

Steady-state temperature in a cylinder

Problem 3:

Find the steady-state temperature distribution u in a semi-infinite solid cylinder of radius $r = 1$ if the base is held at 100°C and the curved sides at 0°C .

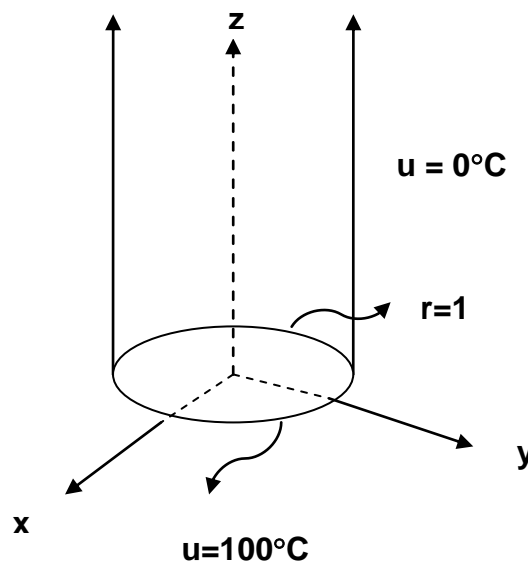
Solution:

Boundary conditions (B.C's):

a) $u \rightarrow 0$ at $z \rightarrow \infty$

b) $u = 0$ for $r = 1$

c) $u = 100^\circ\text{C}$ (at different θ around the base for $z = 0$)



B.C's imply that it is suitable to use cylindrical coordinates to solve the problem.

Laplace's equation in cylindrical coordinates:

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

Separation of variables method:

Assume the solution $u(r, \theta, z) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)Z(z)$

Substitute this solution into the Laplace's equation:

$$\frac{Z\Theta}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{RZ}{r^2} \frac{d^2\Theta}{d\theta^2} + R\Theta \frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} = 0$$

Divide by $R\Theta Z$

$$\frac{1}{Rr} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{\Theta r^2} \frac{d^2\Theta}{d\theta^2} + \frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} = k^2 \quad (k > 0)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{Rr} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{\Theta r^2} \frac{d^2\Theta}{d\theta^2} = -k^2$$

[Hint: None of the terms on the left hand side of the equation is a constant, because both terms contain r].

Note: For a term to be constant;

- a) It must be a function of one variable only.
- b) And that variable does not appear elsewhere in the equation.

$$\text{Thus } \frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} - k^2Z = 0$$

$$Z = Ae^{kz} + Be^{-kz}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{Rr} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{\Theta r^2} \frac{d^2 \Theta}{d\theta^2} + k^2 = 0$$

To make the separation of variables again to this equation:

Firstly multiply both sides by r^2

$$\frac{r}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{d^2 \Theta}{d\theta^2} + k^2 r^2 = 0$$

Secondly, separate the Θ - equation.

The second term contains the variable θ only, so

$$\frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{d^2 \Theta}{d\theta^2} = -n^2$$

[Note: $-n^2$ is chosen because

- a) Θ is periodic; where the variable θ is the same as $\theta + 2m\pi$
- b) There is one physical point and one temperature whatever the value of m is].

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 \Theta}{d\theta^2} + n^2 \Theta = 0$$

$$\therefore \Theta = C \sin n\theta + D \cos n\theta$$

Finally, the r equation is

$$\frac{r}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) - n^2 + k^2 r^2 = 0$$

OR

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + (k^2 r^2 - n^2) R = 0$$

Since **Bessel** differential equation is

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - p^2)y = 0 \text{ was rewritten}$$

$$\text{as } x(xy')' + (x^2 - p^2)y = 0.$$

Recalling the concept of replacing x by ax

$$x(xy')' + (a^2 x^2 - p^2)y = 0$$

This has a solution $J_p(ax)$.

If we have a_m with $(m = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ as the zeros of $J_p(ax)$, then

$$\sqrt{x}J_p(a_m x) \text{ are orthogonal on } (0, 1) \text{ interval.}$$

Put $x = r$, $a_m = k_m$ and $p = n$.

Solutions are $J_n(k_m r)$ and not $N_n(k_m r)$ because the base of the cylinder contains the origin (*i.e.* $N_n(k_m r) \rightarrow \text{infinity at } r = 0$).

$$\therefore R_n(r) = F_m J_n(k_m r)$$

For only one value of n , there are $(m = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ possible values of k . These values of k are the zero of J_n at the particular n .

B.C's:

$$u = 0 \text{ for } r = 1$$

$$R(r) = 0 \text{ for } r = 1$$

Also the B.C $u \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$ implies that $A = 0$

$$\therefore u_m = F_m(C_m \sin n\theta + D_m \cos n\theta) J_n(k_m r) B_m e^{-k_m z}$$

The B.C $u = 0$ when $r = 1$ for all θ and z (where $\theta = \theta + 2m\pi$) gives

$$u = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u_m = \sum A'_m \cos n\theta J_n(k_m r) e^{-k_m z} + B'_m \sin n\theta J_n(k_m r) e^{-k_m z}, \text{ for a}$$

fixed value of n .

B.C: $u = 100^\circ\text{C}$ for different θ around the base.

This means that at the base of the cylinder u is constant as θ is changing. This means that we have to use $n = 0$ such that $\Theta = \text{constant} = D_m$.

$$\therefore u = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A'_m J_0(k_m r) e^{-k_m z}, \text{ where } A'_m = B'_m F_m D_m.$$

We need to find the coefficient A'_m .

Use the **B.C** $u = 100^\circ\text{C}$ when $z = 0$

$$100 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A'_m J_0(k_m r) \quad (\text{This is the Fourier- Bessel series}).$$

The function $u(r, \theta, 0) = 100$ is expanded in a series of Bessel functions.

Multiply Both sides by $r J_0(k_s r)$ (where $s = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ etc).

And integrate from $r = 0$ to $r = 1$ to get:

$$\int_0^1 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A'_m r J_0(k_s r) J_0(k_m r) dr = \int_0^1 100 r J_0(k_s r) dr$$

All terms on L.H.S vanish except the term with $m = s$.

$$A'_s \int_{\partial}^1 r [J_0(k_s r)]^2 dr = \int_{\partial}^1 100r J_0(k_s r) dr$$

$$\therefore A'_s = \frac{100 \int_{\partial}^1 r J_0(k_s r) dr}{\int_{\partial}^1 r [J_0(k_s r)]^2 dr}$$

To find Denominator:

$$\text{Since } \int_{\partial}^1 r J_p(ar) J_p(br) dr = \frac{1}{2} J_{p+1}^2(a) \quad \text{for } a = b$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Denominator becomes } \frac{1}{2} J_1^2(k_m)$$

To find numerator:

$$\text{Also since } \frac{d}{dx} [x J_1(x)] = x J_0(x).$$

\therefore Put $x = R_m r$ to get:

$$\frac{1}{k_m} \frac{d}{dr} [k_m r J_1(k_m r)] dr = k_m r J_0(k_m r).$$

Integrate to get:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{k_m} \int_{\partial}^1 \frac{d}{dr} [r J_1(k_m r)] dr = k_m \int_{\partial}^1 r J_0(k_m r) dr$$

$$L.H.S : r J_1(k_m r) \Big|_{\partial}^1 = J_1(k_m)$$

$$\therefore \int_{\partial}^1 r J_0(k_m r) dr = \frac{J_1(k_m)}{k_m}$$

$$\therefore \text{Numerator} = \frac{100 J_1(k_m)}{k_m}$$

$$\therefore A'_s = \frac{200 J_1(k_m)}{k_m J_1^2(k_m)} = \frac{200}{k_m J_1(k_m)}$$

We have to remember here that k_m is the zero of J_0 and not J_1 .

So (a) Either we need to find the values of J_1 (or $J'_0 = -J_1$) (from tables of Bessel functions) at the zeros of J_0 .

Or,

(b) we can, at first, find the values of k_m (zeros of J_0) and then interpolate in a J_1 table to find the values of $J_1(k_m)$.

∴ The final solution becomes:

$$u = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{200}{k_m J_1(k_m)} J_0(k_m r) e^{-k_m z}$$

Exercise:

Suppose that the given temperature of the base of the cylinder on the previous example is $f(r, \theta)$. Find the solution in such case.

Answer:

$$u = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} J_n(k_{mn} r) (C_{mn} \sin n\theta + D_{mn} \cos n\theta) e^{-k_{mn} z}$$

At $z = 0$ we need $u = f(r, \theta)$.