

# 1. Geometry

## a) Parameters

## b) Efficiency

**Straight Fins**

**Rectangular\***

$A_f = 2wL_c$   
 $L_c = L + (t/2)$   
 $A_p = tL$   
 $A_c = wt$   
 $P = 2(w+t)$

$\eta_c = L$  (adiabatic)  
 $\eta_f = \frac{\tanh mL_c}{mL_c}$  (convection)

**Triangular\***

$A_f = 2w[L^2 + (t/2)^2]^{1/2}$   
 $A_p = (t/2)L$

$\eta_f = \frac{1}{mL} \frac{I_1(2mL)}{I_0(2mL)}$

**Parabolic\***

$y = w(2kx - x^2)/L^2$   
 $A_f = w[C_1 L + (L^2/r) \ln(t/L + C_1)]$   
 $C_1 = [1 + (t/L)^2]^{1/2}$   
 $A_p = (t/3)L$

$\eta_f = \frac{2}{[4(mL)^2 + 1]^{1/2} + 1}$

**Circular Fin**

**Rectangular\***

$A_f = 2\pi(r_2^2 - r_1^2)$   
 $r_2 = r_1 + (t/2)$   
 $V = \pi(r_2^2 - r_1^2)L$

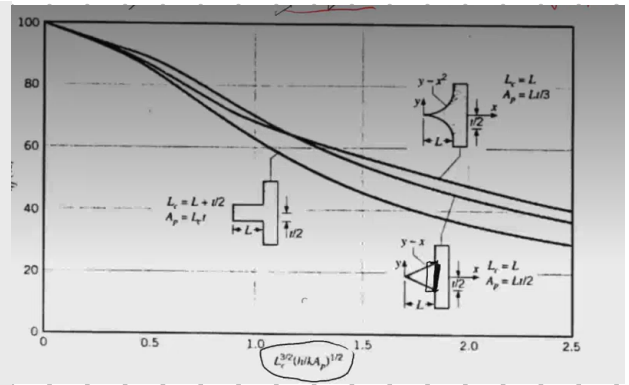
$\eta_f = C_2 \frac{K_1(mr_1)I_1(mr_2) - I_1(mr_1)K_1(mr_2)}{I_0(mr_1)K_1(mr_2) + K_0(mr_1)I_1(mr_2)}$   
 $C_2 = \frac{(2r_1/m)}{(r_2^2 - r_1^2)}$

**Pin Fins**

**Rectangular\***

$A_f = \pi DL$   
 $L_c = L + (D/4)$   
 $V = (\pi D^2/4)L$

$\eta_f = \frac{\tanh mL_c}{mL_c}$



# 2. Thermal Properties

$k, h, T \in T_b, T_\infty$

# 3. Tip Condition

## a) Temperature Distribution b) Fin Heat Transfer Rate

$\eta = \frac{q_f}{A_c h \Delta T} < 1$

$\frac{\theta}{\theta_b} = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_b - T_\infty}$

Case	Tip Condition (x=L)	Temperature Distribution $\theta/\theta_b$	Fin Heat Transfer Rate $q_f$
A	Convection heat transfer: $h\theta(L) = -kd\theta/dx _{x=L}$	$\frac{\cosh m(L-x) + (h/mk) \sinh m(L-x)}{\cosh mL + (h/mk) \sinh mL}$	$M \frac{\sinh mL + (h/mk) \cosh mL}{\cosh mL + (h/mk) \sinh mL}$
B	Adiabatic $d\theta/dx _{x=L} = 0$	$\frac{\cosh m(L-x)}{\cosh mL}$	$M \tanh mL$
C	Prescribed temperature: $\theta(L) = \theta_L$	$\frac{(\theta_L/\theta_b) \sinh mx + \sinh m(L-x)}{\sinh mL}$	$M \frac{(\cosh mL - \theta_L/\theta_b)}{\sinh mL}$
D	Infinite fin (L → ∞): $\theta(L) = 0$	$e^{-mx}$	$M$

$\theta = T - T_\infty$   
 $\theta_b = \theta(0) = T_b - T_\infty$   
 $m^2 = hP/kA_c$   
 $M = \sqrt{hPkA_c} \theta_b = \sqrt{hPkA_c} \theta_b$

2. A straight fin fabricated from 2024 aluminum alloy ( $k = 185 \text{ W/m.K.}$ ) has a base thickness of  $t = 3 \text{ mm}$  and a length of  $L = 15 \text{ mm}$ . Its base temperature is  $T_b = 100^\circ\text{C}$  and it is exposed to a fluid for which  $T_\infty = 20^\circ\text{C}$  and  $h = 50 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ . For the previous conditions and for a fin of unit width, determine the heat transfer rate, fin effectiveness and fin efficiency using the following boundary conditions, (a) infinitely long fin, (b) adiabatic fin tip, (c) fin with tip temperature of  $50^\circ\text{C}$  and (d) convection from the fin tip.

$Q_f, \epsilon, \eta$

$$a) \quad q_f = M = \sqrt{hPkAc} \theta_b = 596.9 \text{ W}$$

$$P = 2(w+t) = 2.006 \text{ m}$$

$$A_c = wt = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\theta_b = T_b - T_\infty = 80^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{q_f}{q} = \frac{596.9}{12} = 49.74$$

$$q = h A_{c,i} (T_b - T_\infty) = 12 \text{ W}$$

$$A_{c,i} = wt = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\eta = \frac{q_f}{q_f^*} \rightarrow 0$$

$$q_f^* = h A_f (T_b - T_\infty) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } A_f \rightarrow \infty$$

$$b) \quad q_f = M \tanh mL = 118.73 \text{ W}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{kAc}} = 13.44$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{q_f}{q} = 9.89$$

$$\eta_f = \frac{\tanh mL_c}{mL_c} = 98.7\%$$

$$L_c = L$$

$$c) \quad q_f = M \frac{\cosh mL - \frac{\theta_L}{\theta_b}}{\sinh mL} = 189.8 \text{ W}$$

$$\theta_L = T - T_\infty = 30^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{q_f}{q} = 158.167 \text{ W}$$

$$\eta_f = \frac{q_f}{q_f^*} > 1 \text{ (Not applicable)}$$

$$q_f^* = h A_f (T_b - T_\infty) = 132 \text{ W}$$

$$A_f = 2wL_c = 0.033 \text{ m}^2$$

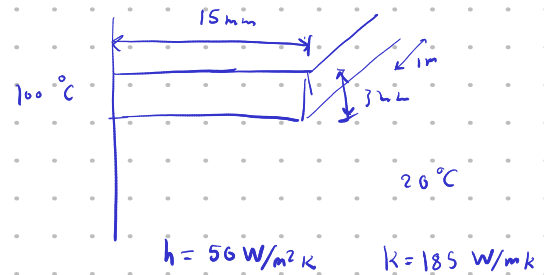
$$L_c = L + t/2 = 16.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$d) \quad q_f = M \frac{\sinh mL + \frac{h}{k} \cosh mL}{\cosh mL + \frac{h}{k} \sinh mL} = 130.21 \text{ W}$$

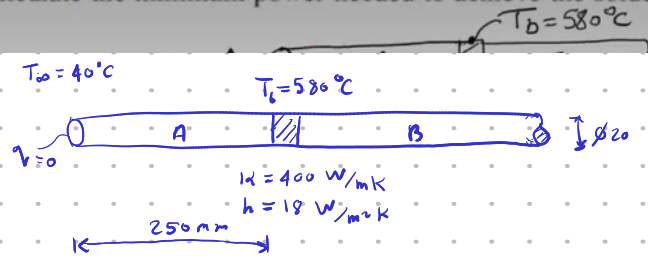
$$\epsilon_f = \frac{q_f}{q} = 10.85$$

$$\eta_f = \frac{\tanh mL_c}{mL_c} = 98.4\%$$

$$L_c = L + t/2 = 16.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$



4. Two copper rods A and B of the same material ( $k = 400 \text{ W/m.K}$ ) having same diameter of 20 mm but different lengths. The two rods are to be soldered together end to end with soldering material having melting point of  $580^\circ\text{C}$ . The two rods are exposed to ambient air at temperature of  $40^\circ\text{C}$  with convective coefficient  $18 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ , if rod A has finite length of 250 mm with adiabatic tip, while rod B is very long, calculate the minimum power needed to achieve the soldering and the tip temperature of rod A.



Rod A:

$$q_f = M \tanh mL = 129.475 \text{ W}$$

$$M = \sqrt{h P K A_c} \quad \Theta_b = 203.85 \text{ W}$$

$$P = \pi d = 0.063 \text{ m}$$

$$A_c = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 = 3.1416 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\Theta_b = T_b - T_\infty = 540^\circ\text{C}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{h P}{K A_c}} = 3$$

$$\frac{\Theta_{\text{tip}}}{\Theta_b} = \frac{T_{\text{tip}} - T_\infty}{T_b - T_\infty} = \frac{\cosh m(L-x)}{\cosh mL} = 0.772 \rightarrow T_{\text{tip}} = 457.1^\circ\text{C} \quad \#2$$

$$x_{\text{tip}} = L$$

Rod B:

$$q_f = M = 203.85 \text{ W}$$

$$q_{\text{min}} = q_{fA} + q_{fB} = 333.325 \text{ W} \quad \#1$$

7. A straight fin of rectangular profile is made of stainless steel ( $k = 16.3 \text{ W/m.K}$ ) has a length of 75 mm and 2.5 mm thickness. The base temperature is maintained at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  while the fin is exposed to ambient temperature  $T_\infty = 20^\circ\text{C}$  with  $h = 45 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ . Calculate the heat loss by the fin per meter width, the fin effectiveness. Also calculate the tip temperature of the fins considering the end is adiabatic tip.

$$q_f = M \tanh mL = 153.14 \text{ W} \times 1$$

$$M = \sqrt{hPk} A_c \theta_b = 153.14$$

$$P = 2(t+w) = 2.005 \text{ m}$$

$$A_c = wt = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\theta_b = T_b - T_\infty = 80^\circ\text{C}$$

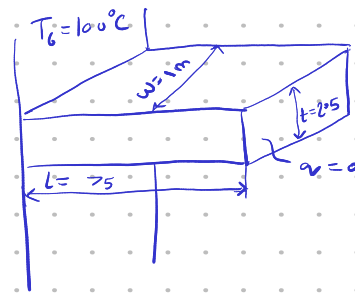
$$m = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{kA_c}} = 47.05$$

$$e = \frac{q_f}{q_b} = 17.016$$

$$q_b = h A_{c,b} (T_b - T_\infty) = 9 \text{ W} \times 2$$

$$\frac{\theta_{tip}}{\theta_b} = \frac{\cosh mL}{\cosh mL} = \frac{T_{tip} - T_\infty}{T_b - T_\infty} = 0.059 \rightarrow T_{tip} = 24.69^\circ\text{C}$$

$x_{tip} = L$



$$k = 16.3 \text{ W/m.K}$$

$$h = 45 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

$$T_\infty = 20^\circ\text{C}$$

8. Determine the percentage increase in heat transfer rate associated with attaching aluminum fins ( $k=237 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$ ) of rectangular profile to plane wall. The fins are 50mm long, 0.5mm thick and are equally spaced at distance of 4mm (250 fins/meter). The convective coefficient with the base wall is  $40 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}$  and with fins is  $30 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}$ .

$$q = h_b A (T_b - T_\infty) = 40 \theta_b$$

$$A = 1 \times 1 = 1 \text{ m}^2$$

$$q_f = M \frac{\sinh mL + \frac{h_f}{mh} \cosh mL}{\cosh mL + \frac{h_f}{mh} \sinh mL} = C_2 \theta_b$$

$$M = \sqrt{h_f p k A_c} \theta_b = C_1 \theta_b$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{h_f p}{k A_c}} = \checkmark$$

$$p = 2(w + t) = \checkmark$$

$$A_c = wt = \checkmark$$

$$\% \text{ inc} = \frac{q_f - q}{q} \times 100 = \frac{C_1 - 40}{40} \times 100 = \checkmark$$

$$q_t = N_f q_f + q_b = N_f C_2 \theta_b + C_3 \theta_b = C_4 \theta_b$$

$$N_f = 250 \quad (\text{we are taking 1m height})$$

$$q_b = h_b A_b \theta_b = C_3 \theta_b$$

$$A_b = 1 \times [1 - 250t] = \checkmark$$

