

! Modeling a Heat Exchanger.

A heat exchanger is a device for transferring heat from a hot fluid to a cold fluid. Examples are: various hot and cold fluids in an oil refinery or power plant, a car radiator, air conditioning coils, or a gas powered furnace.

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! Basic idea:

The amount of heat transferred in a small section of a heat exchanger is proportional to (temperature difference between the two fluids)*(heat conductance of the separating material).

If we can define a mean temperature difference for the entire area or length of the heat exchanger, the total heat transferred per unit of time is proportional to

Area*(heat conductance of the separating material)*(average temperature difference between the two fluids).

Define:

THI = temperature of the hot fluid at its inlet,
THO = temperature of the hot fluid at its outlet,
TCI = temperature of the cold fluid at its inlet,
TCO = temperature of the cold fluid at its outlet.
HMASS = mass of hot fluid per unit time through exchanger,
CMASS = mass of cold fluid per unit time through exchanger,
HSPH = specific heat content of hot fluid in energy/(mass*temp_change),
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SUBMODEL HeatXchng:

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! Case 1;

! 100 liters per minute of water needs to be cooled from 90 C to 65 C,
The cold fluid is water with an input temperature of 20 C.
The area of the heat exchanger is 4 m². The conductance is
1000 W/m²*degrees C). Note that water is less dense at higher temperature.
How much cold water is needed? What will be its outlet temperature?;

!Ex01 THI = 90; ! Hot fluid input temp in degrees C;
!Ex01 THO = 65; ! Hot fluid output temp in degrees C;
!Ex01 TCI = 20; ! Cold fluid input in degrees C;
!Ex01 U = 1000; ! Heat transfer conductance in Joules/(sec*meter²*degreesC);
!Ex01 A = 4; ! A = Area in square meters;
!Ex01 HSPH = 4191; ! Specific heat of hot fluid in Joules/(kg*DegreesC);
!Ex01 CSPH = 4175; ! Specific heat of cold fluid in Joules/(kg*degreesC);
!Ex01 HMASS = 1.618333; ! kg/s of hot fluid to be cooled = 100*0.971/60;
!Ex01 ! CMASS = ??; ! kg/s of cold fluid to be heated;
!Ex01 ! TCO = ?? (50.1); ! Cold fluid is warmed up to ?, in degrees C;

! Example 2. Cool some fuel oil, What area is required and
how much cooling water is needed? ;

!Ex02 THI = 185; ! Hot fluid input temp in degrees F;
!Ex02 THO = 140; ! Hot fluid output temp, must be cooled to, in degrees F;
!Ex02 TCI = 50; ! Cold fluid input in degrees F;
!Ex02 TCO = 90; ! Cold fluid output, is warmed up to, in degrees F;
!Ex02 U = 120; ! Heat transfer conductance in BTU/(hr*sqfoot*degreesF),
sometimes called k value;
!Ex02 HSPH = 0.74; ! Specific heat of hot fluid in BTU/(lb*DegreesFahrenheit);
!Ex02 CSPH = 1; ! Specific heat of cold fluid in BTU/(lb*degreesF);
!Ex02 HMASS = 50000; ! lb/hr of hot fluid to be cooled;
!Ex02 ! CMASS = ??; ! lb/hr of cold fluid to be heated;
!Ex02 ! A = ??; ! A = Area in square feet;

! Example 3. Cool some fuel oil, from 185 to 140. We can do this by either

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    using a lot of cooling water or an exchanger with large area.
    Which combination should we use? ;
!Ex03; THI = 185;      ! Hot fluid input temp in degrees F;
!Ex03; THO = 140;      ! Hot fluid output temp,must be cooled to, in degrees F;
!Ex03; TCI = 50;       ! Cold fluid input in degrees F;
!Ex03; !TCO = ??;      ! Cold fluid output, is warmed up to, in degrees F;
!Ex03; U = 120;        ! Heat transfer conductance in BTU/(hr*sqfoot*degreesF),
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!Ex03; CSPH = 1;       ! Specific heat of cold fluid in BTU/(lb*degreesF);
!Ex03; HMASS = 50000; ! lb/hr of hot fluid to be cooled;
!Ex03; ACOST = 20;    ! Relative cost of heat exchanger size;
!Ex03; CCOST = 1;     ! Relative cost of cooling water;
!Ex03; CMASS <= 43000; ! Cannot use too much cooling water;
!Ex03; ! CMASS = ??; ! lb/hr of cold fluid to be heated;
!Ex03; ! A = ??;      ! A = Area in square feet;
!Ex03; A <= 155;     ! Cannot use too big a heat exchanger;
!EX03; TCO <= 95;    ! Cold water cannot be heated to high;

MIN = OBJ;
    OBJ = ACOST * A + CCOST * CMASS; ! Minimize combined cost;

!For a counter flow heat exchanger, define;
    DTH = THI - TCO ; ! temperature difference at the hot end;
    DTC = THO - TCI ; ! temperature difference at the cold end,
! For a parallel flow heat exchanger, define;
! DTH = THI - TCI ; ! temperature difference at the hot end;
! DTC = THO - TCO ; ! temperature difference at the cold end;

! A simple estimate of the average temperature diffence is (DTH + DTC)/2.
It has been found that for heat exchangers, a better estimate of the
average temperature difference is the Logarithmic Mean;
! MTD = (DTH - DTC)/@LOG( DTH/ DTC);
! Now LINGO (and What'sBest!) have a built-in function, @LMTD, to represent this;
    MTD = @LMTD( DTH, DTC); ! If we use the @LMTD function;

! Quantity of heat transferred per unit time is the product
of the conductivity * area * mean temperature difference;
    Q = U * A * MTD;

! Quantity of heat lost per unit time by the hot fluid =
    mass of fluid per time * specific heat * temperature loss;
    Q = HMASS * HSPH * (THI - THO);

! Quantity of heat gained per unit time by the cold fluid;
    Q = CMASS * CSPH * ( TCO - TCI);
ENDSUBMODEL

CALC:
! Set some parameters before the solve;
@SET( 'TERSEO',1); ! Output level (0:verbose, 1:terse, 2:only errors, 3:none);
@SET( 'IPTOLR', 0.0001);! Set IP ending relative optimality tolerance(Should be >0);
@SET( 'TATSLV', 150); ! Solver time limit in seconds (0:no limit) for @SOLVE's;

@SOLVE( HeatXchng); ! Solve a specified submodel;
ISTAT = @STATUS();! 0: Optimal to tolerance. 1: infeasible, 2: unbounded,
                    3: undetermined, 4: Feasible, 5: Infeasible/unbounded in
preprocessor,
                    6: Local optimum, 7: locally infeasible, 8: Objective cutoff
reached,
                    9: numeric error;

! Display a very simple solution report;
@WRITE( @NEWLINE( 1), ' A Simple Customized Solution Report', @NEWLINE( 1));
@WRITE( 'Solution Status = ', ISTAT, @NEWLINE( 1));
@WRITE( 'Objective= ', OBJ, @NEWLINE(1));
@WRITE( 'Area= ', A, @NEWLINE(1));
! Can format output if desired;

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@WRITE( 'Cold Flow Mass= ', @FORMAT( CMASS, '12.3f'), @NEWLINE(1));  
ENDCALC
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