

# HW2

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**ME EN 541 – HW 2**  
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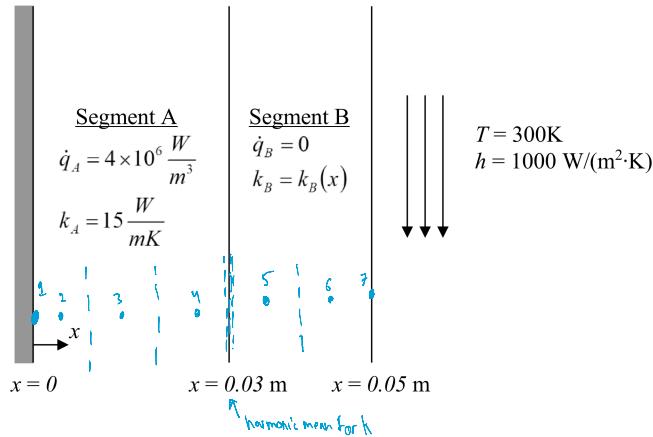
Problem	Points	Topic
1	5	Control volume discretization, Practice A
2	5	Control volume discretization, Practice B
3	20	Control volume by hand, constant $k$
4	20	Control volume code, constant $k$
5	30	Control volume code, variable $k$

- Derive the discretized form of the convective heat transfer boundary condition for the left boundary of a 1-D steady-state conduction problem using the control volume approach and grid deployment Practice A. Make the standard assumption of a linearized source term, and state your final results in terms of the general FV discretized equation (i.e., explicitly state the coefficients  $a_w$ ,  $a_e$ ,  $a_p$ , and  $b$ ).
- Repeat the previous problem for the right boundary and using grid deployment Practice B.

**Problems 3-5:**

Consider one-dimensional conduction in a plane composite wall, as in the following figure. The left side is perfectly insulated. Inside segment A the thermal conductivity is constant and uniform heat generation exists. Inside segment B the thermal conductivity may be a function of  $x$ , but no generation occurs. The right surface is in contact with a moving fluid. Write a program to calculate the steady-state temperature distribution using the CV method, accounting for non-uniform thermal conductivity and heat generation. Note the following where applicable:

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3. Assume the thermal conductivity of segment B is constant,  $k_B = 60 \text{ W/(m}\cdot\text{K)}$ .
- Beginning with the governing equation, develop, by hand, the system of equations that corresponds to this problem using the control volume approach with 5 equally-spaced control volumes (i.e., there will be 7 nodes, including the left and right boundaries). Remember to use Practice B. Express your answer in the form  $\mathbf{AT} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is the matrix of coefficients,  $\mathbf{T}$  is the temperature vector, and  $\mathbf{b}$  is the vector of  $b$  values at each node.
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Summary: Find the general

FV discretized eqn

Assumptions: Convective BC, Steady state,

linearized source term

Practice A:

Nodes first

$\text{CV w/ zero CV at the wall}$



$$\text{Convective BC} = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = h [T_{\infty} - T(0, t)]$$

$$\int_0^e \left( k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \int_0^e C_v dx$$

$$k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_e - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_w + \int_0^e C_v dx \rightarrow \bar{s} \Delta x_p$$

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$$q_p T_p = a_w T_w + a_E T_E + b$$

$$\frac{k_e T_E - k_e T_p}{Sx_e} + h(T_\infty - T_0) + S_c \Delta x_p + S_p T_p \Delta x_p = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{k_e}{Sx_e} - S_p \Delta x_p \right) T_p = h(T_\infty - T_0) + \frac{k_e T_E}{Sx_e} + S_c \Delta x_p$$

$$q_p = \frac{k_e}{Sx_e} - S_p \Delta x_p$$

$$b = h(T_\infty - T_0) + S_c \Delta x_p$$

$$a_w = 0$$

$$a_E = \frac{k_e}{Sx_e}$$

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2. Repeat the previous problem for the right boundary and using grid deployment Practice B.

Assuming also convection: RHS B convect =

$$\int_e^w d \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) + \int_e^w S dx = 0$$

$$-k \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e^w - h(T_B - T_\infty) = 0$$

$$k \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e^w - k \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_w + (S_c + S_p) \Delta x_p = 0 \quad \Delta x_p = 0 \text{ because of } 0 \text{ CT}$$

~~This finds direction right?~~  
Note: go e → w

$$-h(T_p - T_\infty) - k_w \frac{T_p - T_w}{Sx} = 0 \quad a_p T_p = a_w T_w + a_E T_E + b$$

$$k_w = k_p \text{ @ zero CT}$$

$$-h T_p + h T_\infty - \frac{k_w T_p}{Sx_w} + \frac{k_w T_w}{Sx_w} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{k_w}{Sx_w} + h \right) T_p = h T_\infty + \frac{k_w}{Sx_w} T_w$$

$$a_p = \frac{k_w + h}{Sx}$$

$$a_E = 0$$

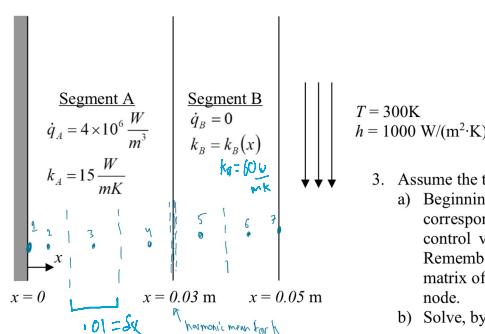
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a.) Node 1 zero CT

$$\int_e^w d \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) + \int_e^w S dx \rightarrow \left. k \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_e^w - \left. k \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{T_\infty}^{T_p} + S dx_p = 0 \quad \text{generalized}$$

$$a_p T_p = a_w T_w + a_E T_E + b$$

$$k_p = k_A = k_1 \quad (Sx_e = \frac{\Delta x}{1})$$

Summary: Find the genera

FV discretized eqn

Assumptions: Convective BC, Steady state, linearized source term

Summary: With the given conditions solve for  $T$  at each node.

Assumptions: Steady-state, the harmonic mean describes

$$k @ x=0.03m, \text{ insulated on the left} \quad \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = 0$$

Approach: Start at Node 1 w/ BC and working my way right

remember segment A has  $\frac{q}{A}$  term!

$$\int_w \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) + \int_w S dx \rightarrow \left[ k \frac{dT}{dx} \right]_e - \left[ k \frac{dT}{dx} \right]_w + S_{xp} = 0$$

$$k_p \frac{T_p - T_w}{\delta x_e} - 0 = 0 \quad \text{generalized}$$

$$k_p \frac{T_p}{\delta x_e} = k_p T_p$$

$$a_p = \frac{k_p}{\delta x_e}, \quad a_E = \frac{k_p}{\delta x_e}, \quad b = 0, \quad a_w = 0$$

$$\delta x_e = \frac{\delta x}{2}$$

$$\int_w \left( k \frac{dT}{dx} \right) + \int_w S dx \rightarrow \left[ k \frac{dT}{dx} \right]_e - \left[ k \frac{dT}{dx} \right]_w + (S_{ew} S_{pe}) \Delta x_p = 0$$

$$k_e \frac{T_e - T_p}{\delta x_e} - k_w \frac{T_p - T_w}{\delta x_w} + q_A \Delta x \rightarrow \left( \frac{k_e}{\delta x_e} + 2 \frac{k_w}{\delta x_w} \right) T_p = \frac{k_e T_e}{\delta x_e} + \frac{2 k_w T_w}{\delta x_w} + q_A \Delta x$$

$$q_p = \frac{k_e}{\delta x_e} + 2 \frac{k_w}{\delta x_w}$$

$$a_E = \frac{k_e}{\delta x_e}, \quad b = q_A \Delta x$$

$$a_w = 2 \frac{k_w}{\delta x}$$

Interior Nodes, 3-5

$$\text{Generalized } \left[ k \frac{dT}{dx} \right]_e - \left[ k \frac{dT}{dx} \right]_w + q_A \Delta x = 0$$

$$k_e \frac{T_e - T_p}{\delta x} - k_w \frac{T_p - T_w}{\delta x} + q_A \Delta x = 0 \rightarrow \left( \frac{k_e}{\delta x} + \frac{k_w}{\delta x} \right) T_p = \frac{k_e T_e}{\delta x} + \frac{k_w T_w}{\delta x} + q_A \Delta x = 0$$

\* in material B  $q=0$  at node 5

$$a_p = \frac{k_e}{\delta x} + \frac{k_w}{\delta x}, \quad a_w = \frac{k_w}{\delta x}, \quad a_E = \frac{k_e}{\delta x}, \quad b = q_A \Delta x$$

Node 6

$$k \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e - k \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_w + q_B \Delta x = 0$$

\* use the harmonic mean everywhere for  
ke & kw remember  $\delta x_e^{-1} \neq \delta x_w^{-1}$   
in our case  $\delta x_e^{-1} = \frac{\delta x_e}{2}$

$$k_e \frac{T_e - T_p}{\delta x/2} - k_w \frac{T_p - T_w}{\delta x} = 0 \rightarrow \left( \frac{2k_e}{\delta x} + \frac{k_w}{\delta x} \right) T_p = \frac{2k_e T_e}{\delta x} + \frac{k_w T_w}{\delta x}$$

$$a_p = \frac{2k_e}{\delta x} + \frac{k_w}{\delta x}, \quad a_E = \frac{2k_e}{\delta x}, \quad a_w = \frac{k_w}{\delta x}, \quad b = 0$$

Node 7 BC = convection

$$\frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_e - \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_w + 0 = 0$$

$\downarrow$  R.H.B. Convective =  $-k \frac{dT}{dx} = h(T_p - T_\infty)$

$$-h(T_p - T_\infty) - k_w \frac{T_p - T_w}{\delta x/2} = 0 \rightarrow \left( \frac{2k_w}{\delta x} + h \right) T_p = \frac{2k_w T_w}{\delta x} - h T_\infty$$

$$a_p = \frac{2k_w}{\delta x} + h, \quad a_w = \frac{2k_w}{\delta x}$$

1	$a_{p1} - q_{E1}$	0	0	0	0	$T_1$	$b_1$	$b = h T_\infty$
2	$-a_{w2}, a_{p2} - q_{E2}$	0	0	0	0	$T_2$	$b_2$	
3	0	$-a_{w3}, a_{p3} - q_{E3}$	0	0	0	$T_3$	$b_3$	
4	0	$-a_{w4}, a_{p4} - q_{E4}$	0	0	0	$T_4$	$b_4$	
5	0	$-a_{w5}, a_{p5} - q_{E5}$	0	0	0	$T_5$	$b_5$	
6	0	$-a_{w6}, a_{p6} - q_{E6}$	0	0	0	$T_6$	$b_6$	
-								$k = \delta x_w k_w k_p$

$$K_e = \frac{\delta x_e k_E k_p}{K_w \delta x_e + K_p \delta x_e}$$

$$\begin{matrix}
 & 0 & q_{ws_1} & q_{ps} & -q_{es} & 0 \\
 & 0 & -q_{ws} & q_{ps} & -q_{es} & \\
 & 0 & -q_{ws} & q_{ps} & -q_{es} & \\
 & & & & & \\
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 & & & & & \\
 & & & & & \\
 \end{matrix}
 \left| \begin{matrix} T_5 \\ T_6 \\ b_5 \\ b_6 \\ b_7 \end{matrix} \right| = \left| \begin{matrix} b_5 \\ b_6 \\ b_7 \end{matrix} \right|$$

$$k_w = \frac{s_{x_w} k_w k_p}{k_p s_{x_w} + k_w s_{x_w}}$$

Harmonic mean for nodes 4+5

julia> A  
7x7 Matrix{Float64}:

1.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
-3000.0	4500.0	-1500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	-1500.0	3000.0	-1500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	-1500.0	3900.0	-2400.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	-2400.0	8400.0	-6000.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-6000.0	18000.0	-12000.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-12000.0	13000.0

julia> b  
7-element Vector{Float64}:

0.0
40000.0
40000.0
40000.0
0.0
0.0
300000.0

julia> T  
7-element Vector{Float64}:

580.000000000065
580.000000000058
553.333333333377
500.000000000029
450.000000000002
430.0000000000165
420.0000000000015

julia> #In Kelvin

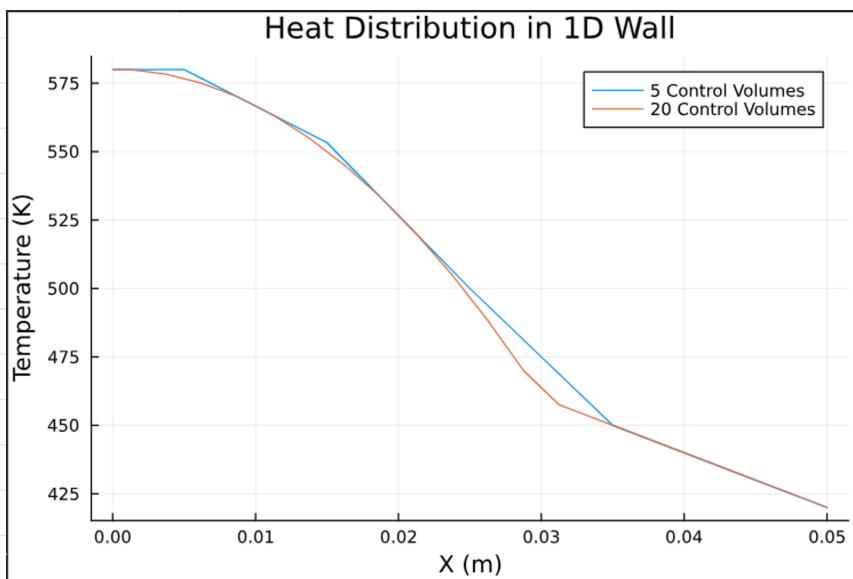
**Reflection:** The setup is quite tedious, but begins to be intuitive as you go along. As long as delta x is the same for east and west nodes it makes things quite simple, and because the interior nodes repeat the pattern it could be quite simple to scale with a computer. Because there is so much algebra though, there is a chance I made a sign error or something.

4. Assume the thermal conductivity of segment B is constant,  $k_B = 60 \text{ W/(m·K)}$ .
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**Summary:** Using the equations and things derived above code a solver, then compare the temperature profile output with my hand calculations, then use more control volumes and compare with part a, discuss the results.

**Assumptions:** 1D, steady state, The harmonic mean is an accurate K representation.

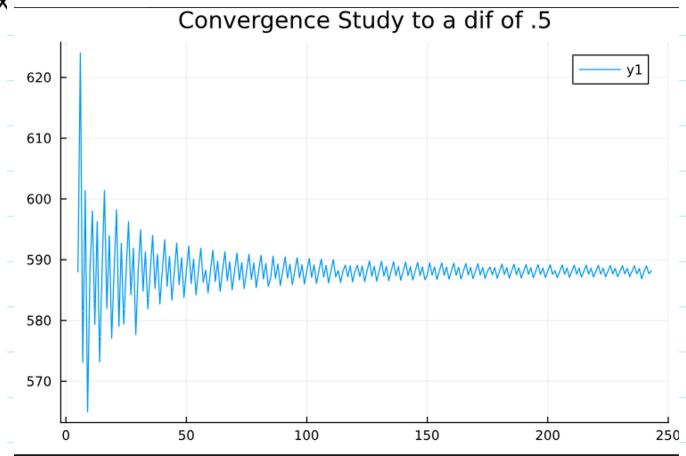
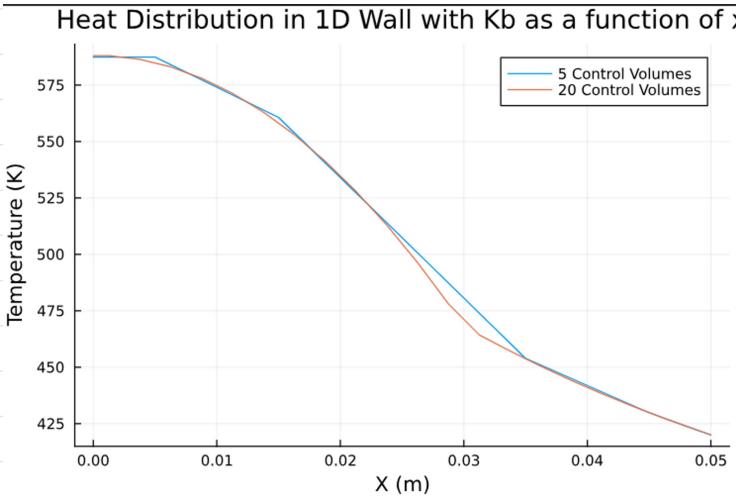
**Approach/Pseudocode:** Create functions for every step along the way, given a number of control surfaces (N), call the Practice B function with a start and end range and have it return the locations of the nodes and surfaces



**Reflection:** Both of the profiles start at 580K and end on the right at 420K, I did not expect those to stay the same. The 5 CV estimation performed better than I expected, although the real struggle comes at the interface, where the 20CV method performs more realistically.

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Summary: Use the same code from the problem above, just modify  $k_B$  to be a function of  $x$ . Use a function with a while loop to do a convergence study.

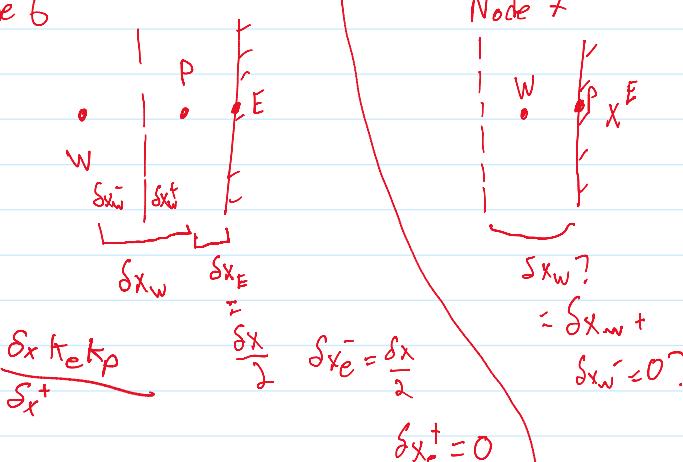


De bug  $N=5$   $k_B$  changing

5000.8 16423 11422  
11422 12422

**Reflection:** The fact that my system is not converging and that it oscillates a little bit is concerning, I think it is a bug with my Harmonic mean values, but I can't figure it out and spent quite a lot of time on it. It is interesting to see that the 20 Control volume study does make a difference in the overall shape, and especially at the interface.

Node 6



Node 7

$\delta x_w ?$

$= \delta x_w +$

$\delta x^-_w = 0 ?$

