


Last time,

Dimensional Analysis for Heat Transfer

CM3120 Transport/Unit Operations 2

Dimensional Analysis
Towards Understanding
Unsteady State Heat Transfer
(and more)



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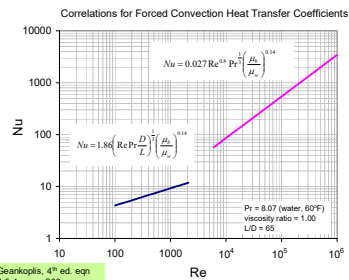
To understand and more complex heat transfer units, we turn now to...

Dimensional Analysis

CM3110: Momentum and Heat Xfer

Experiences with Dimensional Analysis (in our units):

- Flow in pipes at low (laminar) and high (turbulent) Reynolds numbers. $h = \frac{k}{L} f(Re, Pr, \frac{L}{D})$
- Rough pipes
- Non-circular conduits
- Flow around obstacles (spheres, other complex shapes)
- Boundary layers



Geanakoplos, 4th ed. eqn 4.5-4, page 260

$$Nu = Nu \left(Re, Pr, \frac{L}{D} \right)$$

Summary

- Dimensional analysis works as well in heat transfer as in momentum transfer
- We should use it (and probably also in mass transfer, but...)
- These dimensionless numbers are stacking up (and...)
- What do they really mean?

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Dimensional Analysis

These numbers tell us about the relative importance of the terms they precede.

Dimensionless numbers from the Equations of Change (microscopic balances)

momentum

Non-dimensional Navier-Stokes Equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial t^*} + \underline{v}^* \cdot \nabla^* v_z^* \right) = - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} (\nabla^{*2} v_z^*) + \frac{1}{\text{Fr}} g^*$$

Re – Reynolds

Fr – Froude

energy

Non-dimensional Energy Equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial T^*}{\partial t^*} + \underline{v}^* \cdot \nabla^* T^* \right) = \frac{1}{\text{RePr}} (\nabla^{*2} T^*) + S^*$$

Pe – Péclet_h = RePr

Pr – Prandtl

mass

Non-dimensional Continuity Equation (species A)

$$\left(\frac{\partial x_A^*}{\partial t^*} + \underline{v}^* \cdot \nabla^* x_A^* \right) = \frac{1}{\text{ReSc}} (\nabla^{*2} x_A^*)$$

Pe – Péclet_m = ReSc

Sc – Schmidt

ref: BSL1, p581, 644
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Dimensionless Numbers

Dimensionless numbers from the Equations of Change

Re – Reynolds = $\frac{\rho V D}{\mu} = \frac{V D}{\nu}$

Fr – Froude = $\frac{V^2}{g D}$

Pe – Péclet_h = **RePr** = $\frac{\hat{c}_p \rho V D}{k} = \frac{V D}{\alpha}$

Pe – Péclet_m = **ReSc** = $\frac{V D}{D_{AB}}$

}

These numbers tell us about the **relative importance of the terms** they precede in the microscopic balances (*scenario properties*).

Pr – Prandtl = $\frac{\hat{c}_p \mu}{k} = \frac{\nu}{\alpha}$

Sc – Schmidt = **LePr** = $\frac{\mu}{\rho D_{AB}} = \frac{\nu}{D_{AB}}$

Le – Lewis = $\frac{\alpha}{D_{AB}}$

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These numbers compare the **magnitudes of the diffusive transport coefficients** ν, α, D_{AB} (*material properties*).

thermal diffusivity $\alpha \equiv \frac{k}{\rho \hat{c}_p}$

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Dimensional Analysis

These numbers are defined to help us build **transport data correlations** based on the fewest number of grouped (dimensionless) variables (*scenario property*).

Dimensionless numbers from the Engineering Quantities of Interest

momentum	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Dimensionless Force on the Wall (Drag)</p> $f = \frac{1}{\pi L k_e} \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{\partial v_z^*}{\partial r^*} \right) \Big _{r^*=\frac{1}{2}} d\theta dz^*$	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">(Fanning)</p> <p>f – Friction Factor</p> <p>$\frac{L}{D}$ – Aspect Ratio</p>	$f = \frac{\mathcal{F}_{drag}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2\right) A_c}$
energy	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Newton's Law of Cooling</p> $Nu = \frac{1}{2\pi L / D} \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial r^*} \Big _{r^*=1/2} dz^* d\theta$	<p>Nu – Nusselt</p> <p>$\frac{L}{D}$ – Aspect Ratio</p>	$Nu = \frac{hD}{k}$
mass xfer	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Dimensionless Mass Transfer Coefficient</p> $Sh = \frac{1}{2\pi L k_m} \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(-\frac{\partial x_A^*}{\partial r^*} \right) \Big _{r^*=\frac{1}{2}} d\theta dz^*$	<p>Sh – Sherwood</p> <p>$\frac{L}{D}$ – Aspect Ratio</p>	$Sh = \frac{k_m D}{D_{AB}}$

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momentum
energy
mass

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NEW STUFF!

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Answer: Let's apply Dimensional Analysis to something new, unsteady state heat transfer, to sort out the various effects.

Heat Transfer: Steady vs Unsteady

What are the various cases that are seen?

- If h_i is large, the wall temp is just the bulk temp (fast convection)
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- Choose an idealized problem and solve it
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SPOILER ALERT:
 There'll be some new dimensionless numbers!

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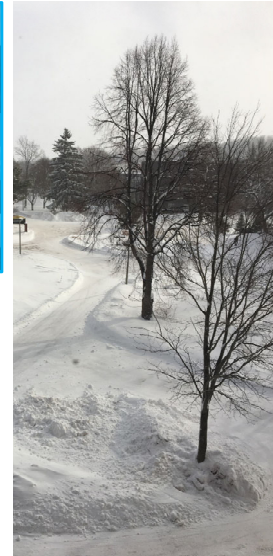
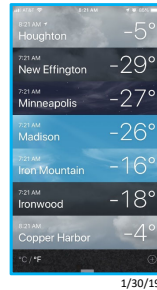
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We model the dynamics of unsteady state heat transfer because there are very practical problems that we can solve with such models.

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Example:
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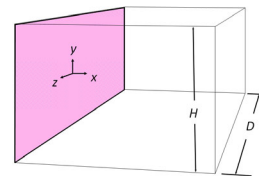
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STEP ONE:

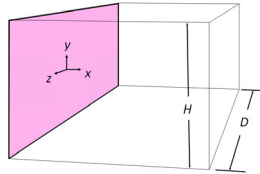
Idealized problem:
1D heat transfer in a
semi-infinite solid



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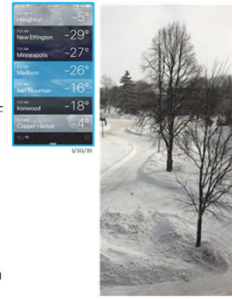
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Develop a model:



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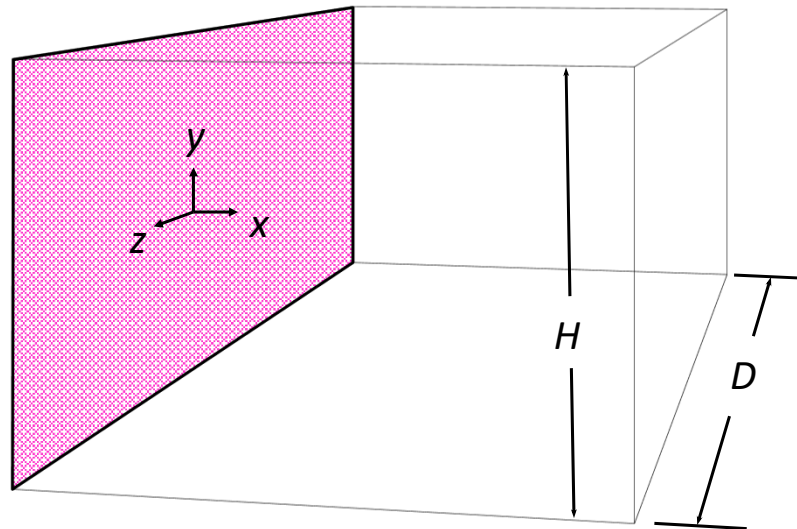
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Unsteady State Heat Transfer

Example: Unsteady Heat Conduction in a Semi-infinite solid



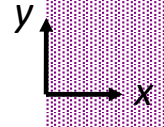
H, D , very large

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1D Heat Transfer: Unsteady State

Initial Condition:

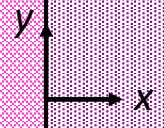
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Then,

$t \geq 0$
 $T = T_1$



$t > 0$
 $T = T(x, t)$

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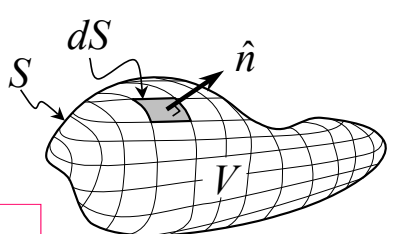
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General Energy Transport Equation
(microscopic energy balance)

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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1D Heat Transfer: Unsteady State

General Energy Transport Equation

(microscopic energy balance)

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

velocity must satisfy equation of motion, equation of continuity

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

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

Gibbs notation (vector notation)

www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm310/energy2013.pdf

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

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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 θ 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 θ ϕ) 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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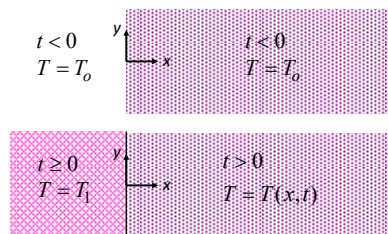
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Newton's law of cooling BC's:

$$|q_x| = hA|T_{bulk} - T_{surface}|$$



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1D Heat Transfer: Unsteady State

Microscopic Energy Equation in Cartesian Coordinates

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

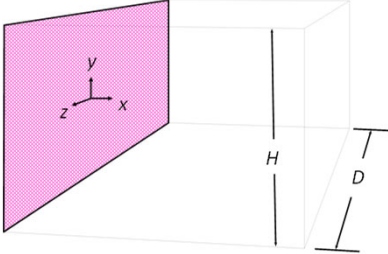
$$\alpha \equiv \frac{k}{\rho \hat{C}_p} = \text{thermal diffusivity}$$

what are the boundary conditions? initial conditions?

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You try.

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1D Heat Transfer: Unsteady State

Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab

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

thermal diffusivity

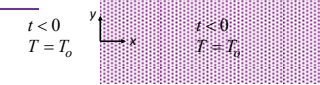
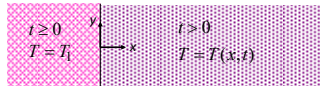
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Initial condition: $t = 0 \quad T = T_0 \quad \forall x$

Boundary conditions:

$x = 0 \quad \frac{q_x}{A} = -k \frac{dT}{dx} = h(T_1 - T) \quad t > 0$

$x = \infty \quad T = T_0 \quad \forall t$

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The solution of the PDE is obtained by combination of variables.

See text WRF p284

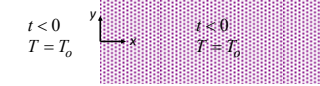
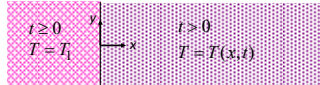
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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab

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complementary error function of y
(a standard function in Excel)

error function of y

$$\operatorname{erfc}(y) \equiv 1 - \operatorname{erf}(y)$$

$$\operatorname{erf}(y) \equiv \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^y e^{-(y')^2} dy'$$

$Y \equiv \frac{(T_1 - T)}{(T_1 - T_0)}$
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- Geankoplis 4th ed., eqn 5.3-7, page 363
- WRF, eqn 18-21, page 286

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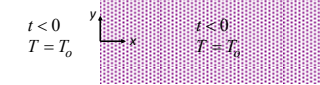
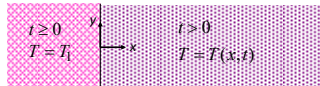
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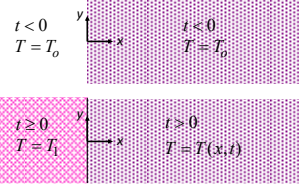
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This:

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

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At various values of this:

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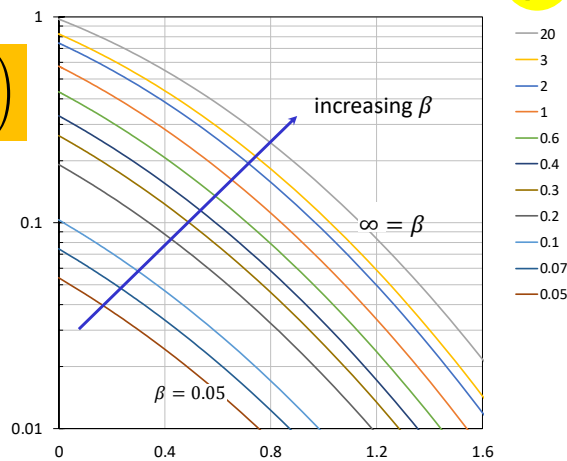
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$$\beta \equiv \frac{h\sqrt{\alpha t}}{k}$$

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$$1 - Y = \left(\frac{T - T_0}{T_1 - T_0} \right)$$



$$Y \equiv \frac{(T_1 - T)}{(T_1 - T_0)}$$

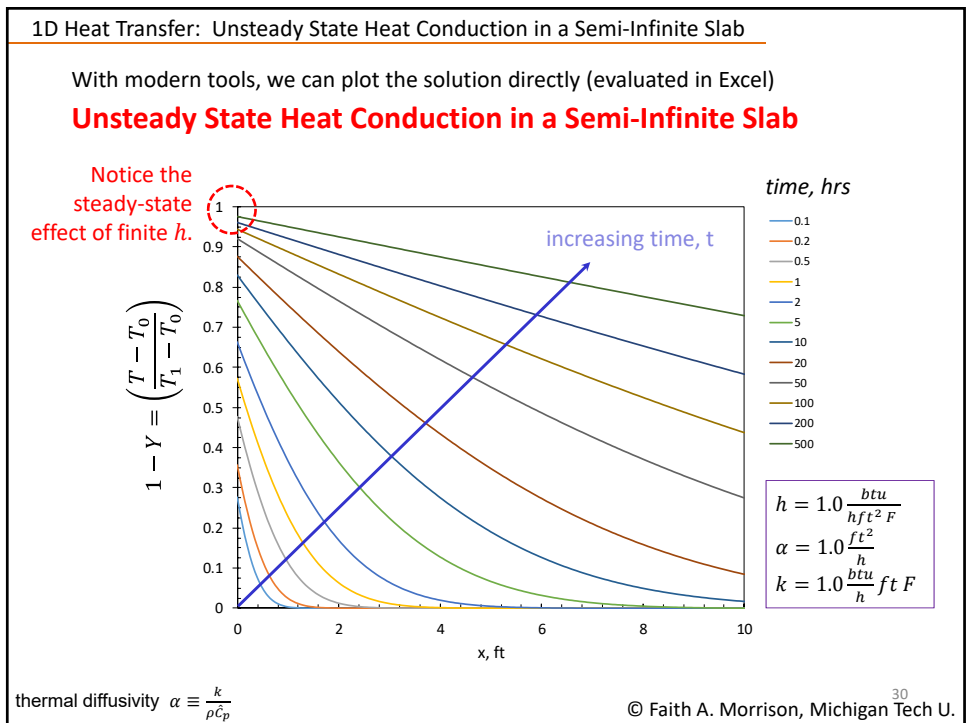
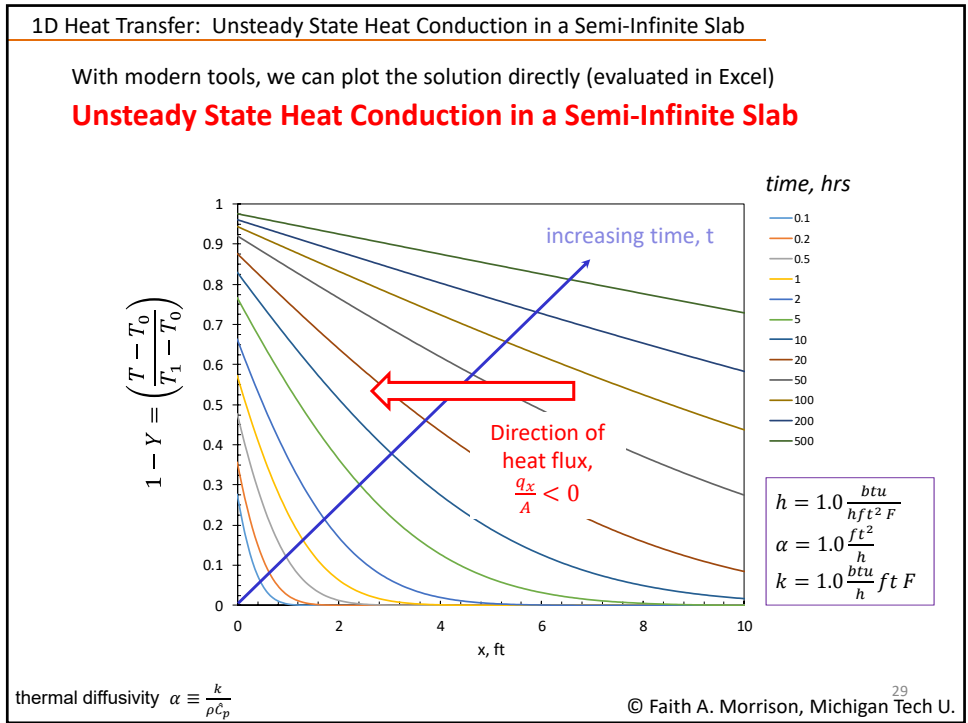
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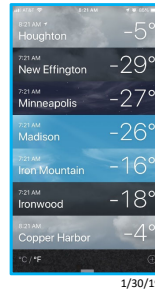
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Example:
When will my
pipes freeze?

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1D Heat Transfer: Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab

We need the
appropriate physical
property data for
the soil.

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

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

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

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thermal diffusivity $\alpha \equiv \frac{k}{\rho c_p}$

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$$\frac{T - T_0}{T_1 - T_0} = \text{erfc } \zeta - e^{\beta(2\zeta + \beta)} \text{erfc}(\zeta + \beta)$$

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

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

Both ζ and β depend on time

$T_0 = ?$
 $T_1 = ?$
 $T = ?$

$\frac{T - T_0}{T_1 - T_0} = ?$

$Y \equiv \frac{(T_1 - T)}{(T_1 - T_0)}$
 $1 - Y = \frac{(T - T_0)}{(T_1 - T_0)}$

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$$1 - Y = \left(\frac{T - T_0}{T_1 - T_0} \right)$$

You try.

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

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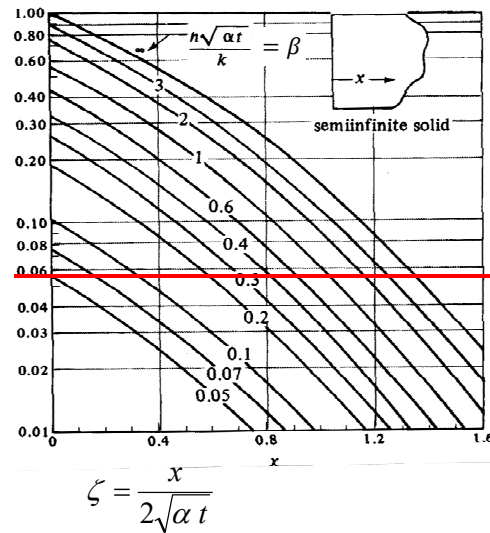
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Solution:

Guess large β
(Iterative solution)

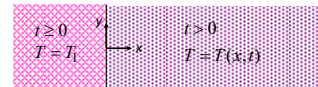
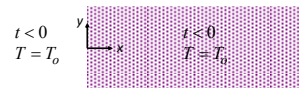
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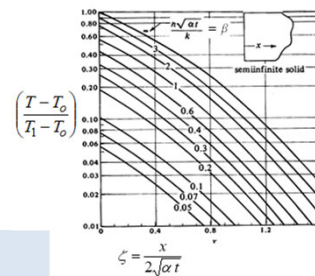
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$$\frac{T - T_0}{T_1 - T_0} = \text{erfc} \zeta - e^{\beta(2\zeta + \beta)} \text{erfc}(\zeta + \beta)$$



Answer:

$t \approx 480 \text{ hours} \approx 20 \text{ days}$

$$Y \equiv \frac{(T_1 - T)}{(T_1 - T_0)}$$

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Or, use Excel. (How exactly?)

$$\frac{T - T_0}{T_1 - T_0} = \operatorname{erfc} \zeta - e^{\beta(2\zeta + \beta)} \operatorname{erfc}(\zeta + \beta)$$

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

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

You try.

T0=		
T1=		
T=		
h=		
alpha=		
k=		
x=		

Answer:
t = 21.2 days
β = 12.1

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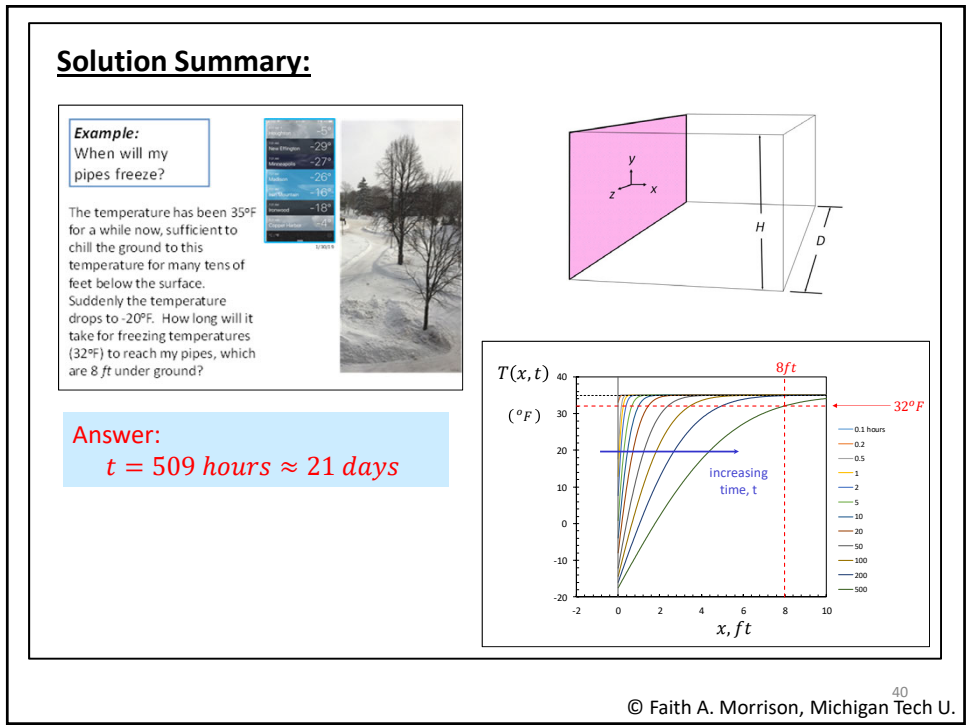
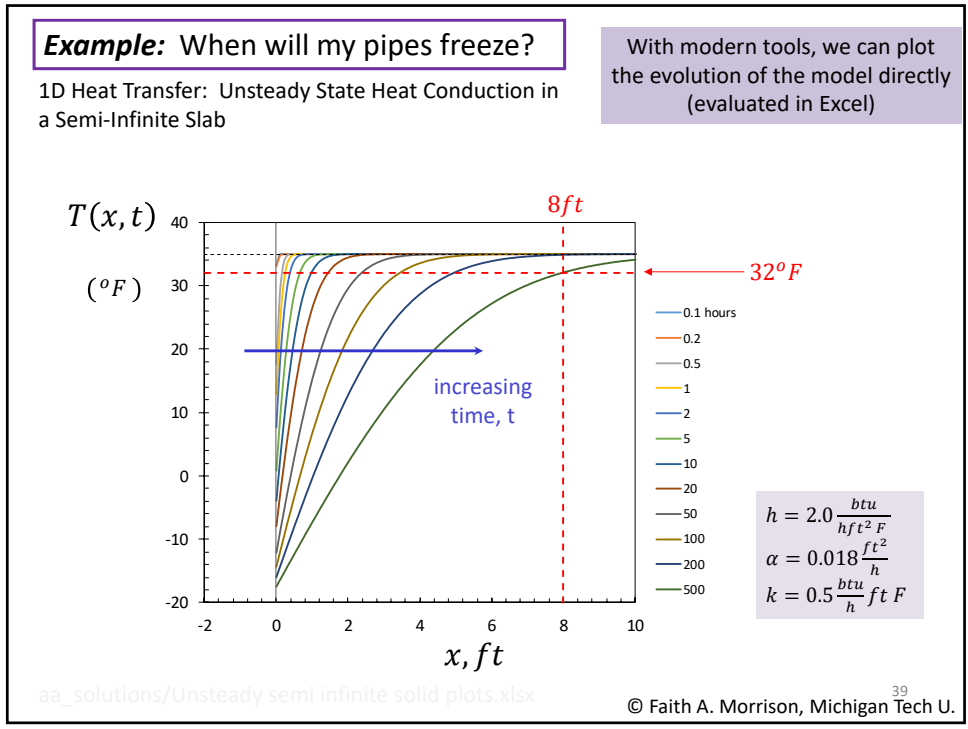
With modern tools, we can plot the evolution of the model directly (evaluated in Excel)

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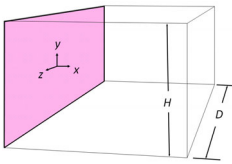
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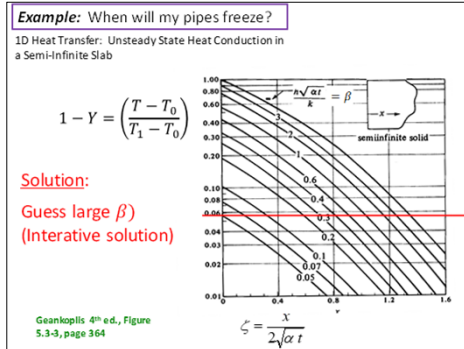
We're not making the case that this ONE solution is so important to learn. . .

Rather, knowing that solutions are available, *and* being able to set up and walk yourself through the published graph (chart, plot, equation) to answer a question of interest, *is* an important engineering thinking skill.

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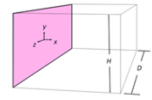
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We used unsteady state heat transfer modeling to solve one practical problem.

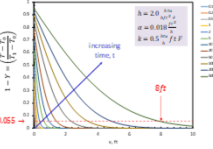
Solution Summary:

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Answer:
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More complex Systems:
Unsteady State Heat Transfer
(Analytical Solutions)





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What can we do to extend these methods to a wider class of problems?



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