


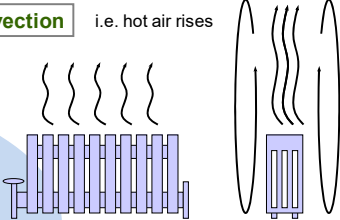
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Free Convection

i.e. hot air rises



**Complex Heat Transfer – Dimensional Analysis**  
*(Natural convection heat transfer)*

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Complex Heat Transfer – Dimensional Analysis

**Complex Heat transfer Problems to Solve:**

- ✓ • Forced convection heat transfer from fluid to wall  
**Solution:** ?
- ➔ • Natural convection heat transfer from fluid to wall  
**Solution:** ?
- Radiation heat transfer from solid to fluid  
**Solution:** ?

We started with a forced-convection pipe problem, did dimensional analysis, and found the dimensionless numbers.

To do a situation with different physics, we must start with a different starting problem.

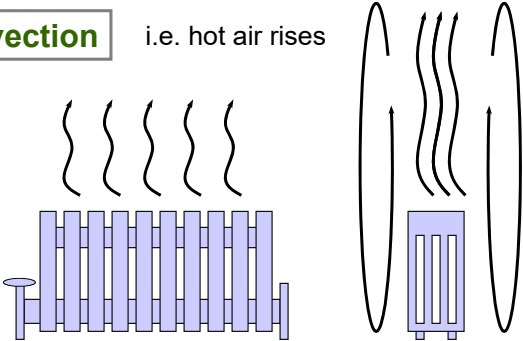
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- heat moves from hot surface to cold air (fluid) by radiation and conduction
- increase in fluid temperature decreases fluid density
- recirculation flow begins
- recirculation adds to the heat-transfer from conduction and radiation

⇒ coupled heat and momentum transport

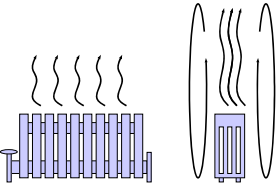
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How can we solve **real** problems involving free (natural) convection?

We'll try this: Let's review how we approached solving real problems in *earlier* cases, i.e. in fluid mechanics, forced convection.



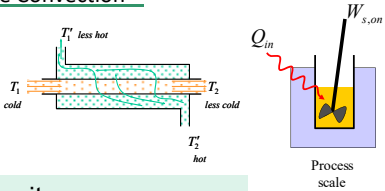
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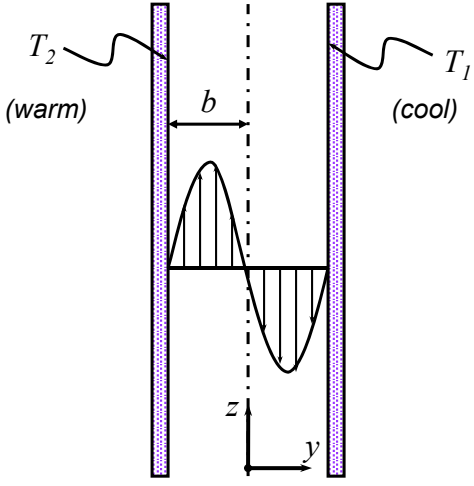


The diagram shows a duct with temperature profiles at different points:  $T_1$  (cold),  $T_2$  (less cold),  $T_1'$  (less hot), and  $T_2'$  (hot). To the right, a process scale diagram shows a tank with a stirrer, heat input  $Q_{in}$ , and work input  $W_{s,on}$ .

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**Example:** Free convection between long parallel plates or heat transfer through double-pane glass windows



The diagram shows two vertical parallel plates separated by a distance  $b$ . The left plate is at temperature  $T_2$  (warm) and the right plate is at  $T_1$  (cool), with  $T_2 > T_1$ . A temperature profile is shown as a curve between the plates, and a velocity profile is shown as a curve below it. A coordinate system with  $z$  and  $y$  axes is provided.

**assumptions:**

- long, wide slit
- steady state
- no source terms
- viscosity constant
- density varies with  $T$

**Calculate:**  $T, v$  profiles

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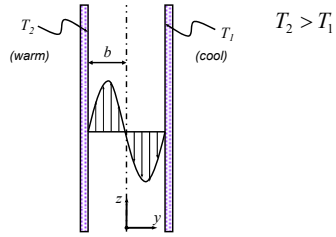
**Example : Natural convection between vertical plates**

Mass balance:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho(\nabla \cdot \underline{v}) = 0$$

Momentum balance:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \underline{v} + \rho \underline{g}$$



**Equation of Motion** for incompressible, Newtonian fluid (Navier-Stokes equation) 3 components in Cartesian coordinates

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial z^2} \right) + \rho g_x$$

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**Equation of Motion** for incompressible, Newtonian fluid (Navier-Stokes equation), 3 components in cylindrical coordinates

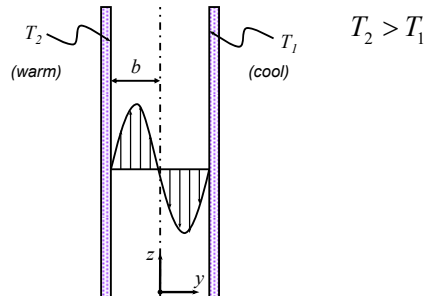
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**Example : Natural convection between vertical plates**

You try.



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steady  $\underline{v} = v_z(y)\hat{e}_z$

tall, wide

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steady  $\underline{v} = v_z(y)\hat{e}_z$  Conclusion: density must not vary with  $z$ . tall, wide

$$\rho = \rho(x, y)$$

$\rho = \rho(y)$

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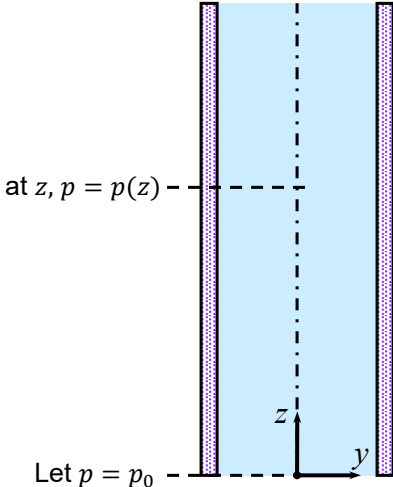
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**Is Pressure a function of z?**  
 YES, there should be hydrostatic pressure (due to weight of fluid)

“Pressure at the bottom of a column of fluid = pressure at top +  $\rho gh$ .”



at  $z$ ,  $p = p(z)$

Let  $p = p_0$   
at  $z = 0$

average density

$$p_0 = p(z) + \bar{\rho}gz$$

$$p(z) = p_0 - \bar{\rho}gz$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dz} = -\bar{\rho}g$$

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To account for the temperature variation of  $\rho$ :

(look up the physics in the literature)

$$\rho = \bar{\rho} - \bar{\rho}\bar{\beta}(T - \bar{T})$$

$\bar{\rho}$  = mean density

$\bar{\beta}$  = volumetric coefficient of expansion at  $\bar{T}$

$$\bar{T} = \frac{T_1 + T_2}{2}$$

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Energy balance:

$$\rho \hat{C}_p \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla T \right) = k \nabla^2 T + S$$

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(solve) ...

$$T(y) = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{2b} y + \frac{T_1 + T_2}{2}$$

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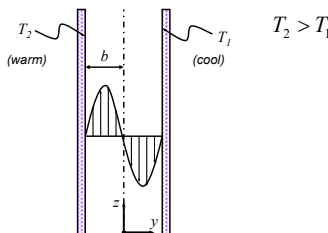
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$T_2 > T_1$

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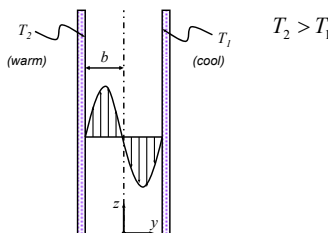
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**Final Result:** (free convection between two slabs)

$$v_z(y) = \frac{\bar{\rho}\bar{\beta}g(T_2 - T_1)b^2}{12\mu} \left[ \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{y}{b}\right) \right]$$

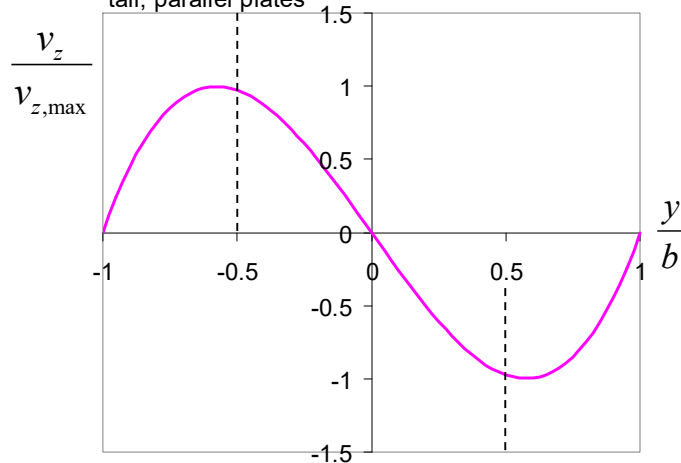
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Velocity profile for free convection between two wide, tall, parallel plates



(Note that the temperature maxima are not centered)

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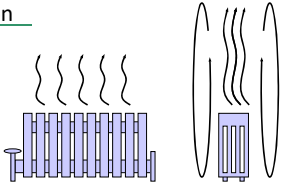
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### Return to Dimensional Analysis...

Nondimensionalize the governing equations; deduce dimensionless scale factors

To nondimensionalized the Navier-Stokes for **free convection** problems, we follow the simple problem we just completed:  $\rho = \rho(T), \langle v_2 \rangle = 0$ .

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} \right) = -\nabla P + \mu \nabla^2 \underline{v} + \rho \underline{g}$$

density not constant

driving the flow

there was a trick for this

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**How did we nondimensionalized the Navier-Stokes before?**

cross-section A:

fluid

$\bar{v}_z$

$R$

$L$

$g$

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*EXAMPLE 1:* Pressure-driven flow of a Newtonian fluid in a tube:

- steady state
- well developed
- long tube

There was an average velocity used as the characteristic velocity

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z-component of the Navier-Stokes Equation:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right) + \rho g_z$$

**Choose:**

$D$  = characteristic length

$V$  = characteristic velocity

$D/V$  = characteristic time

$\rho V^2$  = characteristic pressure

This velocity is an imposed (forced) average velocity

We do not have such an imposed velocity in natural convection

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non-dimensional variables:

<p>time:</p> $t^* \equiv \frac{tV}{D}$	<p>position:</p> $r^* \equiv \frac{r}{D}$ $z^* \equiv \frac{z}{D}$	<p>velocity:</p> $v_z^* \equiv \frac{v_z}{V}$ $v_r^* \equiv \frac{v_r}{V}$ $v_\theta^* \equiv \frac{v_\theta}{V}$	<p>driving force:</p> $P^* \equiv \frac{P}{\rho V^2}$ $g_z^* \equiv \frac{g_z}{g}$
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z-component of the nondimensional Navier-Stokes Equation:

$\frac{1}{Re}$

$\frac{1}{Fr}$

$$\frac{Dv_z^*}{Dt} = -\frac{\partial P^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\mu}{\rho V D} (\nabla^2 v_z)^* + \frac{gD}{V^2} g^*$$

$$(\nabla^2 v_z)^* \equiv \frac{1}{r^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial r^*} \left( r^* \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial r^*} \right) + \frac{1}{r^{*2}} \frac{\partial^2 v_z^*}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z^*}{\partial z^{*2}}$$

$$\frac{Dv_z^*}{Dt} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial t^*} + v_r^* \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial r^*} + \frac{v_\theta^*}{r^*} \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial \theta} + v_z^* \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial z^*} \right)$$

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For free convection, what is the average velocity?

for forced convection we used:  $v_z^* = \frac{v_z}{V}$        $V \equiv \langle v \rangle$

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**ZERO**

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**FREE CONVECTION**      **FREE CONVECTION**      **We do not have such an imposed velocity in natural convection**

For free convection, what is the average velocity?  
 Answer: zero!

for forced convection we used:  $v_z^* = \frac{v_z}{V}$        $V \equiv \langle v \rangle$

For free convection  $\langle v \rangle = 0$ ; what V should we use for free convection?

Solution: use a Reynolds-number type expression so that no characteristic velocity imposes itself (we'll see now how that works):

$$v_z^* = \frac{v_z}{V} = \frac{\bar{\rho} v_z D}{\mu} \quad \Rightarrow V \equiv \frac{\mu}{D \bar{\rho}}$$

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When non-dimensionalizing the Navier-Stokes, what do I use for  $\rho$ ? (answer from idealized problem)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right) + \rho g_z$$

here we use  $\bar{\rho}$  because the issue is volumetric flow rate

as before, for pressure gradient we use  $-\bar{\rho}g$

here we use  $\rho(T)$  because the issue is driving the flow by density differences affected by gravity

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non-dimensional variables:

<p style="text-align: center;">time:</p> $t^* \equiv \frac{t\mu}{D^2\bar{\rho}}$	<p style="text-align: center;">position:</p> $r^* \equiv \frac{r}{D}$ $z^* \equiv \frac{z}{D}$	<p style="text-align: center;">velocity:</p> $v_z^* \equiv \frac{v_z D \bar{\rho}}{\mu}$ $v_r^* \equiv \frac{\bar{\rho} v_r D}{\mu}$ $v_\theta^* \equiv \frac{\bar{\rho} v_\theta D}{\mu}$	<p style="text-align: center;">driving force:</p> $T^* = \frac{T - \bar{T}}{T_2 - \bar{T}}$
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SOLUTION: z-component of the **nondimensional** Navier-Stokes Equation (free convection):

$$\frac{Dv_z^*}{Dt} = (\nabla^2 v_z)^* + \left[ \frac{gD^3 \bar{\rho}^2 \beta (T_2 - \bar{T})}{\mu^2} \right] T^*$$

Or any appropriate characteristic  $\Delta T$

≡ Grashof number

$$(\nabla^2 v_z)^* \equiv \frac{1}{r^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial r^*} \left( r^* \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial r^*} \right) + \frac{1}{r^{*2}} \frac{\partial^2 v_z^*}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z^*}{\partial z^{*2}}$$

$$\frac{Dv_z^*}{Dt} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial t^*} + v_r^* \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial r^*} + \frac{v_\theta^*}{r^*} \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial \theta} + v_z^* \frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial z^*} \right)$$

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**FREE CONVECTION**      **FREE CONVECTION**       $Gr \equiv \frac{gD^3 \bar{\rho}^2 \bar{\beta} \Delta T}{\mu^2}$

Dimensionless Equation of Motion (free convection)

$$\frac{Dv_z^*}{Dt^*} = (\nabla^2 v_z^*) + GrT^*$$

Dimensionless Energy Equation (free convection; Re = 1)

$$\left( \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial t^*} + \underline{v}^* \cdot \nabla^* T^* \right) = \frac{1}{Pr} \nabla^{*2} T^*$$

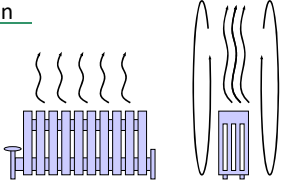
**No Pe  
No Re**

$$Nu = Nu\left(T^*, \frac{L}{D}\right) \Rightarrow Nu = Nu\left(Pr, Gr, \frac{L}{D}\right)$$

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**Free Convection**    i.e. hot air rises



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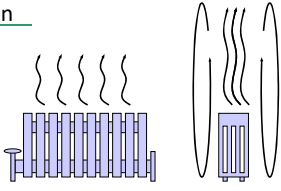
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**Done (see literature)**

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**Literature Results:**

$$Gr \equiv \frac{gD^3 \bar{\rho}^2 \bar{\beta} \Delta T}{\mu^2}$$

**Example:** Natural convection from vertical planes and cylinders

$$Nu = \frac{hL}{k} = aGr^m Pr^m$$

- $a, m$  are given in Table 4.7-1, page 255 Geankoplis for several cases
- $L$  is the height of the plate
- all physical properties evaluated at the **film temperature**,  $T_f$

Free convection correlations use the **film temperature** for calculating the physical properties

$$T_f = \frac{T_w + T_b}{2}$$

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Complex Heat Transfer – Correlations for Nu

Natural convection  
Vertical planes and cylinders

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- all physical properties evaluated at the **film temperature**,  $T_f$

compare with:

Forced convection  
Heat Transfer in Laminar flow in pipes

$$Nu_a = \frac{h_a L}{k} = 1.86 \left( RePr \frac{D}{L} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \frac{\mu_b}{\mu_w} \right)^{0.14}$$

Sieder-Tate equation (laminar flow)  
Ind. Eng. Chem. 28 227 (1936)

- all physical properties (except  $\mu_w$ ) evaluated at the **bulk mean temperature**
- (true also for turbulent flow correlation)

Physical Properties evaluated at:

$$T_f = \frac{T_w + T_b}{2}$$

Physical Properties evaluated at:

$$\frac{T_{b,in} + T_{b,out}}{2}$$

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Complex Heat Transfer – Correlations for Nu

### Film temperature vs. Bulk Mean Temperature

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Physical Properties evaluated at **film** temperature:

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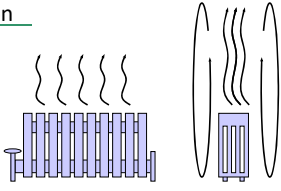
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**Success!**  
(Dimensional Analysis wins again)

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Practice Heat-Transfer Problems:

Forced Convection  
Free Convection

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Practice 1: A wide, deep rectangular oven (1.0 ft tall) is used for baking loaves of bread. During the baking process the temperature of the air in the oven reaches a stable value of  $100^{\circ}F$ . The oven side-wall temperature is measured at this time to be a stable  $450^{\circ}F$ . Please estimate the *natural convection* heat flux from the wall per unit width. (The other contribution will be *radiation*, coming up soon)

Reference: Geankoplis Ex. 4.7-1 page 279

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Practice 2: A hydrocarbon oil enters a pipe (0.0303 ft inner diameter; 15.0 ft long) at a flow rate of  $80 \text{ lb}_m/h$ . Steam condenses on the outside of the pipe, keeping the inside pipe surface at a constant  $350^{\circ}F$ . If the temperature of the entering oil is  $150^{\circ}F$ , what is temperature of the oil at the outlet of the pipe?

Hydrocarbon oil properties:

Mean heat capacity =  $0.50 \frac{BTU}{\text{lb}_m^{\circ}F}$

Thermal conductivity =  $0.083 \frac{BTU}{h \text{ ft }^{\circ}F}$

Viscosity =

6.50 cp,  $150^{\circ}F$

5.05 cp  $200^{\circ}F$

3.80cp  $250^{\circ}F$

2.82 cp  $300^{\circ}F$

1.95 cp  $350^{\circ}F$

(*forced convection* heat transfer; laminar Sieder-Tate)

Reference: Geankoplis Ex. 4.5-5 page 269

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Practice 3: Air flows through a tube (25.4 mm inside diameter, long tube) at 7.62 m/s. Steam condenses on the outside of the tube such that the inside surface temperature of the tube is 488.7 K. If the air pressure is 206.8 kPa and the mean bulk temperature of the air is  $(T_{\text{out}} + T_{\text{in}})/2 = 477.6 \text{ K}$ , what is the steady-state heat flux to the air?

(forced convection heat transfer; turbulent Sieder-Tate)

Reference: Geankoplis Ex. 4.5-1 page 262

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Practice 4: Hard rubber tubing (inside radius = 5.0mm; outside radius = 20.0mm) is used as a cooling coil in a reaction bath. Cold water is flowing rapidly inside the tubing; the inside wall temperature is 274.9 K and the outside wall temperature is 297.1 K. To keep the reaction in the bath under control, the required cooling rate is 14.65 W. What is the minimum length of tubing needed to accomplish this cooling rate? What length would be needed if the coil were copper?

Hard rubber properties:

$$\text{Density} = 1198 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$\text{Thermal conductivity (0}^\circ\text{C)} = 0.151 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{mK}}$$

(steady, radial heat transfer)

Reference: Geankoplis Ex. 4.2-1 page 243, but don't do it his way—follow class methods.

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Practice 5: A cold-storage room is constructed of an inner layer of pine (thickness = 12.7 mm), a middle layer of cork board (thickness = 101.6 mm), and an outer layer of concrete (thickness = 76.2 mm). The inside wall surface temperature is 255.4 K and the outside wall surface temperature is 297.1 K. What is the heat loss per square meter through the walls and what is the temperature at the interface between the wood and the cork board?

Material properties:

$$\text{Thermal conductivity pine} = 0.151 \frac{W}{mK}$$

$$\text{Thermal conductivity cork board} = 0.0433 \frac{W}{mK}$$

$$\text{Thermal conductivity concrete} = 0.762 \frac{W}{mK}$$

(steady, rectangular heat transfer, with insulation)

Reference: Geankoplis Ex. 4.3-1 page 245, but don't do it his way—follow class methods.

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Practice 6: A thick-walled tube (stainless steel; 0.0254 m inner diameter; 0.0508 m outer diameter; length 0.305 m) is covered with a 0.0254 m thickness of insulation. The inside-wall temperature of the pipe is 811.0 K and the outside surface temperature of the insulation is 310.8 K. What is the heat loss and the temperature at the interface between the steel and the insulation?

Material properties of stainless steel:

$$\text{Thermal conductivity} = 21.63 \frac{W}{mK}$$

$$\text{Density} = 7861 \frac{kg}{m^3}$$

$$\text{Heat Capacity} = 490 \frac{J}{kg K}$$

Material properties of insulation:

$$\text{Thermal conductivity} = 0.2423 \frac{W}{mK}$$

(steady, radial heat transfer, with insulation)

Reference: Geankoplis Ex. 4.3-2 page 247, but don't do it his way—follow class methods.

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## Complex Heat Transfer – Dimensional Analysis

**Experience with Dimensional Analysis thus far:**

- ✓ •Flow in pipes at all flow rates (laminar and turbulent)  
**Solution:** Navier-Stokes,  $Re$ ,  $Fr$ ,  $L/D$ ,  
dimensionless wall force =  $f$ ;  $f=f(Re, L/D)$
- ✓ •Flow around obstacles (spheres, other complex shapes)  
**Solution:** Navier-Stokes,  $Re$ ,  
dimensionless drag =  $C_D$ ;  $C_D = C_D(Re)$
- ✓ •Forced convection heat transfer from fluid to wall  
**Solution:** Microscopic energy, Navier-Stokes,  $Re$ ,  $Pr$ ,  $L/D$ ,  
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- Radiation heat transfer from solid to fluid?

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- ✓ •Natural convection heat transfer from fluid to wall  
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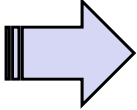
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