

General Information

Conversion Factors

Process

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Assumptions

Metric Prefix

SI Prefixes

Multiplication Factor	Prefix†	Symbol
1 000 000 000 000 = 10^{12}	tera	T
1 000 000 000 = 10^9	giga	G
1 000 000 = 10^6	mega	M
1 000 = 10^3	kilo	k
100 = 10^2	hecto‡	h
10 = 10^1	deka‡	da
0.1 = 10^{-1}	deci‡	d
0.01 = 10^{-2}	centi‡	c
0.001 = 10^{-3}	milli	m
0.000 001 = 10^{-6}	micro	μ
0.000 000 001 = 10^{-9}	nano	n
0.000 000 000 001 = 10^{-12}	pico	p
0.000 000 000 000 001 = 10^{-15}	femto	f
0.000 000 000 000 000 001 = 10^{-18}	atto	a

Variables (Alphabetical By Variable)

A	area, m^2
A_b	area of prime (unfinned) surface, m^2
A_c	cross-sectional area, m^2
A_p	fin profile area, m^2
A_r	nozzle area ratio
a	acceleration, m/s^2 ; speed of sound, m/s
Bi	Biot number
Bo	Bond number
C	molar concentration, $kmol/m^3$; heat capacity rate, W/K
C_D	drag coefficient
C_f	friction coefficient
C_t	thermal capacitance, J/K
Co	Confinement number
c	specific heat, $J/kg \cdot K$; speed of light, m/s
c_p	specific heat at constant pressure, $J/kg \cdot K$
c_v	specific heat at constant volume, $J/kg \cdot K$
D	diameter, m
D_{AB}	binary mass diffusivity, m^2/s
D_b	bubble diameter, m
D_h	hydraulic diameter, m
d	diameter of gas molecule, nm
E	thermal plus mechanical energy, J ; electric potential, V ; emissive power, W/m^2
E^{tot}	total energy, J
Ec	Eckert number
\dot{E}_g	rate of energy generation, W
\dot{E}_{in}	rate of energy transfer into a control volume, W
\dot{E}_{out}	rate of energy transfer out of control volume, W
\dot{E}_{st}	rate of increase of energy stored within a control volume, W
e	thermal internal energy per unit mass, J/kg ; surface roughness, m
F	force, N ; fraction of blackbody radiation in a wavelength band; view factor

$ Fo$	Fourier number
$ Fr$	Froude number
$ f$	friction factor; similarity variable
$ G$	irradiation, W/m^2 ; mass velocity, $kg/s \cdot m^2$
$ Gr$	Grashof number
$ Gz$	Graetz number
$ g$	gravitational acceleration, m/s^2
$ H$	nozzle height, m ; Henry's constant, bars
$ h$	convection heat transfer coefficient, $W/m^2 \cdot K$; Planck's constant, $J \cdot s$
$ h_{fg}$	latent heat of vaporization, J/kg
$ h'_{fg}$	modified heat of vaporization, J/kg
$ h_{sf}$	latent heat of fusion, J/kg
$ h_m$	convection mass transfer coefficient, m/s
$ h_{rad}$	radiation heat transfer coefficient, $W/m^2 \cdot K$
$ I$	electric current, A ; radiation intensity, $W/m^2 \cdot sr$
$ i$	electric current density, A/m^2 ; enthalpy per unit mass, J/kg
$ J$	radiosity, W/m^2
$ Ja$	Jakob number
$ J_i^*$	diffusive molar flux of species i relative to the mixture molar average velocity, $kmol/s \cdot m^2$
$ j_i$	diffusive mass flux of species i relative to the mixture mass average velocity, $kg/s \cdot m^2$
$ j_H$	Colburn j factor for heat transfer
$ j_m$	Colburn j factor for mass transfer
$ k$	thermal conductivity, $W/m \cdot K$
$ k_B$	Boltzmann's constant, J/K
$ k_0$	zero-order, homogeneous reaction rate constant, $kmol/s \cdot m^3$
$ k_1$	first-order, homogeneous reaction rate constant, s^{-1}
$ k_1''$	first-order, surface reaction rate constant, m/s
$ L$	length, m
$ Le$	Lewis number

M	mass, kg
\dot{M}_i	rate of transfer of mass for species i , kg/s
$\dot{M}_{i,g}$	rate of increase of mass of species i due to chemical reactions, kg/s
\dot{M}_{in}	rate at which mass enters a control volume, kg/s
\dot{M}_{out}	rate at which mass leaves a control volume, kg/s
\dot{M}_{st}	rate of increase of mass stored within a control volume, kg/s
\mathcal{M}_i	molecular weight of species i , kg/kmol
Ma	Mach number
m	mass, kg
\dot{m}	mass flow rate, kg/s
m_i	mass fraction of species i , ρ_i/ρ
N	integer number
N_L, N_T	number of tubes in longitudinal and transverse directions
Nu	Nusselt number
NTU	number of transfer units
N_i	molar transfer rate of species i relative to fixed coordinates, kmol/s
N_i''	molar flux of species i relative to fixed coordinates, kmol/s \cdot m ²
\dot{N}_i	molar rate of increase of species i per unit volume due to chemical reactions, kmol/s \cdot m ³
\dot{N}_i''	surface reaction rate of species i , kmol/s \cdot m ²
\mathcal{N}	Avogadro's number
n_i''	mass flux of species i relative to fixed coordinates, kg/s \cdot m ²
\dot{n}_i	mass rate of increase of species i per unit volume due to chemical reactions, kg/s \cdot m ³

P	power, W; perimeter, m
P_L, P_T	dimensionless longitudinal and transverse pitch of a tube bank
Pe	Peclet number
Pr	Prandtl number
p	pressure, N/m ²
Q	energy transfer, J
q	heat transfer rate, W
\dot{q}	rate of energy generation per unit volume, W/m ³
q'	heat transfer rate per unit length, W/m
q''	heat flux, W/m ²
q^*	dimensionless conduction heat rate
R	cylinder radius, m; gas constant, J/kg \cdot K
\mathcal{R}	universal gas constant, J/kmol \cdot K
Ra	Rayleigh number
Re	Reynolds number
R_e	electric resistance, Ω
R_f	fouling factor, m ² \cdot K/W
R_m	mass transfer resistance, s/m ³
$R_{m,n}$	residual for the m, n nodal point
R_t	thermal resistance, K/W
$R_{t,c}$	thermal contact resistance, K/W
$R_{t,f}$	fin thermal resistance, K/W

$R_{t,o}$	thermal resistance of fin array, K/W
r_o	cylinder or sphere radius, m
r, ϕ, z	cylindrical coordinates
r, θ, ϕ	spherical coordinates
S	solubility, kmol/m ³ \cdot atm; shape factor for two-dimensional conduction, m; nozzle pitch, m; plate spacing, m; Seebeck coefficient, V/K
S_c	solar constant, W/m ²
S_D, S_L, S_T	diagonal, longitudinal, and transverse pitch of a tube bank, m
Sc	Schmidt number
Sh	Sherwood number
St	Stanton number
T	temperature, K
t	time, s
U	overall heat transfer coefficient, W/m ² \cdot K; internal energy, J
u, v, w	mass average fluid velocity components, m/s
u^*, v^*, w^*	molar average velocity components, m/s
V	volume, m ³ ; fluid velocity, m/s
v	specific volume, m ³ /kg
W	width of a slot nozzle, m
\dot{W}	rate at which work is performed, W
We	Weber number
X	vapor quality
X_{tt}	Martinelli parameter
X, Y, Z	components of the body force per unit volume, N/m ³
x, y, z	rectangular coordinates, m
x_c	critical location for transition to turbulence, m
$x_{fd,c}$	concentration entry length, m
$x_{fd,h}$	hydrodynamic entry length, m
$x_{fd,t}$	thermal entry length, m
x_i	mole fraction of species i , C_i/C
Z	thermoelectric material property, K ⁻¹

Greek Letters	
α	thermal diffusivity, m ² /s; accommodation coefficient; absorptivity
β	volumetric thermal expansion coefficient, K ⁻¹
Γ	mass flow rate per unit width in film condensation, kg/s · m
γ	ratio of specific heats
δ	hydrodynamic boundary layer thickness, m
δ_c	concentration boundary layer thickness, m
δ_p	thermal penetration depth, m
δ_t	thermal boundary layer thickness, m
ε	emissivity; porosity; heat exchanger effectiveness
ε_f	fin effectiveness
η	thermodynamic efficiency; similarity variable
η_f	fin efficiency
η_o	overall efficiency of fin array
θ	zenith angle, rad; temperature difference, K
κ	absorption coefficient, m ⁻¹
λ	wavelength, μ m
λ_{mfp}	mean free path length, nm
μ	viscosity, kg/s · m
ν	kinematic viscosity, m ² /s; frequency of radiation, s ⁻¹
ρ	mass density, kg/m ³ ; reflectivity
ρ_e	electric resistivity, Ω /m
σ	Stefan–Boltzmann constant, W/m ² · K ⁴ ; electrical conductivity, 1/ Ω · m; normal viscous stress, N/m ² ; surface tension, N/m
Φ	viscous dissipation function, s ⁻²
φ	volume fraction
ϕ	azimuthal angle, rad
ψ	stream function, m ² /s
τ	shear stress, N/m ² ; transmissivity
ω	solid angle, sr; perfusion rate, s ⁻¹
Subscripts	
A, B	species in a binary mixture
abs	absorbed
am	arithmetic mean
atm	atmospheric
b	base of an extended surface; blackbody
C	carnot
c	cross-sectional; concentration; cold fluid; critical
cr	critical insulation thickness
cond	conduction
conv	convection
CF	counterflow
D	diameter; drag
dif	diffusion
e	excess; emission; electron
evap	evaporation
f	fluid properties; fin conditions; saturated liquid conditions
fc	forced convection
fd	fully developed conditions
g	saturated vapor conditions
H	heat transfer conditions

h	hydrodynamic; hot fluid; helical
i	general species designation; inner surface of an annulus; initial condition; tube inlet condition; incident radiation
L	based on characteristic length
l	saturated liquid conditions
lat	latent energy
lm	log mean condition
m	mean value over a tube cross section
max	maximum
o	center or midplane condition; tube outlet condition; outer
p	momentum
ph	phonon
R	reradiating surface
r, ref	reflected radiation
rad	radiation
S	solar conditions
s	surface conditions; solid properties; saturated solid conditions
sat	saturated conditions
sens	sensible energy
sky	sky conditions
ss	steady state
sur	surroundings
t	thermal
tr	transmitted
v	saturated vapor conditions
x	local conditions on a surface
λ	spectral
∞	free stream conditions
Superscripts	
*	molar average; dimensionless quantity
Overbar	
	surface average conditions; time mean

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$$\dot{q} = \frac{\dot{E}_g}{\mathcal{V}} = \frac{I^2 R_e}{\mathcal{V}} \tag{1}$$

Absorption of Radiation

The Plane Wall

Heat Equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) + \dot{q} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} + \frac{\dot{q}}{k} = 0 \tag{2}$$

General Solution
Symmetric Surface Conditions
- Temperature Distribution
- Overall Energy Balance

Radial Systems

Cylindrical (Tube) Wall
Solid Cylinder (Circular Rod)
- Heat Equation (Cylindrical)
Spherical Wall (Shell)
Solid Sphere
- Heat Equation (Spherical)

6 - Extended Surfaces

Appendix

Appendix C.