

ANSYS AIM - Thermal Analysis of an Electrical Wire

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For this demonstration we are asked to determine the centerline temperature, T_c , and surface temperature of a bare steel wire carrying a current, I , and having a resistance, R . The surface convection coefficient between the wire and the ambient air (at temperature T_a) is h .

Given values:

$$k = 13 \text{ BTU/hr} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot \text{F}$$

$$h = 5 \text{ BTU/hr} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{F}$$

$$R = 0.0001 \text{ } \Omega/\text{ft}$$

$$T_a = 70 \text{ F}$$

$$I = 1000 \text{ A}$$

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