

CP1 for NPRE 501

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1 Problem Definition

Table 1 lists the constants used in the problem.

Parameter	Value	[Unit]
Diameter	6	[cm]
Radius	3	[cm]
Geometry	Sphere	
k	15	$[\frac{W}{mK}]$
Density	8000	$[\frac{kg}{m^3}]$
Specific Heat	500	$[\frac{J}{kgK}]$
α	3.75e-6	$[\frac{m^2}{s}]$

Table 1: Problem Constants. Derived constants are in bold.

Differential Equation:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{dT}{dr}$$

Boundary Conditions:

$$T(0, t) = \text{finite} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{dT}{dr}(r = 0, t) = 0$$

$$\frac{dT}{dr}(r = R) = 0$$

Initial Condition:

$$T(r, 0) = \frac{T_0}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{\pi \cdot r}{R}))$$

2 C. Numerical Solution

Expanding the differential equation:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{2}{r} \frac{dT}{dr} + \frac{d^2T}{dr^2}$$

Applying the finite difference method, central for r and explicit for t:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{T_k^{u+1} - T_k^u}{\Delta t} = \frac{2}{r_k} \left(\frac{T_{k+1}^u - T_{k-1}^u}{2\Delta r} \right) + \frac{T_{k-1}^u - 2T_k^u + T_{k+1}^u}{\Delta r^2}$$

where u is the temporal step and k is the spacial step.

Solving for T_k^u :

$$T_k^u = \frac{\frac{2}{r_k} \left(\frac{T_{k+1}^u - T_{k-1}^u}{2\Delta r} \right) + \frac{T_{k-1}^u + T_{k+1}^u}{\Delta r^2} - \frac{T_k^{u+1}}{\alpha \Delta t}}{\frac{2}{\Delta r^2} - \frac{1}{\alpha \Delta t}}$$

3 Appendix A

3.1 a. Final Temperature Distribution in the Sphere

The final temperature distribution will be a cosine curve with the highest point at $r = 0$, gradually going down to the minimum value at $r = R$.

4 Appendix B

4.1 Analytical solution for solving T(r,t) directly

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{dT}{dr}$$

Boundary Conditions:

$$T(0, t) = finite$$

$$\frac{dT}{dr}(r = R) = 0$$

Initial Condition:

$$T(r, 0) = \frac{T_0}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{\pi \cdot r}{R}))$$

set:

$$T(r, t) = \frac{\bar{T}}{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{d\bar{T}}{dt} \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \left(\frac{d\bar{T}}{dr} \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \bar{T} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{d\bar{T}}{dt} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{d\bar{T}}{dr} r - \bar{T} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{d\bar{T}}{dt} = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{d^2 \bar{T}}{dr^2} r + \frac{d\bar{T}}{dr} - \frac{d\bar{T}}{dr} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{d\bar{T}}{dt} = \frac{d^2 \bar{T}}{dr^2}$$

turns into a cartesian problem.

Applying Separation of Variables:

$$\bar{T}(r, t) = \Gamma(t) \Psi(r)$$

Boundary Conditions:

$$\Psi(r = 0) = \text{finite}$$

$$\frac{d\Psi}{dr}(r = R) = 0$$

Applying the new variables, dividing both sides by $\Gamma(t)\Psi(r)$, and setting it to a new variable $-\beta^2$:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha \Gamma} \cdot \frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = \frac{d^2 \Psi}{dr^2} \frac{1}{\Psi} = -\beta^2$$

Solving for Ψ first:

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi}{dr^2} \frac{1}{\Psi} = -\beta^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi}{dr^2} + \beta^2 \Psi = 0$$

$$\Psi(r) = C_1 \sin(\beta r) + C_2 \cos(\beta r)$$

Applying the first boundary condition, interpreting as $\frac{d\Psi}{dr}(r = 0) = 0$, $C_1 = 0$

Applying the second boundary condition,

$$0 = -C_2 \beta \sin(\beta R)$$

$$\sin(\beta R) = 0$$

$$\beta R = \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi \dots$$

$$\beta_n = \frac{n\pi}{R} \quad \text{where } n = 1 \text{ to } \infty$$

Solving for $\Gamma(t)$:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha \Gamma} \cdot \frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = -\beta_n^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha \Gamma} \cdot \frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = -\beta_n^2 \alpha \Gamma$$

$$\Gamma(t) = A_1 e^{-\alpha \beta_n^2 t}$$

This makes $\bar{T}(r, t)$:

$$\bar{T}(r, t) = A_n e^{-\alpha \beta_n^2 t} \sin(\beta_n r)$$

$$\beta_n = \frac{n\pi}{R} \quad \text{where } n = 1 \text{ to } \infty$$

Solving back for $T(r, t)$:

$$T(r, t) = \frac{A_n}{r} e^{-\alpha \beta_n^2 t} \sin(\beta_n r)$$

Applying initial condition and orthogonality:

$$T(r, 0) = \frac{A_n}{r} \sin(\beta_n r) = \frac{T_0}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{\pi \cdot r}{R}))$$

$$A_n = \frac{\int_0^R \frac{T_0 r^3 \sin(\beta_n r)}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{\pi \cdot r}{R})) dr}{\int_0^R r^2 \sin^2(\beta_n r) dr}$$

The analytical solution is:

$$T(r, t) = \frac{\int_0^R \frac{T_0 r^3 \sin(\beta_n r)}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{\pi \cdot r}{R})) dr}{r \int_0^R r^2 \sin^2(\beta_n r) dr} e^{-\alpha \beta_n^2 t} \sin(\beta_n r)$$

$$\beta_n = \frac{n\pi}{R} \quad \text{where } n = 1 \text{ to } \infty$$

4.2 Code1

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