

1 Chapter12 Fluid Mechanics

1.1 Density

For homogenous materials,

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} \quad (1.1)$$

* $\rho_{water} = 1g/cm^3$

Example cocktail wine

1.2 Pressure in a fluid

Pressure, the normal force per unit area.

$$p = \frac{F_{normal}}{A} \quad (1.2)$$

$$1Pascal, 1Pa = 1N/m^2,$$

$$1atmosphere, 1atm = 101,325Pa. \quad (1.3)$$

Where 1 atmosphere is the atmospheric pressure P_a , the pressure of the earth's atmosphere, the pressure at the bottom of this sea of air in where we live.

* Absolute pressure and Gauge pressure

$$1atm = 14.7lb/in^2,$$

$$1atm = 760mmHg = 10.3metersofwater. \quad (1.4)$$

Gauge pressure is the excess pressure above atmospheric pressure.

Example, pressure in a car is "32 pounds per square inch", it means it is greater than atmospheric pressure by this amount.

Example, blood pressure is "130/80 millimeters of mercury".

1.3 Pascal's Law

Pressure in a fluid of uniform density.

$$p_2 - p_1 = -\rho g(y_2 - y_1),$$

$$p = p_0 + \rho gh. \quad (1.5)$$

Example 12.3

- All points at the same depth must be at the same pressure.
- Pressure applied to an enclosed fluid is transmitted undiminished to every portion of fluid and the walls of the containing vessel.

$$p = \frac{F_1}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2} \quad (1.6)$$

1.4 Archimedes's principle

When a body is completely or partially immersed in a fluid, the fluid exerts an upward force (buoyant force) on the body equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by the body.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijj58xD5fDI>