

Solution to Problem 101C:

Since the acceleration due to gravity is linear with radius and $g = g_0$ at $r = R$:

$$g(r) = g_0 r / R \quad (1)$$

For a fluid at rest:

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\rho g = -\frac{\rho g_0 r}{R} \quad (2)$$

Integrating

$$p(r) = \int \frac{dp}{dr} dr = \int -\rho \frac{g_0}{R} r dr = -\frac{\rho g_0}{2R} r^2 + C \quad (3)$$

where C is an integration constant and since $p = p_A$ at $r = R$ it follows that

$$C = p_A + \frac{\rho g_0 R}{2} \quad (4)$$

and the pressure in the interior is therefore given by

$$p(r) = p_A + \frac{\rho R g_0}{2} \left[1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right] \quad (5)$$