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# 3. Basic Water Resources Engineering

## 3.2 Hydrostatics

# Sub topics

- pressure and head
- Pascal's law
- pressure-depth relationship
- Manometers
- pressure force and centre of pressure on submerged bodies (plane and curved surfaces, practical applications)
- pressure diagrams
- Buoyancy
- stability of floating/submerged bodies.

# Pressure

Pressure (P) is the force applied perpendicular to the surface of an object per unit area.

$$P = \frac{F}{A} = \gamma h = \rho g h$$

Unit: Pa, N/m<sup>2</sup>

1 atm = 101325 Pa = 1.01325 bar

1 bar = 10<sup>5</sup> Pa

Atmospheric pressure decreases about 10% while moving 1 km higher altitude

# Pressure

**Absolute Pressure:** Absolute pressure is the sum of gauge pressure and atmospheric pressure.

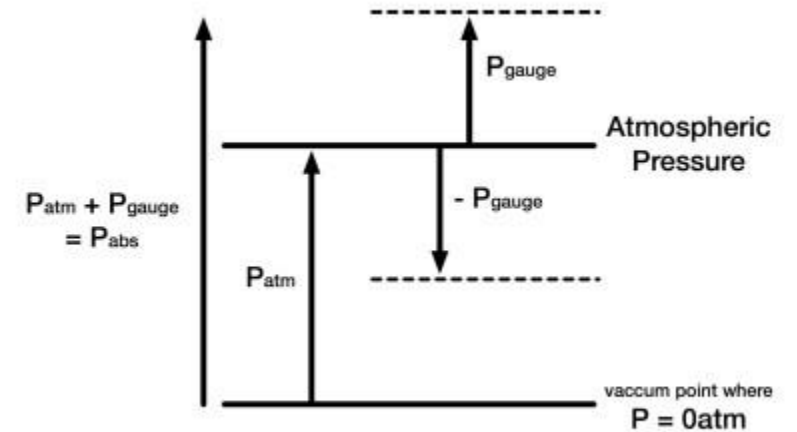
**Gauge Pressure:** Gauge pressure is the pressure relative to atmospheric pressure.

**Vacuum Pressure:** Negative gauge Pressure

$$P_{abs} = P_g + P_{atm}$$

$$P_g = P_{abs} - P_{atm}, \text{ if } P_{abs} > P_{atm}$$

$$P_v = P_{atm} - P_{abs}, \text{ if } P_{abs} < P_{atm}$$



# Pressure head

**The pressure head** is the height of a liquid column that corresponds to a particular pressure exerted by the liquid column on the base of its container. It may also be called **static pressure head** or simply **static head**.

$$\psi = \frac{p}{\gamma} = \frac{p}{\rho g}$$

# Hydrostatic Law

According to Hydrostatic Law, the rate of increase of pressure in a vertical direction is equal to the weight density/ specific weight of the fluid at that point when the fluid is stationary.

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = \gamma$$

The pressure at any point in a fluid at rest is obtained by the Hydrostatic Law.

$$P_{abs} = P_{atm} + \gamma h$$

# Hydrostatic Law

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -\rho(a_z + g)$$

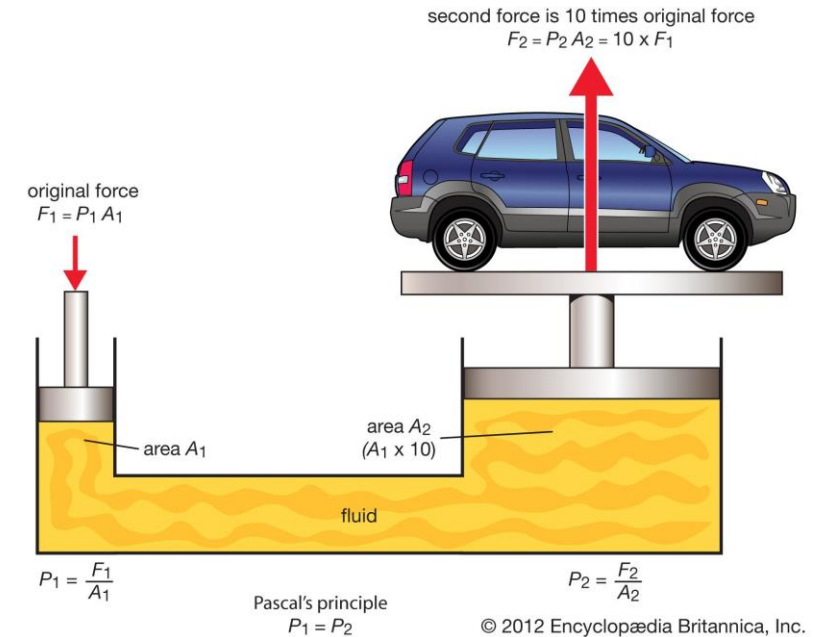
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = -\rho(a_x)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -\rho(a_y)$$

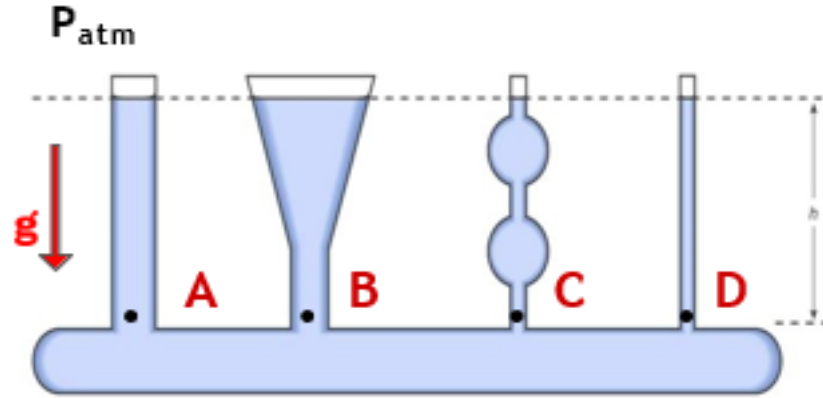


# Pascal's Law

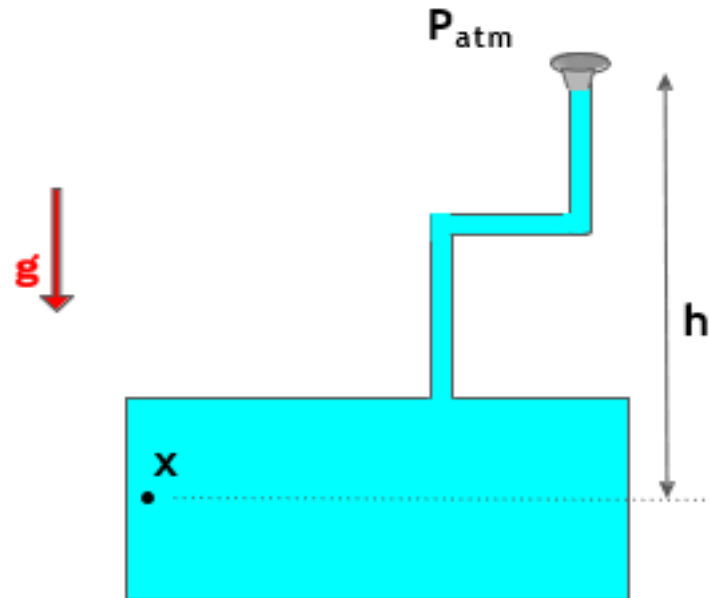
The external static pressure applied on a confined liquid is distributed or transmitted evenly throughout the liquid in all directions



# Fluid Pressure does **NOT** depend on shape of Vessel



$$P_A = P_B = P_C = P_D = P_{atm} + h\rho g$$



$$P_x = P_{atm} + h\rho g$$

# Pressure Measurement

Barometer

$$P_{atm} = P_v + \gamma h$$

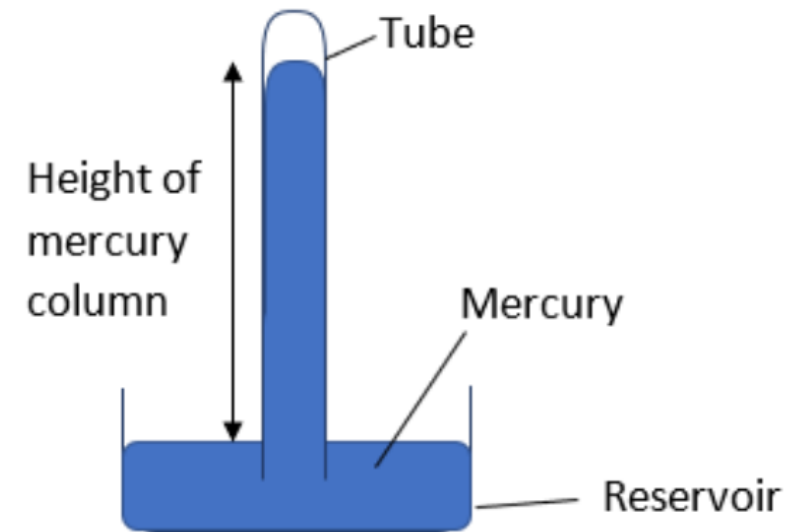
Mercury is suitable as it has very low vapour pressure such that

$$P_{atm} = \gamma h$$

It cannot measure negative gauge pressure

Pressure measured in mm of Hg

$$P_{atm} = 760 \text{ mm of Hg} = ? \text{ m of H}_2\text{O}$$



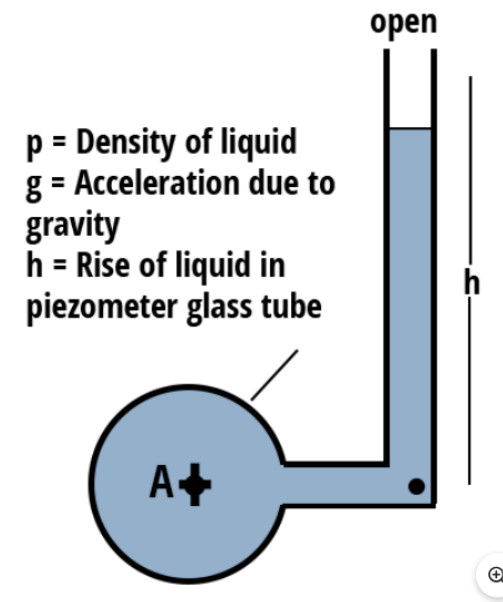
# Pressure Measurement

Manometer

Mercury generally used as it is higher density liquid

Used for medium pressure liquid

$$P_A = P_{atm} + \gamma_m h$$



A Schematic Diagram of the Piezometer

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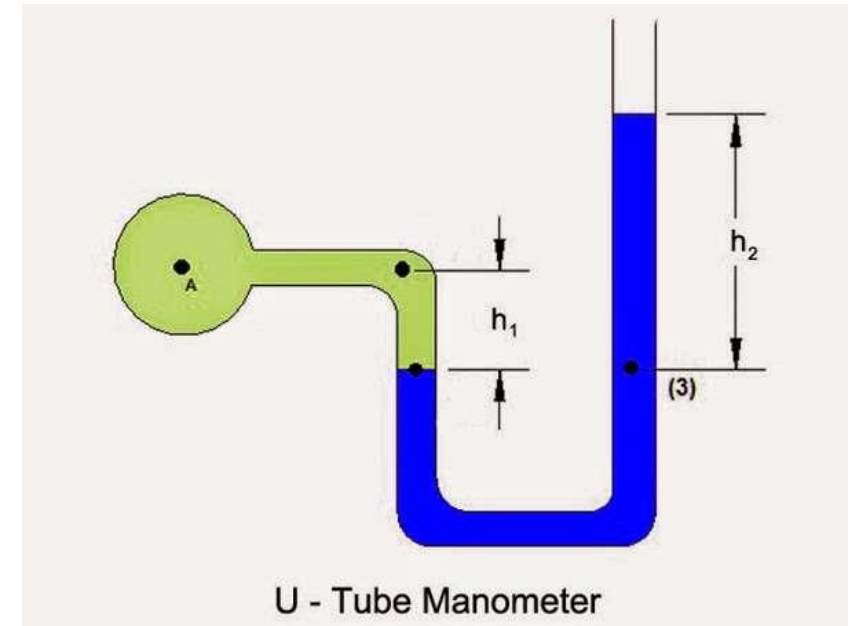
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$$P_3 = P_{atm} + \gamma_m h_2$$

$$P_3 = P_A + \gamma_l h_1$$

$$P_{atm} + \gamma_m h_2 = P_A + \gamma_l h_1$$

$$P_A = P_{atm} + \gamma_m h_2 - \gamma_l h_1$$



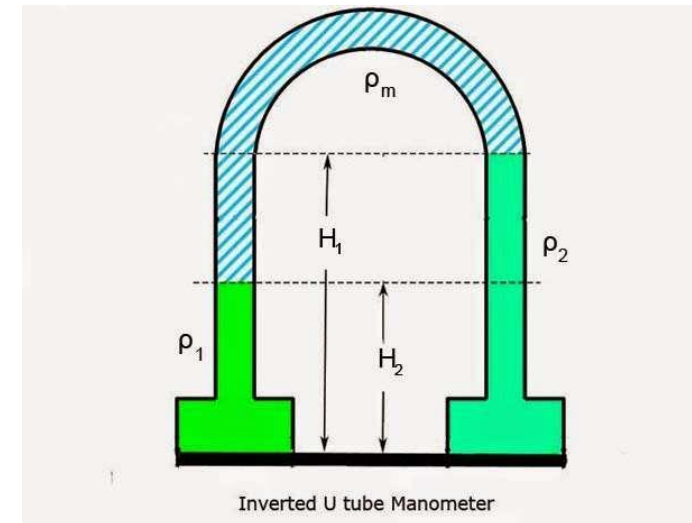
# Pressure Measurement

## Inverted U tube Manometer

$$P_A = P_2 + \rho_2 g(H_1)$$
$$P_B = P_2 + \rho_m g(H_1 - H_2) + \rho_1 g(H_2)$$

$$P_A - P_B = \rho_2 g(H_1) - \rho_m g(H_1 - H_2) - \rho_1 g(H_2)$$

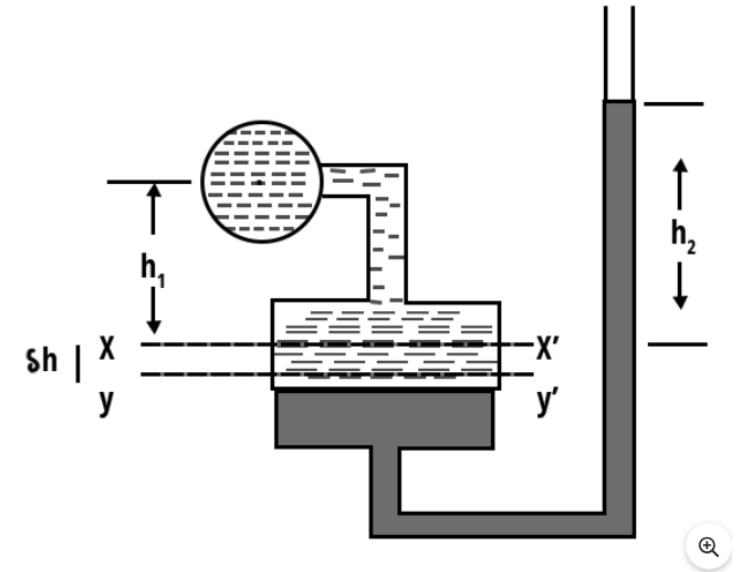
Density of manometric fluid should be less than other liquid



# Pressure Measurement

Vertical single column Manometer

$$\begin{aligned}P_3 &= \rho_m g(h_2 + \Delta h) \\P_3 &= P_A + \rho_l g(h_1 + \Delta h) \\P_A &= \rho_m g(h_2 + \Delta h) - \rho_l g(h_1 + \Delta h) \\P_A &\approx \rho_m g(h_2) - \rho_l g(h_1)\end{aligned}$$



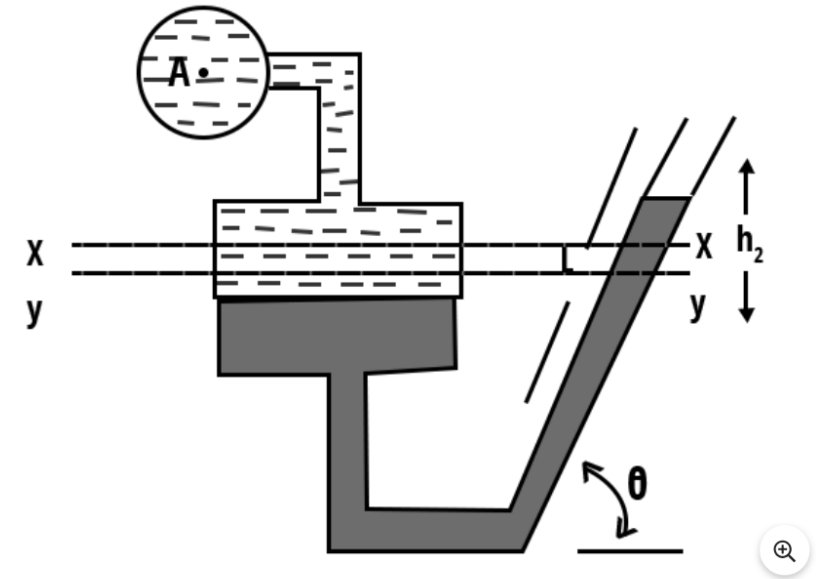
A Schematic Representation of a Vertical Single Column Manometer

# Pressure Measurement

## Inclined single column Manometer

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_3 &= \rho_m g \sin \theta (h_2 + \Delta h) \\
 P_3 &= P_A + \rho_l g (h_1 + \Delta h) \\
 P_A &= \rho_m g \sin \theta (h_2 + \Delta h) - \rho_l g (h_1 + \Delta h) \\
 P_A &\approx \rho_m g h_2 \sin \theta - \rho_l g h_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Error decreases and sensitivity increases by factor of  $1 / \sin \theta$



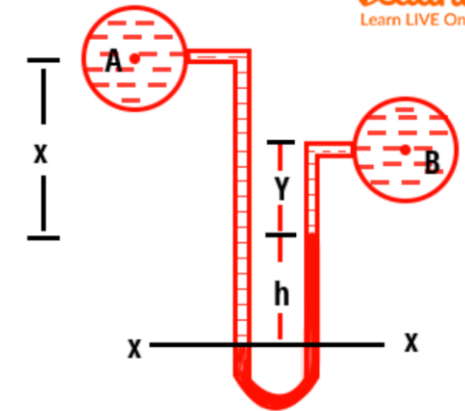
A Schematic Representation of Inclined Single Column Manometer



# Pressure Measurement

U tube differential Manometer

$$P_A - P_B = hg(\rho_g - \rho_1) + \rho_2 gy - \rho_1 gx$$



(a) Two pipes at different levels



A Schematic Representation of a Differential U-Tube Manometer

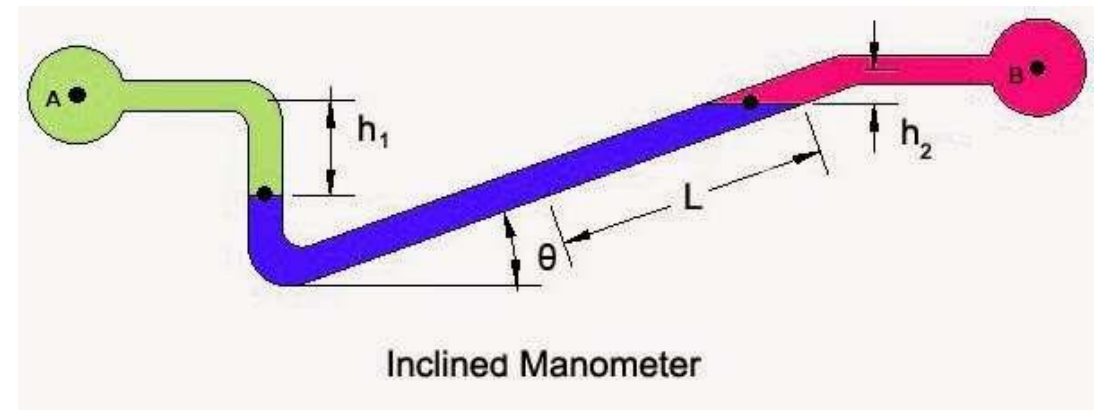


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# Pressure Measurement

## Inclined U tube Manometer



# Pressure Measurement

## Double U tube Manometer

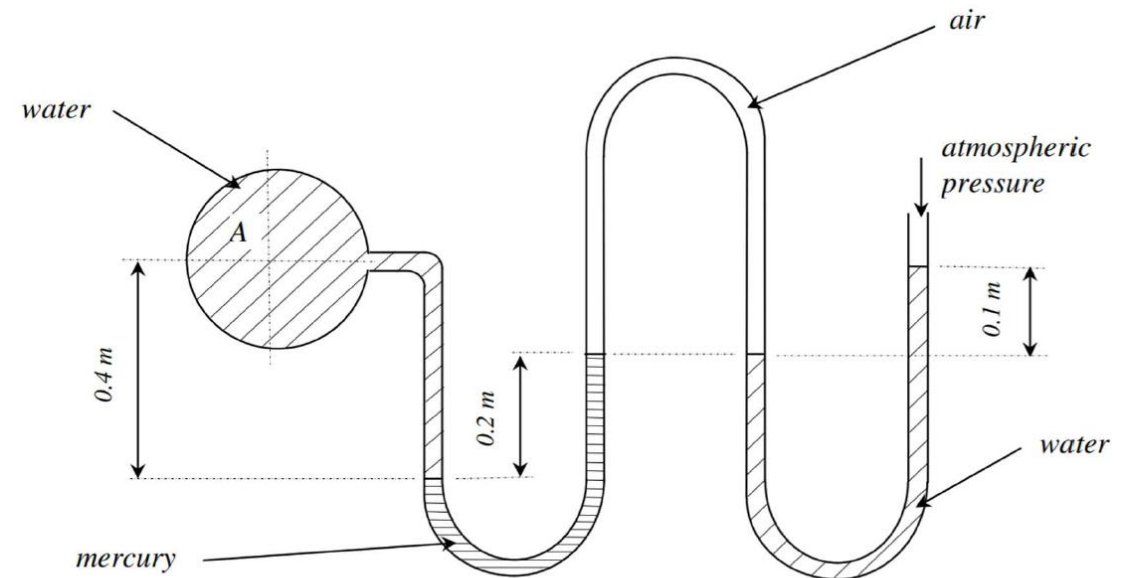


Figure Q1: Double U-tube manometer

# Pressure Distribution

Pressure is compressive and acts normal to surface.

Pressure at top = 0

Pressure at bottom =  $\gamma h$

Average pressure =  $\gamma h/2$

Force on wall per unit width =  $\frac{1}{2} \gamma h^2$

Resultant force acts at  $\frac{2}{3} h$  from free surface

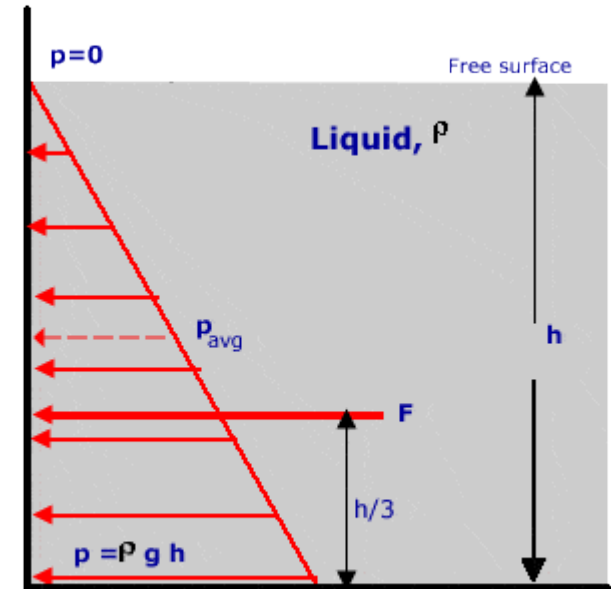


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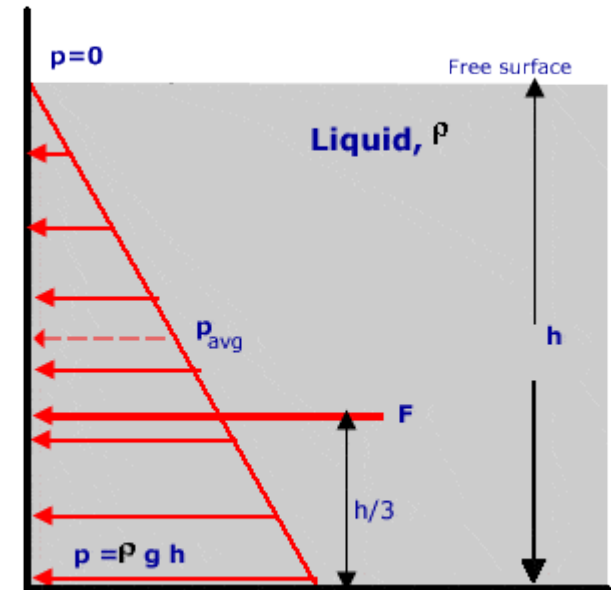


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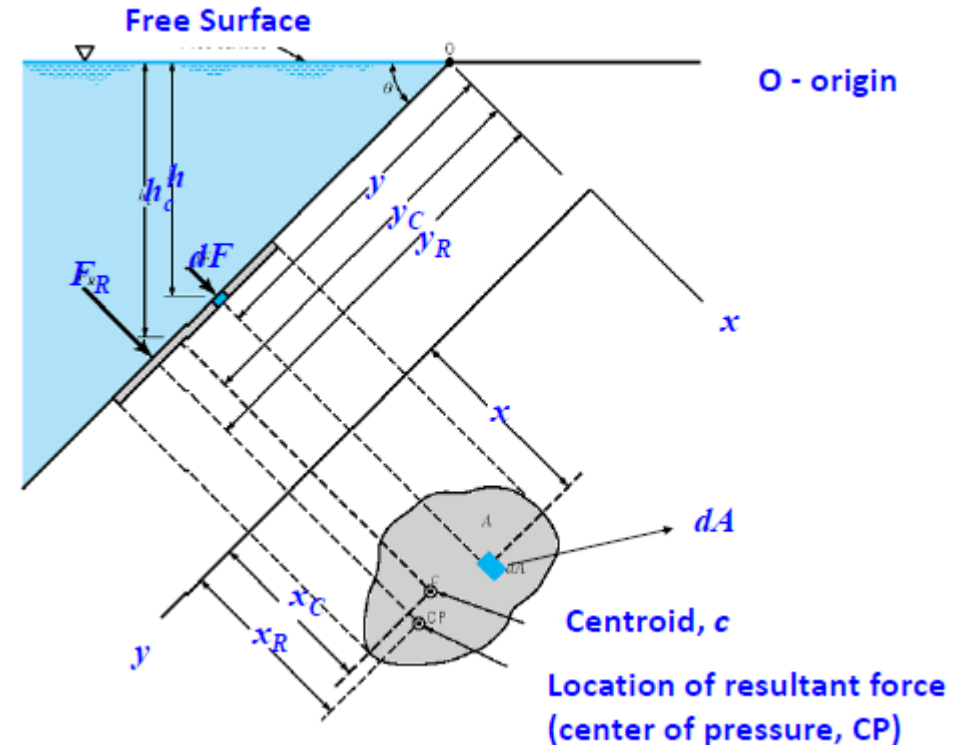
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Horizontal force component

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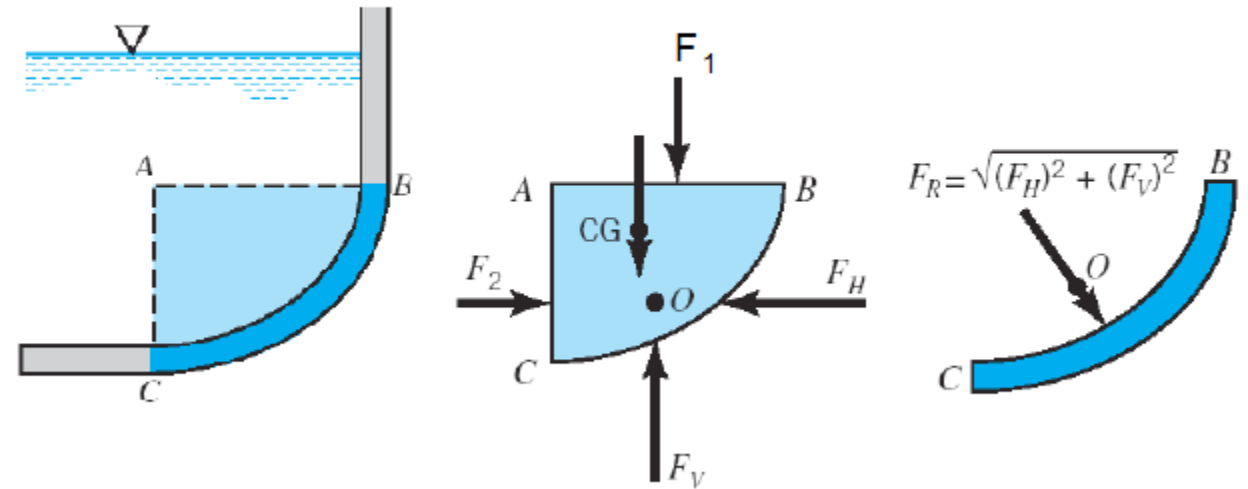
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Vertical force component

Force = wt. of liquid above the curved surface

Downward direction depends on wetting surface being inside area considered





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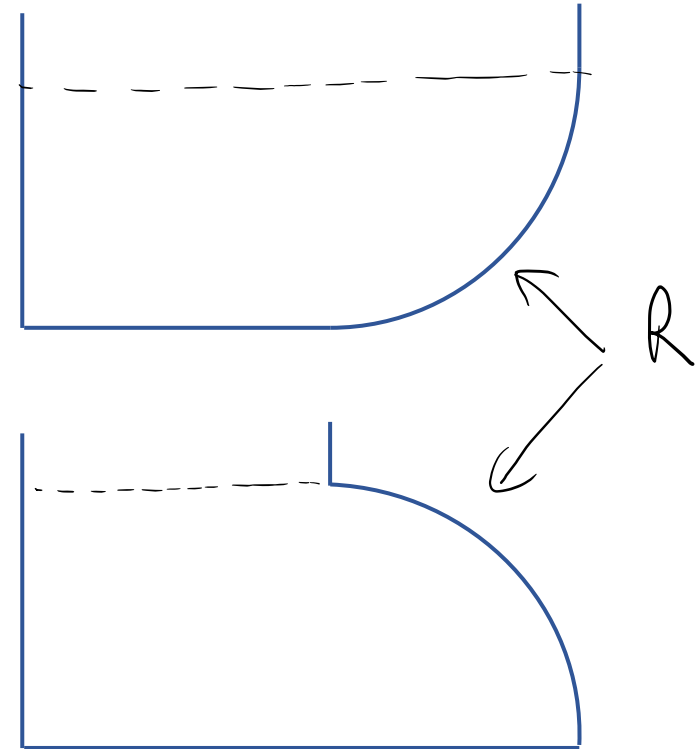
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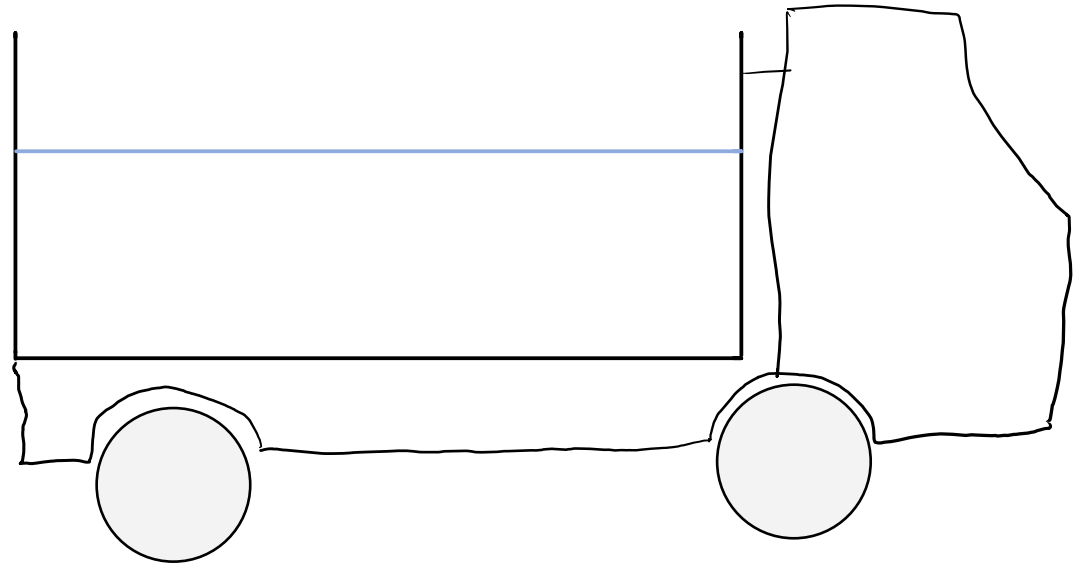




# Pressure Distribution

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -\rho(a_z + g), \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = -\rho(a_x), \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -\rho(a_y)$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{a_x}{a_z + g}$$

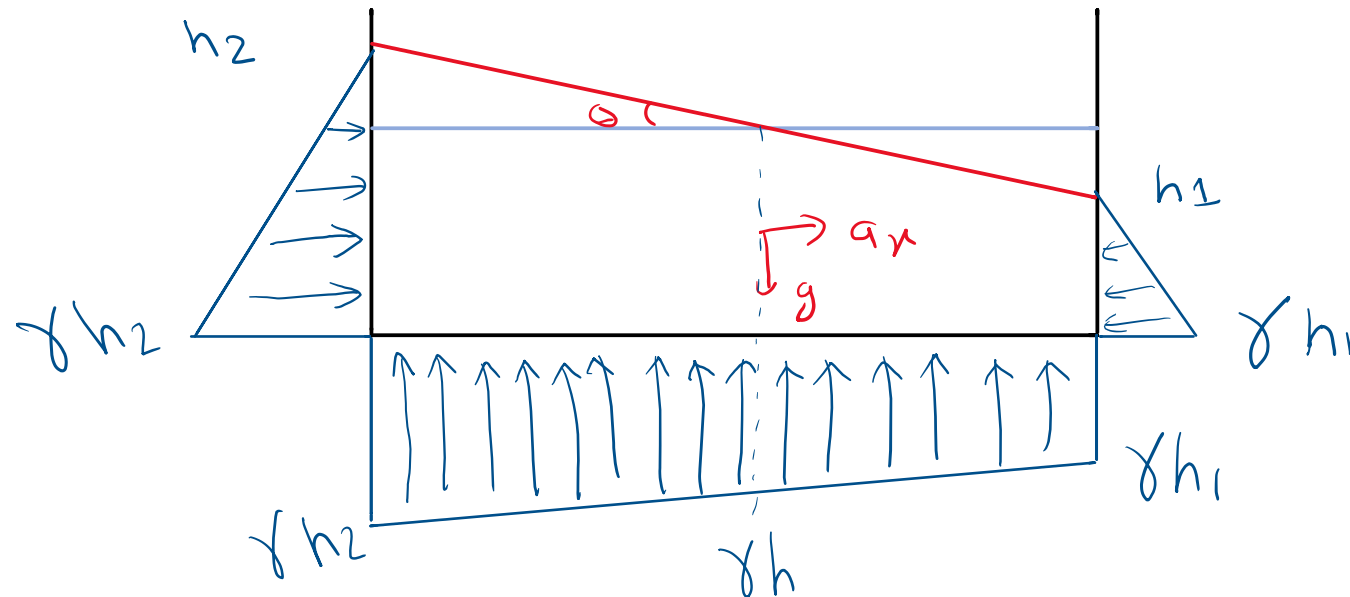


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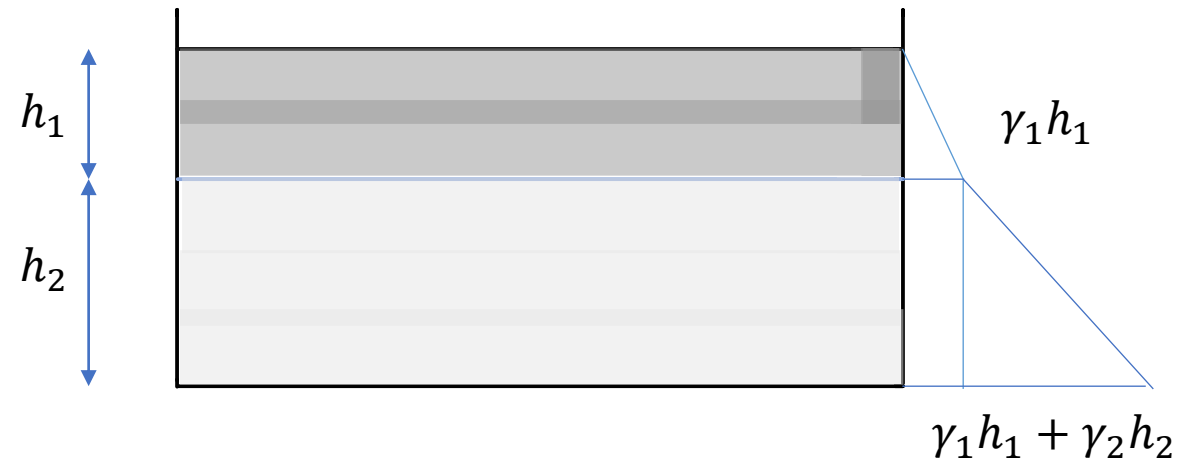
$$h_2 = h + \frac{L}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$h_1 = h - \frac{L}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{a_x}{g}$$



# Pressure Distribution



# Buoyancy

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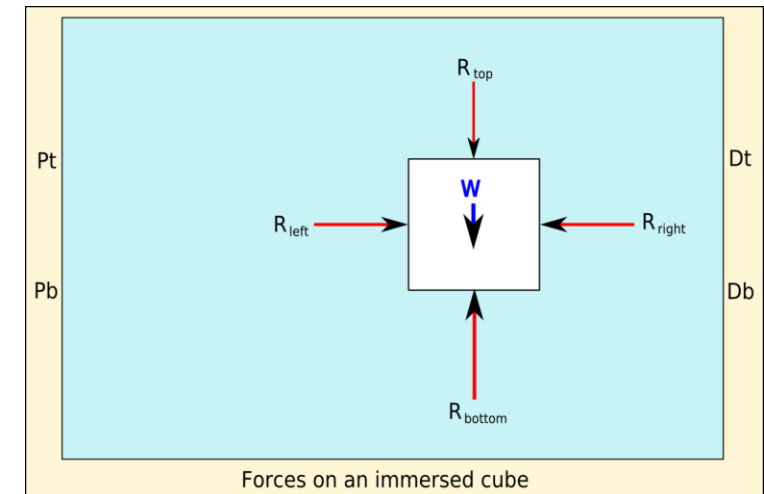
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If  $B = W$ , Body floats, partially or fully immersed

Buoyancy = Weight of liquid displaced

And it acts at center of volume displaced



# Buoyancy

Buoyancy = Weight of liquid displaced

If  $V_{imm}$  be the volume of body submersed

$$\text{Buoyancy} = \gamma_w V_{imm}$$

For a floating body,

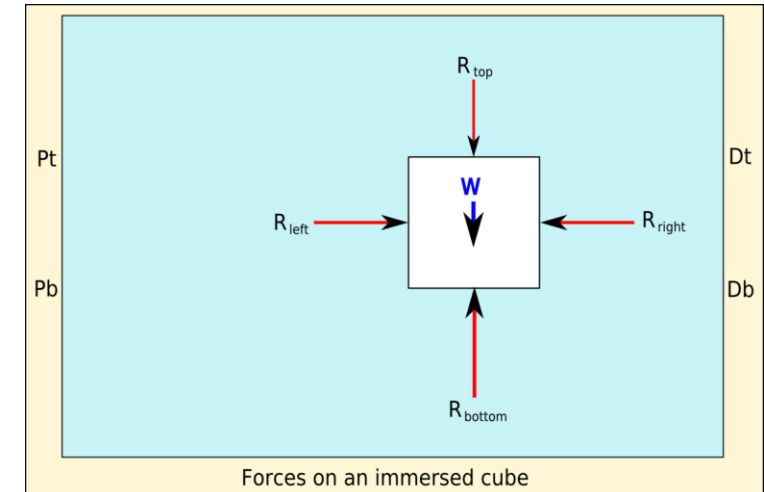
Buoyancy = Weight

$$\gamma_w V_{imm} = \gamma_m V$$

$$\frac{V_{imm}}{V} = \frac{\gamma_m}{\gamma_w}$$

$$\text{Part of body submersed} = \frac{\gamma_m}{\gamma_w}$$

$$\text{Part of body outside water} = 1 - \frac{\gamma_m}{\gamma_w}$$

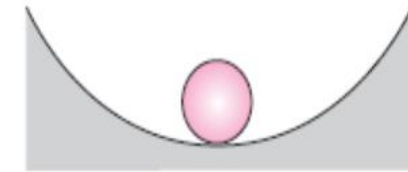


# Stability

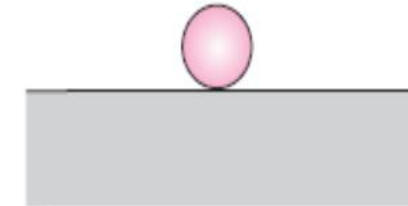
**STABLE** since any small disturbance (someone moves the ball to the right or left) generates a restoring force (due to gravity) that returns it to its initial position.

**NEUTRALLY STABLE** because if someone moves the ball to the right or left, it would stay put at its new location. It has no tendency to move back to its original location, nor does it continue to move away.

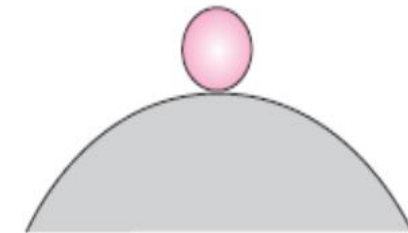
**UNSTABLE** since any disturbance, even an infinitesimal one, causes the ball to roll off the hill – it does not return to its original position; rather it diverges from it.



(a) Stable



(b) Neutrally stable



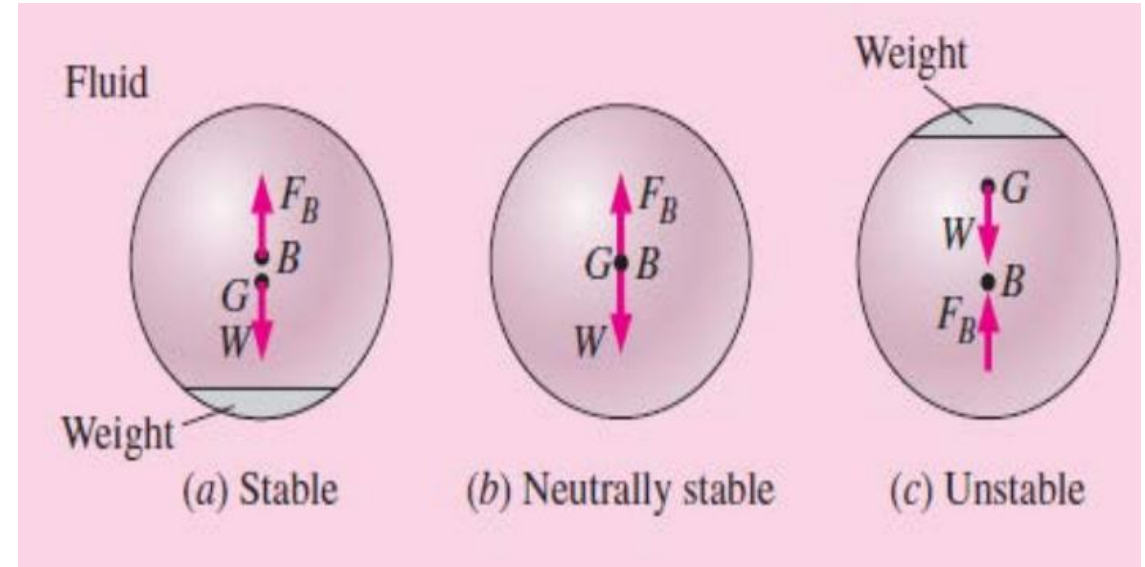
(c) Unstable

# Stability of Immersed Bodies

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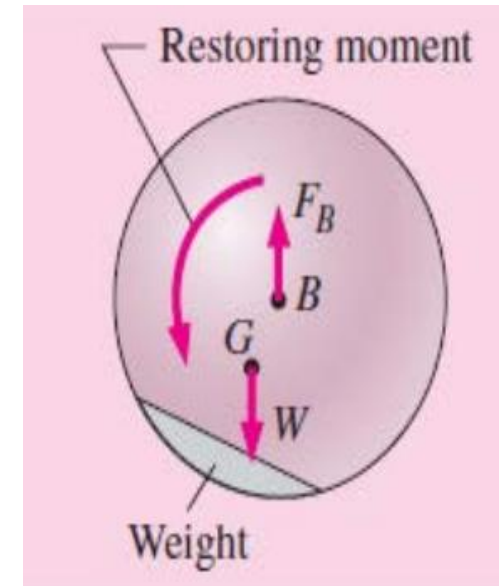


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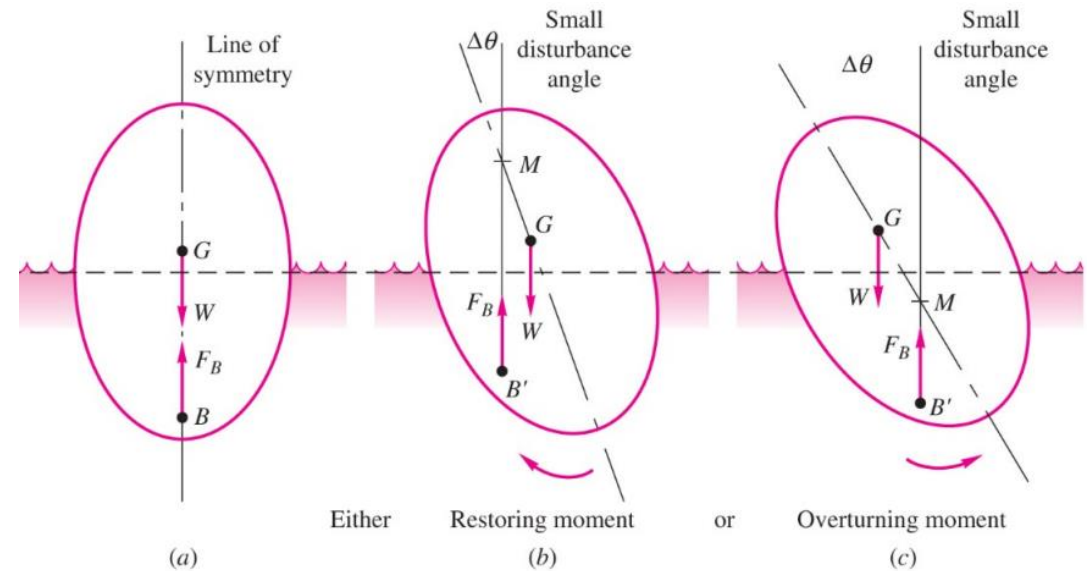
$$GM = BM - BG$$

$$BM = \frac{I}{V_{dis}}$$

**STABLE:** if M is above G ( $GM > 0$ )

**UNSTABLE:** if M is below G ( $GM < 0$ )

**NEUTRALLY STABLE:** if M coincides G ( $GM = 0$ )



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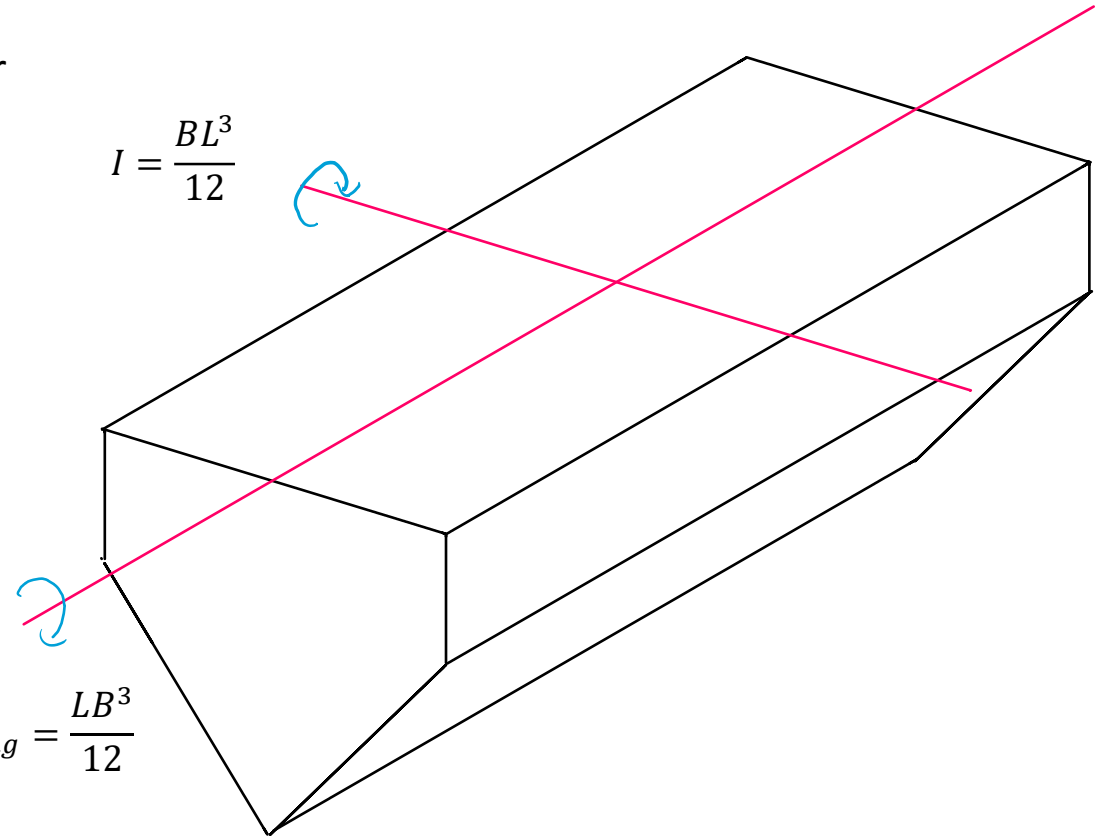
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$$I_{rolling} = \frac{LB^3}{12}$$

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Thank YOU !!!