

Analysis of Two-Dimensional Elements Heat Transfer Problems: Stiffness Matrices, ANSYS

1 Governing Equation

Three Modes of Heat Transfer

1. Conduction
2. Convection
3. Radiation

1.1 *Fourier's Law for Conduction*

Two-Dimensional Heat Transfer Rate is Defined by:

$$q_X = -kA \frac{\partial T}{\partial X}$$
$$q_Y = -kA \frac{\partial T}{\partial Y}$$

where:

$q_X, q_Y \equiv$ conduction heat transfer rate in X-Y Directions

$k \equiv$ thermal conductivity of medium

$A \equiv$ cross-sectional area of medium

$\frac{\partial T}{\partial X} \equiv$ temperature gradients

1.2 *Conservation of Energy*

For Two-Dimensional conduction with convective and radiation boundary conditions: (Steady state)

$$k_X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial X^2} + k_Y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} + \dot{q} = 0$$

where:

$\dot{q} \equiv$ heat generation (i.e. input) per unit volume

1.3 *Various Boundary Conditions*

1. Constant surface temperature due to fluid phase change such as condensation or evaporation

$$T(0, Y) = T_0$$

2. Heat loss or gain at surface may be neglected

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial X} \Big|_{(X=0, Y)} = 0$$

3. Constant heat flux (i.e., heat transfer rate per area) on surface

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial X} \Big|_{X=0} = q_0$$

4. Heat loss or gain at surface by convection

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial X} \Big|_{X=0, Y} = h [T(0, Y) - T_f]$$

5. Heat loss or gain at surface by radiation

6. Both conditions 4 and 5 simultaneously

2 Formulation: Linear Rectangular Elements

Equation for nodal temperatures within a linear 2-D Rectangular element:

$$T^{(e)} = [S_i \quad S_j \quad S_m \quad S_n] \begin{Bmatrix} T_i \\ T_j \\ T_m \\ T_n \end{Bmatrix}$$

where the shape functions are:

$$S_i = \left(1 - \frac{X}{\ell}\right) \left(1 - \frac{Y}{w}\right)$$

$$S_j = \frac{X}{\ell} \left(1 - \frac{Y}{w}\right)$$

$$S_m = \frac{XY}{\ell w}$$

$$S_n = \frac{Y}{w} \left(1 - \frac{X}{\ell}\right)$$

2.1 Galerkin Approach

With the conduction heat transfer equation: remember the idea is to reduce residual (i.e. error) to zero. Galerkin uses an average with a weighting function of the same form as solution equation. Therefore our weight functions are the shape functions.

$$R_i^{(e)} = \int_A S_i \left(k_X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial X^2} + k_Y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} + \dot{q} \right) dA = 0$$

$$R_j^{(e)} = \int_A S_j \left(k_X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial X^2} + k_Y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} + \dot{q} \right) dA = 0$$

$$R_m^{(e)} = \int_A S_m \left(k_X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial X^2} + k_Y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} + \dot{q} \right) dA = 0$$

$$R_n^{(e)} = \int_A S_n \left(k_X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial X^2} + k_Y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} + \dot{q} \right) dA = 0$$

In matrix form

$$\int_A [\mathbf{S}]^T \left(k_X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial X^2} + k_Y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} + \dot{q} \right) dA = 0$$

where: $[\mathbf{S}] = [S_i \quad S_j \quad S_m \quad S_n]$. Separating into three integrals

$$\int_A [\mathbf{S}]^T \left(k_X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial X^2} \right) dA + \int_A [\mathbf{S}]^T \left(k_Y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} \right) dA + \int_A [\mathbf{S}]^T \dot{q} dA = 0$$

Now, set:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= k_X \\ C_2 &= k_Y \quad \psi = T \\ C_3 &= \dot{q} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\int_A [\mathbf{S}]^T \left(C_1 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial X^2} \right) dA + \int_A [\mathbf{S}]^T \left(C_2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial Y^2} \right) dA + \int_A [\mathbf{S}]^T C_3 dA = 0$$

Now the solution will apply to other problems that have similar governing differential equations.

Since our integrals are over an area, we will need to perform a very complicated double integral.

$$\int_0^\ell \int_0^w dY dX$$

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The resulting "Stiffness" Matrix is:

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{C_1 w}{6\ell} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{C_2 \ell}{6w} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where: ℓ , $w \equiv$ Length of rectangular element sides.

2.2 Stiffness Matrices: Conduction

Substituting for C_1 and C_2 , the conductance matrix is:

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{k_X w}{6\ell} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{k_Y \ell}{6w} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.3 Stiffness Matrices: Convection

Any convective boundary conditions along different edges will contribute to the conductance matrix with the following matrices:

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{h\ell_{ij}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{h\ell_{jm}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{h\ell_{mn}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{h\ell_{ni}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.4 Load Matrices: Convection

The Load Matrices along the edges due to convection are:

$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{hT_f \ell_{ij}}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{hT_f \ell_{jm}}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{hT_f \ell_{mn}}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{hT_f \ell_{ni}}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

2.5 Load Matrices: Heat Generation

Any heat generation within an element will contribute to the thermal-load matrix for the element with:

$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{\dot{q}A}{4} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

2.6 Solve

$$[\mathbf{K}] \{\mathbf{T}\} = \{\mathbf{F}\}$$

3 Formulation: Linear Triangular Elements

Equation for Nodal Temperatures within a linear 2-D Triangular element:

$$T^{(e)} = [S_i \quad S_j \quad S_k] \begin{Bmatrix} T_i \\ T_j \\ T_k \end{Bmatrix}$$

where shape functions:

$$S_i = \frac{1}{2A} (\alpha_i + \beta_i X + \delta_i Y)$$

$$S_j = \frac{1}{2A} (\alpha_j + \beta_j X + \delta_j Y)$$

$$S_k = \frac{1}{2A} (\alpha_k + \beta_k X + \delta_k Y)$$

And:

$$2A = X_i (Y_j - Y_k) + X_j (Y_k - Y_i) + X_k (Y_i - Y_j)$$

$$\alpha_i = X_j Y_k - X_k Y_j \quad \beta_i = Y_j - Y_k \quad \delta_i = X_k - X_j$$

$$\alpha_j = X_k Y_i - X_i Y_k \quad \beta_j = Y_k - Y_i \quad \delta_j = X_i - X_k$$

$$\alpha_k = X_i Y_j - X_j Y_i \quad \beta_k = Y_i - Y_j \quad \delta_k = X_j - X_i$$

3.1 Galerkin Approach

Again, reduce Residual (i.e. error) to zero.

$$R = \int_A [\mathbf{S}]^T \left(k_X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial X^2} + k_Y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} + \dot{q} \right) dA = 0$$

3.2 Stiffness Matrices: Conduction

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{k_X}{4A} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_i^2 & \beta_i \beta_j & \beta_i \beta_k \\ \beta_i \beta_j & \beta_j^2 & \beta_j \beta_k \\ \beta_i \beta_k & \beta_j \beta_k & \beta_k^2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{k_Y}{4A} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_i^2 & \delta_i \delta_j & \delta_i \delta_k \\ \delta_i \delta_j & \delta_j^2 & \delta_j \delta_k \\ \delta_i \delta_k & \delta_j \delta_k & \delta_k^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where: $A \equiv$ Face area of element

3.3 Stiffness Matrices: Convection

For convective boundary conditions along different edges

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{h\ell_{ij}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{h\ell_{jk}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{K}]^{(e)} = \frac{h\ell_{ki}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.4 Load Matrices: Convection

Thermal Load Matrices along the *edges* due to convection:

$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{hT_f\ell_{ij}}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{hT_f\ell_{jk}}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{hT_f\ell_{ki}}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

3.5 Load Matrices: Heat Generation

Heat Generation within an element will contribute to the thermal-load matrix:

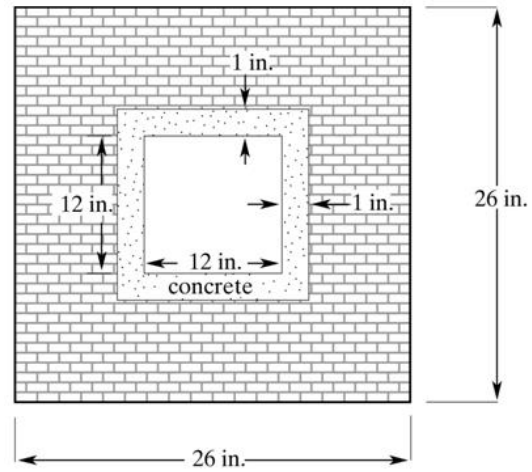
$$\{\mathbf{F}\}^{(e)} = \frac{\dot{q}A}{3} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Solution: $[\mathbf{K}] \{\mathbf{T}\} = \{\mathbf{F}\}$

4 ANSYS Example: Steady-State Heat Conduction

Small chimney constructed from two different materials

- Inner layer: concrete ($k = 0.07 \text{ Btu/hr} \cdot \text{in} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$)
- Outer layer: bricks ($k = 0.04 \text{ Btu/hr} \cdot \text{in} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$)
- Inside surface: exposed to hot gas
 - $T = 140^\circ\text{F}$
 - $h = 0.037 \text{ Btu/hr} \cdot \text{in}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$
- Outside surface
 - $T = 10^\circ\text{F}$
 - $h = 0.012 \text{ Btu/hr} \cdot \text{in}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$
- Dimensions of the chimney are shown in figure



Determine: state conditions; plot the heat fluxes through each layer