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ABSTRACT

Heat transfer coefficients in laminar flow of molasses and rheological constant were conducted on this investigation. The rheological constant "n" and viscosity of molasses were obtained from the results of this experiments, also the heat conductivity and specific heats are came up from the results on this investigation.

For the flow of molasses, the following equations were obtained as the results of this experiments:

$$(h_m D/L) = 1.92(D^{1/n} U^{2-1/n} \rho/\eta^*)^{0.3} [(C_p \eta^*/L)(D/U)^{1-1/n} (n+3)/4]^{0.3} (D/L)^{0.3} (\eta/\eta^*)^{0.17} \\ = 2.04[(GC_p/L \cdot 1)(n+3)/4]^{0.3} (\eta/\eta^*)^{0.17}$$

where,

$$(Re) < 1800, [(GC_p/L \cdot 1)(n+3)/4] > 70, \text{ and } D = 1.18 \times 10^{-2} \quad (\text{m})$$

I. INTRODUCTION

This is the study on the rheological behavior of molasses which is by-product of sugar plants in Okinawa. The greatest loss of sugar in the factory or refinery is that, which goes to the residual molasses, and the extent to which this sugar may be recovered economically has been the subject of many studies.

This investigation was treated to make the rheological behavior of molasses to be clear from the view point of heat transfer concerned.

II. DIMENSIONLESS NUMBER AND BASIC EQUATION:

On molassis fluid, which is quite high viscus flow, is shown as the following equation;^{1), 2), 4)}

$$Q = (D \cdot g_c / 4\pi h \eta) (1/D^2 i + 1/n D i - 1/n r^2 y - 1/r^2 y - 1/n r^2 y \ln/r^2 y) \quad (1)$$

Heat transfer concerned for Molasses Fluid is expressed as the following equation,^{3), 5), 6)}

$$u_y (\partial \theta / \partial y) = k_d (\partial^2 \theta / \partial r^2 + 1/r \cdot \partial \theta / \partial r) \quad (2)$$

as the following condition,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y=0, & \rightarrow \theta=1, \quad (t=t_1) \\ r=R & \rightarrow \theta=0, \quad (t=t_w) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

where

$$u_y = (n+3)/(n+1) \cdot U \{1 - (r/R)^{n+1}\} \quad (4)$$

then

$$(n+3) U \{ [(R-r)/R]^{-n/2} \cdot [(R-r)/R]^2 + n(n+1)/3! \cdot [(R-r)/R]^3 \cdot \dots \} \partial \theta / \partial y \\ = k_d (\partial^2 \theta / \partial r^2 + 1/r \cdot \partial \theta / \partial r) \quad (5)$$

For the special solution for the equation (5) is,

$$\theta = A \exp - (2k_y)(n+3)^{-1} (U)^{-1} (b)^{-2} \cdot p \quad (6)$$

from the equation (6) and (5),

$$(d^2o/d\mu^2) + (1/\mu)(dp/d\mu) + 2\{(\beta-\mu)\beta^{-1} - n/2! \cdot (\beta-\mu)^2 \cdot \beta^{-2} + n(n-1)3!(\beta-\mu)3\beta^{-3} - \dots\}p=0 \quad (7)$$

where, $r/b=\mu$ and $R/b=\beta$ (8)

Then the special solution of (5) is shown as the following equation:^{6), 7), 14)}

$$P(\mu) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \beta_m \mu^m \quad (9)$$

In case of $r=R$, $\mu=\beta$ and $\theta=0$

$$P(\beta) = 0 \quad (10)$$

hence,

$$\theta = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m \exp\{-2\beta m^2 K_y / (n+3)UR^2\} P_m \quad (11)$$

where,

$$A_m = -\{1/\beta m^2(dp_m/d\xi)_{\xi=1}\} / \int_0^1 2P_m \xi \{(1-\xi) - n/2! \cdot (1-\xi)^2 + n(n-1)/3! \cdot (1-\xi)^3\} d\xi \quad (12)$$

and,

$$2[\beta m^2 k_y / (n+3)UR^2] = \pi \beta m^2 / 2 \cdot (L/GC_p)(4/n+3) = E_m \quad (13)$$

therefore

$$\theta = (t-t_w)/(t_1-t_w) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m e^{-E_m y} p_m \quad (14)$$

at $y=y_1$, and the average temperature t_m the equation expressed as;^{8), 11), 12)}

$$\theta_m = (t_m - t_w)/(t_1 - t_w) = 1/\pi R^2 U \int_0^R 2r U_y \theta dr = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} F_m r^{-E_m \cdot y} \quad (15)$$

where,

$$F_m = -(n+3)A_m(dp_m/d\xi)/\beta^2 m \quad (16)$$

then,

$$Q_y = -L(t_1 - t_w)(\partial\theta/\partial r)_{r=R} = (t_1 - t_w) \cdot h_y \theta_m \quad (17)$$

Therefore heat coefficient is expressed as,

$$h_y = -(L/R) \cdot \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m e^{-E_m \cdot y} (dp_m/d\xi)_{\xi=1} / \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} F_m e^{-E_m \cdot y}$$

hence,

$$(h_y D/L) = 1/\pi \cdot (GC_p/L \cdot 1) [1 / \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} F_m e^{-E_m \cdot 1}] = 1/\pi [(GC_p/L \cdot 1) \cdot 1n(1/\theta \cdot M_1)] \quad (18)$$

Here,

$$\theta = (t_{M1} - t_w)/(t_1 - t_w) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} F_m e^{-E_m \cdot 1} \quad (19)$$

In case of $n=\infty$,

$$U(\partial\theta/\partial y) = k(\partial^2\theta/\partial r^2 + 1/r \cdot \partial\theta/\partial r) \quad (20)$$

and,

$$\theta = 2 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \exp[-\phi_s^2 (L \cdot y / G \cdot C_p)] \cdot J_0(\phi_s \cdot r/R) / \phi_s \cdot J_1(\phi_s) \quad (21)$$

where,

$$\phi_s = \text{roots of } I_0(\phi_0)$$

and the dimensionless number is expressed under the average temperature, as the followings;^{4), 9), 13)}

$$(hmD/L) = 1/\pi \cdot (GC_p/L \cdot l) \ln(1/\theta_{average}) \tag{22}$$

Under the condition fo $U_y = U$,

$$(hmD/L) = 4/\pi (GC_p/L \cdot l)^{1/2} \tag{23}$$

Between the range of $2 < n < 3$,

$$(hmD/L) = 1.89 \{ (GC_p/L \cdot l)(n+3)/4 \}^{1/3} \tag{24}$$

The relation-shipb etween (hmD/L) and $(GC_p/L \cdot l)$ are illustrated as Figure 1;

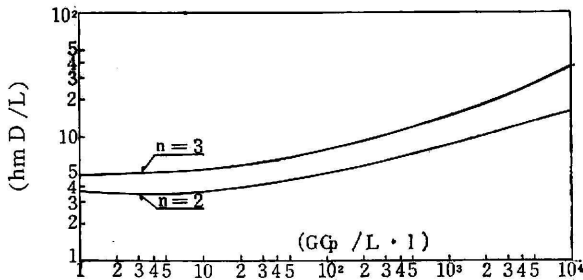


Fig.1 The relationship between (hmD/L) and $(GC_p/L \cdot l)$ which related in the equation (24).

III. EXPERIMENT AND DATA:

1. Deformation of the equation(24):

Because of high viscus flow of molasses fluid, deformation of the epuation was done for the purpose of experiment as the followings,

$$(Re) = D^{-n} U^{2-1/n} \rho \cdot \eta^*^{-1} \tag{25}$$

hence

$$(hmD/L) = 1.62 [(D^{-1} U^{2-1/n} \rho \cdot \eta^*^{-1}) \{ (C_p \eta^* L^{-1}) (D/U)^{1-1/n} (n+3)/4 \} (D/l)^{1/3}] \tag{26}$$

On this equation, the second tarm is also dimension-less tarm, therefore

$$(hmD/L) = C (D^{1/n} U^{2-1/n} \rho \cdot \eta^*)^p \{ (C_p \eta^* / L) (D/U)^{1-1/n} (n+3)/4 \}^q (D/l)^r \tag{27}$$

The relation between η and η^* are shown as,

$$\eta^* = \{ 2(n+3)\eta \}^{1/n} / 8 \tag{28}$$

hence,

$$(hmD/L) = C (D^{-1} U^{2-1/n} \rho / \eta^*)^p \{ (C_p \eta^* / L) (D/U)^{1-1/n} (n+3)/4 \}^q (D/l)^r (\eta / \eta^*)^s \tag{29}$$

where, C, P, q, r, and s are able to determined by experiments.

2. Experimental data;

The following apparatus was set up for this experiments; special attention was paid to keep the temperature constant.

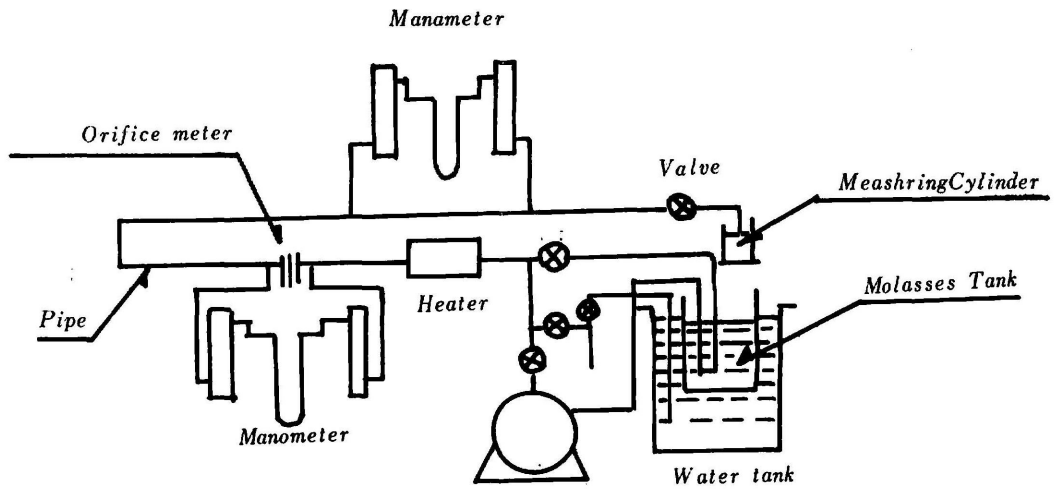


Fig. 2 Apparatus for Experiment.

1) Rheological constants for molasses:

On this experiments, and former experiments, following data were obtained;

Table 1. The rheological constant for molasses and the Glucose Coefficients

No.	Molasses	Constant "n"	Glucose Coefficients	Symbols
1	HKB	1.61	3.62	●
2	DTO	1.62	3.41	×
3	CBU	1.83	3.08	▲
4	IMN	2.51	2.55	■
5	RTO	1.59	2.93	□
6	FPN	1.93	2.67	△
7	TWN	2.91	2.29	○
8	KDT	2.31	2.58	△
9	IBU	2.34	2.59	∅
10	IGK	2.47	2.50	●
11	MKO	2.08	2.60	⊕
12	MTA	2.62	2.35	△
13	KMA	2.67	2.26	⊗

This Glucose Coefficient was calculated as follows:

$$(\text{Percent Reducing sugar}) \times 100 / \{\text{Per cent Sucrose (pol.)}\} = \text{Glucose Coefficient}$$

2) Specific heat and Thermal conductivity for molasses:

The apparatus, which was illustrated on Figure 2, was used for measurement of thermal conductivity for molasses, as shown in the following table;

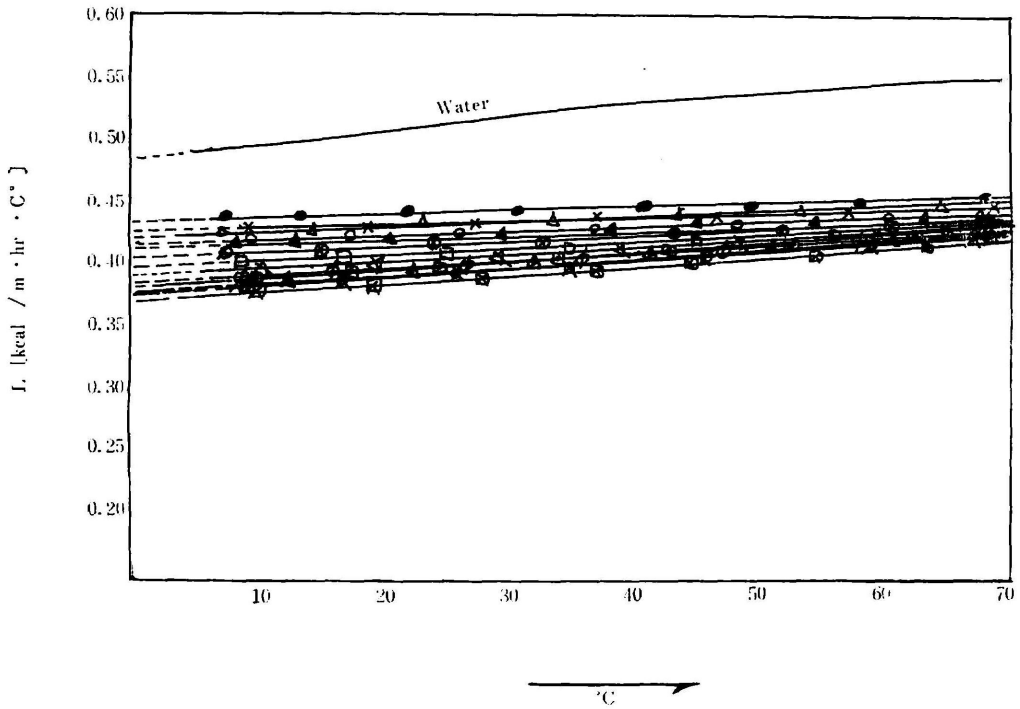


Fig. 3 The Relationship between Thermal Conductivity and Temperature for molasses.

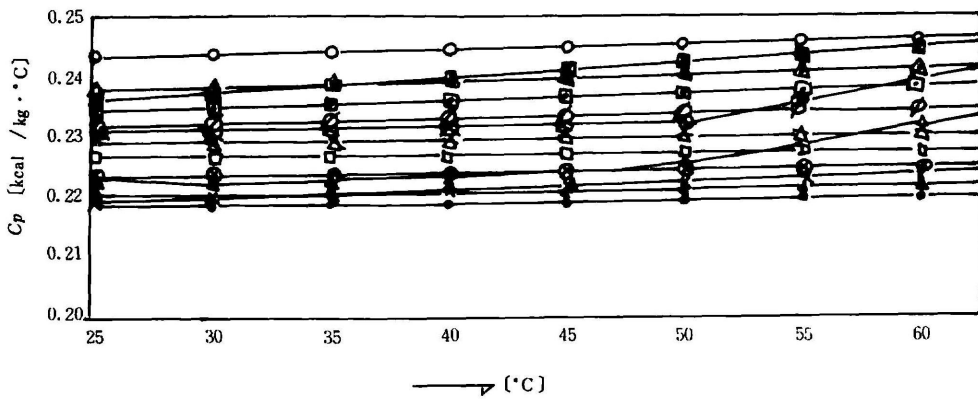


Fig. 4 Specific Heat of Molasses.

Table 2. Thermal conductivity of Molasses.

No.	Molasses	Thermal Conductivity (L)	Temperature (°C)
1	HKB	7.5	0.440
		13.5	0.443
		22.0	0.445
		31.0	0.447
		41.5	0.450
		50.0	0.452
		58.3	0.454
		69.0	0.456
2	DTO	9.4	0.425
		18.5	0.426
		27.5	0.431
		36.9	0.440
		47.0	0.442
		57.5	0.445
		69.5	0.447
		3	CBU
13.0	0.420		
20.5	0.425		
29.8	0.425		
38.5	0.425		
45.5	0.433		
55.5	0.435		
63.5	0.437		
4	IMN	7.5	0.405
		13.2	0.413
		24.1	0.415
		33.0	0.418
		43.5	0.425
		52.8	0.425
		61.3	0.431
		69.0	0.435
5	RTO	8.0	0.400
		17.5	0.403
		21.0	0.407
		35.0	0.415
		45.2	0.423
		57.5	0.445
		67.0	0.430
		6	FPN
14.5	0.428		
23.3	0.429		
34.0	0.435		
44.0	0.435		

		53.5 65.0	0.440 0.455
7	TWN	9.5 17.5 26.3 37.0 48.1 61.0 68.5	0.424 0.425 0.425 0.428 0.430 0.435 0.440
8	KDT	10.5 19.5 29.3 39.2 48.9 60.0 67.5	0.397 0.400 0.405 0.413 0.420 0.424 0.427
9	IBU	8.0 16.3 36.0 47.0 58.3 69.2	0.385 0.390 0.405 0.412 0.420 0.425
10	IGK	10.0 17.5 24.5 34.0 43.5 53.0 63.2	0.390 0.395 0.400 0.405 0.410 0.418 0.425
11	MKO	9.0 16.5 26.0 35.1 41.3 59.4 67.8	0.378 0.380 0.385 0.394 0.406 0.418 0.423
12	MTA	12.5 25.5 32.5 41.7 51.5 62.5 69.0	0.385 0.394 0.400 0.408 0.425 0.430 0.435
13	KMA	10.0 09.5 27.6	0.375 0.380 0.380

	37.3	0.382
	45.0	0.400
	55.0	0.405
	64.0	0.415

Table 3. Specific heat of Molasses

Temp. (°C)	HKB	DTO	CBU	IMN	RTO	FPN	TWN
25	0.285	0.220	0.220	0.224	0.227	0.223	0.244
30	0.285	0.221	0.220	0.224	0.228	0.221	0.245
35	0.290	0.225	0.221	0.225	0.228	0.224	0.245
40	0.295	0.225	0.222	0.225	0.229	0.225	0.246
45	0.290	0.230	0.226	0.225	0.229	0.225	0.245
50	0.295	0.232	0.230	0.226	0.229	0.226	0.246
55	0.295	0.233	0.235	0.227	0.229	0.228	0.247
60	0.295	0.234	0.240	0.228	0.229	0.237	0.248

Temp. (°C)	KDT	IBU	IGK	MKO	MTA	KMA
25	0.239	0.233	0.235	0.231	0.238	0.237
30	0.239	0.234	0.236	0.232	0.239	0.238
35	0.240	0.234	0.236	0.233	0.239	0.239
40	0.240	0.234	0.237	0.233	0.239	0.241
45	0.241	0.235	0.238	0.234	0.240	0.242
50	0.242	0.235	0.239	0.235	0.241	0.242
55	0.243	0.235	0.240	0.238	0.241	0.244
60	0.240	0.236	0.241	0.239	0.242	0.244

3) Determination of Constants:

By the graphycal method, the constants of C, p, r, and s were determined under the condition of;

$$(\text{Re}) < 1800, [(GC_p/KL)(n+3)/4] > 70 \text{ and } D = 1.18 \times 10^{-2} \quad (\text{m}).$$

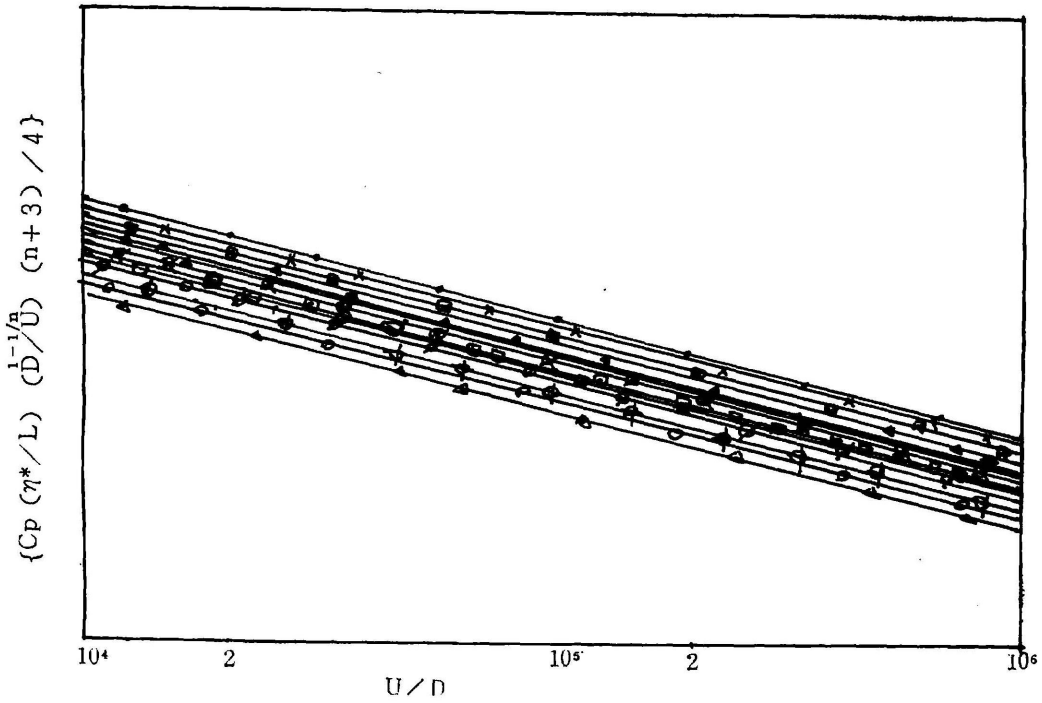


Fig. 5 The Relationship between $\{C_p (\eta^*/L) (D/U)^{1-1/n} (n+3) / 4\}$ and (U/D)

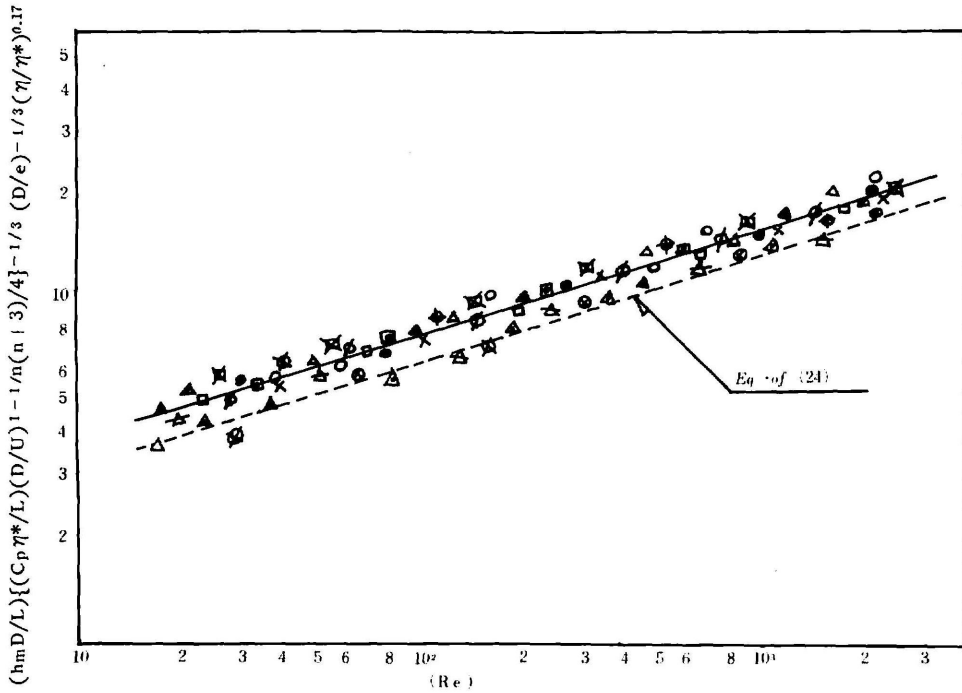


Fig. 6 Correlation of Heat Transfer

The following constant were able to be determined;

$$c=1.92, \quad p=0.3, \quad r=0.3 \quad \text{and} \quad s=0.17$$

IV. CONCLUSION:

For the low of molasses, the following equation was obtained from the view point of rheological constant "n" and specific heat of molasses;

$$(h_m D/L) = 1.92(D^{1/n} U^{2-1/n} \rho / \eta^*)^{0.3} \{ (C_p \eta^* / L)(D/U)^{1-1/n(n+3)/4} \}^{0.3} (D/L)^{0.3} (\eta / \eta^*)^{0.17}$$

Under the condition of,

$$(Re) < 1800, \quad \{ (G C_p / L \cdot \eta^*)(n+3)/4 \} > 70 \quad \text{and} \quad D = 1.18 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (m)}$$

NOMENCLATURE

C_p : Specific heat	(Kcal/kg. °C)
D : Diameter of pipe	(m)
G : Mass Rate of Flow	(kg/nr)
h_m : Average coefficient of heat transfer	(kcal/m ² . hr. °C)
k_d : Thermal diffusivity	(m ² /hr)
l : length of pipe heated	(m)
n : Rheological constant	(-)
L : Thermal conductivity	(Kcal/m.hr.°C)
Re : Reynolds number for molasses	(-)
η : Viscosity of molasses	(kg _n /mn·hr ²ⁿ⁻¹)
η^* : generalized viscosity	(kg/m·hr ^{2-1/n})
ρ : density	(kg/m ³)
C, p, q, r, cs : Constants of dimensional analysis.	
A : constant	
A_m : defined by equation (12)	
E_m : defined by equation (13)	
b : constant	
F_m : defined by equation (16)	
J_0, J_1 : Bessel functions of 0th and 1st order.	
p_m : defined by equation (11)	
Q_y : local heat transfer rate	(kcal/m ² ·hr)
t, t_1, t_w : local temperature	(°C)
U : average velocity	(m/hr)
u_y : velocity at y	(m/hr)
β : R/b	(m)
ξ : r/R	(-)
β_m : roots of $P(\beta)=0$	(m)
θ : defined by equation (11)	
θ_m : defined by equation (15)	
ϕ : roots of J_0	
μ : r/b	(m)

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