

# 2010 Heat Transfer Midterm Exam (Including Solutions)

EQUATIONS I AND II:

$$\frac{R_{\text{ELECT}} I^2 K}{\pi r_i^2} = \frac{2\pi K (T_i - T_{\infty})}{\frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{k_{\text{POLYETHYLENE}}} + \frac{1}{h r_o}}$$

REARRANGE AS:

$$r_i^2 = \left( \frac{\ln(r_o/r_i)}{k_{\text{POLYETHYLENE}}} + \frac{1}{h r_o} \right) \frac{R_{\text{ELECT}} I^2}{2\pi^2 (T_i - T_{\infty})}$$

EXPRESS  $r_o$  AS  $r_i + 0.005m$ :

$$r_i = \left[ \left( \frac{\ln((r_i + 0.005m)/r_i)}{k_{\text{POLYETHYLENE}}} + \frac{1}{h(r_i + 0.005m)} \right) \frac{R_{\text{ELECT}} I^2}{2\pi^2 (T_i - T_{\infty})} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{III}$$

TO ENSURE THAT THE TEMPERATURE WITHIN THE INSULATOR DOES NOT APPROACH ITS MELTING POINT BY LESS THAN  $40^\circ\text{C}$ , IT IS NECESSARY TO SET

$$T_i = 80^\circ\text{C}$$

$$h = 7 \text{ W/m}^2\text{°C}$$

THEN ALL TERMS WITHIN EQ. III ARE KNOWN EXCEPT FOR  $r_i$ .

THEN DETERMINE  $R_i$  THROUGH PICARD ITERATIONS BY  
FIRST REWRITING EQ. III AS:

$$R_i^{n+1} = \left[ \left( \frac{\ln((R_i^n + 0.005m)/R_i^n)}{0.5 \text{ W/m}^2\text{C}} + \frac{1}{7 \text{ W/m}^2\text{C} \times (R_i^n + 0.005m)} \right) \times 2.503 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{W m}}{\text{C}} \right]^{1/2}$$

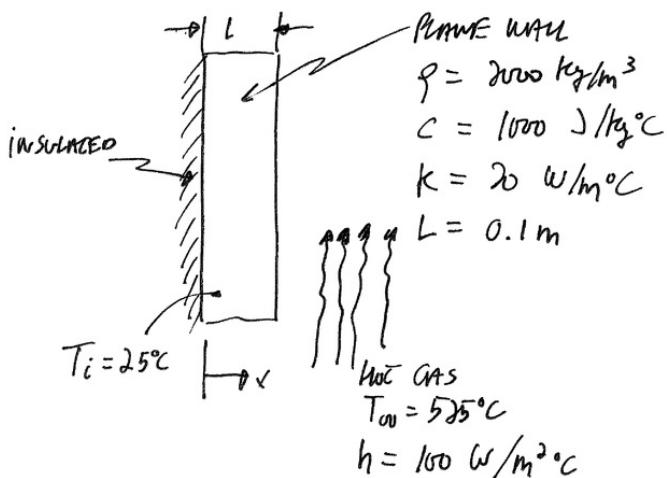
$n$	$R_i^n (\text{m})$	$R_i^{n+1} (\text{m})$
1	0.005	0.0063
2	0.0063	0.0059
3	0.0059	0.0060
4	0.006	0.006

THEN, IT FOLLOWS THAT THE OPTIMAL RADIUS OF  
THE COPPER CABLE (RESULTING IN MINIMUM WEIGHT  
WHILE MAINTAINING THE POLYETHYLENE COATING TO A  
SAFE TEMPERATURE) IS OF:

$R_i = 0.006 \text{ m}$

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#3 CONSIDER A PLANE WALL TO BE USED AS A  
THERMAL SCORING UNIT:



WANTED:

- Time  $t$  AT WHICH THE WALL HAS ACHIEVED 80% OF ITS MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ENERGY SCORING
- FOR TIME  $t$  CALCULATED IN FIRST PART, FIND MAX. TEMP. IN WALL.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- CONSTANT  $\rho$ ,  $C$ ,  $k$  WITHIN WALL
- 1D HEAT TRANSFER WITHIN WALL
- CONSTANT  $h$  AND  $T_\infty$  OVER EXPOSED SURFACE
- NO RADIATION

Solution:

First, calculate Biot number:

$$Bi = \frac{h L}{k} = \frac{100 \text{ W/m}^{\circ}\text{C} \times 0.1 \text{ m}}{20 \text{ W/m}^{\circ}\text{C}} = 0.5$$

Because  $Bi > 0.1$ , cannot use L.C.A. resort  
to Heisler charts. Then, calculate  $Q/Q_0$ :

$$\frac{Q}{Q_0} = \frac{gVc (T_i - \bar{T})}{gVc (T_i - T_{\infty})} = \frac{T_i - \bar{T}}{T_i - T_{\infty}}$$

When wall achieves 80% of its maximum possible  
energy storage,  $\bar{T}$  will be equal to:

$$\bar{T} = 0.80 \times (T_{\infty} - T_i) + T_i = 0.8 T_{\infty} + 0.2 T_i$$

Substitute latter in former:

$$\frac{Q}{Q_0} = \frac{T_i - 0.8 T_{\infty} - 0.2 T_i}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = 0.8 \times \frac{(T_i - T_{\infty})}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = 0.8$$

Now, knowing  $Q/Q_0 = 0.8$  and  $Bi = 0.5$ , use  
Heisler chart "INTERNAL ENERGY CHANGE AS A FUNCTION OF  
TIME FOR A PLANE WALL..." AND FIND  $Bi^2 F_o$ :

$$Bi^2 F_o = 1.0$$

THEN From  $B_i^2 F_0 = 1$ , FIND  $t$ :

$$B_i^2 F_0 = \frac{h^2 \alpha t}{k^2} = \frac{h^2 k t}{\rho c k^2} = \frac{h^2 t}{\rho c k}$$

SOLVE  $t$ :

$$t = \frac{\rho c k (B_i^2 F_0)}{h^2} = \frac{2000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 1000 \text{ J/kg}^\circ\text{C} \times 20 \text{ W/m}^\circ\text{C} \times 1.0}{(100 \text{ W/m}^\circ\text{C})^2}$$

$t = 4000 \text{ s}$

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Now, At  $t = 4000 \text{ s}$ , FIND MAX. TEMPERATURE IN WALL,  $T_{max}$ .

NOTE THAT  $T_{max}$  IS LOCATED AT  $x=L$ , BECAUSE

THIS IS THE CLOSEST POINT TO THE HOT GAS HEATING

THE WALL. FIRST, FIND FOURIER #:

$$F_0 = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2} = \frac{k t}{\rho c L^2} = \frac{20 \text{ W/m}^\circ\text{C} \times 4000 \text{ s}}{2000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 1000 \text{ J/kg}^\circ\text{C} \times (0.1 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$F_0 = 4.0$$

THEN FIND  $T_{max}$  ITS FORMS:

$$\frac{T_{max} - T_{oo}}{T_i - T_{oo}} = \underbrace{\frac{T_o - T_{oo}}{T_i - T_{oo}}}_{\text{USE CHART "MIDPLANE TEMP."}} \times \underbrace{\frac{T_{max} - T_{oo}}{T_o - T_{oo}}}_{\text{USE CHART "TEMP. DISC."}}$$

WITH  $F_0 = 4.0$   
AND  $B_i^{-1} = 2.0$

WITH  $x/L = 1.0$ ,  $F_0 = 4.0$   
AND  $B_i^{-1} = 2.0$

This YIELDS

$$\frac{T_{\text{MAX}} - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = 0.2 \times 0.8 = 0.16$$

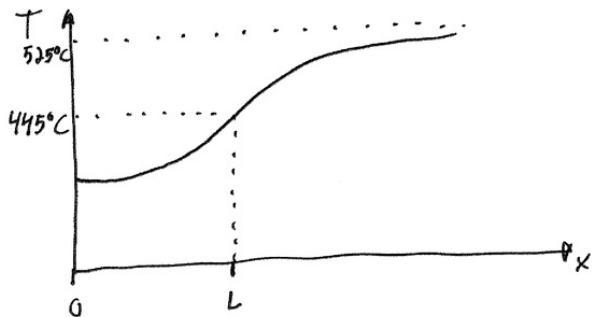
THEN ISOLATE  $T_{\text{MAX}}$ :

$$T_{\text{MAX}} = 0.16 \times (T_i - T_{\infty}) + T_{\infty}$$

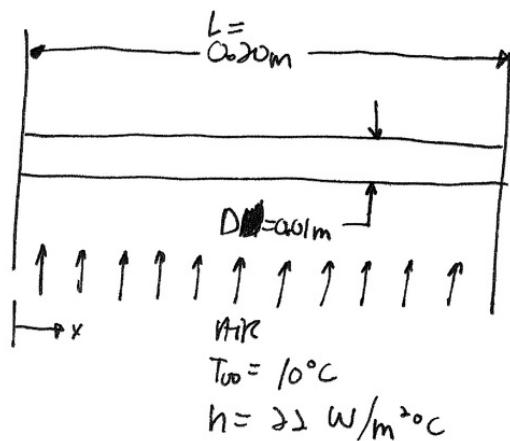
$$T_{\text{MAX}} = 0.16 \times (25^{\circ}\text{C} - 525^{\circ}\text{C}) + 525^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$\boxed{T_{\text{MAX}} = 445^{\circ}\text{C}} \quad (A)$$

NOTE: THIS IS A HEATING PROBLEM, NOT A COOLING PROBLEM. THE TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION AT  $t = 4000 \text{ s}$  IS HENCE AS FOLLOWS:



#4 Consider heat transfer in a fin joining two walls at  $110^\circ\text{C}$ :



WANTED:

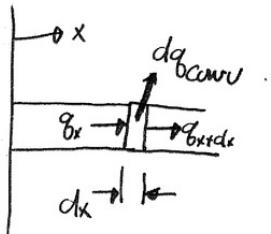
- For no contact resistance at rod surface,  
 $T = 60^\circ\text{C}$  at  $x = 0.10\text{ m}$ . Find  $k$ .
- knowing  $k$ , find contact ~~conductance~~<sup>CONDUCTANCE</sup> if  
 $T = 70^\circ\text{C}$  at  $x = 0.10\text{ m}$ .

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1D heat conduction along  $x$
- constant  $k$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $C$  within rod
- constant  $h$  and  $T_{oo}$  acting on rod surfaces.
- no contact resistance between rod and walls
- radiation is negligible.
- steady-state

Solution:

FIRST, WORK OUT AN ANALYTICAL EXPRESSION YIELDING T AS A FUNCTION OF X:



AT STEADY STATE, THE INTEGRAL FORM OF THE HEAT EQUATION YIELDS:

$$q_x = q_{x+dx} + dq_{conv}$$

With:

$$q_x = -k \frac{dT}{dx} \frac{\pi D^2}{4}$$

$$q_{x+dx} = -k \frac{dT}{dx} \frac{\pi D^2}{4} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{k\pi D^2}{4} \frac{dT}{dx} \right) dx + \dots$$

SUBSTITUTE WATER IN HEAT EQUATION:

$$\cancel{-\frac{\pi D^2 k}{4} \frac{dT}{dx}} - dq_{conv} = \cancel{-\frac{k\pi D^2}{4} \frac{dT}{dx}} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{k\pi D^2}{4} \frac{dT}{dx} \right) dx$$

For constant  $k$ , this yields:

$$dq_{\text{conv}} = + \frac{k\pi D^2}{4} \frac{dT}{dx^2} dx$$

Now use resistance analogy to express  $dq_{\text{conv}}$ :

$$dq_{\text{conv}} = - \frac{\Delta T}{ER} = \frac{-(T_{\infty} - T)}{\frac{1}{h\pi D dx} + \frac{1}{h_c \pi D dx}}$$

With  $h_c$  the contact conductance. Rearrange:

$$dq_{\text{conv}} = \frac{(T - T_{\infty})\pi D dx}{\frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h_c}}$$

Substitute in heat equation:

$$\frac{\pi D dx (T - T_{\infty})}{\frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h_c}} = + \frac{k\pi D^2}{4} \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} dx$$

or

$$T - T_{\infty} = + \left( \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right) \frac{k D}{4} \frac{d^2T}{dx^2}$$

NOW DEFINE

$$\Theta \equiv T - T_{\infty}$$

$$m^2 \equiv \frac{4}{kD} \left( \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right)$$

THEN THE HEAT EQ. BECOMES:

$$\frac{d^2\Theta}{dx^2} = \Theta m^2$$

FIND SOLUTION USING H-T TABLES:

$$\Theta = A \sinh(mx) + B \cosh(mx)$$

APPLY B.C.s TO FIND A AND B; AT  $x=0$ ,

$T = T_w$ ; This YIELDS:

$$T_w - T_{\infty} = B$$

ALSO, DUE TO SYMMETRY, AT  $x=L/2$ ,  $\frac{d\Theta}{dx}=0$ :

$$\left. \frac{d\Theta}{dx} \right|_{x=L/2} = 0 = Am \cosh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right) + Bm \sinh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right)$$

ISOLATE A:

$$A = -B \tanh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right)$$

SUBSTITUTE A AND B IN GENERAL SOLUTION:

$$\theta = -B \tanh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right) \sinh(mx) + B \cosh(mx)$$

SUBSTITUTE  $\theta = T - T_{\infty}$  AND  $B = T_w - T_{\infty}$ :

$$T - T_{\infty} = -(T_w - T_{\infty}) \tanh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right) \sinh(mx) + (T_w - T_{\infty}) \cosh(mx)$$

NOW OBTAIN SOLUTION FOR  $T_m$  AT  $x = L/2$ :

$$\frac{T_m - T_{\infty}}{T_w - T_{\infty}} = \cosh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right) - \tanh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right)$$

MULTIPLY BY  $\cosh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right)$  BOTH SIDES:

$$\left(\frac{T_m - T_{\infty}}{T_w - T_{\infty}}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right) = \cosh^2\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right) - \sinh^2\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right)$$

But  $\sinh^2(x) - \cosh^2(x) = -1$ :

$$\frac{T_m - T_{\infty}}{T_w - T_{\infty}} = \frac{1}{\cosh\left(\frac{mL}{2}\right)}$$

OR

$$\frac{mL}{2} = \cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{T_w - T_{\infty}}{T_m - T_{\infty}}\right)$$

BUT RECALL THAT

$$M = \sqrt{\frac{4}{kD} \left( \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right)}$$

SUBSTITUTE IN FORMER:

$$\frac{4}{kD \left( \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right)} = \frac{4}{L^2} \left[ \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{T_w - T_{\infty}}{T_m - T_{\infty}} \right) \right]^2$$

OR:

$$\boxed{k \left( \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right) = \frac{L^2}{D} \left[ \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{T_w - T_{\infty}}{T_m - T_{\infty}} \right) \right]^{-2}} = I$$

ISOLATE K IN EQ. I:

$$k = \frac{L^2}{D \left( \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right)} \left[ \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{T_w - T_{\infty}}{T_m - T_{\infty}} \right) \right]^{-2}$$

AND FOR NO CONTACT CONDUCTANCE ;  $T_w = 110^\circ C$ ,  $T_m = 60^\circ C$ :

$$k = \frac{(0.20m)^2 \times 22W}{0.01m \text{ } m^2 \text{ } ^\circ C} \times \left[ \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{110^\circ C - 10^\circ C}{60^\circ C - 10^\circ C} \right) \right]^{-2}$$

$$\boxed{k = 50.74 \frac{W}{m^\circ C}} \quad (A)$$