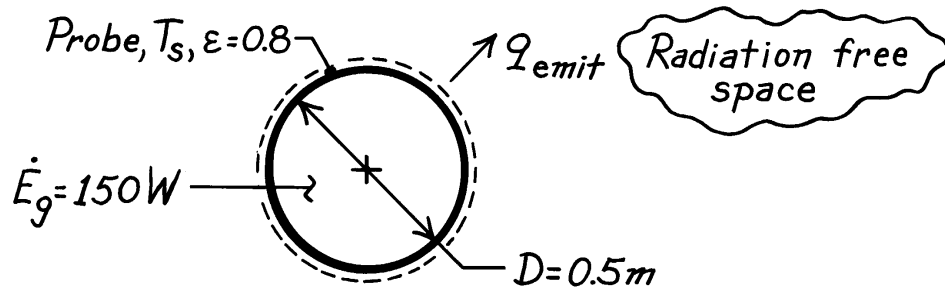


PROBLEM 1.24

KNOWN: Diameter and emissivity of spherical interplanetary probe. Power dissipation within probe.

FIND: Probe surface temperature.

SCHEMATIC:



ASSUMPTIONS: (1) Steady-state conditions, (2) Negligible radiation incident on the probe.

ANALYSIS: Conservation of energy dictates a balance between energy generation within the probe and radiation emission from the probe surface. Hence, at any instant

$$-\dot{E}_{\text{out}} + \dot{E}_g = 0$$

$$\varepsilon A_s \sigma T_s^4 = \dot{E}_g$$

$$T_s = \left(\frac{\dot{E}_g}{\varepsilon \pi D^2 \sigma} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$T_s = \left(\frac{150 \text{ W}}{(0.8 \pi (0.5 \text{ m})^2 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4)} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$T_s = 254.7 \text{ K.}$$

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COMMENTS: Incident radiation, as, for example, from the sun, would increase the surface temperature.