Answer on the Question #65735, Chemistry / Inorganic chemistry

The density of a wood is 0.79g/cm3. If the empirical formula of wood is CH2O. Calculate the mass of water produced when a log of dimension 12cm *14cm* 25cm is burnt completely.

Solution:

Reaction of the wood combustion:

$$CH_2O + O_2 = CO_2 + H_2O$$

The mass of the wood is a composition of the density and volume of the piece of wood:

$$m(CH_2O) = d(CH_2O) \cdot V(CH_2O)$$
$$V(CH_2O) = a \cdot b \cdot c = 12 \ cm \cdot 14 \ cm \cdot 25 \ cm = 4200 \ cm^3$$
$$m(CH_2O) = 0.79 \frac{g}{cm^3} \cdot 4200 \ cm^3 = 3318 \ g$$

The mole number of the wood equal to the mole number of the water (by the reaction):

$$n(CH_2O) = n(H_2O)$$
$$n(CH_2O) = \frac{m(CH_2O)}{M(CH_2O)} = \frac{3318 \ g}{30 \ g/mol} = 110,6 \ mol$$
$$m(H_2O) = n(H_2O) \cdot M(H_2O) = 110.6 \ mol \ \cdot 18 \frac{g}{mol} = 1990.8 \ g$$

Answer: the 1990.8 g of the water produced.