

WEEK 1.

Question:

A short summary about the conductive heat transfer and solving the same exercise with $L = 0.4 \text{ m}$, $A = 20 \text{ m}^2$, $\Delta T = 25$, and $k = 0.78 \text{ W/m K}$ using both simple method and using the resistance concept.

Summary:

In steady operation, the rate of heat transfer through the wall is constant.

The rate of heat conduction through a plane wall: is proportional to the average thermal conductivity, the wall area, and the temperature difference but is inversely proportional to the wall thickness.

(1)

$$Q = KA \frac{\Delta T}{L} = 0.78 \times 20 \times \frac{25}{0.4} = 975(J)$$

(2)

$$R_{\text{wall}} = \frac{L}{KA} = \frac{0.4}{0.78 \times 20} \approx 0.0256(^{\circ}\text{C}/W)$$

$$Q = \frac{\Delta T}{R_{\text{wall}}} = \frac{25}{0.0256} \approx 976.6(J)$$