

# Thermal Systems

They transfer or store thermal energy by virtue of temp. and heat flow rate. The thermal effects are (1) conduction, (2) convection, (3) radiation and (4) heat storage capacity.

Although thermal systems exhibit resistance and capacitance, there is no thermal inductance.

## # Basic Effects

### ⊛ Thermal Conduction

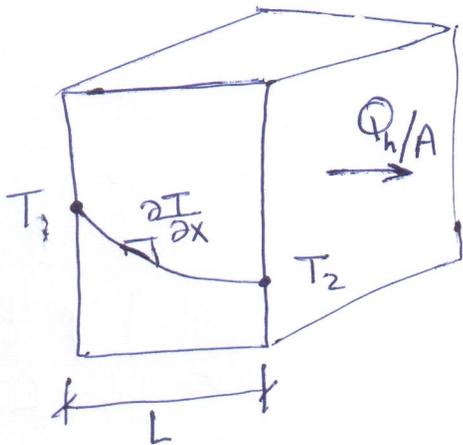
It is the ability of solid or continuous media to conduct heat.

heat transfer  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{Q_h}{A} = -k_t \left( \frac{dT}{dx} \right)$

Fourier's law of heat conduction

thermal conductivity

temp. gradient in the direction of heat flow



$$\begin{aligned} Q_h &= -k_t A \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \\ &= -k_t A \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x} \\ &= \frac{-k_t A}{L} \Delta T \\ &= \frac{-k_t A}{L} (T_2 - T_1) \end{aligned}$$

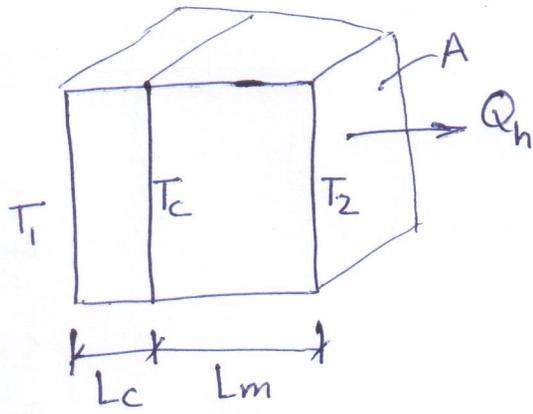
\* Conduction through a flat plate

$$Q_h = \frac{\delta T}{R}$$

as  $\delta T = T_1 - T_2$

$$R = \frac{L}{k_t A}$$

$\rightarrow$  R: thermal resistance due to conduction



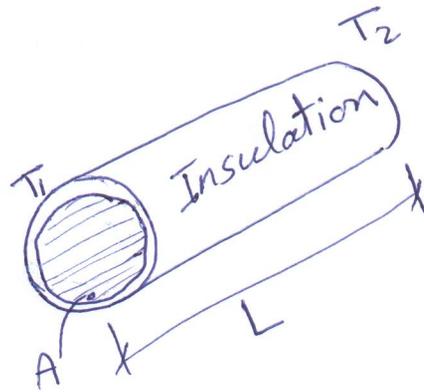
$$Q_h = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{R_c + R_m}$$

$$\text{as } R_c = \frac{L_c}{K_c A} \text{ \& } R_m = \frac{L_m}{K_m A}$$

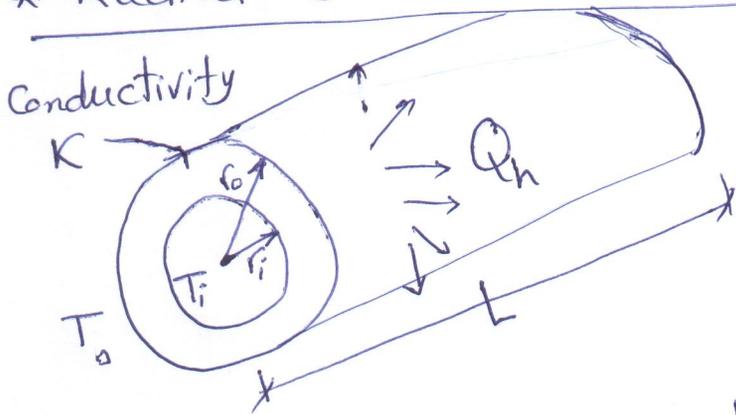
### \* Axial Conduction in a rod

$$Q_h = \frac{K_t A}{L} (T_1 - T_2)$$

only axial heat transfer.  
No radial.



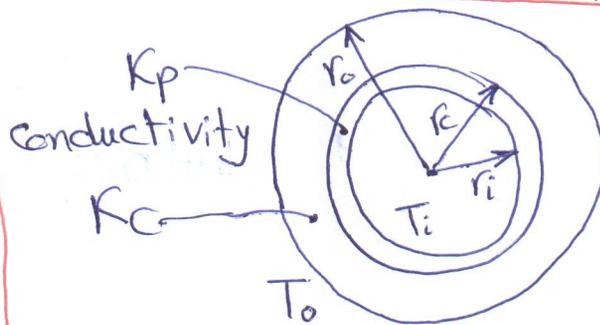
### \* Radial Conduction in a cylinder



$$Q_h = -K_t (2\pi r L) \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$= -K_t 2\pi L \frac{dt}{dr/r}$$

$$Q_h = \frac{2\pi K_t L}{\ln(r_o/r_i)} (T_i - T_o)$$

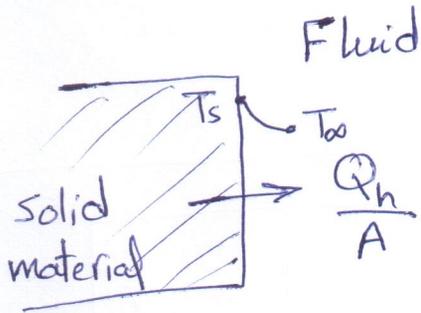


$$Q_h = \frac{T_i - T_o}{\frac{\ln(r_c/r_i)}{2\pi L K_p} + \frac{\ln(r_o/r_c)}{2\pi L K_c}}$$

### \* Thermal Convection

It's the process of heat transfer between a surface of a solid material and a fluid that is exposed to the solid surface.

once the fluid has been subjected to the heat transfer, the fluid in the vicinity of the surface can move to another location and be replaced with fresh fluid, and the process can repeat itself.



$$\frac{Q_h}{A} = h (T_s - T_{\infty})$$

Newton's law of cooling

$h$ : Convection coefficient

\* Convection  $\begin{cases} \text{free convection} \\ \text{forced convection} \end{cases}$

\*  $h_{\text{cooling}} \neq h_{\text{heating}}$

$$* Q = h A \Delta T = \frac{\Delta T}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{1}{hA}$$

$R$ : thermal resistance due to convection

### \* Thermal Radiation

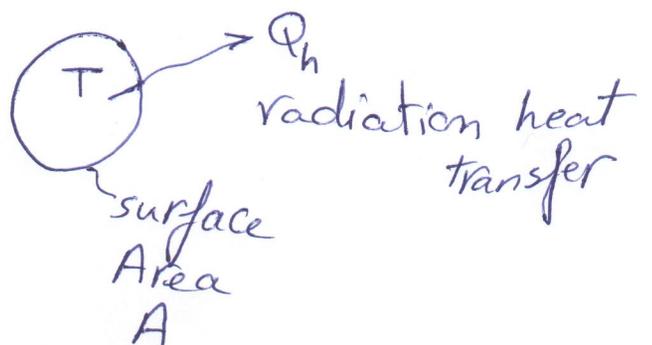
It's the process of heat transfer in which the energy is high enough to transfer heat without the presence of a surrounding medium, such as fluid or solid.

Thermal radiation can take place in vacuum.

$$\frac{Q_h}{A} = \sigma T^4$$

as  $\sigma = 56.68 \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{Watt}}{\text{m}^2 \text{K}^4}$

Stefan-Boltzmann Constant



$$Q_h = F_e F_v \sigma A (T_H^4 - T_L^4)$$

emissivity factor  
 $F_e = 1$  for black body

view factor  
 account lost radiation bet<sup>n</sup> two bodies

high temp. ———  
 low temp. ———

$$Q_h = F_e F_v h_{eq} A_h \Delta T$$

$\Delta T = T_H - T_L$   
 as  $T_H > T_L$

as  $h_{eq} = 4\sigma T_H^3 \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Delta T}{T_H} + \left(\frac{\Delta T}{T_H}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\Delta T}{T_H}\right)^3 \right]$

$h_{eq}$ : equivalent convection coefficient.

\* Thermal capacitance

It's the behavior of the material when it holds or store<sup>↑</sup> heat.

$$Q_h = C_p m \frac{dT}{dt}$$

dynamic eq<sup>n</sup>  
 (diff. eq<sup>n</sup>)  
 flow  $\propto \frac{\text{deffort}}{\text{dtime}}$

total heat storage (heat capacity)

# static thermal systems

\* Thermal conduction circuits

ex. 6-1. Conduction in a rod

\* Thermal conduction and convection circuits

ex. 6-2. plexiglas plate

ex. 6-3. steam pipe

## \* Dynamic thermal systems

- In these systems, the heat capacity is large enough or the considered time is short enough for there to be a rate of change of temp. with time during a process.
- Diffusion equation, 2<sup>nd</sup> order diff. eqn, is the actual modeling<sup>eqn.</sup>
- Lumped-parameter model is used to solve dynamic systems.
- Biot number  $N_b = \frac{R_{cond.}}{R_{conv.}} = \frac{hL_c}{k}$

$L_c$  : a characteristic length of the solid materials

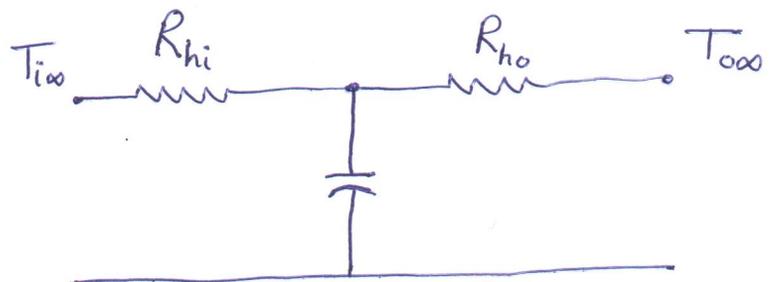
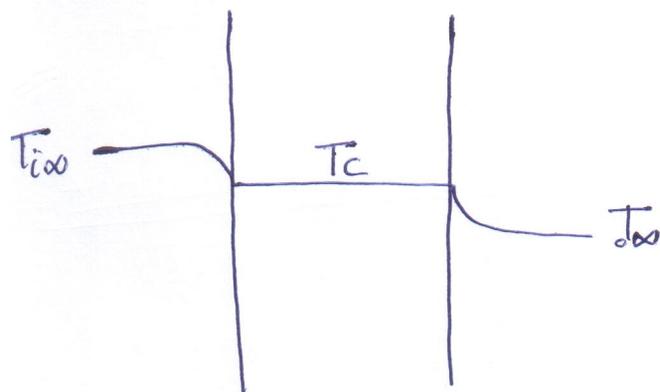
$$L_c = \frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{surface area}} = \text{thickness for a plate}$$

$$= \frac{\text{thickness}}{2} \text{ for a fin}$$

$$= \frac{\text{diameter}}{4} \text{ for a long cylinder}$$

$$= \frac{\text{diameter}}{6} \text{ for a sphere}$$

- IF  $N_b$  is small ( $N_b < 0.1$ )  $\therefore R_{cond.} < R_{conv.}$ , then we can consider a single lump of capacitance and only consider the heat capacity of the solid material and the heat transfer due to convection. Thermal conduction resistance isn't considered.



IF  $N_b$  is large ( $N_b > 0.1$ )  $\therefore R_{cond.}$  is significant compared to  $R_{conv.}$   
there will be temp. diff. inside the solid materials.  
In this case, we must consider several lumps of capacitance.

### \* Single-Lumped Capacitance Modeling

ex. 6-4. Watermelon warming

### \* Multiple-Lumped Capacitance Modeling

The thermal conductivity elements are divided into  $n$  elements as defined by:

$$Q_n = \frac{1}{R} \delta T$$

$$\underline{\text{as}} \quad R = \frac{L/n}{KA}$$

the capacitive elements :-

$$Q_n = C_n \frac{dT}{dt}$$

$$\underline{\text{as}} \quad C_n = Cp \frac{M}{n}$$

#### ① Constant surface temp source

convection coefficient on each side of the wall are very good.

$\therefore$  convection resistance will be small

surface temp. will equal free stream fluid temp.

#### ② Convection surface temp source

convection coefficient on each side of the wall are not very good

$\therefore$  convection resistance will be large

there will be a convection resistance between the free stream fluid temp. and the temp. of the surface.