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# 1 Introduction

Heat transfer is the process by which energy is moved from one body or substance to another due to a temperature difference. Where this temperature gradient exists, heat will move from regions of high temperature to regions of lower temperature. This process occurs through three mechanisms: conduction, convection, and radiation. Conduction is the transfer of molecular energy through direct contact within or between a solid. Convection, on the other hand, is the transfer of heat between a surface and a fluid, either liquid or gaseous. Radiation is the transfer of energy via electromagnetic waves. Understanding these methods of heat transfer allows us to control and manipulate temperature and energy levels in many practical applications. One such application is cooking. Recipes are the instructions leading to the ideal circumstances for turning ingredients into the desired result. These recipes are usually a result of empirical evidence and the personal experience of the person cooking the food. However, by applying the principles of heat transfer, cooking can be analyzed and optimized with scientific precision. This approach has the potential to move beyond tradition and guesswork, offering a systematic path to improved consistency, efficiency, and quality in food preparation. Research into this kind of approach has been lacking thus far, although chef Peter Hertzmann notes that "How heat travels from its source into our food is important. The physics of cooking teaches us to choose our heat transfer agents and cooking methods wisely. If we do so, we can successfully place food on our table that is cooked exactly as we desire [1]." The central questions addressed in this experiment are: How can the transient temperature distribution within a hot dog during grilling be modeled, and what setup yields optimal cooking efficiency while ensuring the center reaches a safe and desirable temperature?

The general approach to this question is to model the radiation from the charcoal on the grill, convection from the surrounding air, and conduction within the hot dog to reflect all stages of the heat transfer process occurring in the system. Ideal conditions are determined by optimizing the hot dog's position relative to the coals, the size of the grill, and the cooking time. Initial conditions and properties are defined as follows:

- The initial temperature of the hot dog is 10 °C throughout.

- The surface temperature must not exceed 100 °C at any time.
- The final temperature of the centerline of the hot dog should be 68 °C.
- Assume the air surrounding the hot dog to have a temperature of 250°C.
- Assume a coal temperature of 450°C.
- Assume an emissivity of 0.8 for the coals and 0.45 for the hot dog.
- $\rho_{\text{hotdog}} = 880 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$
- $k_{\text{hotdog}} = 0.52 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}\cdot\text{K}}$
- $c_{\text{hotdog}} = 3350 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}$
- $D_{\text{hotdog}} = 2.54\text{cm}$

The general process for identifying the ideal barbecue conditions was to first determine the total heat transfer coefficient,  $h$ . This was done by applying a root finding algorithm in MATLAB and iterating over all possible Biot numbers until a Biot number resulting in a centerline of 68 °C and a surface of 100 °C is identified. Once the  $h$  value is calculated from this Biot number, both an analytical and numerical method are applied in order to simulate the temperature distribution in the hot dog over time and determine the final cooking time. The convective heat transfer coefficient is found by using forced convection correlations, such that the radiative heat transfer coefficient can be calculated by finding the difference between the total and convective heat transfer coefficients. The radiative heat transfer coefficient is required to determine the optimal placement and height of the hot dog relative to the grill, which is used by determining the view factor between both surfaces.

## 2 Calculation of Heat Transfer Coefficients

**2.1 Optimal Total Heat Transfer Coefficient.** It was necessary to first determine the overall heat transfer coefficient based on the desired final temperatures of the hot dog. A MATLAB program was used to iterate over a set of Biot numbers until the corresponding values of  $\zeta_1$  and  $C_n$  that resulted

in the centerline reaching 68 °C and the surface reaching 100 °C. The relationship between the Biot number,  $\zeta_1$ , and  $C_n$  are shown below in Equations 5.50a, 5.50b, and 5.50c [2]. Once the optimal Biot number was determined, Equation 1 was used in order to calculate the optimal total heat transfer coefficient, which was found to be  $16.665 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}}$ .

$$\text{Bi} = \frac{h_{\text{opt}} \cdot r_{\text{hotdog}}}{k_{\text{hotdog}}} \quad (1)$$

For an infinite cylinder in dimensionless form, the temperature is

$$\theta^* = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \exp(-\zeta_n^2 \text{Fo}) J_0(\zeta_n r^*) \quad (5.50a)$$

where

$$\text{Fo} = \frac{\alpha \cdot t}{r_0^2}$$

and

$$C_n = \frac{2}{\zeta_n} \cdot \frac{J_1(\zeta_n)}{J_0^2(\zeta_n) + J_1^2(\zeta_n)} \quad (5.50b)$$

and the discrete values of  $\zeta_n$  are positive roots of the transcendental equation

$$\zeta_n \frac{J_1(\zeta_n)}{J_0(\zeta_n)} = \text{Bi} \quad (5.50c)$$

**2.2 Convective Heat Transfer Coefficient.** Forced convection relationships between the hot air rising from the coals were used to calculate the convective heat transfer coefficient. This process started by determining the velocity of the hot air at the coals, shown below in Equation 2. Then, the continuity equation, shown below as Equation 3, was used to calculate the velocity of the hot air surrounding the hot dog. Upon calculating this velocity, it was then possible to determine the Reynolds number of the fluid (Equation 4), then the Nusselt number (Equation 5), and finally the convective heat transfer coefficient (Equation 6). This value was found to be  $11.736 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}}$ .

The characteristic velocity equation from the free convection of the coals is given as:

$$u_{\text{coals}}^2 = g\beta(T_s - T_{\infty})D \quad (2)$$

where the temperature of the coals  $T_s = 450$  °C, the ambient outside temperature  $T_{\infty} = 20$  °C, and  $D$  is the diameter of a single coal.

The continuity equation between the momentum of the air at the coals and at the hot dog is given as:

$$\rho_{\text{coals,air}} A_{\text{flow}} u_{\text{coals}} = \rho_{\text{hotdog,air}} A_{\text{flow,grill}} u_{\text{hotdog}} \quad (3)$$

where  $\rho$  represents the density of air at each location, and  $A_{\text{flow}}$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $A_{\text{grill}}$ .

The Reynolds number is then given by:

$$\text{Re}_D = \frac{u_{\infty} D}{\nu} \quad (4)$$

Where  $\nu$  is the ratio of convective heat transfer to conductive heat transfer at the hot dog in the surrounding air.

The average Nusselt number for forced convection over a cylinder is given by:

$$\overline{\text{Nu}}_{D,\text{hd}} = 0.3 + \left[ \frac{0.62 \text{Re}_{D,\text{hotdog}}^{1/2} \text{Pr}_{\text{film}}^{1/3}}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{0.4}{\text{Pr}_{\text{film}}}\right)^{2/3}\right)^{1/4}} \right] \left(1 + \left(\frac{\text{Re}_{D,\text{hotdog}}}{282000}\right)^{5/8}\right)^{4/5} \quad (5)$$

From which the average convective heat transfer  $\bar{h}_{\text{conv}}$  can be calculated:

$$\bar{h}_{\text{conv}} = \frac{\overline{\text{Nu}}_{D,\text{hd}} \cdot k_{\text{air}}}{D} \quad (6)$$

Where  $k_{\text{air}}$  is the thermal conductivity of the air at the film temperature between the hot dog and the surrounding air.

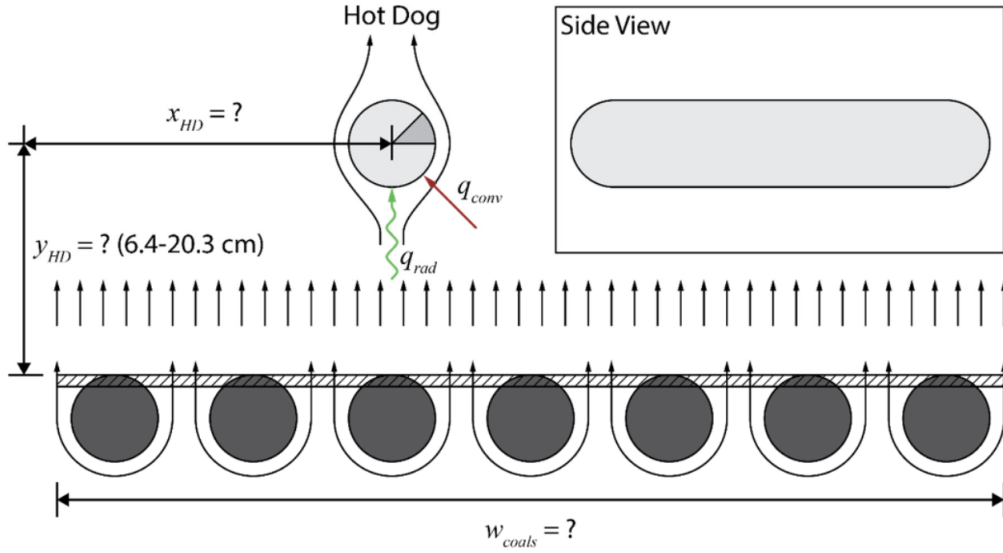
**2.3 Radiation Heat Transfer Coefficient.** The radiation heat transfer coefficient is determined by subtracting the average convective heat transfer coefficient from the calculated optimal total heat transfer coefficient. As shown in Equation 7, the value of the radiation heat transfer coefficient is calculated to be  $4.929 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}}$ .

$$16.665 - 11.736 = 4.929 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}} \quad (7)$$

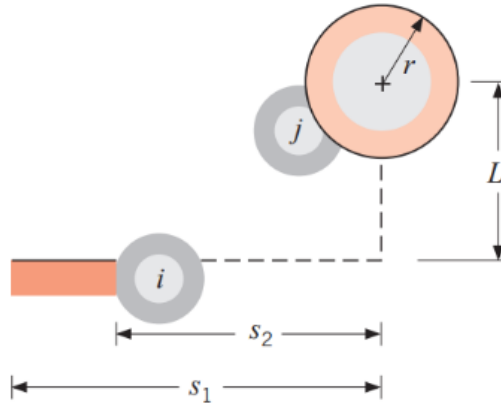
### 3 Calculating Optimal Hot dog Placement

Once the radiative heat transfer coefficient is calculated, it is now possible to determine the optimal location of the hot dog on the grill. Shown below in Fig. 1 is a diagram of the system being examined. Given that radiation is being emitted from a rectangle parallel with a cylinder, shown in

Fig. 2, Equation 8 is utilized to calculate the view factor between the hot dog and the surface of the grill [2].



**Figure 1 System schematic**



**Figure 2 Diagram of view factor between a cylinder and parallel rectangle [2]**

The view factor for a rectangle parallel with a cylinder is shown below:

$$F_{12} = \frac{r}{s_1 - s_2} \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s_1}{L} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s_2}{L} \right) \right] \quad (8)$$

Using the assumptions that  $T_{\text{amb}} \ll T_{\text{coals}}$  and  $T_s \ll T_{\text{coals}}$ , it is possible to say that  $\rho G \ll \varepsilon E_b$ , which means that  $J_{\text{coals}} = \varepsilon E_b$ . By applying the definition of radiosity, a formula is derived for the driving potential per space resistance, shown below in Equation 9. A write up of this derivation is

included in Appendix A. Below, the number 2 is used to signify the surface of the hot dog, and 1 is used to signify the coals.

$$q_{1-2} = A_1 F_{12} \varepsilon_1 \sigma T_1^4 \quad (9)$$

Now the amount absorbed at the hot dog can be written as,

$$q_{\text{absorbed}} = \alpha_2 \varepsilon_2 A_1 F_{12} \sigma T_1^4$$

For a diffuse, gray hot dog:  $\varepsilon_2 = \alpha_2$ , and using reciprocity between surfaces:

$$q_{\text{absorbed}} = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 A_2 F_{12} \sigma T_1^4$$

Now emission from hotdog over the entire surfacer is given by:

$$q_{\text{emitted}} = \varepsilon_2 A_2 \sigma T_2^4$$

Multiplying and dividing by  $\varepsilon_1 F_{21}$ :

$$q_{\text{emitted}} = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 A_2 F_{21} \sigma \left[ \frac{T_2}{(\varepsilon_1 F_{21})^{1/4}} \right]^4$$

Where

$$T_2^* = \frac{T_2}{(\varepsilon_1 F_{21})^{1/4}} \quad (10)$$

So that

$$q_{\text{radiation}} = q_{\text{absorbed}} - q_{\text{emitted}} = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 A_2 F_{21} \sigma [T_1^4 - T_2^{*4}]$$

Linearizing,

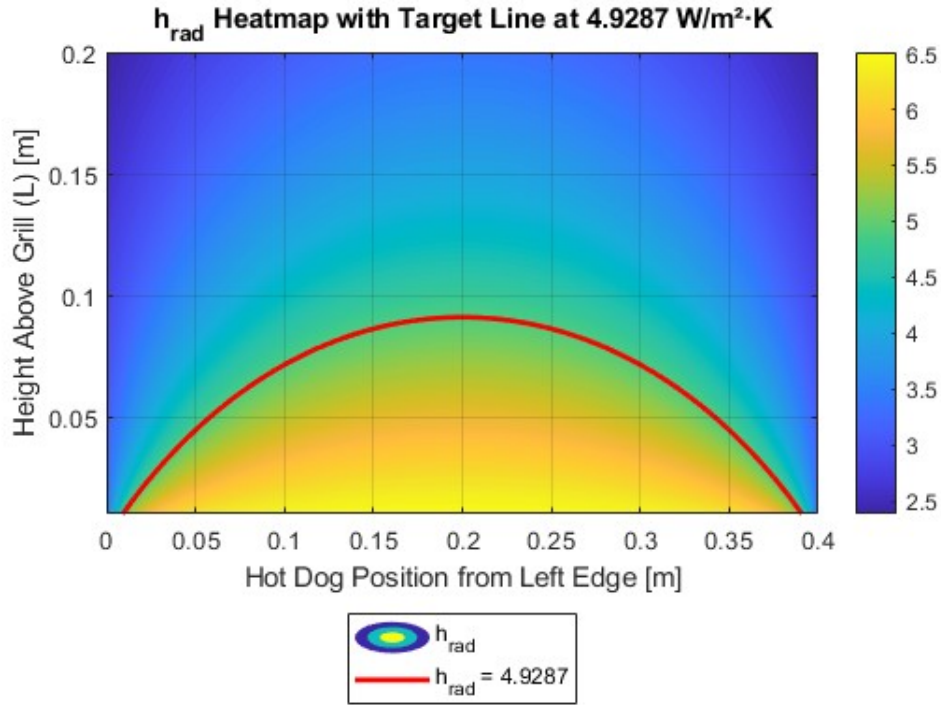
$$q_{\text{radiation}} = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 A_2 F_{21} \sigma [T_1 + T_2^*][T_1^2 + T_2^{*2}][T_1 - T_2^*] \quad (11)$$

finally,

$$h_{\text{rad}} = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 F_{21} \sigma [T_1 + T_2^*][T_1^2 + T_2^{*2}] \quad (12)$$

Using this relationship and Equation 8, a MATLAB program was created that iterates over the length over the grill and calculates the height required to achieve the desired  $h_{\text{rad}}$ . A plot of the optimal locations along the length of a 0.4 m grill is shown in Fig. 3.





**Figure 3 Optimal height of hot dog above grill to achieve target  $h_{rad}$**

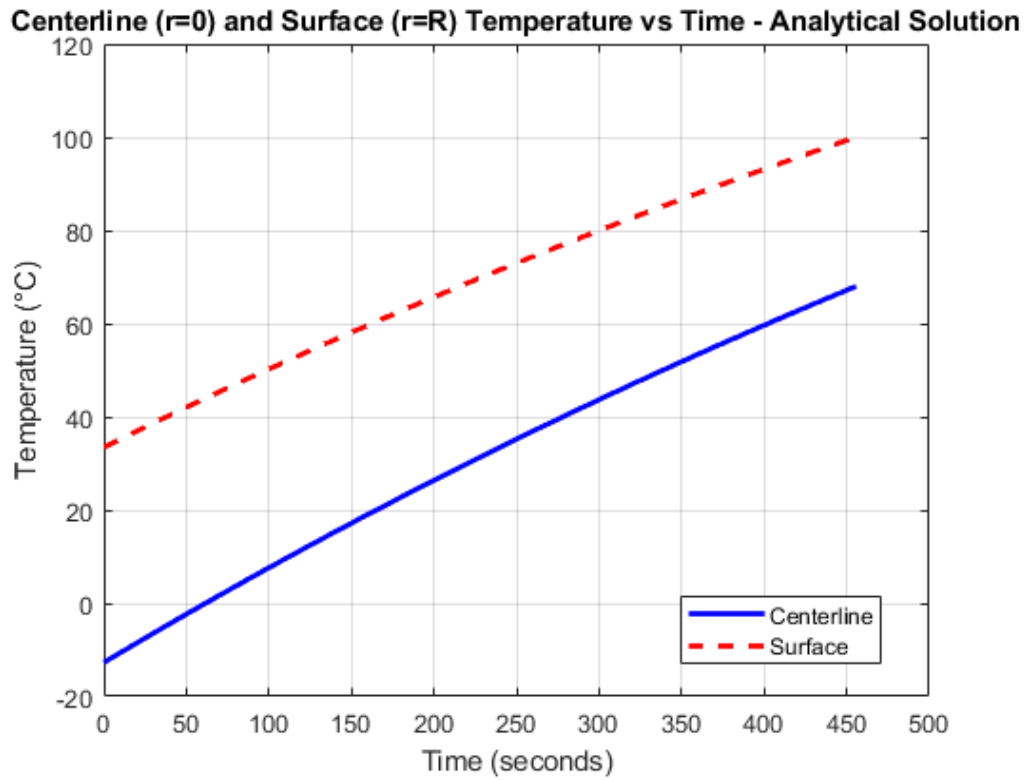
Here, it is seen that the optimal height above the grill follows an arc above it, with the farthest edges have the lowest value of L, while the center of the grill has a maximum L of around 0.9 m.

#### 4 Analytical Solution

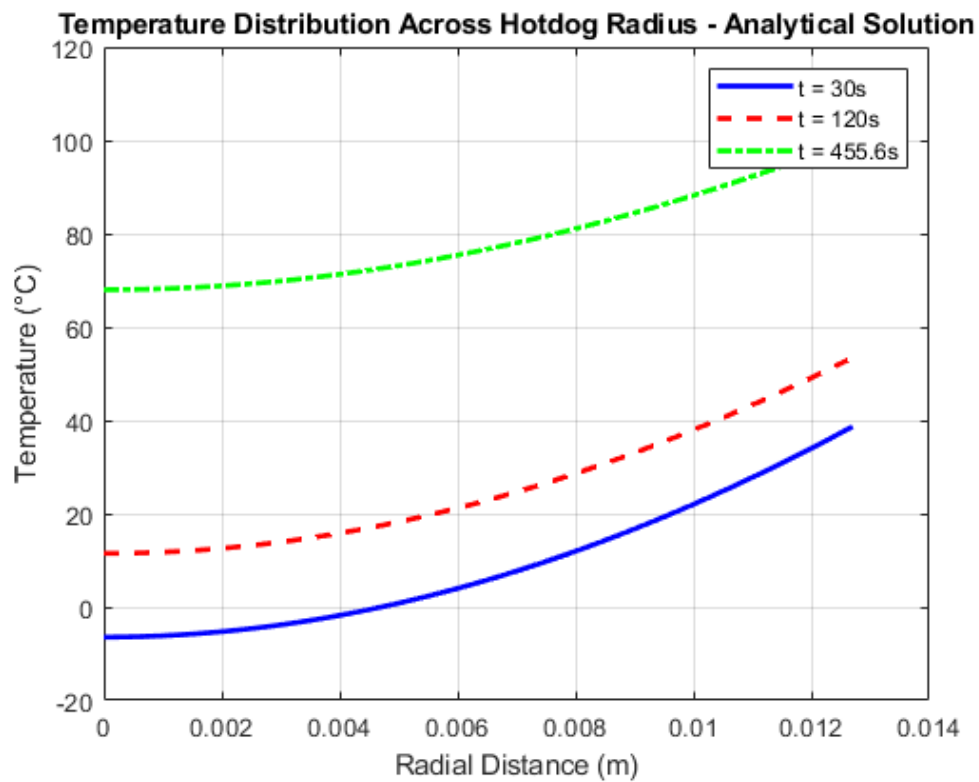
In order to calculate the analytical solution, an approximate one-term solution to Equation 5.50a was determined using the calculated values of  $C_1$  and  $\zeta_1$ , and the temperature distribution shown in Equation 13, to calculate the final time taken to cook the hot dog. This time was determined to be 455.6 s.

$$\theta_0^* = \frac{T_s - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty} \quad (13)$$

Figure 4 plots the temperature at the centerline and surface of the hot dog over time. In Fig. 5, a temperature distribution in the hot dog at different times is plotted over the radial distance from the centerline to the surface.



**Figure 4** Temperature of the centerline and the surface versus time



**Figure 5** Temperature versus radial distance at three times

When analyzing the results, at the final time the Fourier number is sufficiently large, so the one term approximation is more accurate. At shorter time steps however the plots are shown to be very inaccurate, as seen by the negative temperatures at early times in both plots. This is due to the fact that for small times, higher-order Bessel function terms are non-negligible, invalidating the one-term solution at those times. In Fig. 4, the initial growth of the lines is almost linear, but in reality the temperature at the centerline should be increasing slowly initially as conduction slowly spreads from the surface of the hot dog to the center. In Fig. 5, the final temperature curve is sufficiently accurate at the final time of 455.6s, shown in green, but again at a shorter time of 30s the model predicts a centerline temperature of -10 °C and a surface temperature of around 40 °C, which is impossible given the initial conditions provided. So as a model, the analytical solution is a good predictor for what the final result will look like at a longer time, but initially lacks in accuracy.

## 5 Numerical Solution

The numerical solution applies an explicit finite differencing approach. The hot dog is modeled as a series of nodes beginning at the centerline and proceeding outwards to the surface, modeling the heat transfer at each location in the hot dog. There are three different types of nodes defined in this model: the surface node, which interacts with one nodal neighbor and the convection from the air surrounding the hot dog; the inner nodes, which each interact with two other nodal neighbors; and the center node, which only interacts with one nodal neighbor due to the symmetry in the cylinder. Beginning with the 1D, transient heat diffusion equation in finite differencing form,

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{T_m^{i+1} - T_m^i}{\Delta t} = \frac{T_{m+1}^i + T_{m-1}^i - 2T_m^i}{(\Delta x)^2} \quad (14)$$

Rearranging:

$$T_m^{i+1} = \text{Fo}(T_{m-1}^i + T_{m+1}^i) + (1 - 2\text{Fo})T_m^i$$

for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and

$$\text{Fo} = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

Which represents the finite difference Fourier number.

In order to determine the temperature of each node, beginning with an energy balance around each

nodal region:

$$\sum q(i) = \dot{e} \Delta V \quad (15)$$

Where  $q(i)$  is the heat transfer in node  $i$ ,  $\dot{e}$  is the change in energy with time per unit volume, and  $\Delta V$  is the change in volume.

### 5.1 Surface Node ( $m = M$ ). Applying energy balance:

$$\begin{aligned} q_{m-1/2} + q_{\text{conv}} &= \dot{e} \Delta V \\ k2\pi(M - 1/2)\Delta r H \frac{T_{M-1} - T_M}{\Delta r} + k2\pi M \Delta r H h(T_\infty - T_M) &= \rho c \left( \frac{T_M^{i+1} - T_M^i}{\Delta t} \right) (2\pi M \Delta r^2 H) \\ \frac{k\Delta t}{\rho c m \Delta r^2} (MT_{M-1} - MT_M - \frac{1}{2}T_{M-1} + \frac{1}{2}T_M) + \frac{mh\Delta t}{\rho c m \Delta r^2} (T_\infty - T_M) + T_M^i &= T_M^{i+1} \\ \frac{\text{Fo}}{M} [(M - \frac{1}{2})T_{M-1} + (\frac{1}{2} - M)T_M] + \frac{h\Delta t}{\rho c \Delta r} (T_\infty - T_M) + T_M^i &= T_M^{i+1} \\ \text{Fo}(1 - \frac{1}{2M})T_{M-1} + \text{Fo}(\frac{1}{2M} - 1)T_M + \frac{h\Delta t}{\rho c \Delta r} (T_\infty - T_M) + T_M^i &= T_M^{i+1} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Equation 16 represents the temperature at surface node M at the next time step, based on the calculation of the temperature of the surface node at the current timestep added to the effects on the future node.

### 5.2 Inner Node ( $m$ ). Applying energy balance:

$$\begin{aligned} q_{m-1/2} + q_{m+1/2} &= \dot{e} \Delta V \\ k2\pi(m - \frac{1}{2})\Delta r H \left( \frac{T_{m-1} - T_m}{\Delta r} \right) + k2\pi(m + \frac{1}{2})\Delta r H \left( \frac{T_{m+1} - T_m}{\Delta r} \right) &= \rho c \left( \frac{T_m^{i+1} - T_m^i}{\Delta t} \right) (2\pi m \Delta r^2 H) \\ \frac{k\Delta t}{\rho c \Delta r^2 m} [(m - \frac{1}{2})(T_{m-1} - T_m) + (m + \frac{1}{2})(T_{m+1} - T_m)] + T_m^i &= T_m^{i+1} \\ \text{Fo}[(1 - \frac{1}{2m})T_{m-1} - 2T_m + (1 + \frac{1}{2m})T_{m+1}] + T_m^i &= T_m^{i+1} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Equation 17 represents the temperature at node m at the next time step, based on the calculation of the temperature of the inner node at the current timestamp added to the effects on the future node.

**5.3 Center Node (m = 0).** Applying energy balance:

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{1/2} &= \dot{e} \Delta V \\
 k2\pi\left(\frac{\Delta r}{2}\right)H\left(\frac{T_1 - T_0}{\Delta r}\right) &= \rho c\left(\frac{T_m^{i+1} - T_m}{\Delta t}\right)\left(\frac{\pi\Delta r^2}{2}\right)H \\
 2FoT_1 + (1 - 2Fo)T_0 &= T_0^{i+1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Equation 18 represents the temperature at the center node at the next time step, based on the calculation of the temperature of the center node at the current timestamp added to the effects on the future node.

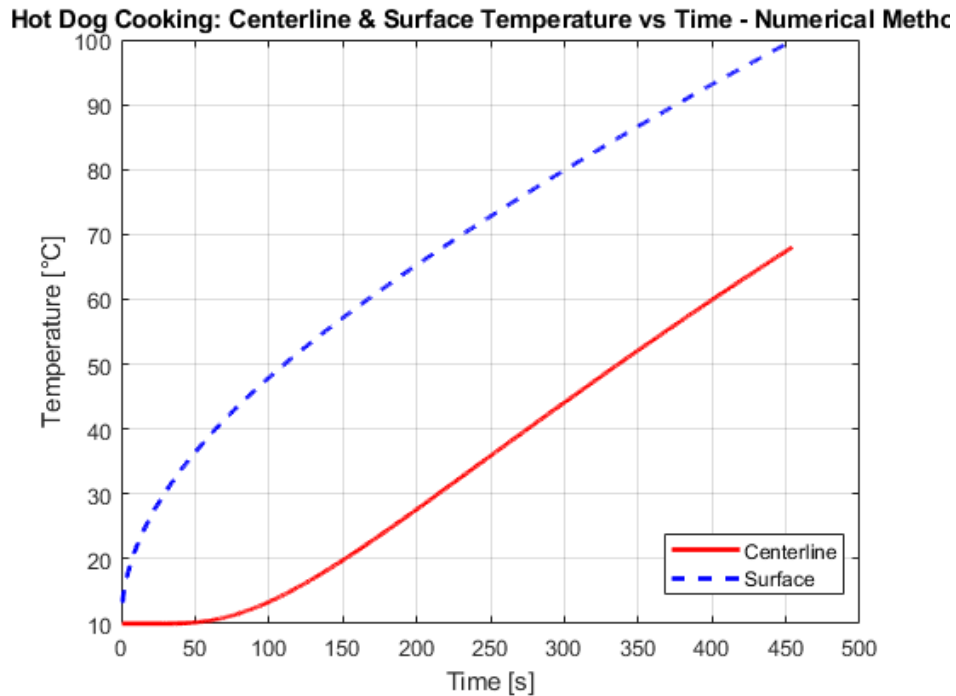
**5.4 Stability Criteria.** A stability criterion for the time steps used in the numerical solution was also calculated as required for the explicit method. This is shown in Equation 19 below.

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{1}{2\alpha}(\Delta r)^2 \tag{19}$$

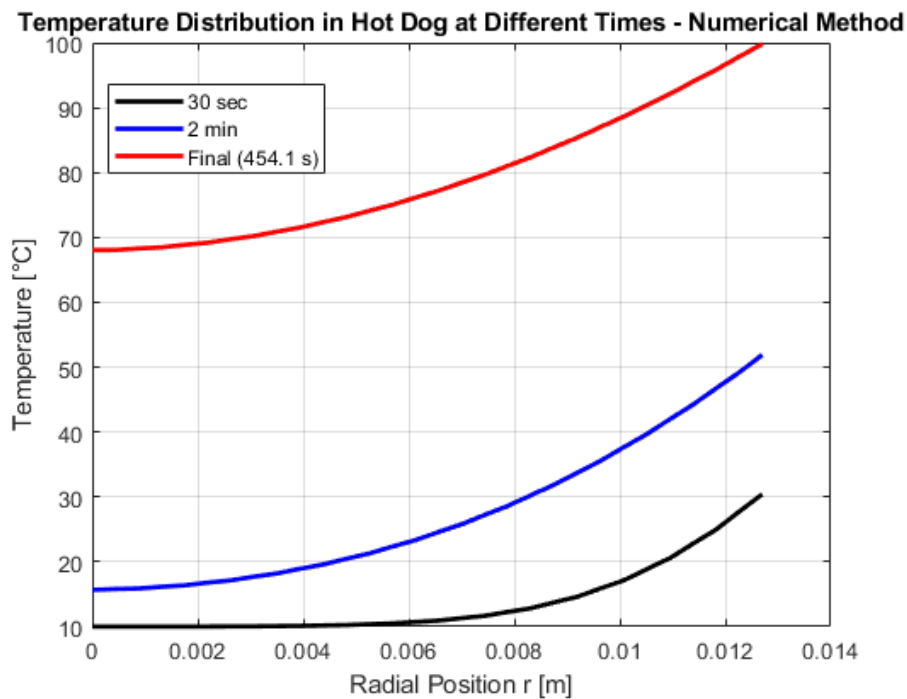
where

$$\Delta r = \frac{r}{m}$$

The plots of the results for the numerical method are shown below. Figure 6 plots the temperatures at the centerline and the surface of the hot dog over time. Figure 7 compares the temperature in the hot dog along its radial position, measured at three different times.



**Figure 6** Temperature of the centerline and the surface versus time



**Figure 7** Temperature versus radial distance at three times

The numerical solution appears much more accurate compared to the analytical plots. In Fig 7, we see the temperature beginning at the correct value of 10 °C, and then gradually increasing

overtime, consistent with the result expected. At the final time of 454.1 s, the centerline of the hot dog is at 68 °C and the surface is at 100 °C, fulfilling our conditions. In Fig 6, again the initial start is at 10 °C for both the surface and the centerline, we see the expected trend of the surface of the hot dog rapidly heating as it is exposed to the convection and radiation, while the centerline of the hot dog takes longer to heat up as conduction is spread through the nodes. Overall, the quality of this model is very high as a predictor and provides an accurate representation of exactly what to expect when cooking the hot dog due to no longer having to rely on a one term approximation and directly calculating the relationship between points in the hot dog.

## 6 Discussion of Results

Both solutions met the final temperature constraints, however the numerical solution was overall much more consistent and accurate than the analytical solution. The analytical one-term approximate solution shown in Figs 4 and 5 successfully approximate the heat distribution in the hot dog, but accuracy drops off quite a bit at low Fourier numbers. They are both successful at modeling close to the final time, with almost the same final trends as the numerical method. The graphs for the analytical method have a very similar shape to those in the numerical method, but begin at temperatures below zero, which is incorrect. The numerical method shown in Figs 6 and 7 was overall extremely precise with its simulation. The trends are exactly what are expected from the problem, and the ability to customize variables such as amount of nodes in the hot dog allows for even more exact calculations.

In order to validate the model as an accurate predictor of optimal conditions and cooking time, one hot dog was barbecued experimentally. The first attempt at this process was to recreate the constraints identified prior to creating the model. However, this was found to be much more difficult than initially realized. First, it was difficult to achieve a uniform temperature of 450 °C along the coals, because they were constantly heating up once the grill was lit. This issue led to the decision that rather than stop the experiment and reset the grill, the research would continue under the new coal condition of 550 °C. Another issue was that while two different temperature sensors were brought to measure the temperature of the hot dog, a regular thermometer capable of measuring the ambient air

on the day of the experiment was not brought, meaning that it was necessary to rely on the somewhat inaccurate temperature provided by the national weather service of the day in question. Also, the initial temperature of the hot dog was around 15-20 °C, not the given initial value of 10 °C. This was due to the fact that the hot dog package was not placed in an insulated temperature environment, but next to the grill exposed to the ambient temperature.

Other than these limitations, the experiment was able to move forward without too many more issues. One wire thermometer was inserted into the hot dog to measure the centerline temperature, and one laser thermometer was used to measure the surface temperature. The resulting time needed to cook the hot dog under the conditions given was around 410 seconds, which was determined to be an acceptable result once the model was redone to better suit the temperatures of the day. One interesting result of the experiment was our surprise at the resulting hot dog that was deemed "perfectly barbecued" by our initial constraints, the centerline was cooked very nicely but most who tried to experimental hot dogs determined that the surface could be a little crispier. Overall, the model did an extremely good job at predicting the experimental growth of the centerline temperature through continued exposure to conduction and radiation, simulating the exponential growth that occurs as each node along the hot dog continues to heat up. It was a very satisfying experiment and resulted in many pleasant memories.

There are more opportunities for further research related to the modeling of heat transfer in food now that the accuracy of the model has been validated. While this study focused entirely on a cylindrical geometry, I am interested in how other types of geometries would be computed. Many of the assumptions made throughout the study were unique to a cylinder, so I am interested in what other assumptions exist for shapes such as spheres or rectangular shapes. One limitation in that avenue of research is the relatively perfect geometry of a hot dog, being that it is perfectly cylindrical by design, whereas if I were to apply the model to another item of meat such as a chicken breast or a steak, the geometry is not easily identified. My initial assumption would then have to be that the geometry is to be assumed as something else, thereby potentially reducing the accuracy of the model. Similarly, more complex geometries such foods with multiple components could be modeled using



multi-domain methods or internal boundary layers to represent different materials in thermal contact. This opens up opportunities for modeling heterogeneous cooking environments, such as baking, where moisture loss, crust formation, and surface browning all interacting dynamically. I am confident that the same overall principles and processes can be applied to any object, not just food, undergoing a comprehensive heating involving all three types of heat transfer. The MATLAB code included in Appendix B provides a sufficient blueprint that can be modified and customized for many more objects of study using the same process. I am also interested in comparing the results of the model with recipes that require a certain level of cooking to food. I believe that the model could be improved with a more user friendly user interface and then provided to those wishing to achieve a certain level of cook, allowing them to customize their own cooking setup, and then be provided with the optimal conditions for cooking.

## **7 Conclusion**

This study successfully applied heat transfer principles to model and analyze the cooking of a hot dog using both analytical and numerical methods. A model was developed and customized to reflect the real world conditions of barbecuing a hot dog and was able to predict the time to cook and necessary height above the grill required to achieve the ideal cooking conditions. The model created is versatile and is applicable to a wide range of geometries and cooking methods, and serves as a crucial first step towards further research into building more comprehensive food cooking models. There are many future opportunities in simulating ideal cooking conditions that can lead to improved safety and precision in food preparation. While there were many assumptions that limited the scope of this model, future studies could improve accuracy in a variety of ways. Overall, this project demonstrated that even a simple food item can serve as a powerful vehicle for understanding complex thermal processes, and that engineering tools can meaningfully inform everyday practices like cooking.

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## A Derivation of Radiation Exchange

Let Radiosity,  $J$ , be defined as the following:

$$J = E + \rho G \quad (20)$$

where  $E$  is the emissive power emitted by the surface,  $\rho$  is the reflectivity of the surface, and  $G$  is the irradiation of the surface. Let  $q''$  be the net radiant flux leaving the surface, equal to the heat flux supplied to the surface, such that just above the surface:

$$q'' = J - G \quad (21)$$

and just below the surface:

$$q'' = E - \alpha G \quad (22)$$

from the fact that  $J = E + \rho G$  and  $\rho = 1 - \alpha$ .

From Equation 20:

$$G = \frac{J - E}{\rho} = \frac{J - \varepsilon E_b}{1 - \varepsilon}$$

Plugging this into Equation 21:

$$q'' = J - \frac{J - \varepsilon E_b}{1 - \varepsilon} = \frac{\varepsilon(E_b - J)}{1 - \varepsilon}$$

Or, for a given surface 'i':

$$q_i = q''_i A_i = \frac{E_{b,i} - J_i}{\frac{1 - \varepsilon_i}{\varepsilon_i A_i}} \quad (23)$$

For an arbitrary enclosure,

$$A_i G_i = \sum_{j=1}^N A_j F_{ji} J_j$$

from reciprocity,

$$A_j F_{ji} = A_i F_{ij}$$

so

$$G_j = \sum_{i=1}^N F_{ij} J_i$$

subbing into Equation 21,

$$q_i'' = J_i - \sum_{j=1}^N F_{ij} J_i$$

Because

$$\sum_{j=1}^N F_{ij} = 1$$

we can write

$$q_i'' = \sum_{j=1}^N F_{ij} J_i - \sum_{j=1}^N F_{ij} J_j$$

or, multiplying by  $A_i$ ,

$$q_i = \sum_{j=1}^N A_i F_{ij} (J_i - J_j)$$

which can be rewritten as

$$q_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{J_i - J_j}{(A_i F_{ij})^{-1}}$$

Equating with Equation 23,

$$\frac{E_{b,i} - J_i}{\left[ \frac{1-\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_i A_i} \right]} = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{J_i - J_j}{(A_i F_{ij})^{-1}} \quad (13.21)$$

## B MATLAB code

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1 % Aidan Moriarty - Heat Transfer Project
2 clear;
3
4
5 %% GIVEN PROPERTIES
6 T_coals = 450+273.15;
7 T_inf = 250;
8 T_2 = 55; % avg surface temp
9 T_0 = 10; % initial hd temp
10 D_hd = 0.0254; % [m]
11 r = D_hd/2;
12 e1 = 0.8;
13 e2 = 0.45;
14 sigma = 5.67e-8;
15 k_hd = 0.52;
16 rho_hd = 880;
17 cp_hd = 3350;
18 alpha = k_hd / (rho_hd * cp_hd);
19
20
21 %% PROPERTIES FOR COEFFICIENT CALCULATIONS
22
23 T_amb = 20; % [C]
24 T_film_coals = (T_coals + T_amb)/2; % [C]
25 a_grill = 0.4; %[m]
26
27
28
29 %% CALCULATE OPTIMAL TOTAL COEFFICIENT
30 % --- PARAMETERS ---
31 Tc_target = 68;
32 Ts_target = 100;
33
34 theta_c_target = (Tc_target - T_inf) / (T_0 - T_inf);
35 theta_s_target = (Ts_target - T_inf) / (T_0 - T_inf);
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36 tol = 0.00001;
37
38 % --- Bi Guessing ---
39 Bi = 0.3;
40 max_bi_iter = 500;
41 dt = 0.1; % seconds
42 max_time_iter = 10000;
43
44 zeta_vals = linspace(0.01, 10, 10000);
45 success = false;
46
47 best_err = inf;
48 best_result = struct();
49
50 for bi_iter = 1:max_bi_iter
51     trans_func = @(zeta) zeta .* (besselj(1,zeta) ./ besselj(0,zeta)) - Bi;
52     f_vals = trans_func(zeta_vals);
53     sign_changes = find(diff(sign(f_vals)));
54
55     if isempty(sign_changes)
56         Bi = Bi + 0.001;
57         continue
58     end
59
60     idx = sign_changes(1);
61     zetal = fzero(trans_func, [zeta_vals(idx), zeta_vals(idx+1)]);
62     J0 = besselj(0, zetal);
63     J1 = besselj(1, zetal);
64     C1 = 2 * J1 / (zetal * J0^2 + J1^2);
65
66     Fo = 0;
67     t = 0;
68     for time_iter = 1:max_time_iter
69         Fo = Fo + alpha * dt / r^2;
70         t = t + dt;
71         theta_c = C1 * exp(-zetal^2 * Fo);
72         theta_s = C1 * besselj(0, zetal) * exp(-zetal^2 * Fo);
73         Tc = T_inf + theta_c * (T_0 - T_inf);

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74     Ts = T_inf + theta_s * (T_0 - T_inf);
75     err_c = abs(theta_c - theta_c_target);
76     err_s = abs(theta_s - theta_s_target);
77     total_err = err_c + err_s;
78
79     if total_err < best_err
80         best_err = total_err;
81         best_result = struct('Bi', Bi, 'zeta1', zeta1, 'Cl', Cl, ...
82                             'Tc', Tc, 'Ts', Ts, 't', t, 'Fo', Fo);
83     end
84
85     % New: only accept convergence if both are individually below tol
86     if err_c < tol && err_s < tol
87         break
88     end
89 end
90 Bi = Bi + 0.001;
91 end
92
93 h_opt = best_result.Bi * k_hd / r;
94 disp(h_opt);
95 Bi = best_result.Bi;
96 % % --- Final Output ---
97 % fprintf("\n    BEST MATCH FOUND:\n");
98 % fprintf("Bi = %.4f |          = %.4f | h_opt = %.2f W/m    K\n", ...
99 %         best_result.Bi, best_result.zeta1, best_result.Bi * k_hd / r);
100 % fprintf("Tc = %.2f C | Ts = %.2f C | Time = %.1fs | Total Error = %.4f\n", ...
101 %         best_result.Tc, best_result.Ts, best_result.t, best_err);
102 % disp(Fo);
103
104 % Function to solve for zeta_1
105 function zeta1 = find_zeta1(Bi)
106     % Define the transcendental equation: zeta * J1(zeta)/J0(zeta) - Bi = 0
107     f = @(z) z * besselj(1, z) / besselj(0, z) - Bi;
108     % Initial guess for zeta_1 (first root is typically small)
109     zeta_guess = 0.1;
110     zeta1 = fzero(f, zeta_guess);
111 end

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112
113 % Function to compute C_1
114 function C1 = compute_C1(zetal)
115     J0_zeta = besselj(0, zetal);
116     J1_zeta = besselj(1, zetal);
117     C1 = 2 / zetal * J1_zeta / (J0_zeta^2 + J1_zeta^2);
118 end
119
120 % Solve for zeta_1
121 zetal = find_zetal(Bi);
122
123 % Compute C_1
124 C1 = compute_C1(zetal);
125
126 % Target theta_star at centerline
127 theta_star_center = (68 - 250) / (10 - 250);
128
129 % Compute Fo for centerline temperature
130 Fo = log(theta_star_center / C1) / (-zetal^2);
131
132 % Final time
133 t_final = Fo * r^2 / alpha;
134
135
136
137 %% CALCULATE CONVECTION COEFFICIENT
138
139 rho_coals_air = 0.6964; %[kg/m^3]
140 rho_hotdog_air = (0.8711+0.7740)/2; %[kg/m^3]
141 a_coals = 0.5*a_grill;
142 d_coals = 0.05; %[m]
143 beta = 1/(T_film_coals+273.15);
144 g = 9.81; %[m/s^2]
145 v_film = ((26.41+32.39)/2)*10^(-6);
146 k_film = ((33.8+37.3)/2)*10^(-3);
147 Pr_film = (0.690+0.686)/2;
148 disp(beta);
149 velocity_coals = sqrt(g*beta*(T_coals-T_amb)*d_coals);

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150 velocity_hd = (rho_coals_air*a_coals*velocity_coals)/(rho_hotdog_air*a_grill);
151 Re_D_hd = (velocity_hd*r*2)/v_film;
152 Nu_D_avg_hd = 0.3 + ...
    ((0.62*(Re_D_hd^(1/2))*(Pr_film^(1/3)))*(1+((0.4/Pr_film)^(2/3)))^(-0.25)*(1+((Re_D_hd/28
    %eq 7.54
153
154 h_conv_avg = (Nu_D_avg_hd * k_film)/(2*r);
155
156 disp(h_conv_avg);
157
158 %% CALCULATE RADIATION COEFFICIENT
159
160 T1 = T_coals; % [K]
161 T2 = T_2+273.15; % [K]
162 h_rad_target = h_opt-h_conv_avg; % [W/m K]
163 tolerance = 0.01;
164
165 % --- GRID SETUP ---
166 x_range = linspace(0, a_grill, 300); % hot dog positions
167 L_range = linspace(0.01, 0.2, 300); % heights
168 [X, L] = meshgrid(x_range, L_range);
169 h_rad_map = zeros(size(X));
170
171 % --- CALCULATE h_rad OVER GRID ---
172 for i = 1:length(L_range)
173     for j = 1:length(x_range)
174         x_pos = x_range(j);
175         L_val = L_range(i);
176
177         s1 = x_pos;
178         s2 = a_grill - x_pos;
179
180         F_12 = (r / (s1 + s2)) * (atan(s1 / L_val) + atan(s2 / L_val));
181         F_21 = (a_grill / (2 * pi * r)) * F_12;
182
183         h_rad_map(i, j) = e1 * e2 * F_21 * sigma * (T1 + T2) * (T1^2 + T2^2);
184     end
185 end

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186
187 % --- PLOT HEATMAP WITH h_rad TARGET LINE ---
188 figure;
189 contourf(X, L, h_rad_map, 100, 'LineColor', 'none');
190 hold on;
191
192 % Red contour line where h_rad = target    tolerance
193 contour(X, L, h_rad_map, [h_rad_target h_rad_target], 'r', 'LineWidth', 2);
194
195 xlabel('Hot Dog Position from Left Edge [m]');
196 ylabel('Height Above Grill (L) [m]');
197 title(['h_{rad} Heatmap with Target Line at ', num2str(h_rad_target), ' ...
        W/m    K ']);
198 colorbar;
199 grid on;
200 legend('h_{rad}', ['h_{rad} = ', num2str(h_rad_target)], 'Location', ...
        'southoutside');
201
202 %% ANALYTICAL SOLUTION
203
204 t = linspace(0, t_final, 100);
205 % Plotting centerline and surface temperature vs time
206 T_center_t = (T_0 - T_inf) * C1 * exp(-zeta1^2 * alpha * t / r^2) + T_inf;
207 T_surface_t = (T_0 - T_inf) * C1 * exp(-zeta1^2 * alpha * t / r^2) * ...
        besseli(0, zeta1 * 1) + T_inf;
208
209 figure(5);
210 plot(t, T_center_t, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 'Centerline');
211 hold on;
212 plot(t, T_surface_t, 'r--', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 'Surface');
213 xlabel('Time (seconds)');
214 ylabel('Temperature ( C )');
215 title('Centerline (r=0) and Surface (r=R) Temperature vs Time - Analytical ...
        Solution');
216 legend;
217 hold off;
218
219 % Plot spatial temperature distribution

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220 x = linspace(0, r, 100);
221 r_star = x / r;
222 t_1 = 30;
223 t_2 = 120;
224 T_r_t1 = (T_0 - T_inf) * C1 * exp(-zetal^2 * alpha * t_1 / r^2) * besselj(0, ...
    zetal * r_star) + T_inf;
225 T_r_t2 = (T_0 - T_inf) * C1 * exp(-zetal^2 * alpha * t_2 / r^2) * besselj(0, ...
    zetal * r_star) + T_inf;
226 T_r_tf = (T_0 - T_inf) * C1 * exp(-zetal^2 * alpha * t_final / r^2) * ...
    besselj(0, zetal * r_star) + T_inf;
227
228 figure(6);
229 plot(x, T_r_t1, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 't = 30s');
230 hold on;
231 plot(x, T_r_t2, 'r--', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 't = 120s');
232 plot(x, T_r_tf, 'g-.', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', sprintf('t = %.1fs', ...
    t_final));
233 xlabel('Radial Distance (m)');
234 ylabel('Temperature ( C )');
235 title('Temperature Distribution Across Hotdog Radius - Analytical Solution');
236 legend;
237 hold off;
238
239
240
241
242 %% NUMERICAL SOLUTION
243
244 % Parameters
245 N = 30; % number of nodes
246 dr = (D_hd/2)/N;
247 dt = (1/2) * (dr^2 / alpha); % Stability condition
248 Fo = alpha * dt / dr^2;
249
250 % Initialization
251 T = ones(N,1)*10; % start at 10 C
252 T_new = T;
253 time = 0;

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254 times = [];
255 center_T = [];
256 surface_T = [];
257 r = linspace(0, r, N);    % radial positions
258
259 % For spatial snapshots
260 snapshot_30s = [];
261 snapshot_2min = [];
262 snapshot_final = [];
263
264 while T(1) < 68
265     for n = 1:N
266         if n == 1
267             % Centerline symmetry BC
268             T_new(n) = 2*Fo*T(n+1) + (1 - 2*Fo)*T(n);
269         elseif n == N
270             % Surface node with convection + radiation
271             T_new(n) = Fo*(2-(1/n))*T(n-1) + ...
272                 (Fo*((1/n)-2)+1)*T(n) + ...
273                 ((2*h_opt*dt)/(rho_hd*cp_hd*dr))*(T_inf-T(n));
274         else
275             % Internal nodes
276             T_new(n) = Fo*(1 + (1/(2*n)))*T(n+1) + ...
277                 (1 - 2*Fo)*T(n) + ...
278                 Fo*(1 - (1/(2*n)))*T(n-1);
279         end
280     end
281
282     T = T_new;
283     time = time + dt;
284
285     % Store data for plotting
286     times(end+1) = time;
287     center_T(end+1) = T(1);
288     surface_T(end+1) = T(N);
289
290     % Snapshots
291     if isempty(snapshot_30s) && time ≥ 30

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292         snapshot_30s = T;
293     end
294     if isempty(snapshot_2min) && time ≥ 120
295         snapshot_2min = T;
296     end
297 end
298
299 % Final snapshot
300 snapshot_final = T;
301
302 % === Plot centerline and surface temperature ===
303 figure;
304 plot(times, center_T, 'r-', 'LineWidth', 2); hold on;
305 plot(times, surface_T, 'b--', 'LineWidth', 2);
306 xlabel('Time [s]');
307 ylabel('Temperature [ C ]');
308 legend('Centerline', 'Surface');
309 title('Hot Dog Cooking: Centerline & Surface Temperature vs Time - Numerical ...
        Method');
310 grid on;
311
312 % === Plot temperature distribution at 3 times ===
313 figure;
314 plot(r, snapshot_30s, 'k-', 'LineWidth', 2); hold on;
315 plot(r, snapshot_2min, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 2);
316 plot(r, snapshot_final, 'r-', 'LineWidth', 2);
317 xlabel('Radial Position r [m]');
318 ylabel('Temperature [ C ]');
319 legend('30 sec', '2 min', sprintf('Final (%.1f s)', time));
320 title('Temperature Distribution in Hot Dog at Different Times - Numerical ...
        Method');
321 grid on;

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