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1. Short summary about the conductive heat transfer.

Heat transfer through the wall of a house can be modeled as steady and one-dimensional

The rate of heat conduction through a plane wall

- Is proportional to the average thermal conductivity (willingness of material to transfer heat), the wall area and the temperature difference.

- But is inversely proportional to the wall thickness (the thicker the wall, the less heat goes through it).

- Once the rate of heat conduction is available, the temperature $T(x)$ at any location x can be determined by replacing t by T and L by x .

2. Solving the same class exercise where $L=0.4\text{m}$, $A=20\text{m}^2$, $\Delta T = 25$, and $K=0.78\text{W/mK}$ using both simple and resistance methods.

Simple method

$$\dot{Q} = kA \frac{\Delta T}{L} = 0.78 * 20 * \frac{25}{0.4} = \mathbf{975\text{ W}}$$

Resistance method

$$R_{wall} = \frac{L}{kA} = \frac{0.4}{0.78 * 20} = 0.0256^\circ \frac{\text{C}}{\text{W}}$$
$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\Delta T}{R_{wall}} = \frac{25}{0.0256^\circ \frac{\text{C}}{\text{W}}} = \mathbf{976.5\text{ W}}$$