

1. You are building an instrument for measuring the heat transfer coefficient ( $h$ ) between a sphere and a flowing fluid. The instrument is a spherical temperature sensor with diameter  $D = 3\text{ mm}$  that is initially in equilibrium with the fluid at  $T_\infty$ . The sensor has density  $\rho = 7500 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , specific heat capacity  $c = 820 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{K}$ , and conductivity  $k = 75 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$ . The sensor is heated with a constant rate of thermal energy generation of  $\dot{Q} = 0.1 \text{ W}$  and the time required for the sensor temperature to increase by  $\Delta T = 10 \text{ K}$  is recorded. The range of the instrument is expected to be from  $h = 30 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}$  to  $h = 300 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}$

- can the sensor be treated as a lumped capacitance? Justify your answer
- Develop an equation that relates the measured time to the heat transfer coefficient
- Plot the heat transfer coefficient as a function of measured time

$$\text{a) } L_{\text{cond}} = \frac{V}{A_s} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{r}{3}$$

$$Bi = \frac{L_{\text{cond}}}{k} = \frac{r}{6k}$$

$$Bi_{\min} = \frac{0.003\text{ m} \cdot 30 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}}{6 \cdot 75 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}} = 0.0002, \quad Bi_{\max} = \frac{0.003\text{ m} \cdot 300 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}}{6 \cdot 75 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}} = 0.002$$

because  $Bi_{\max} < 0.1$  the lumped capacitance assumption is satisfied so the LCM method can be used

$$\text{b) } T_0 = T_\infty$$

$$\rho V C \frac{dT}{dt} = \dot{Q} - h A_s (T - T_\infty), \quad \theta = T - T_\infty, \quad \theta = \frac{d(T - T_\infty)}{dt} = \frac{dT}{dt}$$

$$\theta' + \frac{h A_s}{\rho V C} \theta = \frac{\dot{Q}}{\rho V C}, \quad \frac{h A_s}{\rho V C} = \frac{1}{\tau}, \quad \frac{\dot{Q}}{\rho V C} = f$$

$$\theta' + \frac{\theta}{\tau} = f$$

$$e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} \theta' + \frac{e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} \theta}{\tau} = e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} f$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\theta e^{\frac{t}{\tau}}) = e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} f$$

$$\theta e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} = \int_0^t e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} f dt = \tau f (e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} - 1)$$

$$\theta = \tau f (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$$

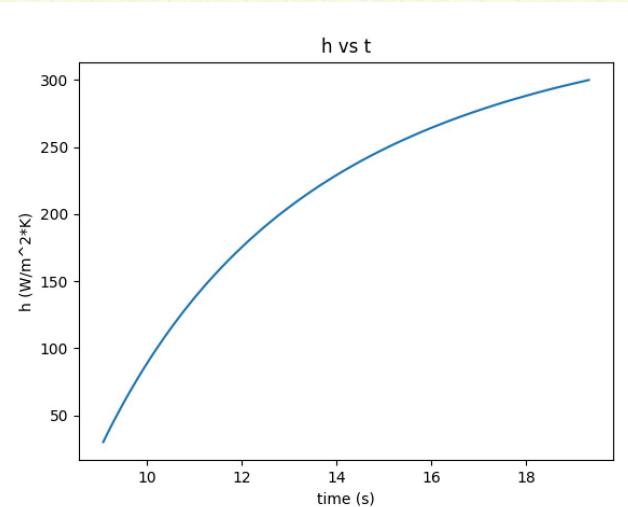
$$h = \frac{\dot{Q}}{\Delta T A_s} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right), \quad \frac{\dot{Q}}{\Delta T A_s} = 353.68 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}, \quad \frac{A_s}{\rho V C} = 0.000325 \frac{\text{K}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{J}}$$

$$e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} = 1 - \frac{h \Delta T A_s}{\dot{Q}}$$

$$t = -\frac{\rho V C}{h A_s} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{h \Delta T A_s}{\dot{Q}} \right)$$


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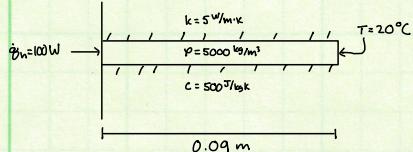
c)



2. Reconsider Problem 3.10 using a separation of variables solution.

- 3.10: A rod with uniform cross sectional area,  $A_c = 0.1 \text{ m}^2$  and perimeter  $P = 0.05 \text{ m}$  is placed in a vacuum environment. The length of the rod is  $L = 0.09 \text{ m}$  and the external surfaces of the rod can be assumed to be adiabatic. For a long time, a heat transfer rate of  $\dot{q}_h = 100 \text{ W}$  is provided to the end of the rod at  $x=0$ . The tip of the rod at  $x=L$  is always maintained at  $T_L = 20^\circ\text{C}$ . The rod material has density  $\rho = 5000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , specific heat capacity  $C_p = 500 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{K}$ , and conductivity  $k = 5 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$ . The rod is at a steady state operating condition when, at a time  $t=0$ , the heat transfer rate at  $x=0$  becomes zero.
- About how long does it take for the rod to respond to the change in heat transfer?
  - Sketch the temperature distribution at  $t=0$  and  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Make sure the temperatures at either end and the temperature distribution is correct.
  - Overlay the profile from (b) with a profile at the time in (a) as well as half and double that time.
  - Sketch the heat transfer rate from the tip as a function of time. Make sure the sketch shows the behavior before and after the time in (a). Make sure that you get the rate at  $t=0$  and  $t \rightarrow \infty$  are correct.
  - Derive the governing differential equation, the boundary conditions, and the initial conditions for the problem.
  - Does the mathematical problem statement derived in (a) satisfy all of the requirements for a separation of variables solution? If not, provide a simple transformation that can be applied so that the problem can be solved using separation of variables.
  - Prepare a separation of variables solution to the transformed problem from (b) and implement your solution in EES.
  - Prepare a plot of the temperature as a function of position for  $t=0$  and  $t \rightarrow \infty$  as well as the times requested in 3-10 (c). Plot temperature profiles at  $t = 0.5 T_{\text{diff}}$  and  $t = 20 T_{\text{diff}}$ , assume  $T_{\text{diff}} = \frac{L}{4\alpha}$  (Fourier Number definition uses  $T_{\text{diff}} = \frac{L}{4\alpha}$ )

$$A_c = 0.1 \text{ m}^2, P = 0.05 \text{ m}$$



$$\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho C_p} = \frac{5 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}}{5000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 500 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{K}} = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$T_{\text{diff}} = \frac{L}{4\alpha} = 1012.5 \text{ s}$$

- a) Because the outer edges are effectively insulated, the problem can be treated as 1D ( $\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0$ ) using the 1D heat equation:

$$k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \dot{q} = \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}, \quad \dot{q} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \frac{\rho C_p}{k} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{B.C. } x=0 : \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$x=L : T = 20^\circ\text{C}$$

I.C.  $\frac{x=L}{t=0} : -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \dot{q}_h / A_c \rightarrow$  assumes that the tip of the rod is not adiabatic due to steady state conditions

- b) the GDE is 1<sup>st</sup> order wrt time and 2<sup>nd</sup> order wrt  $x$ , so it needs 1 initial condition and 2 boundary conditions  
the GDE is linear and homogeneous and the boundary / initial conditions are linear, but there is no direction where all B.C.s are homogeneous  
so SoV is not valid

$$\text{use } \Theta = T - T_L = T - 20^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{B.C. } \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 0$$

$$\Theta(L, t) = 0$$

$$\text{I.C. } t=0 : -k \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L} = \dot{q}_h / A_c$$

- c) SoV solution

$$\Theta(x, t) = X(x) T(t)$$

$$t \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} - \frac{X}{\alpha} \frac{dT}{dt} = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2X}{dx^2}}_{-\lambda^2} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{t} \frac{dt}{dx}}_{\lambda^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2X}{dx^2} + \lambda^2 X = 0, \quad \frac{dt}{dx} + \lambda^2 \alpha t = 0$$

$$X = C_1 \cos(\lambda x) + C_2 \sin(\lambda x) \rightarrow \frac{dX}{dx} = \lambda C_2 \cos(\lambda x)$$

Check B.C.

$$X=0: \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = 0 = t(t) \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = t(t) \lambda C_2 \\ C_2 = 0$$

$$X=L: \Theta = 0 = t(t) C_1 \cos(\lambda L) \Rightarrow \cos(\lambda L) = 0$$

$$\lambda L = \frac{i\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda_i = \frac{i\pi}{2L}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

$$t(t) = C_3 e^{(-\lambda_i^2 \alpha t)}$$

$$\Theta(x,t) = a_i \cos(\lambda_i x) e^{-\lambda_i^2 \alpha t}, \quad a_i = C_1, i C_3; i$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial t} = 0$$

Check GDE:

$$a_i (-\lambda_i^2 \cos(\lambda_i x) e^{-\lambda_i^2 \alpha t} + \lambda_i^2 \cos(\lambda_i x) e^{-\lambda_i^2 \alpha t}) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Series solution and I.C.:

$$\Theta = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \cos(\lambda_i x) e^{-\lambda_i^2 \alpha t} \quad \text{satisfies} \quad -k \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L, t=0} = \frac{\theta_h}{A_c}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L, t=0} = -a_i \frac{i\pi}{2L} \sin\left(\frac{i\pi}{2}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{i\pi}{2L}\right)^2 \alpha \cdot 0} = -a_i \frac{i\pi}{2L}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} k a_i \frac{i\pi}{2L} = \frac{\theta_h}{A_c}$$

$$k a_i \frac{i\pi}{2L}$$

$$a_i = \frac{2L \theta_h}{i\pi k A_c}$$

$$\Theta(x,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{2L \theta_h}{i\pi k A_c} \cos\left(\frac{i\pi}{2L} x\right) e^{-\left(\frac{i\pi}{2L}\right)^2 \alpha t}$$

d) T profiles at  $t = 0, \infty, 0.5 \tau_{\text{diff}}, 2.0 \tau_{\text{diff}}$ . Tested at different number of terms in summation

