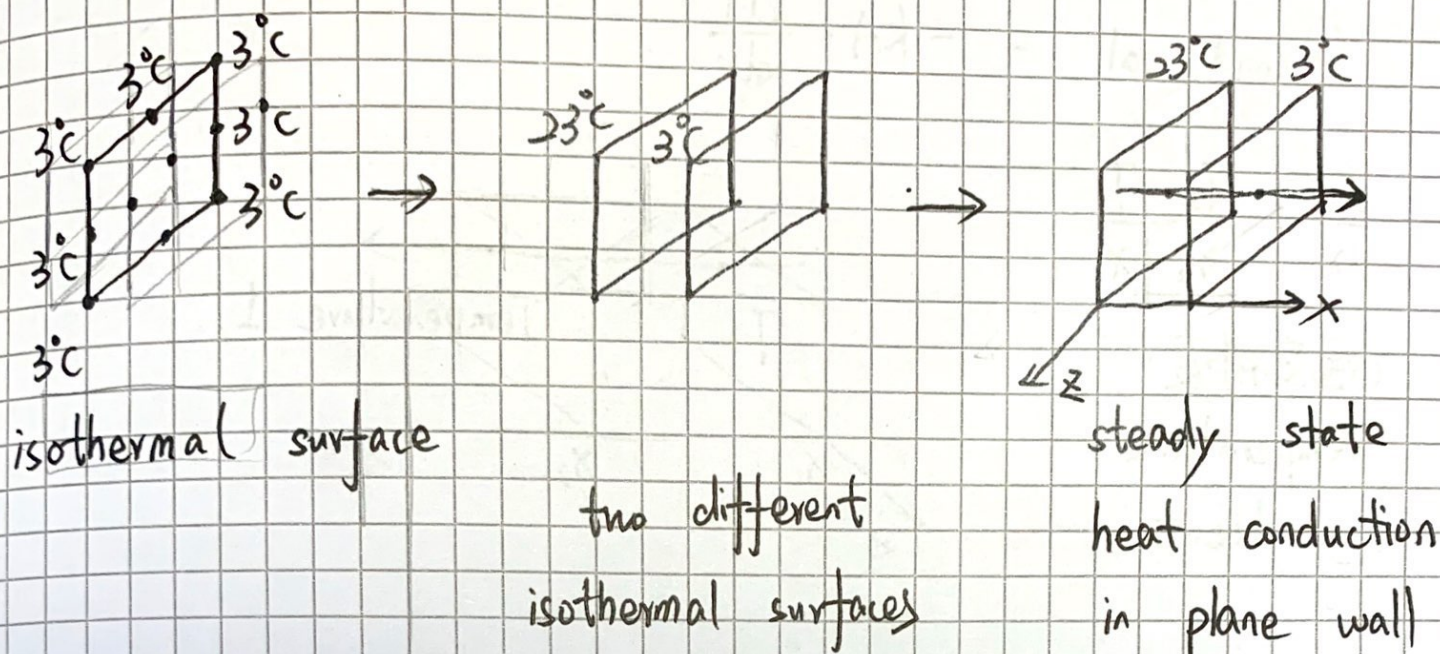


• Fourier's law of heat conduction



1) law / definition:

The rate of heat conduction through a plane wall:

is proportional to the average thermal conductivity, the wall area and temperature difference

but is inversely proportional to the wall thickness.

2) property:

steady, one-dimensional and constant
(from higher to lower) (for steady operation)



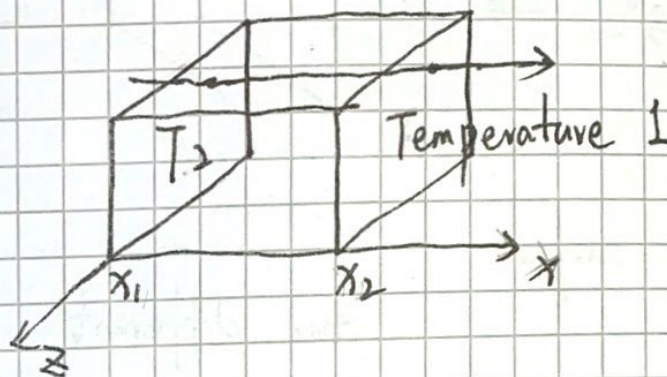
• Formula :

$$Q_{\text{cond, wall}} = -kA \cdot \frac{dT}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

(温度梯度)

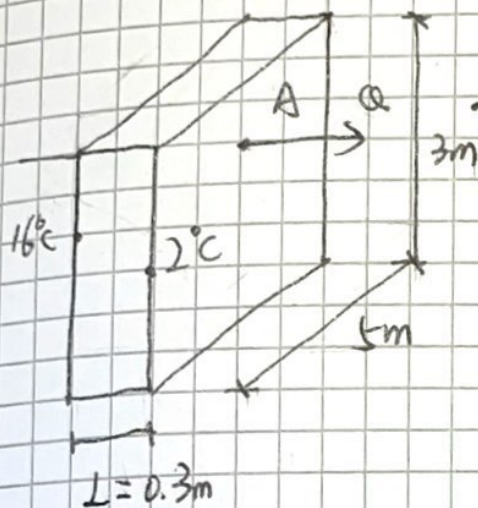
temperature
gradient



	English name	Chinese	unit
$\frac{dT}{dx}$	temperature gradient	温度梯度	$^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$
k	average thermal conductivity	导热系数(k)	$\text{W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}$
A	area	面积	m^2
$Q_{\text{cond, wall}}$	X	功率	W



Formula Application:



$$k = 0.9 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{C}$$

By using simple method:

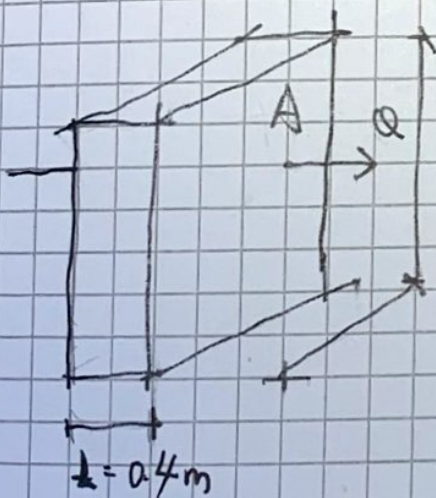
$$\dot{Q} = -kA \frac{dT}{dx}$$

$$= 0.9 * (3 * 5) * \frac{(16-2)}{0.3} = 630 \text{ W}$$

By using resistance concept:

$$R_{\text{wall}} = \frac{L}{kA} = \frac{0.3}{0.9 * (3 * 5)} \approx 0.0222 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/W}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\Delta T}{R_{\text{wall}}} = \frac{(16-2)}{0.0222} \approx 630.6 \text{ W}$$



$$k = 0.78 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{C}$$

$$A = 20 \text{ m}^2, \Delta T = 25 \text{ K}$$

By using simple method:

$$\dot{Q} = -kA \frac{dT}{dx}$$

$$= 0.78 * 20 * \frac{25}{0.4} = 975 \text{ W}$$

By using resistance concept:

$$R_{\text{wall}} = \frac{L}{kA} = \frac{0.4}{0.78 * 20} \approx 0.0256 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/W}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\Delta T}{R_{\text{wall}}} = \frac{25}{0.0256} \approx 976.5 \text{ W}$$

