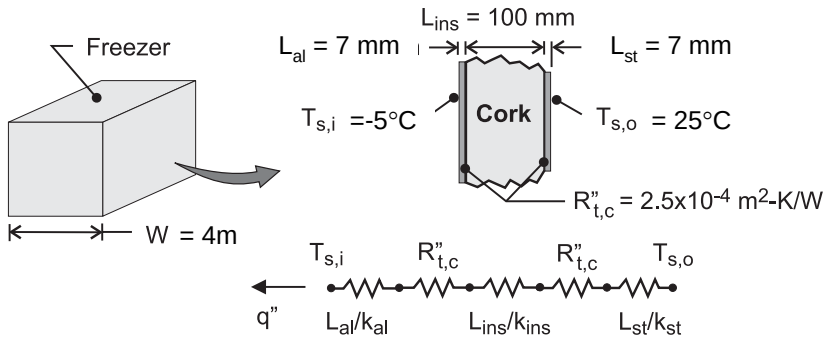
## PROBLEM 3.31

**KNOWN:** Size and surface temperatures of a cubical freezer. Materials, thicknesses and interface resistances of freezer wall.

**FIND:** Cooling load.

**SCHEMATIC:**




**ASSUMPTIONS:** (1) Steady-state, (2) One-dimensional conduction, (3) Constant properties.

**PROPERTIES:** *Table A-1*, Aluminum 2024 (~267K): $k_{al}$ = 173 W/m·K. *Table A-1*, Carbon steel AISI 1010 (~295K): $k_{st}$ = 64 W/m·K. *Table A-3* (~300K): $k_{ins}$ = 0.039 W/m·K.

**ANALYSIS:** For a unit wall surface area, the total thermal resistance of the composite wall is

$$R''_{tot} = \frac{L_{al}}{k_{al}} + R''_{t,c} + \frac{L_{ins}}{k_{ins}} + R''_{t,c} + \frac{L_{st}}{k_{st}}$$

$$R''_{tot} = \frac{0.007\text{m}}{173\ \text{W/m}\cdot\text{K}} + 2.5\times10^{-4}\,\frac{\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K}}{\text{W}} + \frac{0.100\text{m}}{0.039\ \text{W/m}\cdot\text{K}} + 2.5\times10^{-4}\,\frac{\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K}}{\text{W}} + \frac{0.007\text{m}}{64\ \text{W/m}\cdot\text{K}}$$

$$R''_{tot} = \left(4.0\times10^{-5} + 2.5\times10^{-4} + 2.56 + 2.5\times10^{-4} + 10.9\times10^{-5}\right)\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K/W} = 2.56\ \text{m}^2\cdot\text{K/W}$$

Hence, the heat flux is

$$q'' = \frac{T_{s,o} - T_{s,i}}{R''_{tot}} = \frac{\left[25-(-5)\right]°\text{C}}{2.56\ \text{m}^2\cdot\text{K/W}} = 11.7\ \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}$$

and the cooling load is

$$q = A_s\, q'' = 6\,\text{W}^2\, q'' = 96\text{m}^2\times11.7\ \text{W/m}^2 = 1123\text{W} \qquad <$$

**COMMENT:** Thermal resistances associated with the cladding and the adhesive joints are negligible compared to that of the insulation.