

**PROJECT DEADLINE: 5/31/24**

Goal/Plan	Status	Deadline
Gather equations and finalize calculation approaches	In progress ▾	5/17/24
Code functions for minimizing cost	Not started ▾	5/24/24
Write report and finalize results	Not started ▾	5/29/24
Turn in	Not started ▾	5/30/24

**OBJECTIVE:**

You are an engineer working in a company that plans to manufacture 100-mm by 50-mm thin rectangular (*surface area of bare surface*) electronic devices. The top surface of the electronic device is to be made of aluminum and attached with an array of aluminum pin fins. The electronic device generates 50 W (q) of heat that has to be dissipated through the fins. To prevent the electronic device from overheating the top surface temperature should be kept below 85 °C (T<sub>0</sub>) in an ambient surrounding of 30 °C (T<sub>∞</sub>) with film heat transfer coefficients of 15 W/m<sup>2</sup> °C (h). Assuming a square array (even distribution; not staggered), determine suitable combinations of fins, fin spacing and fin dimension (diameter and length) to accomplish this cooling at minimum weight/cost of aluminum. Assume a uniform value of h for both the fin and wall surface.

**GOAL:**

Minimize the cost while maintaining the temperature at 85 °C  
(Done by minimizing the dimensions and/or the number of fins needed)