## Hydraulic Systems as Force Multipliers

Two hydraulic pistons are connected by a pipe and filled with a liquid. A force is exerted on piston A in order to lift a weight placed on piston B.



pressure = force / area

work done = force x distance

- 1. Calculate the maximum weight that can be lifted on piston B with a force of 20N on piston A.
- 2. This weight is placed on piston B. A person pushes down on piston A with a force of 20N, and piston A moves down 10cm.
  - a. How much work does the person do?
  - b. What volume of liquid moves out of piston A?

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- a. What volume of liquid moves into piston B?
- b. How far upward does piston B move?
- c. What is the work done by piston B on the weight?