

Neutronics:

1. Question 1
 - a. Write the 2 group diffusion equation, put it in operator form and solve for k
 - b. Find the resonance escape probability
 - c. Find the thermal nonleakage factor
 - d. If your known burnup rate is 3.0 pcm per day, what is the core lifetime?
 - e. With a known volumetric expansion of $2 \times 10^{-4} / ^\circ\text{C}$, find the reactivity feedback for $\Delta T = 100^\circ\text{C}$.
2. Estimate the critical fuel mass given a table of number of assemblies and source multiplication.
3. Derive the neutron source distribution and the wall flux in a spherical magnetically confined fusion reactor. (some parameters were given to calculate wall flux)
4. Given that the reactivity in a system is given by $\rho = \rho_o + \gamma q(t)$
 - a. Write the appropriate point kinetics equations
 - b. Find the second order differential equation for $\frac{\partial q(t)}{\partial t}$
 - c. Solve for ρ_o
 - d. Solve for $q(t)$

Materials:

1. Given an alpha of known energy
 - a. Calculate the max energy transferred to carbon and tungsten
 - b. Calculate the average number of displacements created by each
 - c. Calculate the ratio $\frac{T_{\max} \text{ carbon}}{T_{\max} \text{ Tungsten}}$
2. Given a known thermal neutron flux in a reactor (10^{22} n/cm²-s)
 - a. Calculate the rate of (n, γ) reactions in iron given capture cross section.
 - b. If the gamma released is 10 MeV calculate the energy of the recoil iron ion.
 - c. Calculate dpa/sec from iron recoils
 - d. For a 0.5 MeV neutron flux of (10^{22} n/cm²-s), given elastic scatter cross section calculate dpa/sec from neutron scattering.
3. Sputtering
 - a. Relationship of yield at $t=0$ and $t=\infty$
 - b. Given $\frac{N_A^S(\infty)}{N_B^S(\infty)}$ find $\frac{N_B^b}{N_A^b + N_B^b}$
 - c. Calculate $\frac{Y_A(\infty)}{Y_B(\infty)}$
4. DBTT
 - a. Define DBTT
 - b. How do you measure DBTT
 - c. Radiation effect on DBTT and why it is important
 - d. How do you counteract embrittlement
5. Swelling and Creep
 - a. Name several differences between swelling and creep.
 - b. What is the temperature effect on swelling and creep?
 - c. Why are swelling and creep a concern?

Thermal Hydraulics

1. Heat transfer
 - a. Write the general heat transfer equation
 - b. Calculate the temperature profile in a fuel plate. (include fuel, cladding, and coolant)
 - c. Draw the temperature profile in a fuel pin
2. In a BWR
 - a. Give the 1D temperature profile in the reactor
 - b. Write the 1D energy equation
 - c. Calculate the power once $T=T_{\text{sat}}$ (onset of nucleate boiling)
 - d. Calculate the actual power profile once stable boiling is achieved.
 - e. What is the location of onset of nucleate boiling?
 - f. Explain subcooled boiling phenomenon and conditions under which it can occur.
3. Control volume analysis
 - a. Write the mass momentum and energy equations in control volume format
 - b. Write the momentum and energy equations in control volume format during a LOCA.
 - c. Write the ECCS criteria such that the ECCS mass flow rate is greater than the leak.
4. Dimensionless Parameters
 - a. List 5 dimensionless parameters, their definition, and their significance
 - b. What dimensionless parameters must be equivalent for two systems to have momentum equivalence?
 - c. What dimensionless parameters must be equivalent for two systems to have energy equivalence?
 - d. What dimensionless parameters relate to the friction factor and how?