

**TABLE 3.4** Temperature distribution and heat loss for fins of uniform cross section

Case	Tip Condition ( $x = L$ )	Temperature Distribution $\theta/\theta_b$	Fin Heat Transfer Rate $q_f$
A	Convection heat transfer: $h\theta(L) = -kd\theta/dx _{x=L}$	$\frac{\cosh m(L-x) + (h/mk) \sinh m(L-x)}{\cosh mL + (h/mk) \sinh mL}$ (3.70)	$M \frac{\sinh mL + (h/mk) \cosh mL}{\cosh mL + (h/mk) \sinh mL}$ (3.72)
B	Adiabatic $d\theta/dx _{x=L} = 0$	$\frac{\cosh m(L-x)}{\cosh mL}$ (3.75)	$M \tanh mL$ (3.76)
C	Prescribed temperature: $\theta(L) = \theta_L$	$\frac{(\theta_L/\theta_b) \sinh mx + \sinh m(L-x)}{\sinh mL}$ (3.77)	$M \frac{(\cosh mL - \theta_L/\theta_b)}{\sinh mL}$ (3.78)
D	Infinite fin ( $L \rightarrow \infty$ ): $\theta(L) = 0$	$e^{-mx}$ (3.79)	$M$ (3.80)
$\theta \equiv T - T_\infty$ $\theta_b \equiv \theta(0) = T_b - T_\infty$			
$m^2 \equiv hP/kA_c$ $M \equiv \sqrt{hPkA_c} \theta_b$			

Note:  $T_f$   $A_c = s$  in our notes.