

1.3) The pressure and temperature at a certain point in an air flow are 130 kPa and 30°C, respectively. Find the air density at this point in kg/m³ and lbm/ft³.

Solution:

Given $p = 130 \text{ kPa} = 130 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}$, $T = 30^\circ\text{C} = 30 + 273 = 303 \text{ K}$.

The density can be calculated using ideal gas law as,

$$\rho = \frac{p}{RT} = \frac{130 \times 10^3}{287 \times 303} = 1.495 \text{ kg/m}^3.$$

The density in lbm/ft³ can be calculated using the following conversions 1 kg = 2.2046 lbm, 1 m = 3.2808 ft. Therefore in lbm/ft³,

$$\rho = 1.495 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 1.495 \times 2.2046 / 3.2808^3 \text{ lbm/ft}^3$$

$$\rho = 0.09333 \text{ lbm/ft}^3.$$