

A long, rectangular metallic blade has width  $L = 4$  cm and temperature  $T_w = 40^\circ\text{C}$ . It is surrounded on both sides by atmospheric air at  $T_\infty = 20^\circ\text{C}$ . The long side of the blade is always horizontal. Calculate the total heat transfer rate per unit of blade length when the short side of its rectangular shape ( $L$ ) is (a) vertical, (b) inclined at  $45^\circ$  relative to the vertical, and (c) horizontal. Comment on the effect that blade orientation has on the total heat transfer rate.

$$\text{In[*]} := \text{Nu} = \left( 0.825 + \frac{0.387 \text{Ra}_L^{1/6}}{\left( 1 + \left( \frac{0.492}{\text{Pr}} \right)^{9/16} \right)^{8/27}} \right)^2;$$

$$\text{In[*]} := \text{Ra}_L = \frac{g \cos[\theta] \beta (T_w - T_\infty) L^3}{\nu \alpha};$$

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In[*] := SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[]];
airProps = Import["../air_props.csv"];
airProps[[2 ;;, 5]] = airProps[[2 ;;, 5]] 10^-3;
airProps[[2 ;;, 7]] = airProps[[2 ;;, 7]] 10^-6;
airProps[[2 ;;, 8]] = airProps[[2 ;;, 8]] 10^-6;
νI = Interpolation[airProps[[2 ;;, {1, 7}]]];
βI = Interpolation[airProps[[2 ;;, {1, 5}]]];
PrI = Interpolation[airProps[[2 ;;, {1, 9}]]];
αI = Interpolation[airProps[[2 ;;, {1, 8}]]];
κI = Interpolation[airProps[[2 ;;, {1, 4}]]];

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In[*] := TFilm = (T_w + T_∞) / 2;

propertyVals = {ν → νI[TFilm], α → αI[TFilm],
  β → βI[TFilm], Pr → PrI[TFilm], κ → κI[TFilm], g → 9.81};

h = Nu (κ / L); q = h L (T_w - T_∞);

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In[*] := partA = {T_w → 40, T_∞ → 20, L → 0.04, θ → 0 Degree};

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In[*] := h /. propertyVals // # /. partA &

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Out[*] =
6.28886

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In[*] := qPartA = 2 q /. propertyVals // # /. partA &

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Out[*] =
10.0622

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In[*] := partB = {T_w → 40, T_∞ → 20, L → 0.04, θ → 45 Degree};

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In[*] := Ra_L /. propertyVals // # /. partB &

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Out[*] =
81015.9

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In[*] := qPartB = 2 q /. propertyVals // # /. partB &

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Out[*] =
9.2516

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In[*] := Nu_top = 0.59 Ra_L^(1/4); Nu_bottom = 0.27 Ra_L^(1/4);

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In[*]:= htop = Nutop  $\frac{\kappa}{L_c}$ ; hbottom = Nubottom  $\frac{\kappa}{L_c}$ ;

Lc = Limit[ $\frac{L W}{2 (L + W)}$ , W → ∞];

qtop = htop L (Tw - T∞); qbottom = hbottom L (Tw - T∞);
qtotal = qtop + qbottom;

In[*]:= partC = {Tw → 40, T∞ → 20, L → 0.04, θ → 0 Degree};

In[*]:= qPartC = qtotal /. propertyVals // # /. partC &

Out[*]=
16.7123

In[*]:= Grid[{{"Vertical", "45° inclined", "Horizontal"},
               {qPartA, qPartB, qPartC}}, Frame → All]

Out[*]=

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Vertical	45° inclined	Horizontal
10.0622	9.2516	16.7123