

CRITICAL THICKNESS OF INSULATION

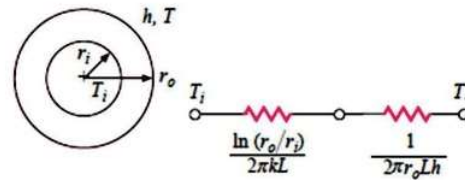
* لدينا اسطوانة (circular pipe) بنصف قطر (r_i) ودرجة حرارة (T_i)، تم إضافة مادة عازلة على الاسطوانة بنصف قطر (r_o)، يتم أيضاً تعريفه الطول الحارفي إلى مانع (fluid) عند درجة حرارة T_∞ .

$$q = \frac{\Delta T}{\sum R_{th}} = \frac{T_i - T_\infty}{\frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{2\pi kL} + \frac{1}{hA_o}}$$

$$A_o = 2\pi r_o L$$

$$q = \frac{T_i - T_\infty}{\frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{2\pi kL} + \frac{1}{2\pi r_o L h}} \Rightarrow q = \frac{2\pi L (T_i - T_\infty)}{\frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{k} + \frac{1}{r_o h}}$$

Figure 2-7 | Critical insulation thickness.



* r_o هو نصف القطر الذي يجعل عنده أقصى انتقال للحرارة. لإيجاد r_o نشتق المعادلة بالنسبة لـ r_o ونعوض القيمة لأي نصف عنده أقصى انتقال للحرارة.

$$\frac{dq}{dr_o} = 0 \text{ @ maximum Heat Transfer.}$$

$$\frac{dq}{dr_o} = \frac{\left(\frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{k} + \frac{1}{r_o h} \right) (0) - 2\pi L (T_i - T_\infty) \left[\frac{1/r_i}{k} + \left[\frac{-h}{r_o^2 h^2} \right] \right]}{\left[\frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{k} + \frac{1}{r_o h} \right]^2} = 0$$

$$- 2\pi L (T_i - T_\infty) \left[\frac{1}{r_o k} - \frac{1}{r_o^2 h} \right] = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{r_o k} - \frac{1}{r_o^2 h} = 0 \Rightarrow r_o k = r_o^2 h$$

$$\boxed{r_o = \frac{k}{h}}$$

The Equation expresses the critical-radius-of-insulation concept. If the outer radius is less than the value given by this equation, then the heat transfer will be *increased* by adding more insulation. For outer radii greater than the critical value an increase in insulation thickness will cause a decrease in heat transfer. The central concept is that for sufficiently small values of h the convection heat loss may actually increase with the addition of insulation because of increased surface area.



EXAMPLE 2-6

Calculate the critical radius of insulation for asbestos [$k = 0.17 \text{ W/m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$] surrounding a pipe and exposed to room air at 20°C with $h = 3.0 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$. Calculate the heat loss from a 200°C , 5.0-cm -diameter pipe when covered with the critical radius of insulation and without insulation.

Soly: $k_{\text{asbestos}} = 0.17$, $T_{\infty} = 20^\circ\text{C}$, $h = 3 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$, $T_i = 200^\circ\text{C}$
 $D = 5 \text{ cm}$, $r_i = 2.5 \text{ cm}$.

Find ① $\frac{q}{L}$ with insulation , ② $\frac{q}{L}$ without insulation

① $r_o = \frac{k}{h} \Rightarrow r_o = \frac{0.17}{3} \Rightarrow r_o = 5.67 \text{ cm} = 0.0567 \text{ m}$

$$q = \frac{2\pi L (T_i - T_{\infty})}{\frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{k} + \frac{1}{rh}} \Rightarrow \frac{q}{L} = \frac{2\pi (T_i - T_{\infty})}{\frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{k} + \frac{1}{rh}}$$

$$\frac{q}{L} = \frac{2\pi (200 - 20)}{\frac{\ln(5.67/2.5)}{0.17} + \frac{1}{0.0567 \times 3}} \Rightarrow \frac{q}{L} = 105.7 \text{ W/m}$$

② $\frac{q}{L}$ without insulation

$q = hA(T_w - T_{\infty}) \Rightarrow q = h(2\pi rL)(T_w - T_{\infty})$

$$\therefore \frac{q}{L} = h(2\pi r)(T_w - T_{\infty}) \Rightarrow \frac{q}{L} = 3 \times 2\pi \times 0.025 \times (200 - 20) \Rightarrow \frac{q}{L} = 84.8 \text{ W/m}$$

نتيجة $\left. \begin{array}{l} r < r(\text{critical}) \Rightarrow r \uparrow q \uparrow \\ r > r(\text{critical}) \Rightarrow r \uparrow q \downarrow \end{array} \right\}$