

#419776

Topic: Thermometry

The triple points of neon and carbon dioxide are 24.57 K and 216.55 K respectively. Express these temperatures on the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales.

**Solution**

The conversion formulae are

$$t_c = t_k - 273.15$$

$$t_f = \frac{9}{5}t_c + 32$$

Substituting the given values, we get

$$\text{Neon: } 24.57 \text{ K} = -248.43 ^\circ\text{C} = -415.44 ^\circ\text{F}$$

$$\text{CO: } 216.55 \text{ K} = -56.45 ^\circ\text{C} = -69.8 ^\circ\text{F}$$

#419783

Topic: Thermometry

Two absolute scales A and B have triple points of water defined to be 200 A and 350 B. What is the relation between  $T_A$  and  $T_B$  ?

**Solution**

Since triple point of water is constant, the relation is

$$\frac{T_A}{200} = \frac{T_B}{350}$$

$$\text{or } T_A = \frac{4}{7}T_B$$

#419787

Topic: Linear Expansion

The electrical resistance in ohms of a certain thermometer varies with temperature according to the approximate law:

$$R = R_o [1 + \alpha(T - T_o)]$$

The resistance is 101.6  $\Omega$  at the triple-point of water 273.16K, and 165.5  $\Omega$  at the normal melting point of lead (600.5 K). What is the temperature when the resistance is 123.4  $\Omega$

**Solution**

We first find  $\alpha$  by putting the given values,

$$165.5 = 101.6(1 + \alpha(600.5 - 273.16))$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 1.92 \times 10^{-3}$$

Now, Temp when Resistance is 123.4 is

$$123.4 = 101.6(1 + \alpha(T - 273.16))$$

$$T = 384.91 \text{ K}$$

#419791

Topic: Thermometry

Answer the following:

- The triple-point of water is a standard fixed point in modern thermometry. Why? What is wrong in taking the melting point of ice and the boiling point of water as standard fixed points (as was originally done in the Celsius scale) ?
- There were two fixed points in the original Celsius scale as mentioned above which were assigned the number  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and  $100^\circ\text{C}$  respectively. On the absolute scale one of the fixed points is the triple-point of water, which on the kelvin absolute scale is assigned the number 273.16 K. What is the other fixed point on this (kelvin) scale?
- The absolute temperature (Kelvin scale)  $T$  is relate to the temperature  $t_c$  on the Celsius scale by  $t_c = T - 273.15$  Why do we have 273.15 in this relation and not 273.16?
- What is the temperature of the triple-point of water on an absolute scale whose unit interval size is equal to that of the Fahrenheit scale ?

**Solution**

- Triple-point has a unique temperature; fusion point and boiling point temperatures depend on pressure.
- The other fixed point is the absolute zero itself.
- Triple-point is  $0.01^\circ\text{C}$ , not  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .
- $T = 273.15 \times 9/5 = 491.69$

The temperature and pressure at which a substance can exist in equilibrium in the liquid, solid, and gaseous states. It is unique and constant. The problem with Celsius scale is that boiling and melting point change with atmospheric pressure at that place.

**#420046****Topic:** Linear Expansion

A steel tape  $1\text{ m}$  long is correctly calibrated for a temperature of  $27.0^\circ\text{C}$ . The length of a steel rod measured by this tape is found to be  $63.0\text{ cm}$  on a hot day when the temperature is  $45.0^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the actual length of the steel rod on that day? What is the length of the same steel rod on a day when the temperature is  $27.0^\circ\text{C}$ ? Coefficient linear expansion of steel  $= 1.20 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ .

**Solution**

Length of the steel tape at temperature  $T = 27^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $l = 1\text{ m} = 100\text{ cm}$

At temperature  $T_1 = 45^\circ\text{C}$ , the length of the steel rod,  $l_1 = 63\text{ cm}$

Coefficient of linear expansion of steel,  $\alpha = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Let  $l$  be the actual length of the steel rod and  $l'$  be the length of the steel tape at  $45^\circ\text{C}$ .

$$l' - l = l\alpha(T_1 - T)$$

$$l' = 100(1 + 1.20 \times 10^{-5} \times (45 - 27)) = 100.0216\text{ cm}$$

Hence, the actual length of the steel rod measured by the steel tape at  $45^\circ\text{C}$  can be calculated as:

$$l_2 = (100.0216/100)63 = 63.0136\text{ cm}$$

Therefore, the actual length of the rod at  $45^\circ\text{C}$  is  $63.0136\text{ cm}$ . Its length at  $27^\circ\text{C}$  is  $63.0\text{ cm}$ .

**#420067****Topic:** Linear Expansion

A large steel wheel is to be fitted on to a shaft of the same material. At  $27^\circ\text{C}$  the outer diameter of the shaft is  $8.70\text{ cm}$  and the diameter of the central hole in the wheel is  $8.69\text{ cm}$ . The shaft is cooled using 'dry ice'. At what temperature of the shaft does the wheel slip on the shaft? Assume coefficient of linear expansion of the steel to be constant over the required temperature range :  $\alpha_{\text{steel}} = 1.20 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$

**Solution**

The given temperature,  $T = 27^\circ\text{C}$  can be written in Kelvin as:  $27 + 273 = 300\text{ K}$

Outer diameter of the steel shaft at  $T$ ,  $d_1 = 8.70\text{ cm}$

Diameter of the central hole in the wheel at  $T$ ,  $d_2 = 8.69\text{ cm}$

Coefficient of linear expansion of steel,  $\alpha_{\text{steel}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$

After the shaft is cooled using dry ice, its temperature becomes  $T_1$ .

The wheel will slip on the shaft, if the change in diameter,  $d = |8.69 - 8.7| = 0.01\text{ cm}$

Temperature  $T_1$ , can be calculated from the relation:

$$\Delta d = d_1 \alpha_{\text{steel}} (T_1 - T)$$

$$0.01 = 8.7 \times 10^{-5} \times (T_1 - 300)$$

$$(T_1 - 300) = 95.78$$

$$T_1 = 204.21\text{ K}$$

$$= 204.21273.16$$

$$= 68.95^\circ\text{C}$$

Therefore, the wheel will slip on the shaft when the temperature of the shaft is  $69^\circ\text{C}$ .

**#420072****Topic:** Linear Expansion

A hole is drilled in a copper sheet. The diameter of the hole is  $4.24\text{ cm}$  at  $27.0^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the change in the diameter of the hole when the sheet is heated to  $227^\circ\text{C}$ ?

Coefficient of the linear expansion of copper  $= 1.70 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$

**Solution**

Initial temperature,  $T_1 = 27.0^\circ C$

Diameter of the hole at  $T_1$ ,  $d_1 = 4.24\text{cm}$

Final temperature,  $T_2 = 227^\circ C$

Diameter of the hole at  $T_2 = D_2$

Co-efficient of linear expansion of copper,  $\alpha_{Cu} = 1.70 \times 10^{-5} K^{-1}$

For co-efficient of superficial expansion  $\beta$ , and change in temperature  $\Delta T$ , we have the relation:

Change in area ( $\Delta A$ ) / Original area ( $A$ ) =  $\beta \Delta T$

$$[(\pi d_2^2/4) - (\pi d_1^2/4)] / (\pi d_1^2/4) = \Delta A / A$$

$$\therefore \Delta A / A = (d_2^2 - d_1^2) / d_1^2$$

But  $\beta = 2\alpha$

$$\therefore (d_2^2 - d_1^2) / d_1^2 = 2\alpha \Delta T$$

$$(d_2^2 / d_1^2) - 1 = 2\alpha (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$d_2^2 / 4.24^2 = 2 \times 1.7 \times 10^{-5} (227 - 27) + 1$$

$$d_2^2 = 17.98 \times 1.0068 = 18.1$$

$$\therefore d_2 = 4.2544\text{cm}$$

$$\text{Change in diameter} = d_2 - d_1 = 4.2544 - 4.24 = 0.0144\text{cm}$$

Hence, the diameter increases by  $1.44 \times 10^{-2}\text{cm}$

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#### #420073

**Topic:** Thermal Stresses and Strain

A brass wire 1.8 m long at  $27^\circ C$  is held taut with little tension between two rigid supports. If the wire is cooled to a temperature of  $-39^\circ C$ , what is the tension developed in the wire, if its diameter is  $2.0\text{mm}$ ? Co-efficient of linear expansion of brass =  $2.0 \times 10^{-5} K^{-1}$ ; Young's modulus of brass =  $0.91 \times 10^{11}\text{Pa}$

#### Solution

Initial temperature,  $T_1 = 27^\circ\text{C}$

Length of the brass wire at  $T_1$ ,  $l = 1.8\text{m}$

Final temperature,  $T_2 = 39^\circ\text{C}$

Diameter of the wire,  $d = 2.0\text{ mm} = 2 \times 10^{-3}\text{m}$

Tension developed in the wire =  $F$

Coefficient of linear expansion of brass,  $= 2.0 \times 10^{-5}\text{K}^{-1}$

Youngs modulus of brass,  $Y = 0.91 \times 10^{11}\text{Pa}$

Youngs modulus is given by the relation:

$Y = \text{Stress} / \text{Strain}$

$$Y = \frac{F/A}{\Delta L/L}$$

$$\Delta L = F \times L / (A \times Y) \dots\dots\text{(i)}$$

Where,

$F$  = Tension developed in the wire

$A$  = Area of cross-section of the wire.

$\Delta L$  = Change in the length, given by the relation:

$$\Delta L = \alpha L (T_2 - T_1) \dots\dots\text{(ii)}$$

Equating equations (i) and (ii), we get:

$$\alpha L (T_2 - T_1) = \frac{FL}{\pi(d/2)^2 Y}$$

$$F = \alpha (T_2 - T_1) Y \pi (d/2)^2$$

$$F = 2 \times 10^{-5} \times (-39 - 27) \times 3.14 \times 0.91 \times 10^{11} \times (2 \times 10^{-3}/2)^2$$

$$F = -3.8 \times 10^2\text{N}$$

(The negative sign indicates that the tension is directed inward.)

Hence, the tension developed in the wire is  $3.8 \times 10^2\text{ N}$ .

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#### #420082

**Topic:** Thermal Stresses and Strain

A brass rod of length 50 cm and diameter 3.0 mm is joined to a steel rod of the same length and diameter. What is the change in length of the combined rod at  $250^\circ\text{C}$ , if the original lengths are at  $40.0^\circ\text{C}$ ? Is there a 'thermal stress' developed at the junction? The ends of the rod are free to expand (Co-efficient of linear expansion of brass  $= 2.0 \times 10^{-5}\text{K}^{-1}$ , steel  $= 1.2 \times 10^{-5}\text{K}^{-1}$ )

**Solution**

Initial temperature,  $T_1 = 40^\circ C$

Final temperature,  $T_2 = 250^\circ C$

Change in temperature,  $\Delta T = T_2 - T_1 = 210^\circ C$

Length of the brass rod at  $T_1$ ,  $l_1 = 50 cm$

Diameter of the brass rod at  $T_1$ ,  $d_1 = 3.0 cm$

Length of the steel rod at  $T_2$ ,  $l_2 = 50 cm$

Diameter of the steel rod at  $T_2$ ,  $d_2 = 3.0 mm$

Coefficient of linear expansion of brass,  $\alpha_1 = 2.0 \times 10^{-5} K^{-1}$

Coefficient of linear expansion of steel,  $\alpha_2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} K^{-1}$

For the expansion in the brass rod, we have:

Change in length ( $\Delta l_1$ ) / Original length ( $l_1$ ) =  $\alpha_1 \Delta T$

$$\therefore \Delta l_1 = 50 \times (2.1 \times 10^{-5}) \times 210 \\ = 0.2205 cm$$

For the expansion in the steel rod, we have:

Change in length ( $\Delta l_2$ ) / Original length ( $l_2$ ) =  $\alpha_2 \Delta T$

$$\therefore \Delta l_2 = 50 \times (1.2 \times 10^{-5}) \times 210 \\ = 0.126 cm$$

Total change in the lengths of brass and steel,

$$\Delta l = \Delta l_1 + \Delta l_2 \\ = 0.2205 + 0.126 \\ = 0.346 cm$$

Total change in the length of the combined rod =  $0.346 cm$

Since the rod expands freely from both ends, no thermal stress is developed at the junction.

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#### #420083

**Topic:** Volume Expansion

The coefficient of volume expansion of glycerin is  $49 \times 10^{-5} K^{-1}$ . What is the fractional change in its density for a  $30^\circ C$  rise in temperature?

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#### Solution

Coefficient of volume expansion of glycerin,  $\gamma = 49 \times 10^{-5} K^{-1}$

Rise in temperature,  $T = 30^\circ C$

Fractional change in its volume =  $\Delta V / V$

This change is related with the change in temperature as:

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \gamma \Delta T \\ \frac{\Delta V}{V} = 49 \times 10^{-5} \times 30 = 0.0147$$

Let  $V$  : volume,  $m$  : mass,  $\rho$  : density

$m$  is constant by law of conservation of mass.

$$m = \rho V$$

$$0 = \rho dV + V d\rho$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} = -\frac{dV}{V} = -0.0147$$

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#### #420085

**Topic:** Calorimetry

A 10 kw drilling machine is used to drill a bore in a small aluminium block of mass 8.0 kg. How much is the rise in temperature of the block in 2.5 minutes, assuming 50% of power is used up in heating the machine itself or lost to the surroundings. Specific heat of aluminium =  $0.91 J g^{-1} K^{-1}$

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#### Solution

Power of the drilling machine,  $P = 10kW$

Mass of the aluminum block,  $m = 8.0kg$

Time for which the machine is used,  $t = 2.5 \text{ min} = 2.5 \times 60 = 150s$

Specific heat of aluminium,  $c = 0.91 \text{ J/gK}$

Rise in the temperature of the block after drilling =  $T$

Total energy of the drilling machine =  $Pt = 10 \times 10^3 \times 150 = 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$

It is given that only 50% of the power is useful.

Useful energy,  $Q = (50/100) \times 1.5 \times 10^6 = 7.5 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$

BUT  $Q = mc\Delta T$

$\Delta T = Q/mc = (7.5 \times 10^5)/(8 \times 10^3 \times 0.91) = 103^\circ C$

Therefore, in 2.5 minutes of drilling, the rise in the temperature of the block is  $103^\circ C$ .

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#### #420092

**Topic:** Calorimetry

A copper block of mass 2.5 kg is heated in a furnace to a temperature of  $500^\circ C$  and then placed on a large ice block. What is the maximum amount of ice that can melt ?

(Specific heat of copper =  $0.39 \text{ J g}^{-1} K^{-1}$ ; heat of fusion of water =  $335 \text{ J g}^{-1}$ )

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#### Solution

Mass of the copper block,  $m = 2.5 \text{ kg} = 2500 \text{ g}$

Rise in the temperature of the copper block, =  $500^\circ C$

Specific heat of copper,  $C = 0.39 \text{ J/g}^\circ C$

Heat of fusion of water,  $L = 335 \text{ J/g}$

The maximum heat the copper block can lose,

$$Q = mC$$

$$= 2500 \times 0.39 \times 500$$

$$= 487500 \text{ J}$$

Let  $m_1 \text{ g}$  be the amount of ice that melts when the copper block is placed on the ice block.

The heat gained by the melted ice,  $Q = m_1 L$

$$m_1 = Q/L = 487500/335 = 1455.22 \text{ g}$$

Hence, the maximum amount of ice that can melt is 1.45 kg.

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#### #420096

**Topic:** Calorimetry

In an experiment on the specific heat of a metal a 0.20 kg block of the metal at  $150^\circ C$  is dropped in a copper calorimeter (of water equivalent 0.025 kg) containing  $150 \text{ cm}^3$  of water at  $27^\circ C$ . The final temperature is  $40^\circ C$ . Compute the specific heat of the metal. If heat losses to the surroundings are not negligible, is your answer greater or smaller than the actual value for specific heat of the metal ?

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#### Solution

Mass of the metal,  $m = 0.20 \text{ kg} = 200 \text{ g}$

Initial temperature of the metal,  $T_1 = 150^\circ\text{C}$

Final temperature of the metal,  $T_2 = 40^\circ\text{C}$

Calorimeter has water equivalent of mass,  $m = 0.025 \text{ kg} = 25 \text{ g}$

Volume of water,  $V = 150 \text{ cm}^3$

Mass (M) of water at temperature  $T = 27^\circ\text{C}$ :

$$150 \times 1 = 150 \text{ g}$$

Fall in the temperature of the metal:

$$\Delta T_m = T_1 - T_2 = 150 - 40 = 110^\circ\text{C}$$

Specific heat of water,  $C_w = 4.186 \text{ J/g}^\circ\text{C}$

Specific heat of the metal =  $C$

Heat lost by the metal,  $= mCT$  .... (i)

Rise in the temperature of the water and calorimeter system:  $T_1 - T = 40 - 27 = 13^\circ\text{C}$

Heat gained by the water and calorimeter system:  $= m_1 C_w T = (M + m) C_w T$  .... (ii)

Heat lost by the metal = Heat gained by the water and calorimeter system

$$mC\Delta T_m = (M + m)C_w T_w$$

$$200 \times C \times 110 = (150 + 25) \times 4.186 \times 13$$

$$C = (175 \times 4.186 \times 13) / (110 \times 200) = 0.43 \text{ Jg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$$

If some heat is lost to the surroundings, then the value of C will be smaller than the actual value.

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#### #420098

**Topic:** Calorimetry

A geyser heats water flowing at the rate of 3.0 litres per minute from  $27^\circ\text{C}$  to  $77^\circ\text{C}$ . If the geyser operates on a gas burner. What is the rate of consumption of the fuel if its heat of combustion is  $4.0 \times 10^4 \text{ J/g}$ ?

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#### Solution

Water is flowing at a rate of 3.0 litre/min.

The geyser heats the water, raising the temperature from  $27^\circ\text{C}$  to  $77^\circ\text{C}$ .

Initial temperature,  $T_1 = 27^\circ\text{C}$

Final temperature,  $T_2 = 77^\circ\text{C}$

Rise in temperature,  $T = T_1 - T_2 = 77 - 27 = 50^\circ\text{C}$

Heat of combustion  $= 4 \times 10^4 \text{ J/g}$

Specific heat of water,  $C = 4.2 \text{ J/g}^\circ\text{C}$

Mass of flowing water,  $m = 3.0 \text{ litre/min} = 3000 \text{ g/min}$

Total heat used,  $Q = mcT$

$$= 3000 \times 4.2 \times 50$$

$$= 6.3 \times 10^5 \text{ J/min}$$

$$\text{Rate of consumption} = 6.3 \times 10^5 / (4 \times 10^4) = 15.75 \text{ g/min.}$$

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#### #420103

**Topic:** Calorimetry

What amount of heat must be supplied to  $2.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg}$  of nitrogen (at room temperature) to raise its temperature by  $45^\circ\text{C}$  at constant pressure? (Molecular mass of  $N_2 = 28$  :  $R = 8.3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ )

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#### Solution

Mass of nitrogen,  $m = 2.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg} = 20 \text{ g}$

Rise in temperature,  $\Delta T = 45^\circ \text{C}$

Molecular mass of  $\text{N}_2$ ,  $M = 28$

Universal gas constant,  $R = 8.3 \text{ J/mol K}$

Number of moles,  $n = m/M$

$$= (2 \times 10^{-2} \times 10^3) / 28$$

$$= 0.714$$

Molar specific heat at constant pressure for nitrogen,  $C_p = (7/2)R$

$$= (7/2) \times 8.3$$

$$= 29.05 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

The total amount of heat to be supplied is given by the relation:

$$Q = nC_p \Delta T$$

$$= 0.714 \times 29.05 \times 45$$

$$= 933.38 \text{ J}$$

Therefore, the amount of heat to be supplied is 933.38 J.

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#### #420225

**Topic:** Calorimetry

A child running a temperature of  $101^\circ \text{F}$  is given an antipyrin (i.e. a medicine that lowers fever) which causes an increase in the rate of evaporation of sweat from his body. If the fever is brought down to  $98^\circ \text{F}$  in 20 min, what is the average rate of extra evaporation caused, by the drug. Assume the evaporation mechanism to be the only way by which heat is lost. The mass of the child is 30 kg. The specific heat of human body is approximately the same as that of water and latent heat of evaporation of water at that temperature is about  $580 \text{ cal g}^{-1}$ .

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#### Solution

Initial temperature of the body of the child,  $T_1 = 101^\circ \text{F}$

Final temperature of the body of the child,  $T_2 = 98^\circ \text{F}$

Change in temperature,  $\Delta T = [(101 - 98) \times 5/9 = 5/3^\circ \text{C}]$

Time taken to reduce the temperature,  $t = 20 \text{ min}$

Mass of the child,  $m = 30 \text{ kg} = 30 \times 10^3 \text{ g}$

Specific heat of the human body = Specific heat of water =  $c$

$$= 1000 \text{ cal/kg/}^\circ \text{C}$$

Latent heat of evaporation of water,  $L = 580 \text{ cal g}^{-1}$

The heat lost by the child is given as:

$$\Delta \theta = mc\Delta T$$

$$= 30 \times 1000 \times (101 - 98) \times (5/9)$$

$$= 50000 \text{ cal}$$

Let  $m_1$  be the mass of the water evaporated from the child's body in 20 min.

Loss of heat through water is given by:

$$\Delta \theta = m_1 L$$

$$\therefore m_1 = \Delta \theta / L$$

$$= (50000 / 580) = 86.2 \text{ g}$$

$$\therefore \text{Average rate of extra evaporation caused by the drug} = m_1 / t$$

$$= 86.2 / 200$$

$$= 4.3 \text{ g/min.}$$

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#### #420235

**Topic:** Calorimetry

A 'thermacole' icebox is a cheap and efficient method for storing small quantities of cooked food in summer in particular. A cubical icebox of side 30 cm has a thickness of 5.0 cm. If 4.0 kg of ice is put in the box, estimate the amount of ice remaining after 6 h. The outside temperature is  $45^\circ \text{C}$ , and co-efficient of thermal conductivity of thermacole is  $0.01 \text{ J s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . [Heat of fusion of water =  $335 \times 10^3 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ ]

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#### Solution

Side of the given cubical ice box,  $s = 30\text{ cm} = 0.3\text{ m}$

Thickness of the ice box,  $l = 5.0\text{ cm} = 0.05\text{ m}$

Mass of ice kept in the ice box,  $m = 4\text{ kg}$

Time gap,  $t = 6\text{ h} = 6 \times 60 \times 60\text{ s}$

Outside temperature,  $T = 45^\circ\text{C}$

Coefficient of thermal conductivity of thermacole,  $K = 0.01\text{ Js}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$

Heat of fusion of water,  $L = 335 \times 10^3\text{ J kg}^{-1}$

Let  $m$  be the total amount of ice that melts in 6 h.

The amount of heat lost by the food:

$$\theta = KA(T - 0)t/l$$

Where,

$$A = \text{Surface area of the box} = 6s^2 = 6 \times (0.3)^2 = 0.54\text{ m}^2$$

$$\theta = 0.01 \times 0.54 \times 45 \times 6 \times 60 / 0.05 = 104976\text{ J}$$

$$\text{But } \theta = m'L$$

$$\therefore m' = \theta/L$$

$$= 104976 / (335 \times 10^3) = 0.313\text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Mass of ice left} = 4 - 0.313 = 3.687\text{ kg}$$

Hence, the amount of ice remaining after 6 h is 3.687 kg.

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#### #420247

**Topic:** Phase Change

A brass boiler has a base area of  $0.15\text{ m}^2$  and thickness 1.0 cm. It boils water at the rate of 6.0 kg / min when placed on a gas stove. Estimate the temperature of the part of the flame in contact with the boiler. Thermal conductivity of brass =  $109\text{ Js}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ ; Heat of vaporisation of water =  $2256 \times 10^3\text{ J kg}^{-1}$ .

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#### Solution

Base area of the boiler,  $A = 0.15\text{ m}^2$

Thickness of the boiler,  $l = 1.0\text{ cm} = 0.01\text{ m}$

Boiling rate of water,  $R = 6.0\text{ kg/min}$

Mass,  $m = 6\text{ kg}$

Time,  $t = 1\text{ min} = 60\text{ s}$

Thermal conductivity of brass,  $K = 109\text{ Js}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$

Heat of vaporisation,  $L = 2256 \times 10^3\text{ J kg}^{-1}$

The amount of heat flowing into water through the brass base of the boiler is given by:

$$\theta = KA(T_1 - T_2)t/l \dots (i)$$

where,

$T_1$  = Temperature of the flame in contact with the boiler

$T_2$  = Boiling point of water =  $100^\circ\text{C}$

Heat required for boiling the water:

$$\theta = mL \dots (ii)$$

Equating equations (i) and (ii), we get:

$$\therefore mL = KA(T_1 - T_2)t/l$$

$$T_1 - T_2 = mLl / KA t$$

$$= 6 \times 2256 \times 10^3 \times 0.01 / (109 \times 0.15 \times 60)$$

$$= 137.98^\circ\text{C}$$

Therefore, the temperature of the part of the flame in contact with the boiler is  $237.98^\circ\text{C}$ .

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#### #420264

**Topic:** Radiation

Explain why :

- (a) A body with large reflectivity is a poor emitter
- (b) A brass tumbler feels much colder than a wooden tray on a chilly day
- (c) An optical pyrometer (for measuring high temperatures ) calibrated for an ideal black body radiation gives too low a value for the temperature of a red hot iron piece in the open but gives a correct value for the temperature when the same piece is in the furnace
- (d) The earth without its atmosphere would be inhospitably cold
- (e) Heating systems based on circulation of steam are more efficient in warming a building than those based on circulation of hot water

#### Solution

(a) A body with a large reflectivity is a poor absorber of light radiations. A poor absorber will in turn be a poor emitter of radiations. Hence, a body with a large reflectivity is a poor emitter.

(b) Brass is a good conductor of heat. When one touches a brass tumbler, heat is conducted from the body to the brass tumbler easily. Hence, the temperature of the body reduces to a lower value and one feels cooler.

Wood is a poor conductor of heat. When one touches a wooden tray, very little heat is conducted from the body to the wooden tray. Hence, there is only a negligible drop in the temperature of the body and one does not feel cool.

Thus, a brass tumbler feels colder than a wooden tray on a chilly day.

(c) An optical pyrometer calibrated for an ideal black body radiation gives too low a value for temperature of a red hot iron piece kept in the open.

Black body radiation equation is given by:

$$E = \sigma(T^4 - T_0^4)$$

Where,

E = Energy radiation

T = Temperature of optical pyrometer

$T_0$  = Temperature of open space

$\sigma$  = Constant

Hence, an increase in the temperature of open space reduces the radiation energy.

When the same piece of iron is placed in a furnace, the radiation energy,  $E = \sigma T^4$

(d) Without its atmosphere, earth would be inhospitably cold. In the absence of atmospheric gases, no extra heat will be trapped. All the heat would be radiated back from earth's surface.

(e) A heating system based on the circulation of steam is more efficient in warming a building than that based on the circulation of hot water. This is because steam contains surplus heat in the form of latent heat (540 cal/g).

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#### #420267

**Topic:** Newton's Law of Cooling

A body cools from  $80^\circ\text{C}$  to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  in 5 minutes. Calculate the time it takes to cool from  $60^\circ\text{C}$  to  $30^\circ\text{C}$ . The temperature of the surroundings is  $20^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### Solution

According to Newton's law of cooling, we have:

$$(-dT/dt) = K(T - T_0)$$

$$dT/K(T - T_0) = -K dt \dots (i)$$

Where,

Temperature of the body = T

Temperature of the surroundings  $T_0 = 20^\circ C$

K is a constant

Temperature of the body falls from  $80^\circ C$  to  $50^\circ C$  in time,  $t = 5 \text{ min} = 300 \text{ s}$

Integrating equation (i), we get:

$$\int_{50}^{80} \frac{dT}{K(T - T_0)} = - \int_0^{300} K dt$$

$$\log_e [T - T_0]_{50}^{80} = -K[t]_0^{300}$$

$$\frac{2.3026}{K} \log_{10} \frac{80 - 20}{50 - 20} = -300$$

$$\frac{2.3026}{K} \log_{10} 2 = -300$$

$$\frac{-2.3026}{300} \log_{10} 2 = K \dots (ii)$$

The temperature of the body falls from  $60^\circ C$  to  $30^\circ C$  in time =  $t'$

Hence, we get:

$$\frac{2.3026}{K} \log_{10} \frac{60 - 20}{30 - 20} = t'$$

$$\frac{-2.3026}{t'} \log_{10} 4 = K \dots (iii)$$

Equating (ii) and (iii), we get:

$$\frac{-2.3026}{t'} \log_{10} 4 = \frac{-2.3026}{300} \log_{10} 2$$

$$\therefore t' = 300 \times 2 = 600 \text{ s} = 10 \text{ min}$$

Therefore, the time taken to cool the body from  $60^\circ C$  to  $30^\circ C$  is 10 minutes

#### #420400

**Topic:** Volume Expansion

A gas in equilibrium has uniform density and pressure throughout its volume. This is strictly true only if there are no external influences. A gas column under gravity, for example, does not have uniform density (and pressure). As you might expect, its density decreases with height. The precise dependence is given by the so-called law of atmospheres

$$n_2 = n_1 \exp[-mg(h_2 - h_1)/k_B T]$$

where  $n_2, n_1$  refer to number density at heights  $h_2$  and  $h_1$  respectively. Use this relation to derive the equation for sedimentation equilibrium of a suspension in a liquid column

$$n_2 = n_1 \exp[-mg N_A (\rho - \rho')(h_2 - h_1)/(\rho R T)]$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of the suspended particle and  $\rho'$  that of surrounding medium. [ $N_A$  is Avogadro's number, and R the universal gas constant.]

[Hint : Use Archimedes principle to find the apparent weight of the suspended particle.]

#### Solution

According to the law of atmospheres, we have:

$$n_2 = n_1 \exp[-mg(h_2 - h_1)/k_B T] \dots (i)$$

where,

$n_1$  is the number density at height  $h_1$ , and  $n_2$  is the number density at height  $h_2$

$mg$  is the weight of the particle suspended in the gas column

Density of the medium =  $\rho'$

Density of the suspended particle =  $\rho$

Mass of one suspended particle =  $m'$

Mass of the medium displaced =  $m$

Volume of a suspended particle =  $V$

According to Archimedes' principle for a particle suspended in a liquid column, the effective weight of the suspended particle is given as:

Weight of the medium displaced – Weight of the suspended particle

$$= mg - m'g$$

$$= mg - V\rho'g = mg - (m/\rho)\rho'g$$

$$= mg(1 - (\rho'/\rho)) \dots (ii)$$

Gas constant,  $R = k_B N$

$$k_B = R/N \dots (iii)$$

Substituting equation (ii) in place of  $mg$  in equation (i) and then using equation (iii), we get:

$$n_2 = n_1 \exp[-mg(h_2 - h_1)/k_B T]$$

$$= n_1 \exp[-mg(1 - \rho'/\rho)(h_2 - h_1)(N/RT)]$$

$$= n_1 \exp[-mg(\rho - \rho')(h_2 - h_1)(N/RT\rho)]$$