

12-80E A fan is blowing air over the entire body of a person. The average temperature of the outer surface of the person is to be determined for two cases.

Assumptions 1 Steady operating conditions exist. 2 Radiation effects are negligible. 3 Air is an ideal gas with constant properties. 4 The average human body can be treated as a 1-ft-diameter cylinder with an exposed surface area of 18 ft². 5 The local atmospheric pressure is 1 atm.

Properties We assume the film temperature to be 100°F.

The properties of air at this temperature are (Table A-22E)

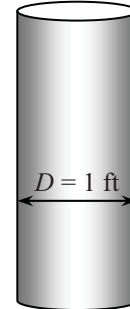
$$k = 0.01529 \text{ Btu/h}\cdot\text{ft}\cdot^\circ\text{F}$$

$$\nu = 1.809 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Pr} = 0.7260$$

$$V = 6 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$T_\infty = 85^\circ\text{F}$$



Person, T_s
300 Btu/h

Analysis The Reynolds number is

$$\text{Re} = \frac{VD}{\nu} = \frac{(6 \text{ ft/s})(1 \text{ ft})}{1.809 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}} = 3.317 \times 10^4$$

The proper relation for Nusselt number corresponding to this Reynolds number is

$$\begin{aligned} Nu = \frac{hD}{k} &= 0.3 + \frac{0.62 \text{Re}^{0.5} \text{Pr}^{1/3}}{\left[1 + (0.4/\text{Pr})^{2/3}\right]^{1/4}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{\text{Re}}{282,000}\right)^{5/8}\right]^{4/5} \\ &= 0.3 + \frac{0.62(3.317 \times 10^4)^{0.5} (0.7260)^{1/3}}{\left[1 + (0.4/0.7260)^{2/3}\right]^{1/4}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{3.317 \times 10^4}{282,000}\right)^{5/8}\right]^{4/5} = 107.8 \end{aligned}$$

The heat transfer coefficient is

$$h = \frac{k}{D} Nu = \frac{0.01529 \text{ Btu/h}\cdot\text{ft}\cdot^\circ\text{F}}{1 \text{ ft}} (107.8) = 1.649 \text{ Btu/h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}$$

Then the average temperature of the outer surface of the person becomes

$$\dot{Q} = hA_s(T_s - T_\infty) \rightarrow T_s = T_\infty + \frac{\dot{Q}}{hA_s} = 85^\circ\text{F} + \frac{300 \text{ Btu/h}}{(1.649 \text{ Btu/h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})(18 \text{ ft}^2)} = \mathbf{95.1^\circ\text{F}}$$

If the air velocity were doubled, the Reynolds number would be

$$\text{Re} = \frac{VD}{\nu} = \frac{(12 \text{ ft/s})(1 \text{ ft})}{1.809 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}} = 6.633 \times 10^4$$

The proper relation for Nusselt number corresponding to this Reynolds number is

$$\begin{aligned} Nu = \frac{hD}{k} &= 0.3 + \frac{0.62 \text{Re}^{0.5} \text{Pr}^{1/3}}{\left[1 + (0.4/\text{Pr})^{2/3}\right]^{1/4}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{\text{Re}}{282,000}\right)^{5/8}\right]^{4/5} \\ &= 0.3 + \frac{0.62(6.633 \times 10^4)^{0.5} (0.7260)^{1/3}}{\left[1 + (0.4/0.7260)^{2/3}\right]^{1/4}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{6.633 \times 10^4}{282,000}\right)^{5/8}\right]^{4/5} = 165.9 \end{aligned}$$

Heat transfer coefficient is

$$h = \frac{k}{D} Nu = \frac{0.01529 \text{ Btu/h}\cdot\text{ft}\cdot^\circ\text{F}}{1 \text{ ft}} (165.9) = 2.537 \text{ Btu/h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}$$

Then the average temperature of the outer surface of the person becomes

$$\dot{Q} = hA_s(T_s - T_\infty) \rightarrow T_s = T_\infty + \frac{\dot{Q}}{hA_s} = 85^\circ\text{F} + \frac{300 \text{ Btu/h}}{(2.537 \text{ Btu/h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})(18 \text{ ft}^2)} = \mathbf{91.6^\circ\text{F}}$$