

# Section 10.2

## Properties of Liquids



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# Learning Objectives



- Distinguish between adhesive and cohesive forces
- Define viscosity, surface tension, and capillary rise
- Describe the roles of intermolecular attractive forces in each of these properties/phenomena

# Viscosity



- Viscosity is a measure of a liquid's resistance to flow.
- Low viscosity liquids include: water, gasoline, or acetone
- High viscosity liquids include: honey, motor oil
- It is measured in a number of ways
  - Rotating a spindle in a liquid and measuring the force required to maintain a certain rpm
  - measuring the amount of time it takes for the liquid to pass through a thin tube.

# Viscometers



# Viscosities of Common Substances



Substance	Formula	Viscosity (mPa·s)
water	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.890
mercury	Hg	1.526
ethanol	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	1.074
octane	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	0.508
ethylene glycol	CH <sub>2</sub> (OH)CH <sub>2</sub> (OH)	16.1
honey	variable	~2,000–10,000
motor oil	variable	~50–500

**Table 10.2**

# Cohesives Forces vs. Adhesive Forces

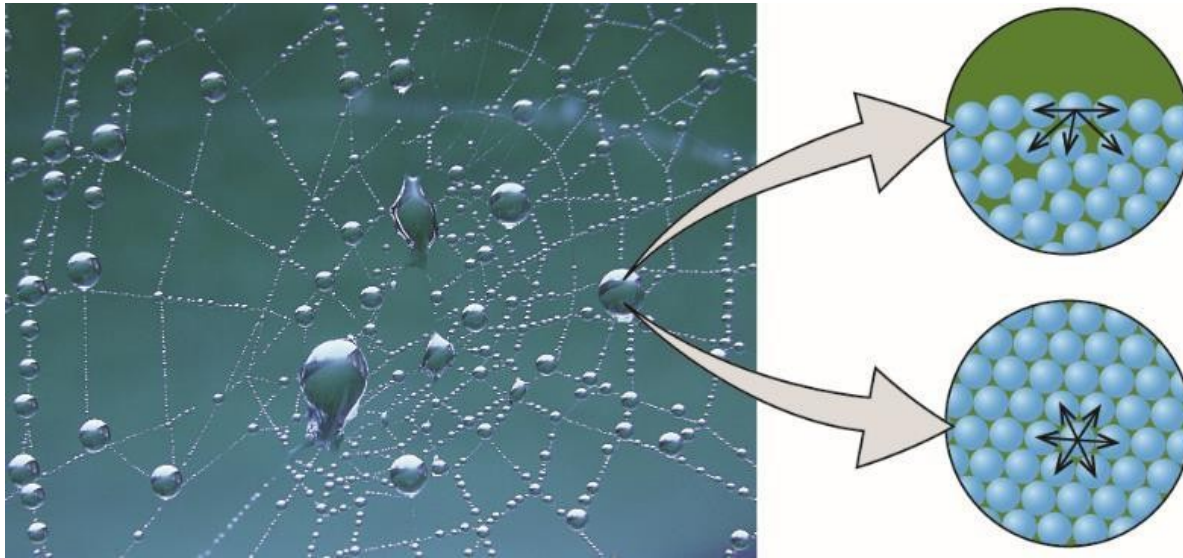


- **Cohesives Forces** are attractive forces between *identical molecules*.
- **Adhesive Forces** are attractive forces between *different molecules*.
- Both of these types of forces are the result of intermolecular forces.

# Surface Tension



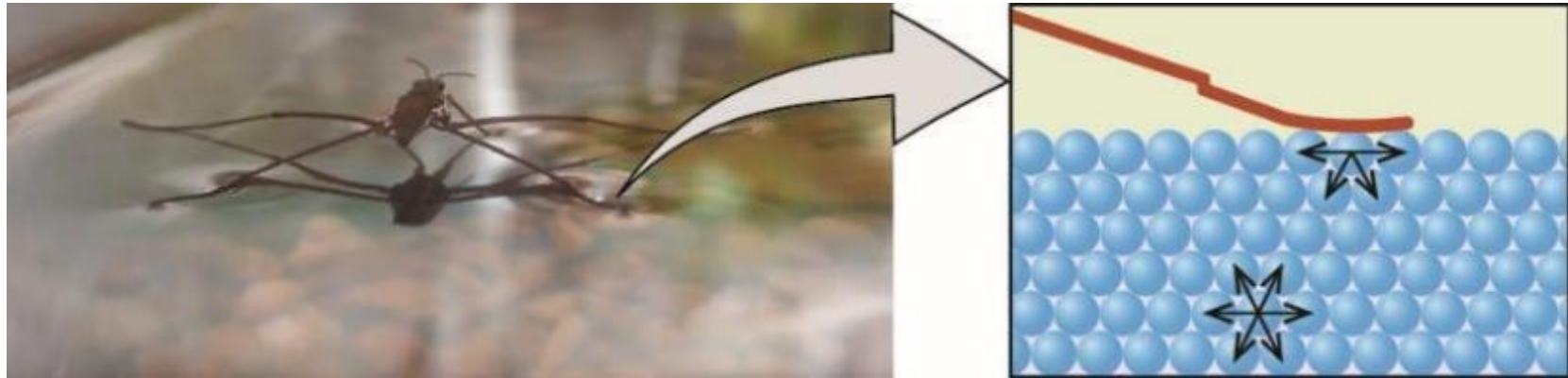
- **Surface tension** is defined as the energy required to increase the surface area of a liquid, or the force required to increase the length of a liquid surface by a given amount.



## Surface Area Continued



- Surface tension results in a sort of “skin” on the outside of a liquid as it requires force to distort the geometry of the liquids surface.

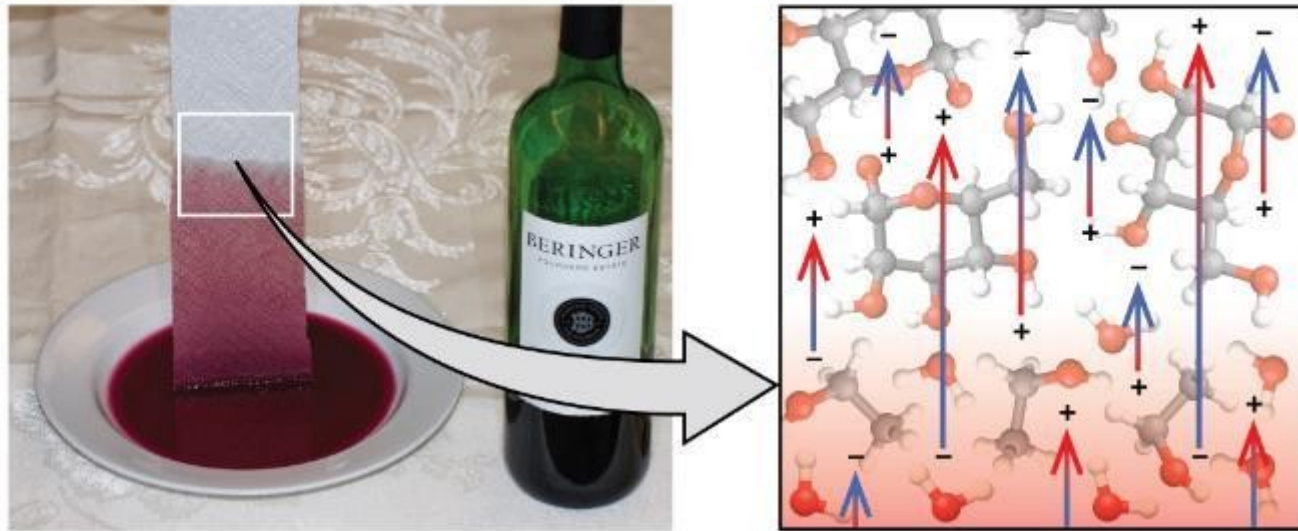




# Capillary Action



- Adhesive forces cause a phenomenon called capillary action.
- Attractive forces between a liquid and surface will cause a liquid to “climb” up a container wall or “wick” up into a material.

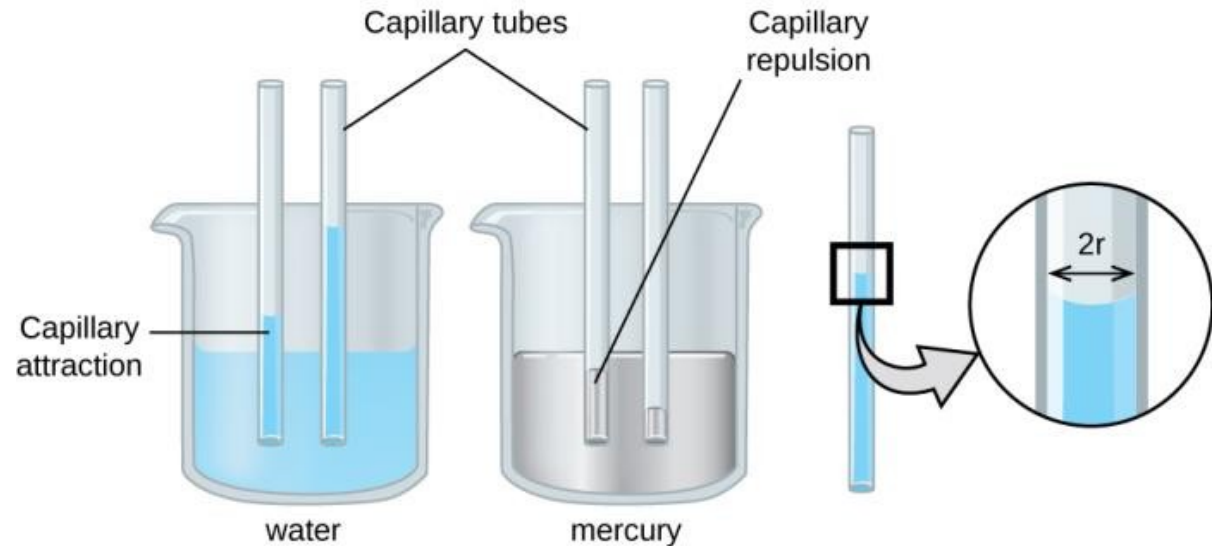


# Calculating Capillary Rise



- We can calculate the degree of capillary rise. There are a few more variables here than you may be used to.

$$h = \frac{2T \cos \theta}{r \rho g}$$



# Conclusions



- Cohesive forces will cause a liquid to attract itself causing droplets, surface tension, and negative capillary rise.
- Adhesive forces will cause a liquid to be attracted to surfaces causing positive capillary rise and wetting of surfaces.
- Both cohesive and adhesive forces are caused by intermolecular forces.