

Important Basics of Modes of Heat Transfer Formulas PDF



Formulas
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with Units

List of 13 Important Basics of Modes of Heat Transfer Formulas

1) Heat Transfer through Plane Wall or Surface Formula ↻

Formula

$$q = -k_1 \cdot A_c \cdot \frac{t_o - t_i}{w}$$

Example with Units

$$799.8571 \text{ W} = -10.180 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)} \cdot 11 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \frac{321 \text{ K} - 371 \text{ K}}{7 \text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2) Ohm's Law Formula ↻

Formula

$$V = I \cdot R$$

Example with Units

$$31.5 \text{ V} = 2.1 \text{ A} \cdot 15 \Omega$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

3) Overall Heat Transfer based on Thermal Resistance Formula ↻

Formula

$$q_{\text{overall}} = \frac{\Delta T_{\text{Overall}}}{\Sigma R_{\text{Thermal}}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.7947 \text{ W} = \frac{55 \text{ K}}{19.68 \text{ K/W}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

4) Radial Heat Flowing through Cylinder Formula ↻

Formula

$$Q = k_1 \cdot 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \Delta T \cdot \frac{l}{\ln\left(\frac{r_{\text{outer}}}{r_{\text{inner}}}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$2731.399 \text{ J} = 10.180 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)} \cdot 2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 5.25 \text{ K} \cdot \frac{6.21 \text{ m}}{\ln\left(\frac{7.51 \text{ m}}{3.5 \text{ m}}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



5) Radiation Thermal Resistance Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$R_h = \frac{1}{\varepsilon \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot A_{\text{base}} \cdot (T_1 + T_2) \cdot \left(\left(\left(T_1 \right)^2 \right) + \left(\left(T_2 \right)^2 \right) \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0076 \text{ K/W} = \frac{1}{0.95 \cdot 5.7\text{E-}8 \cdot 9 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (503 \text{ K} + 293 \text{ K}) \cdot \left(\left(\left(503 \text{ K} \right)^2 \right) + \left(\left(293 \text{ K} \right)^2 \right) \right)}$$

6) Radiative Heat Transfer Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$Q = [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot SA_{\text{Body}} \cdot F \cdot \left(T_1^4 - T_2^4 \right)$$

Example with Units

$$2730.1103 \text{ J} = 5.7\text{E-}8 \cdot 8.5 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.1 \cdot \left(503 \text{ K}^4 - 293 \text{ K}^4 \right)$$

7) Radiosity Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$J = \frac{E_{\text{Leaving}}}{SA_{\text{Body}} \cdot t_{\text{sec}}}$$

$$0.0588 \text{ W/m}^2 = \frac{19 \text{ J}}{8.5 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 38 \text{ s}}$$

8) Rate of Convective Heat Transfer Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$q = h_{\text{transfer}} \cdot A_{\text{expo}} \cdot (T_w - T_a)$$

$$732.6 \text{ W} = 13.2 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K} \cdot 11.10 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (305 \text{ K} - 300 \text{ K})$$

9) Temperature Difference using Thermal Analogy to Ohm's Law Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$\Delta T = q \cdot R_h$$

$$7.5 \text{ K} = 750 \text{ W} \cdot 0.01 \text{ K/W}$$

10) Thermal Diffusivity Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$\alpha = \frac{K_{\text{cond}}}{\rho \cdot C_o}$$

$$0.4623 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} = \frac{10.19 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\text{K})}{5.51 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3 \cdot 4 \text{ J}/(\text{kg}^*\text{K})}$$



11) Thermal Resistance in Convection Heat Transfer Formula

Formula

$$R_{th} = \frac{1}{A_e \cdot h_{co}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0045 \text{ K/W} = \frac{1}{11.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 20 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

12) Thermal Resistance of Spherical Wall Formula

Formula

$$r_{th} = \frac{r_2 - r_1}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot k \cdot r_1 \cdot r_2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0013 \text{ K/W} = \frac{6 \text{ m} - 5 \text{ m}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)} \cdot 5 \text{ m} \cdot 6 \text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Total Emissive Power of Radiating Body Formula

Formula

$$E_b = \left(\varepsilon \cdot (T_e)^4 \right) \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}]$$

Example with Units

$$2.812 \text{ W} = \left(0.95 \cdot (85 \text{ K})^4 \right) \cdot 5.7\text{E-8}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Basics of Modes of Heat Transfer Formulas above

- **A_{base}** Base Area (Square Meter)
- **A_C** Cross Sectional Area (Square Meter)
- **A_e** Exposed Surface Area (Square Meter)
- **A_{expo}** Exposed Surface Conv Area (Square Meter)
- **C_o** Specific Heat Capacity (Joule per Kilogram per K)
- **E_b** Emissive Power per Unit Area (Watt)
- **E_{Leaving}** Energy Leaving Surface (Joule)
- **F** Geometric View Factor
- **h_{co}** Coefficient of Convective Heat Transfer (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **h_{transfer}** Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **I** Electric Current (Ampere)
- **J** Radiosity (Watt per Square Meter)
- **k** Thermal Conductivity (Watt per Meter per K)
- **k₁** Thermal Conductivity of Heat (Watt per Meter per K)
- **K_{cond}** Thermal Conductivity of Conduction (Watt per Meter per K)
- **l** Length of Cylinder (Meter)
- **q** Heat Flow Rate (Watt)
- **Q** Heat (Joule)
- **q_{overall}** Overall Heat Transfer (Watt)
- **R** Electric Resistance (Ohm)
- **r₁** Radius of 1st Concentric Sphere (Meter)
- **r₂** Radius of 2nd Concentric Sphere (Meter)
- **R_h** Thermal Resistance of Heat Flow (Kelvin per Watt)
- **r_{inner}** Inner Radius of Cylinder (Meter)
- **r_{outer}** Outer Radius of Cylinder (Meter)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Basics of Modes of Heat Transfer Formulas above

- **constant(s):** pi, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **constant(s):** [Stefan-BoltZ], 5.670367E-8
Stefan-Boltzmann Constant
- **Functions:** ln, ln(Number)
The natural logarithm, also known as the logarithm to the base e, is the inverse function of the natural exponential function.
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Time** in Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Electric Current** in Ampere (A)
Electric Current Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Temperature** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Energy** in Joule (J)
Energy Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Power** in Watt (W)
Power Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Electric Resistance** in Ohm (Ω)
Electric Resistance Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Temperature Difference** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Difference Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Thermal Resistance** in Kelvin per Watt (K/W)
Thermal Resistance Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Thermal Conductivity** in Watt per Meter per K (W/(m*K))
Thermal Conductivity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Electric Potential** in Volt (V)
Electric Potential Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Heat Capacity** in Joule per Kilogram per K (J/(kg*K))



- r_{th} Thermal Resistance of Sphere Without Convection (Kelvin per Watt)
- R_{th} Thermal Resistance (Kelvin per Watt)
- SA_{Body} Body Surface Area (Square Meter)
- T_1 Temperature of Surface 1 (Kelvin)
- T_2 Temperature of Surface 2 (Kelvin)
- T_a Ambient Air Temperature (Kelvin)
- T_e Effective Radiating Temperature (Kelvin)
- t_i Inside Temperature (Kelvin)
- t_o Outside Temperature (Kelvin)
- t_{sec} Time in seconds (Second)
- T_w Surface Temperature (Kelvin)
- V Voltage (Volt)
- w Width of Plane Surface (Meter)
- α Thermal Diffusivity (Square Meter Per Second)
- ΔT Temperature Difference (Kelvin)
- $\Delta T_{Overall}$ Overall Temperature Difference (Kelvin)
- ϵ Emissivity
- ρ Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- $\Sigma R_{Thermal}$ Total Thermal Resistance (Kelvin per Watt)

Specific Heat Capacity Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement: Heat Flux Density** in Watt per Square Meter (W/m^2)
Heat Flux Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Heat Transfer Coefficient** in Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin ($W/m^2 \cdot K$)
Heat Transfer Coefficient Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m^3)
Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Diffusivity** in Square Meter Per Second (m^2/s)
Diffusivity Unit Conversion 



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