

# MATH3013 Final Project

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# Introduction

- Water environments
- Control water temperature in these environments is by adding hot water



Figure: Bathtub



Figure: Swimming Pool in University of Macau

# Problem Background

- How to maintain the temperature of water in a bathtub?
- How does the temperature of bathtub water change?
- What impact do different parameters have on the temperature change?
- What is the spatial temperature distribution?

# Assumptions

- All the physical properties of air, water, and bathtub are stable.
- Any addition of water results in an immediate drainage of the same volume.
- The user is considered as an extension of the bathtub water.
- All radiation effects are neglected.

## Geometric consideration

- The bathtub has dimensions of  $1.7\text{m} \times 1.0\text{m} \times 0.7\text{m}$ .
- The faucet is placed at  $x = 0$ .
- Assume that the flow and heat transfer of the water occur only in the  $x$ -direction.

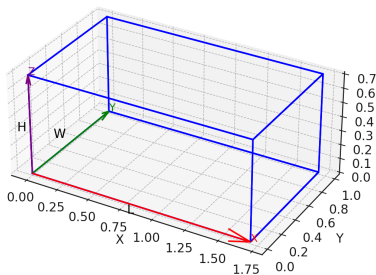


Figure: Perspective view

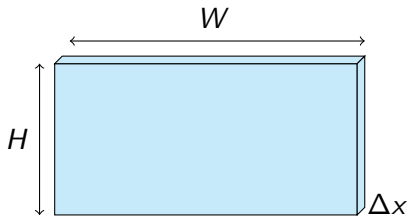


Figure: Cross section of the bathtub

# Model I

- Cooling:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -\frac{hS}{cm_{tub}}(T - T_{\infty})$$

- Heating:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{dm}{dt} \frac{(T_{in} - T)}{m_{tub}}$$

- Complete Model:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \left( \frac{-hS - \dot{m}c}{cm_{tub}} \right) T + \left( \frac{hST_{\infty} + \dot{m}cT_{in}}{cm_{tub}} \right)$$

# Results

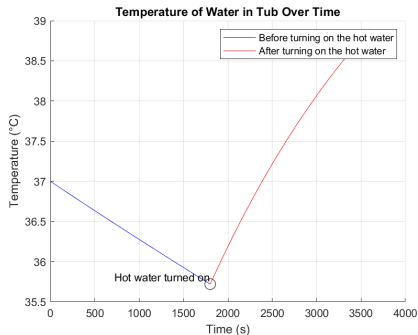


Figure: Temperature change within 1 hour

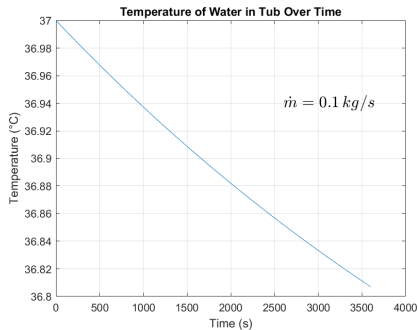


Figure: Temperature change with trickling hot water



# Results

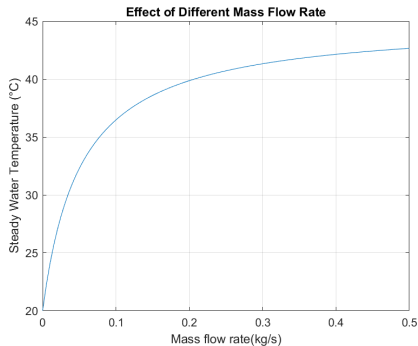


Figure: Sensitivity of flow rate

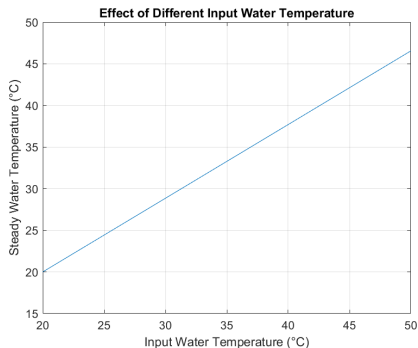


Figure: Sensitivity of inlet temperature

## Model II

**General one dimension heat equation:**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \tilde{Q}(x, t), \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$u_x(x = 0, t) = a(t), \quad t > 0,$$

$$u_x(x = L, t) = b(t), \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, t = 0) = \phi(x), \quad 0 < x < L.$$

## Cooling Process:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \tilde{Q}(x, t), \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$u_x(x = 0, t) = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u_x(x = L, t) = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, t = 0) = 37^\circ\text{C}, \quad 0 < x < L,$$

$$\tilde{Q}(x, t) = \tilde{h}(u_\infty - u(x, t)), \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0.$$

# Numerical Scheme

## Complete scheme:

- $x_i = i\Delta x, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N, \quad \Delta x = \frac{L}{N}$
- $t_n = n\Delta t, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- $u_i^0 = 37^\circ\text{C}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$
- $u_1^n = u_0^n, \quad u_N^n = u_{N-1}^n, \quad n \geq 0$
- $$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n + \Delta t \left( \alpha \frac{u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{(\Delta x)^2} + \tilde{h}(u_\infty - u_i^n) \right)$$
$$i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1, \quad n \geq 0$$

## Stability condition:

- $$\Delta t \leq \min \left( \frac{2}{\tilde{h}}, \frac{2}{\frac{4\alpha}{(\Delta x)^2} + \tilde{h}} \right)$$

# Results

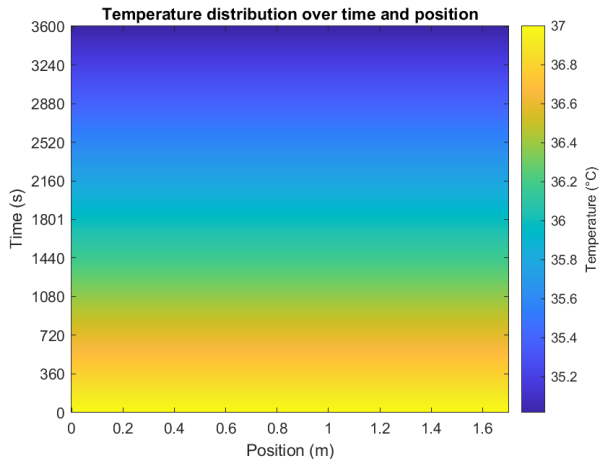


Figure: Temperature change within 60 minutes in PDE model

## Cooling and Heating Process:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \tilde{Q}(x, t), \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \\ u_x(x = 0, t) &= \hat{h}(u_{in} - u(0, t)), \quad t > 0, \\ u_x(x = L, t) &= 0, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, t = 0) &= 37^\circ\text{C}, \quad 0 < x < L, \\ \tilde{Q}(x, t) &= \tilde{h}(u_\infty - u(x, t)), \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0.\end{aligned}$$

# Results

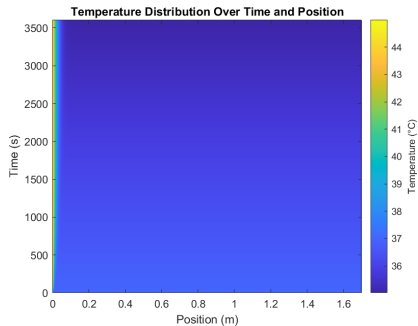


Figure: Temperature change with input hot water

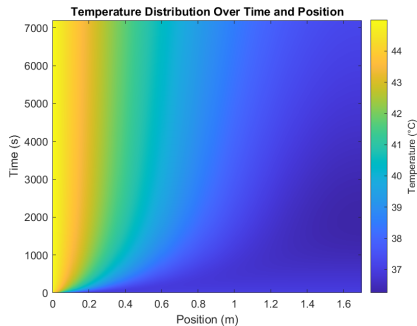


Figure: Temperature change with increased thermal diffusivity

# Thermal diffusivity

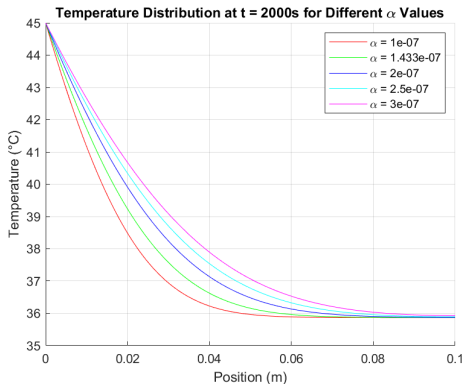


Figure: Sensitivity of temperature to thermal diffusivity



# Remark of Model I

## Strengths:

- Straightforward simulation
- Helps in understanding the influence of each parameter

## Weaknesses:

- Unrealistic assumption of uniform temperature distribution
- Limit applicability to complex systems

# Remark of Model II

## Strengths:

- Presentation of spatial temperature change
- Comprehensive view of the thermal dynamics

## Weaknesses:

- Increase of mathematical and computational complexity
- Accuracy is highly dependent on the precise values of parameters

# Model Improvement and Extension

**Consider the advection-diffusion equation:**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \epsilon v \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \hat{Q}(x, t)$$

**Consider the presence of user in the bathtub**

**Possibility to extend the application of model to other scenarios**

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# The End

Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?