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A NOVEL METHOD FOR ESTIMATING THE ENTROPY GENERATION RATE IN A HUMAN BODY

ABSTRACT

The main objective of this study is to show a method for calculating entropy generation (SBgenB) in a human body under various environmental and physiological conditions. The SBgenB in a human body is a measure of activeness of motions, reactions and irreversibility of processes occurring in a body and is a kind of holistic and thermodynamic index, which characterizes a human body as a whole. Human body at healthier and normal condition generates the least amount of SBgenB. Heat transfer over a human body, activity (at rest, SBgenB=0.21 J.secP-1P.KP-1 Por exercise, SBgenB=2.19 J.secP-1P.KP-1 P or at death SBgenB=0 J.secP-1P.KP-1P), ambient, body and mean radiant temperatures, emissivity and absorbtity of human skin, internal heat elimination, body weight and height, and air speed effect much more on the SBgenB in a human body compared to the effects of mass exchange into and out of the body, internal heat production, cross sectional area of human body, clothing, altitude, and relative humidity of the surrounding air. Among these factors entropy production due to heat transfer over a human body plays a significant role in the total entropy generation rate (SBgenB).

KEYWORDS

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