



CM3120 Transport/Unit Operations 2

Dimensional Analysis

For Unsteady State Heat Transfer





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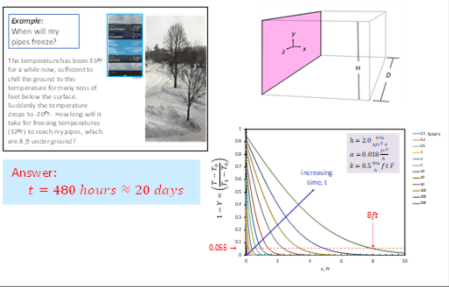
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We used unsteady state heat transfer modeling to solve one practical problem.

Solution Summary:

Example: When will my pipes freeze?


The temperature has been 8°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?




Answer:
 $t = 480 \text{ hours} \approx 20 \text{ days}$

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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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Complex Heat Transfer – Dimensional Analysis

(Answer: Use the same techniques we have been using in fluid mechanics)

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Back to this:

What is our usual strategy for complex phenomena?

Answer: Dimensional Analysis

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)
- If k is large, the temp profile is straight (quasi-steady state in the slab) and the convection works to keep up (heat xfer limited by h_i ; fast conduction in slab)
- If neither mechanism dominates, it's complicated!

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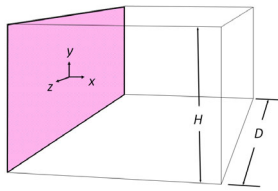
- ✓ **Let's nondimensionalize the governing equations and BCs.**
- ✓ **Let's sort out the various unsteady cases.**

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1D Heat Transfer: Unsteady State

**Let's nondimensionalize the governing equations and BCs.
Let's sort out the various cases.**



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

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

Boundary conditions:

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

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

(Review:
How did we do this before?)

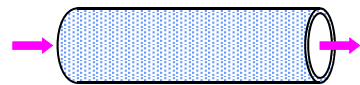
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Method:

- Identify the governing equation(s)
- Choose "typical" values (scale factors)
- Use them to scale the equations

We'll modify our solution for **Convective Heat Transfer**



Pipe flow

Dimensional Analysis

non-dimensional variables:

time: $t^* \equiv \frac{tV}{D}$	position: $r^* \equiv \frac{r}{D}$ $z^* \equiv \frac{z}{D}$	velocity: $v_z^* \equiv \frac{v_z}{V}$ $v_r^* \equiv \frac{v_r}{V}$ $v_\theta^* \equiv \frac{v_\theta}{V}$	driving force: $P^* \equiv \frac{P}{\rho V^2}$ $g_z^* \equiv \frac{g_z}{g}$
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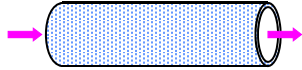
Energy

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$t_{char} = \frac{D}{V}$
 (convection)

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Slight problem: We need to nondimensionalize t for the unsteady case also, but there is **no characteristic velocity** in thermal conduction in a solid.

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Choice:
 For the unsteady case we'll choose a characteristic time based on the thermal diffusivity, α .

$$t^* \equiv \frac{\alpha t}{D^2}$$

This dimensionless time is called Fourier number Fo.

$$t_{char} = \frac{D^2}{\alpha} = \frac{D^2 \rho \hat{c}_p}{k}$$

(thermal diffusion)

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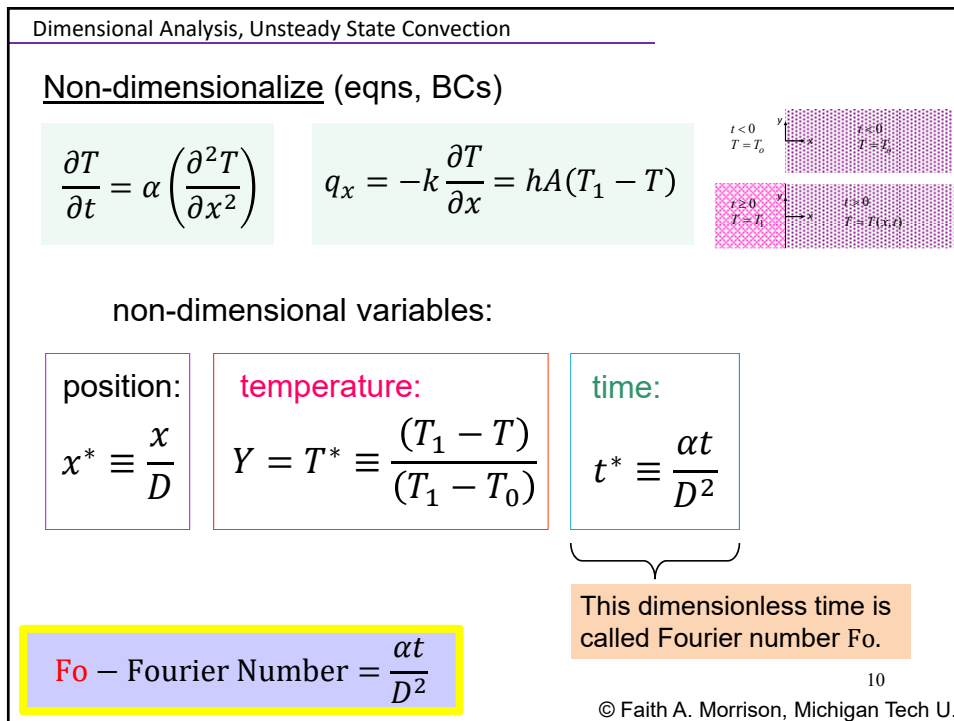
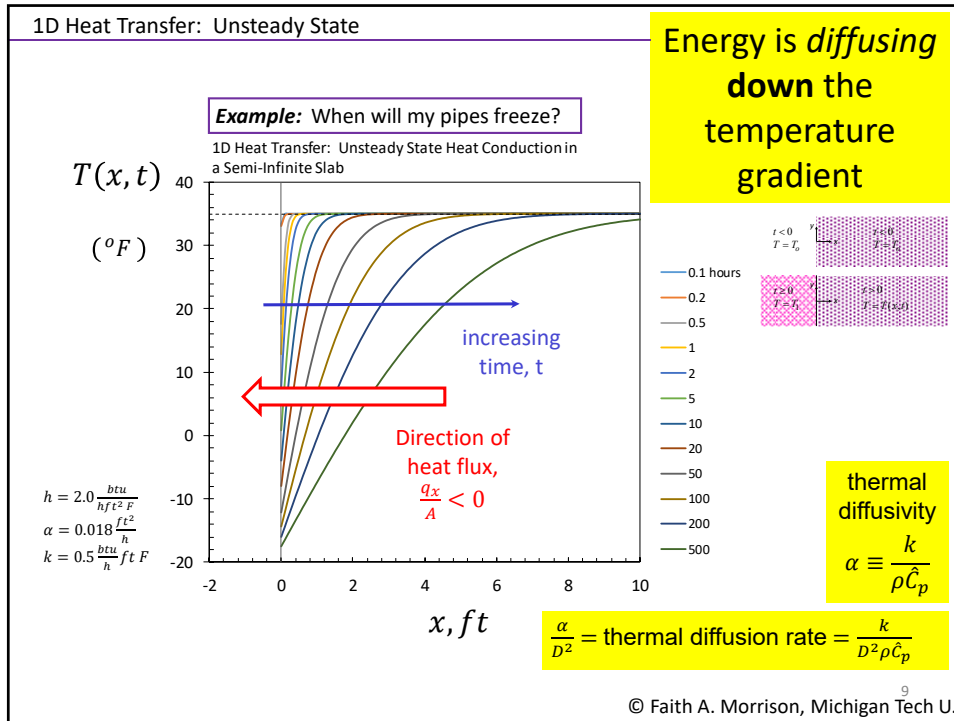
thermal diffusivity

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

(Appears in the energy balance)

$$\frac{D^2}{\alpha} = \text{thermal diffusion time} = \frac{D^2 \rho \hat{c}_p}{k}$$

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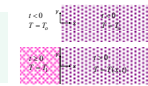


1D Heat Transfer: Unsteady State
Dimensional Analysis, Unsteady State Convection

Non-dimensionalize (eqns, BCs)

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

$q_x = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = hA(T_1 - T)$



non-dimensional variables:

position:

 $x^* \equiv \frac{x}{D}$

temperature:

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

time:

 $t^* \equiv \frac{\alpha t}{D^2}$

$Fo - \text{Fourier Number} = \frac{\alpha t}{D^2}$

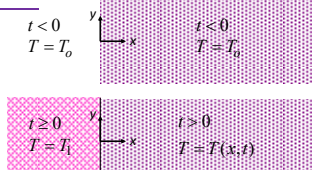
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Let's do it.

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1D Heat Transfer: Unsteady State

Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab



$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t^*} = \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial x^{*2}}$

temperature:

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

Initial condition: $t^* = 0 \quad Y = 1 \quad \forall x^*$

Boundary conditions: $x^* = \infty \quad Y = 1 \quad \forall t^*$

$x^* = 0 \quad \frac{\partial Y}{\partial x^*} = \text{Bi} Y \quad t^* > 0$

$Bi \equiv \frac{hD}{k}$

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In dimensionless form, we see that this problem reduces to

$$Y = Y\left(\frac{x}{D}, Fo, Bi\right)$$

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Dimensionless quantities:

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

Y (dimensionless temperature interval)

$$t^* = Fo = \frac{\alpha t}{D^2}$$

Fourier number (dimensionless time based on thermal diffusion)

$$x^* = \frac{x}{D}$$

Biot number (pronounced BEE-OH)

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

Ratio of heat transfer resistance at the boundary to resistance in the solid. This is a transport issue.

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Because we can solve this problem analytically, we can confirm that the dimensional analysis is correct:

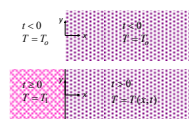
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$$\frac{T - T_0}{T_1 - T_0} = \text{erfc} \zeta - e^{\beta(2\zeta + \beta)} \text{erfc}(\zeta + \beta)$$

$$\beta = \frac{h\sqrt{\alpha t}}{k} \quad \zeta = \frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}$$



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

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

this:

$$+ \quad Bi - \text{Biot Number} = \frac{hD}{k}$$

$$+ \quad Fo - \text{Fourier Number} = \frac{\alpha t}{D^2}$$

=

$$1 - Y = \text{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{D} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{Fo}}\right) - e^{Bi\left(\frac{x}{D}\right) + Bi^2 Fo} \text{erfc}\left(\sqrt{Fo}\left(Bi + \frac{x}{D} \frac{1}{Fo}\right)\right)$$

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This is like laminar flow, where we can solve the problem all the way to the end and we find $f = \frac{16}{Re}$

And we don't need correlations

The dimensional analysis provides, however, the "lay of the land" for these types of problems.

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Unsteady State Heat Transfer in a Body

Two Additional Dimensionless Numbers

Bi – Biot Number = $\frac{hD}{k}$

Quantifies the tradeoffs between the rate of internal heat flux (by conduction, k) and the rate of heat delivery to the boundary (by convection, h)

Fo – Fourier Number = $\frac{\alpha t}{D^2}$

Scales the time evolution of the temperature profile relative to the material's thermal properties, $\alpha = k/\rho\hat{C}_p$ (thermal diffusion time).

Dimensionless Numbers

<p>Re – Reynolds = $\frac{\rho v D}{\mu} = \frac{v D}{\nu}$</p> <p>Fr – Froude = $\frac{v^2}{g D}$</p> <p>Pe – Péclet_h = $\operatorname{RePr} = \frac{\hat{C}_p \rho v D}{k} = \frac{v D}{\alpha}$</p> <p>Pe – Péclet_m = $\operatorname{ReSc} = \frac{v D}{D_{AB}}$</p>	<p>These numbers from the governing equations tell us about the relative importance of the terms they precede in the microscopic balances (scenario properties).</p>
<p>Pr – Prandtl = $\frac{\hat{C}_p \mu}{k} = \frac{\nu}{\alpha}$</p> <p>Sc – Schmidt = $\operatorname{LePr} = \frac{\mu}{\rho D_{AB}} = \frac{\nu}{D_{AB}}$</p> <p>Le – Lewis = $\frac{\alpha}{D_{AB}}$</p>	<p>These numbers compare the magnitudes of the diffusive transport coefficients ν, α, D_{AB} (material properties).</p>
<p>f – Friction Factor = $\frac{\mathcal{F}_{drag}}{(\frac{1}{2}\rho v^2)A_c}$</p> <p>Nu – Nusselt = $\frac{hD}{k}$</p> <p>Sh – Sherwood = $\frac{k_m D}{D_{AB}}$</p>	<p>These numbers are defined to help us build transport data correlations based on the fewest number of grouped (dimensionless) variables (scenario properties).</p>

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Dimensional Analysis in Unsteady State Heat Transfer

Warning!

Note Two Different Numbers
with completely different purposes and meanings
but **confusingly similar definitions**

Bi – Biot Number = $\frac{hD}{k} = \frac{hD_{\text{body}}}{k_{\text{body}}}$

Quantifies the tradeoffs between the rate of internal heat flux (by conduction, k) and the rate of heat delivery to the boundary (by convection, h) for a body in contact with a moving fluid.

Nu – Nusselt Number = $\frac{hD}{k} = \frac{hD_{\text{flow}}}{k_{\text{fluid}}}$

Dimensionless heat transfer coefficient in convection. Quantifies the physics in the moving fluid and how this results in a resistance to heat transfer, captured in the heat transfer coefficient.

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Dimensional Analysis in Heat Transfer

Note also:

$t_{\text{char},1} = \frac{D}{V}$
(forced convection)

$t_{\text{char},2} = \frac{D^2}{\alpha} = \frac{D^2 \rho \hat{C}_p}{k}$
(thermal diffusion)

$\frac{\text{convective rate}}{\text{diffusive rate}} = \frac{1/t_{\text{char},1}}{1/t_{\text{char},2}}$

$= \frac{V/D}{k/D^2 \rho \hat{C}_p} = \frac{\rho V D \hat{C}_p}{k} = \text{Pe}$

Non-dimensional Energy Equation

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

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Pe – Péclet_h = RePr
Pr – Prandtl

The Péclet number is the ratio of convective and diffusive heat transport rates

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Quantifies the tradeoffs between the rate of internal heat flux (by conduction, k) and the rate of heat delivery to the boundary (by convection, h)

At high Bi, the surface temperature equals the bulk temperature; heat transfer is limited by conduction in the body.

At moderate Bi, heat transfer is affected by both conduction in the body and the rate of heat transfer to the surface.

At low Bi, the temperature is uniform in a finite body; heat transfer is limited by rate of heat transfer to the surface (h).

High Bi:
low k ,
high h

Moderate Bi:
neither process dominates

Low Bi:
high k ,
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When the temperature is uniform in the body, we can do a macroscopic energy balance to solve many problems of interest. This is called a "lumped parameter analysis."

$T = T(t)$

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$T = T(x, y, z, t)$, easy BC

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Moderate Bi:

When the wall temperature and the bulk temperature are equal, the microscopic energy balance is easier to carry out (temperature boundary conditions).

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Low Bi:
high k ,
low h

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When both processes affect the outcomes, the full solution may be necessary. For uniform starting temperatures, the solutions are published.

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NEXT: Talk about the three cases

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