

Energy & Heat Transfer

A close-up photograph of a matchstick burning. The head of the match is engulfed in bright orange and yellow flames, with smoke rising from the burning area. The wooden body of the match is visible to the right, showing the charred remains of the burnt portion. The background is dark, making the fire stand out.

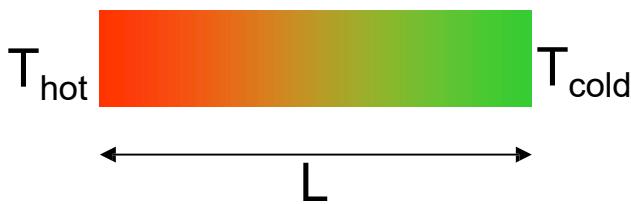
Lecture 6

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Recap of last lectures

Heat Transfer Modes

Conduction



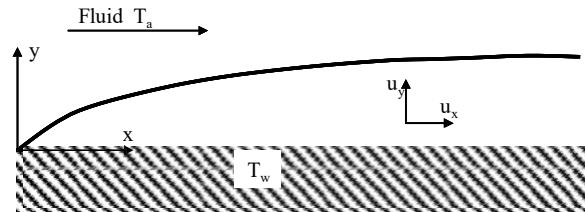
- Fourier Law

$$\dot{Q} = -kA \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x} [W]$$

Thermal Conductivity
[W/m.K]
Material properties

Cross-
Sectional Area
[m²]

Convection



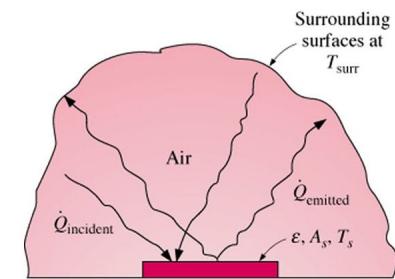
- Newton's law of cooling

$$\dot{Q} = hA(T_w - T_a) [W]$$

Convective Heat
Transfer Coefficient
[W/m²K]
Flow dependent

- Natural Convection
- Forced Convection

Radiation

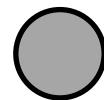


- Stefan-Boltzmann law

$$\dot{Q} = \varepsilon\sigma A(T_s^4 - T_\infty^4) [W]$$

Emissivity
Stefan-Boltzmann constant
 $\sigma = 5.670 \times 10^{-8} \frac{W}{m^2 K^4}$

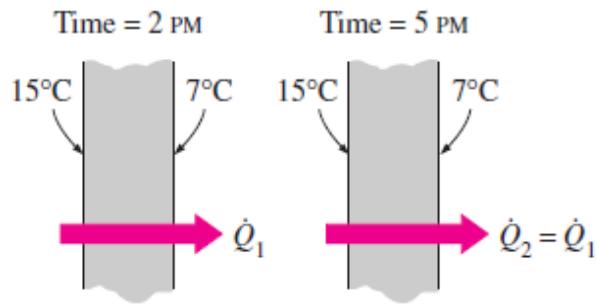
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Time dependent heat transfer problems

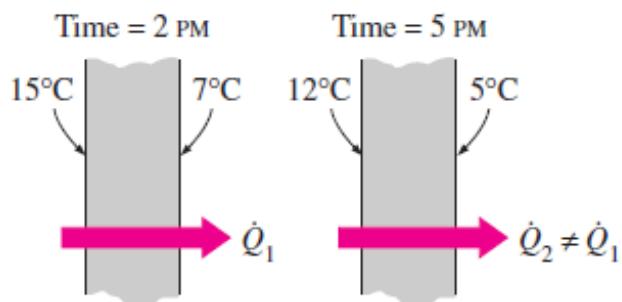
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UNSTEADY HEAT TRANSFER CONCEPT



Steady State

- In **steady state heat transfer**, the **temperature** at any particular point in the system remains **constant** after equilibrium is attained.
- The **amount of heat entering** any section is then **equal** to the **amount of heat exiting** the section, because the driving force (temperature difference) is constant.



Unsteady State

- In **unsteady state**, the **temperature** within an object itself keeps **changing with time**.
- The **heat entering a section** thus might **not be the same** as the **heat exiting the section**, as the temperature difference across the section keeps changing with time.

Transient processes



$t = 0 \text{ s}$

$$T_{\infty} = 0^{\circ} \text{ C}$$

$$\rightarrow T_s = 25^{\circ} \text{ C}$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{Q} \approx 300 \text{ W}$$

$$T_s \text{ drops} - 10^{\circ} \text{ C / min}$$



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$$\rightarrow \dot{Q} \approx 150 \text{ W}$$

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- Assume: bottle has uniform temperature

- The lower the temperature difference is, the lower and slower the drop in temperature (difference) will be.

steady / transient

So far: steady state

- Constant in time
- Equilibrium (approximately)



Transient: time dependent

- Heating
- Cooling

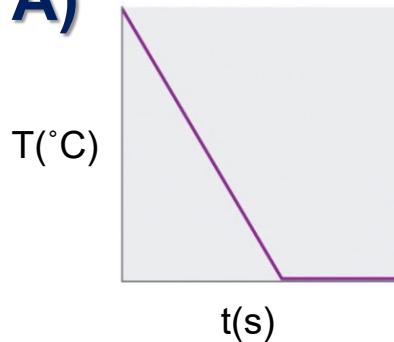


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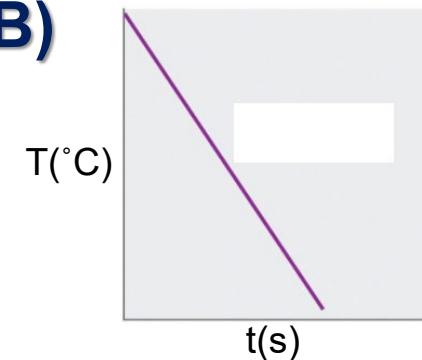
- The initial temperature of water is above 50 degree.
- The temperature changes during the time, therefore the system is at unsteady state.



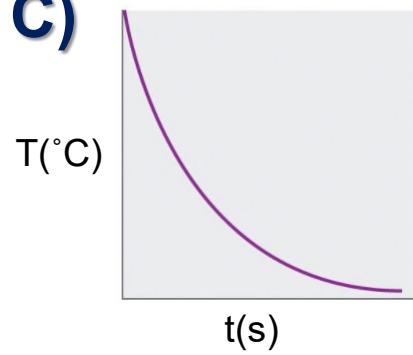
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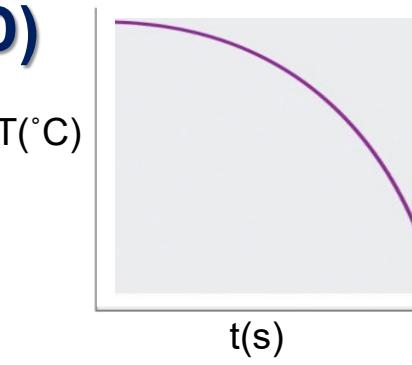
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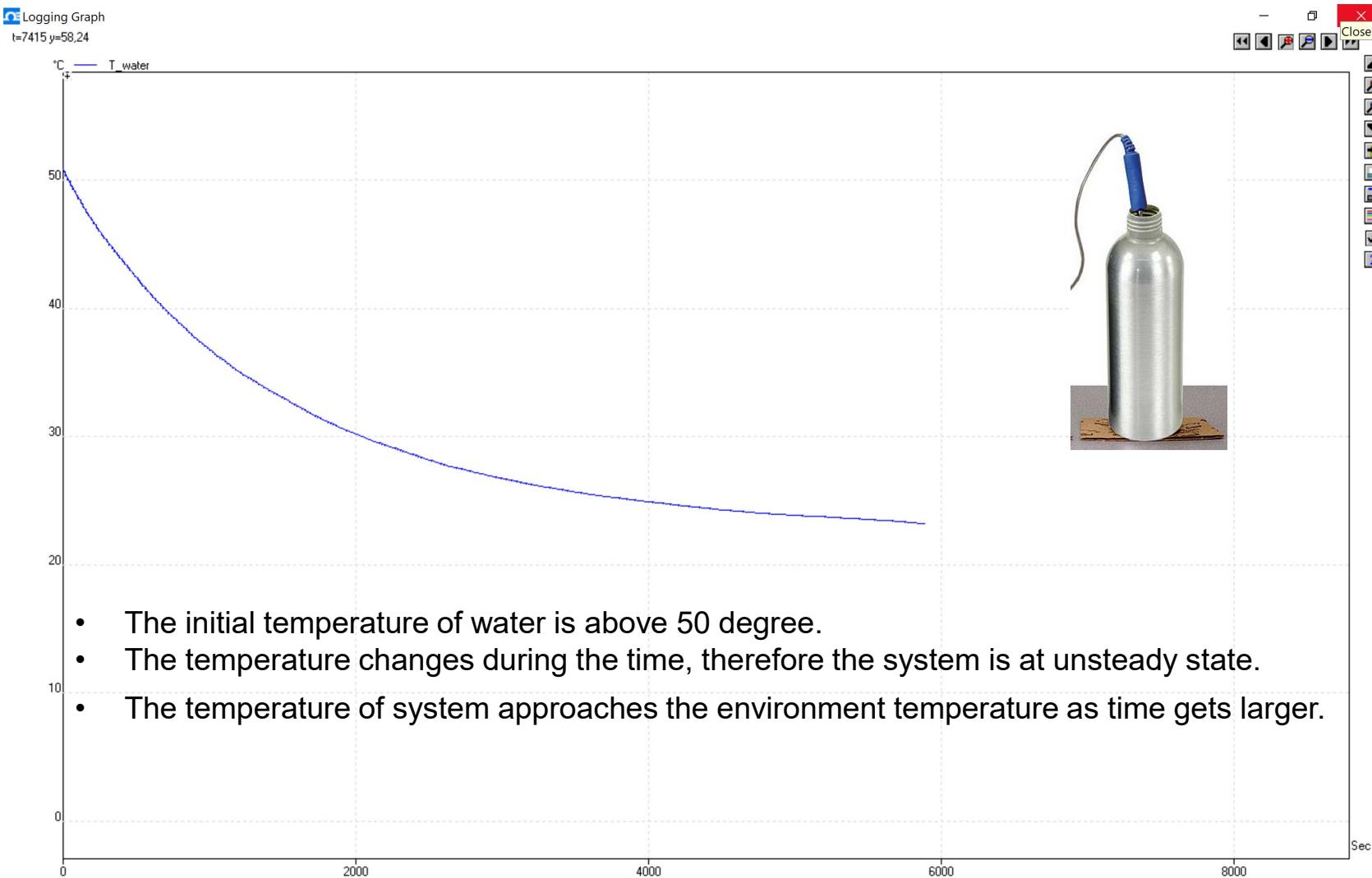
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D)



Temperature transient analysis of a hot water

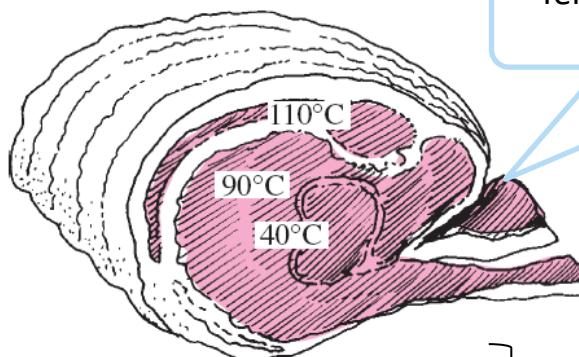


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UNSTEADY HEAT TRANSFER LUMPED SYSTEM ANALYSIS



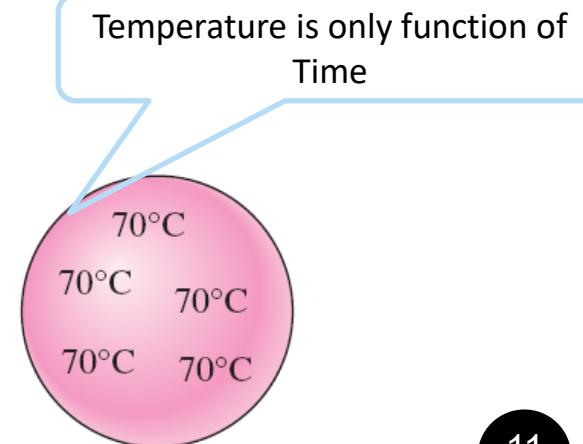
Temperature is a function of time and space

Convection: heat from outer layer

Conduction: heat transferred from outer layer to core

Factors:
 $h, k,$
geometry

- **Interior temperature** of some bodies remains essentially uniform at all times during a heat transfer process.
- The **temperature** of such bodies can be taken to be a function of time only, $T(t)$.
- Heat transfer analysis that utilizes this idealization is known as **lumped system analysis**.



Temperature is only function of Time

UNSTEADY HEAT TRANSFER LUMPED SYSTEM ANALYSIS

$$\left(\text{Heat transfer into the body during } dt \right) = \left(\text{The increase in the energy of the body during } dt \right)$$

$$hA_s(T_\infty - T) dt = mc_p dT$$

$$m = \rho V \quad dT = d(T - T_\infty)$$

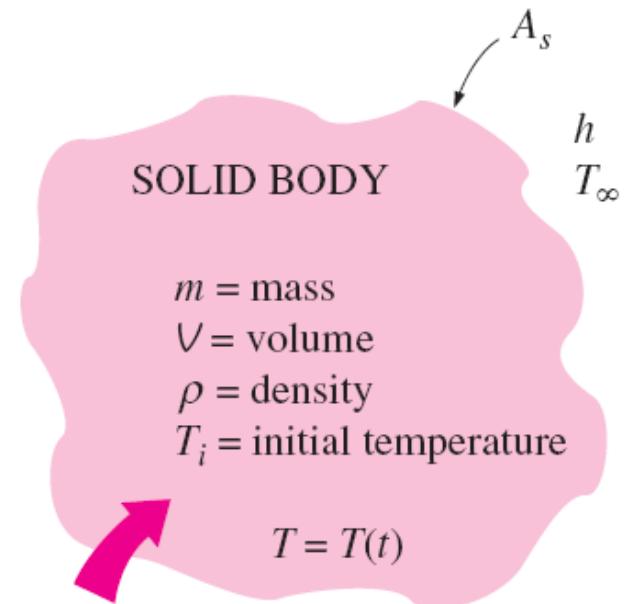
$$\frac{d(T - T_\infty)}{T - T_\infty} = -\frac{hA_s}{\rho V c_p} dt$$

Integrating with

$T = T_i$ at $t = 0$

$T = T(t)$ at $t = t$

$$\ln \frac{T(t) - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty} = -\frac{hA_s}{\rho V c_p} t$$



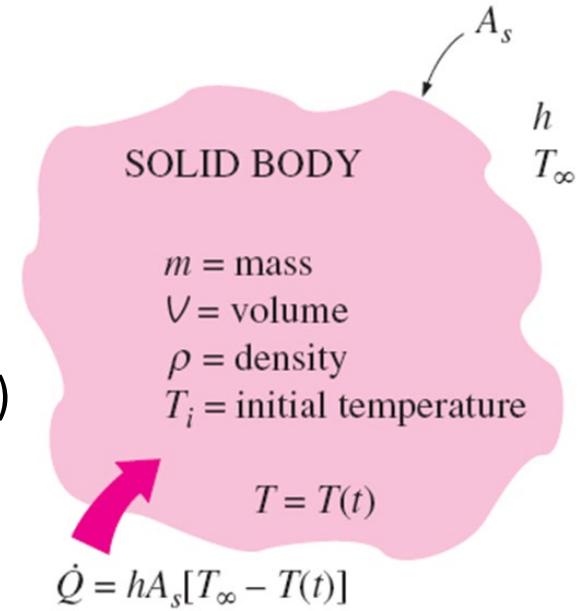
$$\dot{Q} = hA_s[T_\infty - T(t)]$$

The geometry and parameters involved in the lumped system analysis.

UNSTEADY HEAT TRANSFER LUMPED SYSTEM ANALYSIS

$$\frac{T(t) - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty} = e^{-bt} \quad \text{Where } b = \frac{hA_s}{\rho V c_p}$$

- h : heat transfer coefficient around object ($\text{W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$)
- A_s : external surface area (m^2)
- ρ : density of object ($\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$)
- c_p : specific heat of object ($\text{J} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$)
- V : volume of object, (m^3)



Only for lumped system analysis

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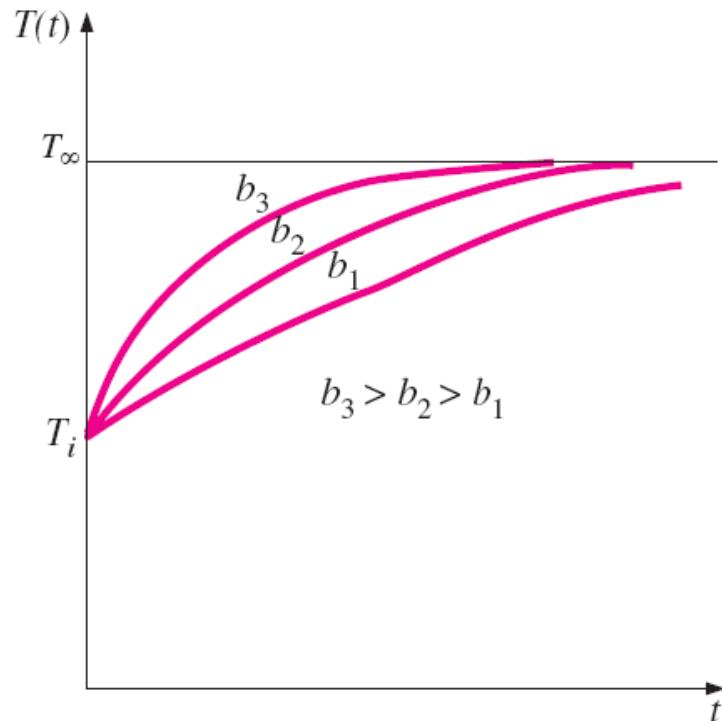
What is this equation representing ?

- This equation enables us to **determine** the **temperature $T(t)$** of a body at time **t** , or alternatively, the **time t** required for the temperature to **reach** a specified **value $T(t)$** .
- The **temperature of a body approaches** the ambient temperature **T_{∞} exponentially**.
- What is the **effect of b** on duration (t) of the temperature of a body to reach the ambient temperature T_{∞} ?

UNSTEADY HEAT TRANSFER LUMPED SYSTEM ANALYSIS



$$\frac{T(t) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = e^{-bt} \quad b = \frac{hA_s}{\rho V c_p}$$



- The temperature of the body changes rapidly at the beginning, but rather slowly later on. A large value of b indicates that the body approaches the environment temperature in a short time.
- The temperature of a lumped system approaches the environment temperature as time gets larger.

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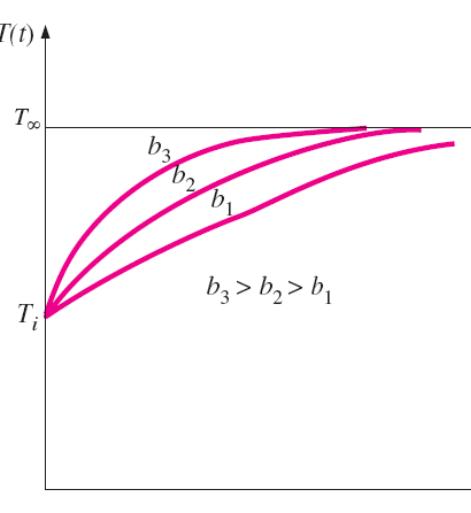
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Activity(1)

$$\frac{T(t) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = e^{-bt} \quad b = \frac{hA_s}{\rho V c_p}$$

$$A_s = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r L, V = \pi r^2 L$$

$$b = \frac{hA_s}{\rho V C_P} = \frac{\frac{8}{m^2 \cdot ^\circ C} \left(2\pi \times (0.15m)^2 + 2\pi \times (0.15m) \times 1.7m \right)}{996 \left(\frac{kg}{m^3} \right) \times (\pi \times (0.15m)^2 \times 1.7m) \times 4178 \left(\frac{J}{kg \cdot ^\circ C} \right)}$$
$$= 2.79 \times 10^{-5} (s^{-1})$$

Activity(1)

$$\frac{T(t) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = e^{-bt} \longrightarrow \frac{25 - 20}{37 - 20} = e^{-(2.79 \times 10^{-5} s^{-1})t}$$

$$\longrightarrow t = 43,860 \text{ s} = 12.2 \text{ h}$$

Therefore, as a rough estimate, the person died about 12 h before the body was found, and thus the time of death is

5AM.

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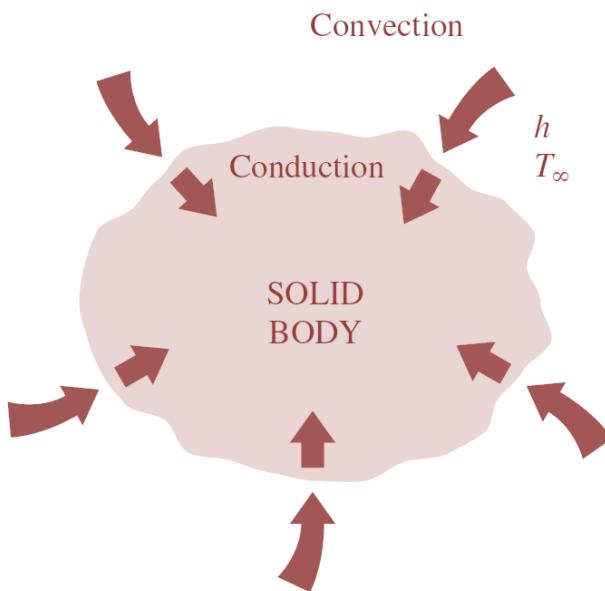


$$\frac{T(t) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = e^{-bt} \quad \text{Where} \quad b = \frac{hA_s}{\rho V c_p}$$

But when is this equation applicable ?

What is the criterion ?

BIOT NUMBER (Bi)



$$Bi = \frac{\text{heat convection}}{\text{heat conduction}}$$

$$Bi = \frac{h}{k/L_c} \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta T} = \frac{\text{Convection at the surface of the body}}{\text{Conduction within the body}}$$

or

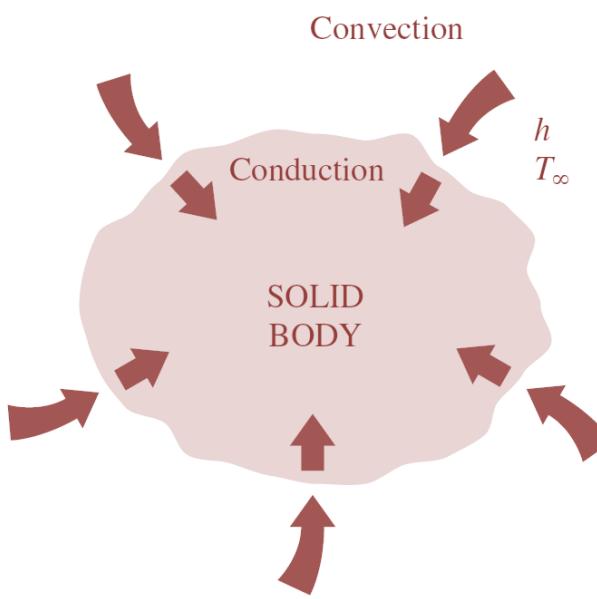
$$Bi = \frac{L_c/k}{1/h} = \frac{\text{Conduction resistance within the body}}{\text{Convection resistance at the surface of the body}}$$

$$Bi = \frac{hL_c}{k}$$

When characteristic length is : $L_c = \frac{V}{A_s}$

Almost uniform temperature for $Bi \leq 0,1$
“lumped system”

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$$Bi = \frac{hL_c}{k} , \quad L_c = \frac{V}{A_s}$$

- A small Biot number represents small resistance to heat conduction, and thus small temperature gradients within the body.
- Lumped system analysis assumes a uniform temperature distribution throughout the body, which will be the case only when the thermal resistance of the body to heat conduction (the conduction resistance) is zero.

BIOT NUMBER (Bi)

$$L_c = \text{Characteristic length} = \frac{\text{Volume of the solid (V)}}{\text{Surface area of the solid (A}_s\text{)}}$$

The values of characteristic length (L_c), for simple geometric shapes, are given below:

$$\text{Flat plate : } L_c = \frac{V}{A_s} = \frac{LBH}{2BH} = L/2 = \text{semi-thickness}$$

where L , B and H are thickness, width and height of the plate.

$$\text{Cylinder (long) : } L_c = \frac{\pi R^2 L}{2\pi RL} = \frac{R}{2} \quad \text{where, } R = \text{radius of the cylinder.}$$

$$\text{Sphere: } L_c = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{R}{3} \quad \text{where, } R = \text{radius of the sphere.}$$

$$\text{Cube: } L_c = \frac{L^3}{6L^2} = \frac{L}{6} \quad \text{where, } L = \text{Side of the cube.}$$

LUMPED SYSTEM



- i. Lumped system analysis is exact when $Bi= 0$ and approximate when $Bi > 0$. Of course, the smaller the Bi number, the more accurate the lumped system analysis.
- ii. The first step in the application of lumped system analysis is the calculation of the Biot number, and the assessment of the applicability of this approach.
- iii. One may still wish to use lumped system analysis even when the criterion $Bi<0.1$ is not satisfied, if high accuracy is not a major concern.
- iv. Note that the Biot number is the ratio of the convection at the surface to conduction within the body, and this number should be as small as possible for lumped system analysis to be applicable.
- v. Small bodies with high thermal conductivity are good candidates for lumped system analysis, especially when they are in a medium that is a poor conductor of heat (such as air or another gas) and motionless. Thus, the hot small copper ball placed in quiescent air, is most likely to satisfy the criterion for lumped system analysis.

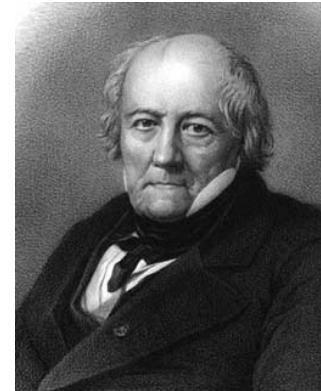
Nusselt vs. Biot

Nusselt number

$$\text{Nu} = \frac{h L_c}{k}$$



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Biot number

$$\text{Bi} = \frac{h L_c}{k}$$

Dimensionless measure for convection so increase of heat transfer due to flow

k of fluid!

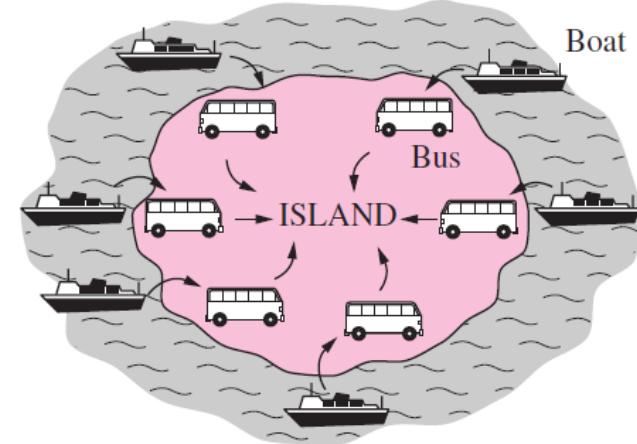
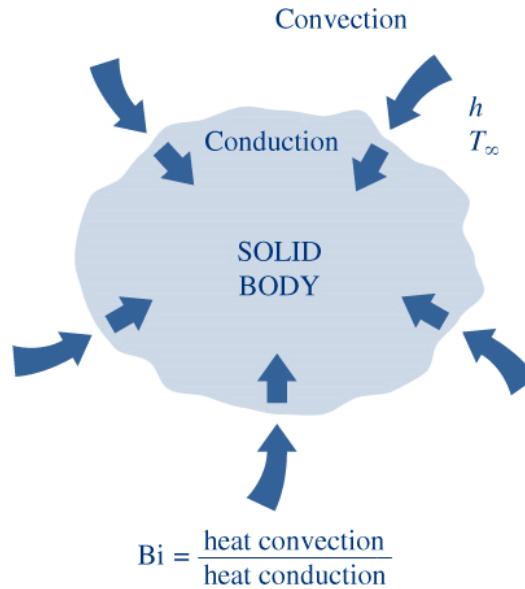
Dimensionless measure for degree of temperature distribution within body

k of surrounded object!

Definitions seem similar but are substantially different!

LUMPED SYSTEM

$$Bi = \frac{h L_c}{k}$$



- Relatively high $h \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Bi$ high, non uniform
- Relatively high $L_c = V/A \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Bi$ high, non uniform
- Relatively high $k \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Bi$ low, uniform

Lumped or not?



$$h = 15 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

$$k = 0,6 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

$$V = 0,45 \text{ L} = 4,5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$$

$$A \approx 7,5 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Bi} = \frac{hL_c}{k} = \frac{15 \times 0,006}{0,6} = 0,15 > 0,1$$

So no lumped system!



$$\longleftrightarrow \\ D \approx 0,06 \text{ m}$$

$$h = 5 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

$$k = 0,6 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

$$L_c = \frac{V}{A} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}\pi D^3}{\pi D^2} = \frac{D}{6} = 0,01 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Bi} = \frac{h L_c}{k} = \frac{5 \times 0,01}{0,6} = 0,083 < 0,1$$

So "lumped system"

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$$= 0,0689(m)$$

Then the Biot number becomes :

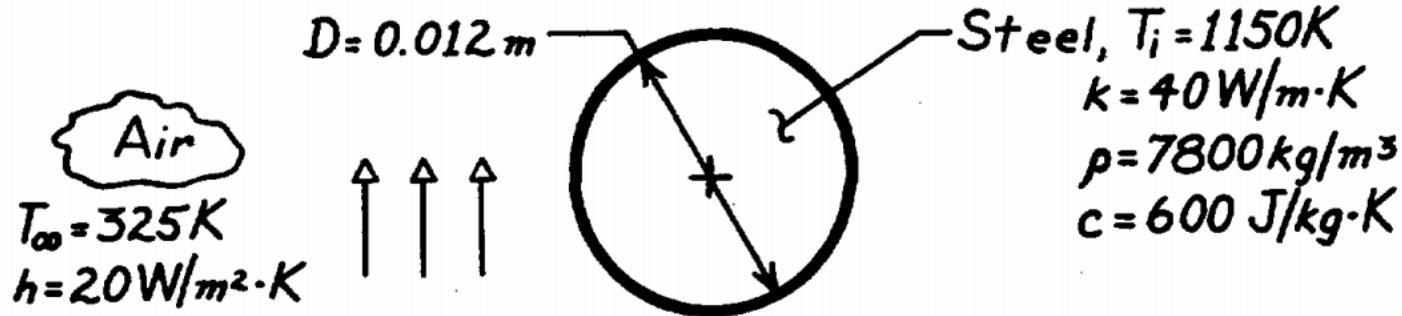
$$Bi = \frac{hL_C}{k} = \frac{8 \left(\frac{W}{m^2 \cdot ^\circ C} \right) \times 0,0689m}{0,617 \left(\frac{W}{m \cdot ^\circ C} \right)} = 0,89 > 0,1$$

Therefore, lumped system analysis is *not* applicable. However, we can still use it to get a “rough” estimate of the time of death.

Activity(3)

KNOWN: Diameter and initial temperature of steel balls cooling in air.

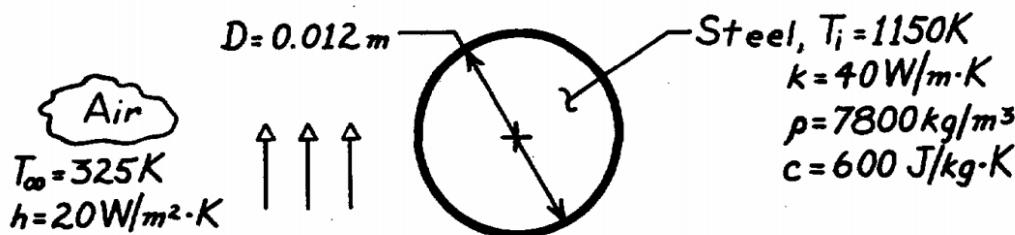
FIND: Time required to cool to 400K.



Assumptions

- (1) Negligible radiation effects.
- (2) Constant properties.

Activity(3)



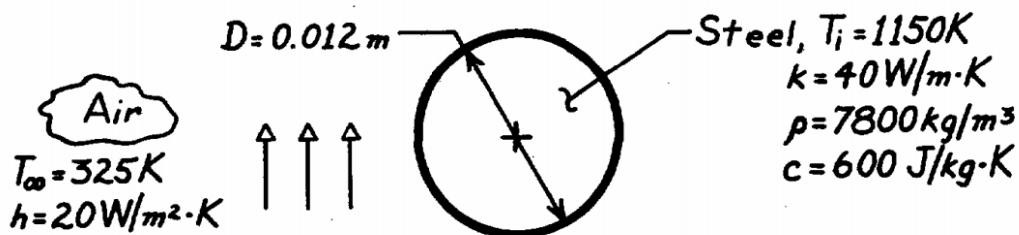
ANALYSIS:

Calculating Biot number : $\text{Bi} = \frac{hL_c}{k}$ Characteristic Length for sphere : $L_c = r_o/3$

$$\text{Bi} = \frac{hL_c}{k} = \frac{h(r_o/3)}{k} = \frac{20 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K} (0.002\text{m})}{40 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}} = 0.001.$$

Hence, the temperature of the steel remains approximately uniform during the cooling process, and the lumped capacitance method may be used.

Activity(3)



ANALYSIS:

Calculating time :
$$\frac{T(t) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = e^{-bt} \quad b = \frac{hA_s}{\rho V c_p}$$

$$t = \frac{\rho V c_p}{h A_s} \ln \frac{T_i - T_{\infty}}{T - T_{\infty}} = \frac{\rho (\pi D^3 / 6) c_p}{h \pi D^2} \ln \frac{T_i - T_{\infty}}{T - T_{\infty}}$$

$$t = \frac{7800 \text{ kg/m}^3 (0.012 \text{ m}) 600 \text{ J/kg} \cdot \text{K}}{6 \times 20 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}} \ln \frac{1150 - 325}{400 - 325}$$

$$t = 1122 \text{ s} = 0.312 \text{ h}$$

Summary transient processes



- Biot number $\text{Bi} = \frac{hL_c}{k}$ (-)
- For $\text{Bi} \leq 0,1$: “lumped system” with $L_c = \frac{V}{A}$ (m)

$$\frac{T(t) - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty} = e^{-bt} \quad b = \frac{hA_s}{\rho V c_p}$$

- For $\text{Bi} > 0,1$: different approaches
- Approximations: check validity

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4–1 : LUMPED SYSTEM ANALYSIS

Criteria for Lumped System Analysis

Some Remarks on Heat Transfer in Lumped Systems