Problem 22.43 (RHK)

A 1.28-m-long vertical glass tube is half-filled with a liquid at 20.0° C. We have to find the change in height of the liquid column when the tube is heated to 33.0° C. We may assume that $\alpha_{glass} = 1.1 \times 10^{-5}/\text{C}^{\circ}$ and $\beta_{liquid} = 4.2 \times 10^{-5}/\text{C}^{\circ}$.

Solution:

Let A be the cross-sectional area of the tube. The volume of the liquid, V_{liquid} , at 20.0° C will be

$$V_{liquid} = A \times 0.64 \text{ m}^3.$$

The change in the volume of the liquid when it is heated to 33.0°C will be

$$\Delta V_{liquid} = \beta V_{liquid} \Delta T$$

$$= 4.2 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.64 A \times 13 \text{ m}^3$$

$$= 34.94 \times 10^{-5} A \text{ m}^3.$$

Therefore, the volume of the liquid at 33.0°C will be

$$V_{liquid}$$
 (33.0°C) = A (0.64 + 34.94×10⁻⁵) m³
= 0.64035 A m³.

The cross-sectional area of the glass tube would also increase due to thermal expansion when the tube is heated to 33.0°C from 20.0°C. The change in the coss-sectional area will be

$$\Delta A = 2\alpha_{glass} \Delta T$$

$$= 2 \times 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \times 13 \times A \text{ m}^2$$

$$= 0.000286A \text{ m}^2.$$

And

$$A + \Delta A = 1.0000286A \text{ m}^2$$
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Let the height of the liquid column in the glass tube at

$$33.0^{\circ}$$
C be *h* m.

Then

$$(1.000286)Ah = 0.64305A$$

or

$$h = \frac{0.64035}{1.000286}$$
 m = 0.64017 m.

Therefore, the change in height of the liquid in the glass tube will be

$$h(33^{\circ}C) - h(20^{\circ}C) = (0.64017 - 0.64) \text{ m}$$

= 0.17 mm.