

Fluids: a problem

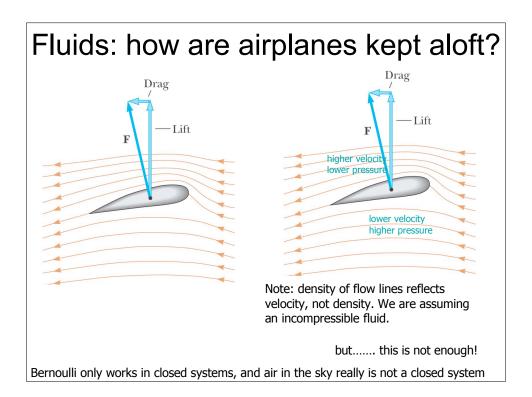
A beaker contains a thick layer of oil (shown in green) of density ρ_2 floating on water (shown in blue), which has density ρ_3 . A cubical block of wood of density ρ_1 with side length L is gently lowered into the beaker, so as not to disturb the layers of liquid, until it floats peacefully between the layers, as shown in the figure. What is the distance d between the top of the wood cube (after it has come to rest) and the interface between oil and water? Hint: After the wood block has come to rest, it is in static equilibrium. Thus, the magnitude of the buoyant force (directed upward) must exactly equal the magnitude of the gravitational force (directed downward). The buoyant force will depend on the quantity d that you are trying to find.

The total buoyant force has two contributions, one from each of the two different fluids. To find the total buoyant force, imagine that the wood block is divided into two pieces, one in oil and one in water. Apply Archimedes' principle to each, and add the two buoyant forces to find the total force.

$$\begin{split} &\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{oil}} \,=\, \rho_2 \, \mathsf{g} \, (\mathsf{L}^2 \, \mathsf{d}) \\ &\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{water}} \,=\, \rho_3 \, \mathsf{g} \, (\mathsf{L}^2 \, (\mathsf{L}\text{-}\mathsf{d})) \\ &\mathsf{w} = \rho_1 \, \mathsf{g} \, \mathsf{L}^3 \end{split}$$

$$W = F_{oil} + F_{water}$$

DC



Simple Bernoulli calculation Boeing 747-400 • · Dimensions: - Length: 231 ft 10 inches - Wingspan: 211 ft 5 in - Height: 63 ft 8 in • Weight: - Empty: 4 x 105 lbs - Cargo: 2.5 x 105 lbs - Passengers+fuel: 1.5 x 10⁵ lbs - Full at takeoff: 8 x 10⁵ lbs Performance: Using Bernoulli's equation and a surface area - Cruising Speed: 583 mph of 200 ft x 15 ft you only produce an upward - Range: 7,230 miles lift of 2 x 10⁴ lbs $r(v_2^2 - v_1^2) / 2 = P_1 - P_2 = DP$ too low by a factor of 40! Let $v_2 = 220.0 \text{ m/s} v_2 = 210 \text{ m/s}$ Airplanes are kept aloft because the wings scatter So DP = 3 x 103 Pa = 0.03 atm off air molecules, and scatter more downward than or 0.5 lbs/in² upward http://www.geocities.com/galemcraig/

