Heat Transfer – UEF 3.1.1



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In-Class Exercises n°02

| Heat Conduction – Part I |

Exercise 2.1

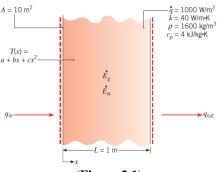
The temperature distribution across a wall 1 m thick at a certain instant of time is given a

$$\mathbf{T}(x) = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}x + \mathbf{c}x^2$$

Where: T is in degrees Celsius and \mathbf{x} is in meters

While: $a = 900^{\circ}C$, $b = -300^{\circ}C/m$, and $c = -50^{\circ}C/m^{2}$

A uniform heat generation, $\dot{q} = 1000 \text{ W/m}^3$, is present in the wall of area 10 m² having the properties: $\rho = 1600 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $k = 40 \text{ W/m} \cdot \text{K}$, and $c_p = 4 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}$

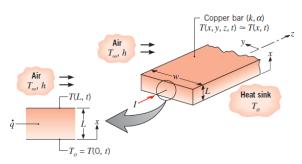


(Figure 2.1)

- 1. Determine the rate of heat transfer entering the wall (x = 0) and leaving the wall (x = 1 m).
- **2.** Determine the rate of change of energy storage in the wall.
- 3. Determine the time rate of temperature change at x = 0, 0.25, and 0.5 m.

Exercise 2.2

A long copper bar of rectangular cross section, whose width w is much greater than its thickness L, is maintained in contact with a heat sink at its lower surface, and the temperature throughout the bar is approximately equal to that of the sink, T_0 . Suddenly, an electric current is passed through the bar and an airstream of temperature T_{∞} is passed over the top surface, while the bottom surface continues to be maintained at T_0 .



(Figure 2.2)

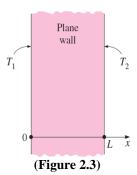
Obtain the differential equation and the boundary and initial conditions that could be solved to determine the temperature as a function of position and time in the bar.

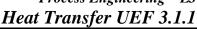
Exercise 2.3

Consider a large plane wall of thickness L = 0.2 m, thermal conductivity $\mathbf{k} = 1.2 \text{ W/m} \cdot {}^{\circ}\text{C}$, and surface area $\mathbf{A} = 15 \text{ m}^{2}$. The two sides of the wall are maintained at constant temperatures of $T_1 = 120$ °C and $T_2 = 50$ °C, respectively, as shown in (**Figure 2.3**).

Determine

- a) the variation of temperature within the wall and the value of temperature
- b) the rate of heat conduction through the wall under steady conditions.





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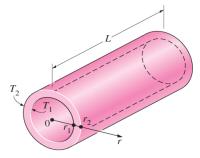


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Exercise 2.4

Consider a steam pipe of length L = 20 m, inner radius $r_1 = 6$ cm, outer radius $\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{8}$ cm, and thermal conductivity $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{20}$ W/m·°C, as shown in Figure 2-4. The inner and outer surfaces of the pipe are maintained at average temperatures of $T_1 = 150$ °C and $T_2 = 60$ °C, respectively.

Obtain a general relation for the temperature distribution inside the pipe under steady conditions, and determine the rate of heat loss from the steam through the pipe.

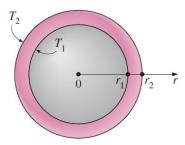


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Exercise 2.5

Consider a spherical container of inner radius $r_1 = 8$ cm, outer radius $\mathbf{r}_2 = 10$ cm, and thermal conductivity $\mathbf{k} = 45$ W/m·°C, as shown in Figure 2-5. The inner and outer surfaces of the container are maintained at constant temperatures of $T_1 = 200 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $T_2 = 80 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$, respectively, as a result of some chemical reactions occurring inside.

Obtain a general relation for the temperature distribution inside the shell under steady conditions, and determine the rate of heat loss from the container.



(Figure 2.5)

Exercise 2.6

Consider, for each situation, a medium in which the heat conduction equation is given in its simplest form as

Situation 1	Situation 2	Situation 3
$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$	$\frac{1}{r}\frac{d}{dr}\left(rk\frac{dT}{dr}\right) + \dot{g} = 0$	$\frac{1}{r^2}\frac{d}{dr}\left(r^2\frac{dT}{dr}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$

- a) Is heat transfer steady or transient?
- b) Is heat transfer one-, two-, or three-dimensional?
- c) Is there heat generation in the medium?
- d) Is the thermal conductivity of the medium constant or variable?

Exercise 2.7

Beginning with a differential control volume in the form of a cylindrical shell, derive the heat diffusion equation for a one-dimensional, cylindrical, radial coordinate system with internal heat generation. Compare your result with Equation (Eq.02).

Exercise 2.8

Beginning with a differential control volume in the form of a spherical shell, derive the heat diffusion equation for a one-dimensional, spherical, radial coordinate system with internal heat generation. Compare your result with Equation (Eq.03).