

# Heat Transfer Questions & Answers

## Question by Student 201327132

*Dear, professor. I have a question for calculate temperature unit. How to calculate*

$$\frac{K}{^{\circ}C}$$

*I confuse that relation.*

I don't understand what you mean. Please explain better.

## Question by Student 201327132

*Dear Professor. Sorry to my poor explanation. I have no idea how to calculate in assignment 4, question 5, Biot number.*

$$\frac{hR}{3k} = \frac{3[W/m^2K] \times 0.0245[m]}{0.147[W/m^{\circ}C] \times 3} = 0.167[\frac{K}{^{\circ}C}]$$

*So I don't understand that relationship.*

$$0.167[\frac{-272^{\circ}C}{^{\circ}C}] \text{ or } [\frac{K}{274K}]$$

*Which one is correct? I can't find any solution this relationship. Thank you.*

In this case, the Kelvin degrees used for  $h$  can be written as Celcius degrees because convection heat transfer is function of temperature difference only and a difference in Kelvin is exactly the same as a difference in Celcius degrees.

## Question by Student 201427115

*Professor, I have a question about finding thermal Diffusivity. In table of Properties, I can find  $\alpha$  directly. But when I use  $\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c}$  I get different answer. Which one should I use?*

If you use  $k$ ,  $\rho$  or  $c$  elsewhere in your problem, then to be consistent you should compute  $\alpha = k/\rho c$  and not take it from the tables.

## Question by Student 201327132

*Dear professor. I wonder about insulated cable design problem(inner radius as small as possible). At previous assignments, we directly use  $P_{elect} = S_{gen}$ . But this example, Even though we know  $P_{elect}$ , we calculate*

$S_{gen} = R_{elect} \times \left(\frac{P_{elect}}{V}\right)^2 \times L/2\pi r_i^2$ ). I don't know difference of two relations. Thank you.

Hm I think I explained this in class. I am not sure what you don't understand. Tell us what exactly is confusing you..

### Question by Student 201427115

*Professor, I have a question about insulation. At the surface insulated, heat transfer is zero. But in assignment 1 problem #1, even the wall has insulation layer, it has heat transfer inside the insulation part. What's the difference between two? Thank you.*

If an insulation layer is specified without a thermal conductivity, then assume its conductivity is zero (and hence there is no conduction heat transfer). If the insulation layer has a given thermal conductivity, then the heat transfer through the insulation layer will not be zero. 1 point bonus.

### Question by Student 201327132

*Dear Professor. Today, We learned about Thermal layer. I have a question*

$$\frac{\mu}{\rho c} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho c} \frac{(u_{\infty} - 0)^2}{\delta_t^2}$$

*I think that we can't use  $(u_{\infty} - 0)$ . Because Boundary layer is longer than Thermal layer. So If we use  $\delta$ ,  $(u_{\infty} - 0)$  is reasonable. But, If we use  $\delta_t$ , The velocity at the point have some difference with  $u_{\infty}$ . Is it because assume very small difference? Thank you.*

Here we were doing an order of magnitude analysis. As long as  $\delta$  and  $\delta_t$  are within the same order of magnitude (and as will be shown later, they are), the analysis is correct. 1 point bonus.