

Group 4 Proj. "Patricese-group" - and others?

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Ref.: Kirk ²⁰⁰⁷ p.75.

Be aware of the concept "Surface heat capacity", C_s .

Ref.: Grunwald 2005 p. 400-401

Ref.: Notes on cooling by radiation.

Ref.: Web-pages on cooling by radiation.

<http://hyperphysics> - - -

Ref. Trenberth & Vell Hodgson, 2007, chap. 19,

which includes some hints on modelling, p. 237 ff.

(from <http://climateprediction.net>).

Cooling by radiation

* Teapot - example, Giancoli 2005 p. 401

$$\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta t} \rightarrow \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{mc} \frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{1}{mc} \epsilon \sigma A (T^4 - T_a^4)$$

Here T is temp. of teapot, T_a temp. of surroundings (ambient temp.)

This is a differential equation - to be solved!

To simplify we assume $T^4 \gg T_a^4$ and put $T_a = 0$.
(Ref.: Web-page "Radiation Cooling Time").

$$\text{So: } \frac{dT}{dt} = -\frac{\epsilon \sigma A}{mc} T^4 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dT}{T^4} = -\frac{\epsilon \sigma A}{mc} dt$$

(You are allowed to manipulate with dt and dT like this!)

Integrating on both sides:

$$\int \frac{dT}{T^4} = \int -\frac{\epsilon \sigma A}{mc} dt \quad \text{or} \quad \int \frac{1}{T^4} dT = -\frac{\epsilon \sigma A}{mc} \int dt$$

$$\text{or: } -\frac{1}{3} T^{-3} = -\frac{\epsilon \sigma A}{mc} t + \text{const.}$$

If starting temp. is $T = T_h$ (hot) for $t = 0$

we get that $-\frac{1}{3} T_h^{-3} = \text{const.}$

$$\text{or: } -\frac{1}{3} T^{-3} = -\frac{\epsilon \sigma A}{mc} t - \frac{1}{3} T_h^{-3}$$

$$\text{or: } t = \frac{mc}{3\epsilon \sigma A} (T^{-3} - T_h^{-3})$$

so cooling time to get temp. down to $T = T_f$ (final):

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{mc}{3\epsilon \sigma A} (T_f^{-3} - T_h^{-3}).$$

Cooling by radiation.

c is the specific heat capacity: $Q = mc \Delta T$, $c = [\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}]$.

Assuming that the thermal internal energy can be expressed as: $U = Q = \frac{3}{2} N k T$, N number of molecules (not always so! - see notes "Second law of thermodyn." p. 59) then the specific heat capacity can be expressed as $c = \frac{3}{2} k [\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{numb. of molecules}^{-1}]$ (or as $c = \frac{3}{2} R [\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}]$)

In the eq. of cooling time, you can then substitute mc with $\frac{3}{2} N k$, getting:

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{\frac{3}{2} N k}{\sigma \cdot 2 \epsilon \delta A} (T_d^{-3} - T_h^{-3})$$

The hot sphere on <http://hyperphysics...> is massive, containing N molecules.

See also same web-site on Helium Cooling Time for the Earth.

If only considering the surface of the planet, you could probably use the concept surface heat capacity mentioned in Kirk 2007 p. 75, and also in Kirk & Hodgson, 2007.