Problem 43

A commonly used unit of mass in the English system is the pound-mass, abbreviated lbm, where 1 lbm = 0.454 kg. What is the density of water in pound-mass per cubic foot?

Solution

The density of water is given on page 25: 10^3 kg/m^3 . Convert it to the desired units by multiplying by the appropriate conversion factors.

$$10^{3} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^{3}} = 10^{3} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^{3}} \times \frac{1 \text{ lbm}}{0.454 \text{ kg}} \times \left(\frac{381 \text{ m}}{1250 \text{ ft}}\right)^{3} \approx 62.4 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{ft}^{3}}$$