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Transport I
Part II: Heat Transfer

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



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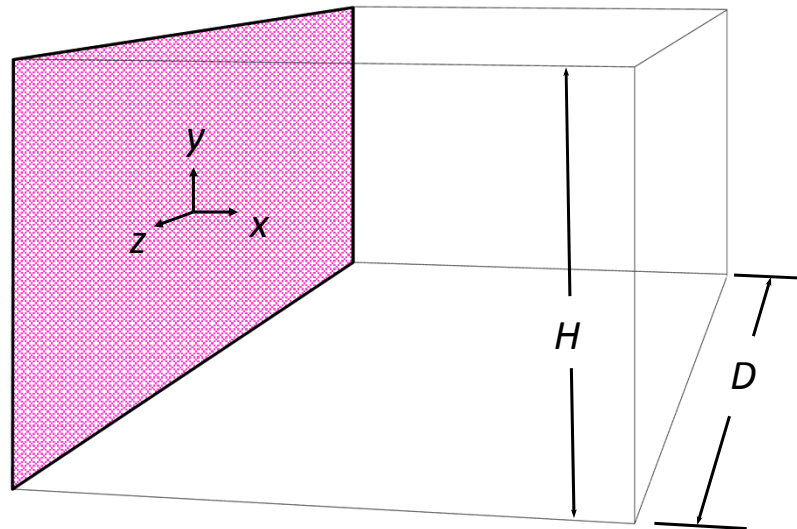
This is code for:

“Newton’s law of cooling boundary conditions:”
 $|\text{flux}| = h|T_{\text{bulk}} - T_{\text{wall}}|$

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Unsteady State Heat Transfer

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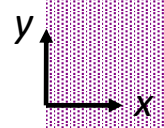


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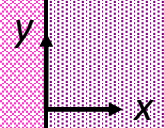
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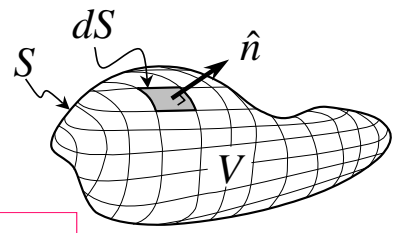
General Energy Transport Equation

(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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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)).

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

Note: this handout is on the web:
www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm310/energy2013.pdf

Gibbs notation (vector notation)

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

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:

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

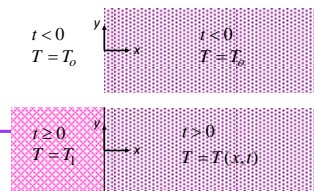
Spherical (r θ ϕ) coordinates:

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

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Newton's law of cooling BC's:

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Microscopic Energy Equation in Cartesian Coordinates

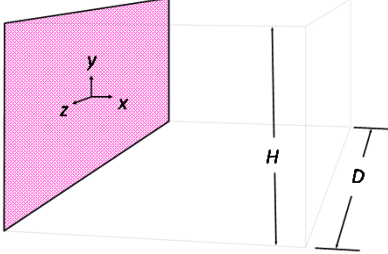
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

what are the boundary conditions? initial conditions?

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





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You try.

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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab

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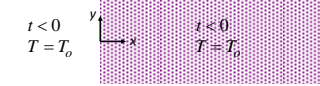
Boundary conditions:

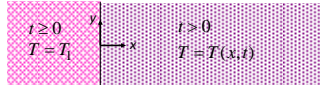
$$x = 0, \quad q_x = hA(T - T_1) \quad \forall t > 0$$

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

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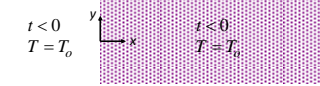
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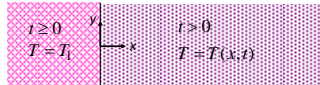
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“for all t”

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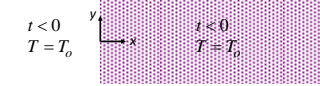
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The solution is obtained by combination of variables.

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Solution:

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

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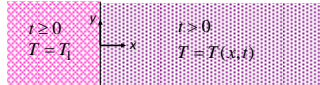
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complementary error function of y

error function of y

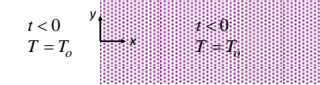
$$\operatorname{erfc}(y) \equiv 1 - \operatorname{erf}(y)$$

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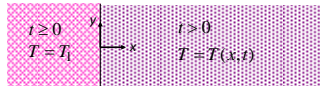
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This:

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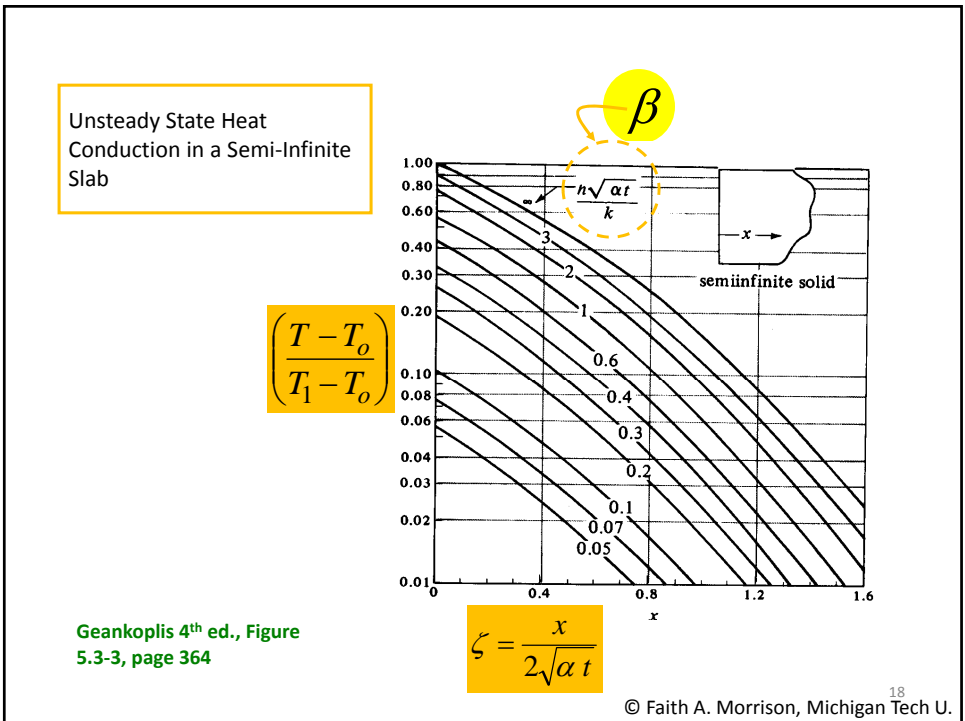
Versus this: $\zeta \equiv \frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}$

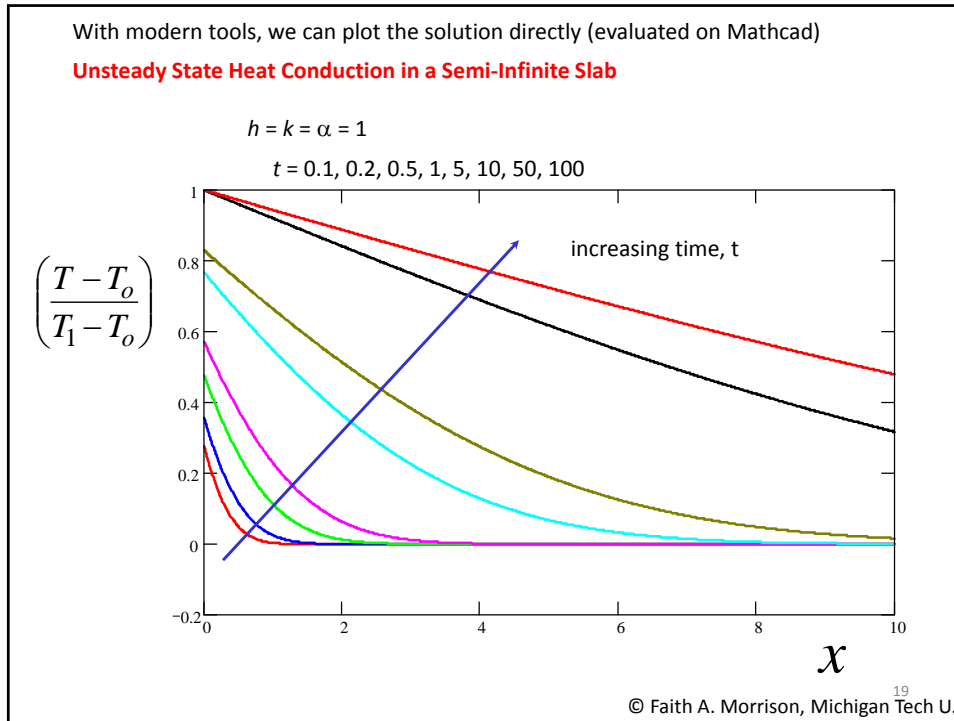
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At various values of this:

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

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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 under ground? 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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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab

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

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

Both ζ and β depend on time

$T_0 = ?$

$T_1 = ?$

$T = ?$

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

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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab

(Iterative solution)

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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Semi-Infinite Slab

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

Answer:

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

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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

$t > 0$

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Unsteady State Heat Transfer

Use same microscopic energy balance eqn as before.

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Microscopic Energy Equation in Cartesian Coordinates

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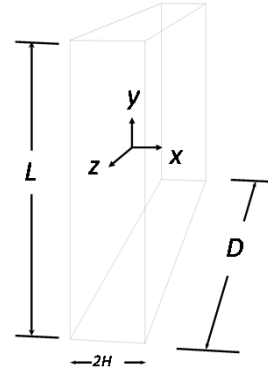
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what are the boundary conditions? initial conditions?

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**Example 8: Unsteady Heat
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You try.



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Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab

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

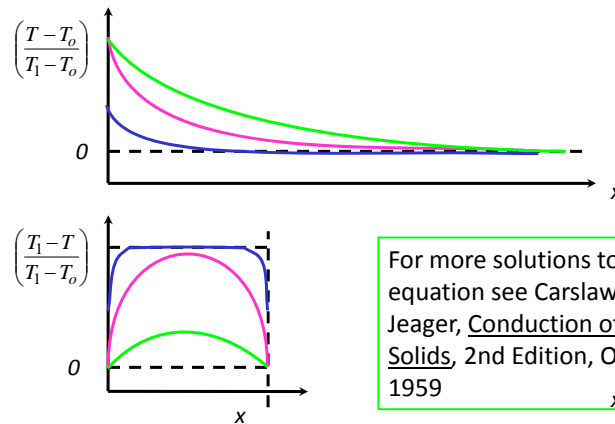
Boundary conditions:

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

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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 Jeager, *Conduction of Heat in Solids*, 2nd Edition, Oxford, 1959

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The solution is obtained by separation of variables.

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

Boundary conditions:

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

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

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

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

Initial condition:

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

Boundary conditions:

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

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

The function of two variables is separable into two functions of one variable.

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

constant

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

Separates into two ordinary differential equations:

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

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

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Solve.

Apply BCs.

Apply ICs.

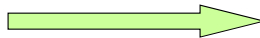
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Temperature Profile for Unsteady State Heat Conduction in a Finite Slab

$$\left(\frac{T_1 - T}{T_1 - T_o} \right) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left\{ e^{-\frac{\pi^2 \alpha t}{4H^2}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{2H} + \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{3^2 \pi^2 \alpha t}{4H^2}} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{2H} + \frac{1}{5} e^{-\frac{5^2 \pi^2 \alpha t}{4H^2}} \sin \frac{5\pi x}{2H} + \dots \right\}$$

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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:

- Look up solution in literature
- solve using numerical methods (e.g. *Comsol*)

**** Or ****

- Develop correlations on complex systems by using *Dimensional Analysis*

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Fluid Mechanics: What did we do?

- Turbulent tube flow
- Noncircular conduits
- Drag on obstacles

1. Find a simple problem that allows us to identify the physics
2. Nondimensionalize
3. Explore that problem
4. Take data and correlate
5. Solve real problems

Solve. Real. Problems.

Powerful.

Works on heat transfer too.

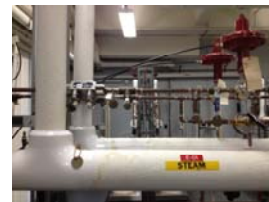
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More Complex Heat Transfer – Dimensional Analysis



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