

1. (30 points) Consider a heat exchanger with a heat exchange area of 30 m^2 and operating under the conditions listed in the table below.

	Hot Fluid	Cold Fluid
Heat Capacity C (kW/K)	5	2
Inlet temperature $^{\circ}\text{C}$	60	45
Outlet temperature $^{\circ}\text{C}$	--	57.5

(i) Determine the outlet temperature of the hot stream in $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

$T_{\text{ho}} =$

(ii) Is the heat exchanger operating in

- a. Parallel flow
- b. Counterflow
- c. Can't tell

Circle only one answer and explain your choice.

Explanation:

(iii) Calculate the overall heat transfer coefficient U ($\text{W}/\text{m}^2\text{K}$).

$U =$

(iv) What would the effectiveness be if the heat exchanger were infinitely long?

$\varepsilon =$

Solution

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}q &= \dot{m} c_p \Delta T = \dot{m}_h c_{p,h} (T_{h,i} - T_{h,o}) = \dot{m}_c c_{p,c} (T_{c,o} - T_{c,i}) \\ &= C_h (T_{h,i} - T_{h,o}) = C_c (T_{c,o} - T_{c,i})\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore q = (2 \text{ kW} / \text{K})(57.5^\circ\text{C} - 45^\circ\text{C}) = (5 \text{ kW} / \text{K})(60^\circ\text{C} - T_{h,o}) = 25 \text{ kW}$$

$$\therefore T_{h,o} = 55^\circ\text{C}$$

(ii)

$$T_{c,o} = 57.5^\circ\text{C} \quad T_{h,o} = 55^\circ\text{C} \Rightarrow T_{c,o} > T_{h,o}$$

$$\therefore \text{Counterflow}$$

(iii)

$$q = U A \Delta T_{lm} = C_h (T_{h,i} - T_{h,o}) = C_c (T_{c,o} - T_{c,i}) = 25 \text{ kW}$$

$$\Delta T_{lm} = \frac{\Delta T_1 - \Delta T_2}{\ln(\Delta T_1 / \Delta T_2)}$$

$$\Delta T_1 = T_{h,i} - T_{c,o} = 60^\circ\text{C} - 57.5^\circ\text{C} = 2.5^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Delta T_2 = T_{h,o} - T_{c,i} = 55^\circ\text{C} - 45^\circ\text{C} = 10^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\therefore \Delta T_{lm} = \frac{\Delta T_1 - \Delta T_2}{\ln(\Delta T_1 / \Delta T_2)} = \frac{2.5^\circ\text{C} - 10^\circ\text{C}}{\ln(2.5^\circ\text{C} / 10^\circ\text{C})} = 5.41011^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\therefore q = U A \Delta T_{lm} = U(30 \text{ m}^2)(5.41011^\circ\text{C}) = 25 \text{ kW}$$

$$\therefore U = 0.154033 \frac{\text{kW}}{\text{m}^2 - \text{K}} = 154.033 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 - \text{K}}$$

(iv)

$$\varepsilon = \frac{q}{q_{\max}}$$

$$q_{\max} = C_{\min} (T_{h,i} - T_{c,i}) = (2 \text{ kW/K})(60^\circ\text{C} - 45^\circ\text{C}) = 30 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{As } L \rightarrow \infty, T_{c,o} = T_{h,i} = 60^\circ\text{C}$$

$$q = C_c (T_{c,o} - T_{c,i}) = (2 \text{ kW/K})(60^\circ\text{C} - 45^\circ\text{C}) = 30 \text{ kW}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \varepsilon = \frac{q}{q_{\max}} = \frac{30 \text{ kW}}{30 \text{ kW}} = 1}$$

2. (30 points) You are measuring the combustion gas temperature at the turbine inlet in a gas turbine engine using a thermocouple junction. The thermocouple has a diameter of 1 mm, and is initially at $T_i = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. You may neglect radiation in the following analysis.

Hot combustion gas

(evaluated at the free stream temperature)

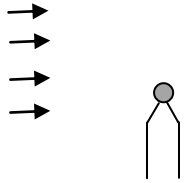
$$k = 0.04\text{ W/mK}$$

$$\rho = 0.6\text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$c_p = 1000\text{ J/kgK}$$

$$\nu = 50 \times 10^{-6}\text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$U = 20\text{ m/s}$$



Thermocouple

$$k = 300\text{ W/mK}$$

$$\rho = 9000\text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$c_p = 400\text{ J/kgK}$$

$\mu_s = 25 \times 10^{-6}\text{ kg/ms}$ (gas viscosity evaluated at the thermocouple surface temperature, T_s)

(i) Determine the average convective heat transfer coefficient, \bar{h} .

$\bar{h} =$	$\text{W/m}^2\text{K}$
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(ii) The temperature measured at the thermocouple centerline after 3 sec is $900\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Determine the combustion gas temperature, T_∞ .

$T_\infty =$	K
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Solution

(i)

$$\overline{Nu}_D = 2 + (0.4 Re_D^{1/2} + 0.06 Re_D^{2/3}) Pr^{0.4} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_s}\right)^{1/4}$$

$$Re_D = \frac{\rho U L_c}{\mu} = \frac{\rho U D}{\mu} = \frac{\rho U}{\nu} = \frac{(20 \text{ m/s})(0.001 \text{ m})}{50 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}} = 400$$

$$Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha} = \nu \frac{\rho c_p}{k} = (50 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}) \frac{(0.6 \text{ kg/m}^3)(1000 \text{ J/kg-K})}{0.04 \text{ W/m-K}} = 0.75$$

$$\mu = \nu \cdot \rho = (50 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}) \cdot (0.6 \text{ kg/m}^3) = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m-s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \overline{Nu}_D &= 2 + (0.4 Re_D^{1/2} + 0.06 Re_D^{2/3}) Pr^{0.4} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_s}\right)^{1/4} \\ &= 2 + (0.4 \cdot 400^{1/2} + 0.06 \cdot 400^{2/3})(0.75^{0.4}) \left(\frac{3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m-s}}{25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg/m-s}}\right)^{1/4} = 12.502 \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{Nu}_D = \frac{\bar{h} \cdot D}{k}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \bar{h} = \overline{Nu}_D \cdot \frac{k}{D} = 12.502 \cdot \frac{0.04 \text{ W/m-K}}{0.001 \text{ m}} = 500.063 \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}}$$

(ii)

$$Bi = \frac{\bar{h} L_c}{k_{solid}} \quad L_c = \frac{r_o}{3} = \frac{0.001m}{6} \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$$

$$Bi = \frac{\bar{h} L_c}{k_{solid}} = \frac{(500.063 \text{ W / m}^2 - \text{K}) \cdot (\frac{0.001m}{6})}{300 \text{ W / m} - \text{K}} = 0.000278 < 0.1$$

∴ Lumped capacitance analysis is valid.

$$\frac{T - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty} = \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_t}\right)$$

$$\tau_t = \frac{\rho \cdot V \cdot c_p}{\bar{h} \cdot A_s} \quad V = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot r^3 \quad A_s = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2$$

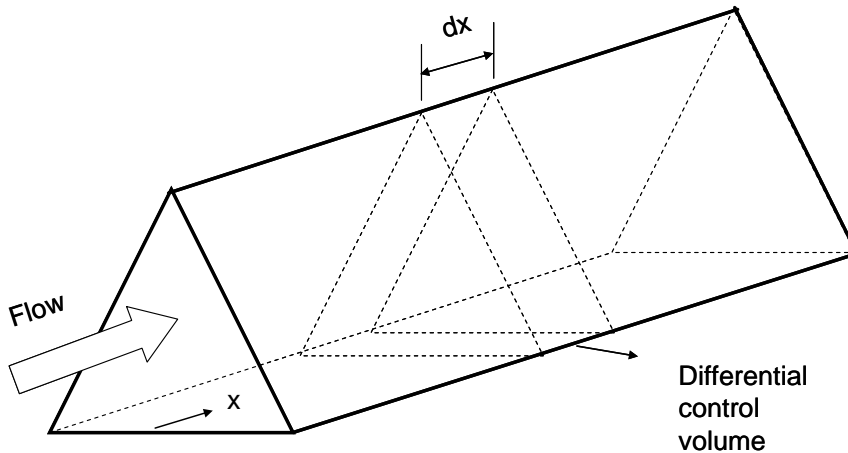
$$\therefore \tau_t = \frac{\rho \cdot V \cdot c_p}{\bar{h} \cdot A_s} = \frac{\rho \cdot (\frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot r^3) \cdot c_p}{\bar{h} \cdot (4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2)} = \frac{\rho \cdot r \cdot c_p}{3 \cdot \bar{h}} = \frac{(9000 \text{ kg / m}^3) \cdot (\frac{0.001}{2} \text{ m}) \cdot (400 \text{ J / kg} - \text{K})}{3 \cdot (500.063 \text{ W / m}^2 - \text{K})} = 1.20 \text{ sec}$$

At $t = 3 \text{ sec}$, $T = 900^\circ \text{C}$

$$\therefore \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty} = \frac{900^\circ \text{C} - T_\infty}{25^\circ \text{C} - T_\infty} = \exp\left(-\frac{3 \text{ sec}}{1.20 \text{ sec}}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\therefore T_\infty = 978.247^\circ \text{C}}$$

3. (40 points) Fluid enters a duct of triangular cross-section with a mass flow rate of \dot{m} . The cross-section is an equilateral triangle of side s . The fluid is heated at the walls with a heat flux $q'' = ax + b$ (W/m^2) into the domain, where x is measured from the entrance to the duct. Furthermore, a chemical reaction in the volume of the fluid causes a constant volumetric heat generation rate of \dot{q} W/m^3 . The inlet bulk temperature of the fluid is T_{mi} . You are given that the fluid has a constant density ρ and a constant specific heat C_p .



(a) By considering the differential control volume shown in the figure, write an energy balance to derive a symbolic expression for $\frac{dT_m}{dx}$ as a function of a , b , s , x , \dot{m} , \dot{q} and the physical properties of the fluid.

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} =$$

(b) Derive a symbolic expression for the variation of T_m with x in terms of a , b , s , x , \dot{m} , \dot{q} , the inlet bulk temperature T_{mi} and the physical properties of the fluid.

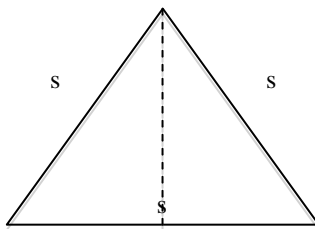
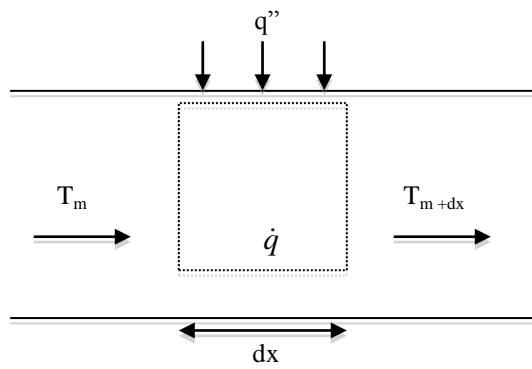
$$T_m(x) =$$

- (c) Is the expression you derived in part (b) for $T_m(x)$
- always valid for this problem?
 - only valid for this problem if the flow is fully developed but the temperature is developing?
 - only valid for this problem if the flow and temperature are fully-developed?

Circle only one answer, and justify your choice.

Solution

(a)



$$\frac{\sqrt{3}s}{2}$$

Perimeter = $3s$

Area = $\frac{\sqrt{3}s^2}{4}$

$$\dot{E}_{in} - \dot{E}_{out} + \dot{E}_{gen} = \dot{E}_{store}$$

$$\dot{E}_{in} = \dot{m} c_p T_m + \dot{q} \cdot (3s) \cdot dx = \dot{m} c_p T_m + (ax + b) \cdot (3s) \cdot dx$$

$$\dot{E}_{out} = \dot{m} c_p T_{m+dx} = \dot{m} c_p \left(T_m + \frac{dT_m}{dx} dx \right)$$

$$\dot{E}_{gen} = \dot{q} \cdot V = \dot{q} A \cdot dx = \dot{q} \frac{\sqrt{3} s^2}{4} \cdot dx$$

$$\dot{E}_{store} = 0$$

$$\therefore \dot{E}_{in} - \dot{E}_{out} + \dot{E}_{gen} = \dot{m} c_p T_m + (ax + b) \cdot (3s) \cdot dx - \dot{m} c_p \left(T_m + \frac{dT_m}{dx} dx \right) + \dot{q} \frac{\sqrt{3} s^2}{4} \cdot dx = 0$$

$$(3s) \cdot (ax + b) \cdot dx - \dot{m} c_p \frac{dT_m}{dx} dx + \frac{\sqrt{3} s^2 \dot{q}}{4} \cdot dx = 0$$

$$\dot{m} c_p \frac{dT_m}{dx} = (3s) \cdot (ax + b) + \frac{\sqrt{3} s^2 \dot{q}}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{(3s) \cdot (ax + b)}{\dot{m} c_p} + \frac{\sqrt{3} s^2 \dot{q}}{4 \dot{m} c_p}}$$

(b)

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{(3s) \cdot (ax + b)}{\dot{m}c_p} + \frac{\sqrt{3}s^2 \dot{q}}{4\dot{m}c_p}$$

$$\int_{T_{m,i}}^{T_m} dT_m = \int_0^x \left[\frac{(3s) \cdot (ax + b)}{\dot{m}c_p} + \frac{\sqrt{3}s^2 \dot{q}}{4\dot{m}c_p} \right] dx$$

$$T_m - T_{m,i} = \left[\frac{(3s)}{\dot{m}c_p} \cdot \left(\frac{ax^2}{2} + bx \right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}s^2 \dot{q}}{4\dot{m}c_p} x \right] \Big|_0^x = \frac{3s}{\dot{m}c_p} \cdot \left(\frac{ax^2}{2} + bx \right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}s^2 \dot{q}}{4\dot{m}c_p} x$$

$$\boxed{\therefore T_m = T_{m,i} + \frac{3s}{\dot{m}c_p} \cdot \left(\frac{ax^2}{2} + bx \right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}s^2 \dot{q}}{4\dot{m}c_p} x}$$

(c) It is **ALWAYS VALID** for the problem. The expression was derived using a simple energy balance. Therefore, no assumptions about fully developed flow or heat transfer are necessary. In fact, if q'' varies with x , no thermally fully developed flow is possible.