Concepts and Formulas for Quick Revision of Heat Transfer

Formula for Heat Conduction:

Q = kA(T1 - T2) / L

where:



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- Q is the heat transfer rate (W)
- k is the thermal conductivity (W/mK)
- A is the area of contact (m2)
- T1 and T2 are the temperatures of the objects in contact (K)
- L is the distance between the objects (m)

Formula for Heat Convection:

$$Q = hA(Ts - Tf)$$

where:

- Q is the heat transfer rate (W)
- h is the convection heat transfer coefficient (W/m2K)
- A is the surface area of the object exposed to the fluid (m2)
- Ts is the temperature of the object's surface (K)
- Tf is the temperature of the fluid (K)

Formula for Heat Radiation:

$$Q = \varepsilon \sigma A(T4 - Ts4)$$

where:

- Q is the heat transfer rate (W)
- ε is the emissivity of the surface (dimensionless)
- σ is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant (5.67 x 10-8 W/m2K4)
- A is the surface area of the object (m2)
- T is the absolute temperature of the object (K)
- Ts is the absolute temperature of the surroundings (K)

Formula for Specific Heat Capacity:

$$cp = Q / (m\Delta T)$$

where:

- cp is the specific heat capacity (J/kgK)
- Q is the heat absorbed or released (J)
- m is the mass of the material (kg)
- ΔT is the change in temperature (K)

Formula for Thermal Resistance:

R = L/kA

where:

- R is the thermal resistance (m2K/W)
- L is the thickness of the material (m)
- k is the thermal conductivity (W/mK)
- A is the surface area (m2)

Formula for Critical Heat Flux:

 $qcr = hfg\rho g\sigma(\rho I - \rho g)3/2 / \mu IL$

where:

- qcr is the critical heat flux (W/m2)
- hfg is the latent heat of vaporization (J/kg)
- ρ is the density (kg/m3)

- g is the acceleration due to gravity (m/s2)
- σ is the surface tension (N/m)
- µI is the liquid viscosity (Pa-s)
- L is the characteristic length (m)

Examples of Empirical Correlations:

- Nusselt Number for Laminar Flow in a Tube: Nu = 4.36
- Colburn Factor for Turbulent Flow in a Tube: jH = 0.023Re0.8Prn
- Chilton-Colburn Analogy for Gas Flow: St = jHPr2/3

where:

- Nu is the Nusselt number
- Re is the Reynolds number
- Pr is the Prandtl number
- jH is the Colburn factor
- St is the Stanton number

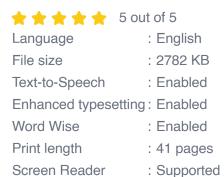
Types of Heat Exchangers:

- Shell-and-Tube Heat Exchanger: Consists of a series of tubes enclosed in a cylindrical shell.
- Double-Pipe Heat Exchanger: Consists of two concentric pipes, with the fluid entering and leaving through the inner and outer pipes.

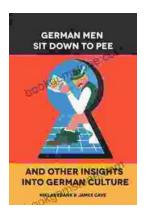
 Plate-and-Frame Heat Exchanger: Uses parallel plates separated by gaskets to create flow channels.



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