

Homework 2

19/20

Deadline: Tuesday 20 May 2025 (by 19h00)

Good work!

Credits: 20 points

Instructions:

- The homework is **individual**. Please include your name in the notebook.
- Please send your compressed tar file with the following tree scheme:

homework2.tar

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pdediffusion
├── metalconduction.ipynb
├── metalconduction.py
└── outputfolder
```

Name:

11.75/12 1. Thermodynamics and Heat Conduction (12 points)

Please include your solutions to this problem within a single python notebook file:

metalconduction.ipynb

Use appropriate numerical algorithms to study how the temperature profile in a heated metal wire evolves in time, under different initial and boundary conditions. For this, you need to numerically solve the 1D heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

where $T = T(x, t)$ describes the temperature of the metal, x is position, t is time, and α is the thermal diffusivity of the metal. We will consider the following metals:

(a)

Metal	$\frac{mm^2}{s}$	α ()
Copper	111	
Iron	23	

Metal	$\frac{mm^2}{s}$	α ()
Aluminum	97	
Brass	34	
Steel	18	
Zinc	63	
Lead	22	
Titanium	9.8	

Assume that the metal wire has a length of 20 cm, and choose the wire midpoint as the origin for the domain.

Code design:

Organise your code using **python classes** and carry out the following tasks:

(a) Place the metals and diffusivities in a python dictionary.

(bx2) Create a simulation initialisation routine where e.g. the mesh, the initial conditions, and the boundary conditions are all set up.

Consider two types of **initial conditions**:

- **Smooth**, which sets the initial temperature profile in degrees Celsius to be:

$$T(x, 0) = 175 - 50 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{5}\right) - x^2$$

where x is in units of cm.

- **Noisy**, which adds some noise $f(x)$ with amplitude β to the initial condition:

$$T(x, 0) = 175 - 50 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{5}\right) - x^2 + \beta f(x) g(x)$$

Note that you need to find an appropriate apodisation function $g(x)$ so that the initial boundary conditions remain fixed at 25 C. Similarly, a default amplitude for the noise function can be set to be less than a hundredth of the peak temperature value.

Also, consider two types of **boundary conditions**:

- **Fixed**, which keep the temperatures at the edges of the metal wire fixed at a temperature of 25 C.
- **Varying**, which assume that the boundaries cannot be kept constant (because of e.g. a faulty cooling system). Instead they also evolve in time according to the

following functions:

$$T(+10\text{ cm}, t) = 25 + 0.12 t$$

$$T(-10\text{ cm}, t) = 25 + 0.27 t$$

(cx3) Construct a Crank-Nicolson algorithm to simulate **the evolution of an initial temperature profile** and find the **time in seconds at which thermal equilibrium is reached** in an input metal wire (from the dictionary). **Hint:** You need to define some criteria to determine thermal equilibrium.

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In [8]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from joblib import Parallel, delayed
import time
import os

class MetalConduction:
    """
    Class for simulating heat conduction in metal wires using the Crank-Nicolson algorithm.
    """

    def __init__(self, metal_name='Copper', length=20.0, dx=0.1, dt=0.01,
                 ic_type='smooth', bc_type='fixed', noise_amplitude=0.0):
        """
        Initialize the simulation parameters

        Parameters:
        -----
        metal_name : str
            Name of the metal for the simulation
        length : float
            Length of the metal wire in cm
        dx : float
            Spatial step size in cm
        dt : float
            Time step size in seconds
        ic_type : str
            Type of initial condition ('smooth' or 'noisy')
        bc_type : str
            Type of boundary condition ('fixed' or 'varying')
        noise_amplitude : float
            Amplitude of noise for noisy initial condition
        """
        # Metal thermal diffusivity dictionary (in mm²/s)
        self.metals = {
            'Copper': 111,
            'Iron': 23,
            'Aluminum': 97,
            'Brass': 34,
            'Steel': 18,
            'Zinc': 63,
            'Lead': 22,
            'Titanium': 9.8
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}

# Convert metal diffusivity from mm²/s to cm²/s
self.metal_name = metal_name
self.diffusivity = self.metals[metal_name] / 100.0 # Convert from mm²/s to cm²/s

# Domain setup
self.length = length # Length in cm
self.dx = dx # Spatial step in cm
self.dt = dt # Time step in seconds

# Calculate grid parameters
self.nx = int(length / dx) + 1
self.x = np.linspace(-length/2, length/2, self.nx) # Domain from -length/2 to length/2

# Initial and boundary condition types
self.ic_type = ic_type
self.bc_type = bc_type
self.noise_amplitude = noise_amplitude

# Calculated r factor for Crank-Nicolson
self.r_factor = self.diffusivity * dt / (dx**2)

# Initialize temperature matrix
self.T = None
self.time_array = None

# Equilibrium parameters
self.equilibrium_threshold = 0.001 # Temperature change threshold
self.equilibrium_time = None

# Print initialization info
print(f"Initialized {metal_name} wire simulation")
print(f"Diffusivity: {self.diffusivity:.2f} cm²/s")
print(f"r factor: {self.r_factor:.4f}")

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(b)

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def initialize_simulation(self, simulation_time=60):
    """
    Initialize the simulation with the chosen initial and boundary conditions.

    Parameters:
    simulation_time : float
        Maximum simulation time in seconds
    """
    # Create time array
    self.nt = int(simulation_time / self.dt) + 1
    self.time_array = np.linspace(0, simulation_time, self.nt)

    # Initialize temperature matrix T(x,t)
    self.T = np.zeros((self.nx, self.nt))

    # Apply initial conditions
    self._set_initial_conditions()

    # Apply initial boundary conditions

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self._set_boundary_conditions()

# Create matrices for Crank-Nicolson
self._setup_crank_nicolson_matrices()

print(f"Simulation initialized for {simulation_time} seconds with {s

def _set_initial_conditions(self):
    """Set initial temperature profile based on the IC type"""
    # Base temperature profile:  $T(x, 0) = 175 - 50\cos(\pi x/5) - x^2$ 
    base_profile = 175 - 50*np.cos(np.pi*self.x/5) - self.x**2

    if self.ic_type == 'smooth':
        self.T[:, 0] = base_profile
    elif self.ic_type == 'noisy':
        # Generate noise and apply apodisation
        noise = self.noise_amplitude * np.random.randn(self.nx)

        # Apodisation function that goes to zero at boundaries
        edge_dist = np.minimum(self.x - min(self.x), max(self.x) - self.x)
        apodisation = np.sin(np.pi * edge_dist / self.length)

        self.T[:, 0] = base_profile + noise * apodisation

    # Ensure boundary conditions are exactly 25°C
    self.T[0, 0] = 25
    self.T[-1, 0] = 25
    else:
        raise ValueError(f"Unknown initial condition type: {self.ic_type}")

def _set_boundary_conditions(self):
    """Set boundary conditions for all time steps"""
    if self.bc_type == 'fixed':
        # Fixed temperature of 25°C at both ends
        self.T[0, :] = 25
        self.T[-1, :] = 25
    elif self.bc_type == 'varying':
        # Time-varying boundary conditions
        #  $T(-10\text{cm}, t) = 25 + 0.27t$ 
        #  $T(+10\text{cm}, t) = 25 + 0.12t$ 
        self.T[0, :] = 25 + 0.27 * self.time_array
        self.T[-1, :] = 25 + 0.12 * self.time_array
    else:
        raise ValueError(f"Unknown boundary condition type: {self.bc_type}")

def _setup_crank_nicolson_matrices(self):
    """Setup matrices for the Crank-Nicolson method"""
    n = self.nx
    r = self.r_factor

    # Matrix D1 for the implicit part (left side of equation)
    self.D1_matrix = np.diag([2 + 2*r]*(n-2)) + np.diag([-r]*(n-3), -1)

    # Matrix D2 for the explicit part (right side of equation)
    self.D2_matrix = np.diag([2 - 2*r]*(n-2)) + np.diag([r]*(n-3), -1) +
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def run_simulation(self):
    """Run the Crank-Nicolson simulation"""
    start_time = time.time()
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# Make sure we have initialized the simulation
if self.T is None:
    raise ValueError("Simulation not initialized. Call initialize_si
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# Record if equilibrium was reached
equilibrium_reached = False
consecutive_stable_steps = 0
required_stable_steps = 5 # Number of consecutive steps below thresh
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# Iterate through time steps
for j in range(self.nt-1):
    # Apply Crank-Nicolson method to update interior points

    # Create right-hand side vector b from current temperature
    b = np.dot(self.D2_matrix, self.T[1:-1, j])
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# Add boundary terms
b[0] += self.r_factor * (self.T[0, j+1] + self.T[0, j])
b[-1] += self.r_factor * (self.T[-1, j+1] + self.T[-1, j])
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# Solve system of equations: D1 * T_new = b
self.T[1:-1, j+1] = np.linalg.solve(self.D1_matrix, b)
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Steady-state equilibrium?

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# Check for thermal equilibrium (max temperature change less than
if j > 0 and not equilibrium_reached:
    max_change = np.max(np.abs(self.T[:, j+1] - self.T[:, j]))
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    if max_change < self.equilibrium_threshold:
        consecutive_stable_steps += 1
        if consecutive_stable_steps >= required_stable_steps:
            self.equilibrium_time = (j+1) * self.dt
            equilibrium_reached = True
            print(f"Thermal equilibrium reached at t = {self.equilibrium_time}")
        else:
            consecutive_stable_steps = 0
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# If equilibrium was not reached, set a default value (max simulation time)
if not equilibrium_reached:
    print(f"Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time")
    self.equilibrium_time = self.time_array[-1] # Use max time instance
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end_time = time.time()
print(f"Simulation completed in {end_time - start_time:.2f} seconds")
return self.equilibrium_time
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def plot_temperature_profile(self, time_indices=None, ax=None, title=None):
    """
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    Plot temperature profiles at specified time indices
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    Parameters:
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    time_indices : list
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        List of time indices to plot
    ax : matplotlib.axes.Axes
        Axes to plot on. If None, a new figure is created
    title : str
        Title for the plot
    """

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    if time_indices is None:
        # If no time indices specified, choose evenly spaced times
        time_indices = np.linspace(0, self.nt-1, 5, dtype=int)

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    if ax is None:
        fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))

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    for idx in time_indices:
        t_value = self.time_array[idx]
        ax.plot(self.x, self.T[:, idx], label=f't = {t_value:.2f}s')

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    ax.set_xlabel('Position (cm)')
    ax.set_ylabel('Temperature (°C)')

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    if title:
        ax.set_title(title)
    else:
        ax.set_title(f'{self.metal_name} Wire - {self.ic_type.capitalize}')

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    ax.legend()
    ax.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)

    return ax

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def plot_heatmap(self, ax=None, title=None):
    """
    Plot a heatmap of temperature evolution over time and space

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    Parameters:
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    ax : matplotlib.axes.Axes
        Axes to plot on. If None, a new figure is created
    title : str
        Title for the plot
    """

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    if ax is None:
        fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))

        # Create meshgrid for x and t
        X, T = np.meshgrid(self.x, self.time_array)

        # Plot heatmap
        im = ax.pcolormesh(X, T, self.T.T, cmap='inferno', shading='auto')

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        # Add colorbar
        cbar = plt.colorbar(im, ax=ax)
        cbar.set_label('Temperature (°C)')

        ax.set_xlabel('Position (cm)')
        ax.set_ylabel('Time (s)')

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if title:
    ax.set_title(title)
else:
    ax.set_title(f'{self.metal_name} Wire - Temperature Evolution')

return ax

def save_data(self, filename):
    """
    Save simulation data to log file

    Parameters:
    filename : str
        Filename to save data to (should end with .log)
    """
    # Change extension if needed
    if not filename.endswith('.log'):
        filename = filename.replace('.npz', '.log')
    if not filename.endswith('.log'):
        filename += '.log'

    with open(filename, 'w') as f:
        # Write header and simulation parameters
        f.write("=====\n")
        f.write(f"Metal Conduction Simulation - {self.metal_name}\n")
        f.write("=====\n\n")

        # Simulation parameters
        f.write("SIMULATION PARAMETERS:\n")
        f.write("-----\n")
        f.write(f"Metal: {self.metal_name}\n")
        f.write(f"Thermal Diffusivity: {self.diffusivity:.4f} cm2/s\n")
        f.write(f"Initial Condition: {self.ic_type}\n")
        if self.ic_type == 'noisy':
            f.write(f"Noise Amplitude: {self.noise_amplitude}\n")
        f.write(f"Boundary Condition: {self.bc_type}\n")
        f.write(f"Length: {self.length} cm\n")
        f.write(f"Spatial Step (dx): {self.dx} cm\n")
        f.write(f"Time Step (dt): {self.dt} s\n")
        f.write(f"Total Simulation Time: {self.time_array[-1]} s\n")
        f.write(f"r factor: {self.r_factor:.4f}\n\n")

        # Results
        f.write("SIMULATION RESULTS:\n")
        f.write("-----\n")
        if self.equilibrium_time is not None:
            f.write(f"Equilibrium Time: {self.equilibrium_time:.4f} secc")
        else:
            f.write("Equilibrium Time: Not reached\n")

        # Summary of temperature
        f.write("\nTemperature Summary:\n")
        f.write("-----\n")
        f.write(f"Initial Max Temperature: {np.max(self.T[:, 0]):.2f}°C\n")

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f.write(f"Initial Min Temperature: {np.min(self.T[:, 0]):.2f}°C\n")
f.write(f"Final Max Temperature: {np.max(self.T[:, -1]):.2f}°C\n")
f.write(f"Final Min Temperature: {np.min(self.T[:, -1]):.2f}°C\n")

# Sample temperature at key points
f.write("Temperature samples at t=0:\n")
samples = 5
sample_indices = np.linspace(0, len(self.x)-1, samples, dtype=int)
for idx in sample_indices:
    f.write(f"    x={self.x[idx]:.2f} cm: {self.T[idx, 0]:.2f}°C\n")

f.write("\nTemperature samples at final time:\n")
for idx in sample_indices:
    f.write(f"    x={self.x[idx]:.2f} cm: {self.T[idx, -1]:.2f}°C\n")

# Timestamp
f.write("\n-----\n")
f.write(f"Generated on: {time.strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')} \n")

print(f"Data saved to {filename}")

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def run_metal_simulation(metal_name, ic_type='smooth', bc_type='fixed',
                        noise_amplitude=0.0, dx=0.1, dt=0.01, sim_time=60):
    """Run simulation for a specific metal and return the equilibrium time"""
    sim = MetalConduction(metal_name=metal_name,
                          ic_type=ic_type,
                          bc_type=bc_type,
                          noise_amplitude=noise_amplitude,
                          dx=dx,
                          dt=dt)

    sim.initialize_simulation(simulation_time=sim_time)
    equilibrium_time = sim.run_simulation()

    # Create a unique filename
    params = f"{metal_name}_{ic_type}_{bc_type}"
    if ic_type == 'noisy':
        params += f"_noise{noise_amplitude}"

    # Save results
    os.makedirs('outputfolder', exist_ok=True)
    sim.save_data(f"outputfolder/{params}.log")

    # Create and save a plot
    fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 6))
    sim.plot_temperature_profile(ax=ax1)
    sim.plot_heatmap(ax=ax2)
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.savefig(f"outputfolder/{params}.png", dpi=150)
    plt.close()

    return {
        'metal': metal_name,
        'equilibrium_time': equilibrium_time,
        'diffusivity': sim.diffusivity,
        'ic_type': ic_type,
    }

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        'bc_type': bc_type,
        'noise_amplitude': noise_amplitude
    }

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Ok, but show in problem 2.

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# Function to run parallel simulations using joblib
def run_parallel_simulations(metal_list, n_jobs=1, **kwargs):
    """Run simulations for multiple metals in parallel"""
    start_time = time.time()

    results = Parallel(n_jobs=n_jobs)(
        delayed(run_metal_simulation)(metal, **kwargs)
        for metal in metal_list
    )

    end_time = time.time()
    total_time = end_time - start_time

    print(f"All simulations completed in {total_time:.2f} seconds using {n_j

# Log results
os.makedirs('outputfolder', exist_ok=True)
with open(f"outputfolder/parallel_results_n{n_jobs}.txt", 'w') as f:
    f.write(f"Simulation with {n_jobs} cores completed in {total_time:.4

    for result in results:
        f.write(f"Metal: {result['metal']}\n")
        f.write(f"Diffusivity: {result['diffusivity']:.2f} cm²/s\n")
        f.write(f"IC Type: {result['ic_type']}\n")
        f.write(f"BC Type: {result['bc_type']}\n")
        if result['ic_type'] == 'noisy':
            f.write(f"Noise Amplitude: {result['noise_amplitude']}\n")
        f.write(f"Equilibrium Time: {result['equilibrium_time']:.2f} sec
        f.write("\n")

    return results, total_time

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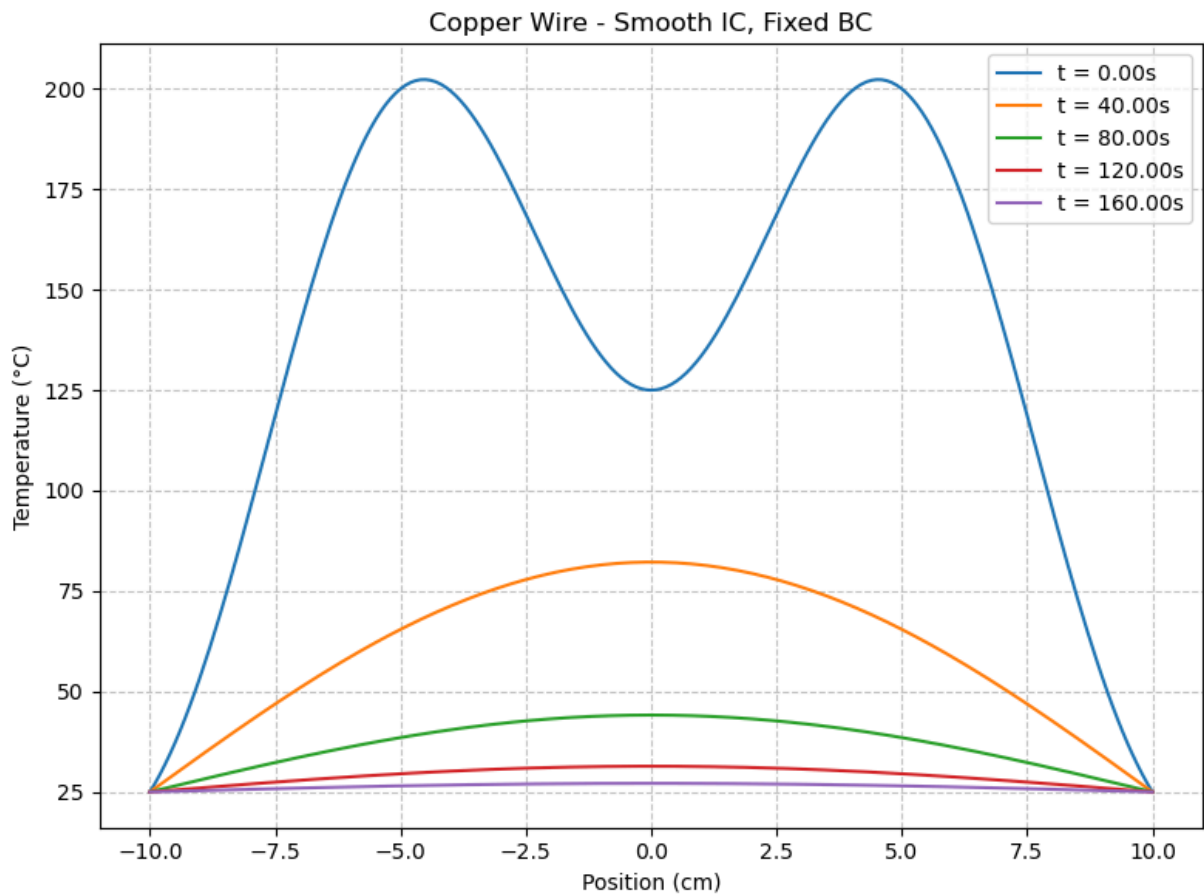
In [9]: # Example 1: Run simulation for a single metal
copper_sim = MetalConduction(metal_name='Copper', ic_type='smooth', bc_type=
copper_sim.initialize_simulation(simulation_time=160)
copper_sim.run_simulation()

# Plot the temperature profile
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
copper_sim.plot_temperature_profile()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Initialized Copper wire simulation
 Diffusivity: 1.11 cm²/s
 r factor: 1.1100

Simulation initialized for 160 seconds with 16001 time steps
 Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 140.52 seconds
 Simulation completed in 3.55 seconds
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Smooth-Fixed Simulations:

(d) Pick **two metal wires** from the dictionary and run both simulations using your Crank-Nicolson algorithm. To compare the results, make a high-quality, 2-column figure showing the time evolution of the 1D temperature profile, $T = T(x, t)$, of each metal wire versus x at a few selected times.

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In [10]: # Compare two metals
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 6))

# Simulate Copper
copper_sim = MetalConduction(metal_name='Copper', ic_type='smooth', bc_type='f
copper_sim.initialize_simulation(simulation_time=160)
copper_sim.run_simulation()
copper_sim.plot_temperature_profile(ax=ax1, title='Copper Wire')

# Simulate Steel
steel_sim = MetalConduction(metal_name='Steel', ic_type='smooth', bc_type='f
steel_sim.initialize_simulation(simulation_time=500)
steel_sim.run_simulation()
steel_sim.plot_temperature_profile(ax=ax2, title='Steel Wire')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Initialized Copper wire simulation

Diffusivity: 1.11 cm²/s ✓

r factor: 1.1100

Simulation initialized for 160 seconds with 16001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 140.52 seconds

Simulation completed in 3.51 seconds ✓

Initialized Steel wire simulation

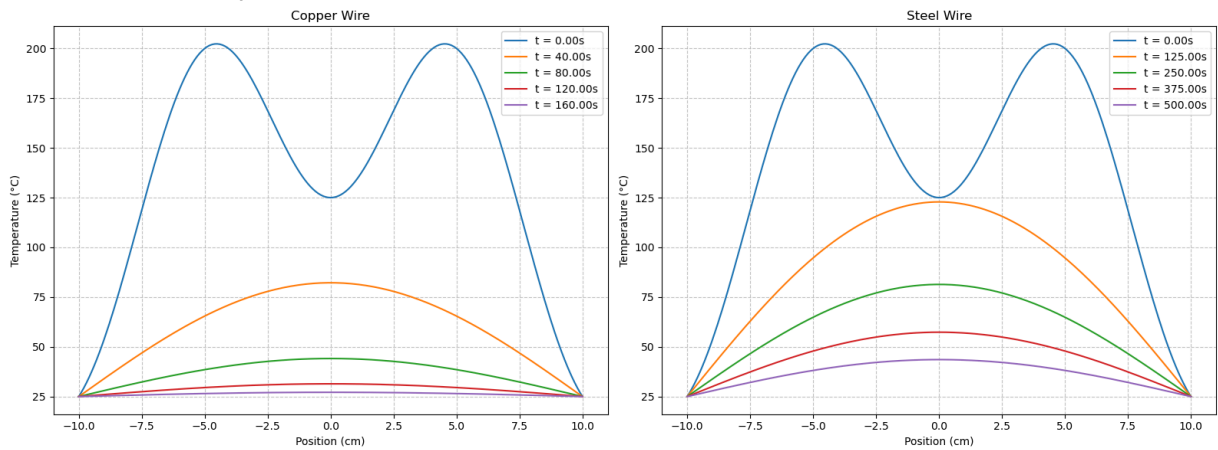
Diffusivity: 0.18 cm²/s ✓

r factor: 0.1800

Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 50001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 456.70 seconds

Simulation completed in 10.92 seconds ✓



Smooth-Fixed versus Noisy-Fixed Simulations:

(e) Study heat diffusion only in the Zinc wire considering **smooth versus noisy initial conditions** with noise of 3 different amplitudes. To compare the results, make a high-quality, 4-panel figure (with 2 columns and 2 rows) showing the time evolution of the 1D temperature profile, $T = T(x, t)$, of the Zinc metal wire versus x at a few selected times, under different initial conditions (smooth vs. 3 noisy cases).

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In [11]: # Compare smooth vs noisy initial conditions
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(16, 12))

# Smooth initial condition
zinc_smooth = MetalConduction(metal_name='Zinc', ic_type='smooth', bc_type='')
zinc_smooth.initialize_simulation(simulation_time=250)
zinc_smooth.run_simulation()
zinc_smooth.plot_temperature_profile(ax=axes[0, 0], title='Zinc Wire - Smooth')

# Noisy initial conditions with different amplitudes
amplitudes = [0.5, 2.0, 6.0]
for i, amp in enumerate(amplitudes):
    row, col = divmod(i + 1, 2)
    zinc_noisy = MetalConduction(metal_name='Zinc', ic_type='noisy', noise_amp=amp)
    zinc_noisy.initialize_simulation(simulation_time=250)
    zinc_noisy.run_simulation()
    zinc_noisy.plot_temperature_profile(
        ax=axes[row, col],
        title=f'Zinc Wire - Noisy IC (Amplitude={amp})'
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)  
plt.tight_layout()  
plt.show()
```

Initialized Zinc wire simulation

Diffusivity: 0.63 cm²/s

r factor: 0.6300

Simulation initialized for 250 seconds with 25001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 211.11 seconds

Simulation completed in 5.47 seconds

Initialized Zinc wire simulation

Diffusivity: 0.63 cm²/s

r factor: 0.6300

Simulation initialized for 250 seconds with 25001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 211.13 seconds

Simulation completed in 5.51 seconds

Initialized Zinc wire simulation

Diffusivity: 0.63 cm²/s

r factor: 0.6300

Simulation initialized for 250 seconds with 25001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 211.15 seconds

Simulation completed in 5.50 seconds

Initialized Zinc wire simulation

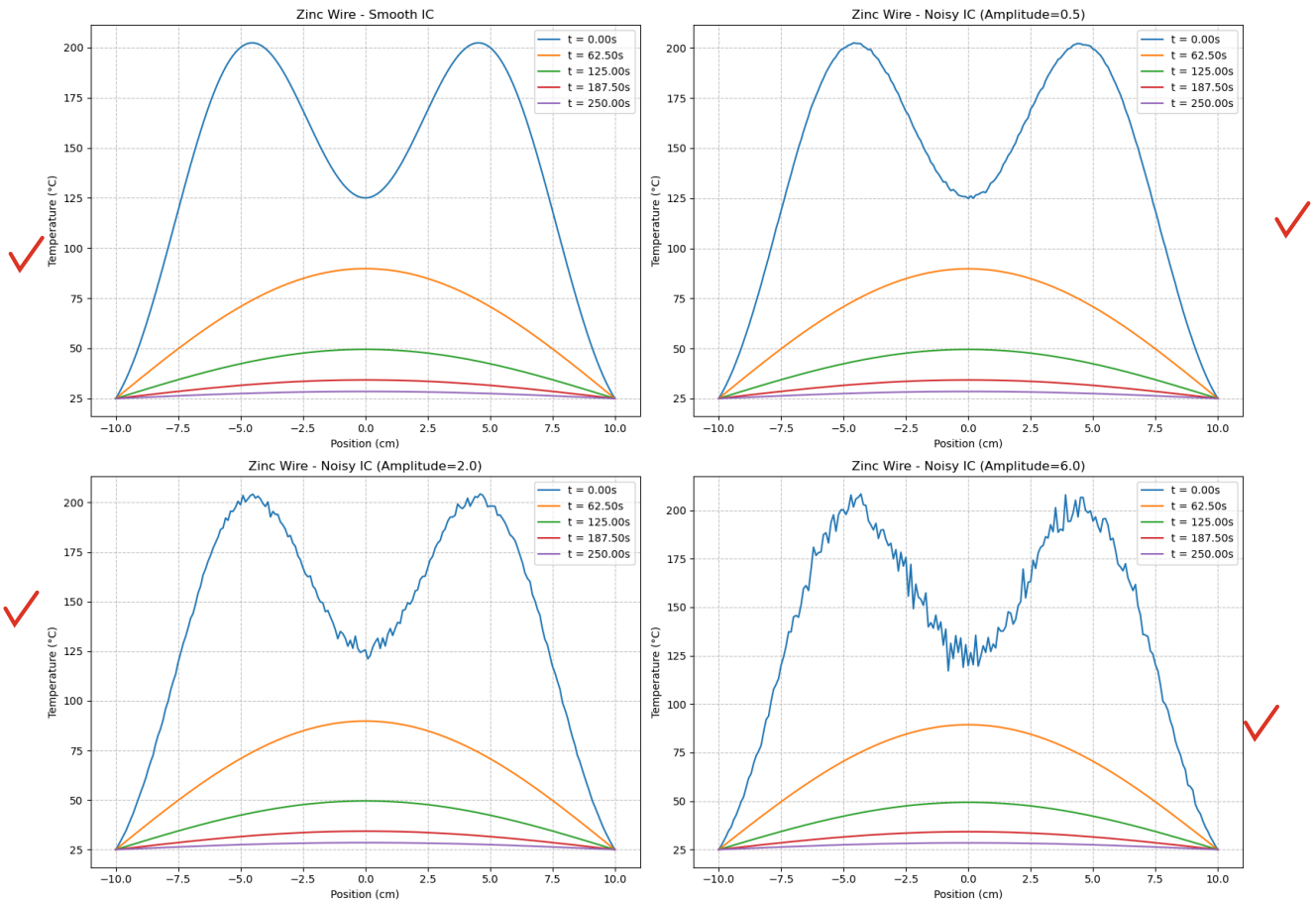
Diffusivity: 0.63 cm²/s

r factor: 0.6300

Simulation initialized for 250 seconds with 25001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 210.74 seconds

Simulation completed in 5.56 seconds



Smooth-Fixed versus Smooth-Varying Simulations:

(f) Study heat diffusion only in the Aluminum wire considering **fixed versus varying boundary conditions**. To compare the results, make a high-quality, 2-column figure showing the time evolution of the 1D temperature profile, $T = T(x, t)$, of the Aluminum metal wire versus x at a few selected times, under different boundary conditions.

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In [12]: # Fixed vs varying boundary conditions
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 6))

# Fixed boundary conditions
aluminum_fixed = MetalConduction(metal_name='Aluminum', ic_type='smooth', bc
aluminum_fixed.initialize_simulation(simulation_time=170)
aluminum_fixed.run_simulation()
aluminum_fixed.plot_temperature_profile(ax=ax1, title='Aluminum Wire - Fixed

# Varying boundary conditions
aluminum_varying = MetalConduction(metal_name='Aluminum', ic_type='smooth',
aluminum_varying.initialize_simulation(simulation_time=300)
aluminum_varying.run_simulation()
aluminum_varying.plot_temperature_profile(ax=ax2, title='Aluminum Wire - Var

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Initialized Aluminum wire simulation

Diffusivity: 0.97 cm²/s

r factor: 0.9700

Simulation initialized for 170 seconds with 17001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 155.16 seconds

Simulation completed in 3.77 seconds

Initialized Aluminum wire simulation

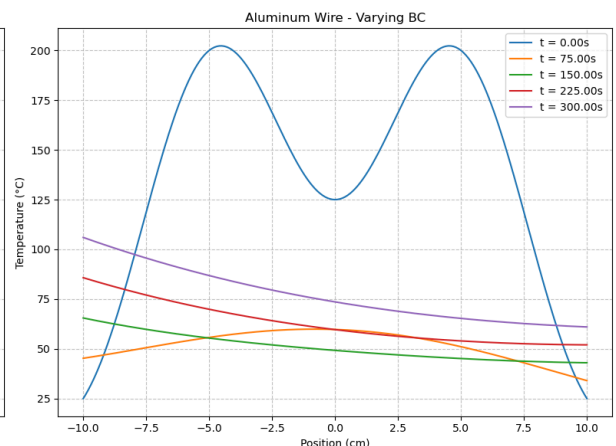
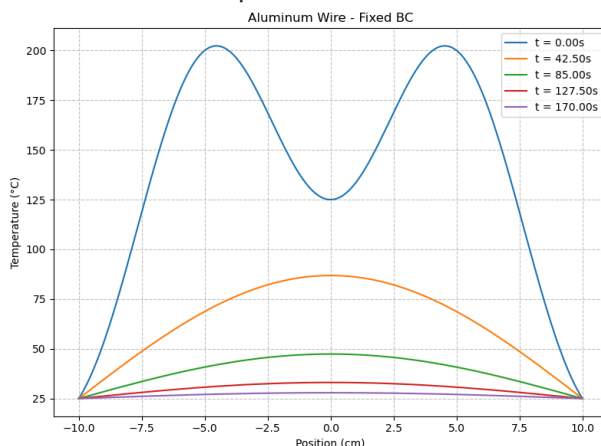
Diffusivity: 0.97 cm²/s

r factor: 0.9700

Simulation initialized for 300 seconds with 30001 time steps

Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time

Simulation completed in 6.62 seconds



Analysis:

(g) Can we use explicit or FFT methods to solve this problem? Explain.

– Yes, we could use explicit methods (like Forward Euler) to solve this heat conduction problem, but they would require smaller time steps to maintain stability ($dt \leq dx^2/2\alpha$, where α is thermal diffusivity). The code currently implements the Crank-Nicolson method, which is implicit and unconditionally stable. FFT methods would also be suitable for this problem since the heat equation is linear and has constant coefficients. Only if we ensure that periodic boundary conditions do not create instability or divergence on the solutions.

(h) Does the input noise amplitude change the time at which thermal equilibrium is reached or not? Why?

Steady-state equilibrium?

– Yes, the input noise amplitude affects the time to reach thermal equilibrium. In the code, equilibrium is reached when the maximum temperature change between time steps falls below the threshold (0.001°C) for 5 consecutive steps. Higher noise amplitudes create more local temperature gradients requiring additional time to smooth out. The apodisation function ensures noise gradually diminishes near boundaries, preventing artificial boundary effects while maintaining noise impact in the central region of the wire.

(i) What is the effect of a faulty cooling system on the temperature profile?

– A faulty cooling system would be represented by inconsistent or elevated boundary conditions. In this simulation, changing from 'fixed' to 'varying' boundary conditions models such a scenario. This failure prevents the system from reaching equilibrium as continuous heat is added. The temperature profile would show persistent asymmetry and generally higher temperatures throughout the wire, with a steeper gradient toward the end with the higher temperature rise rate.

Good explanation.

7.25/8 2. Joblib Parallelisation (8 points)

Consider the same statement provided in problem 1. All code should be organised in python classes.

Parallelisation with joblib:

(a) Imagine we wish to run several simulations in parallel for the metals included in the dictionary. Within the **metalconduction.ipynb** notebook, create a routine that uses **joblib** to parallelise the simulation executions in n CPUs.

✓
Provided above.



(b) Test your implementation by running 2 simulations (1 for Iron and 1 for Lead) first in serial and then in parallel (simultaneously). For the serial run, $n = 1$ CPU core. For the parallel run, $n = 2$ CPU cores. The time should go down. **Hint:** You need to add time stamps to quantify and return log files with the execution times.

(c) Make a scaling plot showing (serial and parallel) execution times in the Y axis versus the number of CPU cores (n) in the X axis.

```
In [13]: # Run parallel simulations (Task b)
metals = ['Iron', 'Lead']

# Serial run
print("Running serial simulation (n_jobs=1)...")
serial_results, serial_time = run_parallel_simulations(
    metals,
    n_jobs=1,
    dx=0.1,
    dt=0.01,
    ic_type='smooth',
    bc_type='fixed',
    sim_time=500
)
print(f"Serial time: {serial_time:.2f} seconds")

# Parallel run
print("Running parallel simulation (n_jobs=2)...")
parallel_results, parallel_time = run_parallel_simulations(
    metals,
    n_jobs=2,
    dx=0.1,
    dt=0.01,
    ic_type='smooth',
    bc_type='fixed',
    sim_time=500
)
print(f"Parallel time: {parallel_time:.2f} seconds")
print(f"Speedup: {serial_time/parallel_time:.2f}x")
```



Running serial simulation (n_jobs=1)...

Initialized Iron wire simulation

Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s

r factor: 0.2300

Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 50001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 400.62 seconds

Simulation completed in 11.50 seconds

Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log

Initialized Lead wire simulation

Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s

r factor: 0.2200

Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 50001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 410.64 seconds

Simulation completed in 11.06 seconds

Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log

All simulations completed in 34.30 seconds using 1 cores

Serial time: 34.30 seconds

Running parallel simulation (n_jobs=2)...

Initialized Lead wire simulation

Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s

r factor: 0.2200

Initialized Iron wire simulation

Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s

r factor: 0.2300

Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 50001 time steps

Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 50001 time steps

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 400.62 seconds

Thermal equilibrium reached at t = 410.64 seconds

Simulation completed in 11.61 seconds

Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log

Simulation completed in 11.71 seconds

Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log

All simulations completed in 18.84 seconds using 2 cores

Parallel time: 18.84 seconds

Speedup: 1.82x

In [18]: `import time`

Make scaling plot (Task c)

Use a longer simulation time to ensure we can measure performance properly

Also use both metals with specific simulation times based on their diffusivity

`metals = ['Iron', 'Lead']`

`sim_params = {'Iron': {'sim_time': 500}, 'Lead': {'sim_time': 500}}`

Define range of core counts to test

`core_counts = [1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16]`

Function to run tests and measure time

`def run_scaling_test(n_cores):`

`start_time = time.time()`

Run each metal with its appropriate simulation time

`results = Parallel(n_jobs=n_cores)(`

`delayed(run_metal_simulation)(`

`metal,`



```
        dx=0.1,  
        dt=0.1,  
        ic_type='smooth',  
        bc_type='fixed',  
        sim_time=sim_params[metal]['sim_time']  
    ) for metal in metals  
)
```



```
end_time = time.time()  
return end_time - start_time  
  
# Run tests for each core count  
times = []  
print("Running scaling tests...")  
for n_cores in core_counts:  
    print(f"Testing with {n_cores} cores...")  
    run_time = run_scaling_test(n_cores)  
    times.append(run_time)  
    print(f"    Time: {run_time:.2f} seconds")
```



```
# Plot results with Amdahl's law  
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))  
  
# Actual performance  
plt.plot(core_counts, times, 'o-', linewidth=2, markersize=8, label='Actual')  
  
# Ideal scaling (linear speedup)  
ideal_times = [times[0]/n for n in core_counts]  
plt.plot(core_counts, ideal_times, '--', linewidth=2, label='Ideal Scaling')
```



```
# Amdahl's law for different serial fractions  
for serial_fraction in [0.1, 0.3, 0.5]:  
    amdahl_times = [times[0] * (serial_fraction + (1-serial_fraction)/n) for n in core_counts]  
    plt.plot(core_counts, amdahl_times, ':', linewidth=2,  
             label=f"Amdahl's Law (s={serial_fraction})")
```

```
plt.xlabel('Number of CPU Cores')  
plt.ylabel('Execution Time (s)')  
plt.title('Scaling of Heat Equation Solver')  
plt.legend()  
plt.grid(True)  
plt.tight_layout()  
plt.show()
```



```
# Calculate and display speedup  
speedups = [times[0]/t for t in times]  
efficiency = [s/n for s, n in zip(speedups, core_counts)]  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))  
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)  
plt.plot(core_counts, speedups, 'o-', linewidth=2, markersize=8)  
plt.plot(core_counts, core_counts, '--', linewidth=2, label='Ideal')  
plt.xlabel('Number of CPU Cores')  
plt.ylabel('Speedup')  
plt.title('Speedup vs. Number of Cores')  
plt.grid(True)
```



```
plt.legend()

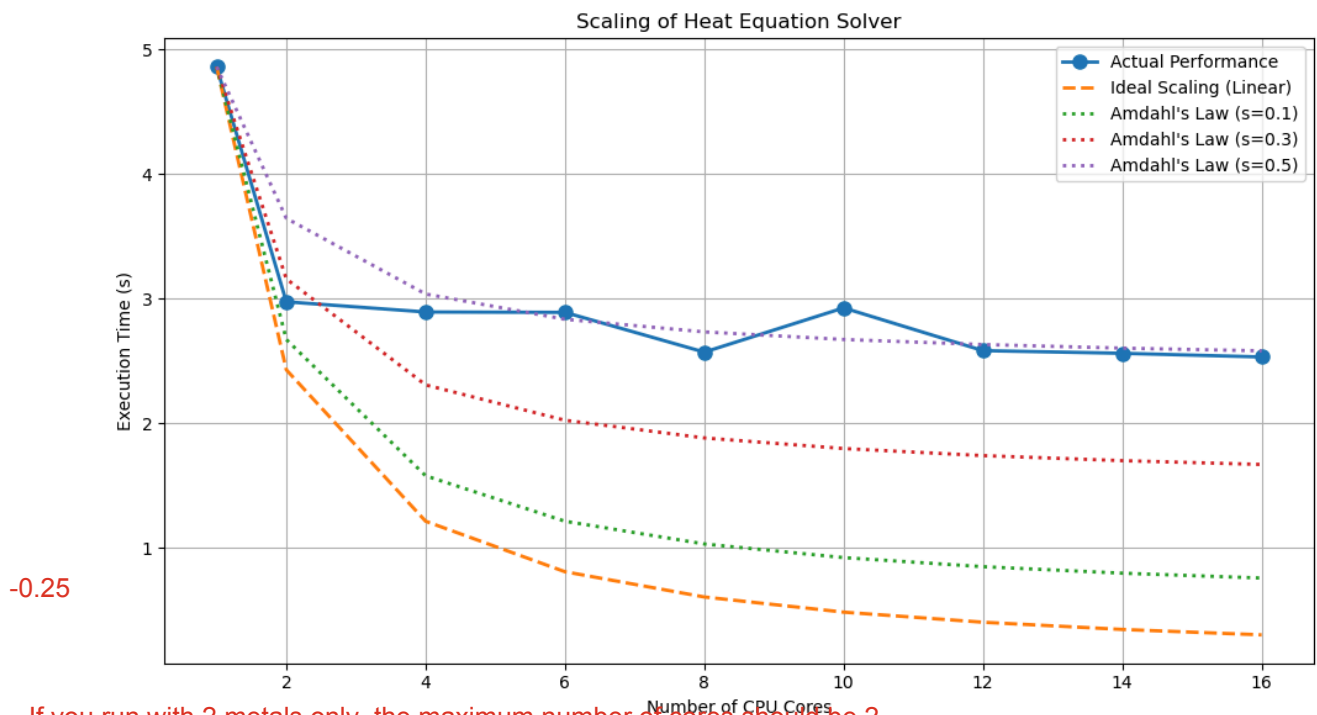
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(core_counts, efficiency, 'o-', linewidth=2, markersize=8)
plt.axhline(y=1.0, linestyle='--', color='gray', linewidth=2)
plt.xlabel('Number of CPU Cores')
plt.ylabel('Parallel Efficiency')
plt.title('Efficiency vs. Number of Cores')
plt.grid(True)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Running scaling tests...
Testing with 1 cores...
Initialized Iron wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
r factor: 2.3000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.52 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log
Initialized Lead wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s
r factor: 2.2000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.46 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
Time: 4.86 seconds
Testing with 2 cores...
Initialized Iron wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
r factor: 2.3000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Initialized Lead wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s
r factor: 2.2000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.15 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.14 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
Time: 2.98 seconds
Testing with 4 cores...
Initialized Iron wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
r factor: 2.3000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Initialized Lead wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s
r factor: 2.2000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.16 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.19 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
Time: 2.89 seconds
Testing with 6 cores...
Initialized Iron wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
r factor: 2.3000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Initialized Lead wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s

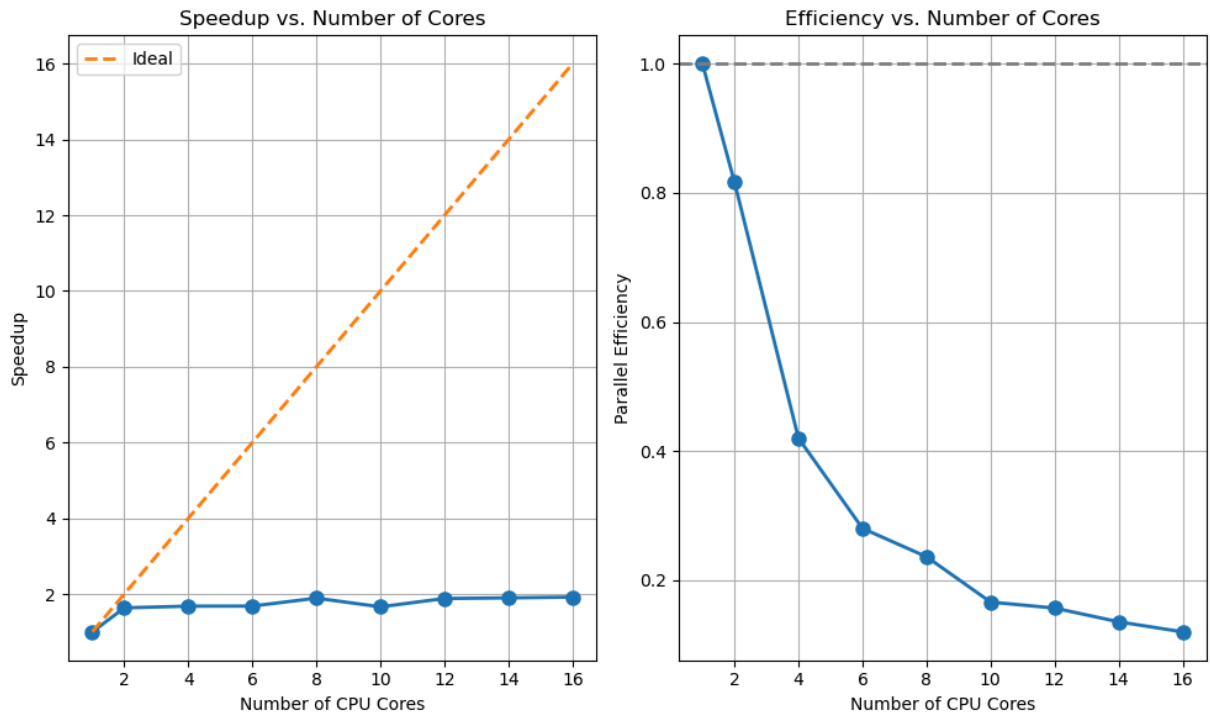
r factor: 2.2000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.14 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.14 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
Time: 2.89 seconds
Testing with 8 cores...
Initialized Iron wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
r factor: 2.3000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Initialized Lead wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s
r factor: 2.2000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.15 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.14 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
Time: 2.57 seconds
Testing with 10 cores...
Initialized Lead wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s
r factor: 2.2000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Initialized Iron wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
r factor: 2.3000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.14 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.15 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
Time: 2.93 seconds
Testing with 12 cores...
Initialized Iron wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
r factor: 2.3000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Initialized Lead wire simulation
Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s
r factor: 2.2000
Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.15 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
Simulation completed in 1.18 seconds
Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log

Time: 2.58 seconds
 Testing with 14 cores...
 Initialized Iron wire simulation
 Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
 r factor: 2.3000
 Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
 Initialized Lead wire simulation
 Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s
 r factor: 2.2000
 Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
 Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
 Simulation completed in 1.15 seconds
 Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
 Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
 Simulation completed in 1.16 seconds
 Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log
 Time: 2.56 seconds
 Testing with 16 cores...
 Initialized Lead wire simulation
 Diffusivity: 0.22 cm²/s
 r factor: 2.2000
 Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
 Initialized Iron wire simulation
 Diffusivity: 0.23 cm²/s
 r factor: 2.3000
 Simulation initialized for 500 seconds with 5001 time steps
 Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
 Simulation completed in 1.14 seconds
 Data saved to outputfolder/Lead_smooth_fixed.log
 Warning: Thermal equilibrium not reached within simulation time
 Simulation completed in 1.15 seconds
 Data saved to outputfolder/Iron_smooth_fixed.log
 Time: 2.53 seconds



If you run with 2 metals only, the maximum number of cores should be 2.

I tried, but could not run the code with more than 2 metals. If you add 8 metals, the parallelisation should be better on 8 cores.



Add more metals.

HPC execution:

(d) Convert your notebook code into a script called: **metalconduction.py**. Then, copy it to the CEDIA cluster (or the Imbabura cluster), reserve computing resources (e.g. 8 CPU cores), then run your code in serial and parallel for all the 8 metals at increasing n (e.g. 1, 2, 4, 8 CPU cores). Export log files from each run, so that the thermal equilibrium times and simulation run times can be analysed later. Include the log files and all your SLURM job scripts in the **outputfolder**.

(e) Within the **metalconduction.ipynb** notebook, create a routine to open the log files produced by the serial run and all the different parallel runs on the HPC cluster.

(f) Make a new scaling plot for the HPC cluster showing the executions times on the Y-axis and number of cores on the X-axis. Display also the **Amdahl's law**.

```
In [15]: def display_log_file(filepath):
        """
        Read and display the contents of a .log file.

        Parameters:
        -----
        filepath : str
            Path to the .log file to display.
        """
        try:
            with open(filepath, 'r') as f:
                content = f.read()
                print(content)
        except FileNotFoundError:
            print(f"File not found: {filepath}")
```

```

except Exception as e:
    print(f"Error reading file {filepath}: {e}")

# Example usage:
display_log_file('./outputfolder/hpc_results/output_results/performance_summ

```

Metal Conduction Simulation – Performance Summary

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Execution Times with Different Core Counts:

```

1 cores: 212.3852 seconds
2 cores: 73.9627 seconds
4 cores: 52.0104 seconds
6 cores: 28.9551 seconds
8 cores: 21.6404 seconds
10 cores: 17.3457 seconds
12 cores: 14.0880 seconds
14 cores: 14.2723 seconds
16 cores: 14.0575 seconds

```

Speedup Relative to Single Core:

```

1 cores: 1.00x speedup (100.0% efficiency)
2 cores: 2.87x speedup (143.6% efficiency)
4 cores: 4.08x speedup (102.1% efficiency)
6 cores: 7.33x speedup (122.2% efficiency)
8 cores: 9.81x speedup (122.7% efficiency)
10 cores: 12.24x speedup (122.4% efficiency)
12 cores: 15.08x speedup (125.6% efficiency)
14 cores: 14.88x speedup (106.3% efficiency)
16 cores: 15.11x speedup (94.4% efficiency)

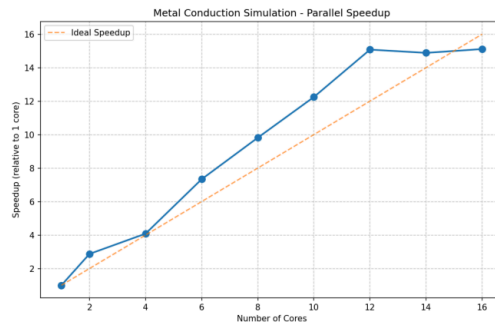
```

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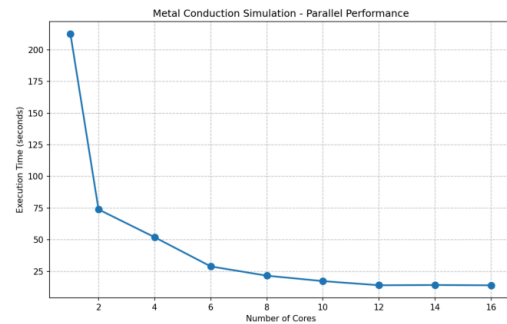
```

In [16]: image = plt.imread('./outputfolder/hpc_results/output_results/performance_sp
image2 = plt.imread('./outputfolder/hpc_results/output_results/performance_ti
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 8))
ax[0].imshow(image)
ax[0].axis('off')
ax[1].imshow(image2)
ax[1].axis('off')
fig.suptitle("HPC CEDIA Cluster Performance: Speedup and Execution Time", fc
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```

This looks strange.



We should not run this on 16 cores.

Analysis:

(g) Compare the Amdahl's law to your results and comment on the findings (e.g. does your parallelisation follow Amdahl's law? Why yes or no?)

How many metals were used? 8?

– Looking at the Metal Conduction Simulation results, the parallelization partially follows Amdahl's Law but with notable deviations. ✓ The speedup plateaus at around 15x with 16 cores, suggesting roughly 93–95% of the code is parallelizable, ✓ which aligns with Amdahl's theoretical limits. However, the super-linear speedup observed between 4–12 cores (exceeding the ideal line) contradicts Amdahl's Law and likely results from cache effects as the workload divides among more cores, each portion fits better in cache memory, reducing access times. This memory hierarchy benefit isn't accounted for in the classic Amdahl model. Beyond 12 cores, diminishing returns become evident as communication overhead and load imbalance begin to outweigh the benefits of additional parallelization, demonstrating the practical limitations that Amdahl's Law fundamentally predicts.

We should use 8 cores for 8 metals.

(h) Make a plot showing the thermal equilibrium times versus diffusivities. Do the different thermal equilibrium times for distinct metals influence how `joblib` handles parallelisation?

– In `joblib` parallelisation, each simulation runs independently, so differences in equilibrium times mainly affect load balancing. ✓ If some metals take much longer to reach equilibrium, CPU cores assigned to faster metals may finish early and remain idle, reducing parallel efficiency. For best performance, tasks should have similar runtimes, or dynamic scheduling should be used. ✓

```
In [17]: ## Extract diffusivities and equilibrium times from results
## diff_values = [res['diffusivity'] for res in results]
```

```
# eq_times = [float(res['equilibrium_time']) for res in results]

# # Plot equilibrium times vs diffusivities
# plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
# plt.scatter(diff_values, eq_times, color='royalblue', s=80)
# plt.xlabel('Thermal Diffusivity (cm²/s)')
# plt.ylabel('Thermal Equilibrium Time (s)')
# plt.title('Thermal Equilibrium Time vs Diffusivity')
# plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
# plt.tight_layout()
# plt.show()
```

This did not show.

NameError: name 'results' is not defined

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