

## The Heat/Mass Transfer Analogy

**Theoretical Pathway to  
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Analogy**mass*

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*heat*

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HEAT XFER

The Heat/Mass Transfer Analogy

heat

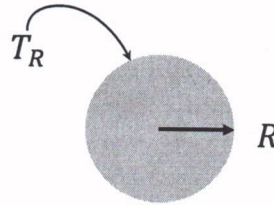
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$T_\infty$



stagnant fluid

Solve.

BSL2 p321, problem 10B.1

Let's "slash + burn" both

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mass

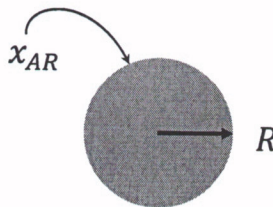
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$x_{A\infty}$



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# HEAT

Domain  $R \leq r < \infty$  (fluid)

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The Equation of Energy for systems with constant  $k$

Microscopic energy balance, constant thermal conductivity; Gibbs notation

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

Microscopic energy balance, constant thermal conductivity; Cartesian coordinates

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

Microscopic energy balance, constant thermal conductivity; cylindrical coordinates

Steady segment fluid  $v = 0$

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

Microscopic energy balance, constant thermal conductivity; spherical coordinates

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2D radial

no  
elect  
current,  
no  
rxn

$$0 = \frac{k}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\equiv \Phi}$$

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dr} = 0$$

$$\Phi = C_1 = r^2 \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dr} = \frac{C_1}{r^2}$$

Reference: F. A. Morrison, "Web Appendix to An Introduction to Fluid Mechanics," Cambridge University Press, New York, 2013 ([pages.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm310/IFMWebAppendixDMicroEBalanceMorrison.pdf](http://pages.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm310/IFMWebAppendixDMicroEBalanceMorrison.pdf)). This worksheet is on the web at [pages.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm310/energy.pdf](http://pages.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm310/energy.pdf).

BC  $r=R$   $T=T_R$   
 $r=\infty$   $T=T_\infty$

$$T = \frac{C_1}{r} + C_2$$

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Solve for  $C_1, C_2$

$$T = -\frac{C_1}{r} + C_2$$

$$T_R = -\frac{C_1}{R} + C_2$$

$$T_\infty = C_2$$

$$-R(T_R - T_\infty) = C_1$$

$$T = \frac{R}{r}(T_R - T_\infty) + T_\infty$$

check BC:  $r=R \quad T=T_R$   
 $r \rightarrow \infty \quad T=T_\infty$

What is  $Nu$ ?

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at  $r=R$ :

$$-k \frac{dT}{dr} = h(T - T_\infty)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\substack{\text{USE} \\ T(r)}}$

$$+k \frac{R(T_R - T_\infty)}{r} \Big|_{r=R} = h(T_R - T_\infty)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\substack{\text{USE} \\ r=R}}$

$$Nu = \frac{hD}{k} = \frac{2Rh}{k} = \frac{2R}{k} \frac{k}{R} = 2 \quad \boxed{Nu=2}$$

The **Equation of Species Mass Balance, constant  $\rho D_{AB}$** . For binary systems, and Fick's law has been incorporated. Good for dilute liquid solutions at constant temperature and pressure.

**Microscopic species mass balance, constant thermal conductivity; Gibbs notation**

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \omega_A}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \omega_A \right) = \rho D_{AB} \nabla^2 \omega_A + r_A$$

**Microscopic species mass balance, constant thermal conductivity; Cartesian coordinates**

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In terms of Diffusivity,  $D_{AB}$

skala

segment fluid  $\underline{v} = 0$

1D radial

homo  
generous  
rxn

$$c x_A = c_A = \frac{1}{M_A} (\rho_A) = \frac{1}{M_A} (\rho \omega_A) \quad \left( \text{units: } c [=] \frac{\text{mol mix}}{\text{vol soln}}; \rho [=] \frac{\text{mass mix}}{\text{vol soln}}; c_A [=] \frac{\text{mol A}}{\text{vol soln}}; \rho_A [=] \frac{\text{mass A}}{\text{vol soln}} \right)$$

$$\underline{J}_A \equiv \text{mass flux of species } A \text{ relative to a mixture's mass average velocity, } \underline{v} \quad \left( \text{units: } \underline{J}_A [=] \frac{\text{mass A}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}} \right)$$

$$= \rho_A (\underline{v}_A - \underline{v})$$

$\underline{J}_A + \underline{J}_B = 0$ , i.e. these fluxes are measured relative to the mixture's center of mass

$\underline{n}_A \equiv \rho_A \underline{v}_A = \underline{J}_A + \rho_A \underline{v} =$  combined mass flux relative to stationary coordinates

$$\underline{n}_A + \underline{n}_B = \rho \underline{v}$$

~~$0 = \rho D_{AB} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d\omega_A}{dr} \right)$~~

$\underline{v}_A \equiv$  velocity of species  $A$  in a mixture, i.e. average velocity of all molecules of species  $A$  within a small volume

$\underline{v} = \omega_A \underline{v}_A + \omega_B \underline{v}_B \equiv$  mass average velocity; same velocity as in the microscopic momentum and energy balances

Reference: R. B. Bird, W. E. Stewart, and E. N. Lightfoot, *Transport Phenomena*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Wiley, 2002. (p. 515, 584)

MASS solve for species A distribution w/ r

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

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\equiv \Phi}$

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dr} = 0$$

$$\Phi = C_1 = r^2 \frac{dW_A}{dr}$$

$$\frac{dW_A}{dr} = \frac{C_1}{r^2}$$

$$W_A = -\frac{C_1}{r} + C_2$$

BC:  $r=R$   $W_A = W_{AR}$

$r=\infty$   $W_A = W_{A\infty}$

same math plan as last case (p3)

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Note: molar units are more common.  
Let's switch to molar units

$$w_A = \frac{\text{mass A}}{\text{mass total}}$$

$$\left( \frac{\cancel{\text{mass A}}}{\text{mass total}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{mol A}}{\cancel{\text{mass A}}} \right) \left( \frac{\cancel{\text{mass B}}}{\text{mol B}} \right)$$

$\underbrace{\text{mass total}}_{\text{mass A} + \text{mass B}}$ 
 $\downarrow$ 
 assume dilute

$\frac{1}{M_A}$ 
 $M_B$

$$X_A = w_A \frac{1}{M_A} M_B \quad (\text{dilute mixture})$$

$$w_A = \frac{M_A}{M_B} X_A \quad | \quad (\text{dilute})$$



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$$W_A = \frac{-C_1}{r} + C_2$$

$$\frac{M_A}{M_B} X_A = \frac{-C_1}{r} + C_2$$

$$X_A = - \underbrace{\left( \frac{C_1 M_B}{M_A} \right)}_{\tilde{C}_1} \frac{1}{r} + \underbrace{\frac{C_2 M_B}{M_A}}_{\tilde{C}_2}$$

$$X_A = -\frac{\tilde{C}_1}{r} + \tilde{C}_2$$

(Same eqn since we have yet to apply BC)

(transform BC too)

Apply BC  
Algebra

Soln:

DILUTE  
MIX

$$X_A = \frac{R}{r} (X_{A2} - X_{A0}) + X_{A0}$$

(Same soln  
as for  
heat,  
mathematically)

from this  
at  $r=R$

What is  $Sh$ ?  
at  $r=R$

film coef  
↓

in  
liq,  
at  $r=R$ :

$$\underbrace{-c D_{AB} \frac{\partial X_A}{\partial r}}_{\text{Fick's law}} = \underbrace{k_x (X_{A2} - X_{A0})}_{\text{linear driving force model}}$$

$$\frac{dx_A}{dr} = -R \frac{(x_{A2} - x_{A1})}{r^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{dx_A}{dr} \right|_{r=R} = -\frac{(x_{A2} - x_{A1})}{R}$$

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combine:

$$\frac{2R}{D} \left( + \frac{c D_{AB}}{R} \right) (x_{A1} - x_{A2}) = k_x (x_{A1} - x_{A2})$$

$\rightarrow$  diameter

DILUTE  
MIX

$$2 = \frac{k_x D}{c D_{AB}} = Sh$$

Analogous to heat xfm case ( $Nu = 2$  also!)