

Lec 11 - Supplement : Dimensionless solution of heated wire

solution: $T = T_{\infty} + \frac{H_0 R^2}{4k} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{H_0 R}{2h}$

$$\frac{T - T_{\infty}}{T_s - T_c} = \theta = \frac{k}{H_0 R^2} (T - T_{\infty}) \quad \eta = r/R$$

Substitute: $-\theta \cdot \frac{H_0 R^2}{k} = \frac{H_0 R^2}{4k} [1 - \eta^2] + \frac{H_0 R}{2h}$

$$\theta = -\frac{1}{4}(1 - \eta^2) - \frac{H_0 R}{2h} \cdot \frac{k}{H_0 R^2}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{1}{4}(1 - \eta^2) - \frac{k}{2hR} \quad \sim \quad \frac{1}{Bi} = \frac{k}{hR}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}(1 - \eta^2) - \frac{1}{2Bi}$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \frac{1}{4}(\eta^2 - 1) - \frac{1}{2Bi}}$$

* This is valid, but is inconvenient to plot. Define a different dimensionless temperature:

$$\tilde{T} = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{T_c - T_{\infty}} = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{\frac{H_0 R^2}{4k} + \frac{H_0 R}{2h}} = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{\frac{H_0 R^2}{4k} \left(1 + \frac{2k}{hR} \right)} = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{\frac{H_0 R^2}{4k} \left(1 + \frac{2}{Bi} \right)}$$

↗
whole temp
domain from
inside to external

$$\tilde{T} \left[\frac{H_0 R^2}{4k} \left(1 + \frac{2}{Bi} \right) \right] = \frac{H_0 R^2}{4k} [1 - \eta^2] + \frac{H_0 R}{2h}$$

$$\tilde{T} \left(1 + \frac{2}{Bi} \right) = (1 - \eta^2) + \underbrace{\frac{H_0 R}{2h} \cdot \frac{4k}{H_0 R^2}}_{\frac{2}{Bi}}$$

$$\tilde{T} = \frac{(1-\eta^2) + 2/Bi}{1 + 2/Bi} \cdot \frac{Bi}{Bi}$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{T} = \frac{Bi(1-\eta^2) + 2}{Bi + 2}}$$

* As resistors in series:

$$\tilde{T} = \frac{Bi(1-\eta^2)}{Bi + 2} + \frac{2}{Bi + 2}$$

* Limits:

(1) $Bi \ll 1$ (slow convection, fast conductivity)

$$\tilde{T} \rightarrow 1 \quad (\text{uniform temp distribution})$$

(2) $Bi \gg 1$ (fast convection, slow conduction)

$$\tilde{T} \rightarrow 1 - \eta^2 \quad (\text{non-uniform temp distribution})$$