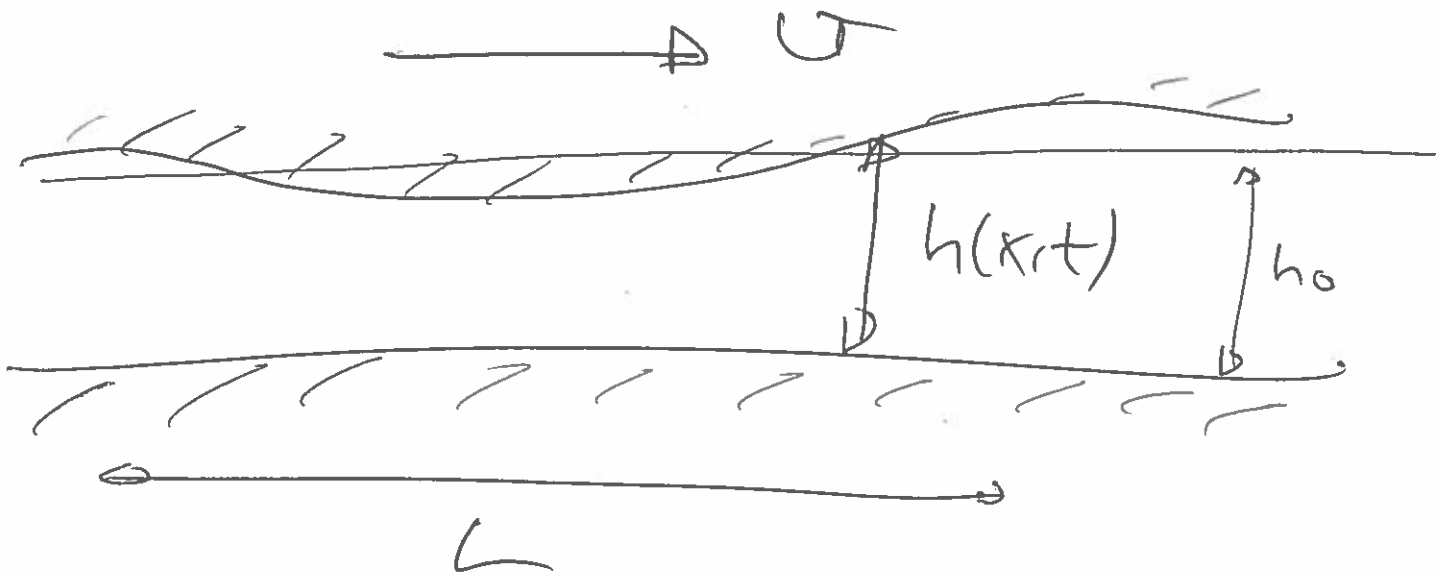


# Lubrication theory

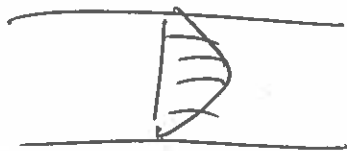
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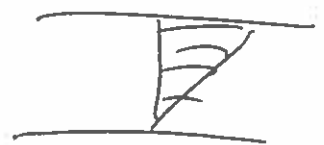
$$\frac{h_0}{L} \ll 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \\ 0 &= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

$$u(x,y,t) = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} (y^2 - h(x,t)y) + U \frac{y}{h(x,t)} \quad (*)$$



press. driven



shear

Also:

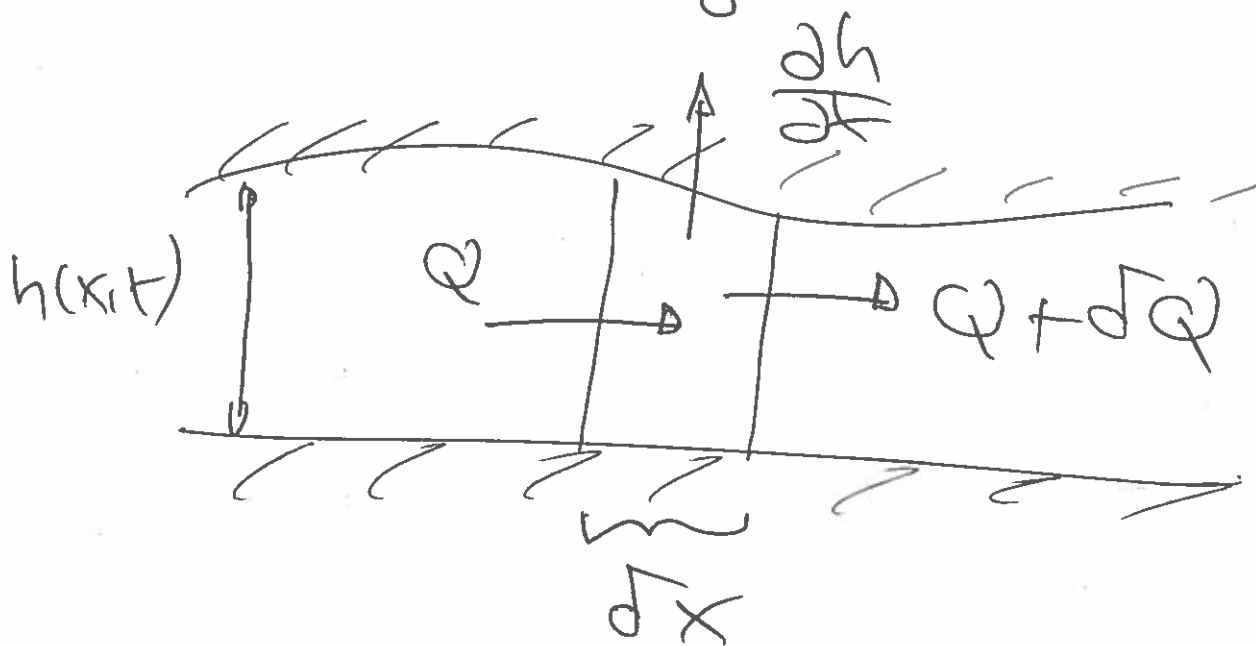
What is  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$  ?

Additional requirement: (2)

Volume conservation!

Consider volume flux through cross-section of channel:

$$Q(x,t) = \int_0^{h(x,t)} u(x,y,t) dy$$



Net outflow

$$\cancel{Q + \Delta Q} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \Delta x - \cancel{Q} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = - \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$$

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now  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

$$Q = \int_0^h u \, dy$$

from (\*) & integrate  
...

$$Q = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} h^3 + \frac{1}{2} U h$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( h^3 \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{2} U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{h^3}{\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) = 12 \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + 6 U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

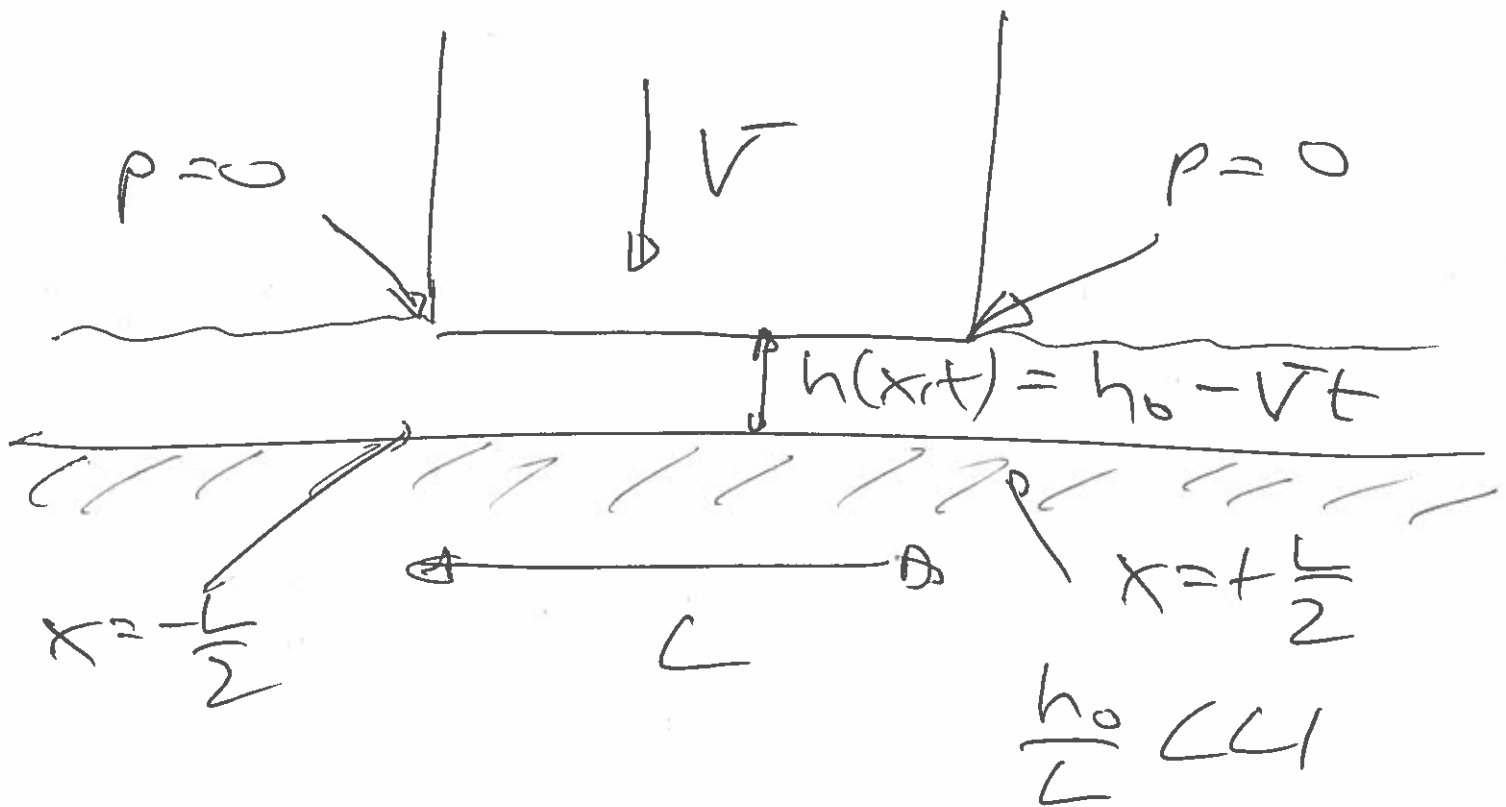
$h(x,t)$  given

This is the Reynolds' lubrication equation.

Given  $h(x,t)$ ,  $U$ . This is an eqn. for  $p(x,t)$ .

$u(x,y,t)$  follows from (\*).

# Example: Squeeze film: <sup>(4)</sup>



Here:  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$        $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \dot{h} = -V$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{h^3}{\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) = 12 \dot{h}$$

$$\frac{h^3}{\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 12 \dot{h} x + \tilde{A}(t)$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{12 \dot{h} \mu}{h^3} x + A(t)$$

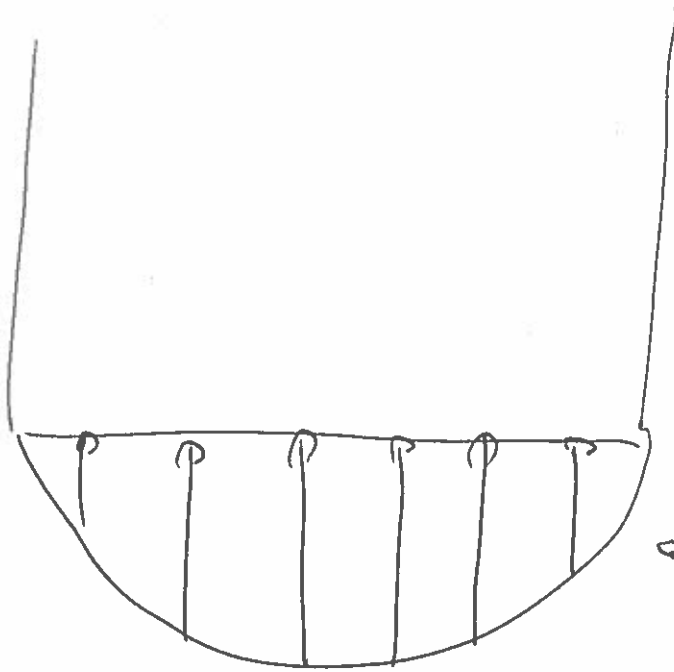
$$p(x,t) = \frac{6 \dot{h} \mu}{h^3} x^2 + A(t) x + B(t)$$

BC:  $p(x = -\frac{L}{2}) = p(x = \frac{L}{2}) = 0$

$$p(x,t) = \frac{6\dot{h}\mu}{h^3} \left( x^2 - \left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 \right)$$

$$h(x,t) = h_0 - Vt$$

$$\dot{h} = -V$$



pressure acting on "stems"

As  $h \rightarrow 0$  ( $t \rightarrow \frac{h_0}{V}$ )

the pressure becomes  $\infty$ .

# EXAM

- kinem.  $\epsilon_{ij}$   $\omega_{ij}$  interpret.  
 $\frac{D}{Dt}$
- BC, IC,  $t_i = \tau_{ij} n_j$   
 $\underline{u} = \dots$
- // flow, deriv, apply
- non dim, scaling
- MUST know:  
Egns in Cartesian coords  
N-JT.  $\nabla^2 \psi = 0$   $\psi \rightarrow \underline{u}$   
 $\omega_{ij}$   $\epsilon_{ij}$   
 $\tau_{ij} = -p \delta_{ij} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij}$
- No cubn'!