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# **Overview-PART-II**

• Pressure Survey

• Leapfrogging Method

• Examples (6.3)

• Comparison of Pressure Measurement Instruments and Methods

- Atmospheric pressure refers to the force per unit area exerted by the weight of a column of air in the atmosphere.
- Atmospheric pressure varies with both time and place. *Pressure difference* is the difference in air pressure between two points.
- Gage pressure refers to the difference between the pressure at a point within a system such as a duct and atmospheric pressure at that point.
- Gage pressure plus the atmospheric pressure at a point is known as the absolute pressure at that point.
- Head is a unit measure of pressure in terms of a column of fluid, which in mine ventilation is customarily expressed in in. water (Pa).

• Pressure is measured by :

1. Manometer by taking a difference in head (direct method).

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2. Absolute pressure at each station (Indirect method).

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### • Manometer



### Mercurey Barometer



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### o Aneroid Barometers



The Aneroid barometer

- Atmospheric pressure is due mainly to elevation, with acceleration due to gravity and differences in air specific weight accounting for only about 10% of the total pressure.
- The significant influence of elevation on atmospheric pressure has led to the adoption of altimeters, aneroid barometers calibrated in terms of elevation for pressure measurements underground.

$$Z = 62,583.6 \log\left(\frac{29.92}{p_b}\right) \tag{6.8}$$

• Aneroid barometers should be calibrated periodically against a mercury barometer and certainly before a major survey, since their thermal-compensation characteristic changes, and a definite zero shift or drift can continue with time.

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### Differential-Pressure Measurement





#### **Differential pressure flowmeter**

- Manometer Types
- 1. vertical U-tube
- 2. well-type or reservoir-type



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### • Example 6.2 :

• An oil of specific gravity s = 0.85 is to be used in an inclined manometer constructed with a magnification of 12. If the tubing bore D0 is 0.15 in. (3.81 mm) and the reservoir diameter D is 1.50 in. (38.10 mm), find the required angle of inclination 9, the error in reading only the inclined leg, and the scale correction that must be made in compensation.

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### • Solution Ex. 6.2. :

• Using Eq. 2.18, substituting specific gravity for specific weight (water = 1.00):

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$$H_2 = H_1 \frac{s_1}{s_2} = (1) \left(\frac{1.00}{0.82}\right) = 1.177$$
 in. oil

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{vertical rise}}{\text{magnification}} = \frac{1.177}{12} = 0.098$$
$$\theta = 5.6^{\circ}$$

### • Solution Ex. 6.2. :

• For a range of 1 in. (25.4 mm) water, construct a manometer with a leg 12 in. (304.8 mm) in length, 1.177 in. (29.90 mm) vertical rise, and inclined at 5.6°.

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Error = (magnification) 
$$\left(\frac{D_0}{D}\right)^2 \left(\frac{s_2}{s_1}\right) = (12) \left(\frac{0.15}{1.50}\right)^2 \left(\frac{0.85}{1.00}\right)$$

= 0.102 in./in. water/12-in. length of inclined leg, or 10.2%

• To correct for error, calibrate the scale along the 12-in. (304.8-mm) inclined leg to read from 0 to 1.102 in. (0 to 28.0 mm) water.

### • Example 6.3. :

• The following data are obtained in a trailinghose survey (Fig. 6.11) in a vertical intake shaft The manometer is at the bottom of the shaft and reads 1.51 in. water. Calculate the correction to the manometer reading.:

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Position	Elevation, ft	Pressure, psi	Temperature, °F	
			Dry-Bulb	Wet-Bulb
Тор	- 1748.70	12.594	59.4	50.0
Bottom	-4368.70	13.773	67.3	57.0

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### • Example 6.3. :



### • Solution Example 6.3. :

• The manometer reading is the difference (ps - p2) in Fig. 6.11. To determine the correction, the mean specific weights of the air in the shaft (column 1-2)  $w_s$ , and the hose (column 1-3)  $w_h$ , must be calculated.

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 Neglecting velocity head changes and using the appropriate mean specific weights, the head loss in the shaft resulting from flow from 1 to 2 is

 $H_{l_{12}} = (H_{s_1} - H_{s_2}) + (H_{z_1} - H_{z_2})$ 

### • Solution Example 6.3. :

• Similarly, noting that Z2 = Z3, the head loss in the hose due to flow from 1 to 3 is

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$$H_{I_{13}} = \frac{144 \ (p_1 - p_3)}{5.2} + \frac{\overline{w}_h (Z_1 - Z_2)}{5.2}$$
$$H_{I_{12}} = \frac{144 \ (p_1 - p_2)}{5.2} + \frac{\overline{w}_s (Z_1 - Z_2)}{5.2}$$

Note that H<sub>113</sub>= 0 as there is no flow from 1 to 3.
 Subtracting H/I} from Hi,, the following expression is obtained for head loss in the shaft:

$$H_{l_{12}} = \left(\frac{144}{5.2}\right)(p_3 - p_2) + \left(\frac{1}{5.2}\right)(Z_1 - Z_2)(\overline{w}_s - \overline{w}_h)$$

### • <u>Solution Example 6.3.</u> :

- In this equation, the manometer reading is represented by the first term on the right, and the correction, by the second term.
- Note that p3 = p2 + manometer reading (converted to psi)

$$p_3 = (13.773) + \left(\frac{1.51}{27.69}\right) = 13.8275 \text{ psi}$$

• Using Eqs. 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.7, and 2.8, the following data are calculated for the air in the shaft:

	Specific		
Position	Humidity, Ib/Ib	Weight, lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	
Тор	0.0072	0.0655	
Bottom	0.0082	0.0702	

### o Solution Example 6.3. :

Average specific weight of air in the shaft  $\overline{w}_s = \frac{0.0655 + 0.0702}{2}$ 

 $= 0.06785 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ 

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Conditions at the top of the hose are the same as those at the top of the shaft. Known conditions at the bottom of the hose (point 3) are dry-bulb temperature = 67.3°F, barometric pressure = 13.8275 psi, and specific humidity= 0.0072 lb/lb. Using these data and Eqs. 2.5, 2.7, and 2.8, the specific weight of the air at point 3 is calculated as 0.0705 lb/ft3.

Average specific weight of air in the hose  $\overline{w}_h = \frac{0.0655 + 0.0705}{2}$ = 0.0680lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

### • Solution Example 6.3. :

 Noting that (Zi - Z2) = 2620 ft, the head loss in the shaft due to flow is

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$$H_{l_{12}} = \left(\frac{144}{5.2}\right) (13.8275 - 13.773) + \left(\frac{1}{5.2}\right) (2620) (0.06785 - 0.0680)$$
  
= 1.43 in. water

### Indirect Method (Leapfrogging method)

- The indirect method uses a precision aneroid barometer or altimeter.
- The device indicates absolute static pressure at a point, and the difference in head between two points must be calculated from adjacent readings.
- Altimeter readings are recorded during the survey in ft (m) elevation and then later converted to head in in. water (Pa).
- The upstream instrument becomes the downstream instrument for each successive measurement.

#### Indirect Method (Leapfrogging method)



FIGURE 6.14 Leapfrogging method.

- Stations for pressure measurement should be located at splits, junctions, points of air direction change, and points of major physical change in air courses; across regulators; and at both sides of overcasts. These locations are poor for quantity measurements.
- Study of the map should be followed by a trip underground, at which time elevations and areas can be measured; and an inspection can be made for possible problems that may be encountered during the survey as well as for changes in station locations, if necessary.

### • Calculations

$$H_{l_{21}} = (H_{s_2} - H_{s_1}) + (H_{v_2} - H_{v_1}) + (H_{z_2} - H_{z_1})$$
(6.9)

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$$H_{s_1} = H_1 + H_{a_1}$$
  $H_{s_2} = H_2 + H_{a_2}$  (6.10)

$$H_{l_{21}} = (H_2 - H_1) + (H_{a_2} - H_{a_1}) + (H_{v_2} - H_{v_1}) + (H_{z_2} - H_{z_1})$$
(6.11)

$$H_{l_{21}} = -\left[\frac{(p_{A_2} - p_{A_1}) - (p_{B_2} - p_{B_1}) - (Z_2 - Z_1)/DR}{CF}\right] + \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{(4009)^2}$$
(6.12)

### • DR : Density ratio

### • Calculations

$$DR = \frac{\left(\frac{1.325}{460 + 50}\right)p_b}{\left(\frac{1.325}{460 + t_d}\right)(p_b - 0.378p'_v)}$$
(6.1)

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**FIGURE 6.15** Ratio of altimeter-scale air specific weight to mine air specific weight. Correction factor for difference of elevation. (After McElroy and Kingery, 1957.)

 Pressure differences due to air-velocity differences are calculated by assuming w=0.0750 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

$$H_{w_{21}} = \left[\frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{(4009)^2}\right] \left[\frac{(w_1 + w_2)/2}{0.0750}\right]$$
(6.14)

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• <u>CF</u> or conversion factor converts average altimeter readings to pressures in feet of air column equivalent to a pressure of 1 in. water

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# **Pressure Survey**

### • Fig. 6.16



### <u>Comparison of Pressure Survey Instruments and</u> <u>Methods</u>

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Manometer	Altimeter	
Portable, slow, inflexible, cheap	Portable, fast, versatile, costly	
No lag, but fluctuates	Subject to creep or lag	
Temperature change causes error	Temperature change correctable	
No elevation correction	Must correct for elevation	
No barometric correction possible	Must correct for barometer	
Station interval limited	Station interval unlimited	
Reads directly in in. (mm) water	Readings must be converted	
Used for accurate measurements	Used for routine surveys	

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# **END OF PART-II**