

ME 581 Fall 2017
Final Exam (Take Home)
Friday, December 8 2017 7:00PM EST to
Thursday, December 14 2017 7:00PM EST

Problem 1 (50 pts)	
Problem 2 (50 pts)	
Total (100 pts)	

- 1) Time limit: Start Time: 7 :00 P.M. EST on December 8, 2017 End Time: 7.00 P.M. EST on December 14, 2017.
- 2) It will be solved using Jupyter notebooks and submitted as a single pdf file in Blackboard.
- 3) Notes, books and homework are allowed during the exam.
- 4) Laptops and calculators are allowed.
- 5) You can use all the functions that you wrote for previous homework assignments in your exam, so make sure that they are working properly.
- 6) You do not need a proctor.
- 7) The final exam should be done on your own and should not be discussed with any other person.

Problem 1:

A given geothermal heat pump uses the heat naturally stored in the ground to heat cold water pumped through underground pipes during the winter (see Figure 1.1).

The time-dependent temperature distribution $T(y, t)$ of the water pumped through a single pipe (see Figure 1.2) satisfies the equation

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \frac{4h}{\rho c_p d} (T_g - T)$$

where $v = 1 \text{ m/s}$ is the velocity of the water pumped through the pipe, $h = 990 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ is the heat transfer coefficient, $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$ is the density of the water, $c_p = 4180 \text{ J}/(\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ is the heat capacity of the water, and $d = 70 \text{ mm}$ is the diameter of the pipe.

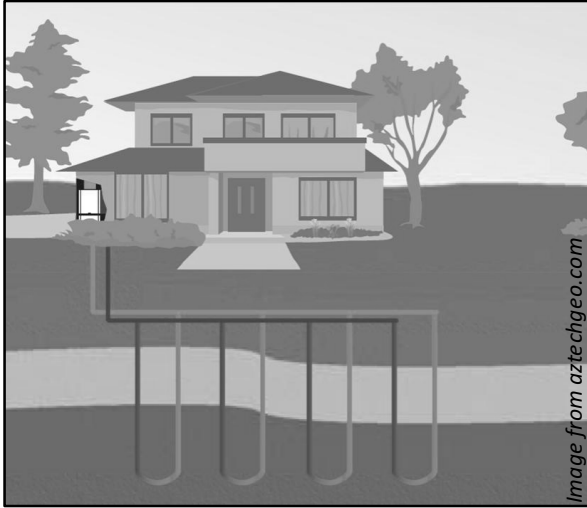


Figure 1.1: A geothermal heat pump system.

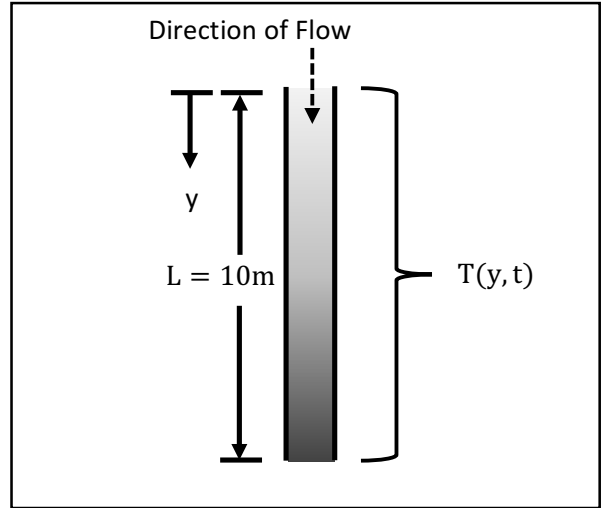


Figure 1.2: An illustration of the temperature distribution in a single pipe.

Consider a single vertical pipe in this system. The initial temperature distribution of the water along the pipe is taken as identical to the temperature profile of the ground,

$$T(y, 0) = T_g = \left(3 + 10e^{-\frac{1}{2y}} \right) ^\circ\text{C}$$

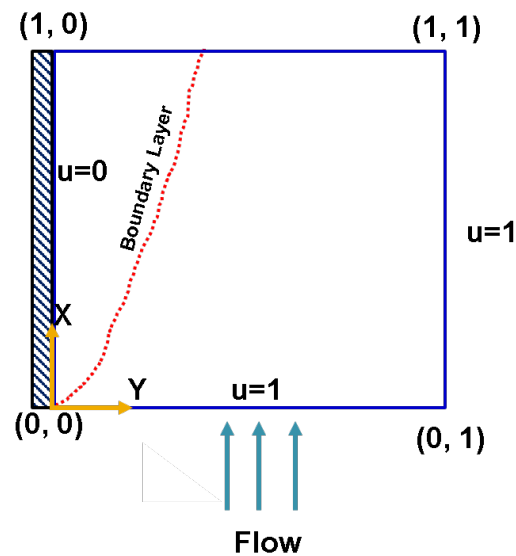
where y is in meters. As the heat pump is turned on and the water begins to flow, the temperature of the water flowing into the intake is constant at $T(0, t) = 3^\circ\text{C}$.

Apply an explicit first-order finite difference method with a spatial discretization of $\Delta y = 0.05 \text{ m}$ and a temporal discretization of $\Delta t = 0.005 \text{ s}$ to approximate the temperature

$T(y,t)$ of the water in the pipe for the first 10 seconds of operation. Graph the temperature profile $T(y,t)$ at 1-second intervals from $t = 0$ s to $t = 10$ s.

Problem 2

Solve the given convection-diffusion equation using finite differencing methods over the domain $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq 1$ as shown in Figure 1.



$$C \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}, \text{ where } C=1 \text{ m/s and } D = 0.05 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \quad (2.1)$$

subject to the boundary conditions,

Inflow boundary condition : $u(x = 0, y) = 1 \text{ m/s}$

No slip boundary condition at the wall: $u(x, y = 0) = 0$

Far away from the plate wall : $u(x, y = 1) = 1 \text{ m/s}$

- (40 points) Solve using finite difference with $\Delta X = \Delta Y = 0.01$. Show the approximate solution in a contour plot of $u(x,y)$.
- (10 points) Find the exact solution to the above equation using separation of variables method. Compare (plot) the approximate solution and the exact solution $u(x,y)$ at $x=0.1$ m, 0.5 m and 0.8 m as a function of y .

HINT: See that equation 2.1 is the “heat equation” if you replace x with t .