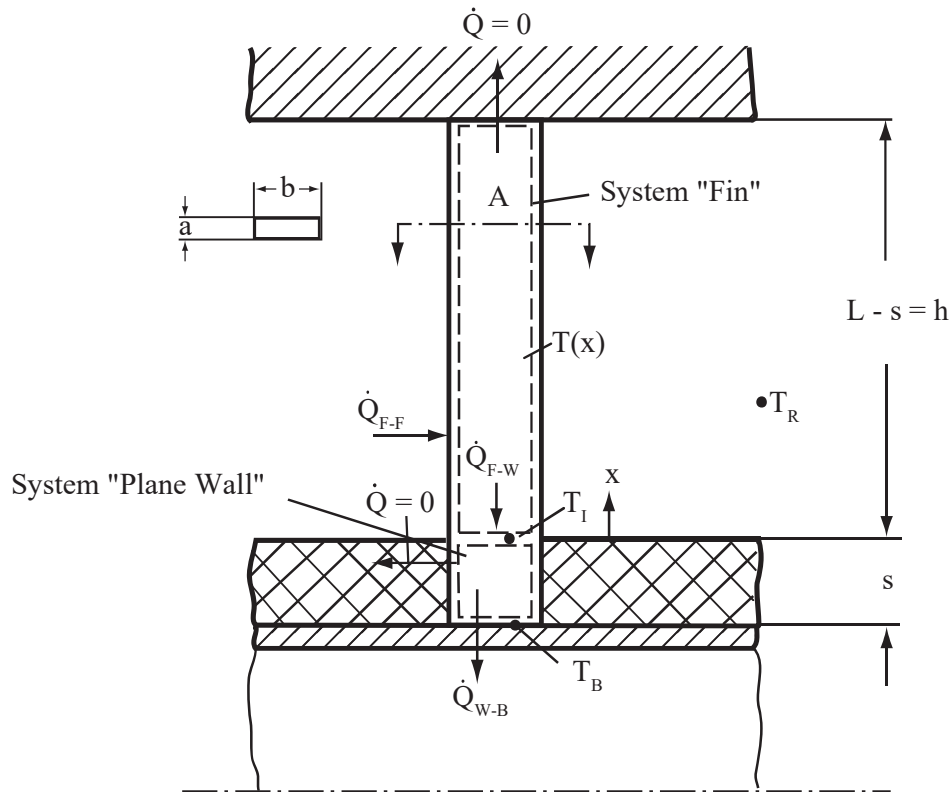


2.8 Pipe fastening (Alternative solution)

1. Problem type

Steady-state heat transfer through a prismatic fin cross-section with heat transfer through a plane wall.

2. System boundary



Due to the different transfer mechanisms two systems need to be investigated. These systems are coupled through the fin base temperature.

3. Heat balances

System **Fin**

$$+\dot{Q}_{F-F} - \dot{Q}_{F-W} = 0 \quad \dot{Q}_{F-F} = \dot{Q}_{F-W} \quad (2.87)$$

System **Plane wall**

$$+\dot{Q}_{F-W} - \dot{Q}_{W-B} = 0 \quad \dot{Q}_{F-W} = \dot{Q}_{W-B} \quad (2.88)$$

4. Description of balance quantities

Heat flux through the **fin** under the assumption that the fin's head is adiabatic

$$\dot{Q}_{F-W} = \lambda A_c m \tanh(m(L-s)) \quad (2.89)$$

with

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha \cdot U}{\lambda \cdot A}} = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha \cdot 2(a+b)}{\lambda \cdot a \cdot b}} \quad (2.90)$$

$$\theta = T_R - T_I \quad (2.91)$$

Heat flux through the **Plane Wall**

$$\dot{Q}_{W-B} = \frac{\lambda}{s} \cdot A_c \cdot (T_I - T_B) \quad (2.92)$$

5. Solution

- Heat flux into the brine

With $\dot{Q}_{F-W} = \dot{Q}_{W-B}$ follows

$$\lambda A_c m (T_R - T_I) \tanh(m(L-s)) = \frac{\lambda}{s} \cdot A_c \cdot (T_I - T_B) \quad (2.93)$$

Rearranging results in:

$$T_I = \frac{T_R s m \tanh(m(L-s)) + T_B}{s m \tanh(m(L-s)) + 1} = -15.013 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} \quad (2.94)$$

- Numerical values:

$$m = 6.54 \text{ } 1/\text{m} \quad (2.95)$$

Results in:

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\lambda}{s} \cdot A_c \cdot (T_I - T_B) = 1.85 \text{ W} \quad (2.96)$$

- Frost covered length of steel fastening h_0

Conditions for h_0 :

$$T(x = h_0) = T_0 = 0^\circ\text{C} \quad (2.97)$$

The determination of h_0 thus necessitates knowledge of the temperature profile within the fin.

For the given conditions it reads

$$\frac{T(x) - T_R}{T_I - T_R} = \frac{\cosh(m(h - x))}{\cosh(m \cdot h)} \quad (2.98)$$

With aforementioned condition follows

$$\cosh(m(h - h_0)) = \frac{T_0 - T_R}{T_I - T_R} \cdot \cosh(m \cdot h) = z \quad (2.99)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 &= h - \frac{1}{m} \cdot (z) \\ &= h - \frac{1}{m} \cdot \ln(z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.100)$$

the fin base temperature T_B remains unknown in this equation. It is easily obtained from eq. 2.92:

$$T_I = T_B + \frac{\dot{Q} \cdot s}{\lambda \cdot A} \quad (2.101)$$

- Numerical values:

$$z = \frac{-20}{-35} \cdot \cosh(1.635) = 1.52$$

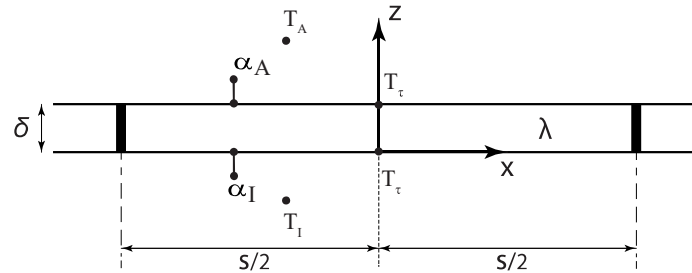
$$h_0 = 0.25 - \frac{1}{6.54} \ln(2.665) = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$h_0 = 10 \text{ cm}$$

2.9 Foggy rear window

Problem type:

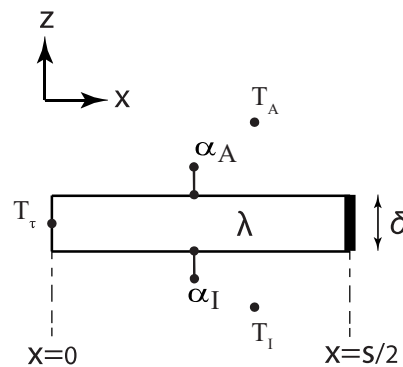
Steady-state one-dimensional heat transfer through a fin in x-direction.



Note that the assumption for one-dimensional heat transfer can be verified by determining the Biot number in z-direction.

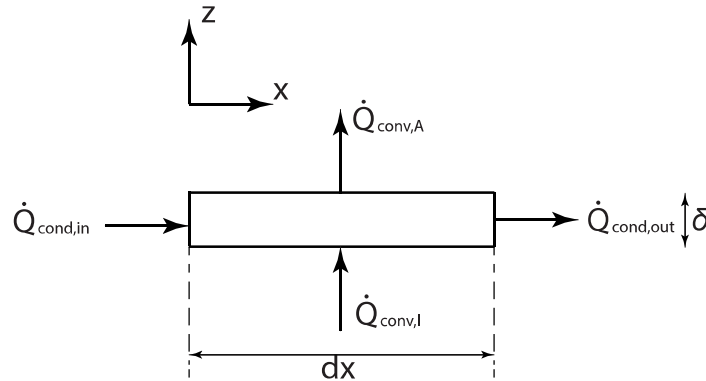
$$Bi_z = \frac{R_{\text{cond}}}{R_{\text{conv}}} = \frac{\delta/\lambda}{1/\alpha_A + 1/\alpha_I} = \frac{\frac{0.005 \text{ [m]}}{1.16 \text{ [W/mK]}}}{\frac{1}{30 \text{ [W/m}^2\text{K]}} + \frac{1}{3 \text{ [W/m}^2\text{K]}}} = 0.012 \ll 1 \quad (2.102)$$

The given problem can be simplified to be a fin problem:



In order to determine the required power \dot{q}' , the rate of heat transfer in x-direction should be determined using Fourier's law.

Energy balance of an infinitesimal element:



$$\dot{Q}_{\text{cond},\text{in}} + \dot{Q}_{\text{conv},\text{I}} - \dot{Q}_{\text{cond},\text{out}} - \dot{Q}_{\text{conv},\text{A}} = 0 \quad (2.103)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \cdot \delta \cdot \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - [\alpha_A \cdot (T - T_A) + \alpha_I \cdot (T - T_I)] = 0 \quad (2.104)$$

Rearranging:

$$\lambda \cdot \delta \cdot \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - \left[T \cdot (\alpha_I + \alpha_A) - (\alpha_I \cdot T_I + \alpha_A \cdot T_A) \cdot \frac{(\alpha_I + \alpha_A)}{(\alpha_I + \alpha_A)} \right] = 0 \quad (2.105)$$

Homogenization parameters:

$$\alpha^* = (\alpha_I + \alpha_A) \quad (2.106)$$

$$T^* = \frac{(\alpha_I \cdot T_I + \alpha_A \cdot T_A)}{(\alpha_I + \alpha_A)} \quad (2.107)$$

$$\theta = T - T^* \quad (2.108)$$

$$m^2 = \frac{\alpha^*}{\lambda \cdot \delta} \quad (2.109)$$

Results in:

$$\lambda \cdot \delta \cdot \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - \alpha^* \cdot (T - T^*) \quad (2.110)$$

$$\lambda \cdot \delta \cdot \frac{d^2 \theta}{dx^2} - \alpha^* \cdot \theta = 0 \quad (2.111)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dx^2} - m^2 \cdot \theta = 0 \quad (2.112)$$

$$\rightarrow \theta(x) = A \cdot \cosh(m \cdot x) + B \cdot \sinh(m \cdot x) \quad (2.113)$$

Boundary conditions:

At $x = 0$ (specified temperature):

$$T(x = 0) = T_\tau \rightarrow \theta(x = 0) = T_\tau - T^* \quad (2.114)$$

At $x = 0$ (thermal symmetry):

$$\frac{dT}{dx}|_{x=0} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{dx}|_{x=0} = 0 \quad (2.115)$$

Thus:

$$\theta(x = 0) = T_\tau - T^* \rightarrow A = T_\tau - T^* \quad (2.116)$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dx}|_{x=0} = 0 \rightarrow B = 0 \quad (2.117)$$

Results in:

$$\theta(x) = (T_\tau - T^*) \cdot \cosh(m \cdot x) \quad (2.118)$$

$$\rightarrow T(x) = (T_\tau - T^*) \cdot \cosh(m \cdot x) + T^* \quad (2.119)$$

Determining \dot{q}' :

At $x = s/2$ (specified heat flux)

$$\lambda \cdot \delta \cdot L \cdot \frac{dT}{dx}|_{x=s/2} = \frac{\dot{q}' \cdot L}{2} \quad (2.120)$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{q}' = 2 \cdot \delta \cdot \lambda \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_I + \alpha_A}{\lambda \cdot \delta}} \cdot \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_I + \alpha_A}{\lambda \cdot \delta}} \cdot \frac{s}{2}\right) \cdot \left(T_\tau - \frac{\alpha_I \cdot T_I + \alpha_A \cdot T_A}{\alpha_I + \alpha_A}\right) = 8 \text{ [W/m]} \quad (2.121)$$

2.10 New fin material

1. Problem type:

Steady-state, one-dimensional heat conduction through a fin with an adiabatic head.

a) Calculate the ratio between the heat flow of the aluminium and copper fin.

Aluminium fin:

Heat flux:

$$\dot{Q}_A = \lambda_A \cdot A_c \cdot m_A \cdot \theta_B \cdot \tanh(m_A \cdot L_A) \quad (2.122)$$

Fin parameter (plane fin):

$$m_A = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \alpha}{\lambda_A \cdot \delta}} \quad (2.123)$$

Temperature profile:

$$\theta_A(x) = \theta_B \cdot \frac{\cosh[m_A \cdot (L_A - x)]}{\cosh[m_A \cdot L_A]} \quad (2.124)$$

Head temperature:

$$\Rightarrow \theta_A(L) = \frac{\theta_B}{\cosh[m_A \cdot L_A]} \quad (2.125)$$

Copper fin:

Heat flux:

$$\dot{Q}_C = \lambda_C \cdot A_c \cdot m_C \cdot \theta_B \cdot \tanh(m_C \cdot L_C) \quad (2.126)$$

Fin parameter (plane fin):

$$m_c = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \alpha}{\lambda_c \cdot \delta}} \quad (2.127)$$

Temperature profile:

$$\theta_C(x) = \theta_B \cdot \frac{\cosh[m_C \cdot (L_C - x)]}{\cosh[m_C \cdot L_C]} \quad (2.128)$$

Head temperature:

$$\Rightarrow \theta_C(L) = \frac{\theta_B}{\cosh[m_C \cdot L_C]} \quad (2.129)$$

Length ratio:

Head temperatures remains unchanged:

$$\theta_A(L) = \theta_C(L) \quad (2.130)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_A \cdot L_A = m_C \cdot L_C \quad (2.131)$$

Heat flux ratio:

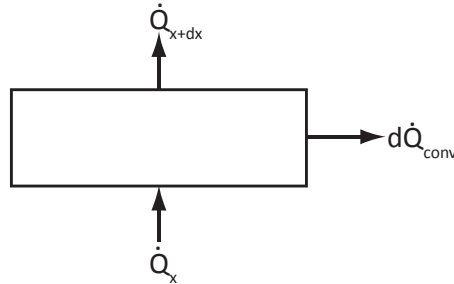
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\dot{Q}_A}{\dot{Q}_C} = \frac{\lambda_A \cdot A_c \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \alpha}{\lambda_A \cdot \delta}} \cdot \theta_B \cdot \tanh(m_A \cdot L_A)}{\lambda_C \cdot A_c \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \alpha}{\lambda_C \cdot \delta}} \cdot \theta_B \cdot \tanh(m_C \cdot L_C)} = \frac{\lambda_A^{1/2}}{\lambda_C^{1/2}} \quad (2.132)$$

2.11 Spherical fin

1. Problem type:

Steady-state, one-dimensional heat conduction through a fin subjected to convection.

- a) Derive the differential equation of the temperature in this fin as a function of x .



The balance at the fin element reads as follows:

$$\dot{Q}_x - \dot{Q}_{x+dx} = d\dot{Q}_{\text{conv}} \quad (2.133)$$

The left-hand side of the balance can be described as follows:

$$\dot{Q}_x = -\lambda \cdot A_Q \cdot \frac{dT}{dx} \quad (2.134)$$

$$\dot{Q}_{x+dx} = \dot{Q}_x + \frac{d(\dot{Q}_x)}{dx} \cdot dx \quad (2.135)$$

$$\dot{Q}_x - \dot{Q}_{x+dx} = \lambda \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(A_Q \cdot \frac{dT}{dx} \right) \quad (2.136)$$

The right-hand side of the balance can be described as follows:

$$d\dot{Q}_{\text{conv}} = \alpha \cdot C \cdot dx \cdot (T - T_{\text{amb}}) \quad (2.137)$$

The radius r as a function of x can be described using Pythagoras' theorem:

$$r(x) = \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} \quad (2.138)$$

The area A_Q can be described as follows:

$$A_Q = \pi \cdot r(x)^2 = \pi \cdot (R^2 - x^2) \quad (2.139)$$

The circumference C can be described as follows:

$$C = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot r(x) = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{(R^2 - x^2)} \quad (2.140)$$

Plugging in all the terms yields the differential equation:

$$\lambda \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left((R^2 - x^2) \cdot \frac{dT}{dx} \right) = 2 \cdot \alpha \cdot \sqrt{(R^2 - x^2)} \cdot (T - T_{\text{amb}}) \quad (2.141)$$

2.12 Rod fin

1. Problem type:

Steady-state, one-dimensional heat conduction through a fin subjected to convection.

a) Give the expression for the heat flux as a function of the given variables.

The following equation for the fin temperature can be taken from the formulary:

$$\theta(x) = A \cdot \cosh(m \cdot x) + B \cdot \sinh(m \cdot x) \quad (2.142)$$

with

$$\theta(x) = T(x) - T_{\text{amb}} \quad (2.143)$$

and

$$m^2 = \frac{\alpha \cdot U}{\lambda \cdot A_Q} \quad (2.144)$$

The constants A and B should be determined using the boundary conditions.

The temperature at the fin base is T_b :

$$\theta(x=0) = A = T_b - T_{\text{amb}} = \theta_b \quad (2.145)$$

The temperature at the fin head is T_{amb} :

$$\theta(x=L) = A \cdot \cosh(m \cdot L) + B \cdot \sinh(m \cdot L) = T_{\text{amb}} - T_{\text{amb}} = 0 \quad (2.146)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -A \cdot \frac{1}{\tanh(m \cdot L)} \quad (2.147)$$

Plugging in the constants yields the equation for the fin temperature:

$$\theta(x) = \theta_b \cdot \left(\cosh(m \cdot x) - \frac{\sinh(m \cdot x)}{\tanh(m \cdot L)} \right) \quad (2.148)$$

Dissipated heat through the fin:

$$\dot{Q} = -\lambda \cdot A_C \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} \quad (2.149)$$

with

$$\frac{d\theta}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} = \theta_b \cdot \left(m \cdot \sinh(m \cdot 0) - \frac{m \cdot \cosh(m \cdot 0)}{\tanh(m \cdot L)} \right) = -\frac{\theta_b \cdot m}{\tanh(m \cdot L)} \quad (2.150)$$