Finite Element Method for The Heat equation

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Abstract

Throughout this document we are going to make use of the Finite Element Method to solve the Heat Equation that models the heat flux distribution through cooling fins on the top of a CPU. Given the quite big amount of computation required to solve a system constructed by using this method, it's a perfect study case to apply High Performance computing tools like openMP and MPI. In this particular problem, we've implemented a matlab program and a c++ version. The domain was decomposed into tetrahedral linear elements and the time discretization was done by using the implicit Euler method. As visualization tools we used the ones provided by matlab and Paraview. Our first approach shows how a constant heat flux generated by a CPU disparses through a Box grid and then we extend that into a structured grid of the cooling fins. We tested the speedup of the implemented programs with a weak scaling methodology.

1 Introduction

The Finite Element method is a powerful computational technique to solve a variety of 'real-world' engineering problems having complex domains subjected to general boundary conditions. Those domains are decomposed into simply shaped regions, or "elements". An approximate solution for the PDE can be developed for each of these elements. The total solution is then generated by linking together, or "assembling", the individual solutions taking care to ensure continuity at the interelement boundaries. Thus, the PDE is satisfied in a piecewise fashion.

Although the particulars will vary, the implementation of the finite-element approach usually follows a standard step-by-step procedure:

1. Discretization of the domain into finite elements.

- 2. Select of interpolation/shape functions
- 3. Derive element matrices for the system
- 4. Assembly the element matrices into a global matrix.
- 5. Impose boundary conditions
- 6. Compute the problem solution.

In order to solve the Heat Equation for this particular problem we are going to derive all the equations by following the mentioned procedure and then we are going to compute and visualize the solution through the implementation of a matlab program. Our first approach involves the simulation of a heat flux constantly applied to the bottom of a 3D Box which represents what we'll later convert into a structured grid of a cooling fins on the top of a CPU. The discretization of the domain will be done by using tetrahedral linear elements.

Then we are going to translate our matlab code into a c++ sequential version which involves the implementation of some linear algebra operations and as we are going to store quiet big amount of data for the global systems of equations (which are represented by sparse matrices), we are going to use some implementations of code that allow us to reallocate memory when necessary by using a "Compress Row Storage" technique. The results will be visualized with Paraview throughout vtk files generated by the c++ program.

Once we have our sequential version of the program, the next step will be to parallelize it with an Hybrid version of the code implementing openMP for multithreading and openMPI for multiprocessor communication. This version will be run on the Blue-GeneQ (Avoca) and there will be a weak scaling test in order to show the speedup results of the parallelization process.

Finally, we must mention that we've used as reference the code implementations from Example 15.3 and Example 21.4 taken from the Lecture's Book[1] and other resources such as unstructured grid files as well. The learning outcomes of this Assignment are the ability to apply The Finite element method to the 3D Heat equation and compute its solution using High performance computing techniques with openMP and MPI for this particular problem.

2 Problem Statement

The heat equation can be used to describe the temperature variation through a solid body. The equation derives from the principle of conservation of energy and gives rise to a second order linear PDE of the form:

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \nabla^2 T \tag{1}$$

Where T is the temperature [K], ρ is the mass density $[kgm^3]$, C is the specific heat capacity $[Jkg^{-1}K^{-1}]$, and k is the thermal conductivity $[Wm^{-1}K^{-1}]$. For this particular implementation the computational domain will describe cooling fins on top of a central processing unit and will be defined by an unstructured tetrahedral grid. We assumed that the cooling fins are made from pure copper, having the properties $\rho = 8954kgm^3$, $C = 380Jkg^{-1}K^{-1}$, and $k = 386Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$.

In this particular case the CPU creates a constant heat flux Q_{cpu} , given by:

$$Q_{cpu} = k\nabla T \tag{2}$$

which defines a Neumann boundary condition on the base of the domain and $Q_{cpu} = 40,000Wm^{-2}$. For the remaining boundary of the cooling fins we assumed a convection boundary condition, given by:

$$Q_{air} = k\nabla T = h(T - T_{air}) \tag{3}$$

which defines a Robin boundary condition. Here we assumed that the convection coefficient $h = 100W/m^2K^{-1}$ and the ambient temperature $T_{air} = 300K$. Defining the initial temperature of the cooling fins as ambient, the main goal is to simulate the temperature rise in the domain $t \in [0, 100]s$ and determine the maximum steady state temperature of the cooling fins.

3 Governing Equations

3.1 Discretization of the domain into finite elements

Weighted residual methods assume that a solution can be approximated analytically or piecewise analytically. The idea of this method is that we can multiply the residual by a weighting function and force the integral of the weighted expression over the domain to vanish:

$$\int_{\Omega} W(x)r(x)d\Omega = 0 \tag{4}$$

We understand the residual as a continuous function of space. In this case we are going to use the Galerking method of weighted residuals. In this method the weight functions are chosen to be identical to the trial functions where the trial function is our assumed approximate solution for the PDE which takes the form:

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{N} a_n(x) p_n(x), \quad \text{Where} \quad W_n(x) = p_n(x)$$
 (5)

Applying equation (4) to the Heat Equation (1) we have:

$$r = \rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - k \nabla^2 T$$

$$\int\limits_{\Omega}W(\rho C\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}-k\nabla^2T)d\Omega=0$$

This is an appropriate time to include the convection term into our equation and expanding terms we get:

$$\int_{\Omega} W \rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} W k \nabla^2 T d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} W Q_{air} d\Omega = 0$$
 (6)

We can modify the diffusive second order term by applying the product rule for derivatives which is defined by:

$$\nabla \cdot (W \nabla T) = \nabla W \cdot \nabla T + W \nabla \cdot \nabla T$$
$$= \nabla W \cdot \nabla T + W \nabla^2 T$$

In our second term of Equation (6): Applying the product rule, rearranging, and integrating over the domain we get:

$$\int_{\Omega} Wk\nabla^2 Td\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (Wk\nabla T)d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \nabla W \cdot k\nabla Td\Omega \tag{7}$$

in order to eliminate second order terms of the Equation (7), another important concept we are going to use is the theorem of divergence which can be expressed as follows:

$$\int\limits_{\Omega} \nabla^2 2T d\Omega = \int\limits_{\Gamma} \nabla T \cdot d\Gamma$$

Now, we can make use of the Divergence Theorem and apply it to the second order term of Equation (7) as follows:

$$\int_{\Omega} kW \nabla^2 T d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma} kW \nabla T \cdot d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} k\nabla W \cdot \nabla T d\Omega \tag{8}$$

Substitute Equation (8) in (6) we get:

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho CW \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_{Base}} kW \nabla T \cdot d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} k\nabla W \cdot \nabla T d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_{Fins}} W Q_{air} d\Gamma = 0 \qquad (9)$$

The important point here is that applying the Galerkin method of weighted residuals this way means that for every element we get a 'sub' system of equations local to each element and in terms of the local nodal values $1...N_n$, that must be assembled into a global system of equations with global indices $1...N_p$

Then we can see the second term in the equation corresponds to the value of Q_{cpu} as stated in the model problem. In contrast to other methods, the Neumann boundary conditions are automatically incorporated into the integral form of the PDE. Rearranging terms we get the Weak form of the Heat Equation:

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho CW \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} k \nabla W \cdot \nabla T d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma_{Base}} kW \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{\Gamma} - \int_{\Gamma_{Fins}} W h(T - T_{air}) d\Gamma \quad (10)$$

The overall global system of equations to solve our generic scalar transport equation is then given by:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N_p} \int_{\Omega} (W \rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \nabla W \cdot k \nabla T) d\Omega = \sum_{n=1}^{N_p} \int_{\Gamma_{Base}} W k \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{\Gamma} - \sum_{n=1}^{N_p} \int_{\Gamma_{Fins}} W h (T - T_{air}) d\Gamma$$
(11)

3.2 Shape functions

One of the fundamental steps in a finite element analysis is the discretization of a continuous body containing infinite number of points in the surface into a discrete

model with a limited number of points (or nodes) in the surface. The shape of the body between these nodes its approximated by functions. These functions are known as shape functions, and allow us to relate the coordinates of every point of a finite element with the positions of its nodes.

Thinking of T most generally as being a continuous function of space and time, we will write the assumed solution in the form:

$$T(\mathbf{x},t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_n} \eta_n(\mathbf{x}) T_n(t)$$
(12)

Where η_n are known as the *shape functions*, which are functions of spatial location only, while the nodal values of T are functions of time only.

If we now substitute in our assumed form of the solution from Equation (10), and consider the domain of integration to be the domain of an element itself, the weighted residual expression can be rewritten using Einstein summation notation as:

$$\int_{\Omega_e} \eta_p \eta_q \rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega_e} k \nabla \eta_p \cdot \nabla \eta_q T_q d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma_e} k \eta_p \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{\Gamma} - \int_{\Gamma_e} h \eta_p (\eta_q T_q - T_e) d\Gamma \quad (13)$$

Then the overall System of Equations to solve the Heat Equation is the given by:

$$\sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \int_{\Omega_e} \left(\eta_p \eta_q \rho C \frac{\partial T_q}{\partial t} d\Omega + k \nabla \eta_p \cdot \nabla \eta_q T_q \right) d\Omega = \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \int_{\Gamma_e} k \eta_p \nabla T \cdot d\Gamma - \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p h(\eta_q T_q - T_{air}) d\Gamma$$
(14)

We can then rewrite the system of equations in the form:

$$M\dot{T} = KT + s \tag{15}$$

Where M represents the Mass matrix, K the Stiffness Matrix, both have size of $N_p x N_p$ and finally the s term that is the load vector with size $N_p x 1$. For the Heat Equation we can recognize each term of Equation (15) in the Equation (13) as follows:

$$M_{pq}^{e} = \int_{\Omega_{e}} \rho C \eta_{p} \eta_{q} d\Omega \tag{16}$$

$$K_{pq}^{e} = -k \int_{\Omega_{e}} \nabla \eta_{p} \cdot \nabla \eta_{q} d\Omega - h \int_{\Gamma_{e}} \eta_{p} \eta_{q} d\Gamma$$
 (17)

$$S_p^e = hT_{air} \int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p d\Gamma + k \int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{\Gamma}$$
 (18)

For this case we are going to use tetrahedral elements, which means we are going to have 4 nodes in a 3D element as shown in Figure(). In order to derive the corresponding shape functions we begin by assuming a trial solution which takes the form:

$$T(x, y, z) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 z \tag{19}$$

Where a_0, a_1, a_2 and a_3 are scalar coefficients. This is essentially the 3D equivalent of the trial solution to a triangular element. If we apply this trial solution in every node of the element we'll get:

Where $p_n = \{1 x_n y_n z_n\}$, C will be a square 4x4 matrix and we can solve for the unknown parameters by computing $\mathbf{a} = C^{-1}\mathbf{T}$. Doing so we can find our shape functions by substituting these coefficients back into our trial solution, So we can factor out the nodal values and rewrite the solution in the form:

$$T(x,y,z) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_n} \eta_n(x,y,z) T_n = \eta_1 T_1 + \eta_2 T_2 + \eta_3 T_3 + \eta_4 T_4$$
 (21)

Where the shape functions for the linear tetrahedron are:

$$\eta_1(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left(x_2 \left(y_3 z_4 - y_4 z_3 \right) + x_3 \left(y_4 z_2 - y_2 z_4 \right) + x_4 \left(y_2 z_3 - y_3 z_2 \right) \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(y_4 - y_2 \right) \left(z_3 - z_2 \right) - \left(y_3 - y_2 \right) \left(z_4 - z_2 \right) \right) x \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_3 - x_2 \right) \left(z_4 - z_2 \right) - \left(x_4 - x_2 \right) \left(z_3 - z_2 \right) \right) y \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_4 - x_2 \right) \left(y_3 - y_2 \right) - \left(x_3 - x_2 \right) \left(y_4 - y_2 \right) \right) z \right) \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_4 - x_2 \right) \left(y_3 - y_2 \right) - \left(x_3 - x_2 \right) \left(y_4 - y_2 \right) \right) z \right) \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_4 - x_3 \right) \left(x_3 - y_3 z_4 \right) + x_3 \left(y_1 z_4 - y_4 z_1 \right) + x_4 \left(y_3 z_1 - y_1 z_3 \right) \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(y_3 - y_1 \right) \left(z_4 - z_3 \right) - \left(y_3 - y_4 \right) \left(z_1 - z_3 \right) \right) x \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_4 - x_3 \right) \left(z_3 - z_1 \right) - \left(x_1 - x_3 \right) \left(z_3 - z_4 \right) \right) y \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_3 - x_1 \right) \left(y_4 - y_3 \right) - \left(x_3 - x_4 \right) \left(y_1 - y_3 \right) \right) z \right) \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_3 - x_1 \right) \left(y_4 - y_3 \right) - \left(x_3 - x_4 \right) \left(y_1 - y_3 \right) \right) z \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(y_2 - y_4 \right) \left(z_1 - z_4 \right) - \left(y_1 - y_4 \right) \left(z_2 - z_4 \right) \right) x \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(y_2 - y_4 \right) \left(z_1 - z_4 \right) - \left(y_1 - y_4 \right) \left(z_2 - z_4 \right) \right) x \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_2 - x_4 \right) \left(y_1 - y_4 \right) - \left(x_1 - x_4 \right) \left(y_2 - y_4 \right) \right) z \right) \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_2 - x_4 \right) \left(y_1 - y_4 \right) - \left(x_1 - x_4 \right) \left(y_2 - y_4 \right) \right) z \right) \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(y_1 - y_3 \right) \left(z_2 - z_1 \right) - \left(y_1 - y_2 \right) \left(z_3 - z_1 \right) \right) x \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(y_1 - y_3 \right) \left(z_2 - z_1 \right) - \left(y_1 - y_2 \right) \left(z_3 - z_1 \right) \right) x \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_2 - x_1 \right) \left(z_1 - z_3 \right) - \left(x_3 - x_1 \right) \left(z_1 - z_2 \right) \right) y \right.$$

$$+ \left. \left(\left(x_1 - x_3 \right) \left(y_2 - y_1 \right) - \left(x_1 - x_2 \right) \left(y_3 - y_1 \right) \right) z \right) \right.$$

Where V_e is the volume of the element and is defined in terms of its nodal coordinates as:

$$6V_e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \\ 1 & x_3 & y_3 & z_3 \\ 1 & x_4 & y_4 & z_4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (22)

And we could express the derivatives of the shape functions as:

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1(x,y,z)}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((y_4 - y_2)(z_3 - z_2) - (y_3 - y_2)(z_4 - z_2) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1(x,y,z)}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((x_3 - x_2)(z_4 - z_2) - (x_4 - x_2)(z_3 - z_2) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1(x,y,z)}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((x_4 - x_2)(y_3 - y_2) - (x_3 - x_2)(y_4 - y_2) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_2(x,y,z)}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((y_3 - y_1)(z_4 - z_3) - (y_3 - y_4)(z_1 - z_3) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_2(x,y,z)}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((x_4 - x_3)(z_3 - z_1) - (x_1 - x_3)(z_3 - z_4) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_2(x,y,z)}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((x_3 - x_1)(y_4 - y_3) - (x_3 - x_4)(y_1 - y_3) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_3(x,y,z)}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((y_2 - y_4)(z_1 - z_4) - (y_1 - y_4)(z_2 - z_4) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_3(x,y,z)}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((x_1 - x_4)(z_2 - z_4) - (x_2 - x_4)(z_1 - z_4) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_3(x,y,z)}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((x_2 - x_4)(y_1 - y_4) - (x_1 - x_4)(y_2 - y_4) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_4(x,y,z)}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((x_2 - x_1)(z_1 - z_3) - (x_3 - x_1)(z_1 - z_2) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_4(x,y,z)}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{6V_e} \left((x_1 - x_3)(y_2 - y_1) - (x_1 - x_2)(y_3 - y_1) \right)$$

Furthermore, we have the integration formulae defined for the linear tetrahedron:

$$\int_{\Omega_e} \eta_p^a \eta_q^b \eta_r^c \eta_s^d d\Omega = \frac{a!b!c!d!6\Omega_e}{(a+b+c+d+3)!}$$
(23)

and:

$$\int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p^a \eta_q^b \eta_r^c d\Omega = \frac{a!b!c!2\Gamma_e}{(a+b+c+2)!}$$
(24)

Where for the 3D case Ω_e and Γ_e represent the volume and face area of a tetrahedron respectively.

3.3 Derive element matrices for the System

Let's first consider the integration of the shape functions as required in the mass matrix from Equation (16):

$$M_{p,q}^e = \rho C \int_{\Omega_c} \eta_p \eta_q d\Omega$$

Remembering that p and q are in the range of 1 to 4 for the linear tetrahedral element, what we end up with is a local or 'sub' matrix M_e , which for our linear tetrahedral element will be a 4 x 4 matrix. In order to evaluate each term in the matrix we simply input the values of p and q to the integration formula in Equation (23). For the case where p and q are equal (i.e. for elements on the main diagonal) we get:

$$\begin{split} M_{p,p}^e &= \rho C \int\limits_{\Omega_e} \eta_p \eta_p d\Omega \\ &= \rho C \int\limits_{\Omega_e} \eta_p^2 \eta_q^0 \eta_r^0 \eta_s^0 d\Omega = \frac{\rho C 2! 0! 0! 0! 6\Omega_e}{(2+0+0+0+3)!} \\ &= \frac{2\rho C \Omega_e}{20} \end{split}$$

For the case where p and q are not equal (i.e. for elements off the main diagonal) we get:

$$\begin{split} M_{p,q}^e &= \rho C \int\limits_{\Omega_e} \eta_p \eta_q d\Omega \\ &= \rho C \int\limits_{\Omega_e} \eta_p^1 \eta_q^1 \eta_r^0 \eta_s^0 d\Omega = \frac{\rho C 1! 1! 0! 0! 6\Omega_e}{(1+1+0+0+3)!} \\ &= \frac{\rho C \Omega_e}{20} \end{split}$$

So we can write a single expression for the any element in our local mass matrix as:

$$M_{p,q}^e = \frac{\rho C(1 + \delta_{pq})}{20}$$

which is simple enough that we could write out the whole thing as:

$$M^{e} = \frac{\rho C \Omega_{e}}{20} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1\\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1\\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1\\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (25)

Considering now the contribution of the diffusive term to the stiffness matrix, and writing shape function derivative terms in the form of a column vector with modulo 3 notation for compactness we have:

Performing the Integration we get:

$$-k \int_{\Omega_{e}} \nabla \eta_{p} \cdot \nabla \eta_{q} d\Omega =$$

$$-\frac{k}{36\Omega_{e}^{2}} \begin{cases} (y_{p+3} - y_{p+1})(z_{p+2} - z_{p+1}) - (y_{p+2} - y_{p+1})(z_{p+3} - z_{p+1}) \\ (x_{p+2} - x_{p+1})(z_{p+3} - z_{p+1}) - (x_{p+3} - x_{p+1})(z_{p+2} - z_{p+1}) \\ (x_{p+3} - x_{p+1})(y_{p+2} - y_{p+1}) - (x_{p+2} - x_{p+1})(y_{p+3} - y_{p+1}) \\ & \cdots \end{cases}$$

$$\cdot \begin{cases} (y_{q+3} - y_{q+1})(z_{q+2} - z_{q+1}) - (y_{q+2} - y_{q+1})(z_{q+3} - z_{q+1}) \\ (x_{q+2} - x_{q+1})(z_{q+3} - z_{q+1}) - (x_{q+3} - x_{q+1})(z_{q+2} - z_{q+1}) \\ (x_{q+3} - x_{q+1})(y_{q+2} - y_{q+1}) - (x_{q+2} - x_{q+1})(y_{q+3} - y_{q+1}) \end{cases} \Omega_{e}$$

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The important point to note is that the dot product between these two vectors produce a scalar value. Now we obtain the second part of the contribution to the stiffness matrix again first evaluating the integral for the main diagonal where p=q:

$$-h \int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p \eta_p d\Gamma = -h \int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p^2 \eta_q^0 \eta_r^0 d\Gamma$$
$$= -\frac{h2!0!0!2\Gamma_e}{(2+0+0+2)!}$$
$$= -\frac{2h\Gamma_e}{12}$$

Then we do the same for the off diagonal terms where $p \neq q$:

$$-h\int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p \eta_q d\Gamma = -h\int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p^1 \eta_q^1 \eta_r^0 d\Gamma$$
$$= -\frac{h!!!!0!2\Gamma_e}{(1+1+0+2)!}$$
$$= -\frac{h\Gamma_e}{12}$$

So we can write a single expression for the any element in the contribution term for our local stiffness matrix as:

$$K_{p,q}^e = -\frac{h(1+\delta_{pq})}{12}$$

which is simple enough that we could write out the whole thing as:

$$K^{e} = -\frac{h\Gamma_{e}}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1\\ 1 & 2 & 1\\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (27)

Considering the contribution of the Neumann boundary condition term to the load vector, we have to perform the integral:

$$\mathbf{s}_p^f = k \int_{\Gamma_e} \eta_p \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{\Gamma}$$

An important point to note is that we will only perform this integral over the boundary of the element (which in our case translates into a face of a triangle) if that element happens to be on a Neumann boundary of our computational domain. In this case p will be in the range 1 to 3. Because our Neumann boundary conditions are applied

normal to the boundary, the gradient can be specified as a scalar (the implied direction being normal to the boundary face) and so the dot product will drop out of the integral. We will furthermore assume that T does not vary over the boundary of the element. Making use of the second integration formula (24) we then have:

$$\mathbf{s}_{p}^{f} = k \int_{\Gamma_{e}} \eta_{p} \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{\Gamma}$$

$$= k \nabla T \int_{\Gamma_{e}} \eta_{p} \cdot d\mathbf{\Gamma}$$

$$= k \nabla T \frac{h1!0!0!2\Gamma_{e}}{(1+0+0+2)!}$$

$$= \frac{k \nabla T \Gamma_{e}}{3}$$

So we can write the contribution to our load vector as:

$$\mathbf{s}_{p}^{f} = \frac{k\nabla T\Gamma_{e}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{28}$$

And finally we obtain the first part of our load vector as follows:

$$\mathbf{s}_{p}^{e} = hT_{air} \int_{\Gamma_{e}} \eta_{p} \cdot d\Gamma$$

$$= hT_{air} \int_{\Gamma_{e}} \eta_{p} \cdot d\Gamma$$

$$= hT_{air} \frac{h1!0!0!2\Gamma_{e}}{(1+0+0+2)!}$$

$$= \frac{hT_{air}\Gamma_{e}}{3}$$

So we can write the contribution to our load vector as:

$$\mathbf{s}_{p}^{e} = \frac{hT_{air}\Gamma_{e}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (29)

3.4 Assemble

3.5 Apply Boundary conditions

4 Problem Solution and Implementation

In order to compute the solution of the problem, firstly we implemented a Matlab program using a Box grid as our first approach to test the results. Then we translated it into its c++ sequential version. At this point we'll be going to show the output results in Paraview through an unstructured Box grid as well as a more complex figure representing a CPU heat sink. After getting the desired results we are going to parallelize the sequential version of the c++ code by using MPI and openMP.

4.1 Matlab and C++ implementation

As we are going to reuse the code provided in the Lectures and tutorials, we decided to describe only the part of the code that was modified/added and some relevant comments related to it. For this part of the implementation we used the Example21-4.m for the matlab code and Example21-4.cpp for the c++ sequential version. The domain will be in $x \in [0,0.02], y \in [0,0.02], z \in [0,0.02]$ and te[0,100]. For the spatial discretization we will use the Finite Element method with linear tetrahedral elements, for the temporal discretization we will use the implicit Euler method, and we will solve the resulting linear system with the Conjugate Gradient method. The first step is to set up all the constant terms from the Heat equation. This could be done by adding the next lines:

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rho = 8954.00;

C = 380.00;

k = 386.00;

h = 100.00;

Tair = 300.00;

Qcpu = 40000.00;
```

In c++ we could do the similar:

As mentioned in the problem statement, we assumed the initial temperature of the cooling fins as ambient (300K). Thus we set the initial condition as follows:

```
% Set initial condition
    phi(:,1) = 300;
And in the c++ version:

for(int m=0; m<N_p; m++)
{
    phi[m] = 300;
}</pre>
```

In Matlab the read function is defined to return the value of the Points, Faces, Elements, Boundaries as well as total number of points, faces, elements and boundaries defined in the .grid files. The .grid file is defined almost the same for the Matlab program and its c++ version, the only difference is that we need to define explicitly the parameter values in Matlab and the c++ program has to go through the file by reading line by line. An example of the .grid file is shown as follows:

```
N_{-}p = 812;
N_f = 1244;
N_{-e} = 2949;
N_b = 2;
Points = [
0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
0.00000 0.02000 0.00000
0.02000 0.02000 0.00000
];
Faces = [
    9
          10
                185
    9
         155
                 1
         185
                155
];
Elements = [
  574
         544
                556
                       757
  686
         133
                169
                       740
  237
         725
                240
                       754
= 'Fins';
Boundaries (1) . name
                   = 'robin';
Boundaries (1) .type
```

```
Boundaries(1).N = 1050;

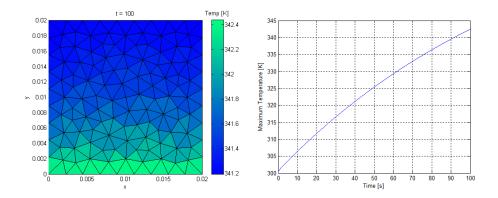
Boundaries(1).indices = [ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 ...];

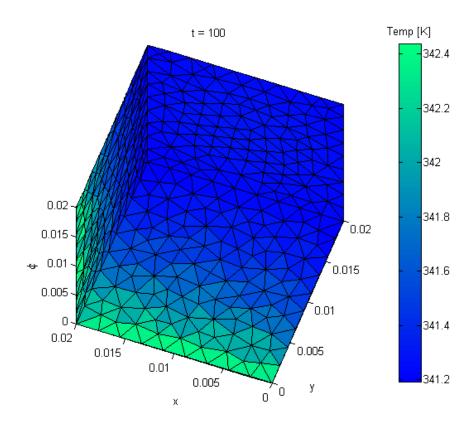
Boundaries(1).value = 0.00000;
```

The read function for the c++ version was modified in order to get the data for the linear tetrahedron elements defined in the unstructured grid from the file. This file could be a simple Box grid or as we will see later, a more complex form like a CPU sink. The array variables which will store all the information needed are:

```
file >> temp >> N_p;
file >> temp >> N_f;
file >> temp >> N_e;
file >> temp >> N_b;
Points
                 = new double*
                                   [N_p];
Faces
                   new int*
                                   [N_f];
Elements
                 = new int*
                                   [N_e];
Boundaries
                 = new Boundary
                                   [N_b];
Points[0]
                 = new double
                                   [N_p * 3];
Faces[0]
                 = new int
                                   [N_f * 3];
Elements[0]
                                   [N_e * 4];
                 = new int
```

Where "file" is the fstream object which handles the input file, the temp variable will be used to read and store some 'useless' data from the file (i.e. the description labels for each value) and a Boundaries variable which is an instance of the Boundary class. At this point we should mention that Matlab allow us to store data in matrices and to perform basic linear algebra operations very easily with them, however, we cannot do the exactly the same with c++. As we are going to to store and compute big amount of data, specially when we are dealing with the global system of equations after the assemble process, we are going to make use of the provided SparseMatrix and Boundary class definitions. For example





4.2 Parallel MPI C++ implementation

4.3 Hybrid openMP and MPI implementation

5 Discussion

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6 Results

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7 References

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