

## Unit 6 Mechanical Properties of Matter

### Important Formulas

- Density  $Density = \frac{Mass}{Volume} \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{m}{V}$
- Pressure  $P = \frac{F}{A}$
- Spring constant  $k = \frac{F}{x}$
- Equation of Hydraulic Press  $\frac{F_1}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2}$
- Volume  $V = L \times B \times H$
- Pressure at a depth  $P = \rho gh$

6.1. A spring is stretched 20 mm by a load of 40 N. Calculate the value of spring constant. If an object cause an extension of 16 mm, what will be its weight?

#### Given Data

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Extension in spring} &= x_1 = 20 \text{ mm} \\ &= 20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \\ &= 0.02 \text{ m} \\ \text{Force applied} &= F_1 = 40 \text{ N} \\ \text{New extension} &= x_2 = 16 \text{ mm} \\ &= 16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \\ &= 0.016 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

#### To Find

$$\text{Spring constant} = k = ?$$

$$\text{Weight for extension of 16 mm} = F_2 = ?$$

#### Solution

By using formula of spring constant  $k = \frac{F}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{F_1}{x_1} \\ &= \frac{40}{0.02} \\ k &= 2000 \text{ Nm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

As  $k = \frac{F}{x} \Rightarrow F = kx$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} F_2 &= kx_2 \\ F_2 &= (2000)(0.016) \\ F_2 &= 32 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

6.2. The mass of 5 litres of milk is 4.5 kg. Find its density in SI units.

#### Given Data

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of milk} &= m = 4.5 \text{ kg} \\ \text{Volume of milk} &= V = 5 \text{ litres} \\ &= 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

#### To Find

$$\text{Density} = \rho = ?$$

#### Solution

By using formula of density

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Density} &= \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} \\ \rho &= \frac{m}{V} \\ \rho &= \frac{4.5}{5 \times 10^{-3}} \\ \rho &= 900 \text{ kgm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** A volume of 1000 litres is the same as 1 cubic meter of space.

$$1000 \text{ litres} = 1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m}$$

$$1000 \text{ litres} = 1 \text{ m}^3$$

$$1 \text{ litres} = \frac{1}{1000} \text{ m}^3$$

$$1 \text{ litres} = \frac{1}{10^3} \text{ m}^3$$

$$1 \text{ litres} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

6.3. When a solid of mass 60 g is lowered into a measuring cylinder, the level of water rises from 40 cm<sup>3</sup> to 44 cm<sup>3</sup>. Calculate the density of the solid.

#### Given Data

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of solid} &= m = 60 \text{ g} \\ &= \frac{60}{1000} \text{ kg} \\ &= 0.06 \text{ kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Initial volume of water} = V_1 = 40 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{Final volume of water} = V_2 = 44 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of solid} &= V = V_2 - V_1 \\ &= 44 - 40 \end{aligned}$$

$$V = 4 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$V = 4 (10^{-2})^3 \text{ m}^3$$

$$V = 4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$$

#### To Find

$$\text{Density} = \rho = ?$$

#### Solution

By using formula of density

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Density} &= \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} \\ \rho &= \frac{m}{V} \\ \rho &= \frac{0.06}{4 \times 10^{-6}} \\ \rho &= 15000 \text{ kgm}^{-3} \\ \rho &= 15 \times 10^3 \text{ kgm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

6.4. A block of density  $8 \times 10^3 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$  has a volume 60 cm<sup>3</sup>. Find its mass.

#### Given Data

$$\text{Density} = \rho = 8 \times 10^3 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Volume} = V = 60 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$V = 60 (10^{-2})^3 \text{ m}^3$$

$$V = 60 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$$

#### To Find

$$\text{Mass of the block} = m = ?$$

#### Solution

By using formula of density

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{m}{V} \\ m &= \rho V \\ m &= (8 \times 10^3)(60 \times 10^{-6}) \\ m &= 0.48 \text{ kg} \end{aligned}$$

6.5. A brick measures 5 cm × 10 cm × 20 cm. If its mass is 5 kg, calculate the maximum and minimum pressure which the brick can exert on a horizontal surface.

#### Given Data

$$\text{Dimensions of the brick} = V = 5 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm} \times 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Mass of the brick} = m = 5 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Minimum area} = A_{\min} = 5 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm}$$

$$A_{\min} = 50 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{\min} &= 50 (10^{-2})^2 m^2 \\
 A_{\min} &= 50 \times 10^{-4} m^2 \\
 \text{Maximum area} &= A_{\max} = 10 \text{ cm} \times 20 \text{ cm} \\
 A_{\max} &= 200 \text{ cm}^2 \\
 A_{\max} &= 200 (10^{-2})^2 m^2 \\
 A_{\max} &= 200 \times 10^{-4} m^2
 \end{aligned}$$

**To Find**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Minimum pressure} &= P_{\min} = ? \\
 \text{Maximum pressure} &= P_{\max} = ?
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution**

As we know that force is equal to weight of brick, so

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= w \\
 F &= mg \\
 F &= (5)(10) \\
 F &= 50 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

For minimum pressure, by using formula of pressure

$$P = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$P_{\min} = \frac{F}{A_{\max}}$$

$$P_{\min} = \frac{50}{200 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$P_{\min} = 2500 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

$$P_{\min} = 2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ Nm}^{-2} \quad (\text{Pa})$$

For maximum pressure, by using formula of pressure

$$P = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$P_{\max} = \frac{F}{A_{\min}}$$

$$P_{\max} = \frac{50}{50 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$P_{\max} = 10000 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

$$P_{\max} = 1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ Nm}^{-2} \quad (\text{Pa})$$

**Note:** Pressure is *minimum* when the area is *maximum*, and pressure is *maximum* when the area is *minimum*.

**6.6. What will be the height of the column in barometer at sea level if mercury is replaced by water of density  $1000 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$ , where density of mercury is  $13.6 \times 10^3 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$ .**

**Given Data**

$$\text{Density of water} = \rho_1 = 1000 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Density of mercury} = \rho_2 = 13.6 \times 10^3 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{height of mercury column} = h_2 = 0.76 \text{ m}$$

**To Find**

$$\text{Height of water column} = h_1 = ?$$

**Solution**

Since the pressure at sea level remains the same, we equate the pressures for mercury and water columns. So

$$P_{\text{water}} = P_{\text{mercury}}$$

$$\rho_1 g h_1 = \rho_2 g h_2 \quad \therefore P = \rho g h$$

$$h_1 = \frac{\rho_2 g h_2}{\rho_1 g}$$

$$h_1 = \frac{\rho_2 h_2}{\rho_1}$$

$$h_1 = \frac{(13.6 \times 10^3)(0.76)}{1000}$$

$$h_1 = 10.34 \text{ m}$$

**6.7. Suppose in the hydraulic brake system of a car, the force exerted normally on its piston of cross-sectional area of  $5 \text{ cm}^2$  is  $500 \text{ N}$ . What will be the pressure transferred to the brake oil? What will be the force on the second piston of area of cross-section  $20 \text{ cm}^2$ ?**

**Given Data**

$$\text{Area of first piston} = A_1 = 5 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A_1 = 5 (10^{-2})^2 m^2$$

$$A_1 = 5 \times 10^{-4} m^2$$

$$\text{Force on first piston} = F_1 = 500 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Area of second piston} = A_2 = 20 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A_2 = 20 (10^{-2})^2 m^2$$

$$A_2 = 20 \times 10^{-4} m^2$$

**To Find**

$$\text{Pressure transferred to brake oil} = P_1 = ?$$

$$\text{Force on second piston} = F_2 = ?$$

**Solution**

By using formula of pressure  $P = \frac{F}{A}$

$$P_1 = \frac{F_1}{A_1}$$

$$P_1 = \frac{500}{5 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$P_1 = 1000000$$

$$P_1 = 1.0 \times 10^6 \text{ Nm}^{-2} \quad (\text{Pa})$$

By using equation of hydraulic press

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

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

$$F_2 = \frac{(500)(20 \times 10^{-4})}{5 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$F_2 = 2000 \text{ N}$$

**6.8. Find the water pressure on a deep-sea diver at a depth of  $10 \text{ m}$ , where the density of sea water is  $1030 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$ .**

**Given Data**

$$\text{Depth of water} = h = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Density of sea water} = \rho = 1030 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Gravitational acceleration} = g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

**To Find**

$$\text{Pressure at depth } h = P = ?$$

**Solution**

By using formula of pressure at a depth

$$P = \rho g h$$

$$P = (1030)(10)(10)$$

$$P = 103000 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

$$P = 1.03 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2} \quad (\text{Pa})$$

**6.9. The area of cross-section of the small and large pistons of a hydraulic press is respectively  $10 \text{ cm}^2$  and  $100 \text{ cm}^2$ . What force should be exerted on the small piston in order to lift a car of weight  $4000 \text{ N}$ ?**

**Given Data**

$$\text{Area of small piston} = A_1 = 10 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A_1 = 10 (10^{-2})^2 m^2$$

$$A_1 = 10 \times 10^{-4} m^2$$

$$\text{Area of large piston} = A_2 = 100 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A_2 = 100 (10^{-2})^2 m^2$$

$$A_2 = 100 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Weight to be lifted} = F_2 = 4000 \text{ N}$$

To Find

$$\text{Force on small piston} = F_1 = ?$$

Solution

By using equation of hydraulic press

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

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

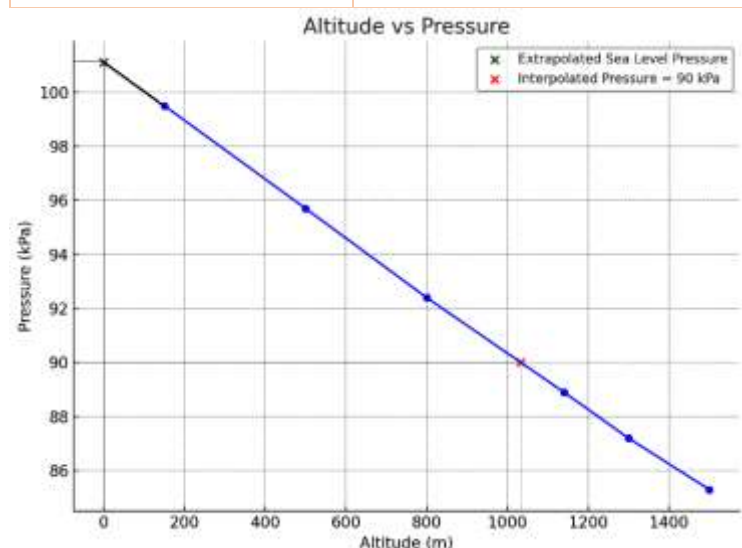
$$F_1 = \frac{(4000)(10 \times 10^{-4})}{100 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$F_1 = 400 \text{ N}$$

6.10. In a hot air balloon, the following data was recorded. Draw a graph between the altitude and pressure and find out:

- What would the air pressure have been at sea level?
- At what height the air pressure would have been 90 kPa?

Altitude (m)	Pressure (kPa)
150	99.5
500	95.7
800	92.4
1140	88.9
1300	87.2
1500	85.3



From the graph:

- At sea level (0 m), the extrapolated air pressure is approximately 101.1 kPa.
- When the air pressure is 90 kPa, the interpolated altitude is approximately 1033 m.

6.11. If the pressure in a hydraulic press is increased by an additional  $10 \text{ Ncm}^{-2}$ , how much extra load will the output platform support if its cross-sectional area is  $50 \text{ cm}^2$ ?

Given Data

$$\text{Pressure increase} = P = 10 \text{ Ncm}^{-2}$$

$$\text{Cross-sectional area} = A = 50 \text{ cm}^2$$

To Find

$$\text{Extra load (Force) supported} = F = ?$$

Solution

By using formula of pressure

$$P = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$F = PA$$

$$F = (10 \text{ Ncm}^{-2})(50 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$F = 500 \text{ N}$$

6.12. The force exerted normally on the hydraulic brake system of a car, with its piston of cross-sectional area  $5 \text{ cm}^2$  is 500 N. What will be the:

- pressure transferred to the brake oil?
- force on the brake piston of area of cross section  $20 \text{ cm}^2$ ? [Same as 6.7]

Given Data

$$\text{Area of small piston} = A_1 = 5 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A_1 = 5 (10^{-2})^2 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_1 = 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Force on small piston} = F_1 = 500 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Area of large piston} = A_2 = 20 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A_2 = 20 (10^{-2})^2 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_2 = 20 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

To Find

$$\text{Pressure transferred to brake oil} = P_1 = ?$$

$$\text{Force on the large piston} = F_2 = ?$$

Solution

By using formula of pressure  $P = \frac{F}{A}$

$$P_1 = \frac{F_1}{A_1}$$

$$P_1 = \frac{500}{5 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$P_1 = 1000000$$

$$P_1 = 1.0 \times 10^6 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

(Pa)

By using equation of hydraulic press

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

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

$$F_2 = \frac{(500)(20 \times 10^{-4})}{5 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$F_2 = 2000 \text{ N}$$