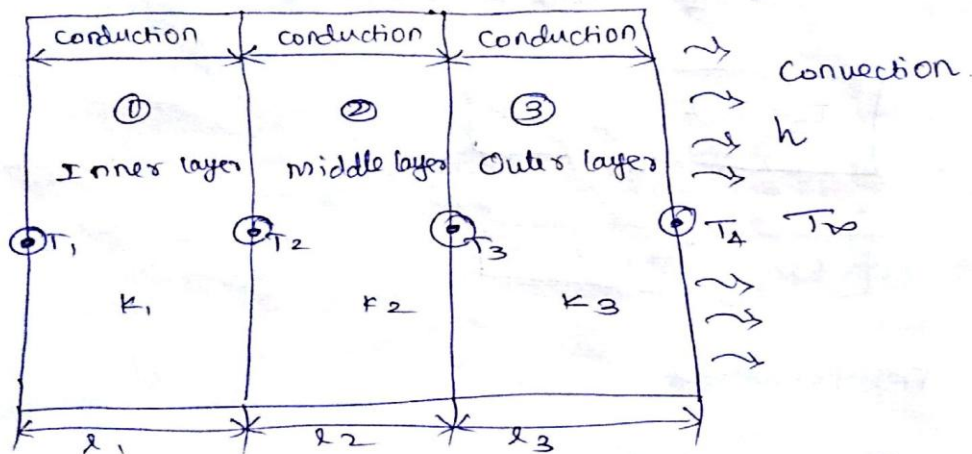




Problem 2

A furnace wall is made up of three layers, inside layer with thermal conductivity  $8.5 \text{ W/mK}$ , the middle layer with conductivity  $0.25 \text{ W/mK}$ , the outer layer with conductivity  $0.08 \text{ W/mK}$ . The respective thickness of the inner, middle and outer layer are  $25 \text{ cm}$ ,  $5 \text{ cm}$  and  $3 \text{ cm}$  respectively. The inside temperature of the wall is  $600^\circ\text{C}$  and outside of the wall is exposed to atmospheric air at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  with heat transfer coefficient of  $45 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ . Determine the nodal temperatures.



Given :-

$$k_1 = 8.5 \text{ W/mK}, k_2 = 0.25 \text{ W/mK}, k_3 = 0.08 \text{ W/mK}$$

$$l_1 = 25 \text{ cm} = 0.25 \text{ m}, l_2 = 5 \text{ cm} = 0.05 \text{ m}, l_3 = 3 \text{ cm} = 0.03 \text{ m}$$

$$T_1 = 600^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 873 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{\infty} = 30^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 303 \text{ K}$$

$$h = 45 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

To find :- Nodal temperatures ( $T_2, T_3$  &  $T_4$ ).



Solution:

For element 1: (Nodes 1, 2):

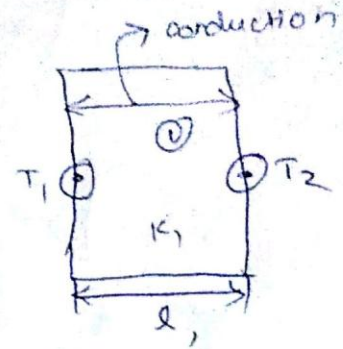
Finite element equation is

$$\frac{A_1 k_1}{l_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

For unit area  $A_1 = 1 \text{ m}^2$

$$\frac{85}{0.25} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 34 & -34 \\ -34 & 34 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$



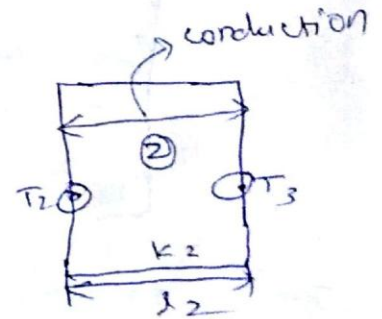
For element 2: Nodes (2, 3).

Finite element equation is

$$\frac{A_2 k_2}{l_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_2 \\ T_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{0.25}{0.05} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_2 \\ T_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

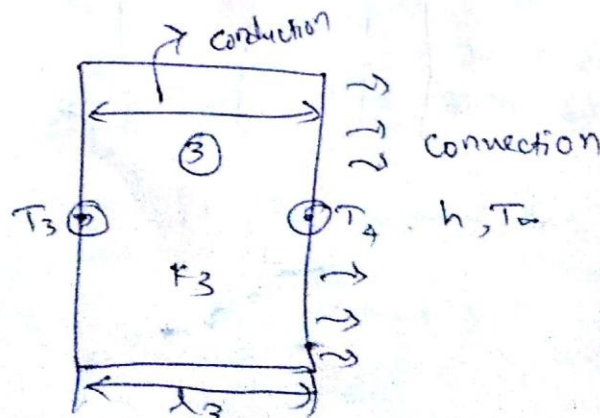
$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -5 \\ -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_2 \\ T_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$



For element 3: (Nodes 3, 4)

This element is subjected to both conduction and convection,

so the finite element equation is





$$\left( \frac{h_3 k_3}{L_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + h_4 A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{Bmatrix} T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = h_4 T_{\infty} A \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\left( \frac{0.08}{0.03} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 45 \times 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{Bmatrix} T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = 45 \times 303 \times 1 \times \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.666 & -2.666 \\ -2.666 & 47.666 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 13.635 \times 10^3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Assemble the finite elements,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 34 & -34 & 0 & 0 \\ -34 & 34.5 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 5+2.666 & -2.666 \\ 0 & 0 & -2.666 & 47.66 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

In this problem, there is no heat generation,

$$\{F_1\} = \{F_2\} = \{F_3\} = 0.$$

$$\{F_4\} = 13.635 \times 10^3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 34 & -34 & 0 & 0 \\ -34 & 39 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 7.66 & -2.66 \\ 0 & 0 & -2.66 & 47.66 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

To solve the above equation, the following steps to be followed.



Step 1 - The first row and first column of the stiffness matrix  $[K]$  have been set equal to 0 except for the main diagonal, which has been set equal to 1.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 39 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 7.66 & -2.66 \\ 0 & 0 & -2.66 & 47.66 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 13.635 \times 10^3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Step 2: The first row of the force matrix is replaced by the known temp at node 1,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 39 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 7.66 & -2.66 \\ 0 & 0 & -2.66 & 47.66 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 873 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 13.635 \times 10^3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Step 3:  $-34 \times 873 = -29682 \rightarrow$  second row of the force matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 39 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 7.66 & -2.66 \\ 0 & 0 & -2.66 & 47.66 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 873 \\ 29682 \\ 0 \\ 13.635 \times 10^3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Use Gaussian elimination method,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -0.128 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -0.379 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 46.655 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 873 \\ 761.076 \\ 541.614 \\ 15.079 \times 10^3 \end{Bmatrix}$$



$$T_4 = 323.21 \text{ K}$$

$$T_3 = 664.11 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 846.08 \text{ K}$$

Verification:

Heat flow through composite wall,

$$Q = \frac{AT_{\text{overall}}}{R}$$

where  $AT = T_1 - T_{\infty}$

$$R = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_{in} A} + \frac{l_1}{k_1 A} + \frac{l_2}{k_2 A} + \frac{l_3}{k_3 A} + \frac{1}{h_{out} A}}$$

$$Q = \frac{873 - 303}{\frac{0.25}{8.5} + \frac{0.05}{0.25} + \frac{0.03}{0.08} + \frac{1}{45}}$$

$$Q = 909.62 \text{ W/m}^2$$

we get,  $Q = \frac{T_1 - T_{\infty}}{R} = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{R_1} = \frac{T_2 - T_3}{R_2} = \frac{T_3 - T_4}{R_3} = \frac{T_4 - T_{\infty}}{R_{\text{outer}}}$

$$Q = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{\frac{l_1}{k_1 A}}$$

$$909.62 = \frac{873 - T_2}{\frac{0.25}{8.5}}$$

$$T_2 = 846.24 \text{ K}$$

$$(6) \Rightarrow Q = \frac{T_2 - T_3}{R_2} = \frac{T_2 - T_3}{l_2/k_2 A}$$

$$909.62 = \frac{846.24 - T_3}{\frac{0.05}{0.25}}$$

$$T_3 = 664.31 \text{ K}$$

$$Q = \frac{T_3 - T_4}{\frac{l_3}{k_3 A}}$$

$$909.62 = \frac{664.31 - T_4}{\frac{0.03}{0.08}}$$

$$T_4 = 323.20 \text{ K}$$