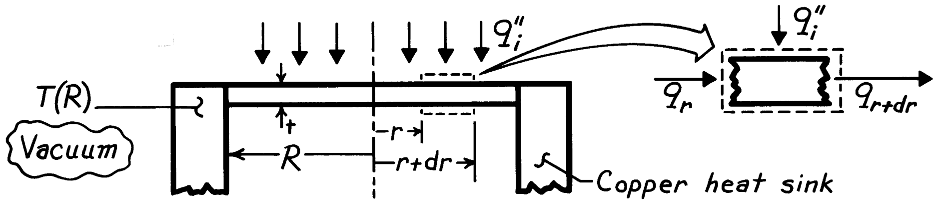
PROBLEM 3.107

KNOWN: Radius, thickness, and incident flux for a radiation heat gauge.

FIND: Expression relating incident flux to temperature difference between center and edge of gauge.

SCHEMATIC:



ASSUMPTIONS: (1) Steady-state conditions, (2) One-dimensional conduction in r (negligible temperature drop across foil thickness), (3) Constant properties, (4) Uniform incident flux, (5) Negligible heat loss from foil due to radiation exchange with enclosure wall, (6) Negligible contact resistance between foil and heat sink.

ANALYSIS: Applying energy conservation to a circular ring extending from r to r + dr,

$$q_r + q_i''(2\pi\ rdr) = q_{r+dr}, \qquad q_r = -k(2\pi\ rt)\frac{dT}{dr}, \qquad q_{r+dr} = q_r + \frac{dq_r}{dr}dr.$$

Rearranging, find that

$$q_i''(2\pi\ rdr) = \frac{d}{dr}\left[(-k2\pi\ rt)\frac{dT}{dr}\right]dr$$

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left[r\frac{dT}{dr}\right] = -\frac{q_i''}{kt}r.$$

Integrating,

$$r\frac{dT}{dr} = -\frac{q_i''r^2}{2kt} + C_1 \qquad \text{and} \qquad T(r) = -\frac{q_i''r^2}{4kt} + C_1 \ln r + C_2.$$

With $dT/dr|_{r=0} = 0$, $C_1 = 0$ and with $T(r = R) = T(R)$,

$$T(R) = -\frac{q_i''R^2}{4kt} + C_2 \qquad \text{or} \qquad C_2 = T(R) + \frac{q_i''R^2}{4kt}.$$

Hence, the temperature distribution is

$$T(r) = \frac{q_i''}{4kt}\left(R^2 - r^2\right) + T(R).$$

Applying this result at r = 0, it follows that

$$q_i'' = \frac{4kt}{R^2}\left[T(0) - T(R)\right] = \frac{4kt}{R^2}\Delta T. \qquad <$$

COMMENTS: This technique allows for determination of a radiation flux from measurement of a temperature difference. It becomes inaccurate if emission from the foil becomes significant.