

Diver Pressure

You and a friend are going scuba diving in three different locations. You know that:

depth of each dive = 10 m

density of fresh water = $\rho_{water} = 1,000 \text{ kg/m}^3$

density of salt water $\rho_{water} = 1,025 \text{ kg/m}^3$

sea level air pressure = $P_0 = 1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$

density of air = $\rho_{air} = 1.29 \text{ kg/m}^3$

(we will assume that this is constant)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Dive	Water type	height above/below sea level h_{dive} at which the dive begins in m	P_{air} at the given height above/below sea level in Pa	ρ_{water} needed to calculate the pressure at 10 m depth in kg/m^3	P_{10m} pressure at the dive depth in Pa	$\frac{P_{10m}}{P_{air}}$	Pressure change ratio rank
FW1	fresh	500 m below	1.06×10^5	1,000	2.04×10^5	1.92	6
FW2	fresh	0 m, sea level	1.00×10^5	1,000	1.98×10^5	1.98	4
FW3	fresh	500 m above	9.37×10^4	1,000	1.92×10^5	2.05	2
SW1	salt	500 m below	1.06×10^5	1,025	2.07×10^5	1.95	5
SW2	salt	0 m, sea level	1.00×10^5	1,025	2.01×10^5	2.01	3
SW3	salt	500 m above	9.37×10^4	1,025	1.94×10^5	2.07	1

1) Calculate P_{air} for each dive, $P_{air} = P_0 + \rho_{air}gh_{dive}$. Write the answers in column D.

$$P_{FW1\ air} = P_{SW1\ air} = 1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} + (1.29 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(500 \text{ m}) = 1.06 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_{FW2\ air} = P_{SW2\ air} = 1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} + (1.29 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(0 \text{ m}) = 1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_{FW3\ air} = P_{SW3\ air} = 1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} + (1.29 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(-500 \text{ m}) = 9.37 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$$

2) Indicate which value of ρ_{water} is needed to calculate the pressure at 10 m depth. Write the answers in column E.

1,000 kg/m^3 for dives FW1, FW2, and FW3 in fresh water

1,025 kg/m^3 for dives SW1, SW2, and SW3 in salt water

- 3) Calculate P_{10m} for each dive using the correct value for ρ_{water} . Write the answers in column F.

$$P_{FW110m} = 1.06 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} + (1,000 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(10 \text{ m}) = 2.04 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_{FW210m} = 1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} + (1,000 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(10 \text{ m}) = 1.98 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_{FW310m} = 9.37 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} + (1,000 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(10 \text{ m}) = 1.92 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_{SW110m} = 1.06 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} + (1,025 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(10 \text{ m}) = 2.07 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_{SW210m} = 1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} + (1,025 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(10 \text{ m}) = 2.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_{SW310m} = 9.37 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} + (1,025 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(10 \text{ m}) = 1.94 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

- 4) Calculate the ratio $\frac{P_{10m}}{P_{air}}$ for each dive. Write the answers in column G.

$$\frac{P_{FW110m}}{P_{FW1air}} = \frac{2.04 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}}{1.06 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}} = 1.92$$

$$\frac{P_{SW110m}}{P_{SW1air}} = \frac{2.07 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}}{1.06 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}} = 1.95$$

$$\frac{P_{FW210m}}{P_{FW2air}} = \frac{1.98 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}}{1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}} = 1.98$$

$$\frac{P_{SW210m}}{P_{SW2air}} = \frac{2.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}}{1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}} = 2.01$$

$$\frac{P_{FW310m}}{P_{FW3air}} = \frac{1.92 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}}{9.37 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}} = 2.05$$

$$\frac{P_{SW310m}}{P_{SW3air}} = \frac{1.94 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}}{9.37 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}} = 2.07$$

- 5) Rank the pressure change ratios $\frac{P_{10m}}{P_{air}}$ from highest to lowest, using the number 1 to indicate the highest ratio, the number 6 to indicate the lowest pressure change ratio. Write the answers in column H.