

# 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]
<b>Radius</b>	<b>3</b>	[cm]
Geometry	Sphere	
k	15	$[\frac{W}{mK}]$
Density	8000	$[\frac{kg}{m^3}]$
Specific Heat	500	$[\frac{J}{kgK}]$
$\alpha$	<b>3.75e-6</b>	$[\frac{m^2}{s}]$

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:

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

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

Initial Condition:

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

## 1.1 Finding Steady State

Since there is no heat generation or leakage ( $r=R$  is insulated), the steady state temperature is a constant throughout the sphere.

Expressing mathematically,

$T_{ss}$  is when  $\frac{dT}{dt} = 0$ :

$$0 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \left( \frac{dT_{ss}}{dr} \right)$$

$$\frac{C_1}{r^2} = \frac{dT_{ss}}{dr}$$

$$-\frac{C_1}{r} + C_2 = T_{ss}$$

applying BC:

at  $r = 0$ , finite, makes  $C_1 = 0$

$$T_{ss} = C_2$$

the numerical value of this constant can be found doing an energy balance of the system.

$$\int_0^R \frac{T_0}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{\pi r}{R})) r^2 dr = \int_0^R C r^2 dr$$

$$\frac{T_0}{2} \int_0^R (r^2 - r^2 \cos(\frac{\pi r}{R})) dr = C \frac{R^3}{3}$$

using separation of variables:

$$\frac{T_0}{2} \left( \frac{R^3}{3} - \left( \frac{r^2 R}{\pi} \sin(\frac{\pi r}{R}) \right) \Big|_0^R - \frac{2R}{\pi} \int_0^R r \sin(\frac{\pi r}{R}) dr \right) = C \frac{R^3}{3}$$

Solving this:

$$\frac{T_0}{2} \left( \frac{R^3}{3} + \frac{2R^3}{\pi^2} \right) = C \frac{R^3}{3}$$

$$C = T_{ss} = \frac{3T_0}{2} \left( \frac{\pi^2 + 6}{3\pi^2} \right) \approx 0.804T_0$$

## 2 Numerical Solution

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

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

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

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

Solving for  $T_k^{u+1}$ :

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

Applying neuman boundary condition at r=0:

$$\frac{dT(0, t)}{dr} = 0$$

$$\frac{T_1^u - T_{-1}^u}{2\Delta r} = 0$$

$$T_1^u = T_{-1}^u$$

This gives:

$$T_0^{u+1} = T_0^u + \alpha * \frac{\Delta t}{(\Delta r)^2} (2T_1^u - 2T_0^u)$$

Applying neuman boundary condition at r=R (k=K at r=R):

$$-k \frac{dT(R, t)}{dr} = 0$$

$$\frac{T_{K+1}^u - T_{K-1}^u}{2\Delta r} = 0$$

$$T_{K+1}^u = T_{K-1}^u$$

This gives:

$$T_K^{u+1} = T_K^u + \alpha * \frac{\Delta t}{(\Delta r)^2} (2T_{K-1}^u - 2T_K^u)$$

## 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:

$$T(0, t) = \text{finite}$$

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

Initial Condition:

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

set:

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

$$\bar{T}(r, t) = T(r, t)r + T_s sr$$

plugging this back into the differential equation:

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

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

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

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

where

$$\bar{T}(0, t) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\bar{T}}{dr} = \frac{\bar{T}}{R}$$

and initial condition

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

This turns into a cartesian problem.

Applying Separation of Variables:

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

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  $\Psi$  first:

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

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

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

Boundary Conditions:

Since:

$$\frac{dT}{dr} = -\frac{\bar{T}}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{T}}{dr}$$

The boundary conditions become:

$$-\Psi(r = 0) = 0$$

$$-k\left(\frac{\Psi}{R^2} + \frac{d\Psi}{dr} \frac{1}{R}\right) = 0$$

Applying the first boundary condition, interpreting as  $\Psi(r = 0) = 0, C_2 = 0$

Applying the second boundary condition,

$$-\frac{C_1 \sin(\beta R)}{R^2} + C_1 \cos(\beta R) \beta = 0$$

$$-\sin(\beta R) + R\beta \cos \beta R = 0$$

$$\tan(\beta R) = R\beta$$

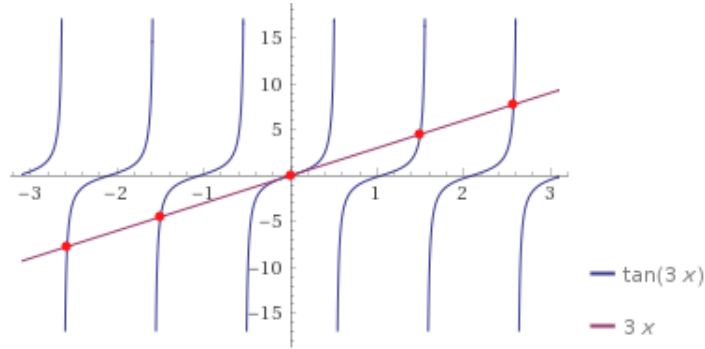


Figure 1: Plot of  $\tan(3x) = 3x$ .

$\beta$  is the zeros of that equation (illustrated in fig. 1)

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

$$\bar{T}(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n e^{-\alpha \beta_n^2 t} \sin(\beta_n r)$$

Applying initial condition and orthogonality:

$$T \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(\beta_n r) = r \frac{T_0}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{\pi r}{R})) - T_{ss} r$$

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

Plugging all this into  $T(r, t)$ :

$$T(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \frac{\sin(\beta_n r)}{r} e^{-\beta_n^2 \alpha t} + T_{ss}$$

## 4.2 Analytical solution by defining new temperature

$$T'(r, t) = T(r, t) - T_{ss}$$

$$T'(r, t) + T_{ss} = T(r, t)$$

where  $T_{ss}$  is:

$$0 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \left( \frac{dT_{ss}}{dr} \right)$$

$$\frac{C_1}{r^2} = \frac{dT_{ss}}{dr}$$

$$-\frac{C_1}{r} + C_2 = T_{ss}$$

applying BC:

at  $r = 0$ , finite, makes  $C_1 = 0$

$$T_{ss} = C_2$$

Plugging the new definition into the original differential equation:

differential equation becomes:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \frac{dT'}{dt} + \frac{dT_{ss}}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \left( \frac{dT'}{dr} + \frac{dT_{ss}}{dr} \right)$$

Considering  $\frac{dT_{ss}}{dt} = \frac{dT_{ss}}{dr} = 0$ ,

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

Boundary Conditions:

$$T'(0, t) = \text{finite}$$

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

Initial Condition:

$$T'(r, 0) = \frac{T_0}{2} \left( 1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi \cdot r}{R}\right) \right) - C_2$$

set:

$$T'(r, t) = \frac{\overline{T'}}{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{d\overline{T'}}{dt} \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \left( \frac{d\overline{T'}}{dr} \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \overline{T'} \right)$$



$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{d\bar{T}'}{dt} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{d\bar{T}'}{dr} r - \bar{T}' \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{d\bar{T}'}{dt} = \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{T}'}{dr^2} r + \frac{d\bar{T}'}{dr} - \frac{d\bar{T}'}{dr} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{d\bar{T}'}{dt} = \frac{d^2 \bar{T}'}{dr^2}$$

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  $\Psi$  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  $\Psi(r = 0) = 0, C_2 = 0$

Applying the second boundary condition,

$$-\frac{C_1 \sin(\beta R)}{R^2} + C_1 \cos(\beta R) \beta = 0$$

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Solving for  $\Gamma(t)$ :

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

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

This makes  $\overline{T}'(r, t)$ :

$$\overline{T}'(r, t) = A_n e^{-\alpha \beta_n^2 t} \sin(\beta_n r)$$

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:

$$T'(r, 0) = \frac{A_n}{r} \sin(\beta_n r) = \frac{T_0}{2} (1 - \cos(\frac{\pi \cdot r}{R})) + C_2$$

$$A_n = \frac{\int_0^R r^3 \sin(\beta_n r) (\frac{T_0}{2} \cdot (1 - \cos \frac{\pi r}{R}) + C_2) dr}{\int_0^R r^2 \sin^2 \beta_n r dr}$$

The analytical solution is:

$$T'(r, t) = \frac{\int_0^R r^3 \sin(\beta_n r) \left( \frac{T_0}{2} \cdot (1 - \cos \frac{\pi r}{R}) + T_{ss} \right) dr}{\int_0^R r^2 \sin^2 \beta_n r dr} e^{-\alpha \beta_n^2 t} \sin(\beta_n r)$$

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

Since the solution from section 4.1 with  $n = 0$  covers the steady state case, this problem is redundant and provides no new insight into the problem from section 4.1.

### 4.3 Code1

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