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Exercises and Complements for the Introduction to Physics I  
for Students  
of Biology, Pharmacy and Geoscience

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**Solutions**

**Exercise 31.**

Since the two pistons are at the same height, the pressure of the liquid at both pistons (when the system is in equilibrium) is the same:

$$p = \frac{F_1}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2}$$

with

$$F_2 = (m + m_K)g \quad \text{follows} \quad F_1 = (m + m_K)g \frac{A_1}{A_2} = 87.2 \quad \text{N}$$

**Exercise 32.**

From the capillary law (script 107-9) it follows that:

$$\sigma_{1,3} - \sigma_{1,2} = \sigma_{2,3} \cos \theta$$

where  $\sigma_{2,3} = \sigma$  is the surface tension of water towards air/vapor. Using this result and substituting it in the formula for calculating the height of the liquid column it follows:

$$r = \frac{2(\sigma_{1,3} - \sigma_{1,2})}{hg\rho} = \frac{2\sigma \cos \theta}{hg\rho} = 1.13 \quad \mu\text{m}$$
$$d = 2r = 2.26 \quad \mu\text{m}$$

**Exercise 33.**

(a) In general, according to Bernoulli:

$$p_1 + \rho gh_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 = p_3 + \rho gh_3 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_3^2 = \text{const}$$

For this exercise:  $p_1 = p_3 =$  the pressure of air,  $h_1 = 0$ ,  $h_3 = h_r + h_w$ ,  $\rho$  density of water, and  $v_3 = 0$  (velocity at point 3, see figure) since the level of the water is constant.

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 = \rho g(h_r + h_w) \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_1 = \sqrt{2g(h_r + h_w)} = 16.57 \quad \text{m/s}$$

(b) Due to the equation of continuity, it follows:

$$v_2 A_2 = v_1 A_1 \quad \text{with} \quad A_i = \pi \left( \frac{d_i}{2} \right)^2$$

where  $A_i$  is the cross section at the corresponding position. From this it follows:

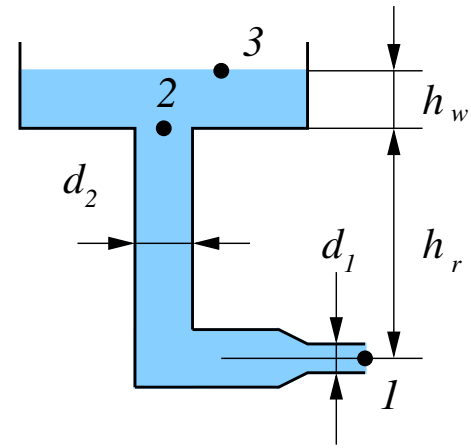
$$v_2 d_2^2 = v_1 d_1^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_2 = 7.36 \quad \text{m/s}$$

(c) Using again the Bernoulli equation:

$$p_2 + \rho g h_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 = p_3 + \rho g h_3 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_3^2 = \text{const}$$

Here:  $p_3 = p_0 =$  pressure of air,  $h_2 = h_r$ ,  $h_3 = h_r + h_w$ ,  $v_2$  calculated in (b),  $v_3 = 0$ .

$$p_2 = p_0 + \rho g h_w - \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 = 1.11 \quad \text{bar}$$



### Exercise 34.

(a) The flow of water through a cylindrical tube is described by:

$$R_0 = \frac{8 \eta L}{\pi r_0^4}$$

The total resistance of the new tube is equal to the resistance of the four parallel tubes:

$$\frac{1}{R_n} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \frac{1}{R_4} = \frac{4}{R_0}$$

Therefore is:

$$\begin{aligned} R_n &= \frac{1}{4} R_0 \\ \frac{8 \eta L}{\pi r_n^4} &\stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{4} \frac{8 \eta L}{\pi r_0^4} \\ \Rightarrow r_n &= \sqrt[4]{4} r_0 = \sqrt{2} r_0 = 0.141 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Reynolds number:

$$\begin{aligned} I_0 &= I_1 \\ 4v_0 A_0 &\stackrel{!}{=} v_1 A_1 \\ \Rightarrow v_0 &= \frac{1}{2} v_1 \end{aligned}$$

Reynolds number:  $Re = \frac{\rho v d}{\eta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Re_0}{Re_1} &= \frac{v_0 r_0}{v_1 r_1} \\ \frac{Re_0}{Re_1} &= \frac{v_0 r_0}{2v_0 \sqrt{2} r_0} \\ \frac{Re_0}{Re_1} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

(c) In the case of  $A_1$  a turbulent flow is more probable. The velocity  $v_1$  is higher and therefore the Reynolds number  $Re_1$  is closer to the critical Reynolds number where turbulent flow occurs.

### Exercise 35.

(a) The forces can be described by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}mg &= V_K \rho_K g \\ F_A &= V_W \rho_W g\end{aligned}$$

where  $V_K$  is the volume of the cuboid and  $\rho_K$  the density,  $V_W$  is the volume of the cuboid which is in the water and  $\rho_W$  is the density of water. From this it follows:

$$V_K \rho_K = V_W \rho_W \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\rho_K}{\rho_W} = \frac{V_W}{V_K} = \frac{90}{100} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho_K = \frac{90}{100} \rho_W$$

(b) Due to the additional buoyancy of the oil, the volume of the cuboid which enters the water is smaller.

