

HEAT TRANSFER

There are three modes of heat transfer: conduction, convection, and radiation.

BASIC HEAT TRANSFER RATE EQUATIONS

Conduction

Fourier's Law of Conduction

$$\dot{Q} = -kA \frac{dT}{dx}, \text{ where}$$

\dot{Q} = rate of heat transfer (W)

k = the thermal conductivity [W/(m•K)]

A = the surface area perpendicular to direction of heat transfer (m²)

Convection

Newton's Law of Cooling

$$\dot{Q} = hA(T_w - T_\infty), \text{ where}$$

h = the convection heat transfer coefficient of the fluid [W/(m²•K)]

A = the convection surface area (m²)

T_w = the wall surface temperature (K)

T_∞ = the bulk fluid temperature (K)

Radiation

The radiation emitted by a body is given by

$$\dot{Q} = \varepsilon\sigma AT^4, \text{ where}$$

ε = the emissivity of the body

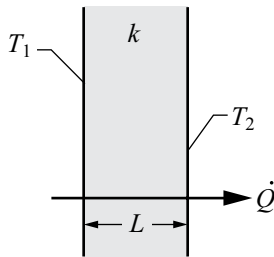
σ = the Stefan-Boltzmann constant
= 5.67×10^{-8} W/(m²•K⁴)

A = the body surface area (m²)

T = the absolute temperature (K)

CONDUCTION

Conduction Through a Plane Wall



$$\dot{Q} = \frac{-kA(T_2 - T_1)}{L}, \text{ where}$$

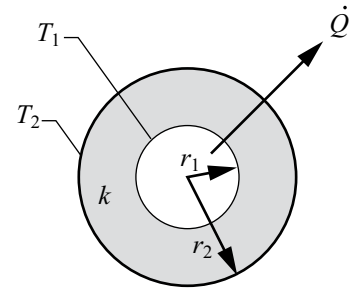
A = wall surface area normal to heat flow (m²)

L = wall thickness (m)

T_1 = temperature of one surface of the wall (K)

T_2 = temperature of the other surface of the wall (K)

Conduction Through a Cylindrical Wall

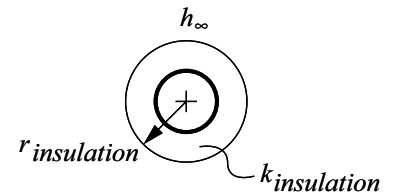


Cylinder (Length = L)

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{2\pi kL(T_1 - T_2)}{\ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)}$$

Critical Insulation Radius

$$r_{cr} = \frac{k_{insulation}}{h_\infty}$$



Thermal Resistance (R)

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\Delta T}{R_{total}}$$

Resistances in series are added: $R_{total} = \Sigma R$, where

Plane Wall Conduction Resistance (K/W): $R = \frac{L}{kA}$, where
 L = wall thickness

Cylindrical Wall Conduction Resistance (K/W): $R = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)}{2\pi kL}$,
where
 L = cylinder length

Convection Resistance (K/W) : $R = \frac{1}{hA}$

Composite Plane Wall

