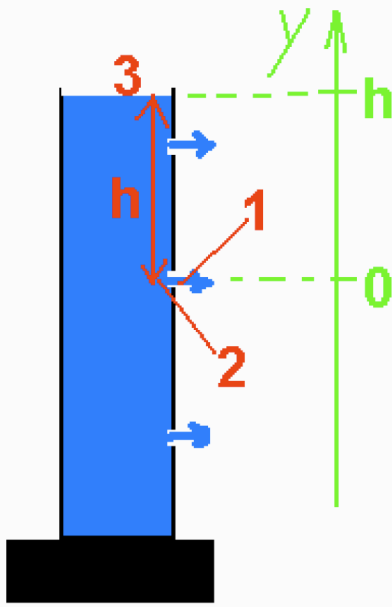
First, let's cancel out  $P_{\text{Atm}}$

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + P_{\text{Atm}} = \rho gh + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_3^2 + P_{\text{Atm}}$$

This gives  $\frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 = \rho gh + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_3^2$

Now we can cancel out the density  $\frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 = \rho gh + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_3^2$

This leads to  $\frac{1}{2}v_1^2 = gh + \frac{1}{2}v_3^2$



## There's a hole in my bucket...

$$\frac{1}{2}v_1^2 = gh + \frac{1}{2}v_3^2$$

To connect the speeds  $v_1$  and  $v_3$   
we apply the Continuity Equation

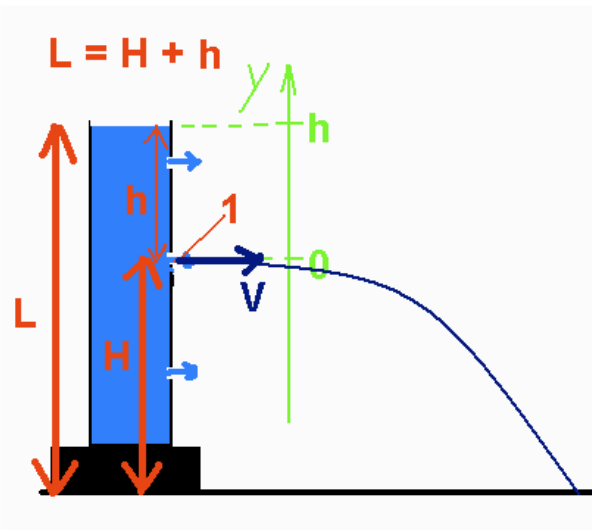
$$A_1v_1 = A_3v_3$$

Technically, we have the system of two equations, to solve which we need to know the values for the areas  $A_1$  and  $A_3$ .

However (!), in this situation the area of the hole is so much smaller than the area of the cylinder  $A_1 \ll A_3$

So, the speed of the water at the top of the cylinder is much smaller than the speed at the hole  $v_3 \ll v_1$  and we can set  $v_3 = 0$ ,

This gives the result:  $\frac{1}{2}v_1^2 = gh$  or  $v_1 = \sqrt{2gh}$  (!!)



$$V = v_1 = \sqrt{2gh}$$

Now, when we know the initial velocity, we can solve the problem as the we did it for a projectile launched horizontally from the height H.

$$H = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

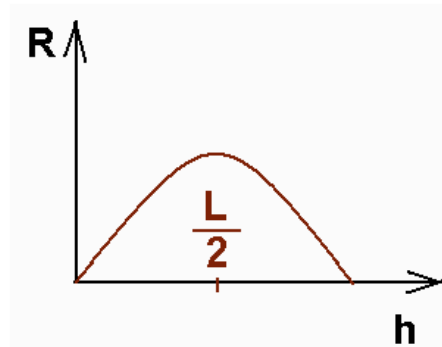
The time it takes to reach the ground is:

$$t = \left[ \frac{2(H)}{g} \right]^{1/2}$$

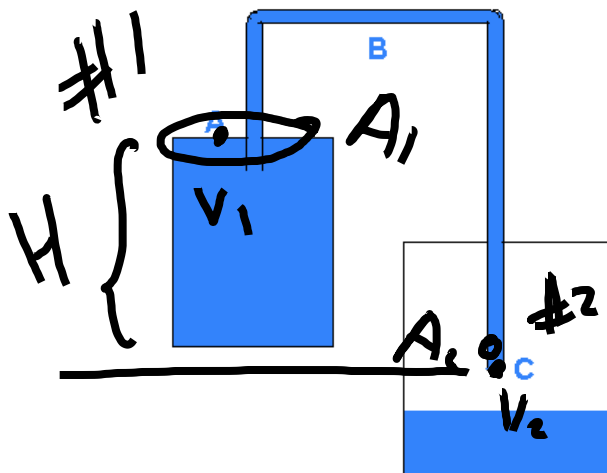
The range R is:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= vt = (2gh)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{2(H)}{g} \right]^{1/2} = \\ &= 2 [h(H)]^{1/2} = 2 [h(L - h)]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$R = 2 [h(L - h)]$$



## Understanding a siphon



1. Choose a pair of points.

$$A_1 > A_2$$

$$v_1 = v_2$$

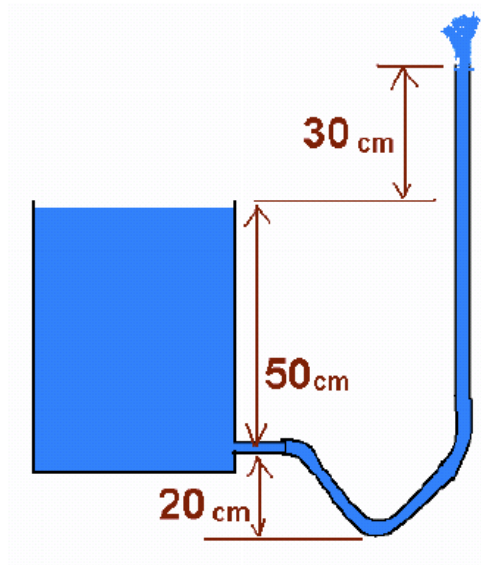
2. Choose the zero level to measure potential energy; label areas, velocities, pressures and heights for two points of your choice.

3. Write the continuity equation; write the Bernoulli's equation for the chosen points.

4. Analyze the equations, derived the relations between the variables (=, or <, or >)

~~$$P_A + \rho \cdot g \cdot H + \rho \frac{v^2}{2} = P_A + \rho \cdot g \cdot 0 + \rho \frac{v^2}{2}$$~~

## Building a Fountain



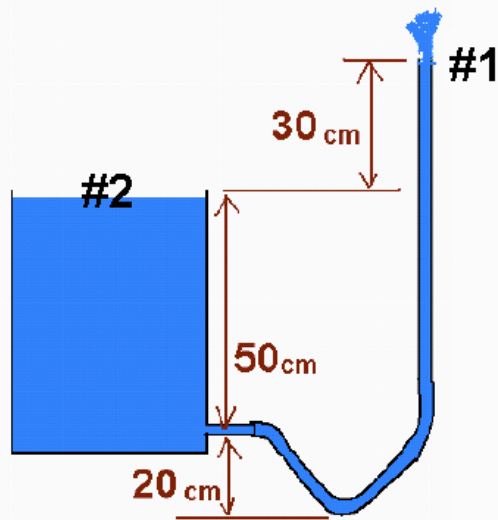
A student has a project to make a model of a fountain.

The student uses the large bucket and a hose attached to it.

This is (see the picture) how the student sees the project at first.

What is seriously wrong with this picture?

## Building a Fountain



What is seriously wrong with this picture?

The end of the hose (point 1) is higher than surface of the water in the bucket (the point 2).

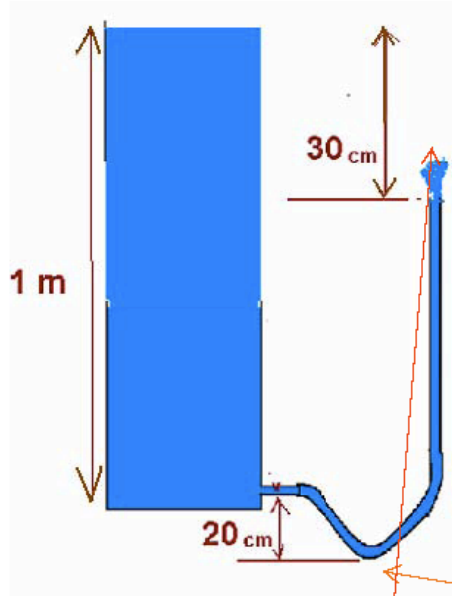
Without an additional pressure on the water in the bucket the water *cannot* reach the height higher than its original level!

But both points (#1 and #2) are open to the air around; hence have the same pressure  $P_{\text{Atm}}$ .

So, the student decides to make the fountain slightly differently



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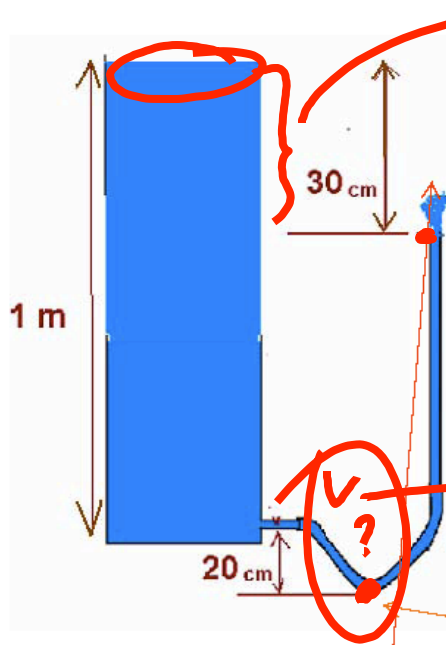
The student uses the large bucket and a hose attached to it (see the picture).

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$$v = \sqrt{2gh} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.8 \cdot 0.3} = \sqrt{6} \approx 2.21 \text{ m/s}$$

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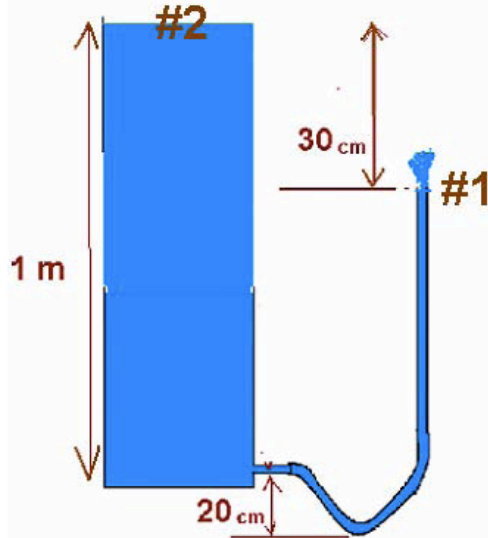
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- 1 = 2.21
- 2 > 2.21
- 3 < 2.21

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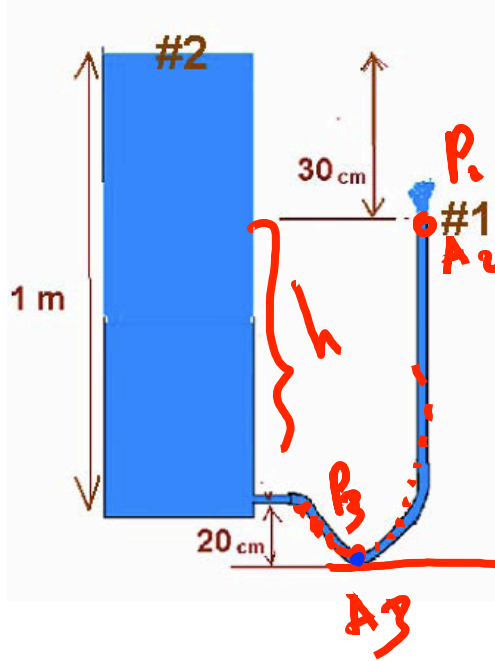
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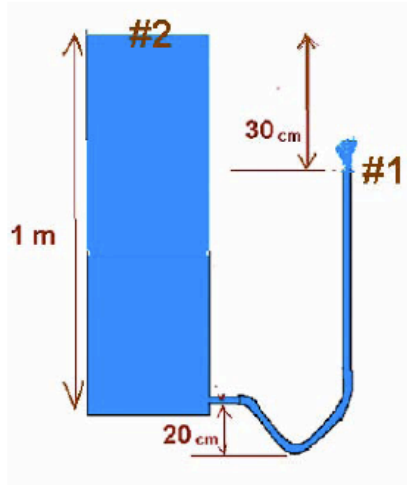
$$P_3 + \rho g \cdot 0 + \frac{\cancel{\rho v^2}}{2} = \underbrace{P_A + \rho g \cdot h + \frac{\cancel{\rho v^2}}{2}}_{\rho g h}$$

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$$P_3 = P_A + \rho g h$$

## Work Together



A big and very wide tank full of water has a hose attached to it.

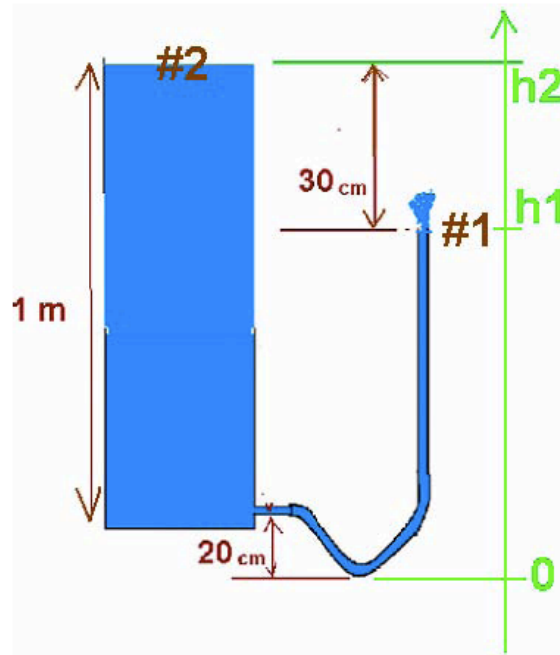
What is the speed of the water when it leaves the hose?

Use the Bernoulli's equation.

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

Notice that the points # 1 and # 2 are open to the atmosphere.

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our data

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$$h_1 = 0.9 \text{ m}$$

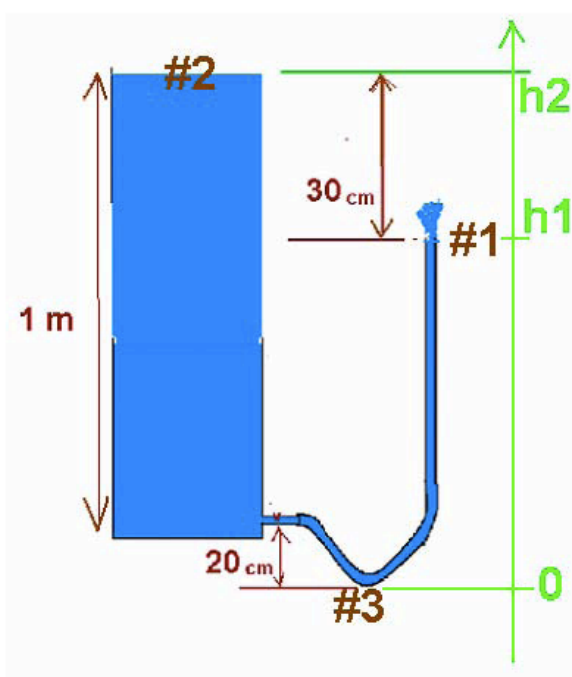
$$P_1 = P_{\text{Atm}}$$

$$P_2 = P_{\text{Atm}}; \quad v_2 = 0; \quad h_2 = 1.2 \text{ m}$$

so, 
$$\rho * 9.8 * 0.9 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + P_{\text{Atm}} = \rho * 9.8 * 1.2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho * 0^2 + P_{\text{Atm}}$$

$$9.8 * 0.9 + \frac{1}{2} v_1^2 = 9.8 * 1.2$$

$$v_1 = 2.43 \text{ m/s}$$



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The atmospheric pressure is 100 kPa.  
*Find the pressure at the lowest point of the hose.*

Now we need to connect the point 3 and some other point, say 1.

The most important fact for this situation is that the speed of the water at the point 1 and 3 is the same, because the cross-sectional areas are the same.

$$\rho g y_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + P_1 = \rho g y_3 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_3^2 + P_3$$

our data

$$P_1 = P_{\text{Atm}} \quad h_1 = 0.7 \text{ m} \quad \rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$v_3 = v_1; \quad h_2 = 0 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{So,} \quad 1000 * 9.8 * 0.7 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + 10^5 = \rho g * 0 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_3^2 + P_3$$

$$P_3 = 106860 \text{ Pa} \quad (\text{this is the absolute pressure; } P_{\text{gauge}} = 6860 \text{ Pa})$$

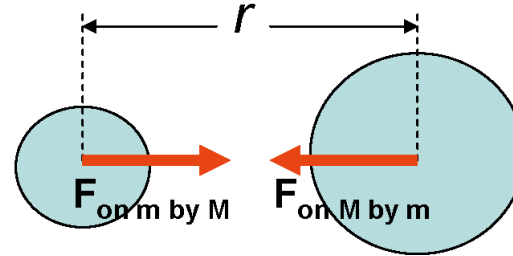
# Today's Physics Topics

- Universal gravitation – an attractive inverse-square law force exerted between any two masses
- Gravitational force  $GMm/r^2$  used with  $F=ma$  for circular orbits – we can calculate orbital periods
- Gravitational potential energy  $-GMm/r$  gives  $mgh$  for small changes  $h$ , and determines escape speeds required to get to large  $r$
- Angular momentum is conserved for elliptical orbits



# Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation

Two objects of mass  $m$  and  $M$ ,  
with their centers of mass  
separated by a distance  $r$ ,  
exert attractive forces on one another.



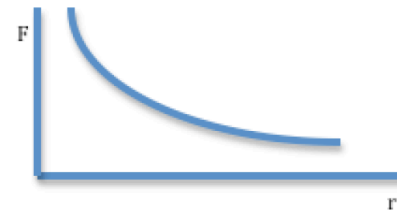
(Equal magnitude but opposite direction, by Newton's Third Law)

The magnitude of this gravitational force is given by:

$$F_g = \frac{GmM}{r^2}$$

where  $G$  is the universal gravitational constant:

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 / \text{kg}^2$$



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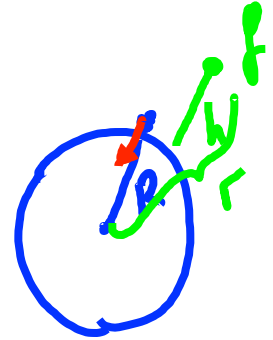
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# Circular Orbits

- Orbit radius  $r =$  Planet radius  $R +$  height  $h$  above
- Gravitational mass = inertial mass

- **$F = ma$**

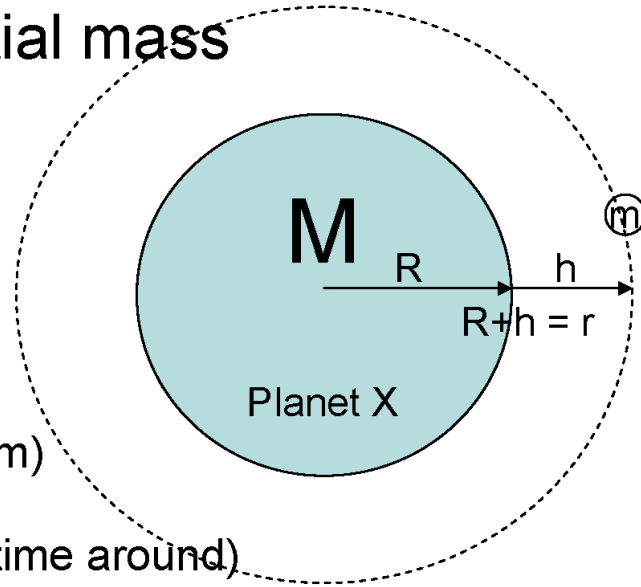
$$\frac{GMm}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

(1)  $GM = v^2 r$  (independent of  $m$ )

(2)  $v = 2\pi r / T$  (circumference)/(time around)

(3)  $GM = 4\pi^2 r^3 / T^2$  [substitute (2) in (1)]

or  $T^2 = (4\pi^2 / GM) r^3$  (Kepler's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law)



# Gravitational potential energy

The energy of interaction (that is, the gravitational potential energy) of two objects of mass  $m$  and  $M$  separated by a distance  $r$  is:

$$U_g = -\frac{GmM}{r}$$

The negative sign just tells us that the interaction is attractive.

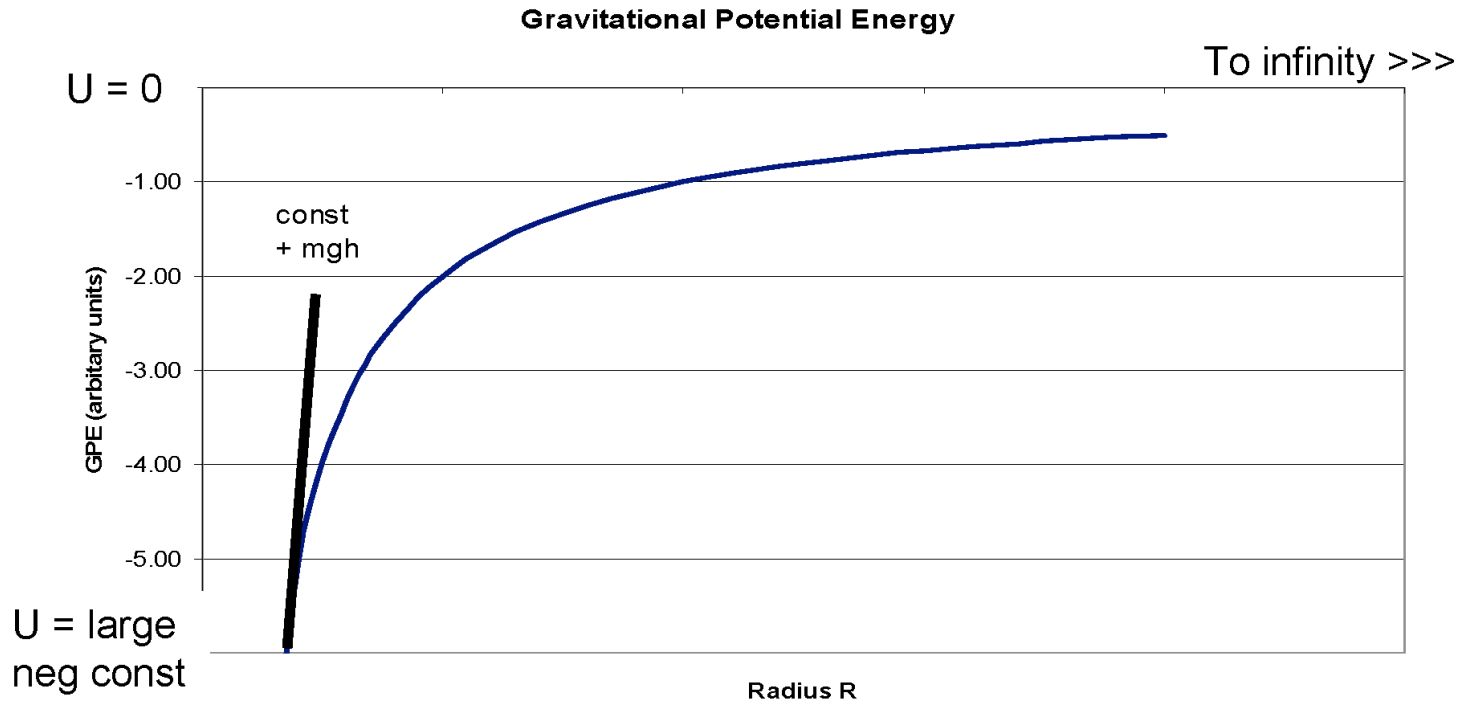
Note that with this equation the potential energy is defined to be zero when  $r = \text{infinity}$ . This expression is derived using calculus.

(If you are curious: prove that close to the ground level  $U = mgh + \text{const}$ )

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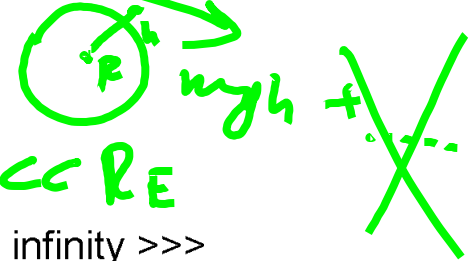
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$h \ll R_E$

To infinity >>>

