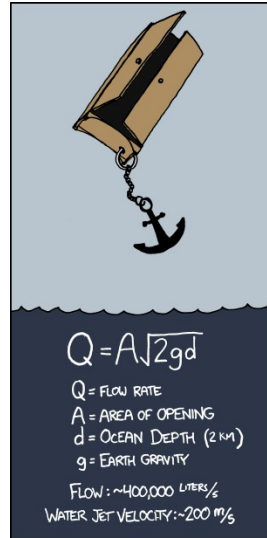


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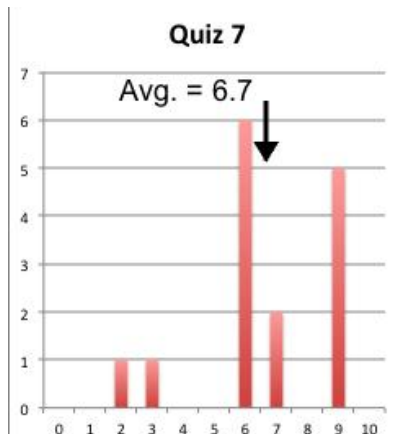
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Quiz 7

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B	7%	93%	100%	80%
C	33%	0%	7%	0%
D	47%	0%	0%	0%
E	7%	0%	0%	13%
N	7%	0%	0%	0%



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Foothold ideas: Surface tension



- Due to the intermolecular interactions holding a liquid together, the surface of a liquid experiences a tension.
- The pull across any line in the surface of the liquid is proportional to the length of the line.

$$F_{\text{surface tension}} = \gamma L$$

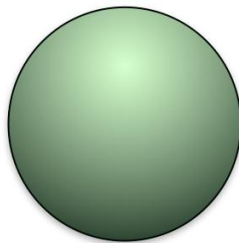
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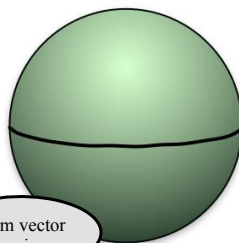
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Laplace Bubble Law

Consider a bubble



Now consider its top half



From vector averaging

$$F_{\text{air pressure inside} \rightarrow \text{top half}}^{\uparrow} = \frac{1}{2} p A = \frac{1}{2} p (2\pi r^2) = \pi p r^2$$

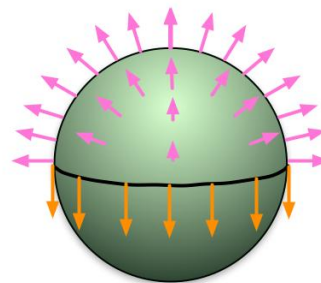
$$F_{\text{s.t. of bot half} \rightarrow \text{top half}}^{\downarrow} = \gamma L = \gamma (2\pi r) = 2\pi \gamma r$$

$$p = \frac{2\gamma}{r}$$

SMALLER bubble has bigger pressure!

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What forces act on it?



Force from pressure inside (up) must cancel pull of surface tension from the bottom half (down)

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