

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

$$\dot{Q} = kA \frac{\Delta T}{L}$$

2. We can calculate the rate of heat conduction through a wall by analogy between thermal and electrical resistance concept: rate of heat transfer is similar to electric current, thermal resistance is similar to electrical resistance and temperature difference is similar to voltage difference so:

$$I = \frac{V1 - V2}{Re} \longrightarrow \dot{Q} = \frac{T1 - T2}{R}$$

EX:

$$K=0.78 \text{ W/m k}, A= 20 \text{ m}^2, \Delta T = 25^\circ\text{k}, L = 0.4\text{m}$$

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

Harder Way:

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

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\Delta T}{R_{wall}} = \frac{25}{0.0256} = 976.5625 \text{ W}$$