

One Dimensional Conduction

- Steady Problem without Heat Source

- Conduction through a pipe wall

Consider a pipe wall with the inner and outer radii of r_1 and r_2 , respectively, and the thermal conductivity λ . The temperatures at the inner and outer walls are T_1 and T_2 , respectively. Determine the temperature profile through a plane wall.

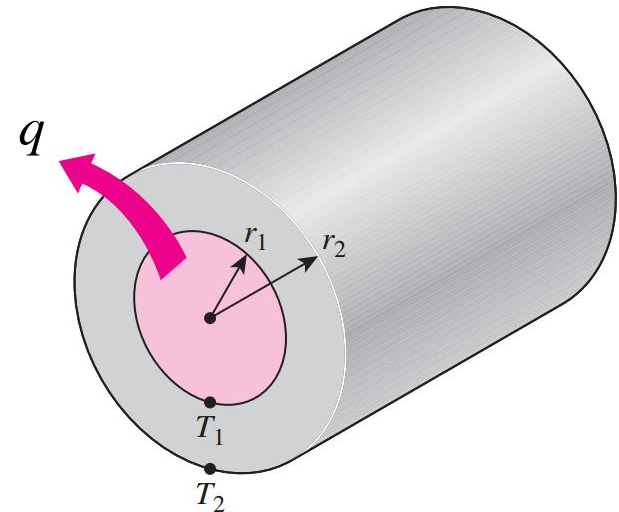
Solution:

Governing equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) = 0$$

Boundary Condition:

$$r = r_1, T = T_1; r = r_2, T = T_2$$



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Solution:

Integrate the governing equation twice:

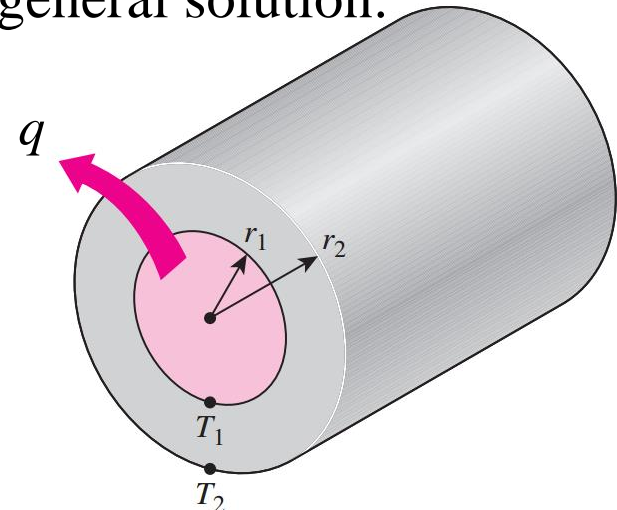
$$T = C_1 \ln r + C_2$$

Substitute the boundary conditions to the general solution:

$$C_1 = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{\ln(r_2/r_1)}$$

$$C_2 = T_1 - \ln r_1 \frac{T_2 - T_1}{\ln(r_2/r_1)}$$

$$T = T_1 + \frac{T_2 - T_1}{\ln(r_2/r_1)} \ln(r/r_1)$$



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Solution:

Heat flux q :

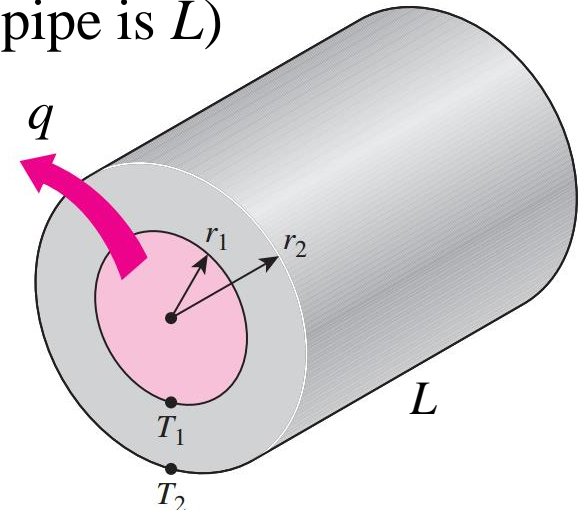
$$q = -\lambda \frac{dT}{dr} = \frac{\lambda}{r} \frac{T_1 - T_2}{\ln(r_2/r_1)}$$

Heat transfer rate Φ (Assume the length of pipe is L)

$$\Phi = qA = 2\pi rL \frac{\lambda}{r} \frac{T_1 - T_2}{\ln(r_2/r_1)} = \frac{2\pi L\lambda(T_1 - T_2)}{\ln(r_2/r_1)}$$

Thermal Resistance

$$R = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{\Phi} = \frac{\ln(r_2/r_1)}{2\pi L\lambda}$$



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The length of the wall is L

Solution:

The total thermal resistance:

$$R_t = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

$$= \frac{\ln(r_2/r_1)}{2\pi L\lambda_1} + \frac{\ln(r_3/r_2)}{2\pi L\lambda_2} + \frac{\ln(r_4/r_3)}{2\pi L\lambda_3}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{2\pi L(T_1 - T_4)}{\frac{\ln(r_2/r_1)}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\ln(r_3/r_2)}{\lambda_2} + \frac{\ln(r_4/r_3)}{\lambda_3}}$$

