

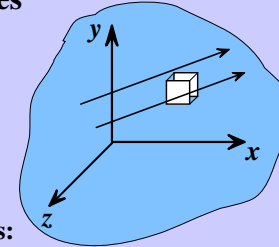
**CHAPTER 2**  
**§ 2-2 § 2-3**  
**HEAT CONDUCTION EQUATION**

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**2.2 The General Heat Conduction Equation in Rectangular Coordinates**

General case:

- 3-D
- Unsteady state
- Energy generation,  $\dot{g}$ : Examples:
  - Nuclear element
  - Electric energy dissipation in devices
  - Metabolic heat production in tissue



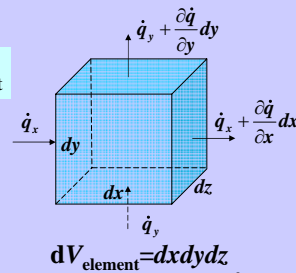
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Apply conservation of energy to element  $dV_{\text{element}} = dx dy dz$  during time  $dt$ :

**Heat added- Heat removed + heat generation =  
 Energy change within element**

$$Q_{\text{in}} - Q_{\text{out}} + G_{\text{element}} = \Delta E_{\text{element}}$$

Express in terms of  $T$ .



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- Heat in by conduction,  $Q_{\text{in}}$ :

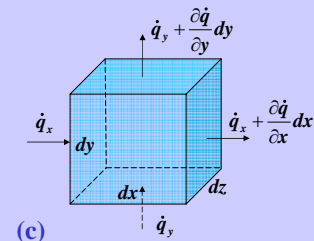
$$Q_{\text{in}} = \dot{q}_x dy dz dt + \dot{q}_y dx dz dt + \dot{q}_z dx dy dt \quad \text{(a)}$$

- Heat generation,  $G_{\text{element}}$ :

$$G_{\text{element}} = \dot{g} dx dy dz dt \quad \text{(b)}$$

- Heat out by conduction,  $Q_{\text{out}}$ :

$$Q_{\text{out}} = \left( \dot{q}_x + \frac{\partial \dot{q}_x}{\partial x} dx \right) dy dz dt + \left( \dot{q}_y + \frac{\partial \dot{q}_y}{\partial y} dy \right) dx dz dt + \left( \dot{q}_z + \frac{\partial \dot{q}_z}{\partial z} dz \right) dx dy dt$$



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- Energy change within the element  $\Delta E$

Expressing  $E$  in terms of  $T$ . Neglecting changes in kinetic and potential energy

$$\Delta E = \Delta U = \rho(dx dy dz) C_p \Delta T$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dt$$

$$\Delta E = \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx dy dz dt \quad \text{(d)}$$

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Substitute (a), (b), (c) and (d) into energy conservation equation and dividing through by  $dx dy dz dt$

$$-\frac{\partial \dot{q}_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \dot{q}_y}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \dot{q}_z}{\partial z} + \dot{g} = \rho c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad \text{(e)}$$

Apply Fourier's law of conduction

$$\dot{q}_x = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}, \quad \dot{q}_y = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}, \quad \dot{q}_z = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

Substituting into (e)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + \dot{g} = \rho c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

- It is the **heat conduction differential equation**

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- Assume: constant  $k$

Diffusive term	Source term	Transient term
$\alpha \left[ \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right]$	$+\frac{\dot{g}}{\rho c_p}$	$= \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$

or 
$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\dot{g}}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Where  $\alpha = k / \rho C_p$  (m<sup>2</sup>/s) is the thermal diffusivity.

- **NOTE:**

- (1) It is the differential formulation of the **principle of conservation** of energy. Valid at every point in the material
- (2) Limited to isotropic and constant  $k$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\dot{g}}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

➤ Simplifications for special cases:

- Steady state: set  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0$

- One-dimensional: set  $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = 0$

- No energy generation: set  $\dot{g} = 0$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\dot{g}}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

unsteady  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\dot{g}}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad \text{Fourier-Biot eq.} \\ \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad \text{Diffusion eq.} \end{array} \right.$

Steady  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\dot{g}}{k} = 0 \quad \text{Poisson eq.} \\ \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad \text{Laplace eq.} \end{array} \right.$

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### 2.3 Heat Cond. Eq. in Cyl. and Sph. Coordinates

• Cylindrical coordinates  $r, \phi, z$

$$\alpha \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right] + \frac{\dot{g}}{\rho c_p} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

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• Spherical coordinates  $r, \theta, \phi$

$$\alpha \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \right) \right] + \frac{\dot{g}}{\rho c_p} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

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### 2.4 Boundary and Initial Conditions

#### 1 Initial Conditions

I.C. are mathematical expression for the temperature distribution of the medium initially.

Unsteady:  $t = 0, \quad T(x, y, z, 0) = f(x, y, z)$   
 uniform—  $T(x, y, z, 0) = T_i$

#### 2 Boundary Conditions

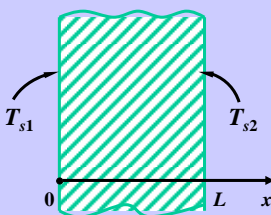
B.C. are mathematical equations describing what takes place physically at a boundary.

To write boundary conditions we must:

- Select an origin
- Select coordinate axes
- Identify the physical conditions at the boundaries

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**(1) Specified temperature. (the first kind B.C.)**



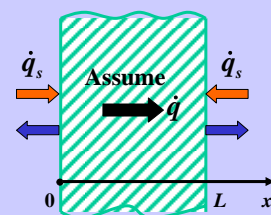
$$T_s = \begin{cases} \text{const} \\ T_{si} \pm Ct \\ \dots \end{cases} \quad \left( \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \pm C \right)$$

e.g. 
$$\begin{cases} T(0,t) = T_{s1} \\ T(L,t) = T_{s2} \end{cases}$$

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**(2) Specified heat flux. (the Second kind B.C.)**

Using Fourier's law  $\dot{q}_s = -k \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right)_s = \begin{cases} \text{const} \\ 0 \end{cases}$   
↓  
Insulated B.C.



e.g.  $|\dot{q}_s| = 50 \text{ W/m}^2$

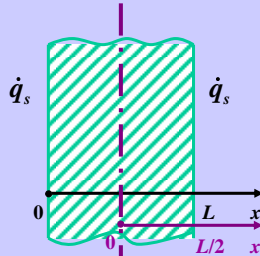
Heating 
$$\begin{cases} -k \frac{\partial T(0,t)}{\partial x} = 50 \\ -k \frac{\partial T(L,t)}{\partial x} = -50 \end{cases}$$

Cooling 
$$\begin{cases} -k \frac{\partial T(0,t)}{\partial x} = -50 \\ -k \frac{\partial T(L,t)}{\partial x} = 50 \end{cases}$$

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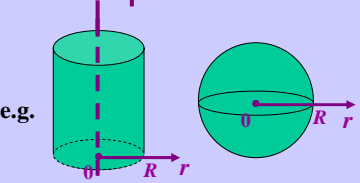
**❖ Special case**

**(a) Insulated B.C.  $\dot{q}_s = 0$**



$$\begin{cases} k \frac{\partial T(0,t)}{\partial x} = 0 \\ k \frac{\partial T(L,t)}{\partial x} = 0 \end{cases}$$

**(b) Thermal symmetry**



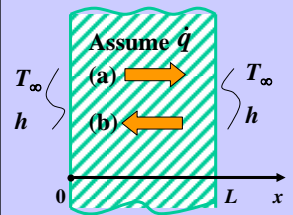
e.g.  $\left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right|_{r=0} = 0$

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**(3) Convection.**

Fluid temperature  $T_\infty$  and convection heat transfer coefficient  $h$  are known.  $T_s$  is unknown.

• Equating Newton's law with Fourier's law:  $-k \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right)_s = h(T_s - T_\infty)$



▪ **Left boundary ( $x = 0$ )**

(a)  $-k \frac{\partial T(0,t)}{\partial x} = h(T_\infty - T_s)$

or (b)  $k \frac{\partial T(0,t)}{\partial x} = h(T_s - T_\infty)$

▪ **Right boundary ( $x = L$ )**

(a)  $-k \frac{\partial T(L,t)}{\partial x} = h(T_s - T_\infty)$

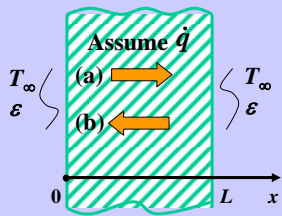
or (b)  $k \frac{\partial T(L,t)}{\partial x} = h(T_\infty - T_s)$

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**(4) Radiation.**

$T_\infty$  and  $\varepsilon$  of material surface are known.  $T_s$  is unknown.

- Equating Stefan-Boltzmann law with Fourier's law:



$$-k \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right)_s = \varepsilon \sigma (T_s^4 - T_\infty^4)$$

e.g. Left boundary ( $x = 0$ )

(a)  $-k \frac{\partial T(0,t)}{\partial x} = \varepsilon \sigma (T_\infty^4 - T_s^4)$

or (b)  $k \frac{\partial T(0,t)}{\partial x} = \varepsilon \sigma (T_s^4 - T_\infty^4)$

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• Note:  $-k \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right)_s = \varepsilon \sigma (T_s^4 - T_\infty^4)$

Or express as  $-k \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right)_s = h_{\text{rad}} (T_s - T_\infty)$

Where  $h_{\text{rad}}$  is equivalent heat transfer coefficient.

$$h_{\text{rad}} (T_s - T_\infty) = \varepsilon \sigma (T_s^4 - T_\infty^4) \Rightarrow h_{\text{rad}} = \frac{\varepsilon \sigma (T_s^4 - T_\infty^4)}{(T_s - T_\infty)}$$

- Combined heat transfer coefficient:  $h_{\text{combined}} = h_{\text{rad}} + h_{\text{conv}}$

- The Third kind B.C.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (3) \text{ Convection} \\ (4) \text{ Radiation} \end{array} \right.$

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**(5) Interface.**

Two different materials with a perfect interface contact.

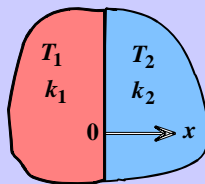
Two B.C.:

- (i) Equality of temperature:

$$T_1(0, y) = T_2(0, y)$$

- (ii) Equality of heat flux:

$$-k_1 \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = -k_2 \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0}$$



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