

# Physics I

## Pressure and Density

$$\text{Pressure} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}}$$

Definition of pressure. Measured in pascal (Pa) in SI units.

$$1\text{atm} = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa.}$$

$$\Delta P = \rho gh$$

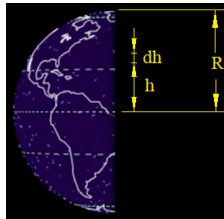
Hydrostatic pressure at a depth  $h$ .

**Problem 1.-** Estimate the pressure at the center of the Earth by integrating the hydrostatic equation ( $\Delta P = \rho gh$ ) written in differential form:

$$dP = \rho g dh$$

So the integral will be:

$$P = \int_0^R \rho g dh$$

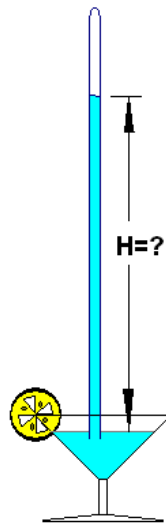


The limits of integration are from the center of the Earth ( $h = 0$ ) to the surface ( $h = R$ ). Where  $R = 6.37 \times 10^6$  m is the radius of the Earth.

Take the density as a constant:  $\rho = 5,500 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ .

Take  $g$  to be this function:  $g = 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \frac{h}{R}$ .

**Problem 2.-** How high would be the level in a barometer at normal atmospheric pressure if the fluid used were vodka martini (shaken not stirred) of density  $910 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ? Would it be a practical instrument (why or why not)?



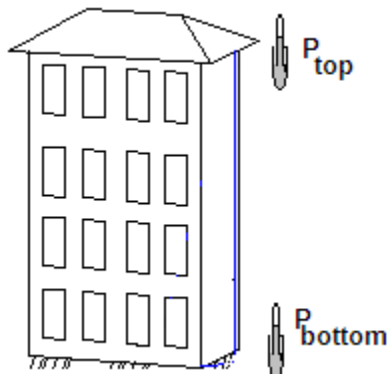
**Problem 3.-**

a) Which has more volume: a kilogram of aluminum or a kilogram of gold?

b) Aerogel is a new material with very special properties. The silicon variety has a density of only  $\rho = 1.1 \text{ mg/cm}^3$ . Calculate the mass in grams of a 1.5-liter sample.

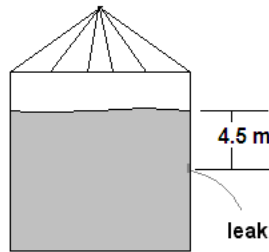
$$1 \text{ L} = 1000 \text{ cm}^3$$

**Problem 4.-** A precise barometer is used to measure the height of a building. It gives a change in pressure of 172 pascal between the top and the bottom of the building shown in the figure. Assume the density of air is constant and equal to  $1.25 \text{ kg/m}^3$  to find "h".



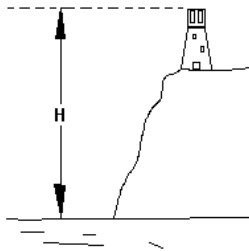
**Problem 5.-** If the density of air were constant  $1.29\text{kg/m}^3$  how high would be the atmosphere?

**Problem 6.-** A syrup tank springs a leak through a hole located  $4.5\text{m}$  under the surface of the fluid. The area of the hole is  $0.0035\text{m}^2$ . If you plug the hole with a rubber stopper, how much force must the rubber apply to stop the leak? [ $\rho_{\text{syrup}} = 1,150\text{kg/m}^3$ ]



**Problem 7.-** Estimate the atmospheric pressure at an altitude  $H=140$  meters over sea level, knowing that the pressure at sea level is  $1.013 \times 10^5$  pascal.

In your estimation assume the density of air to be constant  $\rho_{\text{air}} = 1.29\text{kg/m}^3$ .



**Problem 8.-** Knowing that atmospheric pressure follows approximately the equation:

$$P = 760e^{-h/8010}$$

Where  $P$  is in torr and  $h$  is in meters. Calculate the height necessary to reach a pressure of 1 torr.

**Problem 9.-** Calculate the pressure at the bottom of the Dead Sea, given that its depth is  $330\text{m}$ , the density of its salty water is  $1230\text{kg/m}^3$  and the atmospheric pressure at the surface is  $1.067 \times 10^5\text{Pa}$ .

**Problem 9a.-** Calculate the pressure at the bottom of Lake Erie, whose depth is  $64\text{m}$ . Assume the density of the water is  $1,010\text{kg/m}^3$  and the atmospheric pressure at the surface is  $1.033 \times 10^5\text{Pa}$ .

**Problem 10.-** Calculate the net force acting on a submarine window if the water depth is  $200\text{m}$  and the area of the window is  $0.025\text{m}^2$ . Consider the pressure inside the submarine to be 1 atm. Take the density of seawater as  $1,025\text{kg/m}^3$

**Problem 11.-** The gauge pressure in each of the four tires of an SUV is 28psi. Calculate the mass of the car if the “footprint” of each tire is  $0.025\text{m}^2$ .

**Problem 12.-** To answer the two questions that follow take the density of gold and alcohol to be:

$$\rho_{\text{Au}} = 19,300\text{kg/m}^3 \qquad \rho_{\text{alcohol}} = 800\text{kg/m}^3$$

a) What is the volume of 1kg of alcohol?

b) What is the mass of  $0.15\text{ m}^3$  of gold?

**Problem 13.-** What is the difference in blood pressure between the feet and brain of a standing 1.8m-tall person? Approximate blood density to that of water.