Exercise 1.14

Classify each of the following as a pure substance or a mixture. If a mixture, indicate whether it is homogeneous or heterogeneous: (a) air, (b) tomato juice, (c) iodine crystals, (d) sand.

Solution

- (a) Air is a homogeneous mixture because you can't see the different gases (nitrogen and oxygen gas, for example) it consists of.
- (b) Tomato juice is a homogeneous mixture because it looks like just a red liquid throughout.
- (c) Iodine crystals are completely pure solid iodine. It's a pure substance (an element).
- (d) Sand is a heterogeneous mixture because sand varies in texture in appearance, depending where it's found.