

If the excess pressure inside a soap bubble is balanced by an oil column of 2 mm, then the surface tension of soap will be? ($r = 1\text{cm}$, density of oil = 0.8 g/cm^3)

The excess pressure inside a soap bubble equals:

$$p = \frac{2\gamma}{r}$$

where γ - surface tension of soap, r - radius of the bubble

The pressure of an oil column equals:

$$p = \rho gh$$

where ρ - density of oil, g - acceleration due to gravity, h - high of column

Therefore:

$$\rho gh = \frac{2\gamma}{r}$$

or:

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \rho ghr = 0.078 \frac{N}{m}$$

Answer: $0.078 \frac{N}{m}$