

Important Formulas in Radiation Heat Transfer PDF



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Important Formulas in Radiation Heat Transfer

1) Absorptivity given Reflectivity and Transmissivity Formula [🔗](#)

Formula

$$\alpha = 1 - \rho - \tau$$

Example

$$0.65 = 1 - 0.10 - 0.25$$

Evaluate Formula [🔗](#)

2) Area of Surface 1 given Area 2 and Radiation Shape Factor for Both Surfaces Formula [🔗](#)

Formula

$$A_1 = A_2 \cdot \left(\frac{F_{21}}{F_{12}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$34.7458 \text{ m}^2 = 50 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{0.41}{0.59} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula [🔗](#)

3) Area of Surface 2 given Area 1 and Radiation Shape Factor for Both Surfaces Formula [🔗](#)

Formula

$$A_2 = A_1 \cdot \left(\frac{F_{12}}{F_{21}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$49.9917 \text{ m}^2 = 34.74 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{0.59}{0.41} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula [🔗](#)

4) Emissive Power of Blackbody Formula [🔗](#)

Formula

$$E_b = [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot (T^4)$$

Example with Units

$$324.2963 \text{ W/m}^2 = 5.7E-8 \cdot (275 \text{ K}^4)$$

Evaluate Formula [🔗](#)

5) Emissive Power of Non Blackbody given Emissivity Formula [🔗](#)

Formula

$$E = \varepsilon \cdot E_b$$

Example with Units

$$308.0755 \text{ W/m}^2 = 0.95 \cdot 324.29 \text{ W/m}^2$$

Evaluate Formula [🔗](#)

6) Emissivity of Body Formula [🔗](#)

Formula

$$\varepsilon = \frac{E}{E_b}$$

Example with Units

$$0.95 = \frac{308.07 \text{ W/m}^2}{324.29 \text{ W/m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula [🔗](#)



7) Energy of each Quanta Formula ↗

Formula	Example with Units	Evaluate Formula ↗
$E_q = [hP] \cdot v$	$5E-19J = 6.6E-34 \cdot 7.5E+14 \text{ Hz}$	

8) Frequency given Speed of Light and Wavelength Formula ↗

Formula	Example with Units	Evaluate Formula ↗
$v = \frac{[c]}{\lambda}$	$7.5E+14 \text{ Hz} = \frac{3E+8 \text{ m/s}}{400 \text{ nm}}$	

9) Heat Transfer between Concentric Spheres Formula ↗

Formula

$$q = \frac{A_1 \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot \left(\left(T_1^4 \right) - \left(T_2^4 \right) \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} \right) + \left(\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} \right) - 1 \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^2 \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$731.5713 \text{ W} = \frac{34.74 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 5.7E-8 \cdot \left(\left(202 \text{ K}^4 \right) - \left(151 \text{ K}^4 \right) \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{0.4} \right) + \left(\left(\frac{1}{0.3} \right) - 1 \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{10 \text{ m}}{20 \text{ m}} \right)^2 \right)}$$

10) Heat Transfer between Small Convex Object in Large Enclosure Formula ↗

Formula

$$q = A_1 \cdot \varepsilon_1 \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot \left(\left(T_1^4 \right) - \left(T_2^4 \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$902.2712 \text{ W} = 34.74 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.4 \cdot 5.7E-8 \cdot \left(\left(202 \text{ K}^4 \right) - \left(151 \text{ K}^4 \right) \right)$$

11) Heat Transfer between Two Infinite Parallel Planes given Temp and Emissivity of Both Surfaces Formula ↗

Formula

$$q = \frac{A \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot \left(\left(T_1^4 \right) - \left(T_2^4 \right) \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} \right) - 1}$$

Example with Units

$$675.7228 \text{ W} = \frac{50.3 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 5.7E-8 \cdot \left(\left(202 \text{ K}^4 \right) - \left(151 \text{ K}^4 \right) \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{0.4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{0.3} \right) - 1}$$



12) Heat Transfer between Two Long Concentric Cylinder given Temp, Emissivity and Area of Both Surfaces Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$q = \frac{[Stefan-Boltz] \cdot A_1 \cdot \left(\left(T_1^4 \right) - \left(T_2^4 \right) \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} \right) + \left(\left(\frac{A_1}{A_2} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_2} \right) - 1 \right) \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$547.3353 \text{ W} = \frac{(5.7E-8 \cdot 34.74 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \left(\left(202 \text{ K}^4 \right) - \left(151 \text{ K}^4 \right) \right))}{\left(\frac{1}{0.4} \right) + \left(\left(\frac{34.74 \text{ m}^2}{50 \text{ m}^2} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{0.3} \right) - 1 \right) \right)}$$

13) Mass of Particle Given Frequency and Speed of Light Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$m = [hP] \cdot \frac{v}{[c]^2}$$

$$5.5E-36 \text{ kg} = 6.6E-34 \cdot \frac{7.5E+14 \text{ Hz}}{3E+8 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

14) Maximum Wavelength at given Temperature Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$\lambda_{Max} = \frac{2897.6}{T_R}$$

$$499586.2069 \text{ } \mu\text{m} = \frac{2897.6}{5800 \text{ K}}$$

15) Net Energy Leaving given Radiosity and Irradiation Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$q = A \cdot (J - G)$$

$$15452.16 \text{ W} = 50.3 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (308 \text{ W/m}^2 - 0.80 \text{ W/m}^2)$$

16) Net Heat Exchange between Two Surfaces given Radiosity for Both Surface Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$q_{1-2} = \frac{J_1 - J_2}{A_1 \cdot F_{12}}$$

$$245.9592 \text{ W} = \frac{61 \text{ W/m}^2 - 49 \text{ W/m}^2}{34.74 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.59}$$

17) Net Heat Exchange given Area 1 and Shape Factor 12 Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$Q_{1-2} = A_1 \cdot F_{12} \cdot (E_{b1} - E_{b2})$$

Example with Units

$$3176.973 \text{ W} = 34.74 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.59 \cdot (680 \text{ W/m}^2 - 525 \text{ W/m}^2)$$



18) Net Heat Exchange given Area 2 and Shape Factor 21 Formula

Formula

$$Q_{1-2} = A_2 \cdot F_{21} \cdot (E_{b1} - E_{b2})$$

Example with Units

$$3177.5 \text{ W} = 50 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.41 \cdot (680 \text{ W/m}^2 - 525 \text{ W/m}^2)$$

Evaluate Formula 

19) Net Heat Transfer from Surface given Emissivity, Radiosity and Emissive Power Formula

Formula

$$q = \left(\frac{(\varepsilon \cdot A) \cdot (E_b - J)}{1 - \varepsilon} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$15568.353 \text{ W} = \left(\frac{(0.95 \cdot 50.3 \text{ m}^2) \cdot (324.29 \text{ W/m}^2 - 308 \text{ W/m}^2)}{1 - 0.95} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

20) Radiation Heat Transfer between Plane 1 and Shield given Temperature and Emissivity of Both Surfaces Formula

Formula

$$q = A \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot \frac{\left(T_{P1}^4 \right) - \left(T_3^4 \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_3} \right) - 1}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$699.4575 \text{ W} = 50.3 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 5.7 \text{ E-8} \cdot \frac{\left(452 \text{ K}^4 \right) - \left(450 \text{ K}^4 \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{0.4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{0.67} \right) - 1}$$

21) Radiation Heat Transfer between Plane 2 and Radiation Shield given Temperature and Emissivity Formula

Formula

$$q = A \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot \frac{\left(T_3^4 \right) - \left(T_{P2}^4 \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} \right) - 1}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$1336.2002 \text{ W} = 50.3 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 5.7 \text{ E-8} \cdot \frac{\left(450 \text{ K}^4 \right) - \left(445 \text{ K}^4 \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{0.67} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{0.3} \right) - 1}$$



22) Radiation Temperature given Maximum Wavelength Formula ↗

Formula

$$T_R = \frac{2897.6}{\lambda_{Max}}$$

Example with Units

$$5800.0001\text{ K} = \frac{2897.6}{499586.2\text{ }\mu\text{m}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

23) Radiosity given Emissive Power and Irradiation Formula ↗

Formula

$$J = (\varepsilon \cdot E_b) + (\rho \cdot G)$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

Example with Units

$$308.1555\text{ W/m}^2 = (0.95 \cdot 324.29\text{ W/m}^2) + (0.10 \cdot 0.80\text{ W/m}^2)$$

24) Reflected Radiation given Absorptivity and Transmissivity Formula ↗

Formula

$$\rho = 1 - \alpha - \tau$$

Example

$$0.1 = 1 - 0.65 - 0.25$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

25) Reflectivity given Absorptivity for Blackbody Formula ↗

Formula

$$\rho = 1 - \alpha$$

Example

$$0.35 = 1 - 0.65$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

26) Reflectivity given Emissivity for Blackbody Formula ↗

Formula

$$\rho = 1 - \varepsilon$$

Example

$$0.05 = 1 - 0.95$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

27) Resistance in Radiation Heat Transfer when No Shield is Present and Equal Emissivities Formula ↗

Formula

$$R = \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} \right) - 1$$

Example

$$1.1053 = \left(\frac{2}{0.95} \right) - 1$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

28) Shape Factor 12 given Area of Both Surface and Shape Factor 21 Formula ↗

Formula

$$F_{12} = \left(\frac{A_2}{A_1} \right) \cdot F_{21}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5901 = \left(\frac{50\text{ m}^2}{34.74\text{ m}^2} \right) \cdot 0.41$$

Evaluate Formula ↗



29) Shape Factor 21 given Area of Both Surface and Shape Factor 12 Formula

Formula

$$F_{21} = F_{12} \cdot \left(\frac{A_1}{A_2} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.4099 = 0.59 \cdot \left(\frac{34.74 \text{ m}^2}{50 \text{ m}^2} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

30) Temperature of Radiation Shield Placed between Two Parallel Infinite Planes with Equal Emissivities Formula

Formula

$$T_3 = \left(0.5 \cdot \left(\left(T_{P1}^4 \right) + \left(T_{P2}^4 \right) \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Example with Units

$$448.541 \text{ K} = \left(0.5 \cdot \left(\left(452 \text{ K}^4 \right) + \left(445 \text{ K}^4 \right) \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Evaluate Formula

31) Total Resistance in Radiation Heat Transfer given Emissivity and Number of Shields Formula

Formula

$$R = (n + 1) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} \right) - 1 \right)$$

Example

$$3.3158 = (2 + 1) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{2}{0.95} \right) - 1 \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

32) Transmissivity Given Reflectivity and Absorptivity Formula

Formula

$$\tau = 1 - \alpha - \rho$$

Example

$$0.25 = 1 - 0.65 - 0.10$$

Evaluate Formula

33) Wavelength Given Speed of Light and Frequency Formula

Formula

$$\lambda = \frac{[c]}{v}$$

Example with Units

$$399.7233 \text{ nm} = \frac{3\text{E+8 m/s}}{7.5\text{E+14 Hz}}$$

Evaluate Formula



Variables used in list of Important Formulas in Radiation Heat Transfer above

- **A** Area (Square Meter)
- **A₁** Surface Area of Body 1 (Square Meter)
- **A₂** Surface Area of Body 2 (Square Meter)
- **E** Emissive Power of Non Blackbody (Watt per Square Meter)
- **E_b** Emissive Power of Blackbody (Watt per Square Meter)
- **E_{b1}** Emissive Power of 1st Blackbody (Watt per Square Meter)
- **E_{b2}** Emissive Power of 2nd Blackbody (Watt per Square Meter)
- **E_q** Energy of Each Quanta (Joule)
- **F₁₂** Radiation Shape Factor 12
- **F₂₁** Radiation Shape Factor 21
- **G** Irradiation (Watt per Square Meter)
- **J** Radiosity (Watt per Square Meter)
- **J₁** Radiosity of 1st Body (Watt per Square Meter)
- **J₂** Radiosity of 2nd Body (Watt per Square Meter)
- **m** Mass of Particle (Kilogram)
- **n** Number of Shields
- **q** Heat Transfer (Watt)
- **q₁₋₂** Radiation Heat Transfer (Watt)
- **Q₁₋₂** Net Heat Transfer (Watt)
- **R** Resistance
- **r₁** Radius of Smaller Sphere (Meter)
- **r₂** Radius of Larger Sphere (Meter)
- **T** Temperature of Blackbody (Kelvin)
- **T₁** Temperature of Surface 1 (Kelvin)
- **T₂** Temperature of Surface 2 (Kelvin)
- **T₃** Temperature of Radiation Shield (Kelvin)
- **T_{P1}** Temperature of Plane 1 (Kelvin)
- **T_{P2}** Temperature of Plane 2 (Kelvin)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Important Formulas in Radiation Heat Transfer above

- **constant(s): [c]**, 299792458.0
Light speed in vacuum
- **constant(s): [hP]**, 6.626070040E-34
Planck constant
- **constant(s): [Stefan-BoltZ]**, 5.670367E-8
Stefan-Boltzmann Constant
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion
- **Measurement: Weight** in Kilogram (kg)
Weight Unit Conversion
- **Measurement: Temperature** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion
- **Measurement: Energy** in Joule (J)
Energy Unit Conversion
- **Measurement: Power** in Watt (W)
Power Unit Conversion
- **Measurement: Frequency** in Hertz (Hz)
Frequency Unit Conversion
- **Measurement: Wavelength** in Nanometer (nm), Micrometer (μm)
Wavelength Unit Conversion
- **Measurement: Heat Flux Density** in Watt per Square Meter (W/m²)
Heat Flux Density Unit Conversion



- T_R Radiation Temperature (*Kelvin*)
- α Absorptivity
- ϵ Emissivity
- ϵ_1 Emissivity of Body 1
- ϵ_2 Emissivity of Body 2
- ϵ_3 Emissivity of Radiation Shield
- λ Wavelength (*Nanometer*)
- λ_{Max} Maximum Wavelength (*Micrometer*)
- v Frequency (*Hertz*)
- ρ Reflectivity
- τ Transmissivity



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