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Fluid Mechanics

→ concerned with the behavior of liquids and gases at rest or in motion

→ fluid mechanics encompasses a vast array of problems that may vary from the study of

→ blood flow in the capillary (or capillaries) (Which are only a few microns in diameters)

— microfluidics

to

→ the flow of crude oil through pipelines (long pipes around 4ft in diameter)

Range

→ fluid state of matter is predominantly found in nature and this in itself is reason enough to study its behavior in detail

→ Some examples where knowledge of fluid mechanics is essential in determining system performance

→ Heat exchangers & process equipment in power and chemical plants

→ Combustion chambers (IC Engines & furnaces)

→ Aerospace

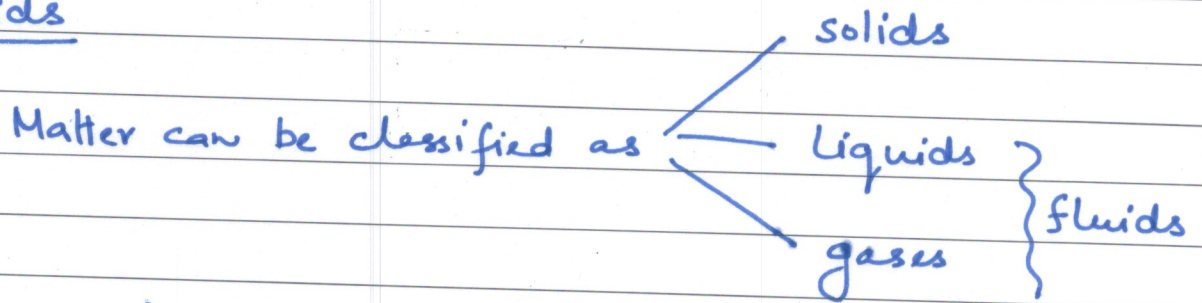
→ Turbomachinery

→ Injection Molding, Casting, Material processing, etc

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Fluids



→ Basic difference between solids and fluids is in their stress-strain relationship besides their constituents

Solids ——— stress = $f(\text{strain})$

} simple or complex

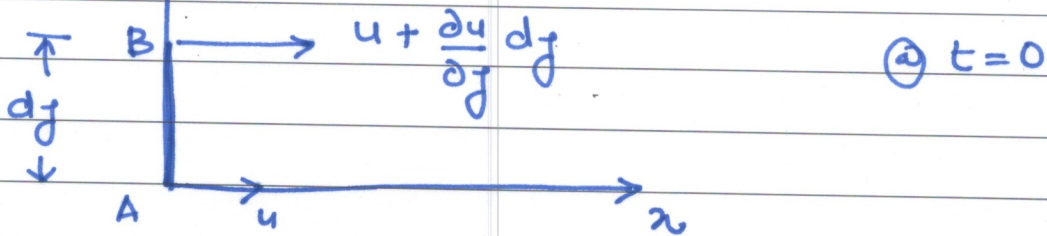
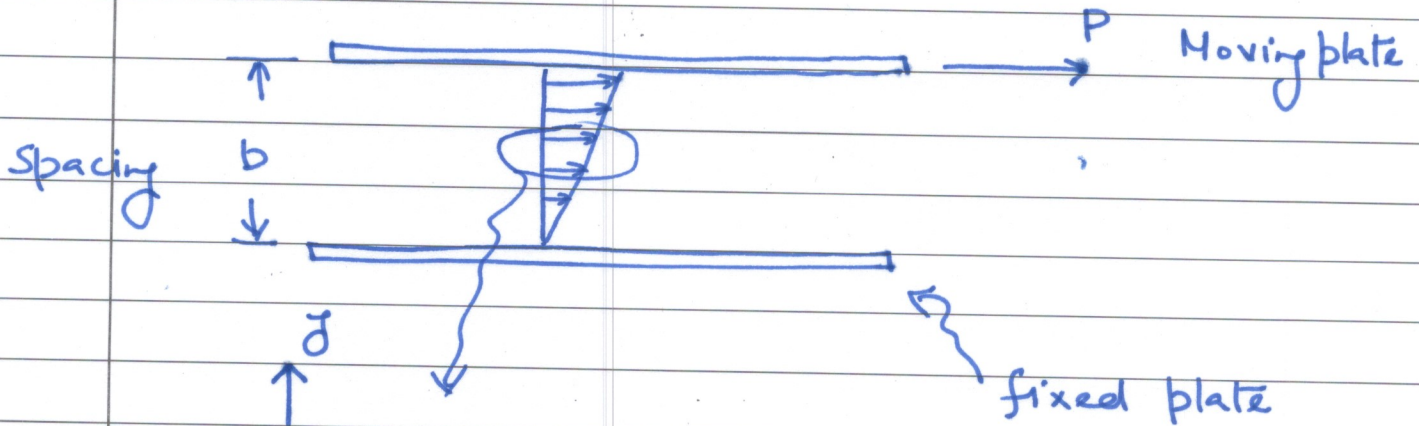
fluids

stress = $f(\text{Rate of strain})$

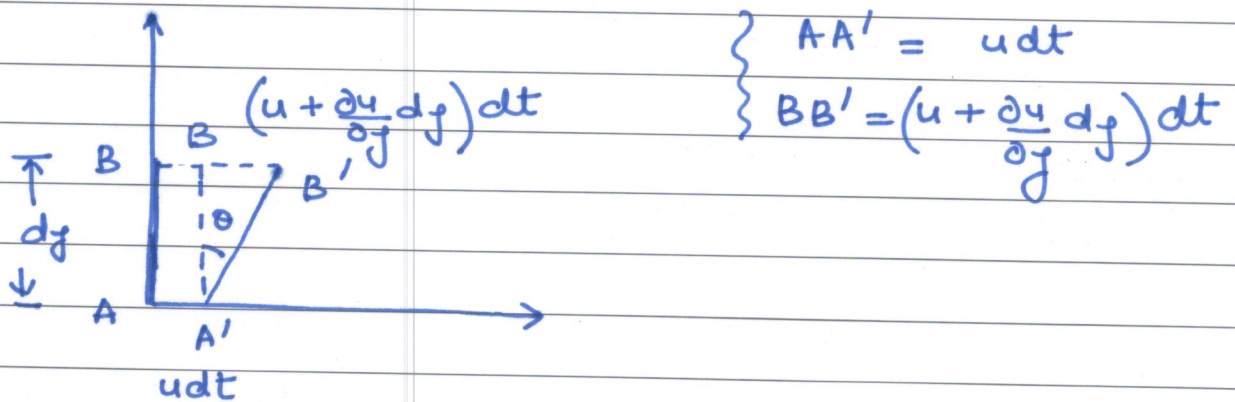
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Hypothetical Experiment



After a small interval of time dt @ $t=dt$



In a small time interval dt an imaginary line AB in the fluid has rotated through an angle θ

for small angles

$$\theta \sim \tan \theta$$

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$$\theta \sim \tan \theta = \frac{BB'}{A'B} = \frac{\left[u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy - u \right] dt}{dy}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dt$$

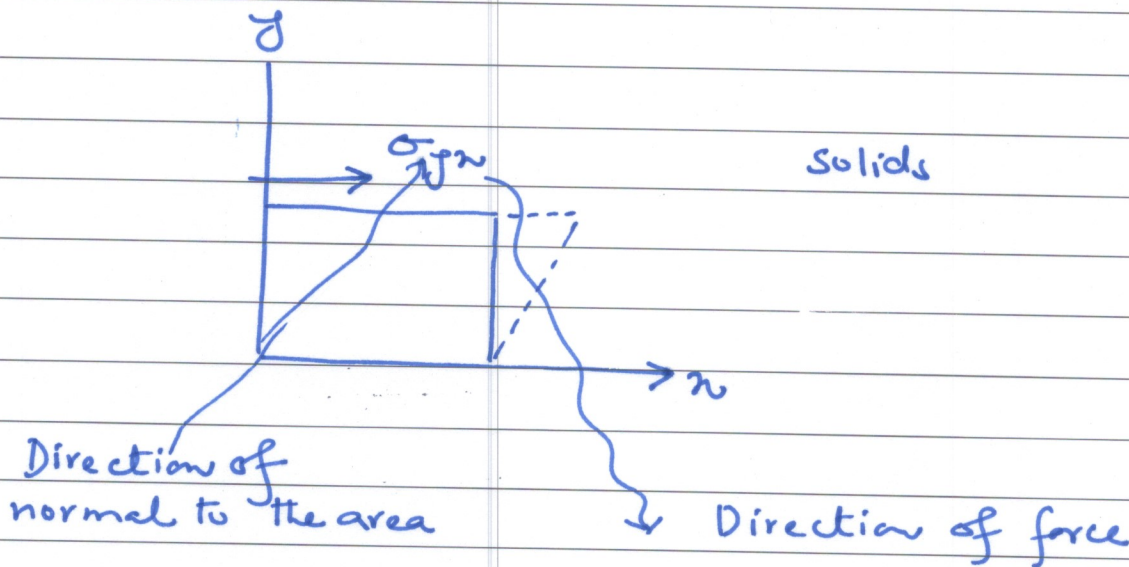
Strain, $\theta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dt$

Rate of strain = $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

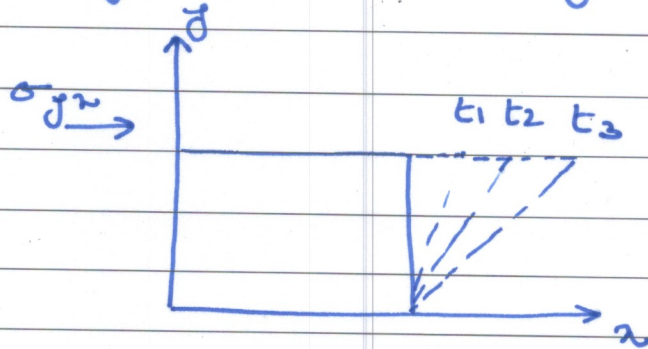
Stress in the fluids = $f\left(\frac{du}{dy}\right)$

for solids

→ Shearing stress causes a strain in case of solids



→ In case of fluids the shearing stress goes on changing the shape as long as it remains



- fluids are incapable of resisting stress
- in fact the fluids flow
- fluids continuously deform under the action of shearing stresses
- solids can resist the shearing stress

→ Shearing stresses generate velocity gradients

$$\sigma_{yz} = f \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$

for a certain category of fluids

$$\sigma_{yz} \propto \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

$$\sigma_{yz} = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

μ - coefficient of proportionality is called coefficient of viscosity

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Solids : $\sigma_{yx} = f(\text{strain})$

fluids : $\sigma_{yx} = f(\text{Rate of strain})$
 $= f(\partial u / \partial y)$

Literally 'fluid state' means an unstable state with respect its shape under the action of forces or stresses

Relationship

(I) $\sigma_{yx} = f(du/dy)$

can have different forms depending upon the nature of the fluid

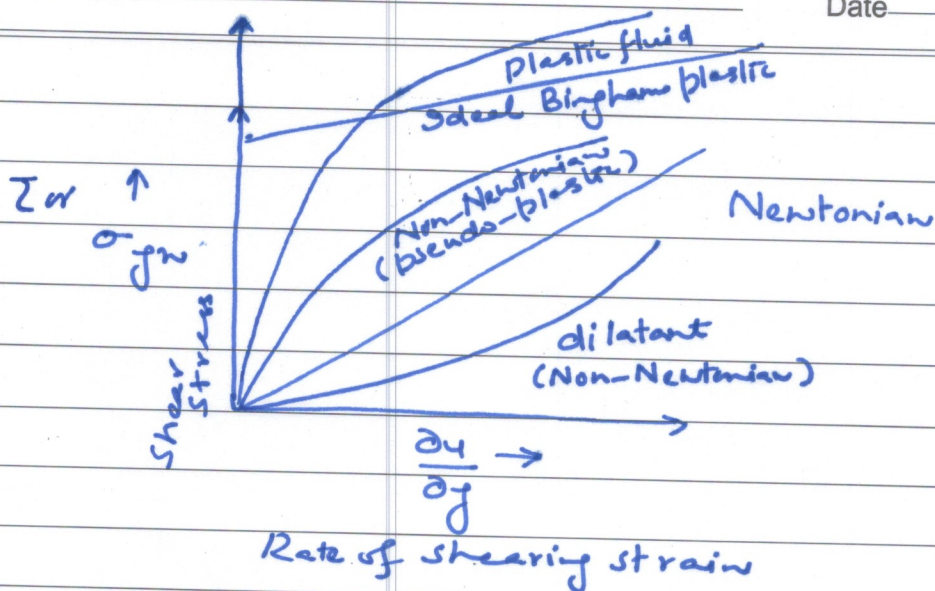
→ A large number of fluids have a linear relationship of the type

(II) $\sigma_{yx} = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

} Such fluids are called Newtonian fluids)

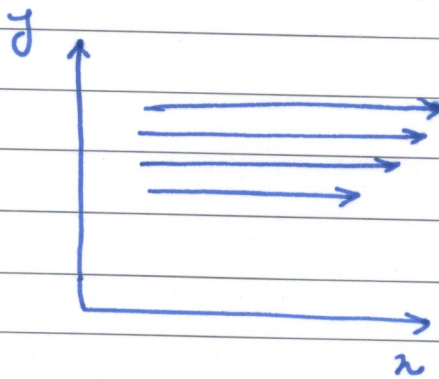
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Discussion of the coefficient of viscosity

→ Viscosity — Resistance to flow or deformation or to the creation of velocity gradients or to the creation of relative motions



→ More viscosity means tendency to bind the particles or to keep the particles bound together

→ Parameters that tend to bind the particles together

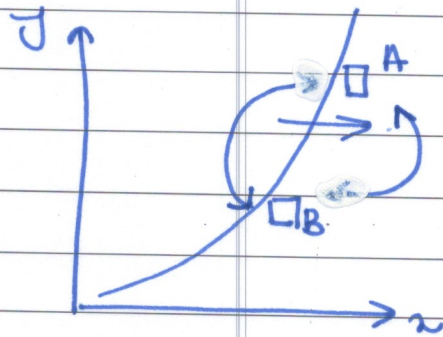
→ cohesion (intermolecular forces)

→ molecular momentum exchange

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Molecules momentum exchange of random molecules motion tend to slow down the particles of element A and tend to make the particles of element B move faster



→ Hence there is a tendency to reduce relative motion between A and B and hence tendency to bind them together

→ So molecules momentum exchange is another cause for viscosity

Liquids — cohesion is major cause of viscosity

$T \uparrow$, $\mu \downarrow$
 Increase in temperature Viscosity decreases

Gases — molecules momentum exchange cause of viscosity

$T \uparrow$, $\mu \uparrow$
 Increase Increase