

Homework

1. A short summary about the conductive heat transfer.

When the heat transfers through the wall, it will be lost, and the loss of heat rate (\dot{Q}) is related to the conductivity of the material (K), area of the wall (A), thickness (L) and delta T, which can be calculated by the formula $\dot{Q} = kA (\Delta T)/L$, or the formula $\dot{Q} = (\Delta T)/R_{wall}$, $R_{wall} = L/kA$. The heat loss rate (\dot{Q}) is inversely proportional to area of the wall (A) and the conductivity of the material (K), and delta T.

2. Solving the same exercise with $L=0.4\text{m}$ $A=20 \text{ m}^2$ $\Delta T=25^\circ\text{C}$ $K=0.78 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{mk}}$ using both simple method and using the resistance concept.

By using the simple method:

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

By using the resistance concept:

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

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\Delta T}{R_{wall}} = \frac{25}{0.0256} \approx 976.56\text{W}$$