

fluid mechanics, problem set #2

- 1) A solid, square pinewood raft measures $l = 5$ m on a side and is $d = 0.40$ m thick, and $\rho_{\text{pine}} = 550$ kg/m³. Two persons and some diving gears are on top of the raft with total mass of $M = 700$ kg.
 - a) Find the weight of only the raft.
 - b) Draw all the forces acting on the raft.
 - c) Write the equilibrium equation and find the buoyant force.
 - d) How much of the raft is beneath the surface of water?
 - e) What is the maximum weight for gears and people we can have on the raft before it goes completely under water?

2) A cubical block of wood with side length $l = 10$ cm is sitting at the interface of water and oil in equilibrium as shown in fig. 1. The total oil height is $h = 12$ cm and the height of block inside water is $l_w = 2$ cm. Also call the densities of water and oil, $\rho_w = 1.0 \times 10^3$ kg/m³ and $\rho_o = 0.64 \times 10^3$ kg/m³, respectively. We want to find the density of the wood.

- a) Find the pressure inside the oil at point Q .
- b) Find the force of oil on the top surface of the block.
- c) Find the pressure at point R inside the water.
- d) Find the force of water on the bottom of the block.
- e) Write the equilibrium condition for the block and find the density of the wood, ρ_{wood} .

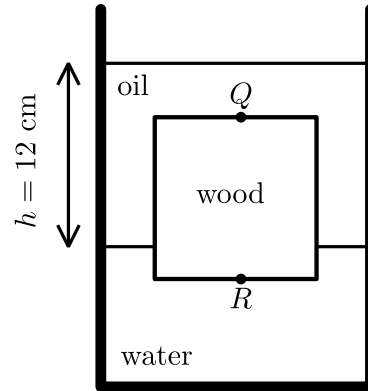


Figure 1: A cubical wooden block at the interface.