

1. A liquid, being unable to expand freely, will form an interface with another liquid or gas

(a) For a spherical gas bubble inside a liquid, provide an equation that describes the condition of equilibrium of normal stresses across this static interface, and give physical interpretation of this equation

(This equation is known as Young-Laplace equation, use σ for surface tension, ΔP for pressure difference and R for radius of the sphere)

(15%)

(b) For a liquid with surface tension $\sigma = 0.1 \text{ n/m}$ and radius $R = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$, calculate the pressure difference across the bubble/liquid interface.

(10%)

2. The pressure distribution of a steady incompressible flow is given as $P = 6x^2 + 2y + z^2 + 8 \text{ Pa}$

(a) Calculate the pressure gradient of a fluid particle at the position

$$\vec{r} = 6\vec{i} + 8\vec{j} + 5\vec{k} \text{ m}$$

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(b) Calculate the acceleration of a fluid particle with a mass density of 1000 kg/m^3 at the same position

(15%)