

A tank 5m high is half filled with water and then is filled to the top with oil of density 0.85 g cm cube. What is the pressure at the bottom of the tank due to these liquid?

Solution:

Pressure at the bottom of the tank $(P) = \text{pressure by water level} + \text{pressure by the oil} = h_1 d_1 g + h_2 d_2 g.$

Given that

$$h_1 = h_2 = 2.5 \text{ m}$$

$$d_1 = 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$d_2 = 850 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$g = 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$P = 9.8 * (1000 * 2.5 + 850 * 2.5) \Rightarrow P = 45325 \text{ Pa} \approx 4.5 \text{ kPa}.$$

Answer: $P \approx 4.5 \text{ kPa}.$