

Solution 1.14

A plastic tank is filled with water. The weight of the combined system is to be determined.

Assumptions The density of water is constant throughout.

Properties The density of water is given to be $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

Analysis The mass of the water in the tank and the total mass are

$$m_w = \rho V = (1000 \text{ kg/m}^3)(0.2 \text{ m}^3) = 200 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{\text{total}} = m_w + m_{\text{tank}} = 200 + 3 = 203 \text{ kg}$$

Thus,

$$W = mg = (203 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) \left(\frac{1 \text{ N}}{1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2} \right) = \mathbf{1991 \text{ N}}$$

