

**LAB NUMBER 4**

**THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPERIMENTS**

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## PLEASE NOTE:

1.

**NO ERROR ANALYSIS IS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THIS LAB 4.**

2.

**SAMPLE CALCULATIONS NEEDED ARE FOR ONE SET OF K VALUE --- CELL E 30 , IN THE CALCULATION WORKSHEET .**

**THIS WILL REQUIRE CALCULATIONS IN COLUMN B – B3 TO B25, AND ROW 30**

## BASICS OF HEAT TRANSFER

The relationship between the heat flux,  $q$  ( Watt /m<sup>2</sup> ), and temperature,  $T(x)$  , is given by

$$q = -k A \left( \frac{d}{dx} T(x) \right)$$

or

$$k = - \frac{q}{A \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T \right)} \quad (1)$$

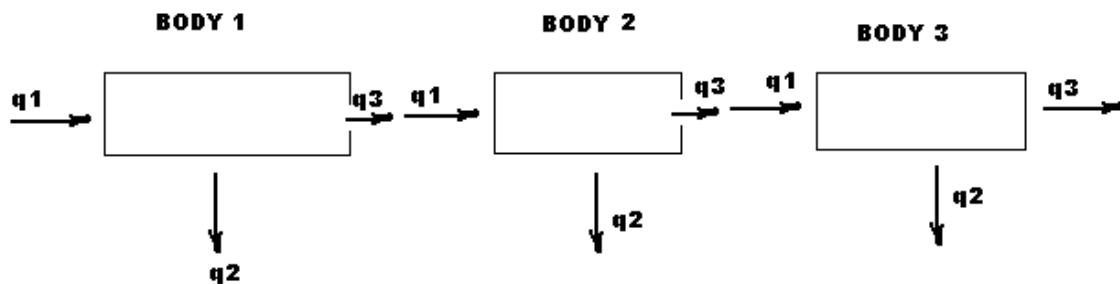
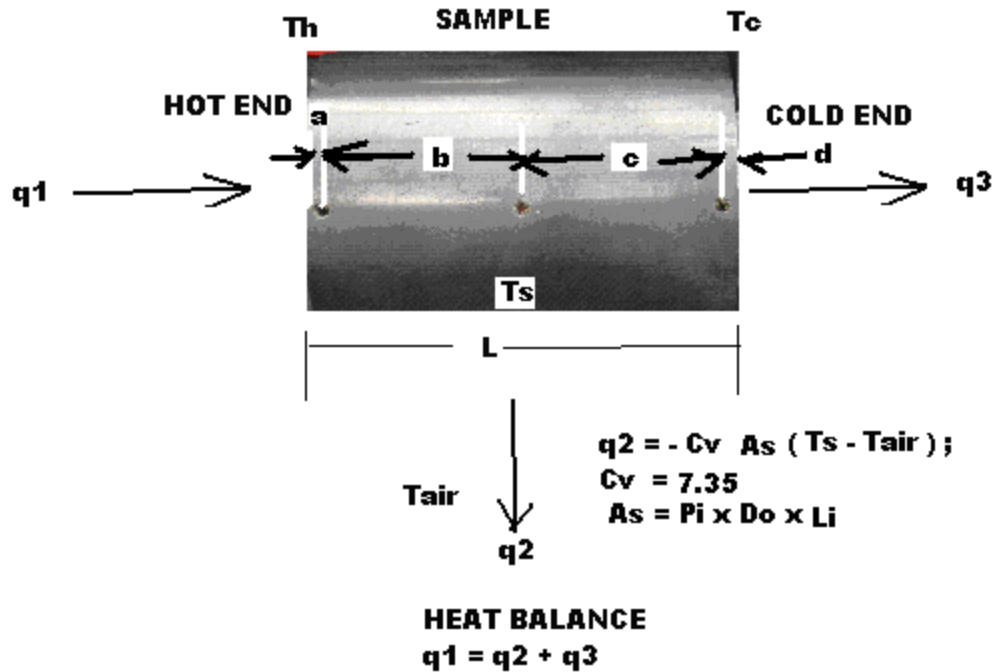
where  $k$  is the thermal conductivity of the material, and  $A$  is the area perpendicular to the heat flux ,  $q$  ..  
For the sample shown below, on an over all basis, one can write

$$q = - \frac{k A (T_h - T_c)}{L} \quad (1)$$

where ,  $A$  is given by

$$A = \frac{\pi (D_o^2 - D_i^2)}{4}$$

FIG 1



CONVENTION FOR HEAT FLOW:

RULE 1

$q_3$  OF BODY 1 =  $q_1$  OF BODY 2;

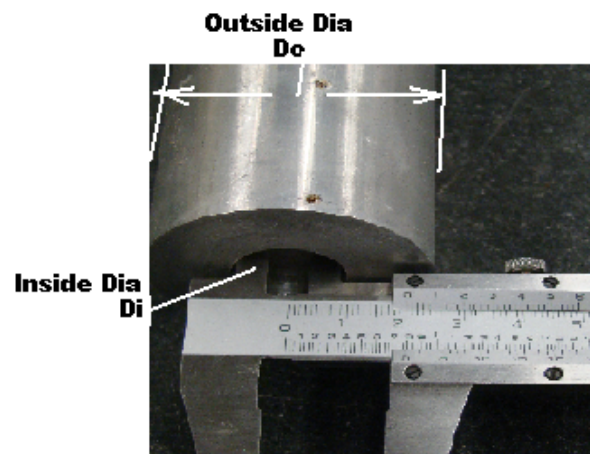
$q_3$  OF BODY 2 =  $q_1$  OF BODY 3;

RULE 2

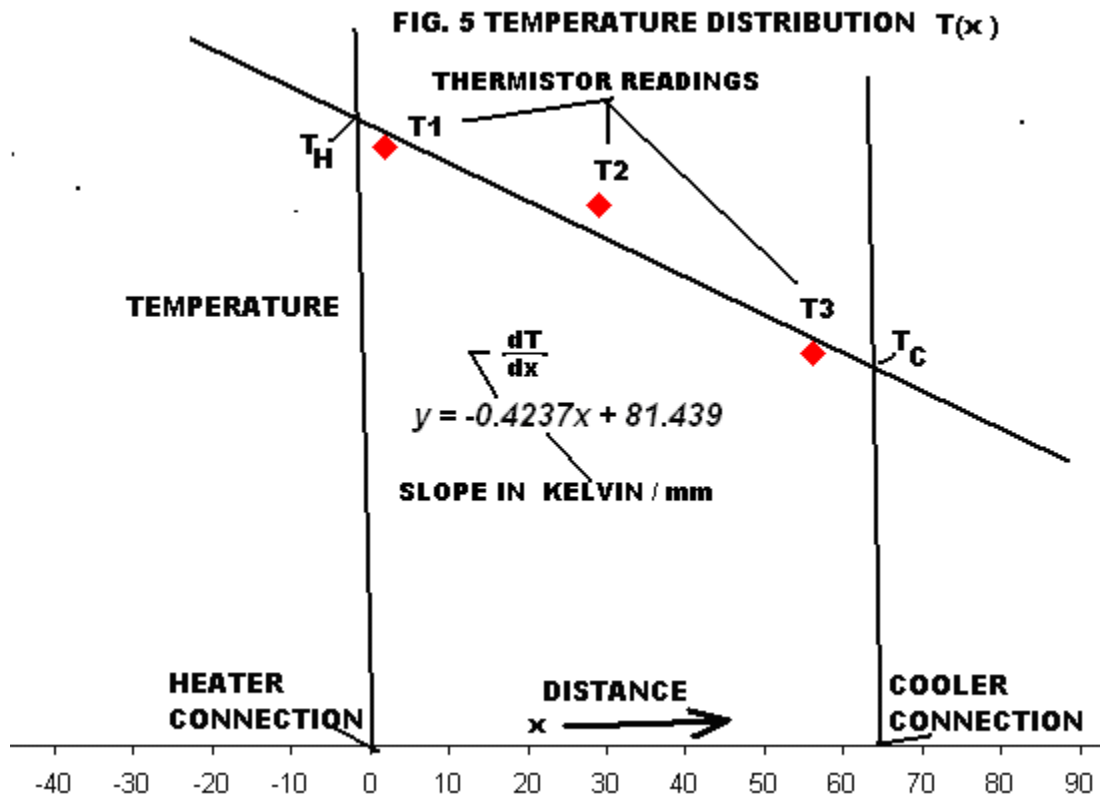
$q_2$  IS THE HEAT LOSS OF ANY BODY

**FIG 1b NOTATION OF  $q$ , THE TOTAL THERMAL ENERGY WHERE  $q/A$  IS THE HEAT FLUX**

**FIG. 2**



**FIG 3**

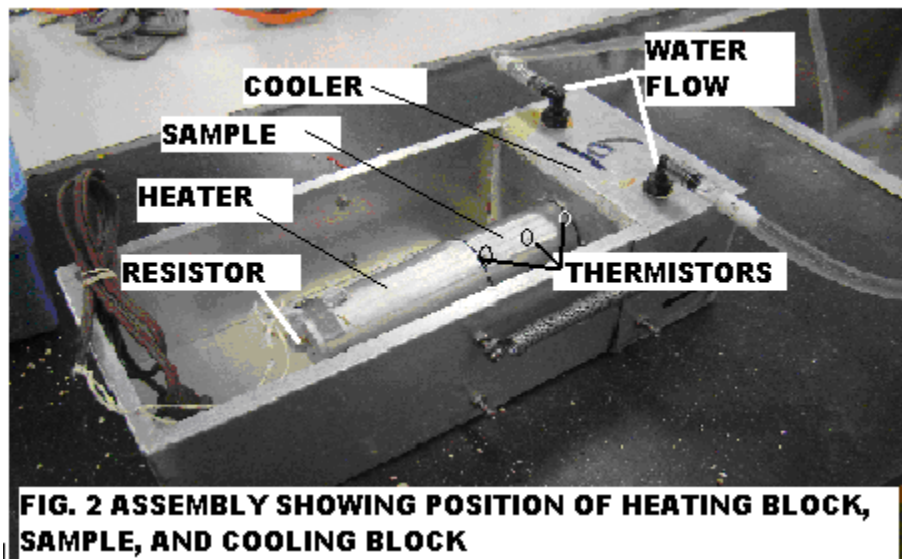


Obtain  $T_H$  , and  $T_C$  from the graph above by extrapolation.

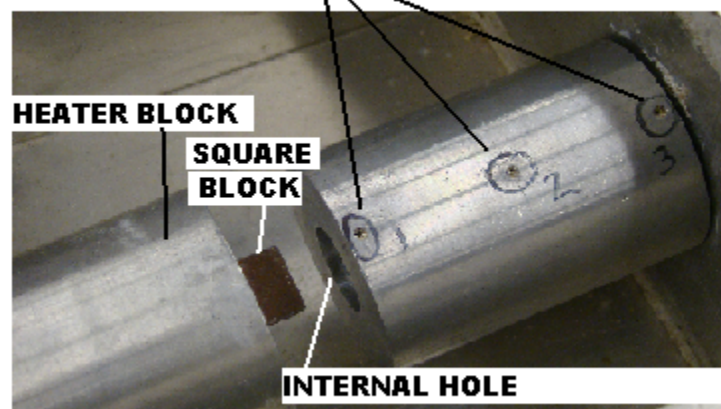
## EXPERIMENTAL COMPONENTS AND ASSEMBLY

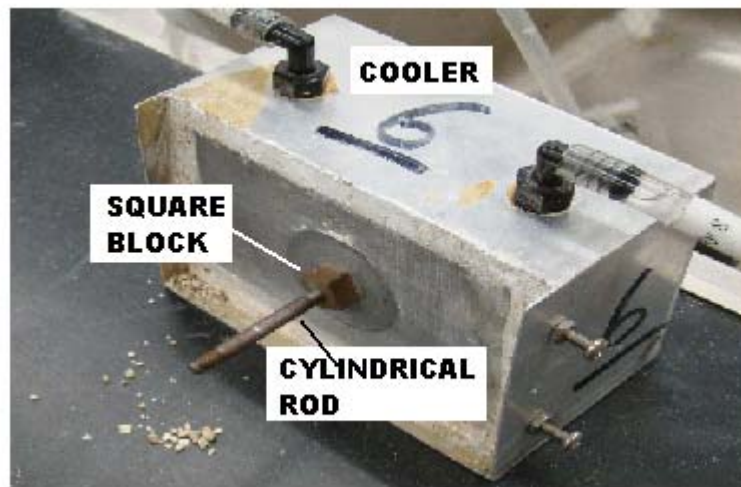
In this experiment, the sample is heated by a Heater Block, cylindrical in shape, using a resistor. The heat flows axially . The sample is cooled by another Cooling Block shown below. The details of each of these units are also shown in the next few figures.

The heating is started by immersing the assembly in an insulating material called vermiculite ( see FIG. 6 ) and when the steady state temperatures are reached then calculations are performed to determine the conductivity of the sample material using Eq. ( 1 )

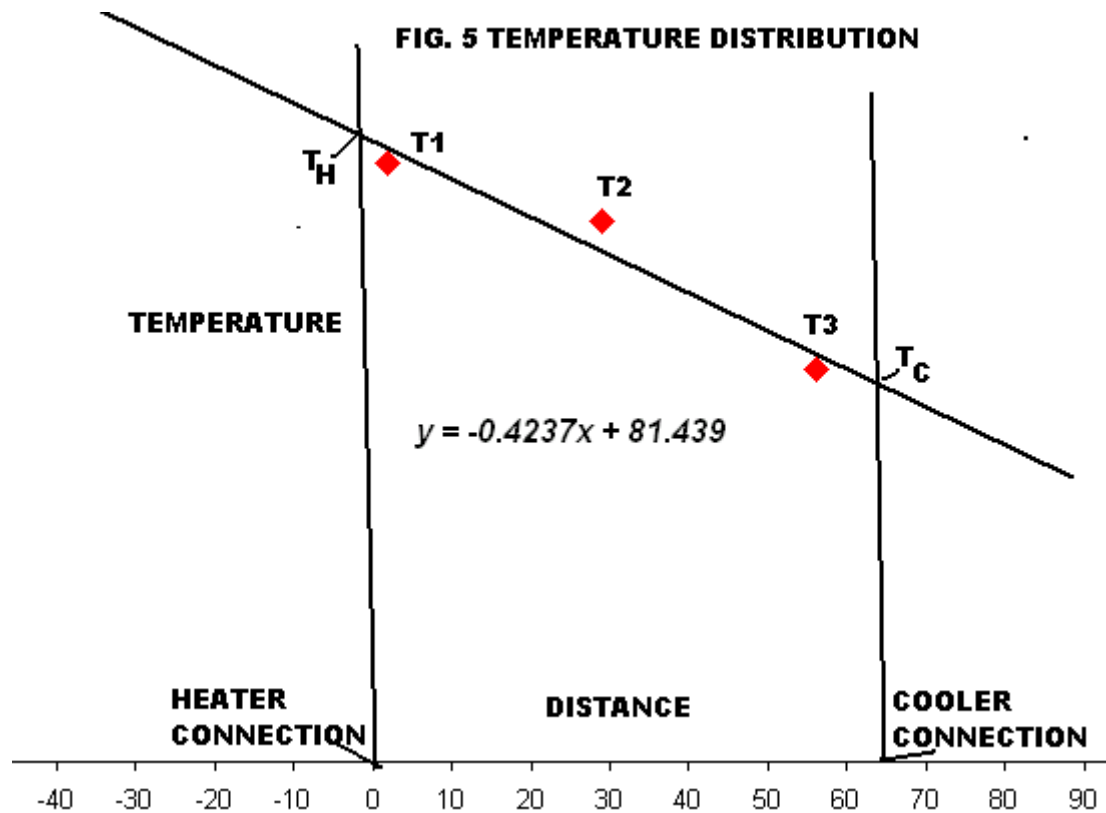


#### THERMISTOR LOCATIONS



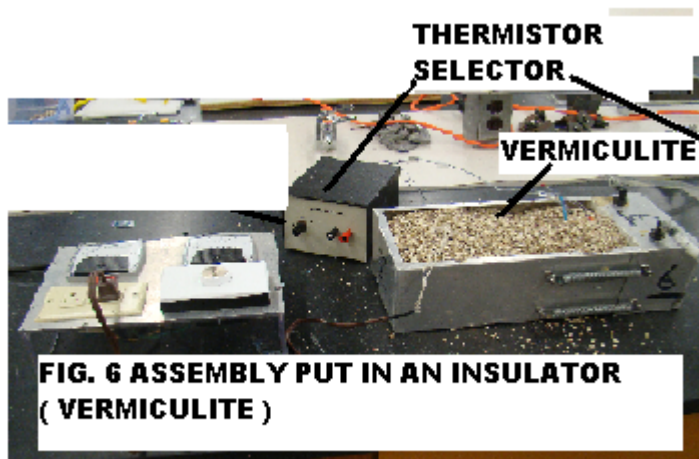


**FIG. 4 DETAILS AT THE COOLER END**





**FIG 6 THE ASSEMBLY IMMERSED IN VERMICULITE**



NO 1

## DATA SHEET

Measure each of the components, followed by appropriate calculations and then insert in the appropriate cells of the software .



UNIT	COMPONENT	FORMULAS
HEATER BLOCK	Do = L =	$As = (\pi \times Do \times L) + \pi \times Do^2 / 4$
SAMPLE	Do = Di = a = b = c = d =	$A = \pi \times (Do^2 - Di^2) / 4$  $As1 = \pi \times Do \times a$ $As2 = \pi \times Do \times b$ $As3 = \pi \times Do \times c$ $As4 = \pi \times Do \times d$
ROD	Radius , Rr =0.00275 Length , Lr=( a+b+c+d )	$Ar = \pi \times Rr^2$ $Lr = (a+b+c+d)$
HEATER	VOLTS , V CURRENT, I	V = I =
TEMPERATURES	Room Temperature	T =
HEATER , GRAPH	TH	TH =
COOLING, GRAPH BLOCK	TC	TC =

Th SAMPLE Tc

a b c d

Ts

L

C10	$f_x$
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	A	B	C
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1			
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2	information of aluminum cylinder		
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3	L (mm)	62.7	L
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4	outer diameter (mm)	48	Do
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5	hole diameter (mm)	17.1	Di
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6			
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7	section number	Length of sections (mm)	SAMPLE
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8	a	1.8	
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9	b	27.2	
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10	c	27.2	
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11	d	1.8	
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NO 2

THERMISTORS CONSTANTS

SEE THE TABLE BELOW ; T is in degrees Kelvin

$$\ln = C \times 1/T + \ln R_0$$

THERMISTOR	$\ln R_0$ ( $\Omega$ )	C (K)	THERMISTOR	$\ln R_0$ ( $\Omega$ )	C (K)
1-1	-2.876	4041	5-1	-3.008	4057
1-2	-2.646	4029	5-2	-2.924	4054
1-3	-2.549	4006	5-3	-2.638	4023
1-4	-2.964	4073	5-4	-2.728	4045
1-5	-2.605	3970	5-5	-2.734	4016
2-1	-2.731	4017	6-1	-2.592	3946
2-2	-2.981	4050	6-2	-2.528	3958
2-3	-2.528	3945	6-3	-2.771	4034
2-4	-2.617	4015	6-4	-2.540	3946
2-5	-2.756	4012	6-5		
3-1	-2.550	3977	7-1	-2.693	4034
3-2	-2.795	4029	7-2	-2.692	4011
3-3	-2.539	3964	7-3	-2.761	4018
3-4	-2.397	3982	7-4	-2.772	4025
3-5	-2.773	4008	7-5		
4-1	-2.661	4018	8-1	-2.769	3996
4-2	-2.551	3962	8-2		
4-3	-2.341	3928	8-3	-2.529	3939
4-4	-2.514	3947	8-4	-2.495	3939
4-5	-2.668	4005	8-5		
A	-2.143	3846	F	-2.272	3903
B	-2.225	3818	G	-2.977	4057
C	-2.365	3865	H	-2.408	3861
D	-2.954	4052	I	-2.800	4000
E	-2.707	3976	J	-2.266	3691

NO 3

C10						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
11	d	1.8				
12						
13	Constants of thermistors					
14	Channel number	$\ln R_0$ (ohm)	C			
15	1	-2.8	4000			
16	2	-2.341	3928			
17	3	-2.408	3861			
18						

**THERMISTOR READINGS – STEADY STATE :**

NOTE MULTIMETER IS SET ON OHMS



**PLEASE SEE THE CONNECTION SETTINGS**

G20					
	A	B	C	D	E
19	<b>Measured data</b>				
20	Time (min)	Hole #1 (Kohm)	Hole #2 (Kohm)	Hole #3 (Kohm)	
21	0	11.02	16.2	21.05	
22	10	4.13	6.82	10.62	
23	20	3.24	5.51	9.02	
24	30	2.98	5.13	8.52	
25	40	2.89	4.99	8.34	The empty areas are for you to add extra data if it happens in your measurements.
26	42	2.86	4.95	8.29	
27	44	2.84	4.92	8.24	
28	46	2.82	4.89	8.22	
29	48	2.81	4.87	8.19	
30	50	2.8	4.86	8.17	
31	52	2.78	4.83	8.12	
32	54	2.76	4.79	8.08	
33	56	2.76	4.78	8.07	
34					
35					
36					

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37	<b>What is your last three measurements for each hole in the proceeding form?</b>			
38	Time (min)	Hole #1 (Kohm)	Hole #2 (Kohm)	Hole #3 (Kohm)
39	52	2.78	4.83	8.12
40	54	2.76	4.79	8.08
41	56	2.76	4.78	8.07
42	<b>Average</b>	2.767	4.800	8.090

data / Chart1 / Graph / Calculation

## NO 5 CALCULATIONS SHEET

The formulas for each of the cells are explained on the worksheet below itself.

E30		=B30/(B20*B25)		
	A	B	C	D
1	HEATER BLOCK			
2	When R is stable			
3	V (v)	70		
4	I (A)	2.5		
5	Q FROM HEATER (Watts)	175	B3*B4	
6				
7	Calculation of heat loss in heater block per unit area ( $L_H$ , watt/m <sup>2</sup> )			
8	Cv	7.35	ASSUME	
9	Room Temperature (K)	300		
10	Extrapolated Temperature (K)	376	Pick up from the graph , this is the temperature at the e	
11	$L_H$ HEAT LOSS HEATER BLOCK(watt/m <sup>2</sup> )	558.6	PER UNIT LENGTH	
12	Calculation of total Heat loss in heater block ( $H_L$ , watt)		B8*(B10-B9)	
13	Dia of the Heater Block ( m )	0.05025		
14	length of heater block (m)	0.1158	L	
data / Graph / Calculation				

	A	B	C	D
13	<b>Dia of the Heater Block ( m )</b>	0.05025		
14	length of heater block (m)	0.1158	L	
15	surface area (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.0203	As = (Pi Do L) +( (Pi/4)*Do^2)	
16	$H_L$ (watt), B11*B15	11.32	TOTAL HEAT LOSS , BLOCK	
17	<b>Heat Conducted in the rod, Qr</b>			
18	K (watt/m <sup>2</sup> ), GIVEN	46	This area here is pi*L*D, which is same as column G10-c	
19	radius of rod (m)	0.00275	RADIUS OF THE ROD	
20	dT/dx, GRADIENT OR SLOPE ( K/m )	423.7	This is temperature gradient in term of distance, pick	
21	Qr, ( ABS(B18*3.14*B19^2*B20 )	0.463		

	A	B	C	D	E
22	<b>SAMPLE</b>				
23	Do ( m )	0.050			
24	Di ( m )	0.020			
25	Cross Section Area,(Pi/4)*(Do^2-Di^2)	0.001669024			
26					
27					
28	<b>calculation form of heat loss in each section of aluminum cylinder</b>				
29	Section number #	Heat enters(watt)	surface area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Heat loss (w)	K (w/mK)
30	1	163.218	0.000481244	0.130874374	230.8055335
31	2	163.087	0.003802619	1.053686573	230.6204646
32	3	162.033	0.003802619	1.28287039	229.1304505
33	4	160.750	0.000481244	0.191005843	227.3163485
34					
35	<b>average K (w/mK)</b>	<b>229.4681993</b>	<b>(E30+E31+E32+E33)/4</b>		
36					
37					
38					

## SECTION 2

Assume the following:

NO 1

Heat Generated by the Resistor = V ( voltage ) x I ( Current ) = q1 for the Heater Block.

NO 2

Ts of the Heater Block = TH ( from the graph )

No 3

**Heat Loss from the Heater Block**

$$q2 = \{ (Pi \times Do \times L) + (Pi \times Do^2/4) \} \times \{ Cv \times ( TH - TAIR ) \}$$

**Heat Conducted Away**

$$q3 = V \times I - q2 = q1 ( SAMPLE )$$

**This will be the Heat Entering Part I**

## SAMPLE HEAT BALANCE

**q1 ( SAMPLE ) – SECTION I**

**q3 ( SAMPLE ) – SECTION I = q1 ( SAMPLE ) – q2 (SECTION I )**

**q2 (SECTION I ) = As x Cv x ( Ts – TAIR )**

**Ts = Temp of Zone I = T1 From the Graph.**

**In this way, one can do all the calculations**

**The equation for K is**

$$k = - \frac{q}{A \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T \right)}$$

**Where q is q1 for each zone**

## SOME SELECTED CALCULATION EXAMPLES

### SAMPLE CYLINDER

$$L := 0.05400000000$$

$$Do := 0.05025000000$$

$$Di := 0.02000000000$$

$$a := 0.003050000000$$

$$b := 0.02410000000$$

$$c := 0.02410000000$$

$$d := 0.003050000000$$

$$A = 3.1416 * (Do^2 - Di^2) / 4;$$

$$A := 0.001669020185$$

$$As1 = 3.1416 * Do * a$$

$$As2 = 3.1416 * Do * b$$

$$As3 = 3.1416 * Do * c$$

$$As4 = 3.1416 * Do * d$$

;

$$As1 := 0.0004814883442$$

$$As2 := 0.003804547245$$

$$As3 := 0.003804547245$$

$$As4 := 0.0004814883442$$

### ROD

$$Rr = 0.00275$$

$$Lr = (a + b + c + d);$$

$$Ar = 3.1416 * Rr^2;$$

$$Rr := 0.00275$$

$$Lr := 0.05430000000$$

$$Ar := 0.00002375829445$$

### FROM THE GRAPH

$$SLOPE := 423.7$$



## HEATING BLOCK

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Do  =50.25/1000;  
L   =115.8/1000;  
As  =3.1416 * Do * L )+ 3.1416* Do^2 / 4 ;
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$Do := 0.05025000000$

$L := 0.1158000000$

$As := 0.02026395003$

## GRAPH WORKSHEET

### CELL F10 CALCULATIONS

#### THERMISTOR EQUATION FOR TEMPERATURE

$\ln(R) = C/T + \ln(R_o)$  ;

or

$(\ln(R) - \ln(R_o)) = C/T$  ;

or

$T = C/(\ln(R) - \ln(R_o))$  ;

#### FOR NUMBER 1 HOLE

$\ln R_0 \text{ (ohm)} = -2.8$

$C = 4000$

Let

$Q1 = \ln(R_o) = -2.8$ ;

$Q2 = \ln(R) = \ln(2.767)$

#### GIVEN

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C = 4000.;  
Q1 = -2.8;  
Q2 = ln(2.767*1000);
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$C := 4000.$

$Q1 := -2.8$

$Q2 := 7.925518980$

$T \text{ (in degrees K )} = C/(Q2-Q1);$

$T := 372.9423264$

$T \text{ (in Celsius )} = T-273;$

$T_{celsius} := 99.9423264$

## CALCULATION SHEET

### HEATER BLOCK

### CALCULATION OF CELL B11

$V = 70 ;$   
 $I1 = 2.5 ;$   
 $QH = V * I1 ;$

$V := 70$

$I1 := 2.5$

$QH := 175.0$