

An air bubble of 1cm radius is rising at a steady rate of $2 \frac{mm}{s}$ through a liquid of density $1.5 \frac{g}{cm^3}$ neglect density of air, if g is $1000 \frac{cm}{s^2}$, then the coefficient of viscosity of the liquid is ?

Force of viscosity equals (Stokes' law):

$$F_v = 6\pi\mu vr$$

where v – speed of the bubble, μ - coefficient of viscosity

Buoyant force that is exerted on bubble equals:

$$F_b = \rho g V = \rho g \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

Newton's first law of motion:

$$F_b = F_v$$

$$6\pi\mu vr = \rho g \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\mu = \frac{\rho g \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{6\pi vr} = \frac{2\rho gr^2}{9v} \cong 167 \frac{kg}{m * s}$$

Answer: $167 \frac{kg}{m * s}$