

1.5 Heat Transfer Mechanism

Principles of Heat Transfer

- Heat transfer is one way of transferring energy to a body (Work is the other)
- Occurs only when there is a temperature difference between the two bodies (heat flows from hot to cold)
- Occurs through three processes: *conduction*, *convection*, and *radiation*

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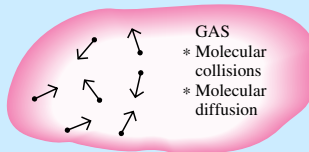
1. Conduction

- **Conduction:** Heat is transferred through a material that does not include any fluid motion.

- ❑ Direct contact of materials
- ❑ Without any bulk movement of fluid
- ❑ Conduction heat transfer is due to the microscopic motion of electrons, atoms, and molecules.

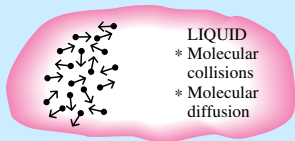


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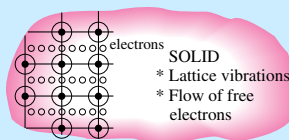
GAS
* Molecular collisions
* Molecular diffusion

- In *gases and liquids* conduction is due to the collision and diffusion of the molecules during their random motion.



LIQUID
* Molecular collisions
* Molecular diffusion

- In *solids* conduction is due to the vibration of the molecules in a lattice (nonmetallic solids) and the energy transfer by free electrons (metal solids).

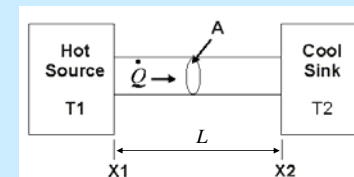


SOLID
* Lattice vibrations
* Flow of free electrons

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Conduction

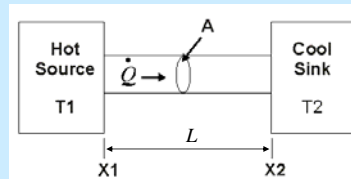
- The rate of heat conduction, \dot{Q} , depends on:
 - temperature difference, $T_1 - T_2$
 - thickness of material in direction of heat flow, $x_2 - x_1$ (L)
 - cross-sectional area, A , perpendicular to heat flow
 - thermal conductivity



Conduction: Fourier's Law

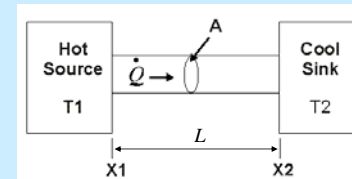
- Experiments show that for many substances, the rate of heat conduction is:

$$\dot{Q} = kA \frac{(T_1 - T_2)}{L} = -kA \frac{(T_2 - T_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} = -kA \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x}$$



$$\dot{Q} = -kA \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x}$$

- units :
 - A : m^2
 - L : m
 - ΔT : $^{\circ}C$
 - K : $W/m \cdot ^{\circ}C$
 - \dot{Q} : W
- The constant k is called the **thermal conductivity** and depends on the material [see TABLE 1-1]
- It is a thermo-physical property of the material.



2. Convection

Convection: Heat is transferred by the bulk movement of a fluid (air or water currents) (e.g. ocean currents)

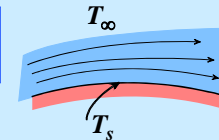


Convection

- Convection:** Energy is transported by means of mass motion. (*Pure thermal convection*)
- Of primary interest here is heat transfer *between a surface and a fluid* which is moving **adjacent** to it. (*Convection heat transfer : conduction + fluid flow*)

Note: No pure thermal convection exists in the nature.

- Classification:**
 - Free convection*
 - Forced convection*



Convection

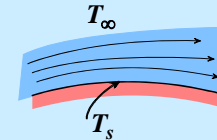
Two types: *Free* and *Forced*

- In *free convection* fluid motion is driven by **gravity**, which is a natural force.
- In *forced convection* the fluid is set in motion by **mechanical means** such as fans and blowers.
 - Forced convection is more effective than free convection.

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Newton's Law of Cooling

$$\dot{Q} = h A (T_s - T_\infty)$$



- \dot{Q} is the heat transfer rate
- T_s is surface temperature
- T_∞ is the fluid temperature far away from the surface.
- h is the *heat transfer coefficient* ($W/m^2 \cdot ^\circ C$).
 - 1) h is not a property of material.
 - 2) It depends on **geometry, fluid velocity, fluid properties**.
 - 3) Major objective in convection: **Determination of h**

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TABLE 1-5
Typical values for h

	h (W/m ² · °C)
Free Convection	
Gases	2 - 25
Liquids	10 - 1000
Forced Convection	
Gases	25 - 250
Liquids	50 - 20,000
Liquid metals	5,000 - 50,000

$$\dot{Q} = h A (T_s - T_\infty)$$

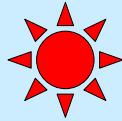
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Examples of Convection

- The sea breeze is caused by differences in temperature between the ocean and the shore
- In fact, *all weather and ocean currents* are caused by convection
- A draft in a cold room is caused by convection currents from air leaking through a window or door
- A “rolling boil” in a pot is the result of convection
- Convection Currents in heating & cooling appliances

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3. Radiation



Radiation: Heat is transferred by means of **electromagnetic waves** (radiant energy or light) when a hot body emits radiation (e.g. Solar radiation)

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Radiation



- Transmission by **electromagnetic waves** (e.g. light)
- **No medium** (e.g. air) is needed. Best in a vacuum
- Propagate “**at the speed of light**”
- Of our interest here is **thermal radiation** emitted by bodies because of **temperature**.
- All bodies at a temperature **above 0K** emit thermal radiation.

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Thermal Radiation: Stefan-Boltzmann law

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{emit}} = \varepsilon \sigma A T^4$$

- $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4$, **Stefan-Boltzmann constant**
- T_s , **Kelvin** (absolute degrees), the surface temperature
- ε , surface **emissivity**, $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 1$

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Emissivity ε

Emissivity depends on *surface roughness, color and oxidation extent*.

- $\varepsilon = 1$ for **black bodies** (perfect emitter)
- $\varepsilon = 0$ for **poorest emitters**
- $\varepsilon =$ number between 0 and 1 for all real surfaces.

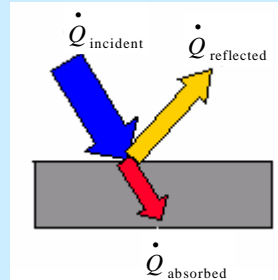
Emissivities of some materials at 300 K	
Material	Emissivity
Aluminum foil	0.07
Anodized aluminum	0.82
Polished copper	0.03
Polished stainless steel	0.17
Black paint	0.98
White paint	0.90
Human skin	0.95
Wood	0.82-0.92
Soil	0.93-0.96
Water	0.96
Vegetation	0.92-0.96

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Absorptivity α

- All bodies emit as well as absorb radiant energy
- Absorptivity α** : Fraction of radiation incident on a surface which is absorbed ($0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$)

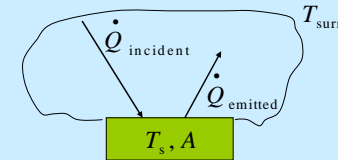
$$Q_{\text{absorbed}} = \alpha Q_{\text{incident}}$$



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Net rate of radiation heat transfer

- The net rate of radiation heat transfer between an object and its surrounding



$$\dot{Q}_{\text{rad}} = \varepsilon \sigma A (T_s^4 - T_{\text{surr}}^4)$$

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Examples of Radiation

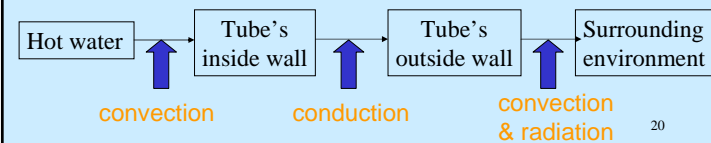
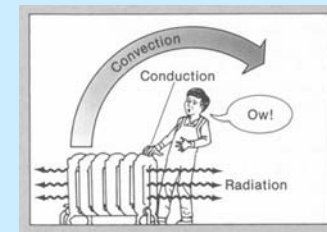
- A hot burner on a stove or a **fire** emits large amounts of infrared and a smaller amount of visible radiation
- Mammals** ($\sim 40^\circ \text{C}$) emit mostly infrared radiation
- Incandescent lights** (regular light bulbs) have heated filaments ($\sim 1000^\circ \text{C}$) that emit visible light
- Our **sun** ($\sim 6000^\circ \text{C}$) emits a large amount of visible light

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4. Simultaneous Heat Transfer

e.g.

- A **radiator** works by circulating water through a series of pipes, where it cools and releases heat



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