Heat Transfer Computational Laboratories

One-Dimensional, Transient Conduction (Laboratory II)

Space- and time-dependent conduction heat transfer in large plane walls, long rods, and spheres initiated by convection heat transfer accross its boundaries



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Transient Conduction - Introduction

- A transient (unsteady or time-dependent) heat conduction process is initiated whenever a thermal equilibrium state of a system is perturbed.
- A perturbation on a system thermal equilibrium state can be induced by a change in:
 - \circ surface convection conditions (T_{∞} or h);
 - surface radiation conditions $(T_{sur} \text{ or } h_r)$;
 - \circ surface heat flux $(q_s^{''})$ or surface temperature (T_s) ; and
 - internal energy generation (\dot{q}) .
- Transient heat conduction processes can be modelled through analytical or numerical means:
 - Lumped system analysis (overall energy balance);
 - $\circ~$ Exact solutions to the heat diffusion equation; and
 - Finite difference, finite element or finite volume methods.

Transient Conduction - Temperature Gradients

Importance of Solid Temperature Spatial Resolution

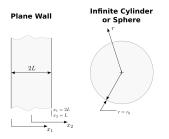
• For a transient conduction process in a solid driven by convection heat transfer across its boundaries. Biot number (Bi) determines if the spatial thermal gradients within the solid are negligible or not.

 $Bi = \frac{hL_c}{k} = \frac{\text{Conduction resistance within the solid}}{\text{Convection resistance between the solid and the fluid}}$

- For Bi < 0.1 the solid temperature distribution can be considered spatially uniform (depends only on the time): $T(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx T(t)$. • The lumped capacitance method provides a solution for T(t).
- For Bi > 0.1 the local solid temperatures depend on the position and time.
 - \circ T (x, t) solutions to the heat diffusion equation can be evaluated by analytical (exact and approximate) or numerical means.

One-Dimensional, Transient Conduction - Gov. Eqs.

Transient conduction can be described in 1D for the case of a plane wall, infinite cylinder and a sphere through the heat equation.



Simplifying assumptions:

- no thermal energy generation; and
- constant thermal conductivity.

Heat Diffusion Equation

$$\nabla \cdot (k\nabla T) + \dot{q} = \rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Plane Wall

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Infinite Cylinder

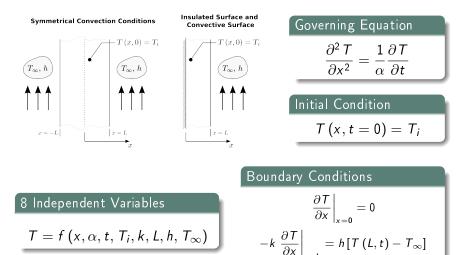
$$\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Sphere

$$\frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^2\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

$$lpha=k/(
ho c)$$
 – Thermal diffusivity

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Non-dimensionalization:

•
$$\theta^* = \frac{\theta}{\theta_i} = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}}$$

• $0 \le \theta^* \le 1$

•
$$x^* = \frac{x}{L}$$

• $0 \le x^* \le 1$

• Fo =
$$t^* = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2}$$

•
$$Bi = \frac{hL}{k}$$

3 Independent Variables

$$\theta^* = f(x^*, Fo, Bi)$$

- θ^* Dimensionless local temperature difference
- Fo Fourier number
- x^* Dimensionless position

Governing Equation $\frac{\partial^2 \theta^*}{\partial x^{*2}} = \frac{\partial \theta^*}{\partial Fo}$

Initial Condition
$$heta^{st}\left(x^{st},0
ight)=1$$

Boundary Conditions $\frac{\partial \theta^*}{\partial x^*}\Big|_{x^*=0} = 0$ $\frac{\partial \theta^*}{\partial x^*}\Big|_{x^*=1} = -Bi\theta^* (1, Fo)$

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Dimensionless Local Temperature Difference

• Exact Solution

The exact solution for the problem is given in the form of an infinite series.

$$\theta^*(x^*, Fo) = \sum_{n=1} C_n \exp\left(-\zeta_n^2 Fo\right) \cos\left(\zeta_n x^*\right)$$

For the geometry under consideration (plane wall), C_n and ζ_n are functions of Bi. C_n and ζ_n are commonly given in tables.

• Approximate Solution: One-term Approx. (Valid for Fo > 0.2)

$$\theta^*(x^*, Fo) = \frac{T(x^*, Fo) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = \underbrace{C_1 \exp\left(-\zeta_1^2 Fo\right)}_{\theta^*_0(Fo) = \theta^*(0, Fo)} \cos\left(\zeta_1 x^*\right)$$

 $heta_0^*$ – Midplane ($x^*=0$) dimensionless temperature difference

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Dimensionless Mean Temperature Difference

• Exact Solution

The exact solution for the problem is given in the form of an infinite series. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(c_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(c_n)$

$$\overline{\theta^*}(Fo) = \sum_{n=1}^{\operatorname{sin}(\zeta_n)} \frac{\zeta_n}{\zeta_n} C_n \exp\left(-\zeta_n^2 Fo\right)$$

• $\mathbf{Bi} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ – The exact solution becomes equal to the lumped capacitance method (LCM) solution (considering *Bi* and *Fo* defined with $L_c = V/A_s$):

$$\overline{\theta^*}(Fo) = \theta^*_{ ext{LCM}}(Fo) = \exp\left(-Bi.Fo
ight)$$

Approximate Solution: One-term Approx. (Valid for Fo > 0.2)

$$\overline{\theta^*}(Fo) = \frac{\overline{T}(Fo) - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} = \frac{\sin\zeta_1}{\zeta_1} \theta_0^*(Fo)$$

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Fractional Energy Loss/Gain to/from the Surrounding Fluid

$$rac{Q\left(extsf{Fo}
ight)}{Q_{0}}=1-\overline{ heta^{st}}\left(extsf{Fo}
ight)$$

- $Q(Fo) \left[= \rho Vc \left(T_i \overline{T}(Fo)\right)\right]$ Total thermal energy transfer from/to the wall over the time interval $t \left[= FoL^2/\alpha\right]$.
- $Q_0 [= \rho Vc (T_i T_\infty)]$ Initial thermal energy of the wall relative to the fluid temperature, *i.e.*, maximum possible energy transfer from/to the wall if the process continues to time $t = \infty$.

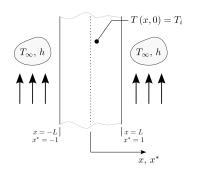
Boundary Condition at $x^* = 1$: Constant Surface Temperature

The foregoing solutions for θ^* , $\overline{\theta^*}$, and Q/Q_0 are also applicable for a prescribed temperature boundary condition at x = L ($T(L, t) = T_s$) since this is equivalent to consider $h = \infty$ ($Bi = \infty$) and $T_{\infty} = T_s$.

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Heat Removal $(T_i > T_{\infty})$: Convection Cooling

Numerical and One-Term Approximation Solutions

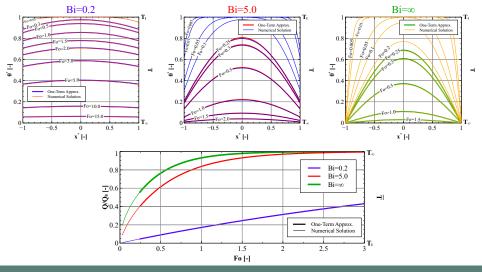


- 3 Case Studies:
- *Bi* = 0.2;
- *Bi* = 5.0; and
- $Bi = \infty$.
 - Negligible convection resistance: equivalent to prescribe a constant surface temperature (T_s) equal to T_{∞} .

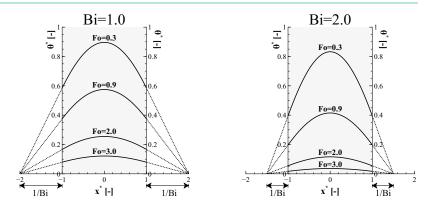
 $\Delta E_{st} = -Q, \quad Q>0$ ΔE_{st} – Change in the thermal energy stored

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Heat Removal - Numerical and One-Term Approximation Solutions



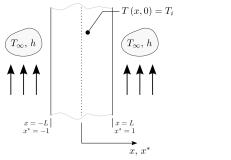
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- At any time instant during an unsteady conduction process, the extensions of the tangents to the curves at the points $x^* = \pm 1$ intersect the axis perpendicular to $\theta^* = 0$ at the points $\pm (1 + \frac{1}{Bi})$.
- This evidence is also observed for long rods and spheres and is due to the mathematical formulation of the convective surface boundary condition.

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Heat Removal ($T_i > T_{\infty}$): Convection Cooling Numerical and One-Term Approximation Solutions



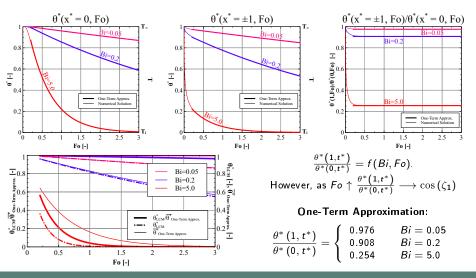
- 3 Case Studies:
 - *Bi* = 0.05;
 - *Bi* = 0.2; and
- *Bi* = 5.0.

$$\Delta E_{st} = -Q, \quad Q>0$$

 ΔE_{st} – Change in the thermal energy stored

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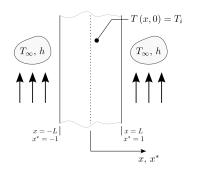
Heat Removal – Numerical and One-Term Approximation Solutions



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Heat Addition $(T_{\infty} > T_i)$: Convection Heating

Numerical and One-Term Approximation Solutions

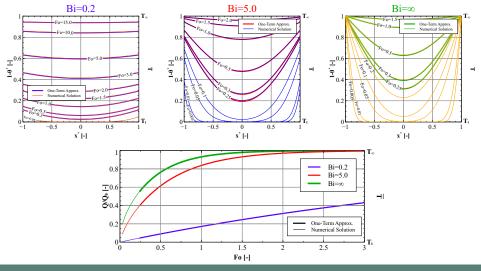


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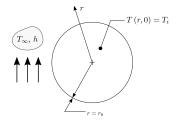
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Heat Addition - Numerical and One-Term Approximation Solutions



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Infinite Cylinder or Sphere Heated/Cooled by Convection



Infinite Cylinder - Gov. Equation

$$\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Sphere - Governing Equation

$$\frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^2\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Boundary Conditions

Initial Condition

$$T(r,t=0)=T_i$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}\Big|_{r=0} = 0$$
$$-k \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right|_{r=r_0} = h \left[T \left(r_0, t \right) - T_\infty \right]$$

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Non-dimensionalization:

•
$$\theta^* = \frac{\theta}{\theta_i} = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}}$$

• $0 \le \theta^* \le 1$

•
$$r^* = \frac{r}{r_0}$$

• $0 \le r^* \le 1$

•
$$Fo = t^* = \frac{\alpha t}{r_0^2}$$

•
$$Bi = \frac{hr_0}{k}$$

Initial Condition

$$\theta^*(r^*,0)=1$$

Infinite Cylinder - Gov. Equation

$$\frac{1}{r^*}\frac{\partial}{\partial r^*}\left(r^*\frac{\partial\theta^*}{\partial r^*}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{\partial\theta^*}{\partial Fo}$$

Sphere - Governing Equation

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Boundary Conditions

$$\frac{\partial \theta^*}{\partial r^*} \bigg|_{r^*=0} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial \theta^*}{\partial r^*} \bigg|_{r^*=1} = -Bi\theta^* (1, Fo)$$

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Dimensionless Local Temperature Difference – Exact Solutions

The exact solutions for the infinite cylinder and sphere are given in the form of infinite series.

Infinite Cylinder

$$\theta^*(r^*, Fo) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \exp\left(-\zeta_n^2 Fo\right) J_0\left(\zeta_n r^*\right)$$

Sphere

$$\theta^*(r^*, Fo) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \exp\left(-\zeta_n^2 Fo\right) \frac{1}{\zeta_n r^*} \sin\left(\zeta_n r^*\right)$$

 C_n and ζ_n are functions of Bi and the geometry under consideration (long rod or sphere). C_n and ζ_n are commonly given in tables.

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Approximate Solutions: One-term Approximation (Valid for Fo > 0.2)

	Infinite Cylinder	Sphere
$\theta^*(r^*,Fo)$	$ heta_{0}^{*}\left(Fo ight)J_{0}\left(\zeta_{1}r^{*} ight)$	$ heta_0^*$ (Fo) $rac{1}{\zeta_1 r^*} \sin(\zeta_1 r^*)$
$ heta_{0}^{*}(Fo)$	$C_1 \exp\left(-\zeta_1^2 F o ight)$	
$\overline{ heta^*}(Fo)$	$\frac{2J_{1}(\zeta_{1})}{\zeta_{1}}\theta_{0}^{*}\left(Fo\right)$	$\frac{3\theta_0^*(F_0)}{\zeta_1^3} \left[\sin\left(\zeta_1\right) - \zeta_1 \cos\left(\zeta_1\right) \right]$
$\frac{Q(Fo)}{Q_0}$	$1-\overline{ heta^*}$ (Fo)	

• θ_0^* - centerline [centerpoint] dimensionless temperature difference for an infinite cylinder [sphere].

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Dimensionless Temperature Difference for Bi ightarrow 0

As $Bi \rightarrow 0$ the exact solution for $\theta^*(r^*, Fo)$ becomes equal to the lumped capacitance method solution (considering Bi and Fo defined with $L_c = V/A_s - L_c$ is equal to $r_0/2$ and $r_0/3$ for a long cylinder and sphere, respectively):

$$\theta^*(r^*, Fo) \to \overline{\theta^*}(Fo) = \exp(-Bi.Fo)$$

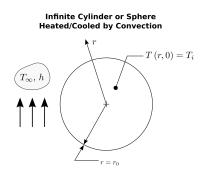
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Heat Removal $(T_i > T_{\infty})$: Convection Cooling

Numerical and One-Term Approximation Solutions

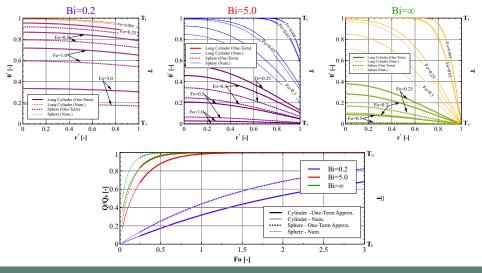


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Heat Removal - Numerical and One-Term Approximation Solutions



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Final Remarks (1/2)

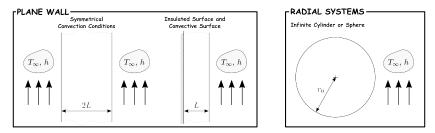
• Biot number provides an estimation for the relevance of temperature spatial gradients in a heat conduction process within a solid concurrent with convection across its boundaries.

For a one-dimensional, transient heat conduction process if:

- $\circ \frac{Bi < 0.1$: the spatial gradients are not relevant; consequently, the lumped capacitance method can be applied;
- $Bi \ge 0.1$: the spatial gradients are relevant; consequently, the one-term approximation to the exact solution particularly recommended for Fo > 0.2 or a numerical procedure should be applied to evaluate the temporal and spatial solid temperature distribution profiles.
- The one-term approx. for Fo > 0.2 results in an error below 2%.
- Heisler/Gröber charts (transient temperature and heat transfer charts) provide a graphical representation for θ_0^* , θ^*/θ_0^* , and Q/Q_0 obtained with the single-term approximation of the exact solution.

Final Remarks $(2/2) - L_c$ for Biot and Fourier Numbers

	L_c – Characteristic length ¹		
	Plane Wall	Inf. Cylinder	Sphere
Conservative <i>Bi</i> Criterion (rele- vance of temp. spatial gradients)	L	r ₀	r ₀
Lumped capacitance method – $L_c = V/A_s$	L	<i>r</i> ₀ /2	r ₀ /3
Analytical and numerical solu- tions for $\theta^*(x^*, Fo)$	L	<i>r</i> ₀	r ₀

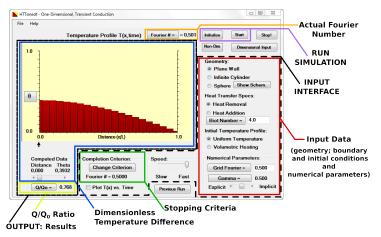


¹Find the L_c value (L and r_0) in accordance with the accompanying figure.

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Exploring the Software Module (1/4)

Software module - HTTonedt.exe (Version 5.0.0.2)

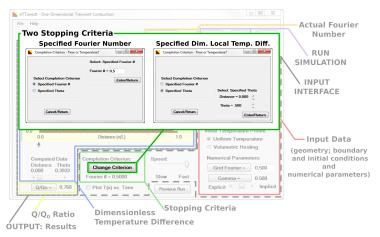


• The module solves the one-dimensional, transient heat equation through a finite-volume approach for a plane wall, infinite cylinder, and sphere.

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Exploring the Software Module (2/4)

Software module - HTTonedt.exe (Version 5.0.0.2)



 The module ends the simulation for two possible criteria: (a) specified Fourier number; and (b) specified dimensional local temperature difference.

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Exploring the Software Module (3/4)

Completion Criteria

The module terminates the simulation for two possible criteria:

- 1. Specified Fourier number Fo; and
 - For evaluation of the temperature distribution profiles and the ratio Q/Q_0 at a specific time instant.
- 2. Specified dimensionless local temperature difference $\theta^*(x^*, Fo)$.
 - For the evaluation of the elapsed time, temperature distribution profiles, and the ratio Q/Q_0 .

1. Specified Fourier Number



2. Specified Dimensionless Local Temperature Difference



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Exploring the Software Module (4/4)

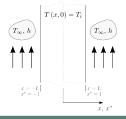
Spatial Discretization

- Two spatial discretization schemes (meshes) are available in the software module.
- The finest mesh has two times the cell count of the default mesh and, consequently, should provide more accurate results; however, at the expense of longer computation times.
- The finest grid is taken into account (<u>activated</u>) for the calculations once the default window size is changed.
- To revert to the default mesh, the user should restart the software module.
- The module application examples that follow (next slides) consider the default mesh.

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Module Application Example I: Problem Statement

Consider a 0.1 m (2L) thick plane wall initially at $T_i = 180$ °C that is suddenly cooled with a fluid at $T_{\infty} = 20$ °C and with h = 2200 W.m⁻².K⁻¹. The wall material has a thermal conductivity (k), density (ρ), and specific heat (c) equal to 110 W · m⁻¹ · K⁻¹, 8530 kg.m⁻³, and 380 J.kg⁻¹.K⁻¹, respectively.



After 40 ${\rm s}$ of cooling, evaluate the following using the module:

- 1. temperature distribution profile, $T(-L \le x \le L)$;
- 2. fractional energy loss, Q/Q_0 ;
- 3. average wall temperature, \overline{T} ; and
- 4. compare the average wall temperature computed with the module with the temperature predicted by the lumped capacitance method.

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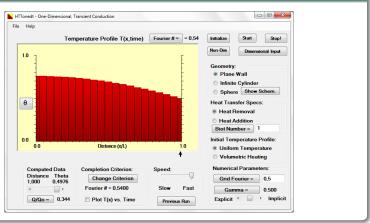
Module Application Example I: Module Application

Preliminary Calculations					
	Biot Num	ber Thermal Diffusivit	y Fourier Number		
	$Bi = 1.00$ $\alpha = 3.39 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{m^2.s^{-1}}$ $Fo(t = 40 \mathrm{s}) \approx 0.54$				
Nodule Input Data					
1 -	Geometry:	2 - Heat Transfer Specs:	3 - Initial Temperature Profile:		
"Pla	ane Wall"	"Heat Removal" "Biot Number = 1"	"Uniform Temperature"		
	<u>4 - Numerical Parameters:</u>		5 - Completion Criteria:		
"Grid Fourier = 0,5" "Gamma = 0.500" "Default Mesh"		· ·	"Fourier # = 0,5400"		

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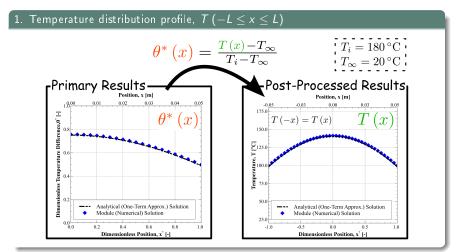
Module Application Example I: Module Application and Results

Module Results



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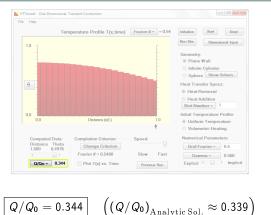
Module Application Example I: Results Analysis (1/3)



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Module Application Example I: Results Analysis (2/3)

2. Fractional energy loss, Q/Q_0



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Module Application Example I: Results Analysis (3/3)

3. Average wall temperature, \overline{T}

$$\overline{\theta^*} = \int_0^1 \theta^* (x^*) \, dx^* =$$
$$= 1 - \Omega / \Omega_0 = 0.656$$

$$\overline{\theta^*} = \frac{\overline{T} - T_{\infty}}{T_* - T} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\overline{T} = 124.96^{\circ}C}$$

$$\left(\overline{T}_{\mathrm{Analytic\,Sol.}} \approx 125.79\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}\right)$$

 Average wall temperature – module vs. lumped capacitance method results

$$\theta_{\rm LCM}^* = \exp\left(-Bi \cdot Fo\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{h\alpha t}{kL}\right) =$$
$$= \exp\left(-\frac{2200 \times 3.39 \times 10^{-5} \times 40}{110 \times 0.05}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \theta_{\rm LCM}^* \approx 0.581$$

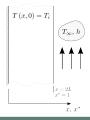
$$\theta_{\rm LCM}^* = \frac{T_{\rm LCM} - T_{\infty}}{T_i - T_{\infty}} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{T_{\rm LCM} = 112.960\,^{\circ}{\rm C}}$$

A relative error of about 10% is observed for $T_{\rm LCM}$ in relation to the module solution ($\overline{T}_{\rm Mod.} = 124.96$ °C).

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Module Appl. Example II: Problem Statement

Consider the same plane wall of Example I (same thermophysical properties and geometrical parameters) initially at $T_i = 20$ °C. One surface is perfectly insulated while the other is suddenly exposed to a fluid at $T_{\infty} = 180$ °C and with $h = 2200 \,\mathrm{W.m^{-2}.K^{-1}}$.



Evaluate the following using the module:

- 1. elapsed time, t, to observe a temperature equal to $100 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ at the insulated surface (*i.e.*, $T(x = 0, t) = 100 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$);
- 2. temperature at $x = 0.08 \,\mathrm{m}$ and at the time instant of 1.; and
- 3. thermal energy absorbed per unit active surface area, Q/A_s , at the time instant of 1.

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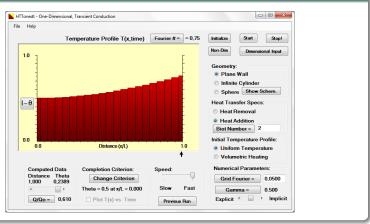
Module Appl. Example II: Module Application

Preliminary Calculations					
	Biot Number	r Thermal Diffusivity	Dim. Local Temp. Diff.		
	<i>Bi</i> = 2.00	$\alpha = 3.39 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{m^2.s^-}$	1 $ heta^{*}\left(0,Fo ight)=0.5$		
Module Input Data					
1	1 - Geometry: <u>2 - Heat Transfer Specs</u> :	3 - Initial Temperature Profile:			
"F	Plane Wall"	"Heat Addition" "Biot Number = 2"	"Uniform Temperature"		
	<u>4 - Numerical Parameters:</u> "Grid Fourier = 0,05" "Gamma = 0.500" "Default Mesh"		5 - Completion Criteria:		
			"Theta=0.5 at x/L=0.000"		
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Module Appl. Example II: Module Application and Results

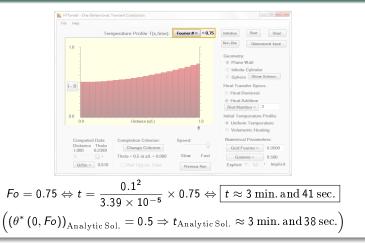
Module Results



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Module Application Example II: Results Analysis (1/3)

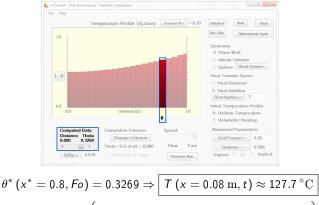
1. Elapsed time to observe $T(x = 0, t) = 100 \,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$



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Module Application Example II: Results Analysis (2/3)

2. Temperature at x = 0.08 m when $T(x = 0, t) = 100 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$



$$\left((T \ (x = 0.08 \text{ m}, t)) \approx 127.9 \text{ °C} \right)$$

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Module Application Example II: Results Analysis (3/3)

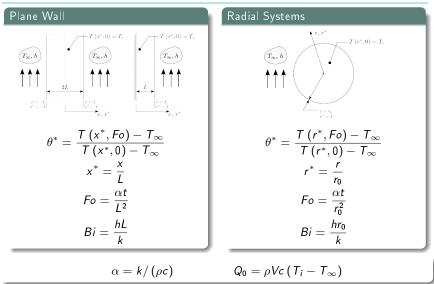
3. Absorbed energy per unit active surface area, Q/A_s , when $T(x=0,t)=100~^\circ\mathrm{C}$



 $\begin{aligned} Q/A_s &= \rho L_c \, c \left(Q/Q_0 \right) \theta_i = 8530 \times 0.1 \times 380 \times 0.610 \times (20 - 180) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow \boxed{Q/A_s \approx -3.16 \times 10^7 \, \mathrm{J \cdot m^{-2}}} \quad \left(\left(Q/A_s \right)_{\mathrm{Analytic Sol.}} \approx -3.07 \times 10^7 \, \mathrm{J \cdot m^{-2}} \right) \end{aligned}$

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Useful Relations



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