### Q.1 Question 1

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1. Consider a large aluminium plate of thickness 0.12 m with initial uniform temperature of 85°C. Suddenly, the temperature of one of the faces is lowered to 20°C, while the other face is perfectly insulated. Assuming that the plate can be modelled as a 1D problem, the following thermal energy conservative equation can be used,

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \mathcal{S},$$

where  $\rho$ ,  $C_p$ , t are density, heat capacity and time, respectively.  $\kappa$  and  $\mathcal S$  are thermal conductivity coefficient and source term. Using the finite difference method (FDM) with spatial  $(\Delta x)$  and temporal  $(\Delta t)$  increments of 0.03 m and 300 s, respectively,

a) Determine the number of nodes necessary to discretise the problem; [2 marks]

### Solution:

For a length L=0.12 m and spatial increment  $\Delta x=30\times 10^{-3}$  m,

$$\Delta x = \frac{L}{M-1} \implies M = 5 \text{ nodes}$$

b) Describe the boundary and initial conditions for this problem; [5 marks] **Solution:** 

For 5 nodes,  $i = 0, \dots, 4$ 

- (i) Boundary conditions:
  - Dirichlet BC at x = L = 0.12 m;

$$T(x = L, t) = T_A^j = 20^{\circ} C, \quad (j = 0, 1, \cdots)$$

• Adiabatic plane at x = 0 can be treated as a symmetric plane, i.e.,

$$T_{i+1}^j = T_{i-1}^j \quad \textit{for } i = 0 \implies T_1^j = T_{-1}^j$$

(ii) Initial condition: the plate has uniform temperature of 85°C, i.e.,

$$T(x < L, t = 0s) = T_i^0 = 85^{\circ} C, \quad (i = 0, 1, 2, 3)$$

c) Determine the temperature distribution of the plate at t=10 minutes using the FDM, [16 marks]

#### Solution:

The discretised thermal energy equation,

$$\rho C_p \frac{T_i^{j+1} - T_i^{j+1}}{\Delta t} = \kappa \frac{T_{i+1}^j - 2T_i^j + T_{i-1}^j}{(\Delta x)^2} + \mathcal{S}_i^j,$$

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$$\frac{\rho C_p}{\kappa} \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\Delta t} \left( T_i^{j+1} - T_i^{j+1} \right) = \left( T_{i+1}^j - 2T_i^j + T_{i-1}^j \right) + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\kappa} S_i^j.$$

Defining the mesh Fourier number,

$$\tau = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\left(\Delta x\right)^2}$$

and the thermal diffusivity,  $(\alpha = \kappa \rho^{-1} C_p^{-1})$ ,

$$T_i^{j+1} = T_i^j + \tau \left( T_{i+1}^j - 2T_i^j + T_{i-1}^j \right) + \frac{\tau \left( \Delta x \right)^2}{\kappa} \mathcal{S}_i^j.$$

For this problem, the source term is null,  $S_i^j = 0$ ,

$$T_i^{j+1} = T_i^j + \tau \left( T_{i+1}^j - 2T_i^j + T_{i-1}^j \right).$$

The first step to solve FDM problems is to check if the stability criteria is met, i.e., au < 0.5

$$\tau = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} = 0.5$$
 with  $\Delta t = 300$  s.

Boundary and initial conditions are:

$$\begin{cases} \textit{BC1: } T_4^j = 20, & j = 0, 1, \cdots \\ \textit{BC2: } T_i^j = T_{-1}^j, & j = 0, 1, \cdots \\ \textit{IC: } T_i^0 = 85, & i = 0, \cdots, 3 \end{cases}$$

Now solving the problem for j = 0, 1, 2

$$j=0 \rightarrow T_i^{j+1} = T_i^1 \ (t=300s)$$
:

$$\begin{cases} i = 0, & T_0^1 = T_0^0 + \tau \left( T_1^0 - 2T_0^0 + T_{-1}^0 \right) = 85 \\ i = 1, & T_1^1 = T_1^0 + \tau \left( T_2^0 - 2T_1^0 + T_0^0 \right) = 85 \\ i = 2, & T_2^1 = T_2^0 + \tau \left( T_3^0 - 2T_2^0 + T_1^0 \right) = 85 \\ i = 3, & T_3^1 = T_3^0 + \tau \left( T_4^0 - 2T_3^0 + T_2^0 \right) = 52.50 \\ i = 4, & T_4^1 = 20 \end{cases}$$

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$$| j=1 \rightarrow T_i^{j+1} = T_i^2 \ (t = 600s)$$
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$$\begin{cases} i = 0, & T_0^2 = T_0^1 + \tau \left( T_1^1 - 2T_0^1 + T_{-1}^1 \right) = 85 \\ i = 1, & T_1^2 = T_1^1 + \tau \left( T_2^1 - 2T_1^1 + T_0^1 \right) = 85 \\ i = 2, & T_2^2 = T_2^1 + \tau \left( T_3^1 - 2T_2^1 + T_1^1 \right) = 68.75 \\ i = 3, & T_3^2 = T_3^1 + \tau \left( T_4^1 - 2T_3^1 + T_2^1 \right) = 52.50 \\ i = 4, & T_4^2 = 20 \end{cases}$$

Thermal diffusivity  $\left(\alpha=\kappa\rho^{-1}C_p^{-1}\right)$  of the plate is 1.5×10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>. The discretised form of the thermal energy equation is

$$\rho C_p \frac{T_i^{j+1} - T_i^{j+1}}{\Delta t} = \kappa \frac{T_{i+1}^j - 2T_i^j + T_{i-1}^j}{(\Delta x)^2} + \mathcal{S}_i^j,$$

where i and j are spatial and temporal indices.

- 2. A double-pipe (shell-and-tube) heat exchanger is constructed of a stainless steel ( $\kappa=15.1~\text{W/(m.°C)}$ ) inner tube of inner diameter  $D_i=1.5~\text{cm}$  and outer diameter  $D_o=1.9~\text{cm}$  and an outer shell of inner diameter 3.2 cm. The convective heat transfer coefficient is  $h_i=800~\text{W/(m}^2.^\circ\text{C})$  on the inner surface of the tube and  $h_o=1200~\text{W/(m}^2.^\circ\text{C})$  on the outer surface. For a fouling factor  $R_{f,i}=0.0004~\text{m}^2.^\circ\text{C/W}$  on the tube side and  $R_{f,o}=0.0001~\text{m}^2.^\circ\text{C/W}$  on the shell side, determine:
  - (a) The thermal resistance of the heat exchanger per unit length (in °C/W) and; [3 marks]

### Solution:

The total thermal resistance, R, of the heat exchanger through the pipes per unit length is

$$R = \frac{1}{h_i A_i} + \frac{R_{fi}}{A_i} + \frac{\ln\left(\frac{D_0}{D_i}\right)}{2\pi\kappa L} + \frac{R_{f0}}{A_0} + \frac{1}{h_0 A_0},$$

where  $A_i = 0.04712 \text{ m}^2$  and  $A_0 = 0.5969 \text{ m}^2$ , resulting in  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{5.3145} \times \mathbf{10^{-2}} \circ \mathbf{C.W}^{-1}$ 

(b) The overall heat transfer coefficients,  $U_i$  and  $U_o$  (in W/(m<sup>2</sup>.°C)) based on the inner and outer surface areas of the tube, respectively. [7 marks] **Solution:** 

The overall heat transfer coefficient based on the inner and the outter surface areas of the tube per length are

$$R = \frac{1}{UA} = \frac{1}{U_i A_i} = \frac{1}{U_0 A_0},$$

thus for  $U_i$ 

$$U_i = \frac{1}{RA_i} = 399.3303 \frac{W}{m^2 \cdot C}$$

and for  $U_0$ 

$$U_0 = \frac{1}{RA_0} = 315.2461 \frac{W}{m^2 \cdot C}$$

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### Q.2 Question 2

- 1. A new material is to be developed for bearing balls in a new rolling-element bearing. For annealing (heat treatment) each bearing ball, a sphere of radius  $r_o = 5$  mm, is heated in a furnace until it reaches to the equilibrium temperature of the furnace at 400°C. Then, it is suddenly removed from the furnace and subjected to a two-step cooling process.
  - **Stage 1:** Cooling in an air flow of 20°C for a period of time  $t_{\rm air}$  until the center temperature reaches 335°C. For this situation, the convective heat transfer coefficient of air is assumed constant and equal to  $h = 10 \text{ W/(m}^2.\text{K})$ . After the sphere has reached this specific temperature, the second step is initiated.
  - **Stage 2:** Cooling in a well-stirred water bath at 20°C, with a convective heat transfer coefficient of water  $h = 6000 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{.K)}$ .

The thermophysical properties of the material are  $\rho = 3000$  kg/m³,  $\kappa = 20$  W/(m.K),  $C_p = 1000$  J/(kg.K). Determine:

(a) The time  $t_{air}$  required for *Stage 1* of the annealing process to be completed; [5 marks]

### Solution:

The first step is to check if the lumped-capacitance method can be used:

$$\mathbf{Bi} = \frac{hL_c}{\kappa} = 8.33 \times 10^{-4}$$

As  ${
m Bi} < 0.1$ , the lumped-capacitance method can be used in this stage, i.e., temperature changes uniformily throughout the sphere,

$$\frac{T(t) - T_{\infty}}{T_0 - T_{\infty}} = \exp\left[-\frac{h}{L_c \rho C_p} t\right] 
\frac{335 - 20}{400 - 20} = \exp\left[-\frac{10t}{\frac{5 \times 10^{-3}}{3} \times 3000 \times 1000}\right] \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{93.80 s}$$

(b) The time  $t_{\text{water}}$  required for  $Stage\ 2$  of the annealing process during which the center of the sphere cools from 335°C (the condition at the completion of  $Stage\ 1$ ) to 50°C. [6 marks]

#### Solution:

Checking if the lumped-capacitance method can be used:

$$\mathrm{Bi} = rac{\mathrm{hL_c}}{\kappa} = 0.5 > 0.1,$$

therefore the lumped-capacitance method can not be used . In order to use the Tables for the analytical solution, we need to calculate the Bi number based on  $r_0$ .

$$Bi = \frac{hr_0}{\kappa} = 1.5$$

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From the Table with coefficients for the one-term approximate solution of 1D transient conduction in spheres, we can obtain  $\lambda_1=1.7998$  and  $A_1=1.3763$  to be applied into

$$\theta_{\text{centre}} = \frac{T_0 - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = \frac{50 - 20}{335 - 20} = A_1 \exp\left[-\lambda_1^2 \tau\right],$$

where  $au=lpha t.r_0^{-2}$  with  $lpha=\kappa.\left(
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ight)^{-1}=\mathbf{6.67} imes\mathbf{10^{-6}}$  m $^2.s^{-1}.$ 

Solving the equation above results in au=0.8245 , and t is obtained from the Fourier number,

$$au = rac{lpha t}{r_0^2} \; \Rightarrow \; \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{3.09 \; s}$$

- 2. Water at the rate of 68 kg/min is heated from 35 to 75°C by an oil having a specific heat of 1.9 kJ/(kg.°C). The fluids are used in a counterflow double-pipe HE, and the oil enters the exchanger at 110°C and leaves at 75°C. The overall heat-transfer coefficient is 320 W/(m².°C). Given heat capacity of water (at constant pressure) of 4.18 kJ/(kg.°C),
  - (a) Calculate the HE area;

[5 marks]

# Solution:

The total heat transfer can be obtained from

$$Q = \dot{m}_w C_{p,w} \Delta T_w = 189.49 \text{ kJ.s}^{-1}.$$

And the heat exchange surface area can be calculated from

$$Q = UA\Delta T_{lm},$$

[2/5] where  $U = 320 \text{ W.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{C}^{-1}$  and

$$\Delta T_{lm} = \frac{(T_{h,in} - T_{c,out}) - (T_{h,out} - T_{c,in})}{\ln \frac{T_{h,in} - T_{c,out}}{T_{h,out} - T_{c,in}}} = 37.44^{\circ} C,$$

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thus

$$Q = UA\Delta T_{lm} = 189.49 \text{ kJ.s}^{-1}$$
  
 $A = 15.82 \text{ m}^2$ 

(b) Now assume that the heat exchanger is a shell-and-tube with water making one shell pass and the oil making two tube passes. Calculate the area of the new heat exchanger. Assume that the overall heat-transfer coefficient remains the same.

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#### Solution:

For cross-flow and multi-pass shell-and-tubes heat exchangers,

$$Q = UAF\Delta T_{lm}$$
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$$\begin{cases} R = \frac{T_{c,in} - T_{c,out}}{T_{h,out} - T_{h,in}} = 1.1429, \\ P = \frac{T_{h,out} - T_{h,in}}{T_{c,in} - T_{h,in}} = 0.4667, \end{cases}$$

[2/4] leads to  $F \sim 0.8$  and

$$Q = UAF\Delta T_{lm} \implies A = 19.77 \text{ m}^2$$

**Total Question Marks:20** 

# Q.3 Question 3

- 1. Hot oil is to be cooled in a double-tube counter-flow heat exchanger. The copper inner tubes have diameter of 2 cm and negligible thickness. The inner diameter of the outer tube (shell) is 3 cm. Water flows through the tube at a rate of 0.5 kg.s<sup>-1</sup>, and the oil through the shell at a rate of 0.8 kg.s<sup>-1</sup>. Taking the average temperatures of the water and the oil to be 45°C and 80°C, respectively, determine the overall heat transfer coefficient of this heat exchanger. Given,
  - (a) Water at 45°C:  $\rho=990$  kg.m $^{-3}$ ,  $\kappa=0.637$  W.(m.K) $^{-1}$ , Pr=3.91,  $\nu=\mu/\rho=0.602\times 10^{-6}$  m $^2$ .s $^{-1}$ ;
  - (b) Oil at 80°C:  $\rho=852$  kg.m $^{-3}$ ,  $\kappa=0.138$  W.(m.K) $^{-1}$ , Pr=490,  $\nu=37.5\times 10^{-6}$  m $^2.s^{-1}$ .

The overall heat transfer coefficient can be expressed as,

$$U^{-1} = h_i^{-1} + h_0^{-1}$$

The inner convective heat transfer coefficient,  $h_i$ , can be obtained from

$$Nu = rac{h_i D_h}{\kappa} = egin{cases} 4.36 & ext{(for laminar flows),} \\ 0.023 Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4} & ext{(for turbulent flows),} \end{cases}$$

where  $D_h$  is the hydraulic diameter. The outter convective heat transfer coefficient,  $h_0$  is 75.2 W.(m<sup>2</sup>.K). [17 marks]

### Solution:

In order to solve this problem, we need to calculate  $h_i$  through the dimensionless Nusselt number with  $D_h = D_i = 2 \times 10^{-2}$  m,

$$Nu = rac{h_i D_h}{\kappa} = egin{cases} 4.36 & ext{(for laminar flows),} \ 0.023 Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4} & ext{(for turbulent flows).} \end{cases}$$

However, we first need to assess the flow regime in the inner tube through the dimensionless Reynolds number

$$Re_D = \frac{\rho vD}{\mu} = \frac{vD}{\nu}$$

The flow velocity, v, can be obtained from the mass flow rate, diameter of the tube and density of the fluid,

$$\dot{m}_w = v\rho A \implies v = 1.6077 \text{ m.s}^{-1},$$

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 with  $Re_D$ 

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$$Re_D = \frac{vD}{\nu} = 53411.96$$

[6/17] As Re >>> 4000, the water flow is turbulent and we can use

$$Nu = 0.023 Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4} = 240.2754$$
  
 $Nu = \frac{h_i D_h}{\kappa} = 240.2754 \implies h_i = 7652.77 \text{ W. } (\text{m}^2.\text{K})^{-1}$ 

[5/17] Now, calculating U

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$$U^{-1} = h_i^{-1} + h_0^{-1} \implies U = 74.47 \text{ W. } (\text{m}^2.\text{K})^{-1}$$

2. A long rod of 60 mm diameter and thermophysical properties  $\rho=8000$  kg/m³,  $C_p=500$  J/(kg.K), and k=50 W/(m.K) is initially at a uniform temperature and is heated in a forced convection furnace maintained at 750 K. The convection coefficient is estimated to be 1000 W/(m².K). Calculate the centerline temperature of the rod when the surface temperature is 550 K. [16 marks] Solution:

Assuming that the Fourier number for this problem is larger than 0.2, we can use the 1D analytical solution for the transient conductive equation,

$$heta_{ ext{cyl}} = rac{T(r,t) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = A_1 e^{-\lambda_1^2 au} \mathbf{J_0} \left(rac{\lambda_1 r}{r_0}
ight)$$

and at the centre of the geometry,

$$\theta_{\mathrm{cyl}} = \frac{T(0,t) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = A_1 e^{-\lambda_1^2 \tau}$$

We need to obtain T(0,t) at time  $t=t_i$  such that  $T(r_0,t_i)=500$  K. Merging both equations,

$$\frac{T(r_0, t_i) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = \frac{T(0, t_i) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} \mathbf{J_0} \left(\frac{\lambda_1 r_0}{r_0}\right)$$

In order to solve this expression,  $J_0\left(\frac{\lambda_1 r}{r_0}\right)$  and  $\lambda_1$  need to be obtained from the Table of coefficients for the approximate solution of the transient 1D heat conduction based on,

$$Bi = \frac{hr_0}{\kappa} = 0.60 \implies \lambda_1 = 1.0184 \text{ and } \mathbf{J_0}\left(\frac{\lambda_1 r_0}{r_0}\right) = \mathbf{J_0}(\lambda_1) = 0.7571$$

[3/16] Replacing  $J_0$  in the merged equation,

$$(550 - 750) = [T(0, t_i) - 750] \times 0.7571 \Rightarrow T(0, t_i) = 485.83 \text{ K}$$

**Total Question Marks:33** 

# Q.4 Question 4

- 1. In a counterflow double-pipe heat exchanger, water  $(C_p = 4.18 \text{ kJ.kg}^{-1}.^{\circ}\text{C})$  at 35°C is heated by oil  $(C_p = 1.9 \text{ kJ.kg}^{-1}.^{\circ}\text{C})$ . The mass flow rate of the water stream is 40 kg.min<sup>-1</sup> and 170.97 kg.min<sup>-1</sup> of oil enters the heat exchanger at 110°C. The overall heat-transfer coefficient is 320 W. $(\text{m}^2.^{\circ}\text{C})^{-1}$ . Calculate:
  - (a) Exit water and oil temperatures;

[5 marks]

# Solution:

The energy balance for both fluid streams (oil and water), where  $T_{oil,in} = T_{h,in} = 110^{\circ}$ C and  $T_{w,in} = T_{c,in} = 35^{\circ}$ C,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{w} + Q_{oil} &= 0 \\ \dot{m}_{w} C_{p,w} \left( T_{c,out} - T_{c,in} \right) &= -\dot{m}_{o} C_{p,o} \left( T_{h,out} - T_{h,in} \right) \\ \frac{T_{c,out} - T_{c,in}}{T_{h,in} - T_{h,out}} &= \frac{\dot{m}_{o} C_{p,o}}{\dot{m}_{w} C_{p,w}} \implies T_{c,out} &= T_{c,in} + \frac{\dot{m}_{o} C_{p,o}}{\dot{m}_{w} C_{p,w}} T_{h,in} - T_{h,out}, \end{aligned}$$

 $T_{c,out} = T_{w,out}$  can be obtain as a function of  $T_{h,out}$ . However, with  $Q = UA\Delta T_{lm}$ ,

$$\dot{m}_w C_{p,w} \left( T_{c,out} - T_{c,in} \right) = U A \frac{\left( T_{h,in} - T_{c,out} \right) - \left( T_{h,out} - T_{c,in} \right)}{\ln \frac{T_{h,in} - T_{c,out}}{T_{h,out} - T_{c,in}}}$$

and substituting  $T_{c,out}$  in this expression we obtain  $T_{h,out} = 79.70^{\circ}$  C. Now,

$$\frac{T_{c,out} - T_{c,in}}{T_{h,in} - T_{h,out}} = \frac{\dot{m}_o C_{p,o}}{\dot{m}_w C_{p,w}} = 1.9427 \implies T_{c,out} = T_{w,out} = 93.86^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$$

(b) Total heat transfer (in kW);

[1 marks]

### Solution:

The heat transferred between streams can be obtained from

$$Q = \dot{m}_w C_{p,w} \left( T_{c,out} - T_{c,in} \right) = 164023.2 \; \textit{J.s}^{-1} = 164.02 \; \textit{kW}$$

2. Consider three consecutive nodes n-1, n, n+1 in a plane wall. Using the finite difference form of the first derivative at the midpoints, show that the finite difference form of the second derivative can be expressed as, [4 marks]

$$\frac{T_{n-1} - 2T_n + T_{n+1}}{\Delta x^2} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right|_{N}.$$

**Hint:** You should start the demonstration from the 1D expansion in Taylor series of a continuous and real function f(x) about a point x = a,

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a)^{2} + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x - a)^{3} + \dots + \frac{f^{n}(a)}{n!}(x - a)^{n}$$

### Solution:

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In a 1D plane wall divided in M nodes with an internal node N. Spatial increment is given by  $\Delta x$ . The expansion in Taylor series around node N truncating in the second derivative leads to:

$$\begin{cases} T_{N-1} = T_N - \Delta x \left(\frac{dT}{dx}\right)_N + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} \left(\frac{d^2T}{dx^2}\right)_N + \mathcal{O}\left[(\Delta x)^3\right], \\ T_{N+1} = T_N + \Delta x \left(\frac{dT}{dx}\right)_N + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} \left(\frac{d^2T}{dx^2}\right)_N + \mathcal{O}\left[(\Delta x)^3\right], \end{cases}$$

Summing these expressions leads to

$$\frac{T_{n-1} - 2T_n + T_{n+1}}{\Delta x^2} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right|_{N}.$$

- 3. Heavy oil at 150°C is pumped into a storage tank before being transported to distillation columns. The tank is insulated with a layer of polyisocyanurate of 10 cm thick. The tank's wall is at 150°C and the initial temperature of the insulation layer is 20°C. Assuming that the tank wall-insulation layer-environment system can be modelled as a 1-D finite difference method (FDM) problem, calculate the temperature profile of the insulated layer,  $T(\underline{x},t)$ , at t=5 seconds with  $\underline{x}=$ [0.0, 2.5, 5.0, 7.5, 10.0]. The outer layer of the insulation material is subjected to the environment with temperature of 15°C and convective heat transfer coefficient of 10 W(m<sup>2</sup>.°C)<sup>-1</sup>. Given for polyisocyanurate insulation layer:
  - Conductive heat transfer coefficient: 5.40 W.(m.°C)<sup>-1</sup>;
  - Heat capacity at constant pressure: 0.1 kJ.(kg.°C)<sup>-1</sup>;
  - Density: 550 kg.m<sup>-3</sup>.

The discretised thermal energy equation is

$$T_i^{j+1} = T_i^j + \alpha \frac{\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2} (T_{i+1}^j - 2T_i^j + T_{i-1}^j)$$

where  $\alpha = \kappa \left( \rho C_p \right)^{-1}$  is the thermal diffusivity,  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$  are the spatial-interval and time-step size, respectively. i and j are the spatial- and time-indices. For this problem, use  $\Delta t = 5$  seconds. [10 marks]

#### Solution:

The thermal diffusivity,

$$\alpha = \frac{\kappa}{\rho C_p} = \left(5.40 \frac{W}{m.^{\circ} C}\right) \left(\frac{1}{550} \frac{m^3}{kg}\right) \left(\frac{1}{0.1 \times 10^3} \frac{kg.^{\circ} C}{J}\right) = 9.8182 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\mathbf{m^2}}{\mathbf{s}},$$

and the Fourier number. [1/10]

$$\tau = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\left(\Delta x\right)^2} = \left(9.8182 \times 10^{-5} \frac{m^2}{s}\right) (5s) \left(\frac{1}{2.5 \times 10^{-2}} \frac{1}{m}\right)^2 = \mathbf{0.7855}.$$

• Dirichlet BC at node i=0 (x=0.0 cm) :  $T_0^0=T_0^1=T_0^2=\cdots=150$ °C;

• Newmann BC at node  $i = 4 \ (x = 10.0 \text{cm})$ :

$$-\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = h \left( T - T_{\infty} \right) \Longrightarrow -\kappa \frac{T_{i+1}^{j} - T_{i-1}^{j}}{2\Delta x} = h \left( T_{i}^{j} - T_{\infty} \right)$$
$$\mathbf{T}_{i+1}^{j} = \mathbf{T}_{i-1}^{j} - \frac{2h\Delta x}{\kappa} \left( \mathbf{T}_{i}^{j} - \mathbf{T}_{\infty} \right),$$

• Initial conditions:  $T_1^0 = T_2^0 = T_3^0 = T_4^0 = {\bf 20}^{\circ}{\bf C}$ .

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$$\begin{split} T_i^{j+1} &= T_i^j + \alpha \frac{\Delta t}{\left(\Delta x\right)^2} \left(T_{i+1}^j - 2T_i^j + T_{i-1}^j\right) \quad \textit{with} \quad \tau = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\left(\Delta x\right)^2} \\ \mathbf{T}_i^{\mathbf{j}+1} &= \left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{2}\tau\right) \mathbf{T}_i^{\mathbf{j}} + \tau \left(\mathbf{T}_{i+1}^{\mathbf{j}} + \mathbf{T}_{i-1}^{\mathbf{j}}\right) \end{split}$$

Thus for j = 0:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{i} &= \mathbf{1} \qquad \mathbf{T}_{1}^{1} = \left(1 - 2\tau\right) \mathbf{T}_{1}^{0} + \tau \left(\mathbf{T}_{2}^{0} + \mathbf{T}_{0}^{0}\right) \\ &\vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{i} &= \mathbf{4} \qquad \mathbf{T}_{4}^{1} = \left(1 - 2\tau\right) \mathbf{T}_{4}^{0} + \tau \left(\mathbf{T}_{5}^{0} + \mathbf{T}_{3}^{0}\right) \end{split}$$

**[2/10]** with ghost-cell,  $T_5^0$  defined through the Newmann BC:

$$\mathrm{T_{5}^{0}}=\mathrm{T_{3}^{0}}-rac{2\mathrm{h}\Delta\mathrm{x}}{\kappa}\left(\mathrm{T_{4}^{0}}-\mathrm{T_{\infty}}
ight)$$

[4/10] Thus:

**Total Question Marks:20** 

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