

## Convection exercises

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### Exercise III.1: (Walking man ★)

A man has a body surface area of  $A$  and a skin temperature of  $T_s$ , with an average surface temperature of the clothed person of  $T_c$ . The convection heat transfer coefficient  $\alpha$  for a clothed man walking in the air with temperature  $T_A$  is expressed as:

$$\alpha = C \cdot \sqrt{V},$$

for  $0.5 < V < 5$  m/s, and where  $C = 8.2 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{m}^{2.5}\text{s}^{0.5}\text{K}}$ , and  $V$  is the relative velocity of the man with respect to the air.

#### Given parameters:

- Surface area of the body:  $A = 1.8 \text{ m}^2$
- Thermal conductivity of the skin:  $\lambda_s = 0.25 \text{ W/mK}$
- Thermal conductivity of clothes:  $\lambda_s = 0.03 \text{ W/mK}$
- Thermal conductivity of the air:  $\lambda_a = 0.026 \text{ W/mK}$
- Skin temperature of the man:  $T_s = 33 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Surface temperature of the clothed man:  $T_c = 30 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Air temperature:  $T_A = 15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

#### Hints:

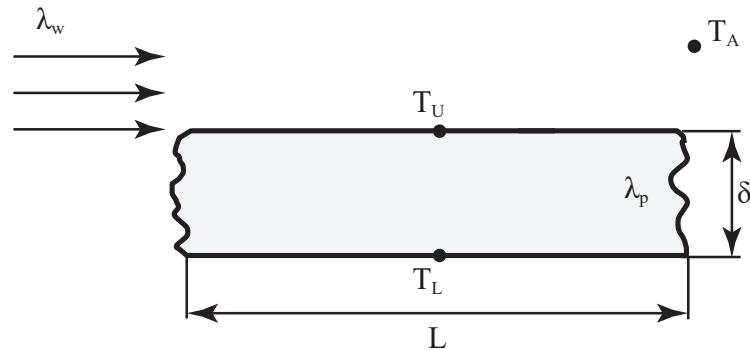
- Assume steady-state operating conditions.
- Assume the heat transfer coefficient to be constant over the entire surface.

#### Tasks:

- a) Determine the rate of heat loss from the man by convection while walking in still air at a speed of 1 m/s.
- b) Determine the rate of heat loss from the man walking in the air when walking in the same direction of the wind with a velocity of 1.5 m/s, while the wind is blowing at a velocity of 2 m/s.
- c) Determine the rate of heat loss and the relative velocity from the man while walking in still air with a Nusselt number of  $\text{Nu} = 510$ , and a characteristic length of  $L = 1 \text{ m}$ .

**Exercise III.2:** (Thick solid plate  $\star$ )

The top surface of a thick solid plate is cooled by water flowing. The upper and lower surfaces of the solid plate are maintained at constant temperatures  $T_U$  and  $T_L$  respectively.



**Given parameters:**

- Thickness of the plate:  $\delta$
- Length of the plate:  $L$
- Thermal conductivity of the plate:  $\lambda_p$
- Thermal conductivity of the water:  $\lambda_w$
- Upper surface temperature of the plate:  $T_U$
- Lower surface temperature of the plate:  $T_L$
- Ambient temperature:  $T_A$

**Hints:**

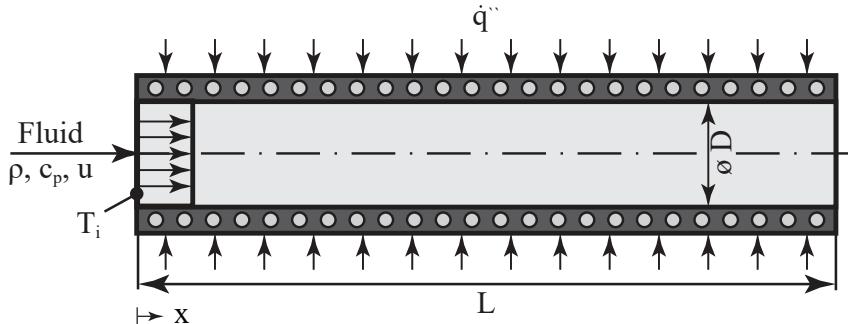
- Assume steady-state operating conditions.
- Assume the heat transfer coefficient to be constant over the entire surface.
- $T_L > T_U$ .

**Tasks:**

- a) Determine the Nusselt number in terms of the given variables, using the length  $L$  of the plate as the characteristic length.
- b) Determine the temperature gradient inside the water at the interface in terms of the given variables.

**Exercise III.3: (Pipe flow \*\*)**

A fluid flows through a long cylindrical tube. A constant heat flux density  $\dot{q}''$  is imposed on the fluid.



**Given parameters:**

- Diameter of the pipe:  $D$
- Length of the plate:  $L$
- Heat flux density:  $\dot{q}''$
- Density of the fluid:  $\rho$
- Specific heat capacity of the fluid:  $c_p$
- Average velocity of the fluid:  $u$
- Fluid inlet temperature:  $T_i$

**Hints:**

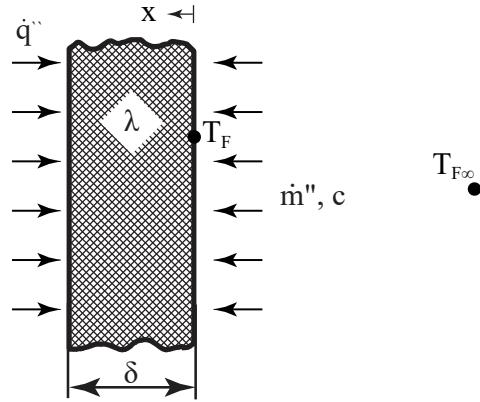
- Assume one-dimensional heat transfer in the axial direction.
- Assume steady-state operating conditions.
- Conduction in the fluid is negligible.

**Tasks:**

- Determine the temperature profile of the fluid.
- Determine the temperature of the fluid at 75% of the pipe length.

**Exercise III.4:** (Porous wall ★★)

The surface of a porous wall, impermeable to radiation, absorbs a radiative heat flux. For cooling purposes, a coolant is circulated through the wall with an inlet temperature is  $T_F$ .



**Given parameters:**

- Imposed radiative heat flux:  $\dot{q}'' = 150 \cdot 10^3 \text{ W/m}^2$
- Wall thickness:  $\delta = 50 \text{ mm}$
- Wall Thermal conductivity:  $\lambda = 8 \text{ W/mK}$
- Coolant specific heat capacity:  $c = 1000 \text{ J/kgK}$
- Coolant inlet temperature:  $T_F = -15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Coolant area specific mass flux:  $\dot{m}'' = 0.6 \text{ kg/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$

**Hints:**

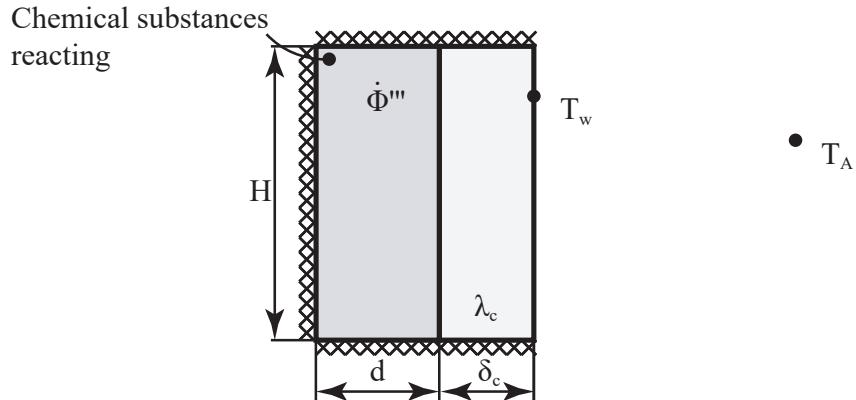
- Within the wall, conduction of the imposed radiative heat flux is negligible.
- The local fluid and wall temperatures can be assumed to be identical.

**Tasks:**

- a) Determine the temperature profile  $T(x)$  for the porous wall.
- b) Determine the maximum temperature  $T_{\max}$  reached within the wall.
- c) Determine the heat flux  $\dot{q}_F''$  per unit area, which is transmitted into the fluid at  $x = 0$ .
- d) Which temperature  $T_{F,\infty}$  does the fluid reach far away from the wall?
- e) Sketch the temperature profiles for two different mass fluxes and mark each curve.

**Exercise III.5:** (Substance container ★)

Imagine you are involved in the design of a chemical substance container. These containers house substances that generate heat during chemical reactions. The top and back are adiabatically insulated. During this reaction heat is dissipated to the surrounding air.

**Given parameters:**

- Height of the container:  $H = 80 \text{ cm}$
- Depth of the container:  $d = 50 \text{ cm}$
- Wall thickness of the container:  $\delta_c = 10 \text{ cm}$
- Thermal conductivity of the wall:  $\lambda_c = 0.3 \text{ W/mK}$
- Thermal conductivity of the air:  $\lambda = 0.025 \text{ W/mK}$
- Prandtl number of the air:  $\text{Pr} = 0.72$
- Kinematic viscosity of the air:  $\nu = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$
- Outside temperature of the wall:  $T_w = 30 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Temperature of the ambient air:  $T_A = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

**Hints:**

- Assume one-dimensional heat transfer.
- Assume steady-state operating conditions.

**Tasks:**

- a) Determine the interface temperature between the chemical substances and their container.
- b) Determine the heat generated by the substances per unit volume  $\dot{\Phi}'''$ .