

WEEK ASSIGNMENT 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:

Conductive heat transfer occurs in solids because of temperature differences in different parts of the solid. Thermal energy is transferred due to molecular movement throughout the material.

Solution:

Simple method:

$$\dot{Q} = kA \frac{\Delta T}{L} = 0.78 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{mK}} * 20 \text{m}^2 * \frac{25 \text{K}}{0.4 \text{m}} = 975 \text{W}$$

Using the resistance concept:

$$R_{\text{wall}} = \frac{L}{kA} = \frac{0.4 \text{m}}{0.78 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{mK}} * 20 \text{m}^2} \approx 0.02564 \frac{\text{K}}{\text{W}}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\Delta T}{R_{\text{wall}}} = \frac{25 \text{K}}{0.02564 \frac{\text{K}}{\text{W}}} \approx 976.6 \text{W}$$