

An electrical wire of diameter $D = 1$ mm is suspended horizontally in air of temperature 20°C . The Joule heating of the wire is responsible for the heat generation rate $q' = 0.01$ W/cm per unit length in the axial direction. The wire can be modeled as a cylinder with isothermal surface. Sufficiently far from the wire, the ambient air is motionless. Calculate the temperature difference that is established between the wire and the ambient air. [Note: This calculation requires a trial-and-error procedure; expect a relatively small Rayleigh number.]

$$\text{In[1]:= } \text{Nu}_d = \left(0.6 + \frac{0.387 \text{Ra}_d^{1/6}}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{0.559}{\text{Pr}} \right)^{9/16} \right)^{8/27}} \right)^2; \text{Ra}_d = \frac{g \beta (T_w - T_\infty) d^3}{\nu \alpha};$$

$$h = \text{Nu}_d \frac{\kappa}{d}; q = h \pi d (T_w - T_\infty);$$

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In[3]:= SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[]];
airProps = Import["../air_props.csv"];
airProps[[2 ;;, 5]] = airProps[[2 ;;, 5]] 10^-3;
airProps[[2 ;;, 6]] = airProps[[2 ;;, 6]] 10^-5;
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}]]];
μI = Interpolation[airProps[[2 ;;, {1, 6}]]];
TFilm = (T_w + T_∞)/2;
propertyVals = {ν → νI[TFilm], α → αI[TFilm],
  β → βI[TFilm], Pr → PrI[TFilm], κ → κI[TFilm], g → 9.81};

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In[17]:= problem = {T_∞ → 20, d → 0.001};

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In[18]:= solveRule = Join[propertyVals /. problem, problem];

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In[19]:= eqn = (q /. solveRule);

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In[20]:= FindRoot[eqn == 1, {T_w, 20}]

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Out[20]= {T_w → 33.8795}

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