Cross-over in a 1-2 Heat Exchanger

Examination of the 1-2 heat exchanger. Crossover is possible only in the arrangement where the fluid in the tube is initially counter-current and finally co-current. (See attached diagram from Kern.)

Problem Specifications:

$$\begin{split} &\mathsf{T}_{shell,in} = 400 \text{ K} \\ &\mathsf{T}_{tube,in} = 250 \text{ K} \\ &\dot{m}_{tube} = 0.10 \text{ kg/s} \\ &\dot{m}_{shell} = 0.20 \text{ kg/s} \\ &\mathsf{L} = 6.0 \text{ m} \\ &\mathsf{D}_{tube,outside} = 0.0254 \text{ m} \\ &\mathsf{BWG} = 10 \\ &\mathsf{N}_{tube} = 24 \\ &\mathsf{D}_{shell} = 0.25 \text{ m} \\ &\mathsf{K}_{tube} = 45.0 \text{ W/m/K} \end{split}$$

Unknowns:

- T_{tube,out}
 T_{shell,out}
- 3) T_{inter}
- 4) T_{crossover}
- 5) T_{t1x}
- 6) α

Equations:

1)
$$q_1 = U_{o,1}A_{o,1}\Delta T_{Im,1} = \dot{m}_{tube}C_{p,1}(T_{inter} - T_{t1x})$$

2) $q_2 = U_{o,2}A_{o,2}\Delta T_{Im,2} = \dot{m}_{tube}C_{p,2}(T_{crossover} - T_{inter})$
3) $q_3 = U_{o,3}A_{o,3}\Delta T_{Im,3} = \dot{m}_{tube}C_{p,3}(T_{tube,out} - T_{crossover})$
4) $q_4 = U_{o,4}A_{o,4}\Delta T_{Im,4} = \dot{m}_{tube}C_{p,4}(T_{t1x} - T_{tube,in})$
5) $q_5 = q_1 + q_2 = \dot{m}_{shell}C_{p,5}(T_{crossover} - T_{shell,in})$
6) $q_7 = q_3 + q_4 = \dot{m}_{shell}C_{p,7}(T_{shell,out} - T_{crossover})$

Solutions Requirements:

Solve a system of 6 highly non-linear algebraic equations simultaneously. This was done using MATLAB.

Tolerances for Convergence:

All temperatures within 0.01 K. alpha within 0.001.

Initial Guesses for Six Unknowns:

 $T_{tube,out} = 352.5 \text{ K}$ $T_{shell,out} = 350.0 \text{ K}$ $T_{inter} = 301.25 \text{ K}$ $T_{crossover} = 355.0 \text{ K}$ $T_{t1x} = 255.125 \text{ K}$ $\alpha = 0.9$

Program Output:

SOLUTION CONVERGED !!!!!

Section 1 Temp (K) inlet: 292.116079, outlet: 338.557987 Section 2 Temp (K) inlet: 338.557987, outlet: 364.458006 Section 3 Temp (K) inlet: 364.458006, outlet: 358.602875 Section 4 Temp (K) inlet: 250.000000, outlet: 292.116079 Section 5 Temp (K) inlet: 400.00000, outlet: 364.458006 Section 6 Temp (K) inlet: 400.00000, outlet: 364.458006 Section 7 Temp (K) inlet: 364.458006, outlet: 346.198057 Section 8 Temp (K) inlet: 364.458006, outlet: 346.198057 Section 1 heat transfer coefficients (W/m²/K) h: 110.044836, Uo: 54.229114 Ui 74.054812 Section 2 heat transfer coefficients (W/m²/K) h: 149.213424, Uo: 65.863988 Ui 89.943295 Section 3 heat transfer coefficients (W/m²/K) h: 159.685980, Uo: 64.651455 Ui 88.287470 Section 4 heat transfer coefficients (W/m²/K) h: 63.460598, Uo: 35.168477 Ui 48.025770 Section 1 heat transferred (W) q: -19427.295908, heat: 19429.548182 Section 2 heat transferred (W) q: -10860.580672, heat: 10894.243257 Section 3 heat transferred (W) q: 2455.379011, heat: -2471.723081 Section 4 heat transferred (W) q: -18025.216020, heat: 17835.177309 Section 5 heat transferred (W) q: -30287.876579, heat: -30230.337398 Section 6 heat transferred (W) q: -30287.876579, heat: -30230.337398 Section 7 heat transferred (W) q: -15569.837009, heat: -15382.401971 Section 8 heat transferred (W) q: -15569.837009, heat: -15382.401971 tube Overall heat transferred (W) q: -45857.713588, heat: 45687.245667 shell Overall heat transferred (W) q: -45857.713588, heat: -45612.739369 The position of the crossover point is 0.466603 percent of the length from the right edge.



From: "Process Heat Transfer", Donald Q. Kern (Director, Process Engineering Division, The Patterson Foundry & Machine Company, and Adjunct Professor of Chemical Engineering, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn), First Edition, New York, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.1950, pp. 140, 145.



FIG. 7.20. Temperature relations in a 1-2 exchanger.



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FIG. 7.21. Temperature relations in a 1-2 exchanger with conventional nozzle arrangement.