

NE 533

Exam 1

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Problem ①

$$\begin{aligned} * T'(x_0) &= 0 \\ x_0 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(K \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + Q = 0 \\ * x_1 = x \\ T(x_1) = T_1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(K \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + Q = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(K \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) = -Q$$

By integration:

$$\boxed{K \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = -Qx + C_1}$$

$$T \text{ find } C_1 \Rightarrow T'(x_0) = 0 \text{ where } x_0 = 0$$

$$\therefore K T'(x_0) = -Qx_0 + C_1 = -Q(0) + C_1 = 0$$

$$\boxed{\therefore C_1 = 0}$$

$$K \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = -Qx \Rightarrow \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = -\frac{Q}{K}x$$

By integration:

$$T(x) = -\frac{Q}{2K}x^2 + C_2$$

$$T \text{ find } C_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$T(x_1) = -\frac{Q}{2K}x_1^2 + C_2 = T_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{C_2 = T_1 + \frac{Q}{2K}x_1^2}$$

$$\therefore T(x) = -\frac{Q}{2K}x^2 + T_1 + \frac{Q}{2K}x^2 = T_1 + \frac{Q}{2K}[x^2 - x^2]$$

$$\boxed{\therefore T(x) - T_1 = \frac{Q}{2K}[x^2 - x_1^2]}$$

~~Cont'd~~ Problem 1 'Cont'

The assumptions made are:

- ① steady state condition
- ② axisymmetric
- ③ temperature is constant in Z -direction
- ④ thermal conductivity is constant (doesn't depend on T).

Problem ②

$$T_o = ?$$

Coating $\Rightarrow k = 0.015 \text{ W/cm.K}$

Cladding $\Rightarrow k = 0.15 \text{ W/cm.K}$

Fuel $\Rightarrow k = 0.05 \text{ W/cm.K}$

gap $\Rightarrow k = 0.014 \text{ W/cm.K}$

$$T_{coat} = 600 \text{ K}$$

$$Q = 250 \text{ W/cm}^3$$

$$R_f = 0.6 \text{ cm}$$

$$t_g = 0.005 \text{ cm}$$

$$t_{clad} = 0.05 \text{ cm}$$

$$t_{coat} = 0.01 \text{ cm.}$$

\Rightarrow with Coating,

$$T_{co} - T_{coat} = \frac{Q \cdot t_{coat} \cdot R_f}{2 \cdot k_{coat}} = \frac{250 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{cm}^3} \cdot 0.01 \text{ cm}}{2 \cdot 0.015 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{cm} \cdot \text{K}}} + 0.6 = 50 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{co} = 650 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{ci} - T_{co} = \frac{Q \cdot t_{clad} \cdot R_f}{2 \cdot k_{clad}} = \frac{250 \cdot 0.05 + 0.6}{2 \cdot 0.15} - 25 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{ci} = 675 \text{ K}$$

$$T_f - T_{ci} = \frac{250 \cdot 0.005 \cdot 0.6}{2 \cdot 0.004} = 93.75 \Rightarrow T_f = 768.75 \text{ K}$$

$$T_o - T_f = \frac{Q \cdot R_f}{4 \cdot k_f} = \frac{250 \cdot 0.6}{4 \cdot 0.05} = 750 \text{ K} \Rightarrow T_o = 1518.75 \text{ K}$$

\Rightarrow without Coating :

$$T_{ci} = 25 \text{ K} + 600 = 625 \text{ K}$$

$$T_f = 93.75 + 625 = 718.75 \text{ K}$$

$$T_o = 750 + 718.75 = 1468.75 \text{ K}$$

Problem 3:

$$UN \rightarrow \text{enrich} = 19.5\%$$

$$\rho = 12.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\sigma_f = 570 \text{ barns}$$

$$Z_N = 14$$

(a) heat generation rate for $\phi = 5 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec}$

$$Q = E_f N_f \sigma_f \phi$$

To find N_f :

$$M_u = 235 \times 0.195 + 238 \times 0.805 = 237.415 \text{ a.m.u}$$

$$M_{UN} = 0.77 \times 237.415 + 0.23 \times 14 = 252.036 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$N_{U-235} = 12.3 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \times \frac{1}{252.036} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{gm}} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} \times \frac{0.77}{1} \times 0.195 \\ = 4.412 \times 10^{21} \text{ atom/cm}^3$$

$$Q = 200 \times 10^6 \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \times 4.412 \times 10^{21} \times 570 \times 10^{-29} \times 5 \times 10^{12} \\ = 0.00002 \text{ w/cm}^2 \quad ? \quad \underline{\text{too small}}$$

(b) $P_{UO_2} = 10.97 \text{ g/cm}^3$

$$M_{UO_2} = 235x + 238(1-x) + 2 \times 28 =$$

$$N_{UO_2} = 10.97 \times \frac{1}{M_{UO_2}} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} \times x = V$$

then we can find (x).

Problem M1

$$L = 3.5 \text{ m} = 2 Z_0 \rightarrow Z_0 = 1.75 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta HR^\circ = 350 \text{ w/cm}$$

$$\delta = 1.3$$

$$@ \Delta HR(z = 1.4 \text{ m}) = ?$$

$$\Delta HR\left(\frac{z}{Z_0}\right) = \Delta HR^\circ \cos\left[\frac{\pi}{2\delta} \left(\frac{z}{Z_0} - 1\right)\right]$$

$$\therefore \Delta HR(z = 1.4) = 350 \frac{\text{w}}{\text{cm}} \cos\left[\frac{\pi}{2(1.3)} \left(\frac{1.4}{1.75} - 1\right)\right]$$

$$= 349.9 \text{ w/cm}$$

$$(b) \Delta T = ? \quad C_p = 4200 \text{ J/kg.K}, \dot{m} = 0.22 \text{ kg/sec.mol}$$

$$T_{\text{cool}}^+ - T_{\text{cool}}^- = \frac{2\delta}{\pi} \frac{Z_0 \Delta HR^\circ}{\dot{m} C_p} \left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2\delta}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2\delta} \left(\frac{z}{Z_0} - 1\right)\right) \right]$$

$$\therefore \Delta T_{\text{cool}} = \frac{2 \times 1.3}{\pi} \frac{175 \text{ cm} \times 350 \text{ w/cm}}{0.22 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{sec}} \times 4200 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg.K}}} \left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2(1.3)}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2(1.3)} \left(\frac{3.5}{1.75} - 1\right)\right) \right]$$

$$\boxed{\Delta T_{\text{cool}} = 2.3137 \text{ K}}$$

Problem 5

$$dt = 0.5, t_0 = 0, t_n = 1.5, y_0 = 4, \frac{dy}{dt} = t \cdot \exp(-2t)$$

for Backward

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + dt y'_n$$

$$t_1 = 0.5 \Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 + dt y'_1 = 4 + 0.5 [0.5 \cdot \exp(-2 \cdot 0.5)]$$

$$y_1 = 4 + 0.919$$

$$y_1 = 4.091$$

$$t_2 = 1 \Rightarrow y_2 = y_1 + dt y'_2 = 4.091 + 0.5 [(1) \exp(-2 \cdot 1)]$$

$$y_2 = 4.159$$

$$t_3 = 1.5 \Rightarrow y_3 = y_2 + dt y'_3 = 4.159 + 0.5 [(1.5) \exp(-2 \cdot 1.5)]$$

$$y_3 = 4.1969$$

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- * fertile: a material is not itself fissionable but can be converted into a fissile material by neutron absorption
- * fissile: capable of sustaining a nuclear fission chain reaction with neutrons of any energy
- * fissionable: capable of undergoing fission (even with low probability) after capturing a high energy neutron.

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Pure-U has:

- * Anisotropic thermal expansion and irradiation growth
- * swells extremely
- * low melting point.

⑧

smear density: the ratio of fuel volume to the total volume of the fuel element = $\frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2}$

- * It's important because it allows us to control the fuel swelling under irradiation.

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* The natural uranium has low concentration of fissile nuclides, so we need ~~to~~ enrichment to increase the no of the fissile nuclide in the fuel to generate sufficient heat (energy) so the npp's would be economic.

* The uranium is enriched in the form of UF_6 .

* The UF_6 gas is inserted into centrifuge cylinders which rotate at very high speed. Due to the centrifuge force, the UF_6 is separated based on the mass. The heavier nuclides will move outward the center, while the lighter will be closer to the center. Then we can absorb the UF_6 with different ~~masses~~ masses based on the position.

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① Finite difference ② Finite volume ③ Finite element

FEM is the most common because it has the following advantages

- ① model any geometry
- ② n any BCs
- ③ continuous representation
- ④ simulate heterogeneous properties

Its disadvantages include:

- ① complicated
- ② expensive.

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* D NBR: the ratio of the heat flux that causes dryout (the critical heat flux) to the actual heat flux.

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* Critical heat flux: heat flux that causes dryout

V2

TRISO layers:

- ① Fuel Kernel
- ② Buffer
- ③ Inner Pyrolytic Carbon (IPyC)
- ④ SiC
- ⑤ outer Pyrolytic Carbon (OPyC).

→ Reactors use TRISO:

- ① High temp. gas reactor (HTGRs)
- ② Molten salt reactors (MSRs).