

## CHAPTER

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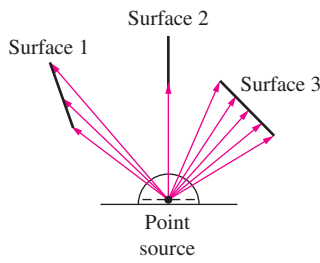
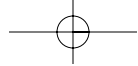
## RADIATION HEAT TRANSFER

In Chapter 11, we considered the fundamental aspects of radiation and the radiation properties of surfaces. We are now in a position to consider radiation exchange between two or more surfaces, which is the primary quantity of interest in most radiation problems.

We start this chapter with a discussion of view factors and the rules associated with them. View factor expressions and charts for some common configurations are given, and the crossed-strings method is presented. We then discuss radiation heat transfer, first between black surfaces and then between nonblack surfaces using the radiation network approach. We continue with radiation shields and discuss the radiation effect on temperature measurements and comfort. Finally, we consider gas radiation, and discuss the effective emissivities and absorptivities of gas bodies of various shapes. We also discuss radiation exchange between the walls of combustion chambers and the high-temperature emitting and absorbing combustion gases inside.

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**FIGURE 12-1**  
Radiation heat exchange between surfaces depends on the *orientation* of the surfaces relative to each other, and this dependence on orientation is accounted for by the *view factor*.

## 12-1 THE VIEW FACTOR

Radiation heat transfer between surfaces depends on the *orientation* of the surfaces relative to each other as well as their radiation properties and temperatures, as illustrated in Figure 12-1. For example, a camper will make the most use of a campfire on a cold night by standing as close to the fire as possible and by blocking as much of the radiation coming from the fire by turning her front to the fire instead of her side. Likewise, a person will maximize the amount of solar radiation incident on him and take a sunbath by lying down on his back instead of standing up on his feet.

To account for the effects of orientation on radiation heat transfer between two surfaces, we define a new parameter called the *view factor*, which is a purely geometric quantity and is independent of the surface properties and temperature. It is also called the *shape factor*, *configuration factor*, and *angle factor*. The view factor based on the assumption that the surfaces are diffuse emitters and diffuse reflectors is called the *diffuse view factor*, and the view factor based on the assumption that the surfaces are diffuse emitters but specular reflectors is called the *specular view factor*. In this book, we will consider radiation exchange between diffuse surfaces only, and thus the term *view factor* will simply mean *diffuse view factor*.

The view factor from a surface *i* to a surface *j* is denoted by  $F_{i \rightarrow j}$  or just  $F_{ij}$ , and is defined as

$$F_{ij} = \text{the fraction of the radiation leaving surface } i \text{ that strikes surface } j \text{ directly}$$

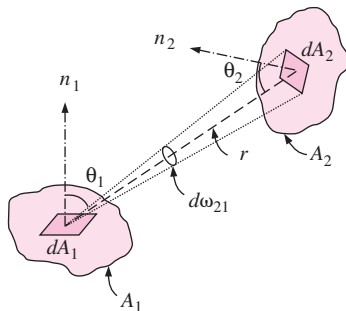
The notation  $F_{i \rightarrow j}$  is instructive for beginners, since it emphasizes that the view factor is for radiation that travels from surface *i* to surface *j*. However, this notation becomes rather awkward when it has to be used many times in a problem. In such cases, it is convenient to replace it by its *shorthand* version  $F_{ij}$ .

Therefore, the view factor  $F_{12}$  represents the fraction of radiation leaving surface 1 that strikes surface 2 directly, and  $F_{21}$  represents the fraction of the radiation leaving surface 2 that strikes surface 1 directly. Note that the radiation that strikes a surface does not need to be absorbed by that surface. Also, radiation that strikes a surface after being reflected by other surfaces is not considered in the evaluation of view factors.

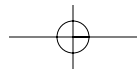
To develop a general expression for the view factor, consider two differential surfaces  $dA_1$  and  $dA_2$  on two arbitrarily oriented surfaces  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , respectively, as shown in Figure 12-2. The distance between  $dA_1$  and  $dA_2$  is  $r$ , and the angles between the normals of the surfaces and the line that connects  $dA_1$  and  $dA_2$  are  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , respectively. Surface 1 emits and reflects radiation diffusely in all directions with a constant intensity of  $I_1$ , and the solid angle subtended by  $dA_2$  when viewed by  $dA_1$  is  $d\omega_{21}$ .

The rate at which radiation leaves  $dA_1$  in the direction of  $\theta_1$  is  $I_1 \cos \theta_1 dA_1$ . Noting that  $d\omega_{21} = dA_2 \cos \theta_2 / r^2$ , the portion of this radiation that strikes  $dA_2$  is

$$\dot{Q}_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2} = I_1 \cos \theta_1 dA_1 d\omega_{21} = I_1 \cos \theta_1 dA_1 \frac{dA_2 \cos \theta_2}{r^2} \quad (12-1)$$



**FIGURE 12-2**  
Geometry for the determination of the view factor between two surfaces.



The total rate at which radiation leaves  $dA_1$  (via emission and reflection) in all directions is the radiosity (which is  $J_1 = \pi I_1$ ) times the surface area,

$$\dot{Q}_{dA_1} = J_1 dA_1 = \pi I_1 dA_1 \quad (12-2)$$

Then the *differential view factor*  $dF_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2}$ , which is the fraction of radiation leaving  $dA_1$  that strikes  $dA_2$  directly, becomes

$$dF_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2}}{\dot{Q}_{dA_1}} = \frac{\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} dA_2 \quad (12-3)$$

The differential view factor  $dF_{dA_2 \rightarrow dA_1}$  can be determined from Eq. 12-3 by interchanging the subscripts 1 and 2.

The view factor from a differential area  $dA_1$  to a finite area  $A_2$  can be determined from the fact that the fraction of radiation leaving  $dA_1$  that strikes  $A_2$  is the sum of the fractions of radiation striking the differential areas  $dA_2$ . Therefore, the view factor  $F_{dA_1 \rightarrow A_2}$  is determined by integrating  $dF_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2}$  over  $A_2$ ,

$$F_{dA_1 \rightarrow A_2} = \int_{A_2} \frac{\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} dA_2 \quad (12-4)$$

The total rate at which radiation leaves the entire  $A_1$  (via emission and reflection) in all directions is

$$\dot{Q}_{A_1} = J_1 A_1 = \pi I_1 A_1 \quad (12-5)$$

The portion of this radiation that strikes  $dA_2$  is determined by considering the radiation that leaves  $dA_1$  and strikes  $dA_2$  (given by Eq. 12-1), and integrating it over  $A_1$ ,

$$\dot{Q}_{A_1 \rightarrow dA_2} = \int_{A_1} \dot{Q}_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2} = \int_{A_1} \frac{I_1 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 dA_2}{r^2} dA_1 \quad (12-6)$$

Integration of this relation over  $A_2$  gives the radiation that strikes the entire  $A_2$ ,

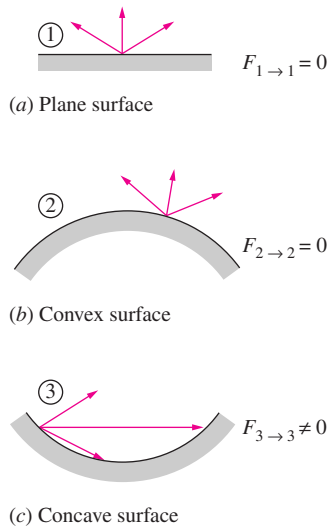
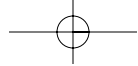
$$\dot{Q}_{A_1 \rightarrow A_2} = \int_{A_2} \dot{Q}_{A_1 \rightarrow dA_2} = \int_{A_2} \int_{A_1} \frac{I_1 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{r^2} dA_1 dA_2 \quad (12-7)$$

Dividing this by the total radiation leaving  $A_1$  (from Eq. 12-5) gives the fraction of radiation leaving  $A_1$  that strikes  $A_2$ , which is the view factor  $F_{A_1 \rightarrow A_2}$  (or  $F_{12}$  for short),

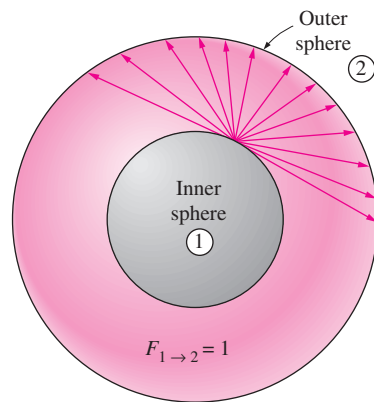
$$F_{12} = F_{A_1 \rightarrow A_2} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{A_1 \rightarrow A_2}}{\dot{Q}_{A_1}} = \frac{1}{A_1} \int_{A_2} \int_{A_1} \frac{\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} dA_1 dA_2 \quad (12-8)$$

The view factor  $F_{A_2 \rightarrow A_1}$  is readily determined from Eq. 12-8 by interchanging the subscripts 1 and 2,

$$F_{21} = F_{A_2 \rightarrow A_1} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{A_2 \rightarrow A_1}}{\dot{Q}_{A_2}} = \frac{1}{A_2} \int_{A_2} \int_{A_1} \frac{\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} dA_1 dA_2 \quad (12-9)$$



**FIGURE 12-3**  
The view factor from a surface to itself is zero for *plane* or *convex* surfaces and *nonzero* for *concave* surfaces.



**FIGURE 12-4**  
In a geometry that consists of two concentric spheres, the view factor  $F_{1 \to 2} = 1$  since the entire radiation leaving the surface of the smaller sphere will be intercepted by the larger sphere.

Note that  $I_1$  is constant but  $r$ ,  $\theta_1$ , and  $\theta_2$  are variables. Also, integrations can be performed in any order since the integration limits are constants. These relations confirm that the view factor between two surfaces depends on their relative orientation and the distance between them.

Combining Eqs. 12-8 and 12-9 after multiplying the former by  $A_1$  and the latter by  $A_2$  gives

$$A_1 F_{12} = A_2 F_{21} \tag{12-10}$$

which is known as the **reciprocity relation** for view factors. It allows the calculation of a view factor from a knowledge of the other.

The view factor relations developed above are applicable to any two surfaces  $i$  and  $j$  provided that the surfaces are diffuse emitters and diffuse reflectors (so that the assumption of constant intensity is valid). For the special case of  $j = i$ , we have

$$F_{i \to i} = \text{the fraction of radiation leaving surface } i \text{ that strikes itself directly}$$

Noting that in the absence of strong electromagnetic fields radiation beams travel in straight paths, the view factor from a surface to itself will be zero unless the surface “sees” itself. Therefore,  $F_{i \to i} = 0$  for *plane* or *convex* surfaces and  $F_{i \to i} \neq 0$  for concave surfaces, as illustrated in Figure 12-3.

The value of the view factor ranges between *zero* and *one*. The limiting case  $F_{i \to j} = 0$  indicates that the two surfaces do not have a direct view of each other, and thus radiation leaving surface  $i$  cannot strike surface  $j$  directly. The other limiting case  $F_{i \to j} = 1$  indicates that surface  $j$  completely surrounds surface  $i$ , so that the entire radiation leaving surface  $i$  is intercepted by surface  $j$ . For example, in a geometry consisting of two concentric spheres, the entire radiation leaving the surface of the smaller sphere (surface 1) will strike the larger sphere (surface 2), and thus  $F_{1 \to 2} = 1$ , as illustrated in Figure 12-4.

The view factor has proven to be very useful in radiation analysis because it allows us to express the *fraction of radiation* leaving a surface that strikes another surface in terms of the orientation of these two surfaces relative to each other. The underlying assumption in this process is that the radiation a surface receives from a source is directly proportional to the angle the surface subtends when viewed from the source. This would be the case only if the radiation coming off the source is *uniform* in all directions throughout its surface and the medium between the surfaces does not *absorb*, *emit*, or *scatter* radiation. That is, it will be the case when the surfaces are *isothermal* and *diffuse* emitters and reflectors and the surfaces are separated by a *non-participating* medium such as a vacuum or air.

The view factor  $F_{1 \to 2}$  between two surfaces  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  can be determined in a systematic manner first by expressing the view factor between two differential areas  $dA_1$  and  $dA_2$  in terms of the spatial variables and then by performing the necessary integrations. However, this approach is not practical, since, even for simple geometries, the resulting integrations are usually very complex and difficult to perform.

View factors for hundreds of common geometries are evaluated and the results are given in analytical, graphical, and tabular form in several publications. View factors for selected geometries are given in Tables 12-1 and 12-2 in *analytical* form and in Figures 12-5 to 12-8 in *graphical* form. The view

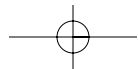
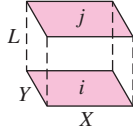
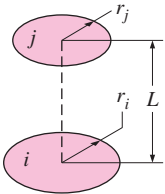
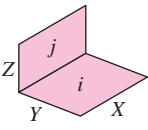


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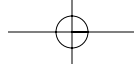
View factor expressions for some common geometries of finite size (3D)

Geometry	Relation
<p>Aligned parallel rectangles</p> 	$\bar{X} = X/L \text{ and } \bar{Y} = Y/L$ $F_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{2}{\pi \bar{X} \bar{Y}} \left\{ \ln \left[ \frac{(1 + \bar{X}^2)(1 + \bar{Y}^2)}{1 + \bar{X}^2 + \bar{Y}^2} \right]^{1/2} \right. \\ \left. + \bar{X}(1 + \bar{Y}^2)^{1/2} \tan^{-1} \frac{\bar{X}}{(1 + \bar{Y}^2)^{1/2}} \right. \\ \left. + \bar{Y}(1 + \bar{X}^2)^{1/2} \tan^{-1} \frac{\bar{Y}}{(1 + \bar{X}^2)^{1/2}} \right. \\ \left. - \bar{X} \tan^{-1} \bar{X} - \bar{Y} \tan^{-1} \bar{Y} \right\}$
<p>Coaxial parallel disks</p> 	$R_i = r_i/L \text{ and } R_j = r_j/L$ $S = 1 + \frac{1 + R_j^2}{R_i^2}$ $F_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ S - \left[ S^2 - 4 \left( \frac{r_j}{r_i} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\}$
<p>Perpendicular rectangles with a common edge</p> 	$H = Z/X \text{ and } W = Y/X$ $F_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{\pi W} \left( W \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{W} + H \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{H} \right. \\ \left. - (H^2 + W^2)^{1/2} \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{(H^2 + W^2)^{1/2}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4} \ln \left[ \frac{(1 + W^2)(1 + H^2)}{1 + W^2 + H^2} \right] \right. \\ \left. \times \left[ \frac{W^2(1 + W^2 + H^2)}{(1 + W^2)(W^2 + H^2)} \right]^{W^2} \right. \\ \left. \times \left[ \frac{H^2(1 + H^2 + W^2)}{(1 + H^2)(H^2 + W^2)} \right]^{H^2} \right\}$

factors in Table 12-1 are for three-dimensional geometries. The view factors in Table 12-2, on the other hand, are for geometries that are *infinitely long* in the direction perpendicular to the plane of the paper and are therefore two-dimensional.

## 12-2 ■ VIEW FACTOR RELATIONS

Radiation analysis on an enclosure consisting of  $N$  surfaces requires the evaluation of  $N^2$  view factors, and this evaluation process is probably the most time-consuming part of a radiation analysis. However, it is neither practical nor necessary to evaluate all of the view factors directly. Once a sufficient number of view factors are available, the rest of them can be determined by utilizing some fundamental relations for view factors, as discussed next.



**TABLE 12-2**

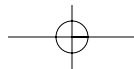
View factor expressions for some infinitely long (2D) geometries

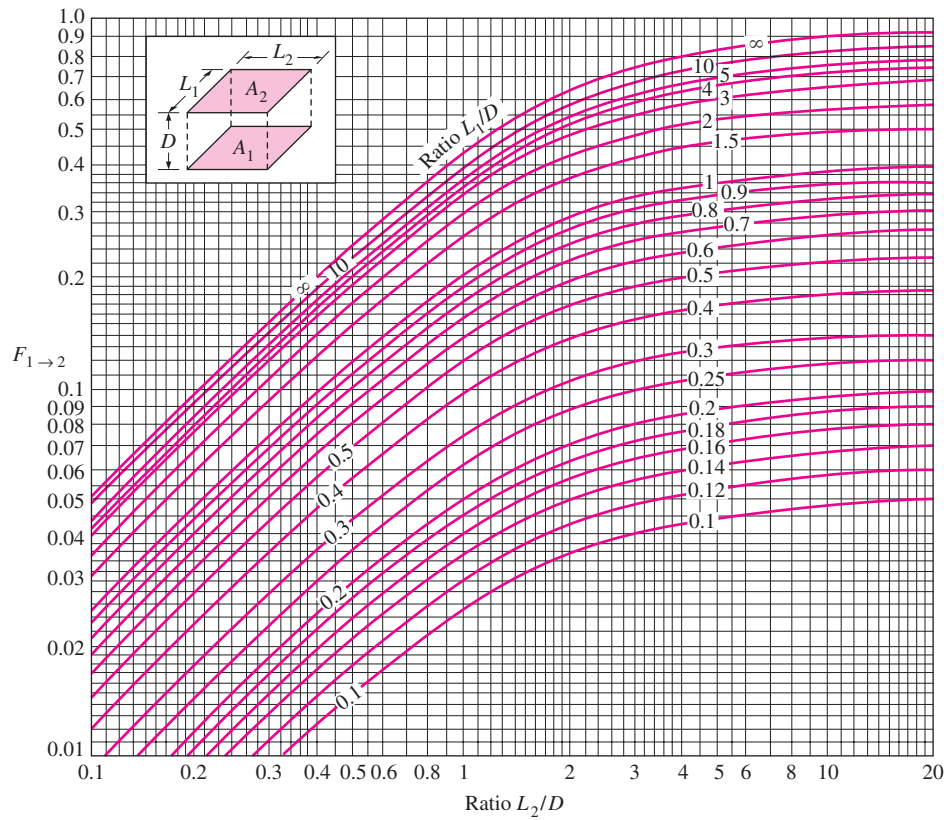
Geometry	Relation
Parallel plates with midlines connected by perpendicular line 	$W_i = w_i/L \text{ and } W_j = w_j/L$ $F_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{[(W_i + W_j)^2 + 4]^{1/2} - (W_j - W_i)^2 + 4]^{1/2}}{2W_i}$
Inclined plates of equal width and with a common edge 	$F_{i \rightarrow j} = 1 - \sin \frac{1}{2} \alpha$
Perpendicular plates with a common edge 	$F_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{w_j}{w_i} - \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{w_j}{w_i} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\}$
Three-sided enclosure 	$F_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{w_i + w_j - w_k}{2w_i}$
Infinite plane and row of cylinders 	$F_{i \rightarrow j} = 1 - \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{D}{s} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} + \frac{D}{s} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s^2 - D^2}{D^2} \right)^{1/2}$

### 1 The Reciprocity Relation

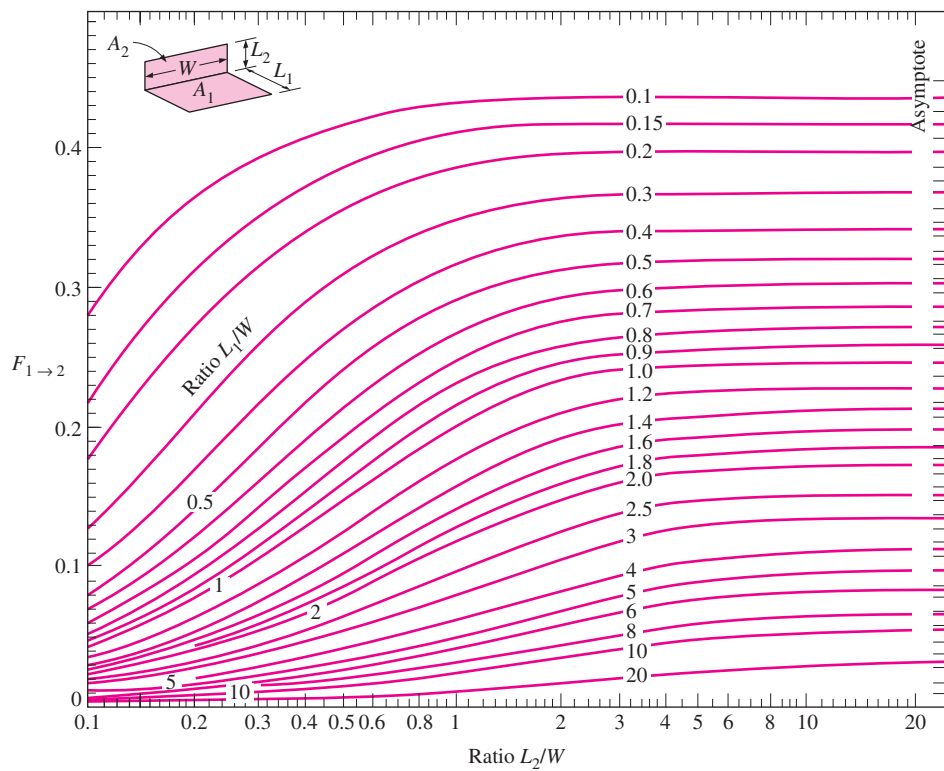
The view factors  $F_{i \rightarrow j}$  and  $F_{j \rightarrow i}$  are *not* equal to each other unless the areas of the two surfaces are. That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{j \rightarrow i} &= F_{i \rightarrow j} && \text{when } A_i = A_j \\
 F_{j \rightarrow i} &\neq F_{i \rightarrow j} && \text{when } A_i \neq A_j
 \end{aligned}$$

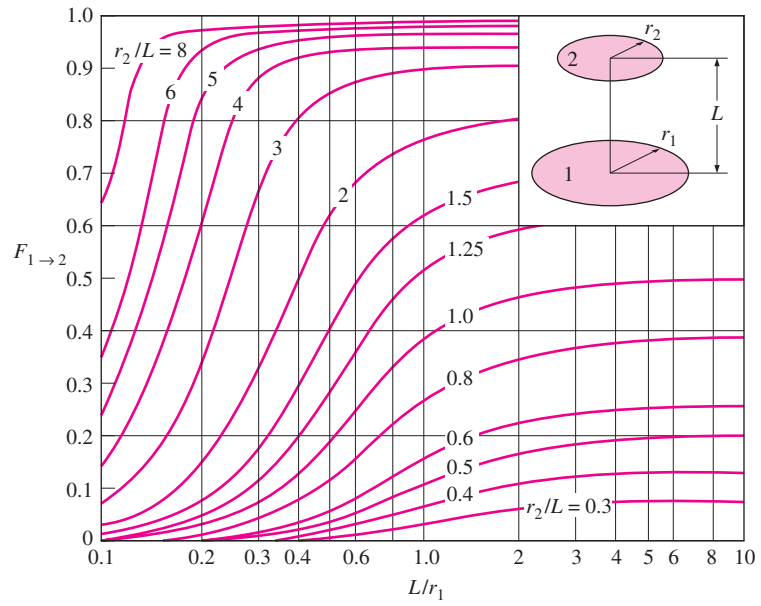
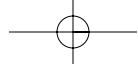




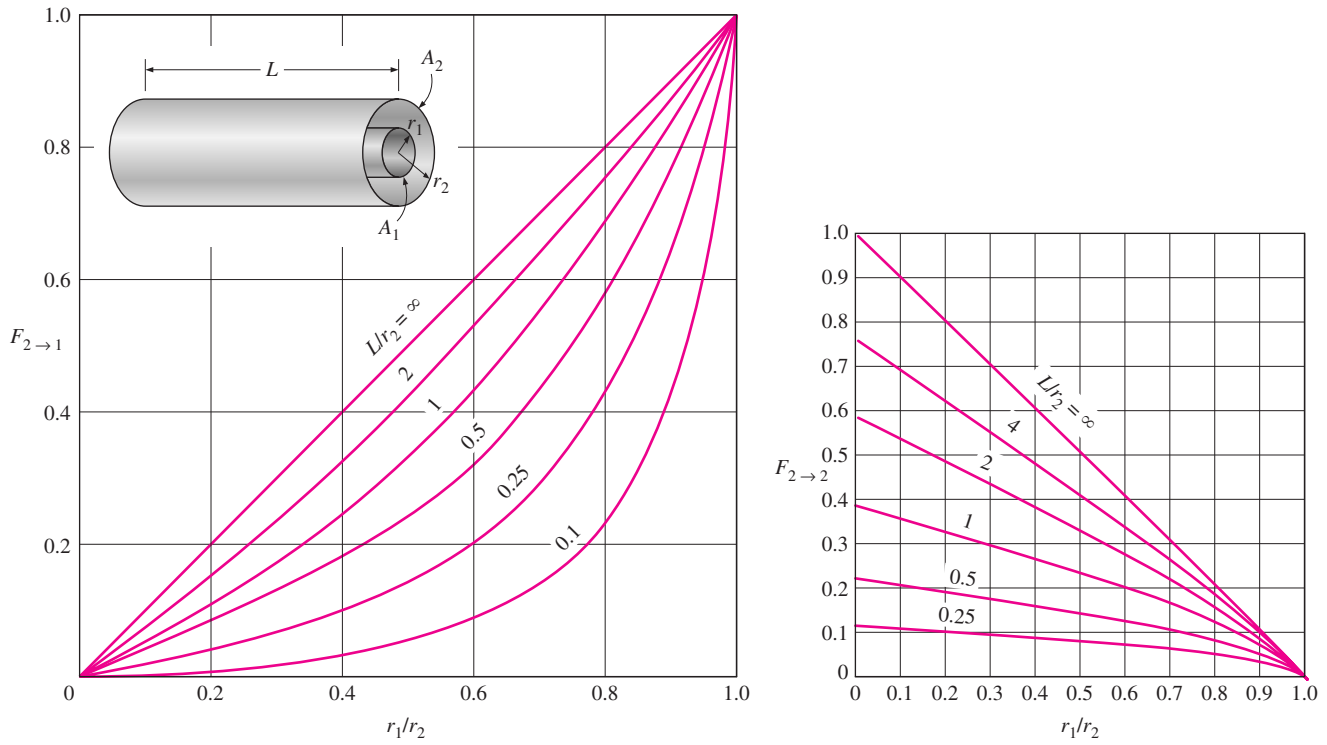
**FIGURE 12-5**  
View factor between two aligned parallel rectangles of equal size.



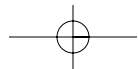
**FIGURE 12-6**  
View factor between two perpendicular rectangles with a common edge.



**FIGURE 12-7**  
View factor between two coaxial parallel disks.



**FIGURE 12-8**  
View factors for two concentric cylinders of finite length: (a) outer cylinder to inner cylinder; (b) outer cylinder to itself.





We have shown earlier the pair of view factors  $F_{i \rightarrow j}$  and  $F_{j \rightarrow i}$  are related to each other by

$$A_i F_{i \rightarrow j} = A_j F_{j \rightarrow i} \quad (12-11)$$

This relation is referred to as the **reciprocity relation** or the **reciprocity rule**, and it enables us to determine the counterpart of a view factor from a knowledge of the view factor itself and the areas of the two surfaces. When determining the pair of view factors  $F_{i \rightarrow j}$  and  $F_{j \rightarrow i}$ , it makes sense to evaluate first the easier one directly and then the more difficult one by applying the reciprocity relation.

## 2 The Summation Rule

The radiation analysis of a surface normally requires the consideration of the radiation coming in or going out in all directions. Therefore, most radiation problems encountered in practice involve enclosed spaces. When formulating a radiation problem, we usually form an *enclosure* consisting of the surfaces interacting radiatively. Even openings are treated as imaginary surfaces with radiation properties equivalent to those of the opening.

The conservation of energy principle requires that the entire radiation leaving any surface  $i$  of an enclosure be intercepted by the surfaces of the enclosure. Therefore, *the sum of the view factors from surface  $i$  of an enclosure to all surfaces of the enclosure, including to itself, must equal unity*. This is known as the **summation rule** for an enclosure and is expressed as (Fig. 12-9)

$$\sum_{j=1}^N F_{i \rightarrow j} = 1 \quad (12-12)$$

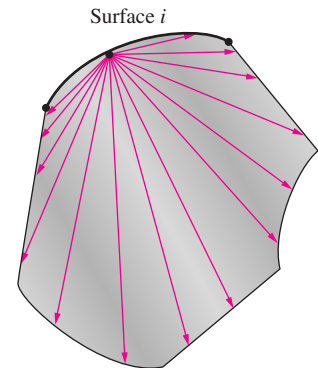
where  $N$  is the number of surfaces of the enclosure. For example, applying the summation rule to surface 1 of a three-surface enclosure yields

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 F_{1 \rightarrow j} = F_{1 \rightarrow 1} + F_{1 \rightarrow 2} + F_{1 \rightarrow 3} = 1$$

The summation rule can be applied to each surface of an enclosure by varying  $i$  from 1 to  $N$ . Therefore, the summation rule applied to each of the  $N$  surfaces of an enclosure gives  $N$  relations for the determination of the view factors. Also, the reciprocity rule gives  $\frac{1}{2} N(N - 1)$  additional relations. Then the total number of view factors that need to be evaluated directly for an  $N$ -surface enclosure becomes

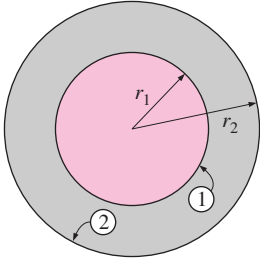
$$N^2 - [N + \frac{1}{2} N(N - 1)] = \frac{1}{2} N(N - 1)$$

For example, for a six-surface enclosure, we need to determine only  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6(6 - 1) = 15$  of the  $6^2 = 36$  view factors directly. The remaining 21 view factors can be determined from the 21 equations that are obtained by applying the reciprocity and the summation rules.



**FIGURE 12-9**

Radiation leaving any surface  $i$  of an enclosure must be intercepted completely by the surfaces of the enclosure. Therefore, the sum of the view factors from surface  $i$  to each one of the surfaces of the enclosure must be unity.



**FIGURE 12-10**  
The geometry considered  
in Example 12-1.

### EXAMPLE 12-1 View Factors Associated with Two Concentric Spheres

Determine the view factors associated with an enclosure formed by two spheres, shown in Figure 12-10.

**SOLUTION** The view factors associated with two concentric spheres are to be determined.

**Assumptions** The surfaces are diffuse emitters and reflectors.

**Analysis** The outer surface of the smaller sphere (surface 1) and inner surface of the larger sphere (surface 2) form a two-surface enclosure. Therefore,  $N = 2$  and this enclosure involves  $N^2 = 2^2 = 4$  view factors, which are  $F_{11}$ ,  $F_{12}$ ,  $F_{21}$ , and  $F_{22}$ . In this two-surface enclosure, we need to determine only

$$\frac{1}{2}N(N-1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2(2-1) = 1$$

view factor directly. The remaining three view factors can be determined by the application of the summation and reciprocity rules. But it turns out that we can determine not only one but *two* view factors directly in this case by a simple *inspection*:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{11} &= 0, & \text{since no radiation leaving surface 1 strikes itself} \\ F_{12} &= 1, & \text{since all radiation leaving surface 1 strikes surface 2} \end{aligned}$$

Actually it would be sufficient to determine only one of these view factors by inspection, since we could always determine the other one from the summation rule applied to surface 1 as  $F_{11} + F_{12} = 1$ .

The view factor  $F_{21}$  is determined by applying the reciprocity relation to surfaces 1 and 2:

$$A_1 F_{12} = A_2 F_{21}$$

which yields

$$F_{21} = \frac{A_1}{A_2} F_{12} = \frac{4\pi r_1^2}{4\pi r_2^2} \times 1 = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2$$

Finally, the view factor  $F_{22}$  is determined by applying the summation rule to surface 2:

$$F_{21} + F_{22} = 1$$

and thus

$$F_{22} = 1 - F_{21} = 1 - \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2$$

**Discussion** Note that when the outer sphere is much larger than the inner sphere ( $r_2 \gg r_1$ ),  $F_{22}$  approaches one. This is expected, since the fraction of radiation leaving the outer sphere that is intercepted by the inner sphere will be negligible in that case. Also note that the two spheres considered above do not need to be concentric. However, the radiation analysis will be most accurate for the case of concentric spheres, since the radiation is most likely to be uniform on the surfaces in that case.

### 3 The Superposition Rule

Sometimes the view factor associated with a given geometry is not available in standard tables and charts. In such cases, it is desirable to express the given geometry as the sum or difference of some geometries with known view factors, and then to apply the **superposition rule**, which can be expressed as *the view factor from a surface  $i$  to a surface  $j$  is equal to the sum of the view factors from surface  $i$  to the parts of surface  $j$* . Note that the reverse of this is not true. That is, the view factor from a surface  $j$  to a surface  $i$  is *not* equal to the sum of the view factors from the parts of surface  $j$  to surface  $i$ .

Consider the geometry in Figure 12–11, which is infinitely long in the direction perpendicular to the plane of the paper. The radiation that leaves surface 1 and strikes the combined surfaces 2 and 3 is equal to the sum of the radiation that strikes surfaces 2 and 3. Therefore, the view factor from surface 1 to the combined surfaces of 2 and 3 is

$$F_{1 \rightarrow (2,3)} = F_{1 \rightarrow 2} + F_{1 \rightarrow 3} \quad (12-13)$$

Suppose we need to find the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 3}$ . A quick check of the view factor expressions and charts in this section will reveal that such a view factor cannot be evaluated directly. However, the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 3}$  can be determined from Eq. 12–13 after determining both  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  and  $F_{1 \rightarrow (2,3)}$  from the chart in Figure 12–12. Therefore, it may be possible to determine some difficult view factors with relative ease by expressing one or both of the areas as the sum or differences of areas and then applying the superposition rule.

To obtain a relation for the view factor  $F_{(2,3) \rightarrow 1}$ , we multiply Eq. 12–13 by  $A_1$ ,

$$A_1 F_{1 \rightarrow (2,3)} = A_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 2} + A_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 3}$$

and apply the reciprocity relation to each term to get

$$(A_2 + A_3)F_{(2,3) \rightarrow 1} = A_2 F_{2 \rightarrow 1} + A_3 F_{3 \rightarrow 1}$$

or

$$F_{(2,3) \rightarrow 1} = \frac{A_2 F_{2 \rightarrow 1} + A_3 F_{3 \rightarrow 1}}{A_2 + A_3} \quad (12-14)$$

Areas that are expressed as the sum of more than two parts can be handled in a similar manner.

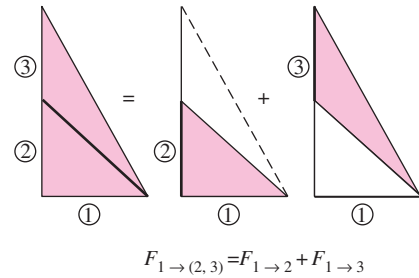


FIGURE 12–11

The view factor from a surface to a composite surface is equal to the sum of the view factors from the surface to the parts of the composite surface.

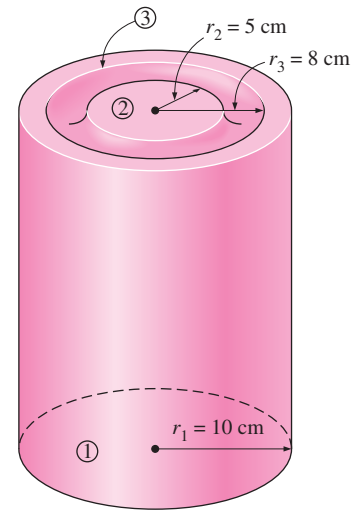


FIGURE 12–12

The cylindrical enclosure considered in Example 12–2.

**EXAMPLE 12–2** Fraction of Radiation Leaving through an Opening

Determine the fraction of the radiation leaving the base of the cylindrical enclosure shown in Figure 12–12 that escapes through a coaxial ring opening at its top surface. The radius and the length of the enclosure are  $r_1 = 10$  cm and  $L = 10$  cm, while the inner and outer radii of the ring are  $r_2 = 5$  cm and  $r_3 = 8$  cm, respectively.

**SOLUTION** The fraction of radiation leaving the base of a cylindrical enclosure through a coaxial ring opening at its top surface is to be determined.

**Assumptions** The base surface is a diffuse emitter and reflector.

**Analysis** We are asked to determine the fraction of the radiation leaving the base of the enclosure that escapes through an opening at the top surface. Actually, what we are asked to determine is simply the *view factor*  $F_{1 \rightarrow \text{ring}}$  from the base of the enclosure to the ring-shaped surface at the top.

We do not have an analytical expression or chart for view factors between a circular area and a coaxial ring, and so we cannot determine  $F_{1 \rightarrow \text{ring}}$  directly. However, we do have a chart for view factors between two coaxial parallel disks, and we can always express a ring in terms of disks.

Let the base surface of radius  $r_1 = 10$  cm be surface 1, the circular area of  $r_2 = 5$  cm at the top be surface 2, and the circular area of  $r_3 = 8$  cm be surface 3. Using the superposition rule, the view factor from surface 1 to surface 3 can be expressed as

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 3} = F_{1 \rightarrow 2} + F_{1 \rightarrow \text{ring}}$$

since surface 3 is the sum of surface 2 and the ring area. The view factors  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  and  $F_{1 \rightarrow 3}$  are determined from the chart in Figure 12-7.

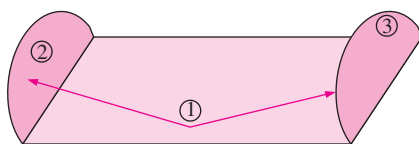
$$\frac{L}{r_1} = \frac{10 \text{ cm}}{10 \text{ cm}} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{r_2}{L} = \frac{5 \text{ cm}}{10 \text{ cm}} = 0.5 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{(Fig. 12-7)}} \quad F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = 0.11$$

$$\frac{L}{r_1} = \frac{10 \text{ cm}}{10 \text{ cm}} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{r_3}{L} = \frac{8 \text{ cm}}{10 \text{ cm}} = 0.8 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{(Fig. 12-7)}} \quad F_{1 \rightarrow 3} = 0.28$$

Therefore,

$$F_{1 \rightarrow \text{ring}} = F_{1 \rightarrow 3} - F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = 0.28 - 0.11 = \mathbf{0.17}$$

which is the desired result. Note that  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  and  $F_{1 \rightarrow 3}$  represent the fractions of radiation leaving the base that strike the circular surfaces 2 and 3, respectively, and their difference gives the fraction that strikes the ring area.



$$F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = F_{1 \rightarrow 3}$$

(Also,  $F_{2 \rightarrow 1} = F_{3 \rightarrow 1}$ )

**FIGURE 12-13**

Two surfaces that are symmetric about a third surface will have the same view factor from the third surface.

## 4 The Symmetry Rule

The determination of the view factors in a problem can be simplified further if the geometry involved possesses some sort of symmetry. Therefore, it is good practice to check for the presence of any *symmetry* in a problem before attempting to determine the view factors directly. The presence of symmetry can be determined *by inspection*, keeping the definition of the view factor in mind. Identical surfaces that are oriented in an identical manner with respect to another surface will intercept identical amounts of radiation leaving that surface. Therefore, the **symmetry rule** can be expressed as *two (or more) surfaces that possess symmetry about a third surface will have identical view factors from that surface* (Fig. 12-13).

The symmetry rule can also be expressed as *if the surfaces  $j$  and  $k$  are symmetric about the surface  $i$  then  $F_{i \rightarrow j} = F_{i \rightarrow k}$* . Using the reciprocity rule, we can show that the relation  $F_{j \rightarrow i} = F_{k \rightarrow i}$  is also true in this case.

**EXAMPLE 12-3 View Factors Associated with a Tetragon**

Determine the view factors from the base of the pyramid shown in Figure 12-14 to each of its four side surfaces. The base of the pyramid is a square, and its side surfaces are isosceles triangles.

**SOLUTION** The view factors from the base of a pyramid to each of its four side surfaces for the case of a square base are to be determined.

**Assumptions** The surfaces are diffuse emitters and reflectors.

**Analysis** The base of the pyramid (surface 1) and its four side surfaces (surfaces 2, 3, 4, and 5) form a five-surface enclosure. The first thing we notice about this enclosure is its symmetry. The four side surfaces are symmetric about the base surface. Then, from the *symmetry rule*, we have

$$F_{12} = F_{13} = F_{14} = F_{15}$$

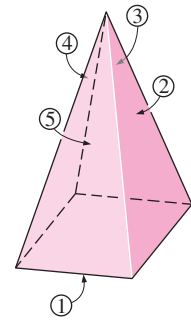
Also, the *summation rule* applied to surface 1 yields

$$\sum_{j=1}^5 F_{1j} = F_{11} + F_{12} + F_{13} + F_{14} + F_{15} = 1$$

However,  $F_{11} = 0$ , since the base is a *flat* surface. Then the two relations above yield

$$F_{12} = F_{13} = F_{14} = F_{15} = 0.25$$

**Discussion** Note that each of the four side surfaces of the pyramid receive one-fourth of the entire radiation leaving the base surface, as expected. Also note that the presence of symmetry greatly simplified the determination of the view factors.



**FIGURE 12-14**  
The pyramid considered in Example 12-3.

**EXAMPLE 12-4 View Factors Associated with a Triangular Duct**

Determine the view factor from any one side to any other side of the infinitely long triangular duct whose cross section is given in Figure 12-15.

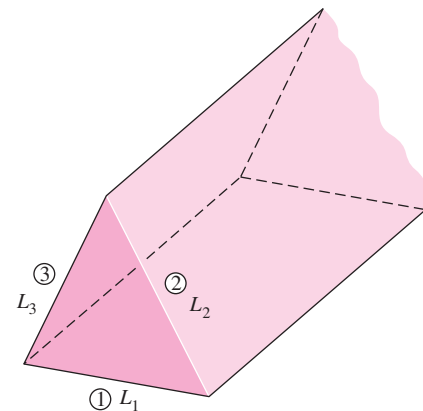
**SOLUTION** The view factors associated with an infinitely long triangular duct are to be determined.

**Assumptions** The surfaces are diffuse emitters and reflectors.

**Analysis** The widths of the sides of the triangular cross section of the duct are  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ , and  $L_3$ , and the surface areas corresponding to them are  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$ , respectively. Since the duct is infinitely long, the fraction of radiation leaving any surface that escapes through the ends of the duct is negligible. Therefore, the infinitely long duct can be considered to be a three-surface enclosure,  $N = 3$ .

This enclosure involves  $N^2 = 3^2 = 9$  view factors, and we need to determine

$$\frac{1}{2}N(N - 1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 3(3 - 1) = 3$$



**FIGURE 12-15**  
The infinitely long triangular duct considered in Example 12-4.

of these view factors directly. Fortunately, we can determine all three of them by inspection to be

$$F_{11} = F_{22} = F_{33} = 0$$

since all three surfaces are flat. The remaining six view factors can be determined by the application of the summation and reciprocity rules.

Applying the summation rule to each of the three surfaces gives

$$\begin{aligned} F_{11} + F_{12} + F_{13} &= 1 \\ F_{21} + F_{22} + F_{23} &= 1 \\ F_{31} + F_{32} + F_{33} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $F_{11} = F_{22} = F_{33} = 0$  and multiplying the first equation by  $A_1$ , the second by  $A_2$ , and the third by  $A_3$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 F_{12} + A_1 F_{13} &= A_1 \\ A_2 F_{21} + A_2 F_{23} &= A_2 \\ A_3 F_{31} + A_3 F_{32} &= A_3 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, applying the three reciprocity relations  $A_1 F_{12} = A_2 F_{21}$ ,  $A_1 F_{13} = A_3 F_{31}$ , and  $A_2 F_{23} = A_3 F_{32}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 F_{12} + A_1 F_{13} &= A_1 \\ A_1 F_{12} + A_2 F_{23} &= A_2 \\ A_1 F_{13} + A_2 F_{23} &= A_3 \end{aligned}$$

This is a set of three algebraic equations with three unknowns, which can be solved to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_{12} &= \frac{A_1 + A_2 - A_3}{2A_1} = \frac{L_1 + L_2 - L_3}{2L_1} \\ F_{13} &= \frac{A_1 + A_3 - A_2}{2A_1} = \frac{L_1 + L_3 - L_2}{2L_1} \\ F_{23} &= \frac{A_2 + A_3 - A_1}{2A_2} = \frac{L_2 + L_3 - L_1}{2L_2} \end{aligned} \quad (12-15)$$

**Discussion** Note that we have replaced the areas of the side surfaces by their corresponding widths for simplicity, since  $A = Ls$  and the length  $s$  can be factored out and canceled. We can generalize this result as *the view factor from a surface of a very long triangular duct to another surface is equal to the sum of the widths of these two surfaces minus the width of the third surface, divided by twice the width of the first surface.*

## View Factors between Infinitely Long Surfaces: The Crossed-Strings Method

Many problems encountered in practice involve geometries of constant cross section such as channels and ducts that are *very long* in one direction relative



to the other directions. Such geometries can conveniently be considered to be *two-dimensional*, since any radiation interaction through their end surfaces will be negligible. These geometries can subsequently be modeled as being *infinitely long*, and the view factor between their surfaces can be determined by the amazingly simple *crossed-strings method* developed by H. C. Hottel in the 1950s. The surfaces of the geometry do not need to be flat; they can be convex, concave, or any irregular shape.

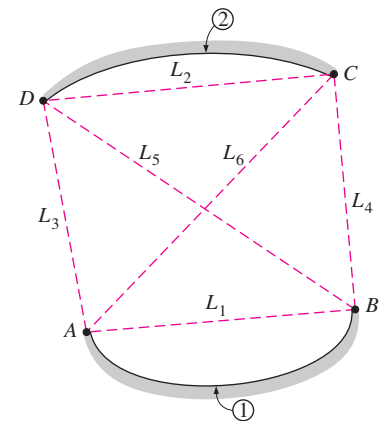
To demonstrate this method, consider the geometry shown in Figure 12-16, and let us try to find the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  between surfaces 1 and 2. The first thing we do is identify the endpoints of the surfaces (the points A, B, C, and D) and connect them to each other with tightly stretched strings, which are indicated by dashed lines. Hottel has shown that the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  can be expressed in terms of the lengths of these stretched strings, which are straight lines, as

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{(L_5 + L_6) - (L_3 + L_4)}{2L_1} \quad (12-16)$$

Note that  $L_5 + L_6$  is the sum of the lengths of the *crossed strings*, and  $L_3 + L_4$  is the sum of the lengths of the *uncrossed strings* attached to the endpoints. Therefore, Hottel's crossed-strings method can be expressed verbally as

$$F_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{\sum (\text{Crossed strings}) - \sum (\text{Uncrossed strings})}{2 \times (\text{String on surface } i)} \quad (12-17)$$

The crossed-strings method is applicable even when the two surfaces considered share a common edge, as in a triangle. In such cases, the common edge can be treated as an imaginary string of zero length. The method can also be applied to surfaces that are partially blocked by other surfaces by allowing the strings to bend around the blocking surfaces.



**FIGURE 12-16**  
Determination of the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  by the application of the crossed-strings method.

**EXAMPLE 12-5 The Crossed-Strings Method for View Factors**

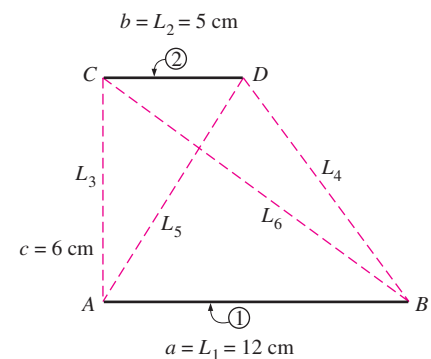
Two infinitely long parallel plates of widths  $a = 12$  cm and  $b = 5$  cm are located a distance  $c = 6$  cm apart, as shown in Figure 12-17. (a) Determine the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  from surface 1 to surface 2 by using the crossed-strings method. (b) Derive the crossed-strings formula by forming triangles on the given geometry and using Eq. 12-15 for view factors between the sides of triangles.

**SOLUTION** The view factors between two infinitely long parallel plates are to be determined using the crossed-strings method, and the formula for the view factor is to be derived.

**Assumptions** The surfaces are diffuse emitters and reflectors.

**Analysis** (a) First we label the endpoints of both surfaces and draw straight dashed lines between the endpoints, as shown in Figure 12-17. Then we identify the crossed and uncrossed strings and apply the crossed-strings method (Eq. 12-17) to determine the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$ :

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{\sum (\text{Crossed strings}) - \sum (\text{Uncrossed strings})}{2 \times (\text{String on surface 1})} = \frac{(L_5 + L_6) - (L_3 + L_4)}{2L_1}$$



**FIGURE 12-17**  
The two infinitely long parallel plates considered in Example 12-5.

where

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= a = 12 \text{ cm} & L_4 &= \sqrt{7^2 + 6^2} = 9.22 \text{ cm} \\ L_2 &= b = 5 \text{ cm} & L_5 &= \sqrt{5^2 + 6^2} = 7.81 \text{ cm} \\ L_3 &= c = 6 \text{ cm} & L_6 &= \sqrt{12^2 + 6^2} = 13.42 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting,

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{[(7.81 + 13.42) - (6 + 9.22)] \text{ cm}}{2 \times 12 \text{ cm}} = \mathbf{0.250}$$

(b) The geometry is infinitely long in the direction perpendicular to the plane of the paper, and thus the two plates (surfaces 1 and 2) and the two openings (imaginary surfaces 3 and 4) form a four-surface enclosure. Then applying the summation rule to surface 1 yields

$$F_{11} + F_{12} + F_{13} + F_{14} = 1$$

But  $F_{11} = 0$  since it is a flat surface. Therefore,

$$F_{12} = 1 - F_{13} - F_{14}$$

where the view factors  $F_{13}$  and  $F_{14}$  can be determined by considering the triangles  $ABC$  and  $ABD$ , respectively, and applying Eq. 12–15 for view factors between the sides of triangles. We obtain

$$F_{13} = \frac{L_1 + L_3 - L_6}{2L_1}, \quad F_{14} = \frac{L_1 + L_4 - L_5}{2L_1}$$

Substituting,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{12} &= 1 - \frac{L_1 + L_3 - L_6}{2L_1} - \frac{L_1 + L_4 - L_5}{2L_1} \\ &= \frac{(L_5 + L_6) - (L_3 + L_4)}{2L_1} \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result. This is also a miniproof of the crossed-strings method for the case of two infinitely long plain parallel surfaces.

### 12–3 ■ RADIATION HEAT TRANSFER: BLACK SURFACES

So far, we have considered the nature of radiation, the radiation properties of materials, and the view factors, and we are now in a position to consider the rate of heat transfer between surfaces by radiation. The analysis of radiation exchange between surfaces, in general, is complicated because of reflection: a radiation beam leaving a surface may be reflected several times, with partial reflection occurring at each surface, before it is completely absorbed. The analysis is simplified greatly when the surfaces involved can be approximated



as blackbodies because of the absence of reflection. In this section, we consider radiation exchange between *black surfaces* only; we will extend the analysis to reflecting surfaces in the next section.

Consider two black surfaces of arbitrary shape maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , as shown in Figure 12–18. Recognizing that radiation leaves a black surface at a rate of  $E_b = \sigma T^4$  per unit surface area and that the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  represents the fraction of radiation leaving surface 1 that strikes surface 2, the *net* rate of radiation heat transfer from surface 1 to surface 2 can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 2} &= \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Radiation leaving} \\ \text{the entire surface 1} \\ \text{that strikes surface 2} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Radiation leaving} \\ \text{the entire surface 2} \\ \text{that strikes surface 1} \end{array} \right) \\ &= A_1 E_{b1} F_{1 \rightarrow 2} - A_2 E_{b2} F_{2 \rightarrow 1} \quad (\text{W}) \end{aligned} \quad (12-18)$$

Applying the reciprocity relation  $A_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = A_2 F_{2 \rightarrow 1}$  yields

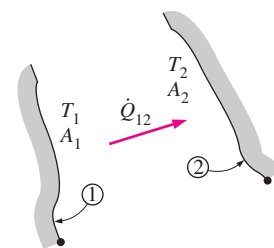
$$\dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 2} = A_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 2} \sigma (T_1^4 - T_2^4) \quad (\text{W}) \quad (12-19)$$

which is the desired relation. A negative value for  $\dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  indicates that net radiation heat transfer is from surface 2 to surface 1.

Now consider an *enclosure* consisting of  $N$  black surfaces maintained at specified temperatures. The *net* radiation heat transfer from any surface  $i$  of this enclosure is determined by adding up the net radiation heat transfers from surface  $i$  to each of the surfaces of the enclosure:

$$\dot{Q}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{j=1}^N A_i F_{i \rightarrow j} \sigma (T_i^4 - T_j^4) \quad (\text{W}) \quad (12-20)$$

Again a negative value for  $\dot{Q}$  indicates that net radiation heat transfer is to surface  $i$  (i.e., surface  $i$  *gains* radiation energy instead of losing). Also, the net heat transfer from a surface to itself is zero, regardless of the shape of the surface.



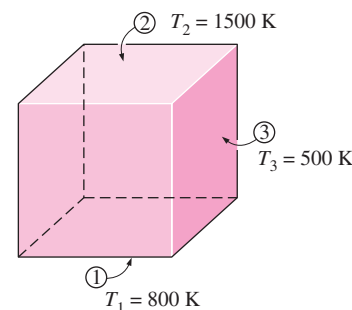
**FIGURE 12–18** Two general black surfaces maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

**EXAMPLE 12–6 Radiation Heat Transfer in a Black Furnace**

Consider the 5-m  $\times$  5-m  $\times$  5-m cubical furnace shown in Figure 12–19, whose surfaces closely approximate black surfaces. The base, top, and side surfaces of the furnace are maintained at uniform temperatures of 800 K, 1500 K, and 500 K, respectively. Determine (a) the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the base and the side surfaces, (b) the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the base and the top surface, and (c) the net radiation heat transfer from the base surface.

**SOLUTION** The surfaces of a cubical furnace are black and are maintained at uniform temperatures. The net rate of radiation heat transfer between the base and side surfaces, between the base and the top surface, from the base surface are to be determined.

**Assumptions** The surfaces are black and isothermal.



**FIGURE 12–19** The cubical furnace of black surfaces considered in Example 12–6.

**Analysis** (a) Considering that the geometry involves six surfaces, we may be tempted at first to treat the furnace as a six-surface enclosure. However, the four side surfaces possess the same properties, and thus we can treat them as a single side surface in radiation analysis. We consider the base surface to be surface 1, the top surface to be surface 2, and the side surfaces to be surface 3. Then the problem reduces to determining  $\dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 3}$ ,  $\dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 2}$ , and  $\dot{Q}_1$ .

The net rate of radiation heat transfer  $\dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 3}$  from surface 1 to surface 3 can be determined from Eq. 12-19, since both surfaces involved are black, by replacing the subscript 2 by 3:

$$\dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 3} = A_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 3} \sigma (T_1^4 - T_3^4)$$

But first we need to evaluate the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 3}$ . After checking the view factor charts and tables, we realize that we cannot determine this view factor directly. However, we can determine the view factor  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  directly from Figure 12-5 to be  $F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = 0.2$ , and we know that  $F_{1 \rightarrow 1} = 0$  since surface 1 is a plane. Then applying the summation rule to surface 1 yields

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 1} + F_{1 \rightarrow 2} + F_{1 \rightarrow 3} = 1$$

or

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 3} = 1 - F_{1 \rightarrow 1} - F_{1 \rightarrow 2} = 1 - 0 - 0.2 = 0.8$$

Substituting,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 3} &= (25 \text{ m}^2)(0.8)(5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)[(800 \text{ K})^4 - (500 \text{ K})^4] \\ &= \mathbf{394 \times 10^3 \text{ W} = 394 \text{ kW}} \end{aligned}$$

(b) The net rate of radiation heat transfer  $\dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  from surface 1 to surface 2 is determined in a similar manner from Eq. 12-19 to be

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 2} &= A_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 2} \sigma (T_1^4 - T_2^4) \\ &= (25 \text{ m}^2)(0.2)(5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)[(800 \text{ K})^4 - (1500 \text{ K})^4] \\ &= \mathbf{-1319 \times 10^3 \text{ W} = -1319 \text{ kW}} \end{aligned}$$

The negative sign indicates that net radiation heat transfer is from surface 2 to surface 1.

(c) The net radiation heat transfer from the base surface  $\dot{Q}_1$  is determined from Eq. 12-20 by replacing the subscript  $i$  by 1 and taking  $N = 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_1 &= \sum_{j=1}^3 \dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow j} = \dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 1} + \dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 2} + \dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 3} \\ &= 0 + (-1319 \text{ kW}) + (394 \text{ kW}) \\ &= \mathbf{-925 \text{ kW}} \end{aligned}$$

Again the negative sign indicates that net radiation heat transfer is to surface 1. That is, the base of the furnace is gaining net radiation at a rate of about 925 kW.

## 12-4 ■ RADIATION HEAT TRANSFER: DIFFUSE, GRAY SURFACES

The analysis of radiation transfer in enclosures consisting of black surfaces is relatively easy, as we have seen above, but most enclosures encountered in practice involve nonblack surfaces, which allow multiple reflections to occur. Radiation analysis of such enclosures becomes very complicated unless some simplifying assumptions are made.

To make a simple radiation analysis possible, it is common to assume the surfaces of an enclosure to be *opaque*, *diffuse*, and *gray*. That is, the surfaces are nontransparent, they are diffuse emitters and diffuse reflectors, and their radiation properties are independent of wavelength. Also, each surface of the enclosure is *isothermal*, and both the incoming and outgoing radiation are *uniform* over each surface. But first we review the concept of radiosity discussed in Chap. 11.

### Radiosity

Surfaces emit radiation as well as reflect it, and thus the radiation leaving a surface consists of emitted and reflected parts. The calculation of radiation heat transfer between surfaces involves the *total* radiation energy streaming away from a surface, with no regard for its origin. The *total radiation energy leaving a surface per unit time and per unit area* is the **radiosity** and is denoted by  $J$  (Fig. 12-20).

For a surface  $i$  that is *gray* and *opaque* ( $\varepsilon_i = \alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_i + \rho_i = 1$ ), the radiosity can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} J_i &= \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Radiation emitted} \\ \text{by surface } i \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Radiation reflected} \\ \text{by surface } i \end{array} \right) \\ &= \varepsilon_i E_{bi} + \rho_i G_i \\ &= \varepsilon_i E_{bi} + (1 - \varepsilon_i) G_i \quad (\text{W/m}^2) \end{aligned} \quad (12-21)$$

where  $E_{bi} = \sigma T_i^4$  is the blackbody emissive power of surface  $i$  and  $G_i$  is irradiation (i.e., the radiation energy incident on surface  $i$  per unit time per unit area).

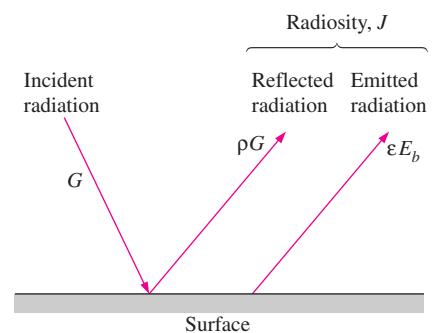
For a surface that can be approximated as a *blackbody* ( $\varepsilon_i = 1$ ), the radiosity relation reduces to

$$J_i = E_{bi} = \sigma T_i^4 \quad (\text{blackbody}) \quad (12-22)$$

That is, *the radiosity of a blackbody is equal to its emissive power*. This is expected, since a blackbody does not reflect any radiation, and thus radiation coming from a blackbody is due to emission only.

### Net Radiation Heat Transfer to or from a Surface

During a radiation interaction, a surface *loses* energy by emitting radiation and *gains* energy by absorbing radiation emitted by other surfaces. A surface experiences a net gain or a net loss of energy, depending on which quantity is larger. The *net* rate of radiation heat transfer from a surface  $i$  of surface area  $A_i$  is denoted by  $\dot{Q}_i$  and is expressed as



**FIGURE 12-20**  
Radiosity represents the sum of the radiation energy emitted and reflected by a surface.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_i &= \left( \text{Radiation leaving} \right) - \left( \text{Radiation incident} \right) \\ &= A_i(J_i - G_i) \quad (\text{W})\end{aligned}\quad (12-23)$$

Solving for  $G_i$  from Eq. 12–21 and substituting into Eq. 12–23 yields

$$\dot{Q}_i = A_i \left( J_i - \frac{J_i - \varepsilon_i E_{bi}}{1 - \varepsilon_i} \right) = \frac{A_i \varepsilon_i}{1 - \varepsilon_i} (E_{bi} - J_i) \quad (\text{W}) \quad (12-24)$$

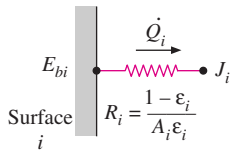
In an electrical analogy to Ohm's law, this equation can be rearranged as

$$\dot{Q}_i = \frac{E_{bi} - J_i}{R_i} \quad (\text{W}) \quad (12-25)$$

where

$$R_i = \frac{1 - \varepsilon_i}{A_i \varepsilon_i} \quad (12-26)$$

is the **surface resistance** to radiation. The quantity  $E_{bi} - J_i$  corresponds to a *potential difference* and the net rate of radiation heat transfer corresponds to *current* in the electrical analogy, as illustrated in Figure 12–21.



**FIGURE 12–21**  
Electrical analogy of surface resistance to radiation.

The direction of the net radiation heat transfer depends on the relative magnitudes of  $J_i$  (the radiosity) and  $E_{bi}$  (the emissive power of a blackbody at the temperature of the surface). It will be *from* the surface if  $E_{bi} > J_i$  and *to* the surface if  $J_i > E_{bi}$ . A negative value for  $\dot{Q}_i$  indicates that heat transfer is *to* the surface. All of this radiation energy gained must be removed from the other side of the surface through some mechanism if the surface temperature is to remain constant.

The surface resistance to radiation for a *blackbody* is *zero* since  $\varepsilon_i = 1$  and  $J_i = E_{bi}$ . The net rate of radiation heat transfer in this case is determined directly from Eq. 12–23.

Some surfaces encountered in numerous practical heat transfer applications are modeled as being *adiabatic* since their back sides are well insulated and the net heat transfer through them is zero. When the convection effects on the front (heat transfer) side of such a surface is negligible and steady-state conditions are reached, the surface must lose as much radiation energy as it gains, and thus  $\dot{Q}_i = 0$ . In such cases, the surface is said to *reradiate* all the radiation energy it receives, and such a surface is called a **reradiating surface**. Setting  $\dot{Q}_i = 0$  in Eq. 12–25 yields

$$J_i = E_{bi} = \sigma T_i^4 \quad (\text{W/m}^2) \quad (12-27)$$

Therefore, the *temperature* of a reradiating surface under steady conditions can easily be determined from the equation above once its radiosity is known. Note that the temperature of a reradiating surface is *independent of its emissivity*. In radiation analysis, the surface resistance of a reradiating surface is disregarded since there is no net heat transfer through it. (This is like the fact that there is no need to consider a resistance in an electrical network if no current is flowing through it.)

## Net Radiation Heat Transfer between Any Two Surfaces

Consider two diffuse, gray, and opaque surfaces of arbitrary shape maintained at uniform temperatures, as shown in Figure 12–22. Recognizing that the radiosity  $J$  represents the rate of radiation leaving a surface per unit surface area and that the view factor  $F_{i \rightarrow j}$  represents the fraction of radiation leaving surface  $i$  that strikes surface  $j$ , the *net* rate of radiation heat transfer from surface  $i$  to surface  $j$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow j} &= \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Radiation leaving} \\ \text{the entire surface } i \\ \text{that strikes surface } j \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Radiation leaving} \\ \text{the entire surface } j \\ \text{that strikes surface } i \end{array} \right) & (12-28) \\ &= A_i J_i F_{i \rightarrow j} - A_j J_j F_{j \rightarrow i} & (W) \end{aligned}$$

Applying the reciprocity relation  $A_i F_{i \rightarrow j} = A_j F_{j \rightarrow i}$  yields

$$\dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow j} = A_i F_{i \rightarrow j} (J_i - J_j) \quad (W) \quad (12-29)$$

Again in analogy to Ohm's law, this equation can be rearranged as

$$\dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{J_i - J_j}{R_{i \rightarrow j}} \quad (W) \quad (12-30)$$

where

$$R_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{A_i F_{i \rightarrow j}} \quad (12-31)$$

is the **space resistance** to radiation. Again the quantity  $J_i - J_j$  corresponds to a *potential difference*, and the net rate of heat transfer between two surfaces corresponds to *current* in the electrical analogy, as illustrated in Figure 12–22.

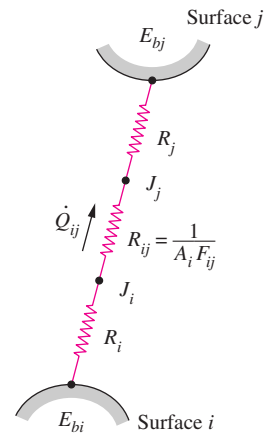
The direction of the net radiation heat transfer between two surfaces depends on the relative magnitudes of  $J_i$  and  $J_j$ . A positive value for  $\dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow j}$  indicates that net heat transfer is *from* surface  $i$  to surface  $j$ . A negative value indicates the opposite.

In an  $N$ -surface enclosure, the conservation of energy principle requires that the net heat transfer from surface  $i$  be equal to the sum of the net heat transfers from surface  $i$  to each of the  $N$  surfaces of the enclosure. That is,

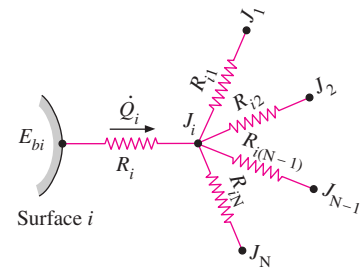
$$\dot{Q}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{j=1}^N A_i F_{i \rightarrow j} (J_i - J_j) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{J_i - J_j}{R_{i \rightarrow j}} \quad (W) \quad (12-32)$$

The network representation of net radiation heat transfer from surface  $i$  to the remaining surfaces of an  $N$ -surface enclosure is given in Figure 12–23. Note that  $\dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow i}$  (the net rate of heat transfer from a surface to itself) is zero regardless of the shape of the surface. Combining Eqs. 12–25 and 12–32 gives

$$\frac{E_{bi} - J_i}{R_i} = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{J_i - J_j}{R_{i \rightarrow j}} \quad (W) \quad (12-33)$$



**FIGURE 12–22**  
Electrical analogy of space resistance to radiation.



**FIGURE 12–23**  
Network representation of net radiation heat transfer from surface  $i$  to the remaining surfaces of an  $N$ -surface enclosure.

which has the electrical analogy interpretation that *the net radiation flow from a surface through its surface resistance is equal to the sum of the radiation flows from that surface to all other surfaces through the corresponding space resistances.*

## Methods of Solving Radiation Problems

In the radiation analysis of an enclosure, either the temperature or the net rate of heat transfer must be given for each of the surfaces to obtain a unique solution for the unknown surface temperatures and heat transfer rates. There are two methods commonly used to solve radiation problems. In the first method, Eqs. 12–32 (for surfaces with specified heat transfer rates) and 12–33 (for surfaces with specified temperatures) are simplified and rearranged as

$$\text{Surfaces with specified net heat transfer rate } \dot{Q}_i \quad \dot{Q}_i = A_i \sum_{j=1}^N F_{i \rightarrow j} (J_i - J_j) \quad (12-34)$$

$$\text{Surfaces with specified temperature } T_i \quad \sigma T_i^4 = J_i + \frac{1 - \varepsilon_i}{\varepsilon_i} \sum_{j=1}^N F_{i \rightarrow j} (J_i - J_j) \quad (12-35)$$

Note that  $\dot{Q}_i = 0$  for insulated (or reradiating) surfaces, and  $\sigma T_i^4 = J_i$  for black surfaces since  $\varepsilon_i = 1$  in that case. Also, the term corresponding to  $j = i$  will drop out from either relation since  $J_i - J_j = J_i - J_i = 0$  in that case.

The equations above give  $N$  linear algebraic equations for the determination of the  $N$  unknown radiosities for an  $N$ -surface enclosure. Once the radiosities  $J_1, J_2, \dots, J_N$  are available, the unknown heat transfer rates can be determined from Eq. 12–34 while the unknown surface temperatures can be determined from Eq. 12–35. The temperatures of insulated or reradiating surfaces can be determined from  $\sigma T_i^4 = J_i$ . A positive value for  $\dot{Q}_i$  indicates net radiation heat transfer *from* surface  $i$  to other surfaces in the enclosure while a negative value indicates net radiation heat transfer *to* the surface.

The systematic approach described above for solving radiation heat transfer problems is very suitable for use with today's popular equation solvers such as EES, Mathcad, and Matlab, especially when there are a large number of surfaces, and is known as the **direct method** (formerly, the *matrix method*, since it resulted in matrices and the solution required a knowledge of linear algebra). The second method described below, called the **network method**, is based on the electrical network analogy.

The network method was first introduced by A. K. Oppenheim in the 1950s and found widespread acceptance because of its simplicity and emphasis on the physics of the problem. The application of the method is straightforward: draw a surface resistance associated with each surface of an enclosure and connect them with space resistances. Then solve the radiation problem by treating it as an electrical network problem where the radiation heat transfer replaces the current and radiosity replaces the potential.

The network method is not practical for enclosures with more than three or four surfaces, however, because of the increased complexity of the network. Next we apply the method to solve radiation problems in two- and three-surface enclosures.

### Radiation Heat Transfer in Two-Surface Enclosures

Consider an enclosure consisting of two opaque surfaces at specified temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , as shown in Fig. 12–24, and try to determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two surfaces with the network method. Surfaces 1 and 2 have emissivities  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  and surface areas  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  and are maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , respectively. There are only two surfaces in the enclosure, and thus we can write

$$\dot{Q}_{12} = \dot{Q}_1 = -\dot{Q}_2$$

That is, the net rate of radiation heat transfer from surface 1 to surface 2 must equal the net rate of radiation heat transfer *from* surface 1 and the net rate of radiation heat transfer *to* surface 2.

The radiation network of this two-surface enclosure consists of two surface resistances and one space resistance, as shown in Figure 12–24. In an electrical network, the electric current flowing through these resistances connected in series would be determined by dividing the potential difference between points *A* and *B* by the total resistance between the same two points. The net rate of radiation transfer is determined in the same manner and is expressed as

$$\dot{Q}_{12} = \frac{E_{b1} - E_{b2}}{R_1 + R_{12} + R_2} = \dot{Q}_1 = -\dot{Q}_2$$

or

$$\dot{Q}_{12} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{A_1 \epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{A_1 F_{12}} + \frac{1 - \epsilon_2}{A_2 \epsilon_2}} \quad (W) \quad (12-36)$$

This important result is applicable to any two gray, diffuse, opaque surfaces that form an enclosure. The view factor  $F_{12}$  depends on the geometry and must be determined first. Simplified forms of Eq. 12–36 for some familiar arrangements that form a two-surface enclosure are given in Table 12–3. Note that  $F_{12} = 1$  for all of these special cases.

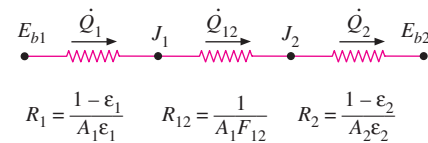
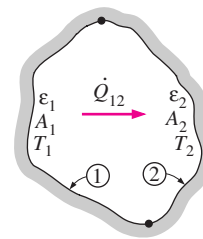


FIGURE 12–24

Schematic of a two-surface enclosure and the radiation network associated with it.

#### EXAMPLE 12–7 Radiation Heat Transfer between Parallel Plates

Two very large parallel plates are maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1 = 800$  K and  $T_2 = 500$  K and have emissivities  $\epsilon_1 = 0.2$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.7$ , respectively, as shown in Figure 12–25. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two surfaces per unit surface area of the plates.

**SOLUTION** Two large parallel plates are maintained at uniform temperatures. The net rate of radiation heat transfer between the plates is to be determined.

**Assumptions** Both surfaces are opaque, diffuse, and gray.

**Analysis** The net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two plates per unit area is readily determined from Eq. 12–38 to be

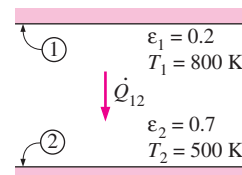


FIGURE 12–25

The two parallel plates considered in Example 12–7.

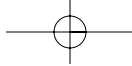
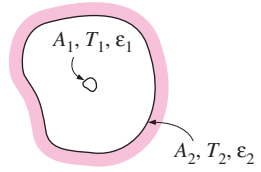
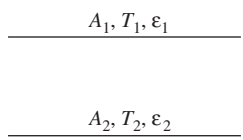
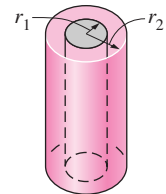
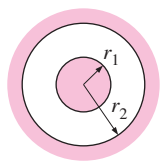
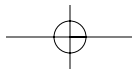


TABLE 12-3

<p>Small object in a large cavity</p> 	$\frac{A_1}{A_2} \approx 0$ $F_{12} = 1$	$\dot{Q}_{12} = A_1 \sigma \epsilon_1 (T_1^4 - T_2^4) \quad (12-37)$
<p>Infinitely large parallel plates</p> 	$A_1 = A_2 = A$ $F_{12} = 1$	$\dot{Q}_{12} = \frac{A \sigma (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1} \quad (12-38)$
<p>Infinitely long concentric cylinders</p> 	$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2}$ $F_{12} = 1$	$\dot{Q}_{12} = \frac{A_1 \sigma (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_2} \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)} \quad (12-39)$
<p>Concentric spheres</p> 	$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2$ $F_{12} = 1$	$\dot{Q}_{12} = \frac{A_1 \sigma (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_2} \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2} \quad (12-40)$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q}_{12} &= \frac{\dot{Q}_{12}}{A} = \frac{\sigma (T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1} = \frac{(5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)[(800 \text{ K})^4 - (500 \text{ K})^4]}{\frac{1}{0.2} + \frac{1}{0.7} - 1} \\ &= 3625 \text{ W/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Discussion** Note that heat at a net rate of 3625 W is transferred from plate 1 to plate 2 by radiation per unit surface area of either plate.





## Radiation Heat Transfer in Three-Surface Enclosures

We now consider an enclosure consisting of three opaque, diffuse, gray surfaces, as shown in Figure 12–26. Surfaces 1, 2, and 3 have surface areas  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$ ; emissivities  $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$ , and  $\varepsilon_3$ ; and uniform temperatures  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ , and  $T_3$ , respectively. The radiation network of this geometry is constructed by following the standard procedure: draw a surface resistance associated with each of the three surfaces and connect these surface resistances with space resistances, as shown in the figure. Relations for the surface and space resistances are given by Eqs. 12–26 and 12–31. The three endpoint potentials  $E_{b1}$ ,  $E_{b2}$ , and  $E_{b3}$  are considered known, since the surface temperatures are specified. Then all we need to find are the radiosities  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ , and  $J_3$ . The three equations for the determination of these three unknowns are obtained from the requirement that *the algebraic sum of the currents (net radiation heat transfer) at each node must equal zero*. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E_{b1} - J_1}{R_1} + \frac{J_2 - J_1}{R_{12}} + \frac{J_3 - J_1}{R_{13}} &= 0 \\ \frac{J_1 - J_2}{R_{12}} + \frac{E_{b2} - J_2}{R_2} + \frac{J_3 - J_2}{R_{23}} &= 0 \\ \frac{J_1 - J_3}{R_{13}} + \frac{J_2 - J_3}{R_{23}} + \frac{E_{b3} - J_3}{R_3} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (12-41)$$

Once the radiosities  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ , and  $J_3$  are available, the net rate of radiation heat transfers at each surface can be determined from Eq. 12–32.

The set of equations above simplify further if one or more surfaces are “special” in some way. For example,  $J_i = E_{bi} = \sigma T_i^4$  for a *black* or *reradiating* surface. Also,  $\dot{Q}_i = 0$  for a reradiating surface. Finally, when the net rate of radiation heat transfer  $\dot{Q}_i$  is specified at surface  $i$  instead of the temperature, the term  $(E_{bi} - J_i)/R_i$  should be replaced by the specified  $\dot{Q}_i$ .

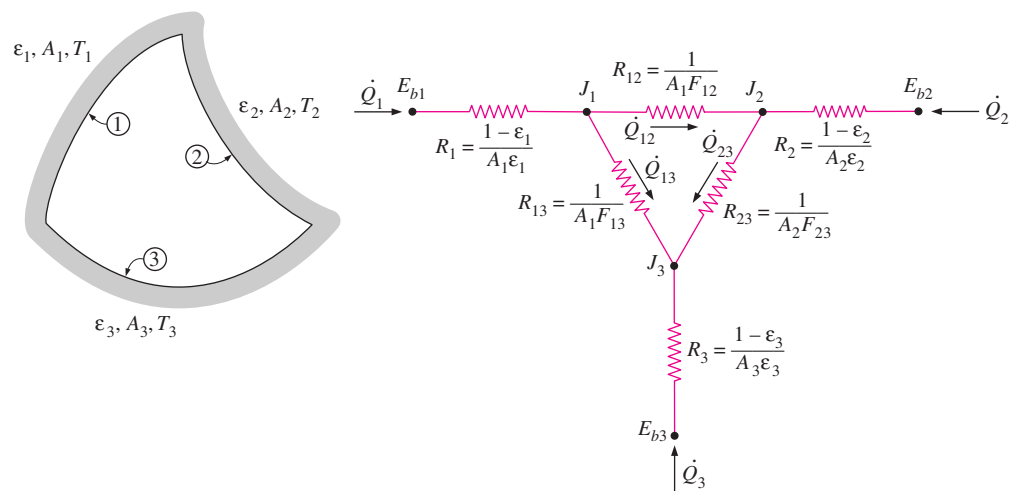
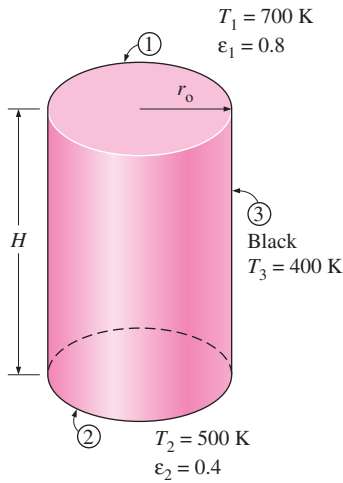


FIGURE 12–26

Schematic of a three-surface enclosure and the radiation network associated with it.



**FIGURE 12–27**  
The cylindrical furnace considered in Example 12–8.

### EXAMPLE 12–8 Radiation Heat Transfer in a Cylindrical Furnace

Consider a cylindrical furnace with  $r_o = H = 1\text{ m}$ , as shown in Figure 12–27. The top (surface 1) and the base (surface 2) of the furnace has emissivities  $\epsilon_1 = 0.8$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.4$ , respectively, and are maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1 = 700\text{ K}$  and  $T_2 = 500\text{ K}$ . The side surface closely approximates a blackbody and is maintained at a temperature of  $T_3 = 400\text{ K}$ . Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer at each surface during steady operation and explain how these surfaces can be maintained at specified temperatures.

**SOLUTION** The surfaces of a cylindrical furnace are maintained at uniform temperatures. The net rate of radiation heat transfer at each surface during steady operation is to be determined.

**Assumptions** 1 Steady operating conditions exist. 2 The surfaces are opaque, diffuse, and gray. 3 Convection heat transfer is not considered.

**Analysis** We will solve this problem systematically using the direct method to demonstrate its use. The cylindrical furnace can be considered to be a three-surface enclosure with surface areas of

$$A_1 = A_2 = \pi r_o^2 = \pi(1\text{ m})^2 = 3.14\text{ m}^2$$

$$A_3 = 2\pi r_o H = 2\pi(1\text{ m})(1\text{ m}) = 6.28\text{ m}^2$$

The view factor from the base to the top surface is, from Figure 12–7,  $F_{12} = 0.38$ . Then the view factor from the base to the side surface is determined by applying the summation rule to be

$$F_{11} + F_{12} + F_{13} = 1 \rightarrow F_{13} = 1 - F_{11} - F_{12} = 1 - 0 - 0.38 = 0.62$$

since the base surface is flat and thus  $F_{11} = 0$ . Noting that the top and bottom surfaces are symmetric about the side surface,  $F_{21} = F_{12} = 0.38$  and  $F_{23} = F_{13} = 0.62$ . The view factor  $F_{31}$  is determined from the reciprocity relation,

$$A_1 F_{13} = A_3 F_{31} \rightarrow F_{31} = F_{13}(A_1/A_3) = (0.62)(0.314/0.628) = 0.31$$

Also,  $F_{32} = F_{31} = 0.31$  because of symmetry. Now that all the view factors are available, we apply Eq. 12–35 to each surface to determine the radiosities:

$$\text{Top surface } (i = 1): \quad \sigma T_1^4 = J_1 + \frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1} [F_{1 \rightarrow 2}(J_1 - J_2) + F_{1 \rightarrow 3}(J_1 - J_3)]$$

$$\text{Bottom surface } (i = 2): \quad \sigma T_2^4 = J_2 + \frac{1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_2} [F_{2 \rightarrow 1}(J_2 - J_1) + F_{2 \rightarrow 3}(J_2 - J_3)]$$

$$\text{Side surface } (i = 3): \quad \sigma T_3^4 = J_3 + 0 \text{ (since surface 3 is black and thus } \epsilon_3 = 1)$$

Substituting the known quantities,

$$(5.67 \times 10^{-8}\text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)(700\text{ K})^4 = J_1 + \frac{1 - 0.8}{0.8} [0.38(J_1 - J_2) + 0.68(J_1 - J_3)]$$

$$(5.67 \times 10^{-8}\text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)(500\text{ K})^4 = J_2 + \frac{1 - 0.4}{0.4} [0.28(J_2 - J_1) + 0.68(J_2 - J_3)]$$

$$(5.67 \times 10^{-8}\text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)(400\text{ K})^4 = J_3$$

Solving the equations above for  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ , and  $J_3$  gives

$$J_1 = 11,418 \text{ W/m}^2, J_2 = 4562 \text{ W/m}^2, \text{ and } J_3 = 1452 \text{ W/m}^2$$

Then the net rates of radiation heat transfer at the three surfaces are determined from Eq. 12–34 to be

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_1 &= A_1[F_{1 \rightarrow 2}(J_1 - J_2) + F_{1 \rightarrow 3}(J_1 - J_3)] \\ &= (3.14 \text{ m}^2)[0.38(11,418 - 4562) + 0.62(11,418 - 1452)] \text{ W/m}^2 \\ &= \mathbf{27.6 \times 10^3 \text{ W} = 27.6 \text{ kW}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_2 &= A_2[F_{2 \rightarrow 1}(J_2 - J_1) + F_{2 \rightarrow 3}(J_2 - J_3)] \\ &= (3.12 \text{ m}^2)[0.38(4562 - 11,418) + 0.62(4562 - 1452)] \text{ W/m}^2 \\ &= \mathbf{-2.13 \times 10^3 \text{ W} = -2.13 \text{ kW}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_3 &= A_3[F_{3 \rightarrow 1}(J_3 - J_1) + F_{3 \rightarrow 2}(J_3 - J_2)] \\ &= (6.28 \text{ m}^2)[0.31(1452 - 11,418) + 0.31(1452 - 4562)] \text{ W/m}^2 \\ &= \mathbf{-25.5 \times 10^3 \text{ W} = -25.5 \text{ kW}}\end{aligned}$$

Note that the direction of net radiation heat transfer is *from* the top surface *to* the base and side surfaces, and the algebraic sum of these three quantities must be equal to zero. That is,

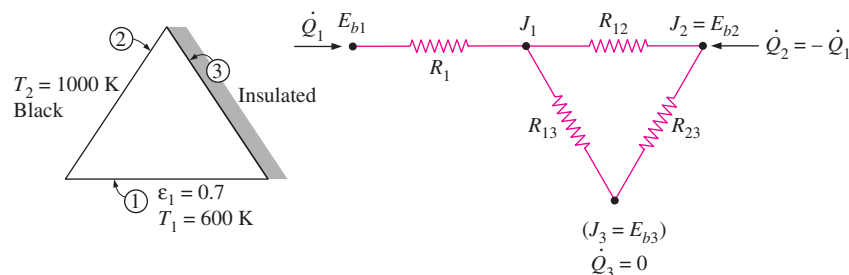
$$\dot{Q}_1 + \dot{Q}_2 + \dot{Q}_3 = 27.6 + (-2.13) + (-25.5) \cong 0$$

**Discussion** To maintain the surfaces at the specified temperatures, we must supply heat to the top surface continuously at a rate of 27.6 kW while removing 2.13 kW from the base and 25.5 kW from the side surfaces.

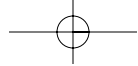
The direct method presented here is straightforward, and it does not require the evaluation of radiation resistances. Also, it can be applied to enclosures with any number of surfaces in the same manner.

### EXAMPLE 12–9 Radiation Heat Transfer in a Triangular Furnace

A furnace is shaped like a long equilateral triangular duct, as shown in Figure 12–28. The width of each side is 1 m. The base surface has an emissivity of 0.7 and is maintained at a uniform temperature of 600 K. The heated left-side surface closely approximates a blackbody at 1000 K. The right-side surface is well insulated. Determine the rate at which heat must be supplied to the heated side externally per unit length of the duct in order to maintain these operating conditions.



**FIGURE 12–28**  
The triangular furnace considered in Example 12–9.



**SOLUTION** Two of the surfaces of a long equilateral triangular furnace are maintained at uniform temperatures while the third surface is insulated. The external rate of heat transfer to the heated side per unit length of the duct during steady operation is to be determined.

**Assumptions** 1 Steady operating conditions exist. 2 The surfaces are opaque, diffuse, and gray. 3 Convection heat transfer is not considered.

**Analysis** The furnace can be considered to be a three-surface enclosure with a radiation network as shown in the figure, since the duct is very long and thus the end effects are negligible. We observe that the view factor from any surface to any other surface in the enclosure is 0.5 because of symmetry. Surface 3 is a reradiating surface since the net rate of heat transfer at that surface is zero. Then we must have  $\dot{Q}_1 = -\dot{Q}_2$ , since the entire heat lost by surface 1 must be gained by surface 2. The radiation network in this case is a simple series-parallel connection, and we can determine  $\dot{Q}_1$  directly from

$$\dot{Q}_1 = \frac{E_{b1} - E_{b2}}{R_1 + \left(\frac{1}{R_{12}} + \frac{1}{R_{13}} + R_{23}\right)^{-1}} = \frac{E_{b1} - E_{b2}}{\frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{A_1 \epsilon_1} + \left(A_1 F_{12} + \frac{1}{1/A_1 F_{13} + 1/A_2 F_{23}}\right)^{-1}}$$

where

$$A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = wL = 1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m} = 1 \text{ m}^2 \quad (\text{per unit length of the duct})$$

$$F_{12} = F_{13} = F_{23} = 0.5 \quad (\text{symmetry})$$

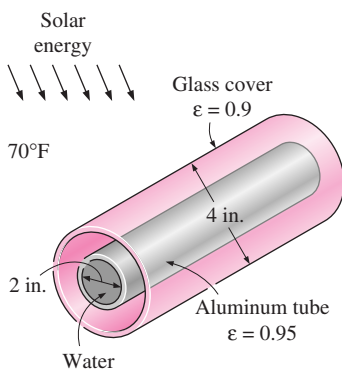
$$E_{b1} = \sigma T_1^4 = (5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)(600 \text{ K})^4 = 7348 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$E_{b2} = \sigma T_2^4 = (5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)(1000 \text{ K})^4 = 56,700 \text{ W/m}^2$$

Substituting,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_1 &= \frac{(56,700 - 7348) \text{ W/m}^2}{\frac{1 - 0.7}{0.7 \times 1 \text{ m}^2} + \left[(0.5 \times 1 \text{ m}^2) + \frac{1}{1/(0.5 \times 1 \text{ m}^2) + 1/(0.5 \times 1 \text{ m}^2)}\right]^{-1}} \\ &= 28.0 \times 10^3 = 28.0 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

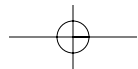
Therefore, heat at a rate of 28 kW must be supplied to the heated surface per unit length of the duct to maintain steady operation in the furnace.



**FIGURE 12-29**  
Schematic for Example 12-10.

**EXAMPLE 12-10 Heat Transfer through a Tubular Solar Collector**

A solar collector consists of a horizontal aluminum tube having an outer diameter of 2 in. enclosed in a concentric thin glass tube of 4-in. diameter, as shown in Figure 12-29. Water is heated as it flows through the tube, and the space between the aluminum and the glass tubes is filled with air at 1 atm pressure. The pump circulating the water fails during a clear day, and the water temperature in the tube starts rising. The aluminum tube absorbs solar radiation at a rate of 30 Btu/h per foot length, and the temperature of the ambient air outside is 70°F. The emissivities of the tube and the glass cover are 0.95 and 0.9, respectively. Taking the effective sky temperature to be 50°F, determine the



temperature of the aluminum tube when steady operating conditions are established (i.e., when the rate of heat loss from the tube equals the amount of solar energy gained by the tube).

**SOLUTION** The circulating pump of a solar collector that consists of a horizontal tube and its glass cover fails. The equilibrium temperature of the tube is to be determined.

**Assumptions** **1** Steady operating conditions exist. **2** The tube and its cover are isothermal. **3** Air is an ideal gas. **4** The surfaces are opaque, diffuse, and gray for infrared radiation. **5** The glass cover is transparent to solar radiation.

**Properties** The properties of air should be evaluated at the average temperature. But we do not know the exit temperature of the air in the duct, and thus we cannot determine the bulk fluid and glass cover temperatures at this point, and thus we cannot evaluate the average temperatures. Therefore, we will assume the glass temperature to be 110°F, and use properties at an anticipated average temperature of  $(70 + 110)/2 = 90^\circ\text{F}$  (Table A-15E),

$$k = 0.01505 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot ^\circ\text{F} \quad \text{Pr} = 0.7275$$

$$\nu = 0.6310 \text{ ft}^2/\text{h} = 1.753 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{T_{\text{ave}}} = \frac{1}{550 \text{ R}}$$

**Analysis** This problem was solved in Chapter 9 by disregarding radiation heat transfer. Now we will repeat the solution by considering natural convection and radiation occurring simultaneously.

We have a horizontal cylindrical enclosure filled with air at 1 atm pressure. The problem involves heat transfer from the aluminum tube to the glass cover and from the outer surface of the glass cover to the surrounding ambient air. When steady operation is reached, these two heat transfer rates must equal the rate of heat gain. That is,

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{tube-glass}} = \dot{Q}_{\text{glass-ambient}} = \dot{Q}_{\text{solar gain}} = 30 \text{ Btu/h} \quad (\text{per foot of tube})$$

The heat transfer surface area of the glass cover is

$$A_o = A_{\text{glass}} = (\pi D_o L) = \pi(4/12 \text{ ft})(1 \text{ ft}) = 1.047 \text{ ft}^2 \quad (\text{per foot of tube})$$

To determine the Rayleigh number, we need to know the surface temperature of the glass, which is not available. Therefore, it is clear that the solution will require a trial-and-error approach. Assuming the glass cover temperature to be 110°F, the Rayleigh number, the Nusselt number, the convection heat transfer coefficient, and the rate of natural convection heat transfer from the glass cover to the ambient air are determined to be

$$\text{Ra}_{D_o} = \frac{g\beta(T_o - T_\infty) D_o^3}{\nu^2} \text{Pr}$$

$$= \frac{(32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2)[1/(550 \text{ R})](110 - 70 \text{ R})(4/12 \text{ ft})^3}{(1.753 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s})^2} (0.7275) = 2.054 \times 10^6$$

$$\text{Nu} = \left\{ 0.6 + \frac{0.387 \text{ Ra}_{D_o}^{1/6}}{[1 + (0.559/\text{Pr})^{9/16}]^{8/27}} \right\}^2 = \left\{ 0.6 + \frac{0.387(2.054 \times 10^6)^{1/6}}{[1 + (0.559/0.7275)^{9/16}]^{8/27}} \right\}^2$$

$$= 17.89$$

$$h_o = \frac{k}{D_o} \text{Nu} = \frac{0.01505 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}}{4/12 \text{ ft}} (17.89) = 0.8075 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$$

$$\dot{Q}_{o, \text{conv}} = h_o A_o (T_o - T_\infty) = (0.8075 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F})(1.047 \text{ ft}^2)(110 - 70)^\circ\text{F}$$

$$= 33.8 \text{ Btu/h}$$

Also,

$$\dot{Q}_{o, \text{rad}} = \varepsilon_o \sigma A_o (T_o^4 - T_{\text{sky}}^4)$$

$$= (0.9)(0.1714 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{R}^4)(1.047 \text{ ft}^2)[(570 \text{ R})^4 - (510 \text{ R})^4]$$

$$= 61.2 \text{ Btu/h}$$

Then the total rate of heat loss from the glass cover becomes

$$\dot{Q}_{o, \text{total}} = \dot{Q}_{o, \text{conv}} + \dot{Q}_{o, \text{rad}} = 33.8 + 61.2 = 95.0 \text{ Btu/h}$$

which is much larger than 30 Btu/h. Therefore, the assumed temperature of 110°F for the glass cover is high. Repeating the calculations with lower temperatures (including the evaluation of properties), the glass cover temperature corresponding to 30 Btu/h is determined to be 78°F (it would be 106°F if radiation were ignored).

The temperature of the aluminum tube is determined in a similar manner using the natural convection and radiation relations for two horizontal concentric cylinders. The characteristic length in this case is the distance between the two cylinders, which is

$$L_c = (D_o - D_i)/2 = (4 - 2)/2 = 1 \text{ in.} = 1/12 \text{ ft}$$

Also,

$$A_i = A_{\text{tube}} = (\pi D_i L) = \pi(2/12 \text{ ft})(1 \text{ ft}) = 0.5236 \text{ ft}^2 \quad (\text{per foot of tube})$$

We start the calculations by assuming the tube temperature to be 122°F, and thus an average temperature of  $(78 + 122)/2 = 100^\circ\text{F} = 640 \text{ R}$ . Using properties at 100°F,

$$\text{Ra}_L = \frac{g\beta(T_i - T_o)L_c^3}{\nu^2} \text{Pr}$$

$$= \frac{(32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2)[1/(640 \text{ R})](122 - 78 \text{ R})(1/12 \text{ ft})^3}{(1.809 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s})^2} (0.726) = 3.249 \times 10^4$$

The effective thermal conductivity is

$$F_{\text{cyc}} = \frac{[\ln(D_o/D_i)]^4}{L_c^3 (D_i^{-3/5} + D_o^{-3/5})^5}$$

$$= \frac{[\ln(4/2)]^4}{(1/12 \text{ ft})^3 [(2/12 \text{ ft})^{-3/5} + (4/12 \text{ ft})^{-3/5}]^5} = 0.1466$$

$$k_{\text{eff}} = 0.386k \left( \frac{\text{Pr}}{0.861 + \text{Pr}} \right)^{1/4} (F_{\text{cyc}} \text{Ra}_L)^{1/4}$$

$$= 0.386(0.01529 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}) \left( \frac{0.726}{0.861 + 0.726} \right) (0.1466 \times 3.249 \times 10^4)^{1/4}$$

$$= 0.04032 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$$

Then the rate of heat transfer between the cylinders by convection becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_{i, \text{conv}} &= \frac{2\pi k_{\text{eff}}}{\ln(D_o/D_i)} (T_i - T_o) \\ &= \frac{2\pi(0.04032 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot ^\circ\text{F})}{\ln(4/2)} (122 - 78)^\circ\text{F} = 16.1 \text{ Btu/h}\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_{i, \text{rad}} &= \frac{\sigma A_i (T_i^4 - T_o^4)}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon_i} + \frac{1 - \varepsilon_o}{\varepsilon_o} \left(\frac{D_i}{D_o}\right)} \\ &= \frac{(0.1714 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{R}^4)(0.5236 \text{ ft}^2)[(582 \text{ R})^4 - (538 \text{ R})^4]}{\frac{1}{0.95} + \frac{1 - 0.9}{0.9} \left(\frac{2 \text{ in.}}{4 \text{ in.}}\right)} \\ &= 25.1 \text{ Btu/h}\end{aligned}$$

Then the total rate of heat loss from the glass cover becomes

$$\dot{Q}_{i, \text{total}} = \dot{Q}_{i, \text{conv}} + \dot{Q}_{i, \text{rad}} = 16.1 + 25.1 = 41.1 \text{ Btu/h}$$

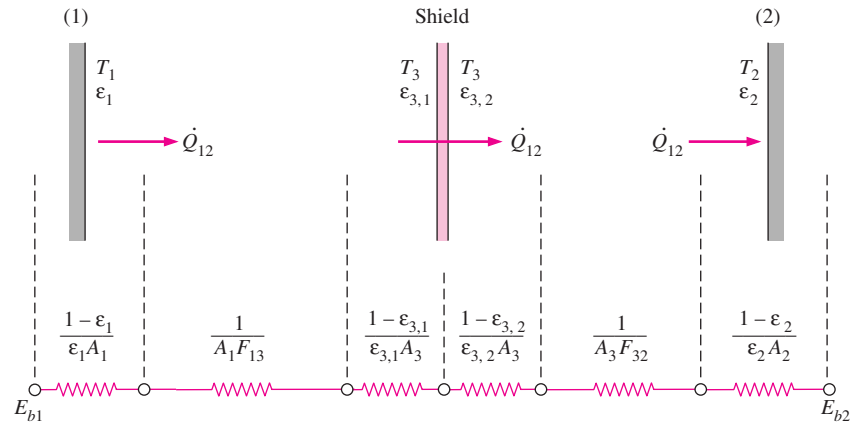
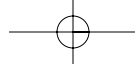
which is larger than 30 Btu/h. Therefore, the assumed temperature of 122°F for the tube is high. By trying other values, the tube temperature corresponding to 30 Btu/h is determined to be **112°F** (it would be 180°F if radiation were ignored). Therefore, the tube will reach an equilibrium temperature of 112°F when the pump fails.

**Discussion** It is clear from the results obtained that radiation should always be considered in systems that are heated or cooled by natural convection, unless the surfaces involved are polished and thus have very low emissivities.

## 12-5 ■ RADIATION SHIELDS AND THE RADIATION EFFECT

Radiation heat transfer between two surfaces can be reduced greatly by inserting a thin, high-reflectivity (low-emissivity) sheet of material between the two surfaces. Such highly reflective thin plates or shells are called **radiation shields**. Multilayer radiation shields constructed of about 20 sheets per cm thickness separated by evacuated space are commonly used in cryogenic and space applications. Radiation shields are also used in temperature measurements of fluids to reduce the error caused by the radiation effect when the temperature sensor is exposed to surfaces that are much hotter or colder than the fluid itself. The role of the radiation shield is to reduce the rate of radiation heat transfer by placing additional resistances in the path of radiation heat flow. The lower the emissivity of the shield, the higher the resistance.

Radiation heat transfer between two large parallel plates of emissivities  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  is given by Eq. 12-38:



**FIGURE 12-30**  
The radiation shield placed between two parallel plates and the radiation network associated with it.

$$\dot{Q}_{12, \text{ no shield}} = \frac{A\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1}$$

Now consider a radiation shield placed between these two plates, as shown in Figure 12-30. Let the emissivities of the shield facing plates 1 and 2 be  $\epsilon_{3,1}$  and  $\epsilon_{3,2}$ , respectively. Note that the emissivity of different surfaces of the shield may be different. The radiation network of this geometry is constructed, as usual, by drawing a surface resistance associated with each surface and connecting these surface resistances with space resistances, as shown in the figure. The resistances are connected in series, and thus the rate of radiation heat transfer is

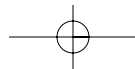
$$\dot{Q}_{12, \text{ one shield}} = \frac{E_{b1} - E_{b2}}{\frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{A_1 \epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{A_1 F_{12}} + \frac{1 - \epsilon_{3,1}}{A_3 \epsilon_{3,1}} + \frac{1 - \epsilon_{3,2}}{A_3 \epsilon_{3,2}} + \frac{1}{A_3 F_{32}} + \frac{1 - \epsilon_2}{A_2 \epsilon_2}} \quad (12-42)$$

Noting that  $F_{13} = F_{23} = 1$  and  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A$  for infinite parallel plates, Eq. 12-42 simplifies to

$$\dot{Q}_{12, \text{ one shield}} = \frac{A\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{3,1}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{3,2}} - 1\right)} \quad (12-43)$$

where the terms in the second set of parentheses in the denominator represent the additional resistance to radiation introduced by the shield. The appearance of the equation above suggests that parallel plates involving multiple radiation shields can be handled by adding a group of terms like those in the second set of parentheses to the denominator for each radiation shield. Then the radiation heat transfer through large parallel plates separated by  $N$  radiation shields becomes

$$\dot{Q}_{12, N \text{ shields}} = \frac{A\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{3,1}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{3,2}} - 1\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{N,1}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{N,2}} - 1\right)} \quad (12-44)$$





If the emissivities of all surfaces are equal, Eq. 12–44 reduces to

$$\dot{Q}_{12, N \text{ shields}} = \frac{A\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{(N + 1)\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} - 1\right)} = \frac{1}{N + 1} \dot{Q}_{12, \text{ no shield}} \quad (12-45)$$

Therefore, when all emissivities are equal, 1 shield reduces the rate of radiation heat transfer to one-half, 9 shields reduce it to one-tenth, and 19 shields reduce it to one-twentieth (or 5 percent) of what it was when there were no shields.

The equilibrium temperature of the radiation shield  $T_3$  in Figure 12–30 can be determined by expressing Eq. 12–43 for  $\dot{Q}_{13}$  or  $\dot{Q}_{23}$  (which involves  $T_3$ ) after evaluating  $\dot{Q}_{12}$  from Eq. 12–43 and noting that  $\dot{Q}_{12} = \dot{Q}_{13} = \dot{Q}_{23}$  when steady conditions are reached.

Radiation shields used to reduce the rate of radiation heat transfer between concentric cylinders and spheres can be handled in a similar manner. In case of one shield, Eq. 12–42 can be used by taking  $F_{13} = F_{23} = 1$  for both cases and by replacing the  $A$ 's by the proper area relations.

## Radiation Effect on Temperature Measurements

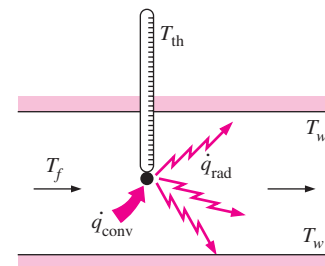
A temperature measuring device indicates the temperature of its *sensor*, which is supposed to be, but is not necessarily, the temperature of the medium that the sensor is in. When a thermometer (or any other temperature measuring device such as a thermocouple) is placed in a medium, heat transfer takes place between the sensor of the thermometer and the medium by convection until the sensor reaches the temperature of the medium. But when the sensor is surrounded by surfaces that are at a different temperature than the fluid, radiation exchange will take place between the sensor and the surrounding surfaces. When the heat transfers by convection and radiation balance each other, the sensor will indicate a temperature that falls between the fluid and surface temperatures. Below we develop a procedure to account for the radiation effect and to determine the actual fluid temperature.

Consider a thermometer that is used to measure the temperature of a fluid flowing through a large channel whose walls are at a lower temperature than the fluid (Fig. 12–31). Equilibrium will be established and the reading of the thermometer will stabilize when heat gain by convection, as measured by the sensor, equals heat loss by radiation (or vice versa). That is, on a unit-area basis,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q}_{\text{conv, to sensor}} &= \dot{q}_{\text{rad, from sensor}} \\ h(T_f - T_{\text{th}}) &= \varepsilon_{\text{th}}\sigma(T_{\text{th}}^4 - T_w^4) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$T_f = T_{\text{th}} + \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{th}}\sigma(T_{\text{th}}^4 - T_w^4)}{h} \quad (\text{K}) \quad (12-46)$$



**FIGURE 12–31**  
A thermometer used to measure the temperature of a fluid in a channel.

where

$T_f$  = actual temperature of the fluid, K

$T_{th}$  = temperature value measured by the thermometer, K

$T_w$  = temperature of the surrounding surfaces, K

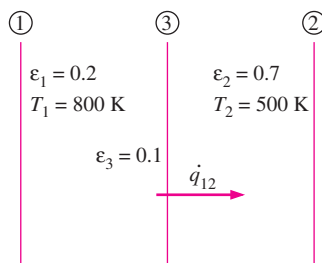
$h$  = convection heat transfer coefficient,  $W/m^2 \cdot K$

$\varepsilon$  = emissivity of the sensor of the thermometer

The last term in Eq. 12–46 is due to the *radiation effect* and represents the *radiation correction*. Note that the radiation correction term is most significant when the convection heat transfer coefficient is small and the emissivity of the surface of the sensor is large. Therefore, the sensor should be coated with a material of high reflectivity (low emissivity) to reduce the radiation effect.

Placing the sensor in a radiation shield without interfering with the fluid flow also reduces the radiation effect. The sensors of temperature measurement devices used outdoors must be protected from direct sunlight since the radiation effect in that case is sure to reach unacceptable levels.

The radiation effect is also a significant factor in *human comfort* in heating and air-conditioning applications. A person who feels fine in a room at a specified temperature may feel chilly in another room at the same temperature as a result of the radiation effect if the walls of the second room are at a considerably lower temperature. For example, most people will feel comfortable in a room at  $22^\circ\text{C}$  if the walls of the room are also roughly at that temperature. When the wall temperature drops to  $5^\circ\text{C}$  for some reason, the interior temperature of the room must be raised to at least  $27^\circ\text{C}$  to maintain the same level of comfort. Therefore, well-insulated buildings conserve energy not only by reducing the heat loss or heat gain, but also by allowing the thermostats to be set at a lower temperature in winter and at a higher temperature in summer without compromising the comfort level.



**FIGURE 12–32**  
Schematic for Example 12–11.

### EXAMPLE 12–11 Radiation Shields

A thin aluminum sheet with an emissivity of 0.1 on both sides is placed between two very large parallel plates that are maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1 = 800\text{ K}$  and  $T_2 = 500\text{ K}$  and have emissivities  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.2$  and  $\varepsilon_2 = 0.7$ , respectively, as shown in Fig. 12–32. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two plates per unit surface area of the plates and compare the result to that without the shield.

**SOLUTION** A thin aluminum sheet is placed between two large parallel plates maintained at uniform temperatures. The net rates of radiation heat transfer between the two plates with and without the radiation shield are to be determined.

**Assumptions** The surfaces are opaque, diffuse, and gray.

**Analysis** The net rate of radiation heat transfer between these two plates without the shield was determined in Example 12–7 to be  $3625\text{ W/m}^2$ . Heat transfer in the presence of one shield is determined from Eq. 12–43 to be

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q}_{12, \text{ one shield}} &= \frac{\dot{Q}_{12, \text{ one shield}}}{A} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{3,1}} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{3,2}} - 1\right)} \\ &= \frac{(5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)[(800 \text{ K})^4 - (500 \text{ K})^4]}{\left(\frac{1}{0.2} + \frac{1}{0.7} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{0.1} + \frac{1}{0.1} - 1\right)} \\ &= \mathbf{806 \text{ W/m}^2}\end{aligned}$$

**Discussion** Note that the rate of radiation heat transfer reduces to about one-fourth of what it was as a result of placing a radiation shield between the two parallel plates.

### EXAMPLE 12-12 Radiation Effect on Temperature Measurements

A thermocouple used to measure the temperature of hot air flowing in a duct whose walls are maintained at  $T_w = 400 \text{ K}$  shows a temperature reading of  $T_{\text{th}} = 650 \text{ K}$  (Fig. 12-33). Assuming the emissivity of the thermocouple junction to be  $\varepsilon = 0.6$  and the convection heat transfer coefficient to be  $h = 80 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ , determine the actual temperature of the air.

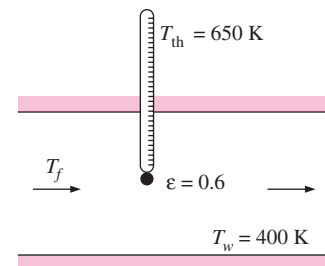
**SOLUTION** The temperature of air in a duct is measured. The radiation effect on the temperature measurement is to be quantified, and the actual air temperature is to be determined.

**Assumptions** The surfaces are opaque, diffuse, and gray.

**Analysis** The walls of the duct are at a considerably lower temperature than the air in it, and thus we expect the thermocouple to show a reading lower than the actual air temperature as a result of the radiation effect. The actual air temperature is determined from Eq. 12-46 to be

$$\begin{aligned}T_f &= T_{\text{th}} + \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{th}} \sigma (T_{\text{th}}^4 - T_w^4)}{h} \\ &= (650 \text{ K}) + \frac{0.6 \times (5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)[(650 \text{ K})^4 - (400 \text{ K})^4]}{80 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}} \\ &= \mathbf{715 \text{ K}}\end{aligned}$$

Note that the radiation effect causes a difference of  $65^\circ\text{C}$  (or  $65 \text{ K}$  since  $^\circ\text{C} \equiv \text{K}$  for temperature differences) in temperature reading in this case.



**FIGURE 12-33**  
Schematic for Example 12-12.

## 12-6 ■ RADIATION EXCHANGE WITH EMITTING AND ABSORBING GASES

So far we considered radiation heat transfer between surfaces separated by a medium that does not emit, absorb, or scatter radiation—a nonparticipating medium that is completely transparent to thermal radiation. A vacuum satisfies this condition perfectly, and air at ordinary temperatures and pressures

comes very close. Gases that consist of monatomic molecules such as Ar and He and symmetric diatomic molecules such as  $N_2$  and  $O_2$  are essentially transparent to radiation, except at extremely high temperatures at which ionization occurs. Therefore, atmospheric air can be considered to be a nonparticipating medium in radiation calculations.

Gases with asymmetric molecules such as  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$ , CO,  $SO_2$ , and hydrocarbons  $H_nC_m$  may participate in the radiation process by absorption at moderate temperatures, and by absorption and emission at high temperatures such as those encountered in combustion chambers. Therefore, air or any other medium that contains such gases with asymmetric molecules at sufficient concentrations must be treated as a participating medium in radiation calculations. Combustion gases in a furnace or a combustion chamber, for example, contain sufficient amounts of  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$ , and thus the emission and absorption of gases in furnaces must be taken into consideration.

The presence of a participating medium complicates the radiation analysis considerably for several reasons:

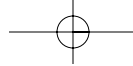
- A participating medium emits and absorbs radiation throughout its entire volume. That is, gaseous radiation is a *volumetric phenomena*, and thus it depends on the size and shape of the body. This is the case even if the temperature is uniform throughout the medium.
- Gases emit and absorb radiation at a number of narrow wavelength bands. This is in contrast to solids, which emit and absorb radiation over the entire spectrum. Therefore, the gray assumption may not always be appropriate for a gas even when the surrounding surfaces are gray.
- The emission and absorption characteristics of the constituents of a gas mixture also depends on the temperature, pressure, and composition of the gas mixture. Therefore, the presence of other participating gases affects the radiation characteristics of a particular gas.

The propagation of radiation through a medium can be complicated further by presence of *aerosols* such as dust, ice particles, liquid droplets, and soot (unburned carbon) particles that *scatter* radiation. Scattering refers to the change of direction of radiation due to reflection, refraction, and diffraction. Scattering caused by gas molecules themselves is known as the *Rayleigh scattering*, and it has negligible effect on heat transfer. Radiation transfer in scattering media is considered in advanced books such as the ones by Modest (1993, Ref. 12) and Siegel and Howell (1992, Ref. 14).

The participating medium can also be semitransparent liquids or solids such as water, glass, and plastics. To keep complexities to a manageable level, we will limit our consideration to gases that emit and absorb radiation. In particular, we will consider the emission and absorption of radiation by  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$  only since they are the participating gases most commonly encountered in practice (combustion products in furnaces and combustion chambers burning hydrocarbon fuels contain both gases at high concentrations), and they are sufficient to demonstrate the basic principles involved.

## Radiation Properties of a Participating Medium

Consider a participating medium of thickness  $L$ . A spectral radiation beam of intensity  $I_{\lambda,0}$  is incident on the medium, which is attenuated as it propagates



due to absorption. The decrease in the intensity of radiation as it passes through a layer of thickness  $dx$  is proportional to the intensity itself and the thickness  $dx$ . This is known as **Beer's law**, and is expressed as (Fig. 12-34)

$$dI_{\lambda}(x) = -\kappa_{\lambda}I_{\lambda}(x)dx \quad (12-47)$$

where the constant of proportionality  $\kappa_{\lambda}$  is the **spectral absorption coefficient** of the medium whose unit is  $\text{m}^{-1}$  (from the requirement of dimensional homogeneity). This is just like the amount of interest earned by a bank account during a time interval being proportional to the amount of money in the account and the time interval, with the interest rate being the constant of proportionality.

Separating the variables and integrating from  $x = 0$  to  $x = L$  gives

$$\frac{I_{\lambda,L}}{I_{\lambda,0}} = e^{-\kappa_{\lambda}L} \quad (12-48)$$

where we have assumed the absorptivity of the medium to be independent of  $x$ . Note that radiation intensity decays exponentially in accordance with Beer's law.

The **spectral transmissivity** of a medium can be defined as the ratio of the intensity of radiation leaving the medium to that entering the medium. That is,

$$\tau_{\lambda} = \frac{I_{\lambda,L}}{I_{\lambda,0}} = e^{-\kappa_{\lambda}L} \quad (12-49)$$

Note that  $\tau_{\lambda} = 1$  when no radiation is absorbed and thus radiation intensity remains constant. Also, the spectral transmissivity of a medium represents the fraction of radiation transmitted by the medium at a given wavelength.

Radiation passing through a nonscattering (and thus nonreflecting) medium is either absorbed or transmitted. Therefore  $\alpha_{\lambda} + \tau_{\lambda} = 1$ , and the **spectral absorptivity** of a medium of thickness  $L$  is

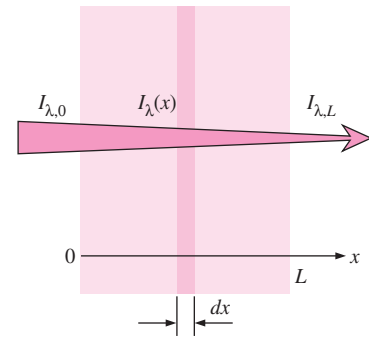
$$\alpha_{\lambda} = 1 - \tau_{\lambda} = 1 - e^{-\kappa_{\lambda}L} \quad (12-50)$$

From Kirchoff's law, the **spectral emissivity** of the medium is

$$\varepsilon_{\lambda} = \alpha_{\lambda} = 1 - e^{-\kappa_{\lambda}L} \quad (12-51)$$

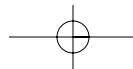
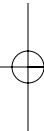
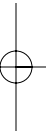
Note that the spectral absorptivity, transmissivity, and emissivity of a medium are dimensionless quantities, with values less than or equal to 1. The spectral absorption coefficient of a medium (and thus  $\varepsilon_{\lambda}$ ,  $\alpha_{\lambda}$ , and  $\tau_{\lambda}$ ), in general, vary with wavelength, temperature, pressure, and composition.

For an *optically thick* medium (a medium with a large value of  $\kappa_{\lambda}L$ ), Eq. 12-51 gives  $\varepsilon_{\lambda} \approx \alpha_{\lambda} \approx 1$ . For  $\kappa_{\lambda}L = 5$ , for example,  $\varepsilon_{\lambda} = \alpha_{\lambda} = 0.993$ . Therefore, an optically thick absorbing-emitting medium with no significant scattering at a given temperature  $T_g$  can be viewed as a "black surface" at  $T_g$  since it will absorb essentially all the radiation passing through it, and it will emit the maximum possible radiation that can be emitted by a surface at  $T_g$ , which is  $E_{b\lambda}(T_g)$ .



**FIGURE 12-34**

The attenuation of a radiation beam while passing through an absorbing medium of thickness  $L$ .



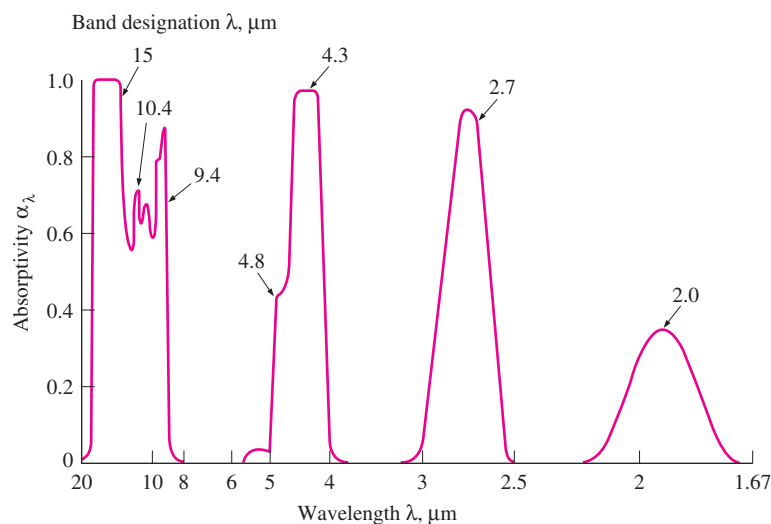
## Emissivity and Absorptivity of Gases and Gas Mixtures

The spectral absorptivity of  $\text{CO}_2$  is given in Figure 12–35 as a function of wavelength. The various peaks and dips in the figure together with discontinuities show clearly the band nature of absorption and the strong nongray characteristics. The shape and the width of these absorption bands vary with temperature and pressure, but the magnitude of absorptivity also varies with the thickness of the gas layer. Therefore, absorptivity values without specified thickness and pressure are meaningless.

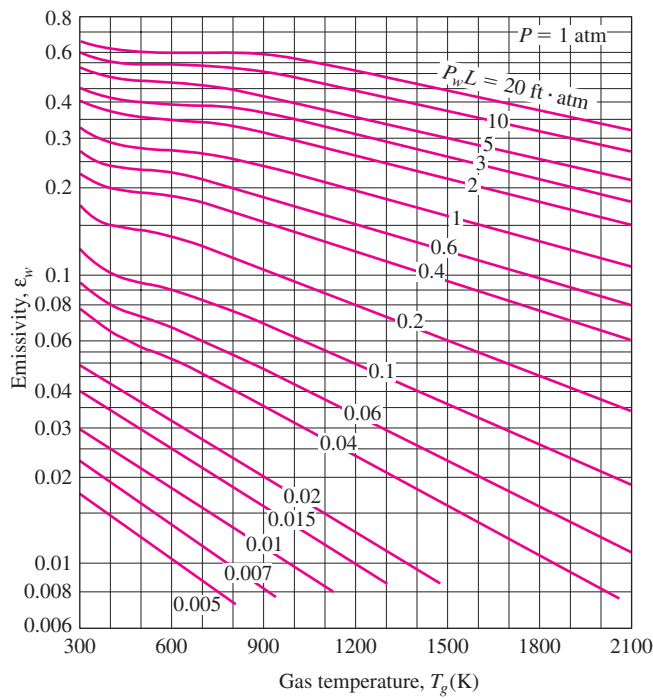
The nongray nature of properties should be considered in radiation calculations for high accuracy. This can be done using a band model, and thus performing calculations for each absorption band. However, satisfactory results can be obtained by assuming the gas to be gray, and using an effective total absorptivity and emissivity determined by some averaging process. Charts for the total emissivities of gases are first presented by Hottel (Ref. 6), and they have been widely used in radiation calculations with reasonable accuracy. Alternative emissivity charts and calculation procedures have been developed more recently by Edwards and Matavosian (Ref. 2). Here we present the Hottel approach because of its simplicity.

Even with gray assumption, the total emissivity and absorptivity of a gas depends on the geometry of the gas body as well as the temperature, pressure, and composition. Gases that participate in radiation exchange such as  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  typically coexist with nonparticipating gases such as  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$ , and thus radiation properties of an absorbing and emitting gas are usually reported for a mixture of the gas with nonparticipating gases rather than the pure gas. The emissivity and absorptivity of a gas component in a mixture depends primarily on its density, which is a function of temperature and partial pressure of the gas.

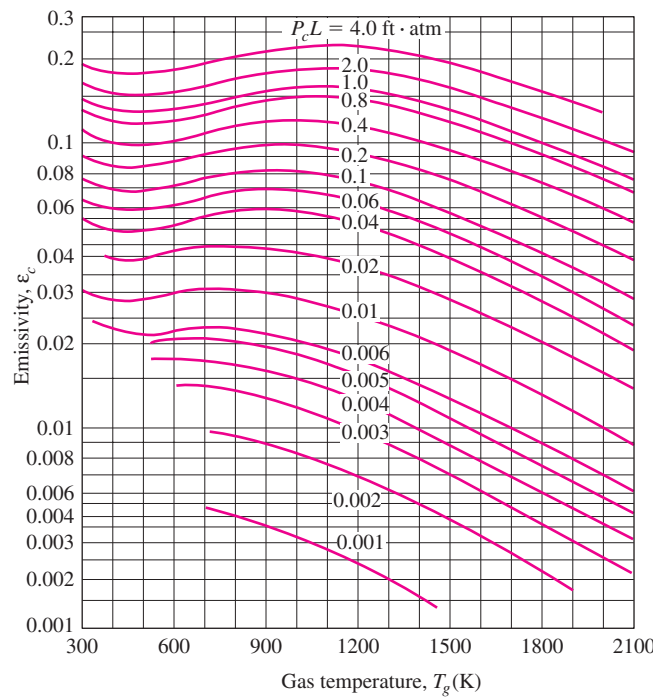
The emissivity of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  vapor in a mixture of nonparticipating gases is plotted in Figure 12–36*a* for a total pressure of  $P = 1$  atm as a function of gas temperature  $T_g$  for a range of values for  $P_w L$ , where  $P_w$  is the partial pressure of water vapor and  $L$  is the mean distance traveled by the radiation beam.



**FIGURE 12–35**  
Spectral absorptivity of  $\text{CO}_2$  at 830 K and 10 atm for a path length of 38.8 cm (from Siegel and Howell, 1992).



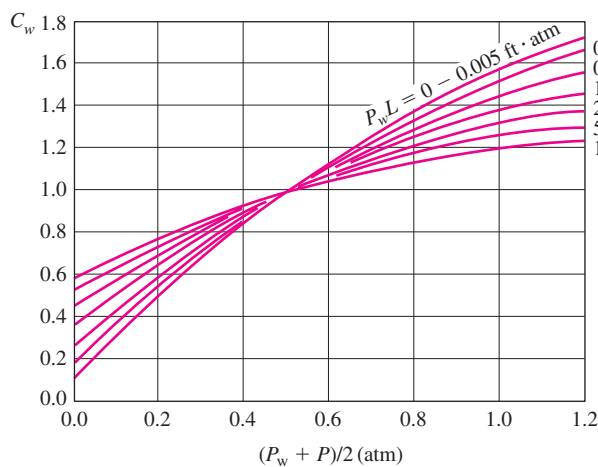
(a) H<sub>2</sub>O



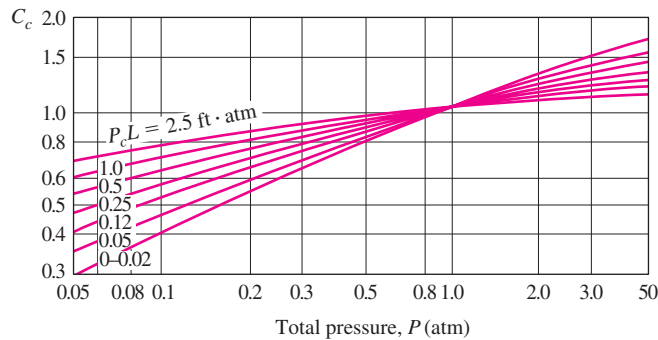
(b) CO<sub>2</sub>

FIGURE 12-36

Emissivities of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> gases in a mixture of nonparticipating gases at a total pressure of 1 atm for a mean beam length of  $L$  ( $1 \text{ m} \cdot \text{atm} = 3.28 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{atm}$ ) (from Hottel, 1954, Ref. 6).



(a) H<sub>2</sub>O



(b) CO<sub>2</sub>

FIGURE 12-37

Correction factors for the emissivities of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> gases at pressures other than 1 atm for use in the relations  $\epsilon_w = C_w \epsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}}$  and  $\epsilon_c = C_c \epsilon_{c, 1 \text{ atm}}$  ( $1 \text{ m} \cdot \text{atm} = 3.28 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{atm}$ ) (from Hottel, 1954, Ref. 6).

Emissivity at a total pressure  $P$  other than  $P = 1 \text{ atm}$  is determined by multiplying the emissivity value at 1 atm by a **pressure correction factor**  $C_w$  obtained from Figure 12-37a for water vapor. That is,





$$\epsilon_w = C_w \epsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}} \tag{12-52}$$

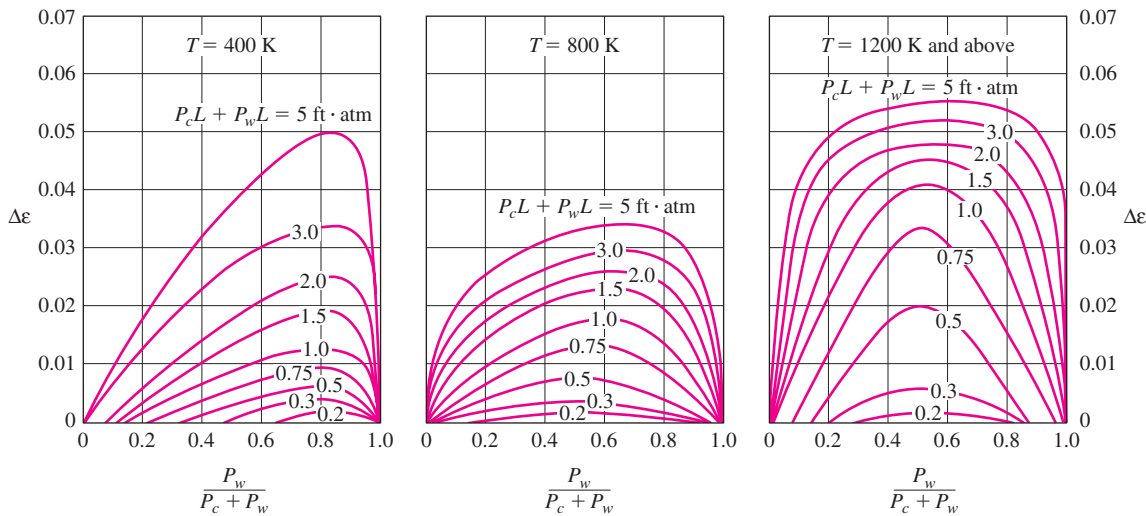
Note that  $C_w = 1$  for  $P = 1 \text{ atm}$  and thus  $(P_w + P)/2 \cong 0.5$  (a very low concentration of water vapor is used in the preparation of the emissivity chart in Fig. 12-36a and thus  $P_w$  is very low). Emissivity values are presented in a similar manner for a mixture of  $\text{CO}_2$  and nonparticipating gases in Fig. 12-36b and 12-37b.

Now the question that comes to mind is what will happen if the  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  gases exist *together* in a mixture with nonparticipating gases. The emissivity of each participating gas can still be determined as explained above using its partial pressure, but the effective emissivity of the mixture cannot be determined by simply adding the emissivities of individual gases (although this would be the case if different gases emitted at different wavelengths). Instead, it should be determined from

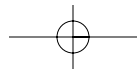
$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_g &= \epsilon_c + \epsilon_w - \Delta\epsilon \\ &= C_c \epsilon_{c, 1 \text{ atm}} + C_w \epsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}} - \Delta\epsilon \end{aligned} \tag{12-53}$$

where  $\Delta\epsilon$  is the **emissivity correction factor**, which accounts for the overlap of emission bands. For a gas mixture that contains both  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  gases,  $\Delta\epsilon$  is plotted in Figure 12-38.

The emissivity of a gas also depends on the *mean length* an emitted radiation beam travels in the gas before reaching a bounding surface, and thus the shape and the size of the gas body involved. During their experiments in the 1930s, Hottel and his coworkers considered the emission of radiation from a hemispherical gas body to a small surface element located at the center of the base of the hemisphere. Therefore, the given charts represent emissivity data for the emission of radiation from a hemispherical gas body of radius  $L$  toward the center of the base of the hemisphere. It is certainly desirable to extend the reported emissivity data to gas bodies of other geometries, and this



**FIGURE 12-38** Emissivity correction  $\Delta\epsilon$  for use in  $\epsilon_g = \epsilon_w + \epsilon_c - \Delta\epsilon$  when both  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  vapor are present in a gas mixture ( $1 \text{ m} \cdot \text{atm} = 328 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{atm}$ ) (from Hottel, 1954, Ref. 6).





is done by introducing the concept of **mean beam length**  $L$ , which represents the radius of an equivalent hemisphere. The mean beam lengths for various gas geometries are listed in Table 12–4. More extensive lists are available in the literature [such as Hottel (1954, Ref. 6), and Siegel and Howell, (1992, Ref. 14)]. The emissivities associated with these geometries can be determined from Figures 12–36 through 12–38 by using the appropriate mean beam length.

Following a procedure recommended by Hottel, the absorptivity of a gas that contains  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  gases for radiation emitted by a source at temperature  $T_s$  can be determined similarly from

$$\alpha_g = \alpha_c + \alpha_w - \Delta\alpha \quad (12-54)$$

where  $\Delta\alpha = \Delta\varepsilon$  and is determined from Figure 12–38 at the source temperature  $T_s$ . The absorptivities of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  can be determined from the emissivity charts (Figs. 12–36 and 12–37) as

$$\text{CO}_2: \quad \alpha_c = C_c \times (T_g/T_s)^{0.65} \times \varepsilon_c(T_s, P_c L T_s/T_g) \quad (12-55)$$

and

$$\text{H}_2\text{O}: \quad \alpha_w = C_w \times (T_g/T_s)^{0.45} \times \varepsilon_w(T_s, P_w L T_s/T_g) \quad (12-56)$$

The notation indicates that the emissivities should be evaluated using  $T_s$  instead of  $T_g$  (both in K or R),  $P_c L T_s/T_g$  instead of  $P_c L$ , and  $P_w L T_s/T_g$  instead of  $P_w L$ . Note that the absorptivity of the gas depends on the source temperature  $T_s$  as well as the gas temperature  $T_g$ . Also,  $\alpha = \varepsilon$  when  $T_s = T_g$ , as expected. The pressure correction factors  $C_c$  and  $C_w$  are evaluated using  $P_c L$  and  $P_w L$ , as in emissivity calculations.

When the total emissivity of a gas  $\varepsilon_g$  at temperature  $T_g$  is known, the emissive power of the gas (radiation emitted by the gas per unit surface area) can

**TABLE 12–4**

Mean beam length  $L$  for various gas volume shapes

Gas Volume Geometry	$L$
Hemisphere of radius $R$ radiating to the center of its base	$R$
Sphere of diameter $D$ radiating to its surface	$0.65D$
Infinite circular cylinder of diameter $D$ radiating to curved surface	$0.95D$
Semi-infinite circular cylinder of diameter $D$ radiating to its base	$0.65D$
Semi-infinite circular cylinder of diameter $D$ radiating to center of its base	$0.90D$
Infinite semicircular cylinder of radius $R$ radiating to center of its base	$1.26R$
Circular cylinder of height equal to diameter $D$ radiating to entire surface	$0.60D$
Circular cylinder of height equal to diameter $D$ radiating to center of its base	$0.71D$
Infinite slab of thickness $D$ radiating to either bounding plane	$1.80D$
Cube of side length $L$ radiating to any face	$0.66L$
Arbitrary shape of volume $V$ and surface area $A_s$ radiating to surface	$3.6V/A_s$

be expressed as  $E_g = \varepsilon_g \sigma T_g^4$ . Then the rate of radiation energy emitted by a gas to a bounding surface of area  $A_s$  becomes

$$\dot{Q}_{g,e} = \varepsilon_g A_s \sigma T_g^4 \quad (12-57)$$

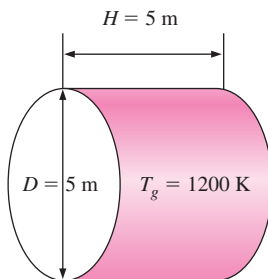
If the bounding surface is black at temperature  $T_s$ , the surface will emit radiation to the gas at a rate of  $A_s \sigma T_s^4$  without reflecting any, and the gas will absorb this radiation at a rate of  $\alpha_g A_s \sigma T_s^4$ , where  $\alpha_g$  is the absorptivity of the gas. Then the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the gas and a black surface surrounding it becomes

$$\text{Black enclosure:} \quad \dot{Q}_{\text{net}} = A_s \sigma (\varepsilon_g T_g^4 - \alpha_g T_s^4) \quad (12-58)$$

If the surface is not black, the analysis becomes more complicated because of the radiation reflected by the surface. But for surfaces that are nearly black with an emissivity  $\varepsilon_s > 0.7$ , Hottel (1954, Ref. 6), recommends this modification,

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{net, gray}} = \frac{\varepsilon_s + 1}{2} \dot{Q}_{\text{net, black}} = \frac{\varepsilon_s + 1}{2} A_s \sigma (\varepsilon_g T_g^4 - \alpha_g T_s^4) \quad (12-59)$$

The emissivity of wall surfaces of furnaces and combustion chambers are typically greater than 0.7, and thus the relation above provides great convenience for preliminary radiation heat transfer calculations.



**FIGURE 12-39**  
Schematic for Example 12-13.

### EXAMPLE 12-13 Effective Emissivity of Combustion Gases

A cylindrical furnace whose height and diameter are 5 m contains combustion gases at 1200 K and a total pressure of 2 atm. The composition of the combustion gases is determined by volumetric analysis to be 80 percent  $N_2$ , 8 percent  $H_2O$ , 7 percent  $O_2$ , and 5 percent  $CO_2$ . Determine the effective emissivity of the combustion gases (Fig. 12-39).

**SOLUTION** The temperature, pressure, and composition of a gas mixture is given. The emissivity of the mixture is to be determined.

**Assumptions** **1** All the gases in the mixture are ideal gases. **2** The emissivity determined is the mean emissivity for radiation emitted to all surfaces of the cylindrical enclosure.

**Analysis** The volumetric analysis of a gas mixture gives the mole fractions  $y_i$  of the components, which are equivalent to pressure fractions for an ideal gas mixture. Therefore, the partial pressures of  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$  are

$$P_c = y_{CO_2} P = 0.05(2 \text{ atm}) = 0.10 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_w = y_{H_2O} P = 0.08(2 \text{ atm}) = 0.16 \text{ atm}$$

The mean beam length for a cylinder of equal diameter and height for radiation emitted to all surfaces is, from Table 12-4,

$$L = 0.60D = 0.60(5 \text{ m}) = 3 \text{ m}$$

Then,

$$P_c L = (0.10 \text{ atm})(3 \text{ m}) = 0.30 \text{ m} \cdot \text{atm} = 0.98 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{atm}$$

$$P_w L = (0.16 \text{ atm})(3 \text{ m}) = 0.48 \text{ m} \cdot \text{atm} = 1.57 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{atm}$$

The emissivities of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  corresponding to these values at the gas temperature of  $T_g = 1200 \text{ K}$  and 1 atm are, from Figure 12–36,

$$\varepsilon_{c, 1 \text{ atm}} = 0.16 \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}} = 0.23$$

These are the base emissivity values at 1 atm, and they need to be corrected for the 2 atm total pressure. Noting that  $(P_w + P)/2 = (0.16 + 2)/2 = 1.08 \text{ atm}$ , the pressure correction factors are, from Figure 12–37,

$$C_c = 1.1 \quad \text{and} \quad C_w = 1.4$$

Both  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are present in the same mixture, and we need to correct for the overlap of emission bands. The emissivity correction factor at  $T = T_g = 1200 \text{ K}$  is, from Figure 12–38,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P_c L + P_w L &= 0.98 + 1.57 = 2.55 \\ \frac{P_w}{P_w + P_c} &= \frac{0.16}{0.16 + 0.10} = 0.615 \end{aligned} \right\} \Delta\varepsilon = 0.048$$

Then the effective emissivity of the combustion gases becomes

$$\varepsilon_g = C_c \varepsilon_{c, 1 \text{ atm}} + C_w \varepsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}} - \Delta\varepsilon = 1.1 \times 0.16 + 1.4 \times 0.23 - 0.048 = \mathbf{0.45}$$

**Discussion** This is the average emissivity for radiation emitted to all surfaces of the cylindrical enclosure. For radiation emitted towards the center of the base, the mean beam length is  $0.71D$  instead of  $0.60D$ , and the emissivity value would be different.

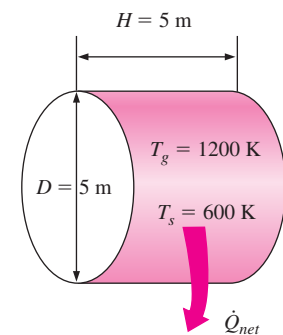
### EXAMPLE 12–14 Radiation Heat Transfer in a Cylindrical Furnace

Reconsider the cylindrical furnace discussed in Example 12–13. For a wall temperature of 600 K, determine the absorptivity of the combustion gases and the rate of radiation heat transfer from the combustion gases to the furnace walls (Fig. 12–40).

**SOLUTION** The temperatures for the wall surfaces and the combustion gases are given for a cylindrical furnace. The absorptivity of the gas mixture and the rate of radiation heat transfer are to be determined.

**Assumptions** **1** All the gases in the mixture are ideal gases. **2** All interior surfaces of furnace walls are black. **3** Scattering by soot and other particles is negligible.

**Analysis** The average emissivity of the combustion gases at the gas temperature of  $T_g = 1200 \text{ K}$  was determined in the preceding example to be  $\varepsilon_g = 0.45$ .



**FIGURE 12–40**  
Schematic for Example 12–14.

For a source temperature of  $T_s = 600$  K, the absorptivity of the gas is again determined using the emissivity charts as

$$P_c L \frac{T_s}{T_g} = (0.10 \text{ atm})(3 \text{ m}) \frac{600 \text{ K}}{1200 \text{ K}} = 0.15 \text{ m} \cdot \text{atm} = 0.49 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{atm}$$

$$P_w L \frac{T_s}{T_g} = (0.16 \text{ atm})(3 \text{ m}) \frac{600 \text{ K}}{1200 \text{ K}} = 0.24 \text{ m} \cdot \text{atm} = 0.79 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{atm}$$

The emissivities of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  corresponding to these values at a temperature of  $T_s = 600$  K and 1 atm are, from Figure 12–36,

$$\varepsilon_{c, 1 \text{ atm}} = 0.11 \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}} = 0.25$$

The pressure correction factors were determined in the preceding example to be  $C_c = 1.1$  and  $C_w = 1.4$ , and they do not change with surface temperature. Then the absorptivities of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  become

$$\alpha_c = C_c \left( \frac{T_g}{T_s} \right)^{0.65} \varepsilon_{c, 1 \text{ atm}} = (1.1) \left( \frac{1200 \text{ K}}{600 \text{ K}} \right)^{0.65} (0.11) = 0.19$$

$$\alpha_w = C_w \left( \frac{T_g}{T_s} \right)^{0.45} \varepsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}} = (1.4) \left( \frac{1200 \text{ K}}{600 \text{ K}} \right)^{0.45} (0.25) = 0.48$$

Also  $\Delta\alpha = \Delta\varepsilon$ , but the emissivity correction factor is to be evaluated from Figure 12–38 at  $T = T_s = 600$  K instead of  $T_g = 1200$  K. There is no chart for 600 K in the figure, but we can read  $\Delta\varepsilon$  values at 400 K and 800 K, and take their average. At  $P_w/(P_w + P_c) = 0.615$  and  $P_c L + P_w L = 2.55$  we read  $\Delta\varepsilon = 0.027$ . Then the absorptivity of the combustion gases becomes

$$\alpha_g = \alpha_c + \alpha_w - \Delta\alpha = 0.19 + 0.48 - 0.027 = \mathbf{0.64}$$

The surface area of the cylindrical surface is

$$A_s = \pi DH + 2 \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \pi(5 \text{ m})(5 \text{ m}) + 2 \frac{\pi(5 \text{ m})^2}{4} = 118 \text{ m}^2$$

Then the net rate of radiation heat transfer from the combustion gases to the walls of the furnace becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{\text{net}} &= A_s \sigma (\varepsilon_g T_g^4 - \alpha_g T_s^4) \\ &= (118 \text{ m}^2)(5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)[0.45(1200 \text{ K})^4 - 0.64(600 \text{ K})^4] \\ &= \mathbf{2.79 \times 10^4 \text{ W}} \end{aligned}$$

**Discussion** The heat transfer rate determined above is for the case of black wall surfaces. If the surfaces are not black but the surface emissivity  $\varepsilon_s$  is greater than 0.7, the heat transfer rate can be determined by multiplying the rate of heat transfer already determined by  $(\varepsilon_s + 1)/2$ .

## TOPIC OF SPECIAL INTEREST\*

*Heat Transfer from the Human Body*

The metabolic heat generated in the body is dissipated to the environment through the skin and the lungs by convection and radiation as *sensible heat* and by evaporation as *latent heat* (Fig. 12–41). Latent heat represents the heat of vaporization of water as it evaporates in the lungs and on the skin by absorbing body heat, and latent heat is released as the moisture condenses on cold surfaces. The warming of the inhaled air represents sensible heat transfer in the lungs and is proportional to the temperature rise of inhaled air. The total rate of heat loss from the body can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_{\text{body, total}} &= \dot{Q}_{\text{skin}} + \dot{Q}_{\text{lungs}} \\ &= (\dot{Q}_{\text{sensible}} + \dot{Q}_{\text{latent}})_{\text{skin}} + (\dot{Q}_{\text{sensible}} + \dot{Q}_{\text{latent}})_{\text{lungs}} \\ &= (\dot{Q}_{\text{convection}} + \dot{Q}_{\text{radiation}} + \dot{Q}_{\text{latent}})_{\text{skin}} + (\dot{Q}_{\text{convection}} + \dot{Q}_{\text{latent}})_{\text{lungs}} \quad (12-60)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the determination of heat transfer from the body by analysis alone is difficult. Clothing further complicates the heat transfer from the body, and thus we must rely on experimental data. Under steady conditions, the total rate of heat transfer from the body is equal to the rate of metabolic heat generation in the body, which varies from about 100 W for light office work to roughly 1000 W during heavy physical work.

*Sensible heat loss* from the skin depends on the temperatures of the skin, the environment, and the surrounding surfaces as well as the air motion. The *latent heat loss*, on the other hand, depends on the skin wettedness and the relative humidity of the environment as well. *Clothing* serves as insulation and reduces both the sensible and latent forms of heat loss. The heat transfer from the lungs through respiration obviously depends on the frequency of breathing and the volume of the lungs as well as the environmental factors that affect heat transfer from the skin.

Sensible heat from the clothed skin is first transferred to the clothing and then from the clothing to the environment. The convection and radiation heat losses from the outer surface of a clothed body can be expressed as

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{conv}} = h_{\text{conv}} A_{\text{clothing}} (T_{\text{clothing}} - T_{\text{ambient}}) \quad (\text{W}) \quad (12-61)$$

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{rad}} = h_{\text{rad}} A_{\text{clothing}} (T_{\text{clothing}} - T_{\text{surr}}) \quad (12-62)$$

where

$h_{\text{conv}}$  = convection heat transfer coefficient, as given in Table 12–5

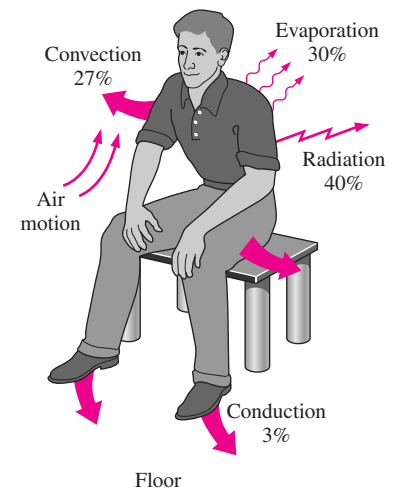
$h_{\text{rad}}$  = radiation heat transfer coefficient,  $4.7 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$  for typical indoor conditions; the emissivity is assumed to be 0.95, which is typical

$A_{\text{clothing}}$  = outer surface area of a clothed person

$T_{\text{clothing}}$  = average temperature of exposed skin and clothing

$T_{\text{ambient}}$  = ambient air temperature

$T_{\text{surr}}$  = average temperature of the surrounding surfaces



**FIGURE 12–41**  
Mechanisms of heat loss from the human body and relative magnitudes for a resting person.

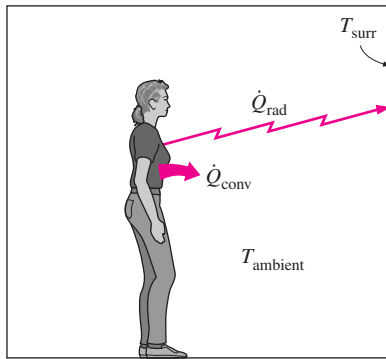
\*This section can be skipped without a loss in continuity.

**TABLE 12-5**

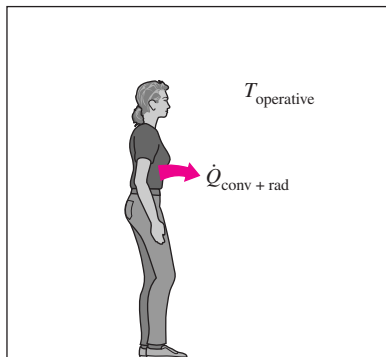
Convection heat transfer coefficients for a clothed body at 1 atm ( $\mathcal{V}$  is in m/s) (compiled from various sources)

Activity	$h_{\text{conv}}^*$ W/m <sup>2</sup> · °C
Seated in air moving at	
0 < $\mathcal{V}$ < 0.2 m/s	3.1
0.2 < $\mathcal{V}$ < 4 m/s	$8.3\mathcal{V}^{0.6}$
Walking in still air at	
0.5 < $\mathcal{V}$ < 2 m/s	$8.6\mathcal{V}^{0.53}$
Walking on treadmill in still air at	
0.5 < $\mathcal{V}$ < 2 m/s	$6.5\mathcal{V}^{0.39}$
Standing in moving air at	
0 < $\mathcal{V}$ < 0.15 m/s	4.0
0.15 < $\mathcal{V}$ < 1.5 m/s	$14.8\mathcal{V}^{0.69}$

\*At pressures other than 1 atm, multiply by  $P^{0.55}$ , where  $P$  is in atm.



(a) Convection and radiation, separate



(b) Convection and radiation, combined

**FIGURE 12-42**

Heat loss by convection and radiation from the body can be combined into a single term by defining an equivalent operative temperature.

The convection heat transfer coefficients at 1 atm pressure are given in Table 12-5. Convection coefficients at pressures  $P$  other than 1 atm are obtained by multiplying the values at atmospheric pressure by  $P^{0.55}$  where  $P$  is in atm. Also, it is recognized that the temperatures of different surfaces surrounding a person are probably different, and  $T_{\text{surr}}$  represents the **mean radiation temperature**, which is the temperature of an imaginary isothermal enclosure in which radiation heat exchange with the human body equals the radiation heat exchange with the actual enclosure. Noting that most clothing and building materials are essentially black, the *mean radiation temperature* of an enclosure that consists of  $N$  surfaces at different temperatures can be determined from

$$T_{\text{surr}} \cong F_{\text{person-1}} T_1 + F_{\text{person-2}} T_2 + \dots + F_{\text{person-N}} T_N \quad (12-63)$$

where  $T_i$  is the *temperature of the surface  $i$*  and  $F_{\text{person-}i}$  is the *view factor* between the person and surface  $i$ .

*Total sensible heat loss* can also be expressed conveniently by combining the convection and radiation heat losses as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{\text{conv+rad}} &= h_{\text{combined}} A_{\text{clothing}} (T_{\text{clothing}} - T_{\text{operative}}) & (W) & \quad (12-64) \\ &= (h_{\text{conv}} + h_{\text{rad}}) A_{\text{clothing}} (T_{\text{clothing}} - T_{\text{operative}}) & & \quad (12-65) \end{aligned}$$

where the **operative temperature**  $T_{\text{operative}}$  is the average of the mean radiant and ambient temperatures weighed by their respective convection and radiation heat transfer coefficients and is expressed as (Fig. 12-42)

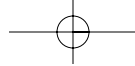
$$T_{\text{operative}} = \frac{h_{\text{conv}} T_{\text{ambient}} + h_{\text{rad}} T_{\text{surr}}}{h_{\text{conv}} + h_{\text{rad}}} \cong \frac{T_{\text{ambient}} + T_{\text{surr}}}{2} \quad (12-66)$$

Note that the operative temperature will be the arithmetic average of the ambient and surrounding surface temperatures when the convection and radiation heat transfer coefficients are equal to each other. Another environmental index used in thermal comfort analysis is the **effective temperature**, which combines the effects of temperature and humidity. Two environments with the same effective temperature will evoke the same thermal response in people even though they are at different temperatures and humidities.

Heat transfer through the *clothing* can be expressed as

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{conv + rad}} = \frac{A_{\text{clothing}} (T_{\text{skin}} - T_{\text{clothing}})}{R_{\text{clothing}}} \quad (12-67)$$

where  $R_{\text{clothing}}$  is the **unit thermal resistance of clothing** in  $\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{°C/W}$ , which involves the combined effects of conduction, convection, and radiation between the skin and the outer surface of clothing. The thermal resistance of clothing is usually expressed in the unit **clo** where 1 clo =  $0.155 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{°C/W} = 0.880 \text{ ft}^2 \cdot \text{°F} \cdot \text{h/Btu}$ . The thermal resistance of trousers, long-sleeve shirt, long-sleeve sweater, and T-shirt is 1.0 clo, or  $0.155 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{°C/W}$ . Summer clothing such as light slacks and short-sleeved shirt has an insulation value of 0.5 clo, whereas winter clothing such as heavy slacks, long-sleeve shirt, and a sweater or jacket has an insulation value of 0.9 clo.



Then the total sensible heat loss can be expressed in terms of the skin temperature instead of the inconvenient clothing temperature as (Fig. 12–43)

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{conv} + \text{rad}} = \frac{A_{\text{clothing}} (T_{\text{skin}} - T_{\text{operative}})}{R_{\text{clothing}} + \frac{1}{h_{\text{combined}}}} \quad (12-68)$$

At a state of thermal comfort, the average skin temperature of the body is observed to be 33°C (91.5°F). No discomfort is experienced as the skin temperature fluctuates by ±1.5°C (2.5°F). This is the case whether the body is clothed or unclothed.

**Evaporative or latent heat loss** from the skin is proportional to the difference between the water vapor pressure at the skin and the ambient air, and the skin wettedness, which is a measure of the amount of moisture on the skin. It is due to the combined effects of the *evaporation of sweat* and the *diffusion* of water through the skin, and can be expressed as

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{latent}} = \dot{m}_{\text{vapor}} h_{fg} \quad (12-69)$$

where

$\dot{m}_{\text{vapor}}$  = the rate of evaporation from the body, kg/s

$h_{fg}$  = the enthalpy of vaporization of water = 2430 kJ/kg at 30°C

Heat loss by evaporation is maximum when the skin is completely wetted. Also, clothing offers resistance to evaporation, and the rate of evaporation in clothed bodies depends on the moisture permeability of the clothes. The maximum evaporation rate for an average man is about 1 L/h (0.3 g/s), which represents an upper limit of 730 W for the evaporative cooling rate. A person can lose as much as 2 kg of water per hour during a workout on a hot day, but any excess sweat slides off the skin surface without evaporating (Fig. 12–44).

During *respiration*, the inhaled air enters at ambient conditions and exhaled air leaves nearly saturated at a temperature close to the deep body temperature (Fig. 12–45). Therefore, the body loses both sensible heat by convection and latent heat by evaporation from the lungs, and these can be expressed as

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{conv, lungs}} = \dot{m}_{\text{air, lungs}} C_{p, \text{air}} (T_{\text{exhale}} - T_{\text{ambient}}) \quad (12-70)$$

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{latent, lungs}} = \dot{m}_{\text{vapor, lungs}} h_{fg} = \dot{m}_{\text{air, lungs}} (w_{\text{exhale}} - w_{\text{ambient}}) h_{fg} \quad (12-71)$$

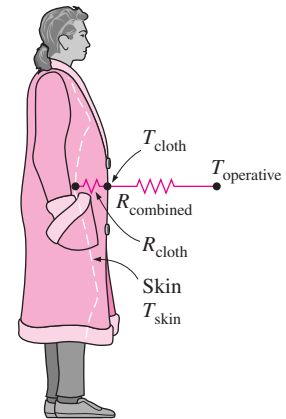
where

$\dot{m}_{\text{air, lungs}}$  = rate of air intake to the lungs, kg/s

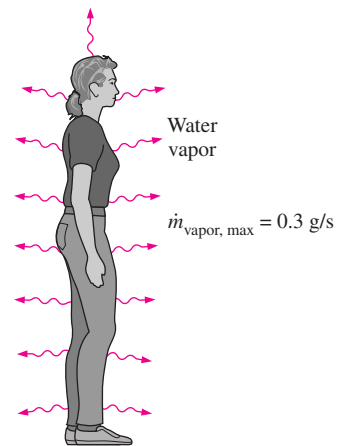
$C_{p, \text{air}}$  = specific heat of air = 1.0 kJ/kg · °C

$T_{\text{exhale}}$  = temperature of exhaled air

$w$  = humidity ratio (the mass of moisture per unit mass of dry air)

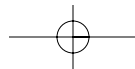


**FIGURE 12–43**  
Simplified thermal resistance network for heat transfer from a clothed person.

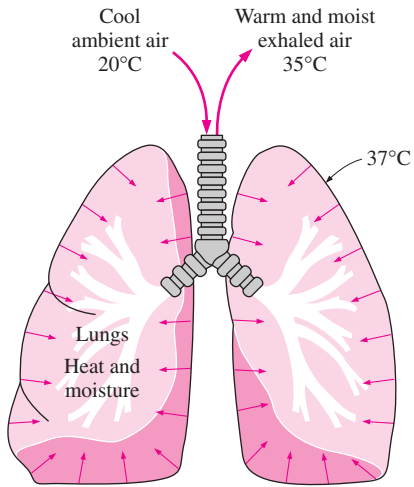


$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{\text{latent, max}} &= \dot{m}_{\text{latent, max}} h_{fg} @ 30^\circ\text{C} \\ &= (0.3 \text{ g/s})(2430 \text{ kJ/kg}) \\ &= 730 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

**FIGURE 12–44**  
An average person can lose heat at a rate of up to 730 W by evaporation.







**FIGURE 12-45**  
Part of the metabolic heat generated in the body is rejected to the air from the lungs during respiration.

The rate of air intake to the lungs is directly proportional to the metabolic rate  $\dot{Q}_{\text{met}}$ . The rate of total heat loss from the lungs through respiration can be expressed approximately as

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{conv} + \text{latent, lungs}} = 0.0014\dot{Q}_{\text{met}}(34 - T_{\text{ambient}}) + 0.0173\dot{Q}_{\text{met}}(5.87 - P_{v, \text{ambient}}) \quad (12-72)$$

where  $P_{v, \text{ambient}}$  is the vapor pressure of ambient air in kPa.

The fraction of sensible heat varies from about 40 percent in the case of heavy work to about 70 percent during light work. The rest of the energy is rejected from the body by perspiration in the form of latent heat.

**EXAMPLE 12-15** Effect of Clothing on Thermal Comfort

It is well established that a clothed or unclothed person feels comfortable when the skin temperature is about 33°C. Consider an average man wearing summer clothes whose thermal resistance is 0.6 clo. The man feels very comfortable while standing in a room maintained at 22°C. The air motion in the room is negligible, and the interior surface temperature of the room is about the same as the air temperature. If this man were to stand in that room unclothed, determine the temperature at which the room must be maintained for him to feel thermally comfortable.

**SOLUTION** A man wearing summer clothes feels comfortable in a room at 22°C. The room temperature at which this man would feel thermally comfortable when unclothed is to be determined.

**Assumptions** 1 Steady conditions exist. 2 The latent heat loss from the person remains the same. 3 The heat transfer coefficients remain the same.

**Analysis** The body loses heat in sensible and latent forms, and the sensible heat consists of convection and radiation heat transfer. At low air velocities, the convection heat transfer coefficient for a standing man is given in Table 12-5 to be 4.0 W/m<sup>2</sup> · °C. The radiation heat transfer coefficient at typical indoor conditions is 4.7 W/m<sup>2</sup> · °C. Therefore, the surface heat transfer coefficient for a standing person for combined convection and radiation is

$$h_{\text{combined}} = h_{\text{conv}} + h_{\text{rad}} = 4.0 + 4.7 = 8.7 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{°C}$$

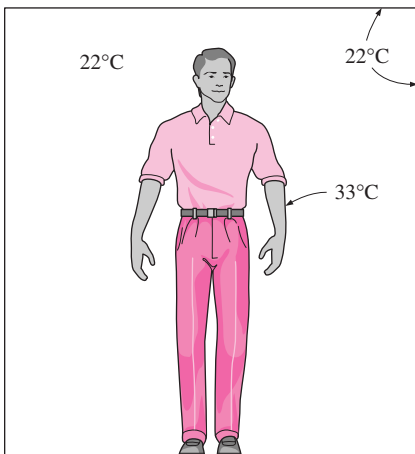
The thermal resistance of the clothing is given to be

$$R_{\text{clothing}} = 0.6 \text{ clo} = 0.6 \times 0.155 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{°C/W} = 0.093 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{°C/W}$$

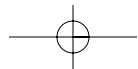
Noting that the surface area of an average man is 1.8 m<sup>2</sup>, the sensible heat loss from this person when clothed is determined to be (Fig. 12-46)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{\text{sensible, clothed}} &= \frac{A_s(T_{\text{skin}} - T_{\text{ambient}})}{R_{\text{clothing}} + \frac{1}{h_{\text{combined}}}} = \frac{(1.8 \text{ m}^2)(33 - 22)\text{°C}}{0.093 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{°C/W} + \frac{1}{8.7 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{°C}}} \\ &= 95.2 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

From a heat transfer point of view, taking the clothes off is equivalent to removing the clothing insulation or setting  $R_{\text{cloth}} = 0$ . The heat transfer in this case can be expressed as



**FIGURE 12-46**  
Schematic for Example 12-15.







$$\dot{Q}_{\text{sensible, unclothed}} = \frac{A_s(T_{\text{skin}} - T_{\text{ambient}})}{\frac{1}{h_{\text{combined}}}} = \frac{(1.8 \text{ m}^2)(33 - T_{\text{ambient}})^{\circ}\text{C}}{8.7 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^{\circ}\text{C}}$$

To maintain thermal comfort after taking the clothes off, the skin temperature of the person and the rate of heat transfer from him must remain the same. Then setting the equation above equal to 95.2 W gives

$$T_{\text{ambient}} = 26.9^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Therefore, the air temperature needs to be raised from 22 to 26.9°C to ensure that the person will feel comfortable in the room after he takes his clothes off (Fig. 12–47). Note that the effect of clothing on latent heat is assumed to be negligible in the solution above. We also assumed the surface area of the clothed and unclothed person to be the same for simplicity, and these two effects should counteract each other.

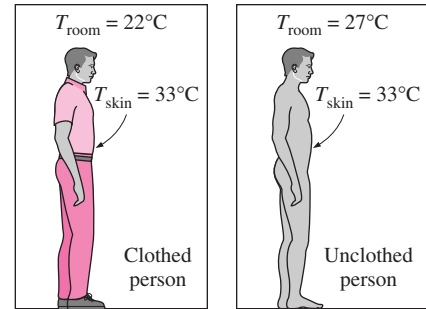


FIGURE 12–47

Clothing serves as insulation, and the room temperature needs to be raised when a person is unclothed to maintain the same comfort level.

SUMMARY

Radiation heat transfer between surfaces depends on the orientation of the surfaces relative to each other, the effects of orientation are accounted for by the geometric parameter *view factor*. The *view factor* from a surface *i* to a surface *j* is denoted by  $F_{i \rightarrow j}$  or  $F_{ij}$ , and is defined as the fraction of the radiation leaving surface *i* that strikes surface *j* directly. The view factors between differential and finite surfaces are expressed as *differential view factor*  $dF_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2}$  is expressed as

$$dF_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{dA_1 \rightarrow dA_2}}{\dot{Q}_{dA_1}} = \frac{\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} dA_2$$

$$F_{dA_1 \rightarrow A_2} = \int_{A_2} \frac{\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} dA_2$$

$$F_{12} = F_{A_1 \rightarrow A_2} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{A_1 \rightarrow A_2}}{\dot{Q}_{A_1}} = \frac{1}{A_1} \int_{A_2} \int_{A_1} \frac{\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}{\pi r^2} dA_1 dA_2$$

where *r* is the distance between  $dA_1$  and  $dA_2$ , and  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the angles between the normals of the surfaces and the line that connects  $dA_1$  and  $dA_2$ .

The view factor  $F_{i \rightarrow i}$  represents the fraction of the radiation leaving surface *i* that strikes itself directly;  $F_{i \rightarrow i} = 0$  for *plane* or *convex* surfaces and  $F_{i \rightarrow i} \neq 0$  for *concave* surfaces. For view factors, the *reciprocity rule* is expressed as

$$A_i F_{i \rightarrow j} = A_j F_{j \rightarrow i}$$

The sum of the view factors from surface *i* of an enclosure to all surfaces of the enclosure, including to itself, must equal

unity. This is known as the *summation rule* for an enclosure. The *superposition rule* is expressed as the view factor from a surface *i* to a surface *j* is equal to the sum of the view factors from surface *i* to the parts of surface *j*. The symmetry rule is expressed as if the surfaces *j* and *k* are symmetric about the surface *i* then  $F_{i \rightarrow j} = F_{i \rightarrow k}$ .

The rate of net radiation heat transfer between two *black* surfaces is determined from

$$\dot{Q}_{1 \rightarrow 2} = A_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 2} \sigma (T_1^4 - T_2^4) \quad (\text{W})$$

The *net* radiation heat transfer from any surface *i* of a *black* enclosure is determined by adding up the net radiation heat transfers from surface *i* to each of the surfaces of the enclosure:

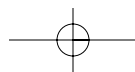
$$\dot{Q}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{j=1}^N A_i F_{i \rightarrow j} \sigma (T_i^4 - T_j^4) \quad (\text{W})$$

The total radiation energy leaving a surface per unit time and per unit area is called the *radiosity* and is denoted by *J*. The *net* rate of radiation heat transfer from a surface *i* of surface area  $A_i$  is expressed as

$$\dot{Q}_i = \frac{E_{bi} - J_i}{R_i} \quad (\text{W})$$

where

$$R_i = \frac{1 - \epsilon_i}{A_i \epsilon_i}$$



is the *surface resistance* to radiation. The *net* rate of radiation heat transfer from surface  $i$  to surface  $j$  can be expressed as

$$\dot{Q}_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{J_i - J_j}{R_{i \rightarrow j}} \quad (\text{W})$$

where

$$R_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{A_i F_{i \rightarrow j}}$$

is the *space resistance* to radiation. The *network method* is applied to radiation enclosure problems by drawing a surface resistance associated with each surface of an enclosure and connecting them with space resistances. Then the problem is solved by treating it as an electrical network problem where the radiation heat transfer replaces the current and the radiosity replaces the potential. The *direct method* is based on the following two equations:

*Surfaces with specified net heat transfer rate  $\dot{Q}_i$*   $\dot{Q}_i = A_i \sum_{j=1}^N F_{i \rightarrow j} (J_i - J_j)$

*Surfaces with specified temperature  $T_i$*   $\sigma T_i^4 = J_i + \frac{1 - \varepsilon_i}{\varepsilon_i} \sum_{j=1}^N F_{i \rightarrow j} (J_i - J_j)$

The first group (for surfaces with specified heat transfer rates) and the second group (for surfaces with specified temperatures) of equations give  $N$  linear algebraic equations for the determination of the  $N$  unknown radiosities for an  $N$ -surface enclosure. Once the radiosities  $J_1, J_2, \dots, J_N$  are available, the unknown surface temperatures and heat transfer rates can be determined from the equations just shown.

The net rate of radiation transfer between any two gray, diffuse, opaque surfaces that form an enclosure is given by

$$\dot{Q}_{12} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1 - \varepsilon_1}{A_1 \varepsilon_1} + \frac{1}{A_1 F_{12}} + \frac{1 - \varepsilon_2}{A_2 \varepsilon_2}} \quad (\text{W})$$

Radiation heat transfer between two surfaces can be reduced greatly by inserting between the two surfaces thin, high-reflectivity (low-emissivity) sheets of material called *radiation shields*. Radiation heat transfer between two large parallel plates separated by  $N$  radiation shields is

$$\dot{Q}_{12, N \text{ shields}} = \frac{A\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{3,1}} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{3,2}} - 1\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{N,1}} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{N,2}} - 1\right)}$$

The radiation effect in temperature measurements can be properly accounted for by the relation

$$T_f = T_{\text{th}} + \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{th}} \sigma (T_{\text{th}}^4 - T_w^4)}{h} \quad (\text{K})$$

where  $T_f$  is the actual temperature of the fluid,  $T_{\text{th}}$  is the temperature value measured by the thermometer, and  $T_w$  is the temperature of the surrounding walls, all in K.

Gases with asymmetric molecules such as  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , and hydrocarbons  $\text{H}_n\text{C}_m$  participate in the radiation process by absorption and emission. The *spectral transmissivity*, *absorptivity*, and *emissivity* of a medium are expressed as

$$\tau_\lambda = e^{-\kappa_\lambda L}, \quad \alpha_\lambda = 1 - \tau_\lambda = 1 - e^{-\kappa_\lambda L}, \quad \text{and} \\ \varepsilon_\lambda = \alpha_\lambda = 1 - e^{-\kappa_\lambda L}$$

where  $\kappa_\lambda$  is the *spectral absorption coefficient* of the medium.

The emissivities of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  gases are given in Figure 12–36 for a total pressure of  $P = 1$  atm. Emissivities at other pressures are determined from

$$\varepsilon_w = C_w \varepsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_c = C_c \varepsilon_{c, 1 \text{ atm}}$$

where  $C_w$  and  $C_c$  are the *pressure correction factors*. For gas mixtures that contain both of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ , the emissivity is determined from

$$\varepsilon_g = \varepsilon_c + \varepsilon_w - \Delta\varepsilon = C_c \varepsilon_{c, 1 \text{ atm}} + C_w \varepsilon_{w, 1 \text{ atm}} - \Delta\varepsilon$$

where  $\Delta\varepsilon$  is the *emissivity correction factor*, which accounts for the overlap of emission bands. The gas absorptivities for radiation emitted by a source at temperature  $T_s$  are determined similarly from

$$\alpha_g = \alpha_c + \alpha_w - \Delta\alpha$$

where  $\Delta\alpha = \Delta\varepsilon$  at the source temperature  $T_s$  and

$$\text{CO}_2: \quad \alpha_c = C_c \times (T_g/T_s)^{0.65} \times \varepsilon_c(T_s, P_c LT_s/T_g)$$

$$\text{H}_2\text{O}: \quad \alpha_w = C_w \times (T_g/T_s)^{0.45} \times \varepsilon_w(T_s, P_w LT_s/T_g)$$

The rate of radiation heat transfer between a gas and a surrounding surface is

$$\text{Black enclosure:} \quad \dot{Q}_{\text{net}} = A_s \sigma (\varepsilon_g T_g^4 - \alpha_g T_s^4)$$

$$\text{Gray enclosure,} \\ \text{with } \varepsilon_s > 0.7: \quad \dot{Q}_{\text{net, gray}} = \frac{\varepsilon_s + 1}{2} A_s \sigma (\varepsilon_g T_g^4 - \alpha_g T_s^4)$$



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## PROBLEMS\*

## The View Factor

- 12-1C** What does the view factor represent? When is the view factor from a surface to itself not zero?
- 12-2C** How can you determine the view factor  $F_{12}$  when the view factor  $F_{21}$  and the surface areas are available?
- 12-3C** What are the summation rule and the superposition rule for view factors?
- 12-4C** What is the crossed-strings method? For what kind of geometries is the crossed-strings method applicable?
- 12-5** Consider an enclosure consisting of six surfaces. How many view factors does this geometry involve? How many of these view factors can be determined by the application of the reciprocity and the summation rules?

\*Problems designated by a "C" are concept questions, and students are encouraged to answer them all. Problems designated by an "E" are in English units, and the SI users can ignore them. Problems with an EES-CD icon  are solved using EES, and complete solutions together with parametric studies are included on the enclosed CD. Problems with a computer-EES icon  are comprehensive in nature, and are intended to be solved with a computer, preferably using the EES software that accompanies this text.

- 12-6** Consider an enclosure consisting of five surfaces. How many view factors does this geometry involve? How many of these view factors can be determined by the application of the reciprocity and summation rules?
- 12-7** Consider an enclosure consisting of 12 surfaces. How many view factors does this geometry involve? How many of these view factors can be determined by the application of the reciprocity and the summation rules? *Answers: 144, 78*
- 12-8** Determine the view factors  $F_{13}$  and  $F_{23}$  between the rectangular surfaces shown in Figure P12-8.

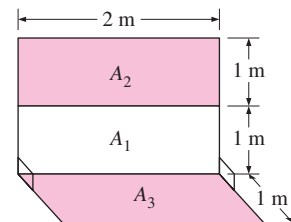
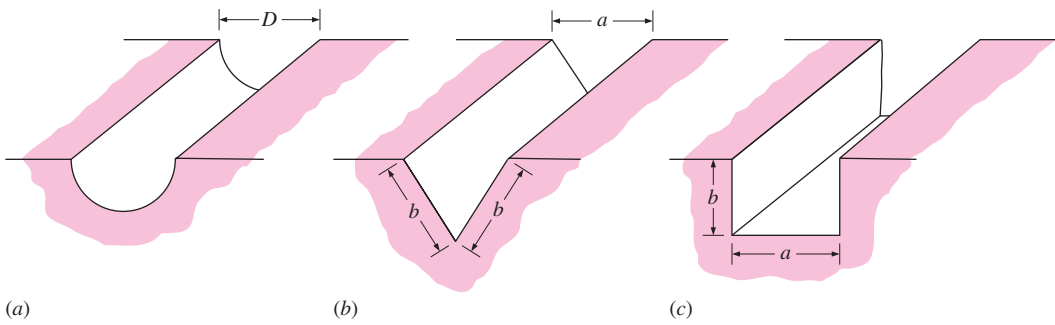
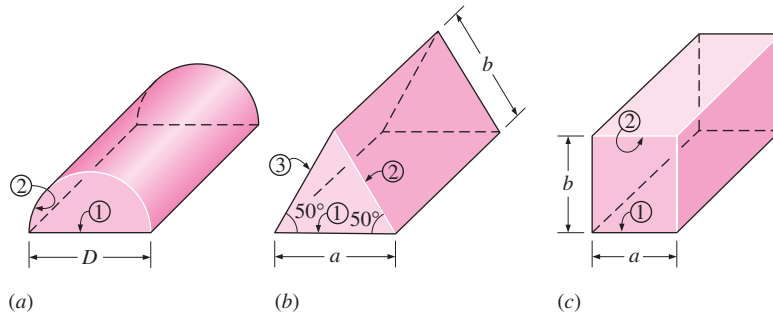


FIGURE P12-8

- 12-9** Consider a cylindrical enclosure whose height is twice the diameter of its base. Determine the view factor from the side surface of this cylindrical enclosure to its base surface.



**FIGURE P12-11**  
(a) Semicylindrical duct.  
(b) Triangular duct.  
(c) Rectangular duct.



**FIGURE P12-12**  
(a) Semicylindrical groove.  
(b) Triangular groove.  
(c) Rectangular groove.

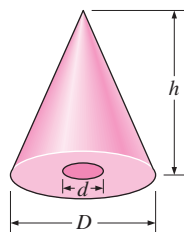
**12-10** Consider a hemispherical furnace with a flat circular base of diameter  $D$ . Determine the view factor from the dome of this furnace to its base. *Answer: 0.5*

**12-11** Determine the view factors  $F_{12}$  and  $F_{21}$  for the very long ducts shown in Figure P12-11 without using any view factor tables or charts. Neglect end effects.

**12-12** Determine the view factors from the very long grooves shown in Figure P12-12 to the surroundings without using any view factor tables or charts. Neglect end effects.

**12-13** Determine the view factors from the base of a cube to each of the other five surfaces.

**12-14** Consider a conical enclosure of height  $h$  and base diameter  $D$ . Determine the view factor from the conical side surface to a hole of diameter  $d$  located at the center of the base.



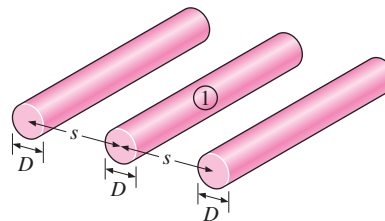
**FIGURE P12-14**

**12-15** Determine the four view factors associated with an enclosure formed by two very long concentric cylinders of radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . Neglect the end effects.

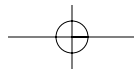
**12-16** Determine the view factor  $F_{12}$  between the rectangular surfaces shown in Figure P12-16.

**12-17** Two infinitely long parallel cylinders of diameter  $D$  are located a distance  $s$  apart from each other. Determine the view factor  $F_{12}$  between these two cylinders.

**12-18** Three infinitely long parallel cylinders of diameter  $D$  are located a distance  $s$  apart from each other. Determine the view factor between the cylinder in the middle and the surroundings.



**FIGURE P12-18**



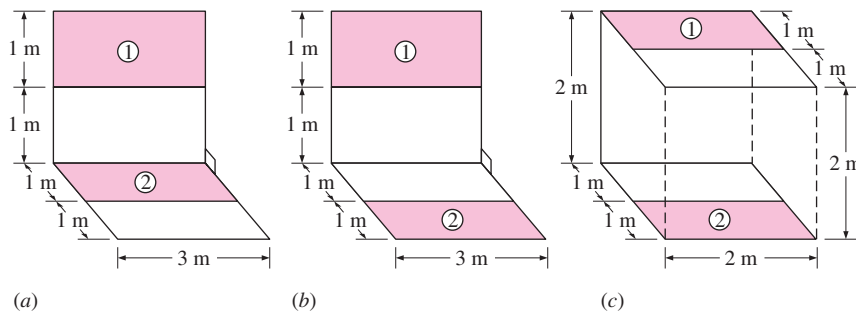


FIGURE P12-16

**Radiation Heat Transfer between Surfaces**

**12-19C** Why is the radiation analysis of enclosures that consist of black surfaces relatively easy? How is the rate of radiation heat transfer between two surfaces expressed in this case?


**12-20C** How does radiosity for a surface differ from the emitted energy? For what kind of surfaces are these two quantities identical?

**12-21C** What are the radiation surface and space resistances? How are they expressed? For what kind of surfaces is the radiation surface resistance zero?


**12-22C** What are the two methods used in radiation analysis? How do these two methods differ?

**12-23C** What is a reradiating surface? What simplifications does a reradiating surface offer in the radiation analysis?

**12-24E** Consider a 10-ft  $\times$  10-ft  $\times$  10-ft cubical furnace whose top and side surfaces closely approximate black surfaces and whose base surface has an emissivity  $\epsilon = 0.7$ . The base, top, and side surfaces of the furnace are maintained at uniform temperatures of 800 R, 1600 R, and 2400 R, respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between (a) the base and the side surfaces and (b) the base and the top surfaces. Also, determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer to the base surface.

**12-25E**  Reconsider Problem 12-24E. Using EES (or other) software, investigate the effect of base surface emissivity on the net rates of radiation heat transfer between the base and the side surfaces, between the base and top surfaces, and to the base surface. Let the emissivity vary from 0.1 to 0.9. Plot the rates of heat transfer as a function of emissivity, and discuss the results.

**12-26** Two very large parallel plates are maintained at uniform temperatures of  $T_1 = 600$  K and  $T_2 = 400$  K and have emissivities  $\epsilon_1 = 0.5$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.9$ , respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two surfaces per unit area of the plates.

**12-27**  Reconsider Problem 12-26. Using EES (or other) software, investigate the effects of the temperature and the emissivity of the hot plate on the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the plates. Let the tempera-

ture vary from 500 K to 1000 K and the emissivity from 0.1 to 0.9. Plot the net rate of radiation heat transfer as functions of temperature and emissivity, and discuss the results.

**12-28** A furnace is of cylindrical shape with  $R = H = 2$  m. The base, top, and side surfaces of the furnace are all black and are maintained at uniform temperatures of 500, 700, and 1200 K, respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer to or from the top surface during steady operation.

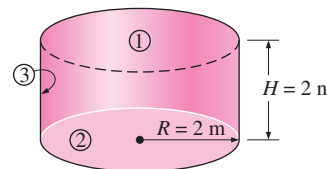


FIGURE P12-28

**12-29** Consider a hemispherical furnace of diameter  $D = 5$  m with a flat base. The dome of the furnace is black, and the base has an emissivity of 0.7. The base and the dome of the furnace are maintained at uniform temperatures of 400 and 1000 K, respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer from the dome to the base surface during steady operation.

Answer: 759 kW

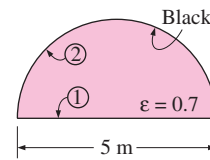


FIGURE P12-29

**12-30** Two very long concentric cylinders of diameters  $D_1 = 0.2$  m and  $D_2 = 0.5$  m are maintained at uniform temperatures of  $T_1 = 950$  K and  $T_2 = 500$  K and have emissivities  $\epsilon_1 = 1$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.7$ , respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two cylinders per unit length of the cylinders.

**12-31** This experiment is conducted to determine the emissivity of a certain material. A long cylindrical rod of diameter

$D_1 = 0.01$  m is coated with this new material and is placed in an evacuated long cylindrical enclosure of diameter  $D_2 = 0.1$  m and emissivity  $\varepsilon_2 = 0.95$ , which is cooled externally and maintained at a temperature of 200 K at all times. The rod is heated by passing electric current through it. When steady operating conditions are reached, it is observed that the rod is dissipating electric power at a rate of 8 W per unit of its length and its surface temperature is 500 K. Based on these measurements, determine the emissivity of the coating on the rod.

**12-32E** A furnace is shaped like a long semicylindrical duct of diameter  $D = 15$  ft. The base and the dome of the furnace have emissivities of 0.5 and 0.9 and are maintained at uniform temperatures of 550 and 1800 R, respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer from the dome to the base surface per unit length during steady operation.

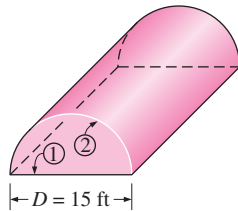



FIGURE P12-32E

**12-33** Two parallel disks of diameter  $D = 0.6$  m separated by  $L = 0.4$  m are located directly on top of each other. Both disks are black and are maintained at a temperature of 700 K. The back sides of the disks are insulated, and the environment that the disks are in can be considered to be a blackbody at  $T_\infty = 300$  K. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer from the disks to the environment. *Answer: 5505 W*

**12-34** A furnace is shaped like a long equilateral-triangular duct where the width of each side is 2 m. Heat is supplied from the base surface, whose emissivity is  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.8$ , at a rate of  $800$  W/m<sup>2</sup> while the side surfaces, whose emissivities are 0.5, are maintained at 500 K. Neglecting the end effects, determine the temperature of the base surface. Can you treat this geometry as a two-surface enclosure?

**12-35**  Reconsider Problem 12-34. Using EES (or other) software, investigate the effects of the rate of the heat transfer at the base surface and the temperature of the side surfaces on the temperature of the base surface. Let the rate of heat transfer vary from  $500$  W/m<sup>2</sup> to  $1000$  W/m<sup>2</sup> and the temperature from 300 K to 700 K. Plot the temperature of the base surface as functions of the rate of heat transfer and the temperature of the side surfaces, and discuss the results.

**12-36** Consider a  $4\text{-m} \times 4\text{-m} \times 4\text{-m}$  cubical furnace whose floor and ceiling are black and whose side surfaces are reradiating. The floor and the ceiling of the furnace are maintained at temperatures of 550 K and 1100 K, respectively. Determine

the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the floor and the ceiling of the furnace.

**12-37** Two concentric spheres of diameters  $D_1 = 0.3$  m and  $D_2 = 0.8$  m are maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1 = 700$  K and  $T_2 = 400$  K and have emissivities  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.5$  and  $\varepsilon_2 = 0.7$ , respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two spheres. Also, determine the convection heat transfer coefficient at the outer surface if both the surrounding medium and the surrounding surfaces are at  $30^\circ\text{C}$ . Assume the emissivity of the outer surface is 0.35.

**12-38** A spherical tank of diameter  $D = 2$  m that is filled with liquid nitrogen at 100 K is kept in an evacuated cubic enclosure whose sides are 3 m long. The emissivities of the spherical tank and the enclosure are  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.1$  and  $\varepsilon_2 = 0.8$ , respectively. If the temperature of the cubic enclosure is measured to be 240 K, determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer to the liquid nitrogen. *Answer: 228 W*

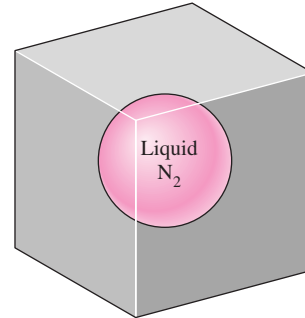



FIGURE P12-38

**12-39** Repeat Problem 12-38 by replacing the cubic enclosure by a spherical enclosure whose diameter is 3 m.

**12-40**  Reconsider Problem 12-38. Using EES (or other) software, investigate the effects of the side length and the emissivity of the cubic enclosure, and the emissivity of the spherical tank on the net rate of radiation heat transfer. Let the side length vary from 2.5 m to 5.0 m and both emissivities from 0.1 to 0.9. Plot the net rate of radiation heat transfer as functions of side length and emissivities, and discuss the results.

**12-41** Consider a circular grill whose diameter is 0.3 m. The bottom of the grill is covered with hot coal bricks at 1100 K, while the wire mesh on top of the grill is covered with steaks initially at  $5^\circ\text{C}$ . The distance between the coal bricks and the steaks is 0.20 m. Treating both the steaks and the coal bricks as blackbodies, determine the initial rate of radiation heat transfer from the coal bricks to the steaks. Also, determine the initial rate of radiation heat transfer to the steaks if the side opening of the grill is covered by aluminum foil, which can be approximated as a reradiating surface. *Answers: 1674 W, 3757 W*



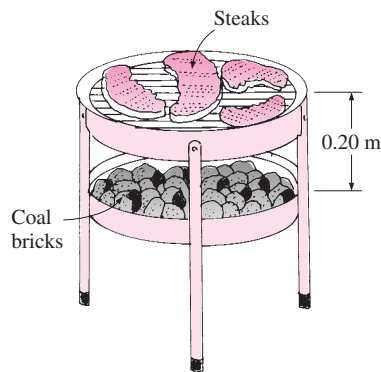


FIGURE P12-41

**12-42E** A 19-ft-high room with a base area of 12 ft  $\times$  12 ft is to be heated by electric resistance heaters placed on the ceiling, which is maintained at a uniform temperature of 90°F at all times. The floor of the room is at 65°F and has an emissivity of 0.8. The side surfaces are well insulated. Treating the ceiling as a blackbody, determine the rate of heat loss from the room through the floor.

**12-43** Consider two rectangular surfaces perpendicular to each other with a common edge which is 1.6 m long. The horizontal surface is 0.8 m wide and the vertical surface is 1.2 m high. The horizontal surface has an emissivity of 0.75 and is maintained at 400 K. The vertical surface is black and is maintained at 550 K. The back sides of the surfaces are insulated. The surrounding surfaces are at 290 K, and can be considered to have an emissivity of 0.85. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfers between the two surfaces, and between the horizontal surface and the surroundings.

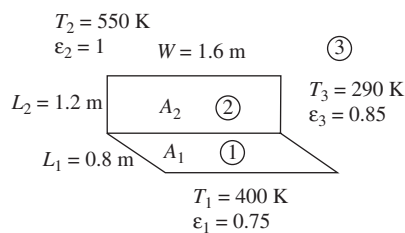


FIGURE P12-43

**12-44** Two long parallel 16-cm-diameter cylinders are located 50 cm apart from each other. Both cylinders are black, and are maintained at temperatures 425 K and 275 K. The surroundings can be treated as a blackbody at 300 K. For a 1-m-long section of the cylinders, determine the rates of radiation heat transfer between the cylinders and between the hot cylinder and the surroundings.

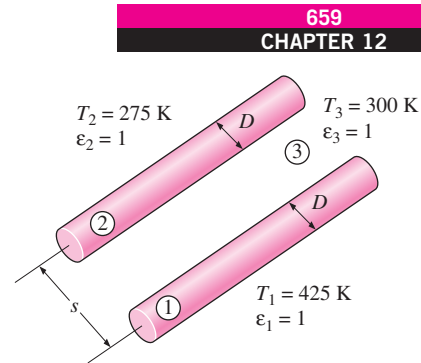


FIGURE P12-44

**12-45** Consider a long semicylindrical duct of diameter 1.0 m. Heat is supplied from the base surface, which is black, at a rate of 1200 W/m<sup>2</sup>, while the side surface with an emissivity of 0.4 are is maintained at 650 K. Neglecting the end effects, determine the temperature of the base surface.

**12-46** Consider a 20-cm-diameter hemispherical enclosure. The dome is maintained at 600 K and heat is supplied from the dome at a rate of 50 W while the base surface with an emissivity is 0.55 is maintained at 400 K. Determine the emissivity of the dome.

### Radiation Shields and the Radiation Effect

**12-47C** What is a radiation shield? Why is it used?

**12-48C** What is the radiation effect? How does it influence the temperature measurements?

**12-49C** Give examples of radiation effects that affect human comfort.

**12-50** Consider a person whose exposed surface area is 1.7 m<sup>2</sup>, emissivity is 0.85, and surface temperature is 30°C. Determine the rate of heat loss from that person by radiation in a large room whose walls are at a temperature of (a) 300 K and (b) 280 K.

**12-51** A thin aluminum sheet with an emissivity of 0.15 on both sides is placed between two very large parallel plates, which are maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1 = 900$  K and  $T_2 = 650$  K and have emissivities  $\epsilon_1 = 0.5$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.8$ , respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two plates per unit surface area of the plates and compare the result with that without the shield.

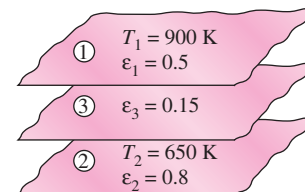




FIGURE P12-51

**12-52**  Reconsider Problem 12-51. Using EES (or other) software, plot the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two plates as a function of the emissivity of the aluminum sheet as the emissivity varies from 0.05 to 0.25, and discuss the results.

**12-53** Two very large parallel plates are maintained at uniform temperatures of  $T_1 = 1000$  K and  $T_2 = 800$  K and have emissivities of  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0.2$ , respectively. It is desired to reduce the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two plates to one-fifth by placing thin aluminum sheets with an emissivity of 0.15 on both sides between the plates. Determine the number of sheets that need to be inserted.

**12-54** Five identical thin aluminum sheets with emissivities of 0.1 on both sides are placed between two very large parallel plates, which are maintained at uniform temperatures of  $T_1 = 800$  K and  $T_2 = 450$  K and have emissivities of  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0.1$ , respectively. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two plates per unit surface area of the plates and compare the result to that without the shield.

**12-55**  Reconsider Problem 12-54. Using EES (or other) software, investigate the effects of the number of the aluminum sheets and the emissivities of the plates on the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two plates. Let the number of sheets vary from 1 to 10 and the emissivities of the plates from 0.1 to 0.9. Plot the rate of radiation heat transfer as functions of the number of sheets and the emissivities of the plates, and discuss the results.

**12-56E** Two parallel disks of diameter  $D = 3$  ft separated by  $L = 2$  ft are located directly on top of each other. The disks are separated by a radiation shield whose emissivity is 0.15. Both disks are black and are maintained at temperatures of 1200 R and 700 R, respectively. The environment that the disks are in can be considered to be a blackbody at 540 R. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer through the shield under steady conditions. *Answer: 866 Btu/h*

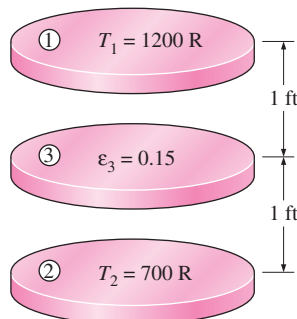




FIGURE P12-56E

**12-57** A radiation shield that has the same emissivity  $\epsilon_3$  on both sides is placed between two large parallel plates, which are maintained at uniform temperatures of  $T_1 = 650$  K and  $T_2 = 400$  K and have emissivities of  $\epsilon_1 = 0.6$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.9$ , respectively. Determine the emissivity of the radiation shield if the radiation heat transfer between the plates is to be reduced to 15 percent of that without the radiation shield.

**12-58**  Reconsider Problem 12-57. Using EES (or other) software, investigate the effect of the percent reduction in the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the plates on the emissivity of the radiation shields. Let the percent reduction vary from 40 to 95 percent. Plot the emissivity versus the percent reduction in heat transfer, and discuss the results.

**12-59** Two coaxial cylinders of diameters  $D_1 = 0.10$  m and  $D_2 = 0.30$  m and emissivities  $\epsilon_1 = 0.7$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.4$  are maintained at uniform temperatures of  $T_1 = 750$  K and  $T_2 = 500$  K, respectively. Now a coaxial radiation shield of diameter  $D_3 = 0.20$  m and emissivity  $\epsilon_3 = 0.2$  is placed between the two cylinders. Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two cylinders per unit length of the cylinders and compare the result with that without the shield.

**12-60**  Reconsider Problem 12-59. Using EES (or other) software, investigate the effects of the diameter of the outer cylinder and the emissivity of the radiation shield on the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two cylinders. Let the diameter vary from 0.25 m to 0.50 m and the emissivity from 0.05 to 0.35. Plot the rate of radiation heat transfer as functions of the diameter and the emissivity, and discuss the results.

### Radiation Exchange with Absorbing and Emitting Gases

**12-61C** How does radiation transfer through a participating medium differ from that through a nonparticipating medium?

**12-62C** Define spectral transmissivity of a medium of thickness  $L$  in terms of (a) spectral intensities and (b) the spectral absorption coefficient.

**12-63C** Define spectral emissivity of a medium of thickness  $L$  in terms of the spectral absorption coefficient.

**12-64C** How does the wavelength distribution of radiation emitted by a gas differ from that of a surface at the same temperature?

**12-65** Consider an equimolar mixture of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$  gases at 500 K and a total pressure of 0.5 atm. For a path length of 1.2 m, determine the emissivity of the gas.

**12-66** A cubic furnace whose side length is 6 m contains combustion gases at 1000 K and a total pressure of 1 atm. The composition of the combustion gases is 75 percent  $\text{N}_2$ , 9 percent  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 6 percent  $\text{O}_2$ , and 10 percent  $\text{CO}_2$ . Determine the effective emissivity of the combustion gases.



**12-67** A cylindrical container whose height and diameter are 8 m is filled with a mixture of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$  gases at 600 K and 1 atm. The partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  in the mixture is 0.15 atm. If the walls are black at a temperature of 450 K, determine the rate of radiation heat transfer between the gas and the container walls.

**12-68** Repeat Problem 12-67 by replacing  $\text{CO}_2$  by the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  gas.

**12-69** A 2-m-diameter spherical furnace contains a mixture of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$  gases at 1200 K and 1 atm. The mole fraction of  $\text{CO}_2$  in the mixture is 0.15. If the furnace wall is black and its temperature is to be maintained at 600 K, determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the gas mixture and the furnace walls.

**12-70** A flow-through combustion chamber consists of 15-cm diameter long tubes immersed in water. Compressed air is routed to the tube, and fuel is sprayed into the compressed air. The combustion gases consist of 70 percent  $\text{N}_2$ , 9 percent  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 15 percent  $\text{O}_2$ , and 6 percent  $\text{CO}_2$ , and are maintained at 1 atm and 1500 K. The tube surfaces are near black, with an emissivity of 0.9. If the tubes are to be maintained at a temperature of 600 K, determine the rate of heat transfer from combustion gases to tube wall by radiation per m length of tube.

**12-71** Repeat Problem 12-70 for a total pressure of 3 atm.

**12-72** In a cogeneration plant, combustion gases at 1 atm and 800 K are used to preheat water by passing them through 6-m-long 10-cm-diameter tubes. The inner surface of the tube is black, and the partial pressures of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in combustion gases are 0.12 atm and 0.18 atm, respectively. If the tube temperature is 500 K, determine the rate of radiation heat transfer from the gases to the tube.

**12-73** A gas at 1200 K and 1 atm consists of 10 percent  $\text{CO}_2$ , 10 percent  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 10 percent  $\text{N}_2$ , and 70 percent  $\text{N}_2$  by volume. The gas flows between two large parallel black plates maintained at 600 K. If the plates are 20 cm apart, determine the rate of heat transfer from the gas to each plate per unit surface area.

### Special Topic: Heat Transfer from the Human Body

**12-74C** Consider a person who is resting or doing light work. Is it fair to say that roughly one-third of the metabolic heat generated in the body is dissipated to the environment by convection, one-third by evaporation, and the remaining one-third by radiation?

**12-75C** What is sensible heat? How is the sensible heat loss from a human body affected by (a) skin temperature, (b) environment temperature, and (c) air motion?

**12-76C** What is latent heat? How is the latent heat loss from the human body affected by (a) skin wettedness and (b) relative humidity of the environment? How is the rate of evaporation from the body related to the rate of latent heat loss?

**12-77C** How is the insulating effect of clothing expressed? How does clothing affect heat loss from the body by convection, radiation, and evaporation? How does clothing affect heat gain from the sun?

**12-78C** Explain all the different mechanisms of heat transfer from the human body (a) through the skin and (b) through the lungs.

**12-79C** What is operative temperature? How is it related to the mean ambient and radiant temperatures? How does it differ from effective temperature?

**12-80** The convection heat transfer coefficient for a clothed person while walking in still air at a velocity of 0.5 to 2 m/s is given by  $h = 8.6V^{0.53}$ , where  $V$  is in m/s and  $h$  is in  $\text{W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ . Plot the convection coefficient against the walking velocity, and compare the convection coefficients in that range to the average radiation coefficient of about  $5 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ .

**12-81** A clothed or unclothed person feels comfortable when the skin temperature is about  $33^\circ\text{C}$ . Consider an average man wearing summer clothes whose thermal resistance is 0.7 clo. The man feels very comfortable while standing in a room maintained at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . If this man were to stand in that room unclothed, determine the temperature at which the room must be maintained for him to feel thermally comfortable. Assume the latent heat loss from the person to remain the same.

*Answer:  $26.4^\circ\text{C}$*

**12-82E** An average person produces 0.50 lbm of moisture while taking a shower and 0.12 lbm while bathing in a tub. Consider a family of four who shower once a day in a bathroom that is not ventilated. Taking the heat of vaporization of water to be 1050 Btu/lbm, determine the contribution of showers to the latent heat load of the air conditioner in summer per day.

**12-83** An average (1.82 kg or 4.0 lbm) chicken has a basal metabolic rate of 5.47 W and an average metabolic rate of 10.2 W (3.78 W sensible and 6.42 W latent) during normal activity. If there are 100 chickens in a breeding room, determine the rate of total heat generation and the rate of moisture production in the room. Take the heat of vaporization of water to be 2430 kJ/kg.

**12-84** Consider a large classroom with 150 students on a hot summer day. All the lights with 4.0 kW of rated power are kept on. The room has no external walls, and thus heat gain through the walls and the roof is negligible. Chilled air is available at  $15^\circ\text{C}$ , and the temperature of the return air is not to exceed  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Determine the required flow rate of air, in kg/s, that needs to be supplied to the room. *Answer: 1.45 kg/s*

**12-85** A person feels very comfortable in his house in light clothing when the thermostat is set at  $22^\circ\text{C}$  and the mean radiation temperature (the average temperature of the surrounding surfaces) is also  $22^\circ\text{C}$ . During a cold day, the average mean radiation temperature drops to  $18^\circ\text{C}$ . To what level must the

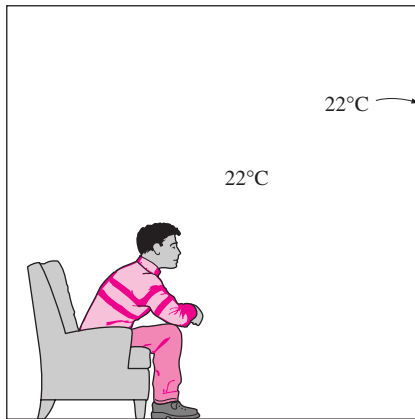


FIGURE P12-85

indoor air temperature be raised to maintain the same level of comfort in the same clothing?

**12-86** Repeat Problem 12-85 for a mean radiation temperature of 12°C.

**12-87** A car mechanic is working in a shop whose interior space is not heated. Comfort for the mechanic is provided by two radiant heaters that radiate heat at a total rate of 10 kJ/s. About 5 percent of this heat strikes the mechanic directly. The shop and its surfaces can be assumed to be at the ambient temperature, and the emissivity and absorptivity of the mechanic can be taken to be 0.95 and the surface area to be 1.8 m<sup>2</sup>. The mechanic is generating heat at a rate of 350 W, half of which is latent, and is wearing medium clothing with a thermal resistance of 0.7 clo. Determine the lowest ambient temperature in which the mechanic can work comfortably.

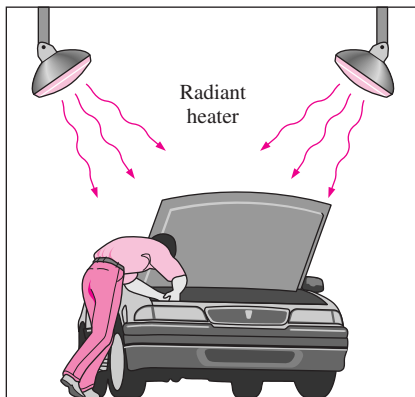


FIGURE P12-87

**Review Problems**

**12-88** A thermocouple used to measure the temperature of hot air flowing in a duct whose walls are maintained at  $T_w = 500$  K shows a temperature reading of  $T_{th} = 850$  K. Assuming the emissivity of the thermocouple junction to be

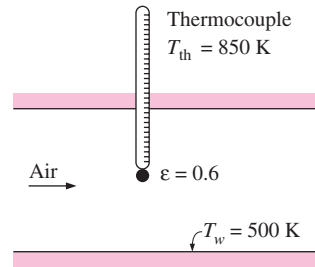


FIGURE P12-88

$\epsilon = 0.6$  and the convection heat transfer coefficient to be  $h = 60$  W/m<sup>2</sup> · °C, determine the actual temperature of air.

*Answer: 1111 K*

**12-89** A thermocouple shielded by aluminum foil of emissivity 0.15 is used to measure the temperature of hot gases flowing in a duct whose walls are maintained at  $T_w = 380$  K. The thermometer shows a temperature reading of  $T_{th} = 530$  K. Assuming the emissivity of the thermocouple junction to be  $\epsilon = 0.7$  and the convection heat transfer coefficient to be  $h = 120$  W/m<sup>2</sup> · °C, determine the actual temperature of the gas. What would the thermometer reading be if no radiation shield was used?

**12-90E** Consider a sealed 8-in.-high electronic box whose base dimensions are 12 in. × 12 in. placed in a vacuum chamber. The emissivity of the outer surface of the box is 0.95. If the electronic components in the box dissipate a total of 100 W of power and the outer surface temperature of the box is not to exceed 130°F, determine the highest temperature at which the surrounding surfaces must be kept if this box is to be cooled by radiation alone. Assume the heat transfer from the bottom surface of the box to the stand to be negligible. *Answer: 43°F*

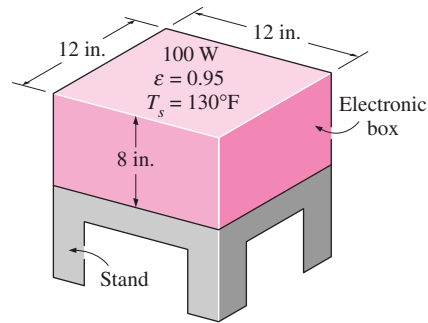


FIGURE P12-90E

**12-91** A 2-m-internal-diameter double-walled spherical tank is used to store iced water at 0°C. Each wall is 0.5 cm thick, and the 1.5-cm-thick air space between the two walls of the tank is evacuated in order to minimize heat transfer. The surfaces surrounding the evacuated space are polished so that each surface has an emissivity of 0.15. The temperature of the outer

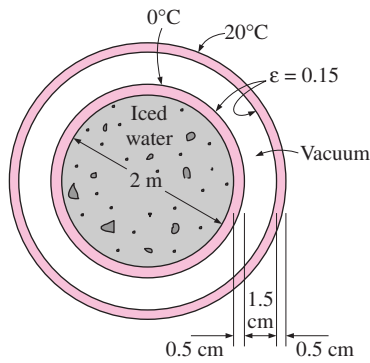


FIGURE P12-91

wall of the tank is measured to be 20°C. Assuming the inner wall of the steel tank to be at 0°C, determine (a) the rate of heat transfer to the iced water in the tank and (b) the amount of ice at 0°C that melts during a 24-h period.

**12-92** Two concentric spheres of diameters  $D_1 = 15$  cm and  $D_2 = 25$  cm are separated by air at 1 atm pressure. The surface temperatures of the two spheres enclosing the air are  $T_1 = 350$  K and  $T_2 = 275$  K, respectively, and their emissivities are 0.5. Determine the rate of heat transfer from the inner sphere to the outer sphere by (a) natural convection and (b) radiation.

**12-93** Consider a 1.5-m-high and 3-m-wide solar collector that is tilted at an angle  $20^\circ$  from the horizontal. The distance between the glass cover and the absorber plate is 3 cm, and the back side of the absorber is heavily insulated. The absorber plate and the glass cover are maintained at temperatures of 80°C and 32°C, respectively. The emissivity of the glass surface is 0.9 and that of the absorber plate is 0.8. Determine the rate of heat loss from the absorber plate by natural convection and radiation. *Answers: 750 W, 1289 W*

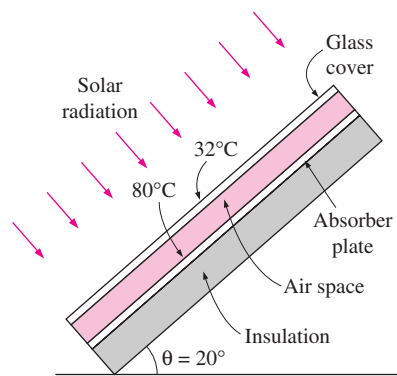


FIGURE P12-93

**12-94E** A solar collector consists of a horizontal aluminum tube having an outer diameter of 2.5 in. enclosed in a concentric thin glass tube of diameter 5 in.

Water is heated as it flows through the tube, and the annular space between the aluminum and the glass tube is filled with air at 0.5 atm pressure. The pump circulating the water fails during a clear day, and the water temperature in the tube starts rising. The aluminum tube absorbs solar radiation at a rate of 30 Btu/h per foot length, and the temperature of the ambient air outside is 75°F. The emissivities of the tube and the glass cover are 0.9. Taking the effective sky temperature to be 60°F, determine the temperature of the aluminum tube when thermal equilibrium is established (i.e., when the rate of heat loss from the tube equals the amount of solar energy gained by the tube).

**12-95** A vertical 2-m-high and 3-m-wide double-pane window consists of two sheets of glass separated by a 5-cm-thick air gap. In order to reduce heat transfer through the window, the air space between the two glasses is partially evacuated to 0.3 atm pressure. The emissivities of the glass surfaces are 0.9. Taking the glass surface temperatures across the air gap to be 15°C and 5°C, determine the rate of heat transfer through the window by natural convection and radiation.

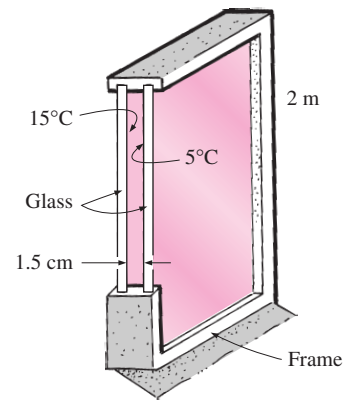


FIGURE P12-95

**12-96** A simple solar collector is built by placing a 6-cm-diameter clear plastic tube around a garden hose whose outer diameter is 2 cm. The hose is painted black to maximize solar absorption, and some plastic rings are used to keep the spacing between the hose and the clear plastic cover constant. The emissivities of the hose surface and the glass cover are 0.9, and the effective sky temperature is

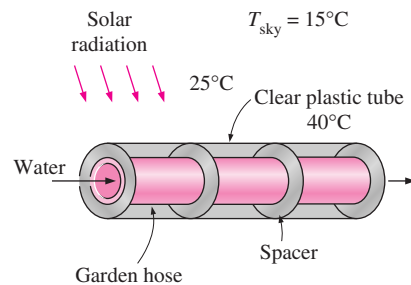


FIGURE P12-96

estimated to be  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The temperature of the plastic tube is measured to be  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , while the ambient air temperature is  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Determine the rate of heat loss from the water in the hose by natural convection and radiation per meter of its length under steady conditions.

*Answers: 5.2 W, 26.2 W*

**12-97** A solar collector consists of a horizontal copper tube of outer diameter 5 cm enclosed in a concentric thin glass tube of diameter 9 cm. Water is heated as it flows through the tube, and the annular space between the copper and the glass tubes is filled with air at 1 atm pressure. The emissivities of the tube surface and the glass cover are 0.85 and 0.9, respectively. During a clear day, the temperatures of the tube surface and the glass cover are measured to be  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , respectively. Determine the rate of heat loss from the collector by natural convection and radiation per meter length of the tube.

**12-98** A furnace is of cylindrical shape with a diameter of 1.2 m and a length of 1.2 m. The top surface has an emissivity of 0.70 and is maintained at 500 K. The bottom surface has an emissivity of 0.50 and is maintained at 650 K. The side surface has an emissivity of 0.40. Heat is supplied from the base surface at a net rate of 1400 W. Determine the temperature of the side surface and the net rates of heat transfer between the top and the bottom surfaces, and between the bottom and side surfaces.

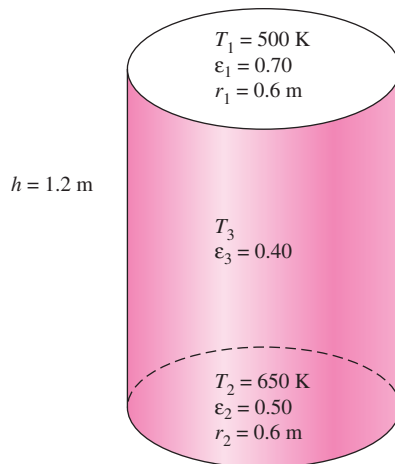


FIGURE P12-98

**12-99** Consider a cubical furnace with a side length of 3 m. The top surface is maintained at 700 K. The base surface has an emissivity of 0.90 and is maintained at 950 K. The side surface is black and is maintained at 450 K. Heat is supplied from the base surface at a rate of 340 kW. Determine the emissivity of the top surface and the net rates of heat transfer between the top and the bottom surfaces, and between the bottom and side surfaces.

**12-100** A thin aluminum sheet with an emissivity of 0.12 on both sides is placed between two very large parallel plates maintained at uniform temperatures of  $T_1 = 750 \text{ K}$  and  $T_2 = 550 \text{ K}$ . The emissivities of the plates are  $\epsilon_1 = 0.8$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.9$ . Determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer between the two plates per unit surface area of the plates, and the temperature of the radiation shield in steady operation.

**12-101** Two thin radiation shields with emissivities of  $\epsilon_3 = 0.10$  and  $\epsilon_4 = 0.15$  on both sides are placed between two very large parallel plates, which are maintained at uniform temperatures  $T_1 = 600 \text{ K}$  and  $T_2 = 300 \text{ K}$  and have emissivities  $\epsilon_1 = 0.6$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.7$ , respectively. Determine the net rates of radiation heat transfer between the two plates with and without the shields per unit surface area of the plates, and the temperatures of the radiation shields in steady operation.

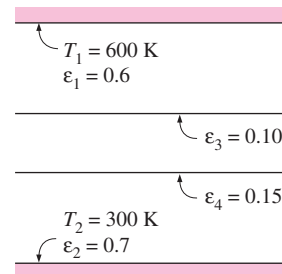


FIGURE P12-101

**12-102** In a natural-gas fired boiler, combustion gases pass through 6-m-long 15-cm-diameter tubes immersed in water at 1 atm pressure. The tube temperature is measured to be  $105^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and the emissivity of the inner surfaces of the tubes is estimated to be 0.9. Combustion gases enter the tube at 1 atm and 1200 K at a mean velocity of 3 m/s. The mole fractions of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in combustion gases are 8 percent and 16 percent, respectively. Assuming fully developed flow and using properties of air for combustion gases, determine (a) the rates of heat transfer by convection and by radiation from the combustion gases to the tube wall and (b) the rate of evaporation of water.

**12-103** Repeat Problem 12-102 for a total pressure of 3 atm for the combustion gases.

### Computer, Design, and Essay Problems

**12-104** Consider an enclosure consisting of  $N$  diffuse and gray surfaces. The emissivity and temperature of each surface as well as all the view factors between the surfaces are specified. Write a program to determine the net rate of radiation heat transfer for each surface.

**12-105** Radiation shields are commonly used in the design of superinsulations for use in space and cryogenic applications. Write an essay on superinsulations and how they are used in different applications.



**12-106** Thermal comfort in a house is strongly affected by the so-called radiation effect, which is due to radiation heat transfer between the person and surrounding surfaces. A person feels much colder in the morning, for example, because of the

lower surface temperature of the walls at that time, although the thermostat setting of the house is fixed. Write an essay on the radiation effect, how it affects human comfort, and how it is accounted for in heating and air-conditioning applications.

