

Quiz II

This is a 50 minute closed-book exam; no notes. Please put your name on the top sheet. Answer all three questions. Explain your working and state any assumptions you have made.

1 (3 points) Circle the correct answer.

1. The heat equation

- is the same as the Navier–Stokes equation.
- cannot be solved.
- includes h .
- can be derived from the First Law of Thermodynamics.
- only holds in a vacuum.

2. For one-dimensional steady-state conduction,

- the temperature gradient is constant.
- the temperature is zero.
- the solution is independent of the boundary conditions.
- heat generation is always important.
- the heat flux decays like $1/r$.

3. Fourier's equation

- is a conservation law.
- is a constitutive law that relates heat flux to temperature gradient.
- governs radiative heat transfer.
- is a reformulation of the First Law of Thermodynamics.
- always leads to steady-state problems.

2 (7 points) The material "Quadboard" has a thermal conductivity that is not constant, but that behaves as $k = \alpha(T - T_0)^2$. What are the units of α ? For a steady one-dimensional problem, what is the heat flux? Write down the governing equation for temperature. Solve it for the case where $T = T_0$ at $x = 0$ and $T = 2T_0$ at $x = L$. Evaluate the heat flux q . What constant value of k gives the same value of q ? [Note: the ODE $\theta^2 d\theta/dx = C$ can be solved by separating variables.]

$$k = \alpha (T - T_0)^2 \Rightarrow \alpha \text{ is } \frac{W}{m K^3}$$

$$\frac{W}{m K} \quad ? \quad K^2$$

Heat flux: $q_x = -k \frac{dT}{dx} = -\alpha (T - T_0)^2 \frac{dT}{dx}$

steady problem, no heat generation: $q_x = \text{constant} = C$

$$\Rightarrow -\alpha (T - T_0)^2 \frac{dT}{dx} = C$$

Separate variables: $-\alpha (T - T_0)^2 dT = C dx$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{3} \alpha (T - T_0)^3 = Cx + D$$

BCs: $\begin{cases} 0 = D \\ -\frac{1}{3} \alpha (2T_0 - T_0)^3 = CL + D \end{cases}$ i.e. $-\frac{1}{3} \alpha T_0^3 = CL$

$$\text{so } -\frac{1}{3} \alpha (T - T_0)^3 = -\frac{1}{3} \alpha T_0^3 \frac{x}{L}$$

Flux $q_x = C = -\frac{\alpha T_0^3}{3L}$

Constant k : $T = Ax + B$ - BCs: $\begin{matrix} T_0 = B \\ 2T_0 = AL + B \\ \hline T_0 = AL \end{matrix}$

$$\text{so } q_x = -kA = -\frac{kT_0}{L}$$

Equat: $-k \frac{T_0}{L} = -\frac{\alpha T_0^3}{3L} \Rightarrow k = \frac{\alpha T_0^2}{3}$

3 (10 points) Hot water at 70°C flows along a 2-cm diameter copper pipe. The outside air temperature is 25°C . If the pipe is wrapped in 2 cm of fiberglass ($k = 0.036 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$), what is the heat flow per unit meter of pipe? How much insulation is required to reduce the heat flow by a factor of two? If there is a 1-mm thick layer of scale (essentially calcium carbonate with $k = 2.5 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$) on the inside of the pipe, what does the heat flux become? Justify in words why you have ignored the effect of the copper ($k = 400 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$) pipe.

Cylinder, $R = \frac{\ln r_o / r_i}{2\pi k L}$

$$Q = \frac{\Delta T}{\sum R}$$

(a) Fiberglass from 1 to 3 cm radius

$$\frac{Q}{L} = \frac{2\pi k \Delta T}{\ln r_o / r_i} = \frac{2\pi \times 0.036 \times 45}{\ln 3} = 9.2651 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}}$$

(b) Divide by 2? $\ln \frac{r_{\text{new}}}{r_i} = 2 \ln \frac{r_{\text{old}}}{r_i} \Rightarrow \frac{r_{\text{new}}}{r_i} = \left(\frac{r_{\text{old}}}{r_i}\right)^2 = 9$

ie. 8 cm thickness

(c) Calcium carbonate from 0.5 to 1 cm

$$\frac{Q}{L} = \frac{2\pi \Delta T}{\frac{\ln r_o / r_i}{k_f} + \frac{\ln r_i / r_s}{k_r}} = \frac{2\pi \times 45}{\frac{\ln 3}{0.036} + \frac{\ln \frac{1}{0.5}}{2.5}} = 9.2 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}}$$

(d) copper pipe: $k = 400 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{mK}}$

so $\frac{\ln r_o / r_i}{k_c} \ll 1$ unless $\frac{r_o}{r_i} \gg 1$
(not true for pipe)