

8. Internal Forced Convection

8.1. General Procedure

- Find fluid properties from Appendix 1 at bulk mean temperature $T_b = (T_i + T_e)/2$
 - $\rho, \mu, k, c_p, Pr, \nu$
- Determine mean velocity V_{avg}
- Determine the type of flow (laminar or turbulent)
 - Laminar: $Re < 2300$
 - Turbulent: $Re > 4000$
- Determine the Nusselt number, Nu , using the appropriate correlation
 - Check if $l_{h,laminar}$ or $l_{t,laminar}$ is less than L . If so, use Table 1
 - Else, use empirical correlations
- Determine the heat transfer coefficient h using Nu, k , and A_s

8.2. Variable Definitions

- Nu : Nusselt number
- Re : Reynolds number
- Pr : Prandtl number
- μ : Dynamic viscosity
- ν : Kinematic viscosity
- k : Thermal conductivity
- h : Convection heat transfer coefficient
- D_h : Hydraulic diameter
- A_s : Surface area
- A_c : Cross-sectional area
- V_{avg} : Average velocity
- T_b : Bulk mean temperature
- T_i : Inlet temperature
- T_e : Exit temperature
- \dot{m} : Mass flow rate
- \dot{q} : Heat flux
- ΔT_{lm} : Log mean temperature difference

8.3. Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{m} &= \rho V_{avg} A_c \\ Re &= \frac{\rho V_{avg} D}{\mu} = \frac{V_{avg} D}{\nu} \\ D_h &= \frac{4A_c}{\text{Perimeter}} = D|_{\text{circular}} = a|_{\text{square}} \\ &= \frac{2ab}{a+b}|_{\text{rectangular}} = \frac{4ab}{a+b}|_{\text{channel}} \\ Nu &= \frac{hD_h}{k} \\ A_s &= \pi DL|_{\text{circular}} = 4ab|_{\text{rectangular}} \\ A_c &= \pi \frac{D^2}{4}|_{\text{circular}} = ab|_{\text{rectangular}} \\ l_{h,laminar} &= 0.05 Re D_h \\ l_{t,laminar} &= 0.05 Re Pr D_h = 0.05 Pr l_{h,laminar} \\ l_{h,turbulent} &\approx l_{t,turbulent} = 10 D_h\end{aligned}$$

Constant \dot{q} :

$$T_e = T_i + \frac{\dot{q}}{\dot{m} c_p}$$

$$\dot{q} = h(T_s - T_b)$$

Constant T_s :

$$T_e = T_s - (T_s - T_i) \exp\left(-\frac{\dot{m} c_p}{h A_s}\right)$$

$$T_s = \frac{T_e - T_i \exp\left(-\frac{\dot{m} c_p}{h A_s}\right)}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\dot{m} c_p}{h A_s}\right)}$$

$$\dot{Q} = h A_s \Delta T_{lm}$$

$$T_{lm} = \frac{T_i - T_e}{\ln[(T_s - T_e)/(T_s - T_i)]}$$

For fully developed laminar flow, use Table 1.

For entry region in a circular tube where $T_s = \text{constant}$, use:

$$(\text{Edwards et al., 1979}) Nu = 3.66 + \frac{0.0658(D/L)RePr}{1 + 0.04[(D/L)RePr]^{2/3}}$$

For entry region in a circular tube where the difference between T_s and T_b is large, use:

$$(\text{Sieder and Tate, 1936}) Nu = 1.86 \left(\frac{RePrD}{L} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{\mu_b}{\mu_s} \right)^{0.14}$$

$$0.6 < Pr < 5, \quad 0.0044 < \frac{\mu_b}{\mu_s} < 9.75$$

All properties for Sieder and Tate should be evaluated at T_b except μ_s which should be evaluated at T_s .

For entry region between two isothermal parallel plates, use:

$$(\text{Edwards et al., 1979}) Nu = 7.54 + \frac{0.03(D_h/L)RePr}{1 + 0.016[(D_h/L)RePr]^{2/3}}$$

$$Re \leq 2800$$

For turbulent flow in a circular tube, use:

$$(\text{Dittus-Boelter, 1930}) Nu = 0.023 Re^{0.8} Pr^n$$

$$n = 0.4 \text{ (Heating)}, \quad n = 0.3 \text{ (Cooling)}$$

Tables

Table 1: Nusselt number and friction factor for fully developed laminar flow in tubes of various cross sections ($D_h = 4A_c/P$, $Re = V_{avg}D_h/\nu$, and $Nu = hD_h/k$) (**Table 8-1 in textbook**)

Tube Geometry	a/b or θ°	Nu		f
		$T_s = \text{constant}$	$\dot{q}_s = \text{constant}$	
Circle	—	4.36	3.66	$64/Re$
Rectangle	a/b			
	1	2.98	3.61	$56.92/Re$
	2	3.39	4.12	$62.20/Re$
	3	3.96	4.79	$68.36/Re$
	4	4.44	5.33	$72.92/Re$
	6	5.14	6.05	$78.80/Re$
	8	5.60	6.49	$82.32/Re$
	∞	7.54	8.24	$96.00/Re$
Ellipse	a/b			
	1	3.66	4.36	$64.00/Re$
	2	3.74	4.56	$67.28/Re$
	4	3.79	4.88	$72.96/Re$
	8	3.72	5.09	$76.60/Re$
	16	3.65	5.18	$78.16/Re$
Isosceles triangle	θ°			
	10	1.61	2.45	$50.80/Re$
	30	2.26	2.91	$52.28/Re$
	60	2.47	3.11	$53.32/Re$
	90	2.34	2.98	$52.60/Re$
	120	2.00	2.68	$50.96/Re$