



# EP547 Computational Methods in QM

## Topic 10

## Boundary Value Problems



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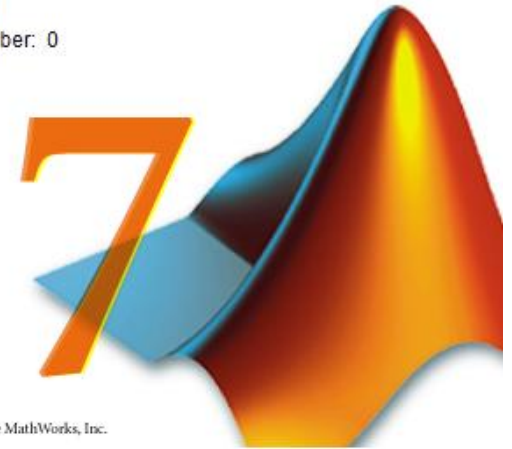
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# Introduction

- In mathematics, a **Boundary Value Problem** is a differential equation together with a set of additional restraints, called the boundary conditions.
- *A solution to a boundary value problem is a solution to the differential equation which also satisfies the boundary conditions.*
- See Also:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boundary\\_value\\_problem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boundary_value_problem)

# Temperature Distribution in a Rod

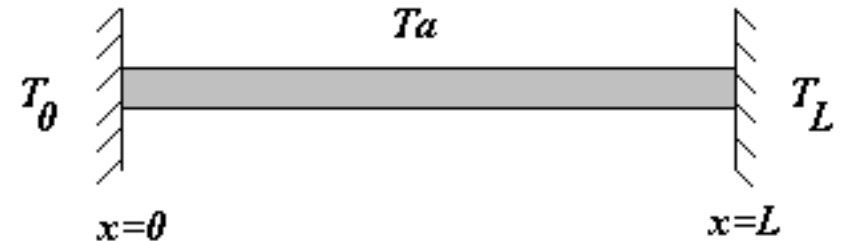
Temperature distribution in a rod is given by the following differential equation (DE) if the rod is not insulated:

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + k(T_a - T) = 0$$

where

**k** is heat transfer coefficient ( $m^{-2}$ ) and

**T<sub>a</sub>** is the temperature of surrounding air in °C.

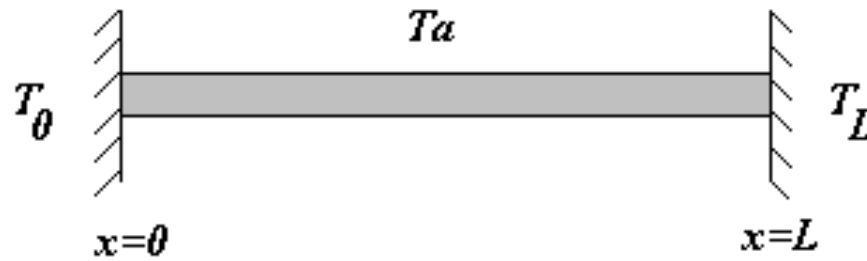


To obtain a solution there must be appropriate boundary conditions[1]:

$$T(0) = T_0 \quad \text{and} \quad T(L) = T_L$$

For  $L = 10$  m,  $T_a = 20$  °C,  $T(0) = 40$  °C,  $T(L) = 200$  °C and  $k = 0.01$   $m^{-2}$  the analytic solution is:

$$T(x) = 73.4523 \exp(0.1x) - 53.4523 \exp(-0.1x) + 20.0$$



We can solve DE using a finite difference approach:

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} \approx \frac{T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + k(T_a - T) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} + k(T_a - T_i) = 0$$

or

$$T_{i+1} - (2 + k(\Delta x)^2)T_i + T_{i-1} = -k(\Delta x)^2 T_a$$

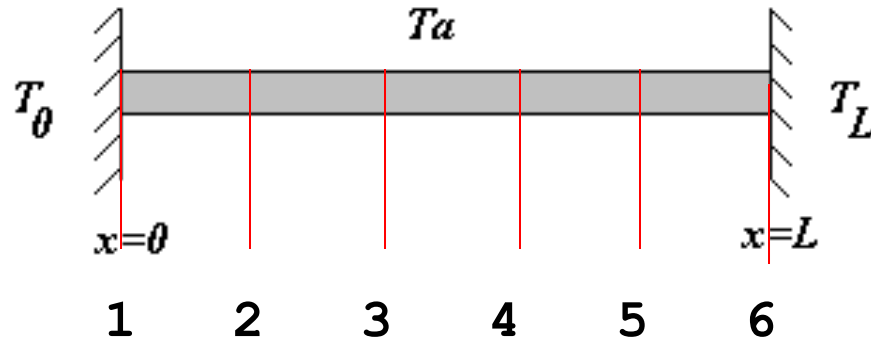
or

$$-T_{i-1} + (2 + k(\Delta x)^2)T_i - T_{i+1} = k(\Delta x)^2 T_a$$

Using the given values:

$$-T_{i-1} + 2.04T_i - T_{i+1} = 0.8$$

$$T_1 = T(0) = 40$$



$$T_6 = T(L) = 200$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{L}{5} = 2 \text{ m}$$

$$-T_{i-1} + 2.04T_i - T_{i+1} = 0.8$$

for  $i = 2$ :  $-40 + 2.04T_2 - T_3 = 0.8$

for  $i = 3$ :  $-T_2 + 2.04T_3 - T_4 = 0.8$

for  $i = 4$ :  $-T_3 + 2.04T_4 - T_5 = 0.8$

for  $i = 5$ :  $-T_4 + 2.04T_5 - 200 = 0.8$

*Tridiagonal Matrix*

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2.04 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2.04 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2.04 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2.04 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \\ T_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 40.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 200.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2.04 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2.04 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2.04 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2.04 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \\ T_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 40.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 200.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

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>> A=[ 2.04    -1.00    0.00    0.00
      -1.00    2.04   -1.00    0.00
        0.00   -1.00    2.04   -1.00
        0.00    0.00   -1.00    2.04];
>> b = [40.8 0.8 0.8 200.8];
>> T = A\b'
T =
    65.9698
    93.7785
   124.5382
   159.4795
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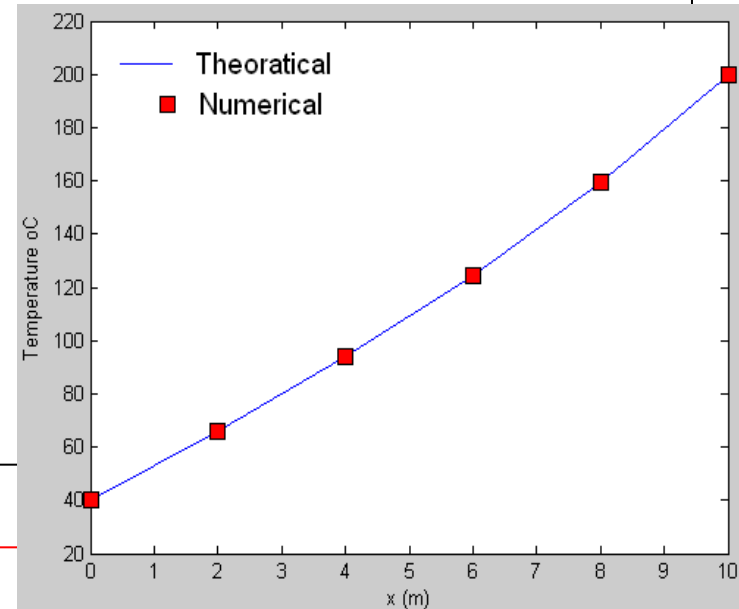
% trod.m
A=[ 2.04    -1.00    0.00    0.00
   -1.00    2.04   -1.00    0.00
    0.00   -1.00    2.04   -1.00
    0.00    0.00   -1.00    2.04];

b = [40.8 0.8 0.8 200.8];

x = 0:2:10;
Tt = 73.4523*exp(0.1*x) - 53.4523*exp(-0.1*x) + 20.0 % theory
Tn = A\b'; % numerical solution
Tn = [40 Tn' 200]

plot(x,Tt)
hold on
plot(x,Tn,'-s', ...
      'MarkerFaceColor','r',...
      'MarkerEdgeColor','k',...
      'MarkerSize',10);
xlabel('x (m)')
ylabel('Temperature oC')

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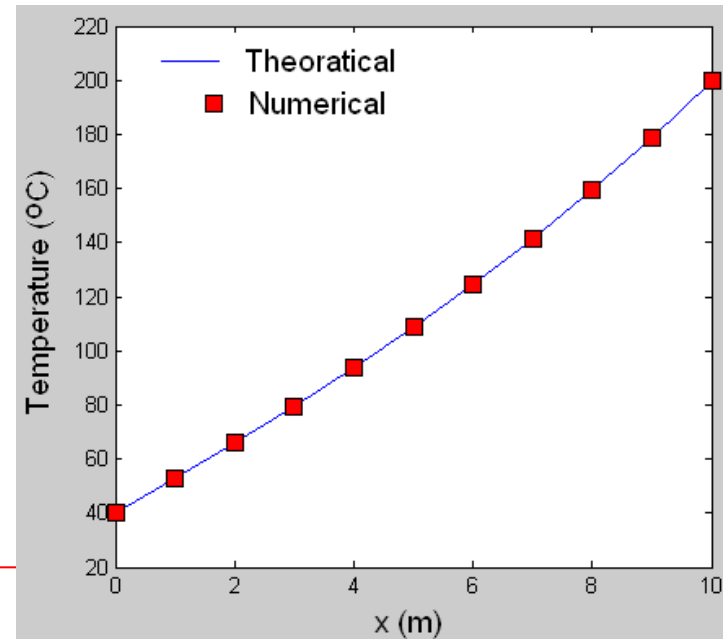


*For  $N = 10$  parts triangular matrix and temperatures become:*

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  2.01   -1.00     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
-1.00    2.01   -1.00     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
  0    -1.00    2.01   -1.00     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
  0     0    -1.00    2.01   -1.00     0     0     0     0     0     0
  0     0     0    -1.00    2.01   -1.00     0     0     0     0     0
  0     0     0     0    -1.00    2.01   -1.00     0     0     0     0
  0     0     0     0     0    -1.00    2.01   -1.00     0     0     0
  0     0     0     0     0     0    -1.00    2.01   -1.00     0     0
  0     0     0     0     0     0     0    -1.00    2.01   -1.00     0
  0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0    -1.00    2.01   -1.00
  0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0    -1.00    2.01
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\*\*\* Temperatures (oC) in the rod for n = 10 parts \*\*\*

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T( 0) =      40.0000
T( 1) =      52.8141
T( 2) =      65.9563
T( 3) =      79.5581
T( 4) =      93.7555
T( 5) =     108.6904
T( 6) =     124.5122
T( 7) =     141.3792
T( 8) =     159.4600
T( 9) =     178.9353
T( n) =     200.0000
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# Spring-Mass System

A spring-mass system is governed by D.E.

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + kx + b \frac{dx}{dt} + \mu mg = 0$$

where

***m*** is the mass (kg)

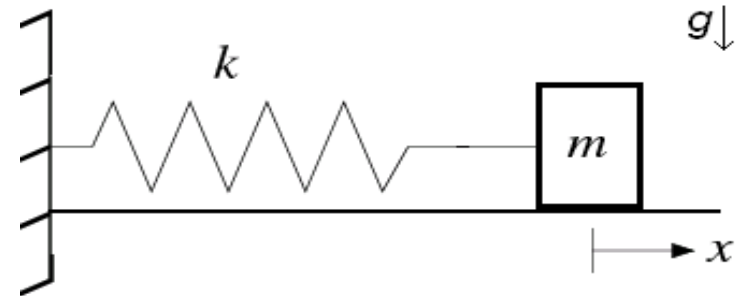
***k*** is the spring constant (N/m)

***b*** is the coefficient of air friction (kg/s)

***mu*** is the coefficient of surface kinetic friction (unitless)

***x*** is the distance from equilibrium position (m)

***t*** is the time (s)



For  $m = 1$ ,  $k = 10$  and  $\mu = b = 0.1$

(a) obtain a solution if  $x(0) = 0.2$  and  $x(2) = 0.3$  by using finite difference form

(b) obtain a solution if  $x(0) = 0.2$  and  $v(0) = 0.0$  by using RK4

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