

Week 1 Assignment

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.

Short Summary:

Heat transfer through a wall is proportionate with its area and to the difference of temperature and conductivity, but it is inversely proportional to the thickness of this wall.

Method 1:

$$Q_{\text{cond, wall}} = kA \frac{T_1 - T_2}{L} = 0.78 * 20 \left(\frac{25}{0.4} \right) = 975 \text{ W}$$

Method 2 Thermal Resistance Concept:

$$R_{\text{wall}} = \frac{L}{kA} = \frac{0.4}{0.78 * 20} = 0.0256 \text{ K/W}$$

$$Q_{\text{cond, wall}} = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{R} = \frac{25}{0.0256} = 975.6 \text{ W}$$