

CHAPTER 9

Heat Conduction Solution by FEM

Steady Heat Conduction Equations in a plane

Poisson's equation

$$k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + q''' = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega$$

Boundary condition

a) Dirichlet BC (Natural BC)

$$T = T_s \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1$$

b) Neuman BC (Essential BC)

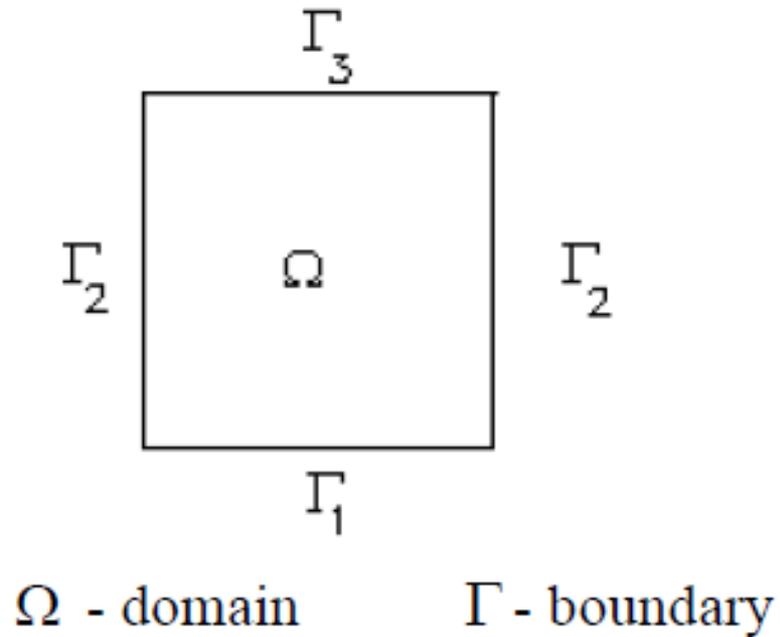
Convection heat transfer at the surface

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} = h(T - T_\infty) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2$$

c) Specified heat flux at the surface

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} = \dot{q} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_3$$

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Steady Heat Conduction Equations in a plate

In Galerkin's method, the weighting function is the same as the shape or interpolation function. Hence, the weighted residual of Poisson's equation is

$$\int_{\Omega} N_i \left(k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + q_v \right) d\Omega = 0$$

T – must be twice differentiable and it should satisfy all the boundary conditions on Γ_e and Γ_n

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Integration by Parts

$$\int_{\Omega} N \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx dy = - \int_A \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx dy + \oint N \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} l ds$$

$$\int_{\Omega} N \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} dx dy = - \int_A \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} dx dy + \oint N \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} m ds$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(N k \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) dx dy \right) = - \oint_A \left(k \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \right) + \oint_{\Gamma} \left(k N \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right) \right) ds$$

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Convective boundary at the surface

$$-k \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right) = h(T - T_\infty)$$

Inserting the above equation

$$-\oint_A \left(k \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) - N_i q_v \right) dx dy + \oint_\Gamma (N(h(T_\infty - T))) ds = 0$$

Introducing interpolation of temperature and its spatial derivatives

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Introducing interpolation of temperature and its spatial derivatives

$$-\int_{\Omega} k \left(\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \sum_{j=1}^{mo} T_j \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \sum_{j=1}^{mo} T_j \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} - N_i q_v \right) d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} N_i \left(h(T_{\infty} - \sum_{j=1}^{mo} N_j T_j) \right) ds = 0 \quad i = 1$$

Expressing in matrix form

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} k \left(\left\{ \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right\} \left\{ \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right\}^T + \left\{ \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right\} \left\{ \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right\}^T \right) d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} (h \{N\} \{N\})^T ds \right) \{T\} = \int_{\Gamma} (\{N\} q_v) d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} (\{N\} h T_{\infty}) ds$$

$$[K^e] \{T\} = \{F^e\}$$

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$$K_{i,j}^e = \int_{\Omega} k \left(\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} \right) d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} h N_i N_j ds = 0 \quad i = 1 \dots n_{no} \quad j = 1 \dots n_{no}$$

$$F_i = \int_{\Omega} N_i q_v d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} h T_{\infty} ds = 0 \quad i = 1 \dots n_{no}$$

Where:

$[K]$ is thermal stiffness Matrix

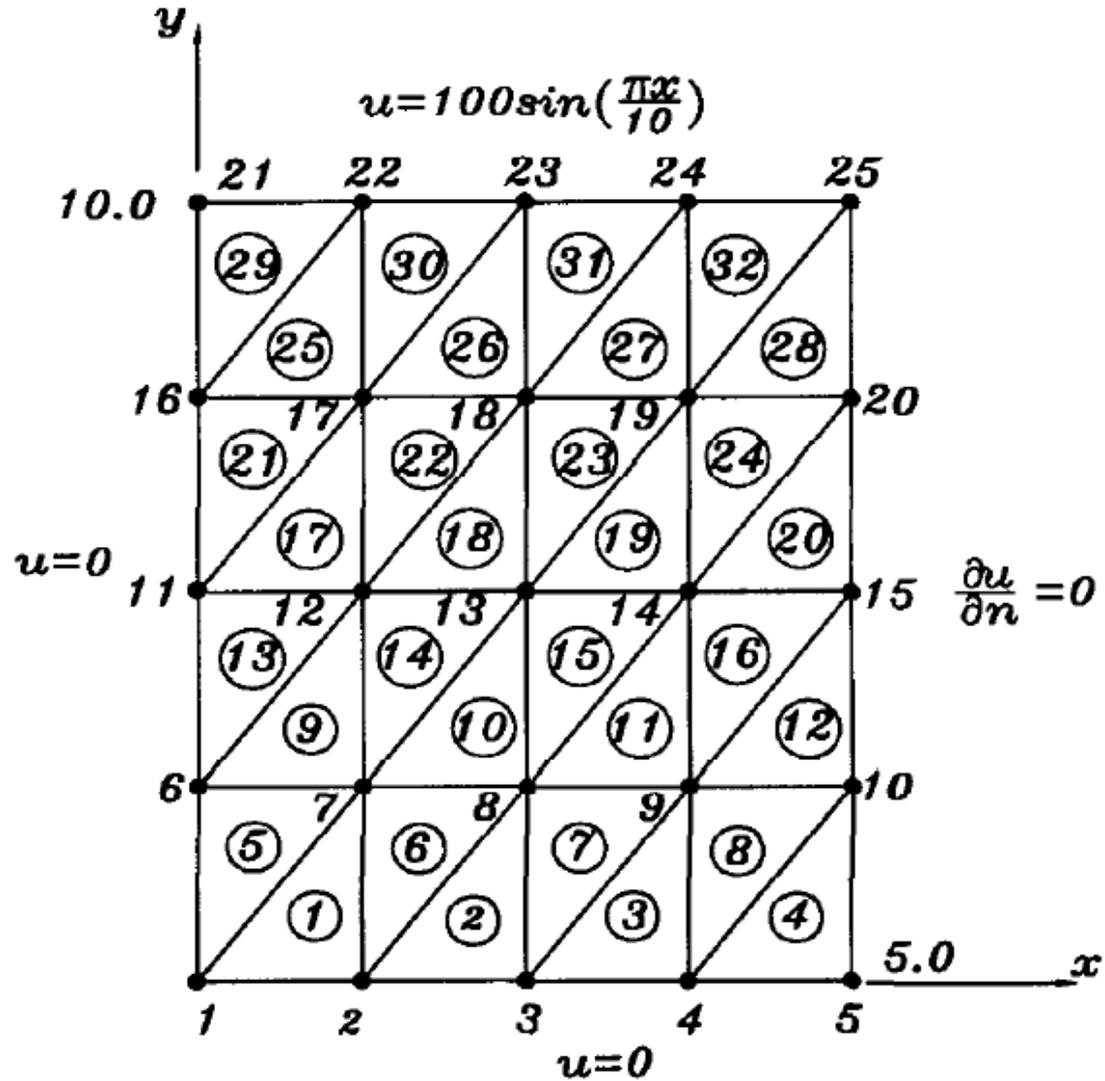
$\{F\}$ is thermal load vector

$$[K] = [K]_{cond} + [K]_{conv}$$

$[K]_{cond}$ - thermal stiffness matrix only due to conduction

$[K]_{conv}$ - Contribution of thermal stiffness matrix due to convection. Only for boundary with convective boundary condition.

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Mesh with triangular element

Chapter 10.

Finite Element Discretization of Transient Heat Conduction Equation by Galerkin's Method

The PDE of transient heat conduction in two dimensions is given as

$$\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + q''' \quad \text{on } \Omega$$

$$\int_{\Omega} N_i \rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx dy - \int_{\Omega} \left(N_i k \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) dx dy \right) = 0$$

Integration by Parts

$$l = \cos \theta$$

$$m = \sin \theta$$

$$\int_{\Omega} N \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} dx dy = - \int_A \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx dy + \oint N \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} l ds$$

$$\int_{\Omega} N \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} dx dy = - \int_A \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} dx dy + \oint N \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} m ds$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(N k \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) dx dy \right) = - \oint_A \left(k \left(\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \right) + \oint_{\Gamma} \left(k N \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right) \right) ds$$

Convective boundary at the surface

$$-k \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right) = h(T - T_{\infty})$$

Inserting the above equation

$$-\oint_A \left(k \left(\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) - N_i q_v \right) dx dy + \oint_{\Gamma} (N_i (h(T_\infty - T))) ds$$

Introducing interpolation of temperature and its spatial derivatives

$$\int_{\Omega} N_i \rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx dy - \oint_A \left(k \left(\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \right) + \oint_{\Gamma} \left(k N_i \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right) \right) ds = 0$$

$$\int_{\Omega} N_i \rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx dy = \int_{\Omega} \rho c \{N\} \{N\}^T \left\{ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right\} \{dx dy\} = \left(\int_{\Omega} \{N\} \{N\}^T dx dy \right) \left\{ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right\} = [C] \left\{ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right\}$$

$$[C] \left\{ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right\} + [K(T)] \{T\} = \{F\}$$

$$C_{i,j} = \int_{\Omega} \rho c N_i N_j d\Omega \quad i = 1 \dots nno \quad j = 1 \dots nno$$

$$K_{i,j} = \int_{\Omega} k \left(\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} \right) d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} h N_i N_j ds = 0, i = 1 \dots nno \quad j = 1 \dots nno$$

$$F_i = \int_{\Omega} N_i q_v d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} h T_\infty ds = 0 \quad i = 1 \dots nno$$

Where:

$[C]$ is thermal Capacitance Matrix

$[K]$ is thermal stiffness Matrix

$\{F\}$ is thermal load vector

$$[K] = [K]_{cond} + [K]_{conv}$$

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Where T_s represents the surrounding temperature and

The above equation can finally be written in the following form

$$[C] \left\{ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right\} + ([K'] + [K'']) \{T\} = \{F\} \text{-----(4)}$$

Using generalized θ method

$$c \left\{ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right\} + [K'] \{T\} = \{F\} \text{-----(4)}$$

$$\{T\} = (1 - \theta) \{T(t)\} + \theta \{T(t + \Delta t)\} \text{-----(5)}$$

Substituting equation 5 into equation 6 and rearranging,

The following equation will be obtained

$$\underbrace{([C] + \Delta t \theta [K])}_{[A]} \{T\}^{t+\Delta t} = \underbrace{\Delta t \{F\}^t + ([C] - \Delta t [K](1 - \theta)) \{T\}^t}_{(V)}$$

$$\{T\}^{t+\Delta t} = [A]^{-1}(V)$$

$$([C] + \theta \Delta t [K]) \{T(t + \Delta t)\} = \Delta t \{F\} - ((1 - \theta) \Delta t [K] - [C]) \{T(t)\} \text{ ----- (6)}$$

Let, $[A] = ([C] + \theta \Delta t [K])$ and

$$\{V\} = \Delta t \{F\} - ((1 - \theta) \Delta t [K] - [C]) \{T(t)\}$$

Then Substituting the above two equations into equation (6)

$$[A] \{T(t + \Delta t)\} = \{v\}$$

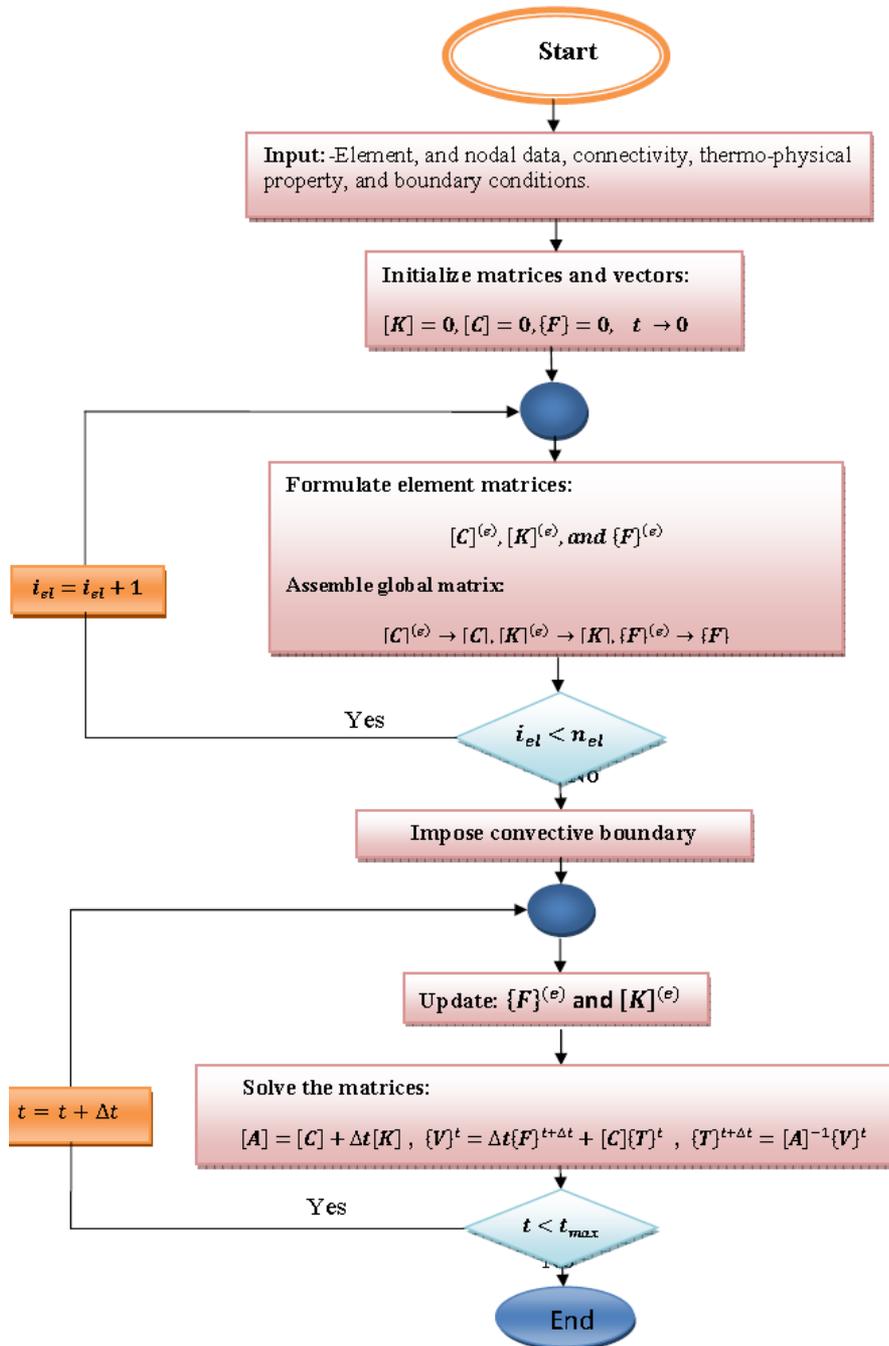
$$\{T(t + \Delta t)\} = [A]^{-1} \{v\}$$

Teta = 0 Forward difference – Conditionally stable

Teta = 1 Backward difference- Unconditionally Stable

Teta = 0.5 Crank Nicolson – Unconditionally stable with oscillation

Teta = 0.66 Galerkin- Unconditionally stable



Transient heat conduction solution algorithm using FEM