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Transport I  
Part II: Heat Transfer

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***One-Dimensional Heat  
Transfer - Unsteady***



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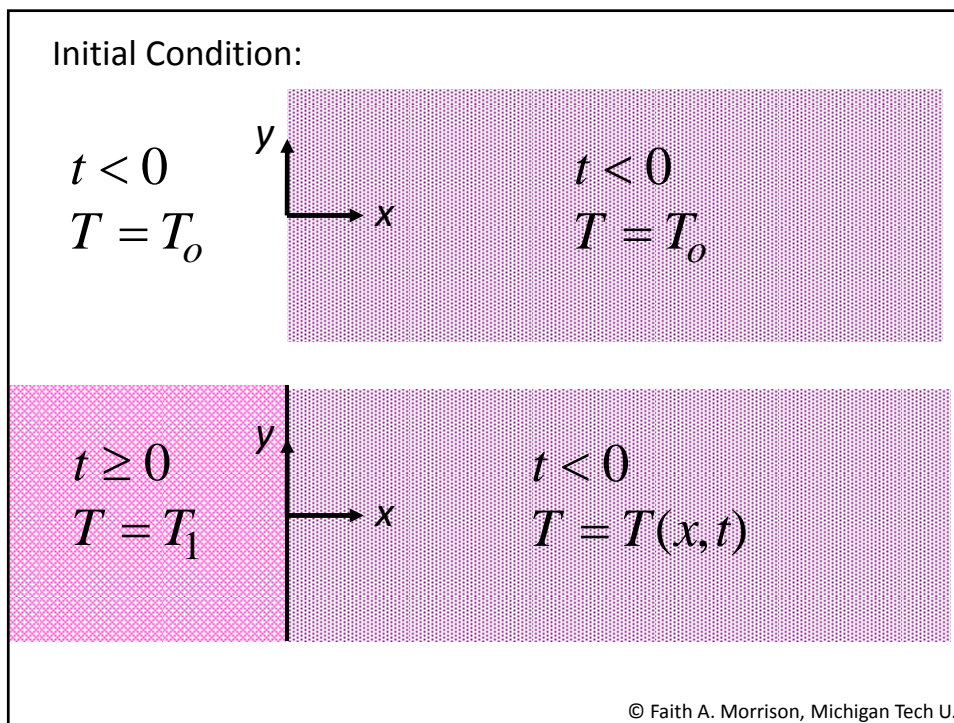
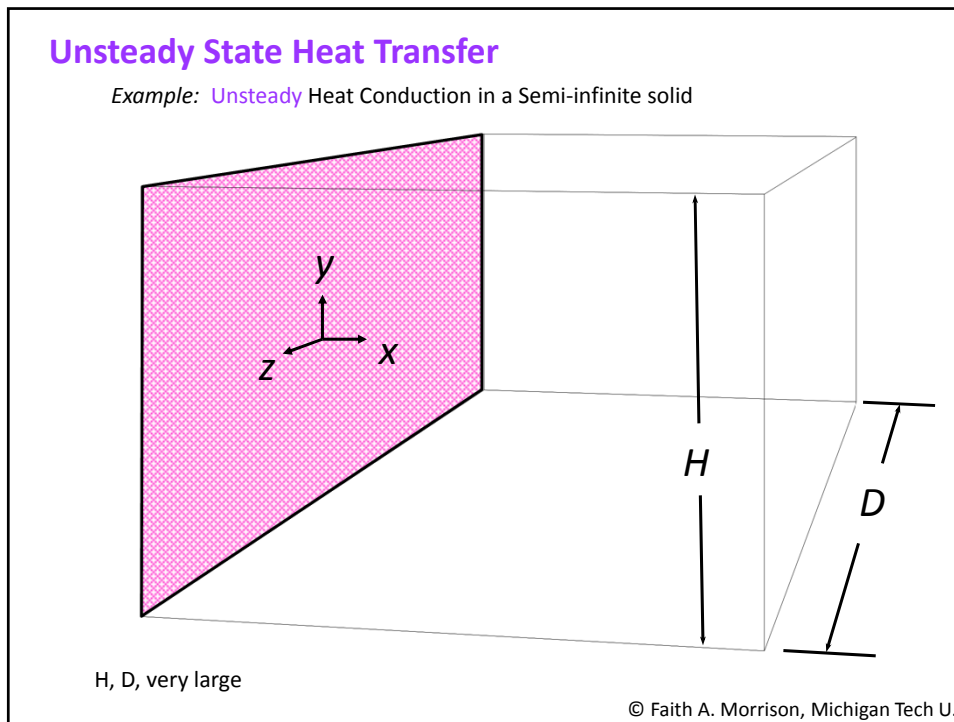
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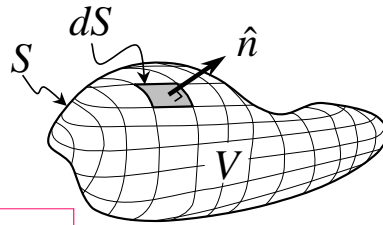
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### General Energy Transport Equation

(microscopic energy balance)

As for the derivation of the microscopic momentum balance, the microscopic energy balance is derived on an arbitrary volume,  $V$ , enclosed by a surface,  $S$ .



Gibbs notation:

$$\rho \hat{C}_p \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla T \right) = k \nabla^2 T + S$$

see handout for component notation

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rate of change

convection

conduction (all directions)

source (energy generated per unit volume per time)

velocity must satisfy equation of motion, equation of continuity

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**Equation of energy** for Newtonian fluids of constant density,  $\rho$ , and thermal conductivity,  $k$ , with source term (source could be viscous dissipation, electrical energy, chemical energy, etc., with units of energy/(volume time)).

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Source: R. B. Bird, W. E. Stewart, and E. N. Lightfoot, *Transport Processes*, Wiley, NY, 1960, page 319.

Gibbs notation (vector notation)

$$\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla T \right) = \frac{k}{\rho \hat{C}_p} \nabla^2 T + \frac{S}{\rho \hat{C}_p}$$

Cartesian (xyz) coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{k}{\rho \hat{C}_p} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{S}{\rho \hat{C}_p}$$

Cylindrical (r $\theta$ z) coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{k}{\rho \hat{C}_p} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{S}{\rho \hat{C}_p}$$

Spherical (r $\theta$  $\phi$ ) coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} = \frac{k}{\rho \hat{C}_p} \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \phi^2} \right) + \frac{S}{\rho \hat{C}_p}$$

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Newton's law of cooling BC's:

$$q_x = hA(T_{bulk} - T_{surface})$$

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### Microscopic Energy Equation in Cartesian Coordinates

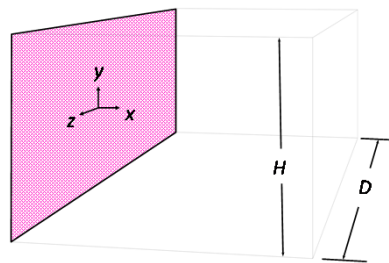
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$$\alpha \equiv \frac{k}{\rho \hat{C}_p} = \text{thermal diffusivity}$$

*what are the boundary conditions? initial conditions?*

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### Example 7: Unsteady Heat Conduction in a Semi-infinite solid



$$t < 0 \quad T = T_o \quad \begin{array}{c} y \\ | \\ x \end{array} \quad t < 0 \quad T = T_o$$

$$t \geq 0 \quad T = T_1 \quad \begin{array}{c} y \\ | \\ x \end{array} \quad t < 0 \quad T = T(x,t)$$

You try.

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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{\rho \hat{C}_p} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right) = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

Initial condition:  $t = 0, T = T_o \quad \forall x$

Boundary conditions:

$$x = 0, \quad q_x = hA(T - T_1) \quad \forall t > 0$$

$$x = \infty, \quad T = T_o \quad \forall t$$

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The solution is obtained by combination of variables.

$$\beta \equiv \frac{h\sqrt{\alpha t}}{k}$$

$$\zeta \equiv \frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}$$

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$$\left( \frac{T - T_o}{T_1 - T_o} \right) = \text{erfc}(\zeta) - e^{\beta(2\zeta + \beta)} \text{erfc}(\zeta + \beta)$$

Geankoplis 4<sup>th</sup> ed., eqn 5.3-7, page 363

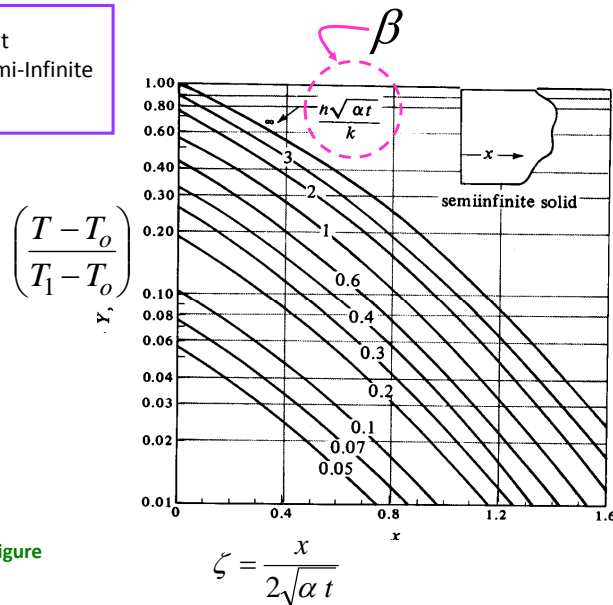
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**complementary error function**  $\text{erfc}(x) = 1 - \text{erf}(x)$

**error function**  $\text{erf}(x) \equiv \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-(x')^2} dx'$

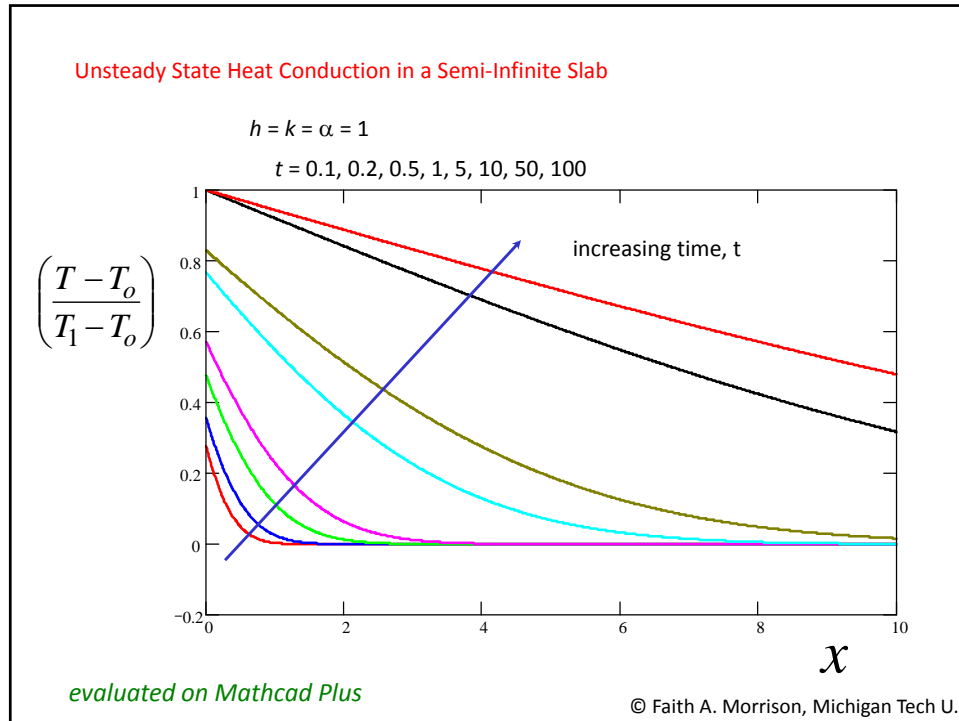
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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab



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How could we use this solution?

Example: Will my pipes freeze?

The temperature has been 35°F for a while now, sufficient to chill the ground to this temperature for many tens of feet below the surface. Suddenly the temperature drops to -20°F. How long will it take for freezing temperatures (32°F) to reach my pipes, which are 8 ft underground? Use the following physical properties:

$$h = 2.0 \frac{BTU}{h \text{ ft}^2 \text{ } ^\circ F}$$

$$\alpha_{soil} = 0.018 \frac{\text{ft}^2}{h}$$

$$k_{soil} = 0.5 \frac{BTU}{h \text{ ft } ^\circ F}$$

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**Example 8: Unsteady Heat Conduction in a Finite-sized solid**

- The slab is tall and wide, but of thickness  $2H$
- Initially at  $T_0$
- at time  $t = 0$  the temperature of the sides is changed to  $T_1$

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**Unsteady State Heat Transfer**

Use same microscopic energy balance eqn as before.

$$\underbrace{\rho \hat{C}_p}_{\text{rate of change}} \left( \underbrace{\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla T}_{\text{convection}} \right) = \underbrace{k \nabla^2 T}_{\text{conduction (all directions)}} + \underbrace{S}_{\text{source (energy generated per unit volume per time)}}$$

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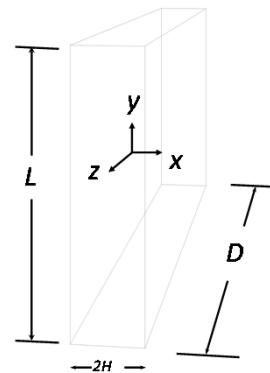
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You try.



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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab

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Initial condition:  $t = 0, T = T_o \forall x$

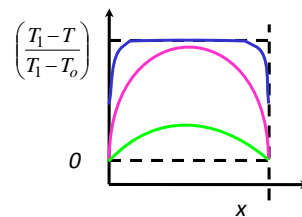
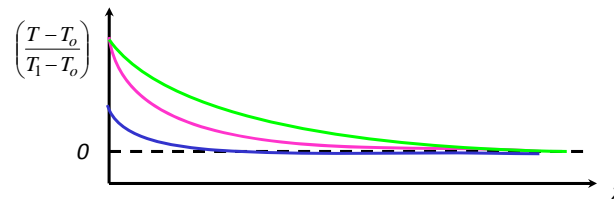
Boundary conditions:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = 0, \quad T = T_1 \\ x = 2H, \quad T = T_1 \end{array} \right\} \forall t > 0$$

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**Q:** How can two completely different situations give the same governing equation?

**A:** The boundary conditions make all the difference



For more solutions to this equation see Carslaw and Jaeger, *Conduction of Heat in Solids*, 2nd Edition, Oxford, 1959

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### Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab

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The solution is obtained by separation of variables.

Initial condition:  $t = 0, T = T_o \forall x$

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### Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab: solution by separation of variables

$$\text{Let } Y \equiv \left( \frac{T_1 - T}{T_1 - T_o} \right) \quad \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

Guess:  $Y = X(x)\Theta(t)$

Initial condition:

$$t = 0, T = T_o \forall x \Rightarrow Y = 1$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = 0, \quad T = T_1 \Rightarrow Y = 0 \\ x = 2H, \quad T = T_1 \Rightarrow Y = 0 \end{array} \right\} \forall t > 0$$

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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab: soln by separation of variables

$$Y = X(x)\Theta(t) \quad \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (X(x)\Theta(t)) = X(x) \frac{d\Theta(t)}{dt}$$

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (X(x)\Theta(t)) = \frac{dX(x)}{dx} \Theta(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{d^2 X(x)}{dx^2} \Theta(t)$$

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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab: soln by separation of variables

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

Substituting:

$$X(x) \frac{d\Theta(t)}{dt} = \alpha \frac{d^2 X(x)}{dx^2} \Theta(t)$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\Theta(t)} \frac{d\Theta(t)}{dt}}_{\text{function of time only}} = \alpha \underbrace{\frac{1}{X(x)} \frac{d^2 X(x)}{dx^2}}_{\text{function of position (x) only}} \Rightarrow = \lambda_{\text{constant}}$$

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## Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab: soln by separation of variables

Separates into two ordinary differential equations:

$$\frac{1}{\Theta(t)} \frac{d\Theta(t)}{dt} = \lambda$$

$$\alpha \frac{1}{X(x)} \frac{d^2 X(x)}{dx^2} = \lambda$$

Solve.

Apply BCs.

Apply ICs.

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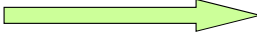
Temperature Profile for Unsteady State  
Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab

$$\left( \frac{T_1 - T}{T_1 - T_o} \right) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left\{ e^{-\frac{\pi^2 \alpha t}{4H^2}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{2H} + \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{3^2 \pi^2 \alpha t}{4H^2}} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{2H} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{5} e^{-\frac{5^2 \pi^2 \alpha t}{4H^2}} \sin \frac{5\pi x}{2H} + \dots \right\}$$

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**Microscopic Energy Balance – is the correct physics for many problems!**

**Tricky step:**


solving for  $T$  field; this can be mathematically difficult

- partial differential equation in up to three variables
- boundaries may be complex
- multiple materials, multiple phases present
- may not be separable from mass and momentum balances


**Strategy:** solve using numerical methods  
(e.g. *Comsol*)  
\*\*\*\* Or \*\*\*\*  
Develop correlations on complex systems by using *Dimensional Analysis*

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***More Complex Heat Transfer – Dimensional Analysis***



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