11-41 A long cylindrical shaft at 400°C is allowed to cool slowly. The center temperature and the heat transfer per unit length of the cylinder are to be determined.

Assumptions **1** Heat conduction in the shaft is one-dimensional since it is long and it has thermal symmetry about the center line. **2** The thermal properties of the shaft are constant. **3** The heat transfer coefficient is constant and uniform over the entire surface. **4** The Fourier number is $\tau > 0.2$ so that the one-term approximate solutions (or the transient temperature charts) are applicable (this assumption will be verified).

Properties The properties of stainless steel 304 at room temperature are given to be k = 14.9 W/m.°C, $\rho = 7900$ kg/m³, $c_p = 477$ J/kg.°C, $\alpha = 3.95 \times 10^{-6}$ m²/s

Analysis First the Biot number is calculated to be

$$Bi = \frac{hr_o}{k} = \frac{(60 \text{ W/m}^2.^\circ\text{C})(0.175 \text{ m})}{(14.9 \text{ W/m}.^\circ\text{C})} = 0.705$$

The constants λ_1 and A_1 corresponding to this Biot number are, from Table 11-2,

$$\lambda_1 = 1.0904$$
 and $A_1 = 1.1548$

The Fourier number is

$$\tau = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2} = \frac{(3.95 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s})(20 \times 60 \text{ s})}{(0.175 \text{ m})^2} = 0.1548$$



which is very close to the value of 0.2. Therefore, the one-term approximate solution (or the transient temperature charts) can still be used, with the understanding that the error involved will be a little more than 2 percent. Then the temperature at the center of the shaft becomes

$$\theta_{0,cyl} = \frac{T_0 - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty} = A_1 e^{-\lambda_1^2 \tau} = (1.1548) e^{-(1.0904)^2 (0.1548)} = 0.9607$$
$$\frac{T_0 - 150}{400 - 150} = 0.9607 \longrightarrow T_0 = \mathbf{390} \,^{\circ}\mathbf{C}$$

The maximum heat can be transferred from the cylinder per meter of its length is

$$m = \rho \mathbf{V} = \rho \pi r_o^2 L = (7900 \text{ kg/m}^3) [\pi (0.175 \text{ m})^2 (1 \text{ m})] = 760.1 \text{ kg}$$

$$Q_{\text{max}} = mc_p [T_{\infty} - T_i] = (760.1 \text{ kg})(0.477 \text{ kJ/kg.}^{\circ}\text{C})(400 - 150)^{\circ}\text{C} = 90,640 \text{ kJ}$$

Once the constant $J_1 = 0.4679$ is determined from Table 11-3 corresponding to the constant $\lambda_1 = 1.0904$, the actual heat transfer becomes

$$\left(\frac{Q}{Q_{\text{max}}}\right)_{cyl} = 1 - 2\left(\frac{T_o - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty}\right) \frac{J_1(\lambda_1)}{\lambda_1} = 1 - 2\left(\frac{390 - 150}{400 - 150}\right) \frac{0.4679}{1.0904} = 0.1761$$
$$Q = 0.1761(90,640 \text{ kJ}) = 15,960 \text{ kJ}$$