

**ME 24-731**  
**Conduction and Radiation Heat Transfer**

Solution to Assignment No: 7  
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1. (a) The surfaces are numbered as shown in Figure 1. Using Hottel's cross strings, we find the relevant view factors as

$$\begin{aligned}F_{11} &= 0 \\F_{12} &= F_{14} = \frac{1}{2L}(2L - (0 + \sqrt{2}L)) = 0.293 \\F_{14} &= 1 - 2F_{12} = 0.414\end{aligned}$$

The other view factors can be deduced by symmetry.

- (b) The equations governing the surface radiosities can be written as:

$$\varepsilon_i (E_{bi} - J_i) = (1 - \varepsilon_i) \sum_{j=1}^4 F_{ij} (J_i - J_j) \quad \text{for surfaces with T given} \quad (1)$$

$$q_i = \sum_{j=1}^4 F_{ij} (J_i - J_j) \quad \text{for surfaces with } q_i \text{ given} \quad (2)$$

Solving the four equations simultaneously for the  $J_i$ 's yields

$$\begin{aligned}J_1 &= 7.5787 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\J_2 &= 3544 \text{ W/m}^2 \\J_3 &= 1.295 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\J_4 &= 3.6138 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2\end{aligned}$$

For surfaces with temperatures given, the heat fluxes are computed from Equation 2 once the  $J_i$ 's are known. For surfaces with given  $q_i$ ,  $E_{bi}$  is computed from Equation 1 and the temperature computed from it. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}q_1 &= 5.9733 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\q_2 &= -4.0606 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\q_3 &= -2.9128 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\q_4 &= 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2\end{aligned}$$

Heat balance is satisfied. Further,

$$\begin{aligned}T_1 &= 2000 \text{ K} \\T_2 &= 500 \text{ K} \\T_3 &= 1000 \text{ K} \\T_4 &= 1689 \text{ K}\end{aligned}$$

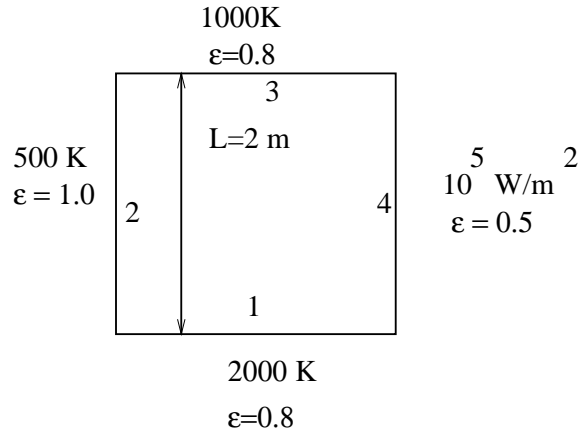


Figure 1: Domain for Problem 1

2. For this problem,  $E_{b1}$  is no longer known. The heat flux leaving surface 1 is given by:

$$q_1 = \frac{\epsilon_1}{1 - \epsilon_1} (\sigma T_{s1}^4 - J_1) \quad (3)$$

$$= -k \frac{(T_{s1} - T_{s2})}{d} \quad (4)$$

It is possible to guess  $T_{s1}$ , solve the enclosure problem as above, find  $q_1$  from Equation 3 and update  $T_{s1}$  using Equation 4, iterating until convergence. This procedure may require some under-relaxation, depending on how you start, i.e, instead of applying the entire  $q_1$  to Equation 4, an underrelaxed value is applied:

$$q_1 \leftarrow (1 - \alpha_u) q_1^* + \alpha_u q_1$$

where  $q^*$  is the previous iterate and  $\alpha_u$  is an under-relaxation coefficient between zero and one.

A better way of updating the surface temperature  $T_{s1}$  is to linearize  $q_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= q_1^* + \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial T_{s1}} (T_{s1} - T_{s1}^*) \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_1}{1 - \epsilon_1} (E_{b1}^* - J_1) + 4\sigma T_{s1}^{*3} (T_{s1} - T_{s1}^*) \\ &= A + B T_{s1} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Substituting this linearized expression into Equation 4 yields an iterative equation for  $T_{s1}$ :

$$T_{s1} = \frac{\frac{k}{d} T_{s2} - A}{(B + \frac{k}{d})}$$

This equation is non-linear in  $T_{s1}$ ; the non-linearities are hidden in the  $A$  and  $B$  terms. (Notice how linearization causes the non-linear radiative boundary condition on the solid to appear like a convective boundary condition). Thus, iteration is still required. Typically, convergence is obtained easily and within 10 iterations or less if you start with the solution of Problem 1. The computed radiosities, temperatures and heat fluxes are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= 6.246 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\ J_2 &= 3544 \text{ W/m}^2 \\ J_3 &= 1.1597 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\ J_4 &= 3.1838 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
q_1 &= 4.8227 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\
q_2 &= -3.4524 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\
q_3 &= -2.3704 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2 \\
q_4 &= 10^5 \text{ W/m}^2
\end{aligned}$$

Heat balance is satisfied. Further,

$$\begin{aligned}
T_1 &= 1904 \text{ K} \\
T_2 &= 500 \text{ K} \\
T_3 &= 1000 \text{ K} \\
T_4 &= 1648 \text{ K}
\end{aligned}$$

3. For this multidimensional conduction/radiation problem. we may write the following heat balance for the discrete control volume:

$$\begin{aligned}
q_e + q_w + q_s + q_n &= 0 \\
\frac{k_e \Delta y}{\Delta x} (T_E - T_P) + \frac{k_w \Delta y}{\Delta x} (T_W - T_P) + \frac{k_n \Delta x}{0.5 \Delta y} (T_N - T_P) + \frac{k_s \Delta x}{\Delta y} (T_S - T_P) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

If the  $T_N$ 's were known for all the north surfaces, it would be a trivial matter to solve for the discrete solid temperatures. However, in the above equation,  $T_N$  is unknown, and differs from control surface to control surface because the view factor for each control surface to the enclosure is different. If we want to solve this problem multi-dimensionally, each of the interface control surfaces of the solid would be a surface in the enclosure calculation, and would have its radiosity and heat flux found through the enclosure calculation. The equation to update  $T_N$  is found from a surface heat balance at the north surface. Linearizing the the heat flux for the surface N using Equation 5 and equating it to the north face heat transfer rate we get:

$$\Delta x (A + BT_N) = \frac{k_n \Delta x}{0.5 \Delta y} (T_P - T_N) \quad (6)$$

This constitutes the iterative equation for  $T_N$ . Every control surface on the north face of the solid has a similar equation. The procedure for solving this multidimensional problem is similar to Problem 2:

- Guess all  $T_N$ 's.
- Solve the enclosure problem; the enclosure has surfaces 2,3,4 as before, but surface 1 now has as many surfaces as the x-direction spatial discretization of the solid. Obtain  $J_i$ 's.
- Find A, B for each of the north faces of the solid at the interface.
- Update  $T_N$  for each of the north faces using Equation 6, and the centroid temperatures for each of the control volumes in the solid.
- Iterate between the conduction and radiation problems until convergence.

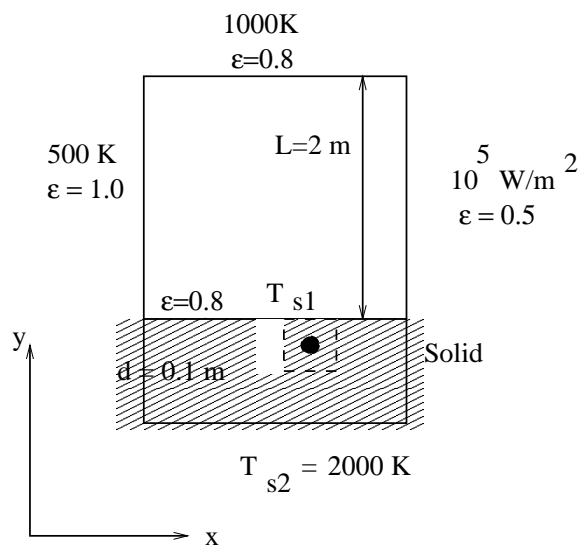


Figure 2: Domain for Problems 2 and 3