

Heat Transfer from extended surface

(History = Dinosaurs)

- The term extended surface is commonly in reference to a solid that experiences energy transfer by conduction and convection between its boundary and surroundings
- These extended surface are called fins
- The rate of HT from a surface at a temp T_s to the surrounding medium at T_∞ is given by Newton's Law of cooling as

$$\dot{Q}_{conv} = h A_s (T_s - T_\infty) \text{ -W}$$

where

h = convective heat transfer co-efficient

A_s = surface area.

- When T_s and T_∞ are fixed by design considerations there are only two ways to increase the heat transfer rate

- i) To increase the convection co-efficient h
- ii) To increase the surface area A_s

- Increase h may require the ~~installation~~ installation of pump (or) fan, replacing the existing one with larger one, but this approach may (or) may not be practical, then, the alternative is to increase the surface area by attaching to the surface extended surfaces called fins. made of highly conductive materials

Such as Aluminium, copper, brass etc...

→ Finned surfaces are used on the surface where the heat transfer co-efficient is very low.

→ Generally the fins are used on the surfaces where heat transfer coefficient is very low.

Ex:- 1) Car Radiators 2) Electrical transformers 3) Motors
4) IC Engines 5) Electronic equipments etc...

→ The selection of fins are made on the basis of

1) Thermal performance 2) cost 3) weight 4) Availability
space 5) pressure drop etc...

→ Finned surfaces manufactured by extruding, welding (or) wrapping a thin metal sheet on base area.

NOTE:- 1) If heat transfer co-efficient h is high, then heat transfer rate will be high and then no need of fins

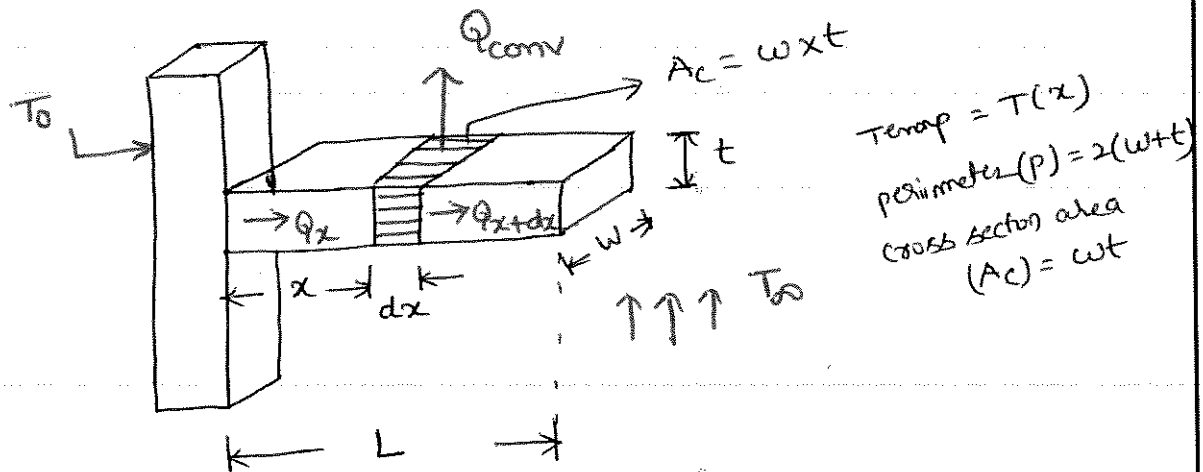
2) Fins are more effective when h is less

Generalized Governing equation of fin [constant Area]:

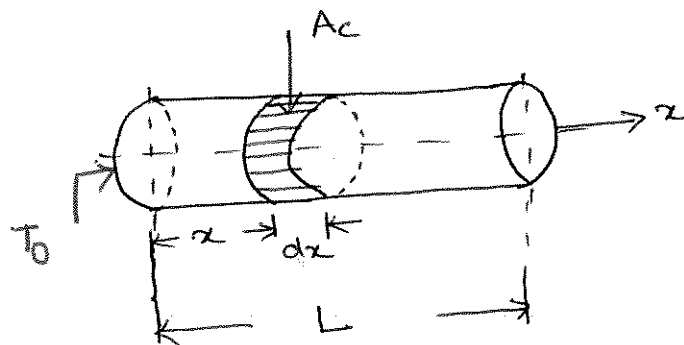
Assumptions:-

- 1) Steady state Heat transfer
- 2) NO heat generation
- 3) constant Thermal conductivity
- 4) constant heat transfer co-efficient through out
- 5) one dimensional heat conduction
- 6) Bonding Resistance is neglected

- consider the surface of a plane wall of a temperature T_0 , exposed to an ambient at T_∞
- Let us consider a fin has constant cross section area A_c and Length L attached to the surface as shown in fig.



$T_{temp} = T(x)$
 $perimeter\ P = \pi d$
 $cross-sectional\ Area (A_c) = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2$



- In order to determine temperature distribution and heat flow throughout, Apply energy balance equation
- from energy balance equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{The Rate of heat conduction in to element} = \\
 &\text{The Rate of Heat conduction out the element} \\
 &+ \\
 &\text{The Rate of Heat convection from the element surface}
 \end{aligned}$$

→ The rate of heat conduction in to element is Q_x

→ The rate of heat conduction out the element is Q_{x+dx}

$$\therefore Q(x+dx) = Q(x) + \frac{d}{dx} (Q(x)) \cdot dx.$$

(According to Taylor's series of approximation)

→ The rate of Heat convection from the element surface of perimeter is Q_{conv}

$$\therefore Q_{conv} = h \cdot dA_s [T(x) - T_0]$$

where dA_s = surface area of differential element

$\therefore$ Apply in energy balance equation

$$Q(x) = Q(x) + \frac{d}{dx} (Q(x)) \cdot dx + h dA_s (T(x) - T_0)$$

$$0 = \frac{d}{dx} \left[-KA_c \frac{dT}{dx} \right] \cdot dx + h dA_s (T(x) - T_0)$$

divide the equation with $-K dx$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[A_c \cdot \frac{dT}{dx} \right] - \frac{h dA_s}{K \cdot dx} [T(x) - T_0] = 0$$

$\therefore dA_s = P \cdot dx$ & divided with A_c

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{dT(x)}{dx} \right] - \frac{h \cdot P \cancel{dx}}{K \cdot A_c \cdot \cancel{dx}} [T(x) - T_0] = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - \frac{hP}{KA_c} [T(x) - T_0] = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where

A_c = Cross sectional area

P = perimeter

h = heat transfer co-efficient

K = Thermal conductivity of material are treated as constant (all values)

Let

$$\theta(x) = T(x) - T_\infty$$

$$m^2 = \frac{h P}{K A_c}$$

Substituting these in equation (1)

$$\frac{d^2 \theta(x)}{dx^2} - m^2 \theta = 0$$

The final solution for above equation

$$\theta(x) = C_1 e^{mx} + C_2 e^{-mx}$$

(or)

$$\theta(x) = A \cosh mx + B \sinh mx$$

where C_1 & C_2 are evaluated by integrating with boundary conditions specified for the fin.

→ one such condition may be specified here, the temp T_0 at the base of fin i.e.,

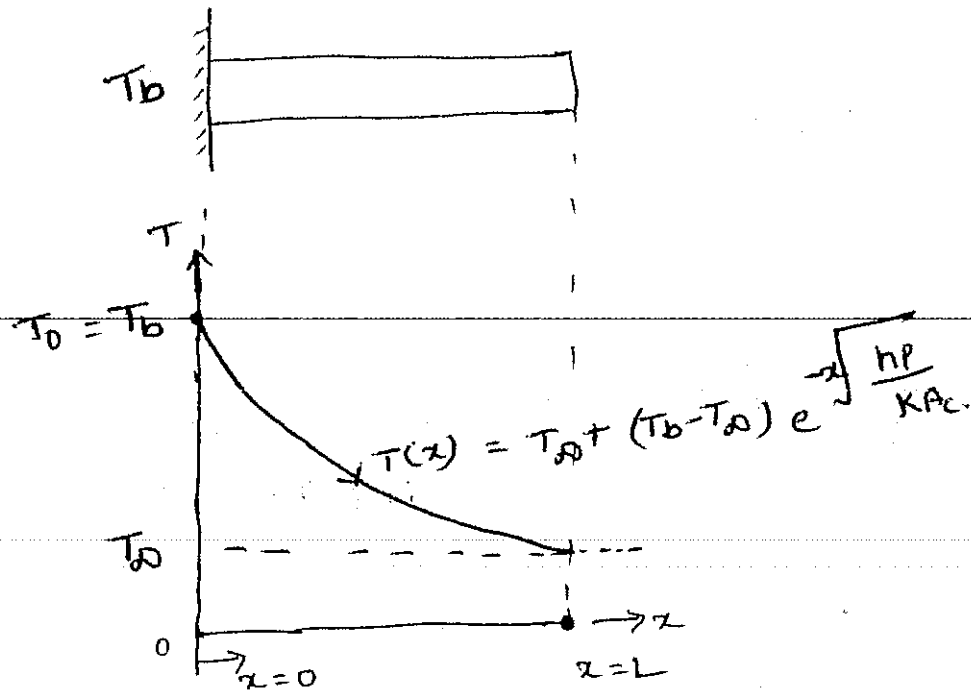
$$\text{At } x=0, \theta_0 = T_0 - T_\infty$$

↳ This is Boundary conditions at fin Base

$$\theta_0 = C_1 + C_2$$

→ The secondary boundary condition specified at the fin tip, the free end of fin, that may corresponds to any four different physical situations given below.

Case 1:- Infinite Long Fin [$T_{\text{fintip}} = T_\infty$]



→ for sufficiently long fin of uniform cross section ($A_c = \text{const}$), the temperature of fin at the fin tip approaches the specified temperature T_∞ and thus θ approaches zero.

i) Boundary condition at fin tip :-

$$\theta(L) = T(L) - T_\infty = 0 \quad \text{as } L \rightarrow \infty$$

ii) Temperature distribution :-

$$\frac{T(x) - T_\infty}{T_b - T_\infty} = e^{-mx} = e^{-x \sqrt{\frac{hp}{KA_c}}}$$

iii) Heat Transfer Rate :-

The temperature along the fin decreases exponentially from T_b to T_∞ .

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{long fin}} = -KA_c \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = \sqrt{hPKA_c} (T_b - T_\infty) \quad \downarrow \text{ } \theta_0$$

Case 2 :- Finite long fin and with negligible heat loss from fin tip [Adiabatic fin tip, $\dot{Q}_{\text{fin tip}} = 0$]

i) Boundary condition at fin tip :-

$$\left. \frac{d\theta}{dx} \right|_{x=L} = 0$$

ii) Temperature distribution :-

$$\frac{T(x) - T_\infty}{T_b - T_\infty} = \frac{\cosh \cdot m(L-x)}{\cosh \cdot mL}$$

iii) Heat Transfer Rate :-

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{\text{fin, adiabatic tip}} &= -KA_c \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=0} \\ &= -KA_c (T_b - T_\infty) \\ &= \sqrt{hPKA_c} (T_b - T_\infty) \tanh \cdot (mL) \end{aligned}$$

Case 3 :- specified temperature ($T_{fin tip} = T_L$)

i) Boundary condition at fin tip :-

$$\theta(L) = \theta_L = T_L - T_\infty$$

ii) Temperature distribution :-

$$\frac{T(x) - T_\infty}{T_0 - T_\infty} = \frac{(T_L - T_\infty / T_0 - T_\infty) \sinh \cdot mx + \sinh \cdot m(L-x)}{\sinh \cdot mL}$$

iii) Heat transfer Rate :-

$$\dot{Q}_{fin} = -KA_c \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = \frac{\sqrt{hPKA_c} (T_0 - T_\infty) \cosh \cdot mL - [T_L - T_\infty / T_0 - T_\infty]}{\sinh \cdot mL}$$

Case 4 :- convection from Fin Tip

i) Boundary condition at fin tip :-

$$-KA_c \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=L} = hA_c [T(L) - T_\infty]$$

ii) Temperature distribution

$$\frac{T(x) - T_\infty}{T_0 - T_\infty} = \frac{\cosh \cdot m(L-x) + (h/mk) \sinh \cdot m(L-x)}{\cosh \cdot mL + (h/mk) \cdot \sinh \cdot mL}$$

iii) convection Heat transfer Rate :-

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{conv} = \dot{Q}_{fin} &= -KA_c \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=0} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{hPKA_c} (T_0 - T_\infty) \sinh \cdot mL + (h/mk) \cosh \cdot mL}{\cosh \cdot mL + (h/mk) \sinh \cdot mL} \end{aligned}$$

Conventional Questions :-i) Infinite Long Fin

- 1) A very long fin 25 mm diameter copper ($K = 380 \text{ W/mK}$) rod extends from a surface at 120°C . The temperature of surrounding air is 25°C and the heat transfer coefficient over the rod is $10 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$. calculate

- Heat Loss from the rod.
- How long the rod should be in order to be considered infinite.

Data :-

$$d = 25 \text{ mm} \\ = 0.025 \text{ m}$$

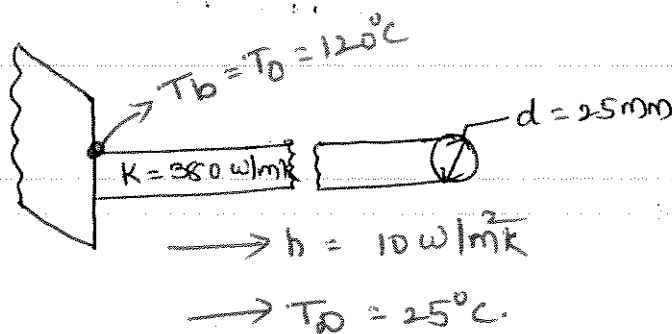
$$K = 380 \text{ W/mK} \quad T_b = 120^\circ\text{C}$$

$$h = 10 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K} \quad T_\infty = 25^\circ\text{C}$$

Find :-

$$1) Q = ?$$

$$2) \text{ How long the rod should be in order to be considered } (L = ?)$$

Sol

- 1) The heat loss from the ~~fin~~ infinite long fin

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{infinite fin}} = \sqrt{hP K A_c} (T_b - T_\infty)$$

$$P = \text{perimeter} = \pi d = \pi \times 0.025$$

$$A_c = \text{cross sectional area} = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2$$

$$\dot{Q} = \sqrt{10 \times \pi \times 0.025 \times 380 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.025)^2 \times (120 - 25)}$$

$$\dot{Q} = 36.36 \text{ W.}$$

2) from finned surface of infinite len fin of boundary conditions: $T_L = T_\infty$ and no heat transfer from its free end, because there should not be heat transfer at free end.

$$\therefore \dot{Q}_{\text{infinite fin}} = \dot{Q}_{\text{insulated tip fin}}$$

$$\sqrt{h P K A_c (T_b - T_\infty)} = \sqrt{h P K A_c (T_b - T_\infty)} \times \tanh \cdot mL$$

$$\tanh \cdot mL = 1$$

$$mL = 2.65$$

$$\therefore L = \frac{2.65}{m}$$

$$L = \frac{2.65}{2.052}$$

$$L = 1.289 \text{ m}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{KA_c}}$$

$$= \frac{10 \times \pi \times 0.025}{380 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.025)^2}$$

$$m = 2.052$$

2) one end of a long rod 3cm in diameter is inserted into a furnace with the other end projecting into the outside air. once the steady state is reached the temperature of the rod is measured at two points, 15cm apart and found to be 140°C and 100°C , when the ~~ambient~~ atmospheric air is at 30°C with convective coefficient of $20 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$. calculate the thermal conductivity of the rod material.

Date

$d = 3\text{cm}$

$= 0.03\text{m}$

$L = 15\text{cm}$

$= 0.15\text{m}$

$T_0 = T_b = 140^\circ\text{C}$

$T_L = 100^\circ\text{C}$

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

$h = 20\text{W/m}^2\text{K}$

Find:-1) $K = ?$ of rod.Sol for infinite long fin of temperature distribution is

$$\frac{T(x) - T_\infty}{T_0 - T_\infty} = e^{-mx}$$

at starting point $x=0 \rightarrow T_0 = 140^\circ\text{C}$ at 15cm ~~distance~~ ^{apart} $x=L \rightarrow T_L = 100^\circ\text{C}$

$$\therefore \frac{100 - 30}{140 - 30} = e^{-m \times 0.15}$$

$m = 3.013$

$$\therefore m = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{KA_c}}$$

$$3.013 = \sqrt{\frac{20 \times \pi \times 0.03}{K \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.03)^2}}$$

$K = 293.74\text{ W/mK}$

3) It is required to heat the oil to 300°C for frying purpose. A long ladle is used in frying pan. The section of the ladle is $5\text{mm} \times 18\text{mm}$. The surrounding air is at 30°C . The Thermal conductivity of the material is 205W/mK . If the temperature at a distance of 380mm from the oil should not exceed 40°C . determine convective heat transfer coefficient

Data

$$T_0 = 30^\circ\text{C}, A_c = 5\text{mm} \times 18\text{mm}$$

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

$$= 90\text{mm}^2$$

$$= 90 \times 10^{-6}\text{m}^2$$

$$K = 205\text{W/mK}, x = 380\text{mm}, T(x) = 40^\circ\text{C} = T_L$$

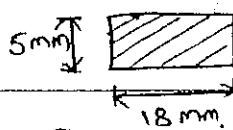
$$= 0.38\text{m}$$

And

$$1) h = ?$$

Sol The handle is treated as a very long and is infinitely long
 A_m

The temp distribution is

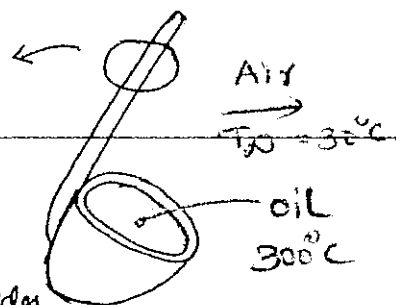


$$\frac{T(x) - T_0}{T_0 - T_\infty} = e^{-mx}$$

$$A = 5 \times 18$$

$$P = 2(w + t)$$

→ for both sides



$$\frac{40 - 30}{300 - 30} = e^{-m \times 0.38}$$

$$P = 2(18 + 5) = 46\text{mm}$$

$$= 0.046\text{m}$$

$$m = 8.673$$

$$\therefore m = \sqrt{\frac{hp}{KA_c}}$$

$$8.673 = \sqrt{\frac{h \times 0.046}{205 \times 90 \times 10^{-6}}}$$

$$h = 30.19\text{W/mK}$$

ii) Adiabatic fin tip

4) An Electric motor is to be connected by horizontal steel shaft ($K = 42 \text{ @ } 56 \text{ W/mK}$), 25 mm in diameter to an impeller of pump, circulating liquid metal at temperature of 54°C . If the temperature of electric motor is limited to a maximum value of 52°C with the ambient air at 27°C and heat transfer coefficient of $40.7 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, what length of shaft should be specified between the motor and pump?

Data

$$K = 42.56 \text{ W/mK}, \quad d = 25 \text{ mm} \\ = 0.025 \text{ m}$$

$$T_0 = T_b = 54^\circ\text{C}.$$

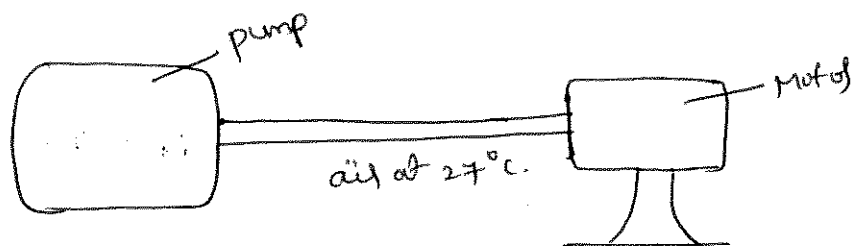
$$T_L = 52^\circ\text{C}, \quad T_a = 27^\circ\text{C}, \quad h = 40.7 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}.$$

Find:-

1) Length of shaft specified b/w motor and pump (L) = ?

Sol

since one end of shaft is connected an electric motor, thus assuming, no heat loss from the fin tip
 $\therefore$ diameter of fin is very small and hence treated as fin as insulated tip (no heat) (adiabatic fin tip)



∴ from temp distribution at the fin $x=L$

$$\frac{T_L - T_0}{T_0 - T_0} = \frac{\cosh[m(L-x)]}{\cosh \cdot mL}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{KA_c}}$$

$$P = \pi d$$

$$A_c = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2$$

$$m = \frac{40.7 \times \pi \times 0.025}{42.56 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.025)^2}$$

$$m = 12.37$$

$$\therefore \frac{52 - 27}{540 - 27} = \frac{\cosh[m(L-L)]}{\cosh \cdot mL}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cosh \cdot (12.37 \times L)}$$

$$mL = 3.7139$$

$$L = 0.30 = 30 \text{ cm}$$

- 5) Consider a stainless steel spoon ($K = 15.1 \text{ W/mK}$), partially immersed in the boiling water at 95°C in a kitchen at 25°C . The handle of the spoon has a circular cross-section $0.2 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm}$ and it extends 18 cm in the air from free surface of water. If the heat transfer coefficient on the exposed surface of spoon is $15 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, calculate the temp difference across the exposed surface of the spoon handle.

Data

$$k = 15.1 \text{ W/mK}, T_0 = 95^\circ\text{C}, T_\infty = 25^\circ\text{C}$$

$$A_c = 0.2 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm}$$

$$L = 18 \text{ cm}$$

$$h = 15 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

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$$= 0.18 \text{ m}$$

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Find

1) Temp difference across the exposed surface of spoon handle $(T_0 - T_L) = ?$

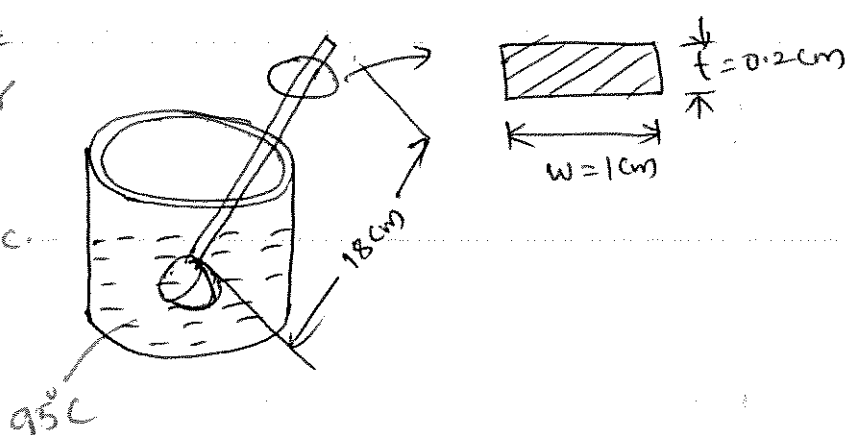
Sol

Air

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25°C



Assume this is a short spoon with insulated tip at the end, $\therefore$ the temp distribution is

$$\frac{T(x) - T_\infty}{T_0 - T_\infty} = \frac{\cosh \cdot m(L-x)}{\cosh \cdot mL}$$

$$x = L$$

$$\therefore \frac{T(x) - T_\infty}{T_0 - T_\infty} = \frac{1}{\cosh \cdot mL}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{KA_c}}$$

$$P = 2(w+t)$$

$$= 2(1 + 0.2)$$

$$= 2.4 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 0.024 \text{ m}$$

$$A_c = w \times t = 1 \times 0.2$$

$$= 0.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

with $P = \text{Perim} \rightarrow$ single side convection

$P = 2(w+t)$
 $\rightarrow$ both side convection

$$\therefore m = \frac{15 \times 0.024}{15.1 \times 0.2 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$m = 34.52$$

$$\frac{T_L - T_0}{T_0 - T_0} = \frac{1}{\cosh \cdot 34.52 \times 0.18}$$

$$\frac{T_L - 25}{95 - 25} = 3.99 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$T_L = 25.27^\circ\text{C}.$$

$$\therefore \text{Temp difference } T_0 - T_L = 95 - 25.27$$

$$= \underline{\underline{69.72^\circ\text{C}}}.$$

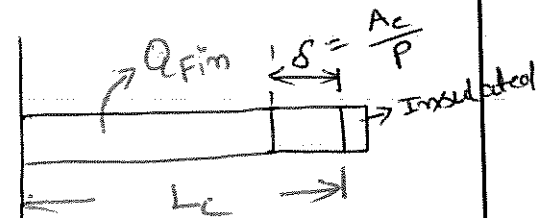
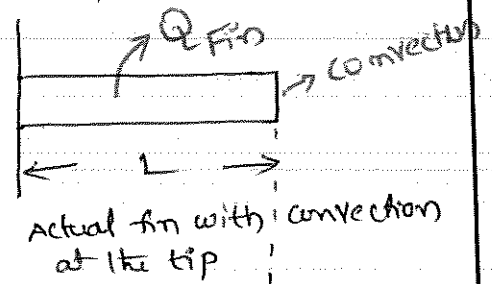
Corrected Fin Length :-

- The solution to the general fin equation for the case of convection from fin tip is very complex to solve problems.
- In order to avoid complex calculations, the heat loss from the fin tip can be approximated by increasing the fin length δ (Fiction length) and assuming the fin of insulated tip.
- The fin length of convection (L) is replaced with fin with insulated fin tip and it is corrected length (L_c).

$$L_c = L + \delta$$

δ = Fiction length of fin

$$= \frac{A_c}{P}$$



→ Fins subjected to ~~at their tip~~ ^{tip} convection at their tips can be treated as fins with insulated tip by replacing the actual fin length by the corrected length (L_c)

→ For Rectangular (or) square Fin

$$A_c = wt, \quad P = 2w$$

$$\therefore \delta = \frac{A_c}{P} = \frac{wt}{2w} = t/2$$

$$\therefore \delta = t/2$$

$$\therefore L_c = L + \frac{t}{2}$$

→ For circular Fin

$$A_c = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2, \quad P = \pi d$$

$$\therefore \delta = \frac{\frac{\pi}{4} d^2}{\pi d} \Rightarrow \delta = d/4 = r/2$$

$$\therefore L_c = L + \frac{d}{4} = L + \frac{r}{2}$$

- The corrected length approximation gives very good results when the variation of temp near the fin tip is small [near to adiabatic].

FIN performance :-

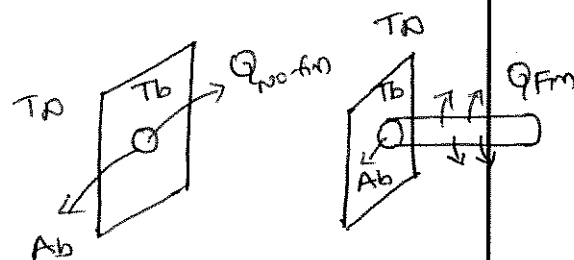
- The fins are used to increase the heat transfer rate from a surface by increasing its effective surface area.
- The use of fin on a surface cannot be recommended unless the increase in heat transfer, justifies the added cost and complexity associated with fins.
- However, the fin itself puts a conduction resistance to heat transfer from original surface ~~that~~ $[Q \downarrow]$ for this reason there is no assurance that the heat transfer rate will be increased throughout the use of fins.
- A parameter called as Fin effectiveness and efficiency justifies the use of fins, if its value is greater than unity.
- ~~if Area increases convective~~ If fins used convective resistance decreases $[\downarrow R_{conv} = \frac{1}{hA \uparrow}]$ and conductive resistance increases $[\uparrow R_{cond} = \frac{L \uparrow}{KA}]$ so, we can not conclude the heat transfer either increases or decreases.
- If $L \uparrow R \uparrow$ [conductive resistance (L/KA) increased and convective resistance decrease] usually resistance increases
 $\therefore Q \downarrow \Delta T = QR \Rightarrow Q \downarrow = \frac{\Delta T}{R \uparrow}$

1) Fin Effectiveness (ϵ) :-

→ To know the performance of the fin, we need to check the heat transfer with fin and heat transfer without fin.

Effectiveness

$$\epsilon = \frac{Q_{\text{Fin}}}{Q_{\text{without fin}}}$$



- An effectiveness of $\epsilon_{\text{fin}} = 1$, indicates that, the addition of fins to the surface does not effect heat transfer at all, that means no change of heat transfer even we use fin.
- An effectiveness of $\epsilon_{\text{fin}} < 1$, indicates that the fin actually acts as insulation, slowing down the heat transfer from the surface. This situation can occur when fins made of low thermal conductivity.
- An effectiveness of $\epsilon_{\text{fin}} > 1$, indicates, that the fin enhancing heat transfer from the surface.
- However the use of fins can not be justified unless $\epsilon_{\text{fin}} > 1$. Finned surfaces are design on the basis of maximizing the effectiveness for specified cost, for desired ~~effectiveness~~ efficiency.

→ For infinite long fin of effectiveness is

$$\varepsilon = \frac{Q_{fin}}{Q_{no fin}} = \frac{\sqrt{hPKAc} \theta_0}{hAc \theta_0} = \frac{kP}{hAc}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\varepsilon = \frac{kP}{hAc}}$$

Conclusions :-

→ For better performance fin effectiveness must be

- 1) Thermal conductivity of fin material must be high
- 2) Heat transfer coefficient h should be very less, i.e., fins are more effective in natural convection
- 3) $\frac{P}{Ac}$ should be very large, i.e., fins should be very thin
- 4) Fins should be closely spaced and thin, but fins should not be too closely spaced, if they are too closely spaced the surrounding fluid may not escape easily.

2) Fin Efficiency :- $[\eta]$

- we know that along the length of fin in the direction of heat transfer, temperature decreases and hence heat transfer also decreases as the temperature difference is less
- The efficiency of fin will be maximum when the entire fin is assumed to be maintained at constant base temperature.

→ Therefore the efficiency of fin is defined as ratio of actual heat transfer to the max heat transfer when entire fin is assume to the base temperature.

$$\eta = \frac{Q_{fin, actual}}{Q_{max}} = \frac{Q_{fin}}{Q_{ideal}}$$

→ If the fin efficiency is known, the heat transfer rate (Q_{fin}) throughout the fin is

$$\eta = \frac{Q_{fin}}{Q_{ideal}} \Rightarrow Q_{fin} = \eta_{fin} \times Q_{ideal}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore Q_{fin} &= \eta_{fin} \times h A_{fin} (T_0 - T_\infty) \\ Q_{fin} &= \eta_{fin} \times h P L (T_0 - T_\infty) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_{ideal} = h A_{fin} (T_0 - T_\infty)$$

↓

even if fin used but it was ideal

$$Q_{no fin} = h A_{no fin} (T_0 - T_\infty)$$

Case 1:- Efficiency of Long Fin

$$\eta = \frac{Q_{fin}}{Q_{ideal} \text{ (or) } Q_{max}} = \frac{Q_{fin}}{Q_{no fin}} \rightarrow \text{Along cross section } (A_c) = \frac{\int h P K A_c (T_0 - T_\infty) dx}{h P L (T_0 - T_\infty)} = \sqrt{\frac{K A_c}{h P}} \times \frac{1}{L}$$

$\nwarrow$ Area
 Along surface (PL)

$$\eta = \frac{1}{mL}$$

Case 2 :- Fin with Insulated Tip

$$\eta_{\text{fin}} = \frac{\sqrt{hPKA_c} (T_b - T_\infty) \tanh(mL)}{hPL (T_b - T_\infty)} = \frac{\tanh(mL)}{mL}$$

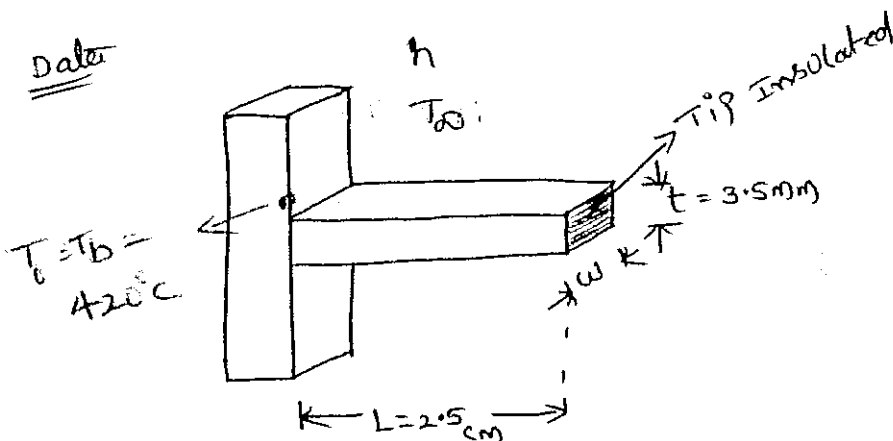
Case 3 :- 11^{ly} finite long Fin with convection heat transfer at fin tip

$$\eta_{\text{fin}} = \frac{\sinh(mL) + \frac{h}{mK} (\cosh(mL))}{mL}$$

Conventional Questions :-

- 1) An Al alloy fin ($k = 200 \text{ W/mK}$) $\frac{3}{8}$ 5 mm thick and 2.5 cm long protrudes from a wall. The base is at 420°C and ambient air temp is 30°C . The heat transfer co-efficient may be taken as $11 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$. Find the heat loss and fin efficiency, if the heat loss from fin tip is negligible.

Soln



$$k = 200 \text{ W/mK}$$

$$t = 3.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$L = 2.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$T_b = T_b = 420^\circ\text{C}$$

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

$$h = 11 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

Find:

1) $Q_{fin} = ?$

2) $\eta_{fin} = ?$

Sol:

Assume it is a short fin [Insulated fin tip, ~~be~~
because in problem they give
heat loss from fin tip is
negligible]

$$Q_{fin} = \sqrt{hPKA_c} (T_0 - T_\infty) \tanh m L_c$$

Some time we take (L) (or) L_c , if we assume
corrected fin length (L_c)

$$\therefore L_c = L + \frac{t}{2} \rightarrow \text{for rectangular fin}$$

$$= 25 + \frac{3.5}{2}$$

$$L_c = 26.75 \text{ mm} = 0.02675 \text{ m}$$

$$A = w \times t$$

$$= 1 \times 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$P = 2(w + t)$$

Assume uniform width $\therefore w = 1 \text{ m}$

$$P = 2(1 + 3.5 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$= 2.007 \text{ m}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{KA_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{11 \times 2(1 + 3.5 \times 10^{-3})}{200 \times (1 \times 3.5 \times 10^{-3})}}$$

$$m = 5.61$$

$$\therefore mL_c = 0.15022$$

$$Q_{fin} = \sqrt{11 \times 2.007 \times 200 \times 1 \times 3.5 \times 10^{-3}} (420 - 30) \tanh(0.15022) = 228.59 \text{ W}$$

$$\eta_{fin} = \tanh(mL_c) / mL_c = 99.25\%$$

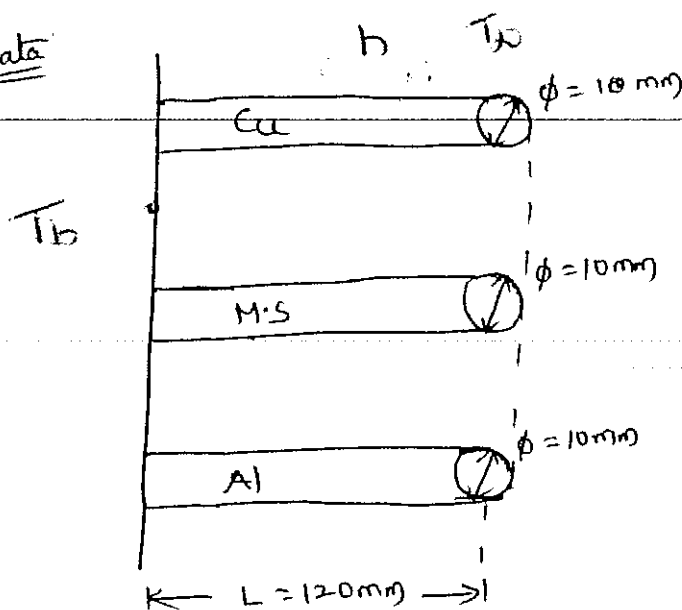
2) Three identical straight fins, 10 mm in diameter and 120 mm long, are exposed to an ambient with convective heat transfer coefficient of $32 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$. Compare their efficiency and relative heat flow performance. The three fin materials conductivities are

$$C_u = 380 \text{ W/mK}$$

$$Al = 210 \text{ W/mK}$$

$$\text{Mild steel} = 45 \text{ W/mK}$$

Data



$$d = 10 \text{ mm}$$

$$= 0.01 \text{ m}$$

$$L = 120 \text{ mm}$$

$$= 1.2 \text{ m}$$

$$h = 32 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

$$K_{Cu} = 380 \text{ W/mK}$$

$$K_{Al} = 210 \text{ W/mK}$$

$$K_{ms} = 45 \text{ W/mK}$$

Sol

Common configurations are

$$L_c, P, A_c$$

$$1) \text{ corrected length } (L_c) = L + \frac{d}{4} \rightarrow \text{for circular fins}$$

$$= 120 + \frac{10}{4} = 122.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$2) \text{ perimeter } (P) = \pi d$$

$$= \pi \times 0.01 \text{ m}$$

$$3) \text{ cross sectional Area } (A_c) = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} (0.01)^2$$

$$= 78.53 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

Heat transfer

1) Copper

$$Q_{fin} = \sqrt{hP K A_c} (T_o - T_\infty)$$

here $(T_o - T_\infty)$ difference is same for all materials because base temp $(T_o \text{ or } T_b)$ & ambient air temp is fixed and, ~~hence~~ heat transfer co-efficient h and common configuration i.e., cross sectional area A_c is also same for all materials, and hence Q_{fin} is depends ~~only~~ ~~on~~ completely on K

$$\therefore Q_{fin} \propto K ; \text{ if } K \uparrow \Rightarrow Q \uparrow$$

$$\therefore Q_{Cu,fin} > Q_{Al,fin} > Q_{MS,fin}$$

$$Q_{Cu,fin} = h P K A_c L$$

Efficiency

$$\eta_{Cu,fin} = \frac{\tanh(mL_c)}{mL_c}$$

$$= 13.78\%$$

$$\eta_{Al,fin} = \frac{\tanh(mL_c)}{mL_c}$$

$$= 10.24\%$$

$$m_{Cu} = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{K A_c}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{32 \times 0.01 \pi}{380 \times 78.53 \times 10^{-6}}}$$

$$= 5.804$$

$$m_{Al} = \sqrt{\frac{32 \times 0.01 \pi}{210 \times 78.53 \times 10^{-6}}}$$

$$= 7.807$$

$$\eta_{MS,fin} = \frac{\tanh(mL_c)}{mL_c}$$

$$= 4.7\%$$

$$m_{MS} = \sqrt{\frac{32 \times 0.01 \times \pi}{45 \times 78.53 \times 10^{-6}}}$$

$$= 16.86$$

$\therefore$ if the heat flow is more, efficiency is also more

$$\eta_{Cu} > \eta_{Al} > \eta_{MS}$$

$\therefore$ the relative heat dissipation taken with respect to copper

$$\text{copper} = \frac{\eta_{Cu}}{\eta_{Cu}} = \frac{13.78}{13.78} = 100\%$$

$$Al = \frac{\eta_{Al}}{\eta_{Cu}} = \frac{10.24}{13.78} = 74.31\%$$

$$MS = \frac{\eta_{MS}}{\eta_{Cu}} = \frac{4.7}{13.78} = 34.11\%$$

- 3) An Electric motor casing has a diameter of 0.36m and length of 0.4m. The casing is made of steel ($K = 60 \text{ W/mK}$) and ~~not~~ number of fins are inserted to dissipate 400W of heat in to an ambient air, where the unit surface conductance^(h) is $10 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$. Each fin is to span the entire length of the motor casing. Each fin is 8mm thick and 10mm long. calculate the number of fins required to maintain the temp difference 40°C casing and surrounding air of 30°C . Assume no heat loss from the fin tip

data

$$d = 0.36 \text{ m}$$

$$L = 0.4 \text{ m}$$

$$k = 60 \text{ W/mK}$$

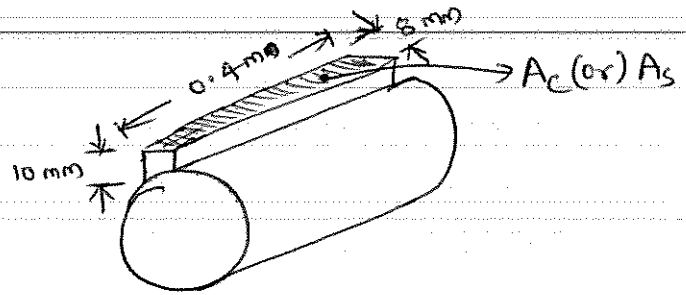
$$Q_{\text{fin}} = 400 \text{ W (total)}$$

$$h = 10 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}; \text{ [surface conductance, means convection, because convection takes place from surface]}$$

$$t_f = 8 \text{ mm} = 0.008 \text{ m}$$

$$L_f = 10 \text{ mm} = 0.01 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta T = T_0 - T_\infty = 30^\circ\text{C}$$

Find:-

1) no. of fins required

Sol

$$\text{number of fins} = \frac{Q_{\text{total}}}{Q_{\text{single fin}}}$$

$$Q_{\text{single fin}} = \sqrt{hPKA} (T_0 - T_\infty) \tanh(mL_c)$$

$$L_c = L + \frac{t}{2}$$

$$= 10 + \frac{8}{2} = 14 \text{ mm} = 0.014 \text{ m}$$

$$A_c = A_s = L \times t_f = 0.4 \times 0.008 = 0.0032 \text{ m}^2$$

$$p = 2(w + t) = 2(0.4 + 0.008) = 0.816 \text{ m}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{hp}{KA}} = \sqrt{\frac{10 \times 0.816}{60 \times 0.0032}}$$

$$m = 6.519$$

$$mL_c = 6.519 \times 0.014 = 0.091$$

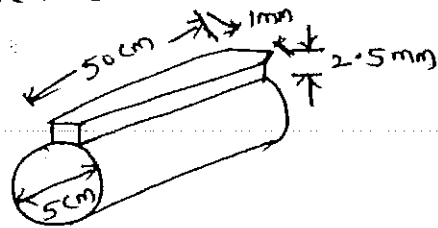
$$Q_{fin} = \sqrt{10 \times 0.816 \times 60 \times 0.032} (30) \tanh(0.91)$$

$$= 85.63 \text{ W}$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of fins} = \frac{400}{85.63}$$

$$= 4.67 \approx \underline{\underline{5 \text{ fins}}}$$

4) A cylinder 5cm diameter and 50cm long provided with 14 longitudinal straight fins of 1mm thick and 2.5mm height. calculate the total heat transfer by the cylinder if the surface temperature of the cylinder is 200°C. take $h = 25 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, $k = 80 \text{ W/mK}$ and ambient temp is 45°C



Data

$$d = 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Length of cylinder} = \text{Length of fin} = 50 \text{ cm}$$

(In this problem only) $= 0.5 \text{ m}$

$$\text{Length of fin (L)} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$$

(height) $= 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

$$\text{Thickness of fin (} t_f \text{)} = 1 \text{ mm} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$T_o = T_b = T_s = 200^\circ\text{C}, \quad h = 25 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

$$k = 80 \text{ W/mK}, \quad T_\infty = 45^\circ\text{C}$$

Find

- 1) Total heat transfer rate
- 2) % of Increase HT Rate
- 3) $\eta = ?$
- 4) $\epsilon = ?$

Sol

If nothing is mentioned about fin, treated it as short fin of insulated tip

$$\cancel{Q_{total}} \quad Q_{total} = Q_{with fin area} + Q_{with cylind area}$$

$$Q_{with fins area} = 14 \times Q_{single fin}$$

$$Q_{single fin} = \sqrt{h P K A_c} (T_0 - T_\infty) \tanh(m L_c)$$

only fin data

$$L_c = L + \frac{t}{2} = 2.5 + \frac{1}{2} = 3 \text{ mm} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

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

$$P = 2(w + t) = 2(50 + 1) = 100.2 \text{ mm} = 1.002 \text{ m}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{25 \times 1.002}{80 \times 0.5 \times 10^{-3}}} = 25.02$$

$$A_c = wt = 0.5 \times 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$Q_{single fin} = \sqrt{25 \times 1.002 \times 80 \times 0.5 \times 10^{-3}} (200 - 45) \tanh(25.02 \times 3 \times 10^{-3}) = 11.62 \text{ W}$$

$$\text{HT for 14 fin} = 14 \times 11.62 = 162.27 \text{ W}$$

$$Q_{with cylind area} = Q_{convection} = h A_s (T_0 - T_\infty)$$

$$A_s = (\pi D - 14t) L_{\text{cylinder}}$$

$$Q_{\text{cylinder area}} = 25 \times (\pi \times 5 \times 10^{-2} - 14 \times 1 \times 10^{-3}) \times 50 \times 10^{-2} \times (200 - 45)$$

$$= \underline{277.2 \text{ W}}$$

$$\therefore Q_{\text{total}} = 162.6 + 277.2 = \underline{439.9 \text{ W}}$$

$$2) \quad \% \text{ Increase in HT} = \frac{Q_{\text{total fins}} - Q_{\text{no fin}}}{Q_{\text{no fin}}}$$

$$Q_{\text{no fin}} = Q_{\text{conv without fin}}$$

$$= h A_s (T_o - T_\infty)$$

$$= h \pi D L (T_o - T_\infty)$$

$$= 25 \times \pi \times 5 \times 10^{-2} \times 50 \times 10^{-2} (200 - 45)$$

$$= \underline{304.34 \text{ W}}$$

$$3) \quad \eta_{\text{fin}} = \frac{Q_{\text{fin, actual}}}{Q_{\text{ideal}}}$$

$$Q_{\text{fin, actual}} = 11.62 \text{ W}$$

$$Q_{\text{ideal}} = h A_{\text{fin}} (T_o - T_\infty)$$

$$A_{\text{fin}} = P L = A_c$$

$$Q_{\text{ideal}} = 25 \times 1.002 \times 0.5 \times 10^{-2} (200 - 45)$$

$$= 19.41 \text{ W}$$

$$\therefore \eta_{\text{fin}} = \frac{11.62}{19.41} = 59.85\%$$

$$4) \quad \epsilon = \frac{Q_{\text{fin}}}{Q_{\text{no fin}}} = \frac{162.27}{304.34} = 0.533$$

$$\therefore \epsilon < 1$$