

Several semi-infinite solutions are considered in these notes. The distance L is a nominal distance since no character distance is present in the problem. (Actually $\sqrt{\alpha t}$ has the dimensions of meter, but we chose instead to use L to be compatible with the finite body cases.)

X10B1T0, X10B0T1 and X10B1T1

For a step change in the surface temperature at the surface of a semi-infinite body, the dimensional mathematical description of the **X10B1T1** is

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad t > 0 \tag{X10-1}$$

$$T(0, t) = T_w \tag{X10-2}$$

$$T(\infty, t) \text{ is finite} \tag{X10-3}$$

$$T(x, 0) = T_{in} \tag{X10-4}$$

Dimensionless groups for the **X10B1T0** problem

$$\tilde{T}_{X10B1T0}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \frac{T(x, t) - T_{in}}{T_w - T_{in}}, \quad \tilde{q} = \frac{q(x, t)L}{k(T_0 - T_{in})}, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{L}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2} \tag{X10-5}$$

Dimensionless mathematical description

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} = \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}}, \quad 0 < \tilde{x} < 1, \quad \tilde{t} > 0 \tag{X10-6}$$

$$\tilde{T}(0, \tilde{t}) = 1 \tag{X10-7}$$

$$\tilde{T}(\infty, \tilde{t}) \text{ is finite} \tag{X10-8}$$

$$\tilde{T}(\tilde{x}, 0) = 0 \tag{X10-9}$$

The dimensionless temperature and heat flux solutions are

$$\tilde{T}_{X10B1T0}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \text{erfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}}\right) \tag{X10-10a}$$

$$\tilde{q}_{X30B1T0}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{x}^2}{4\tilde{t}}} \tag{X10-10b}$$

For the **X10B0T1** problem dimensionless groups

$$\tilde{T}_{X10B0T1}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \frac{T(x, t) - T_w}{T_{in} - T_w}, \quad \tilde{q} = \frac{q(x, t)L}{k(T_{in} - T_w)}, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{L}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2} \tag{X10-11}$$

Dimensionless mathematical description

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} = \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}}, \quad 0 < \tilde{x} < 1, \quad \tilde{t} > 0 \tag{X10-12}$$

$$\tilde{T}(0, \tilde{t}) = 0 \tag{X10-13}$$

$$\tilde{T}(\infty, \tilde{t}) \text{ is finite} \tag{X10-14}$$

$$\tilde{T}(\tilde{x}, 0) = 1 \tag{X10-15}$$

The dimensionless temperature and heat flux solutions are

$$\tilde{T}_{X10B0T1}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}}\right) \quad (\text{X10-16a})$$

$$\tilde{q}_{X10B0T1}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{x}^2}{4\tilde{t}}} \quad (\text{X10-16b})$$

Note that

$$\tilde{T}_{X10B1T0}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) + \tilde{T}_{X10B0T1}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = 1 \quad (\text{X30-17})$$

X20B1T0, X20B0T1 and X20B1T1

The dimensional mathematical description of the **X20B1T1** problem (which has a step change in the surface heat flux) is

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad t > 0 \quad (\text{X20-1})$$

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(0, t) = q_0 \quad (\text{X20-2})$$

$$T(\infty, t) \text{ is finite} \quad (\text{X20-3})$$

$$T(x, 0) = T_{in} \quad (\text{X20-4})$$

Dimensionless groups to reduce to the **X20B1T0** problem

$$\tilde{T}_{X20B1T0}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \frac{T(x, t) - T_{in}}{q_0 L / k}, \quad \tilde{q} = \frac{q(x, t)}{q_0}, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{L}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2} \quad (\text{X20-5})$$

Dimensionless mathematical description of the **X20B1T0** problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} = \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}}, \quad 0 < \tilde{x} < \infty, \quad \tilde{t} > 0 \quad (\text{X20-6})$$

$$-\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}}(0, \tilde{t}) = 1 \quad (\text{X20-7})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\infty, \tilde{t}) \text{ is finite} \quad (\text{X20-8})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\tilde{x}, 0) = 0 \quad (\text{X20-9})$$

The temperature and heat flux solutions are

$$\tilde{T}_{X20B1T0}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \sqrt{4\tilde{t}} \operatorname{ierfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}}\right) \quad (\text{X20-10a})$$

$$\tilde{q}_{X20B1T0}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}}\right) \quad (\text{X20-10b})$$

Dimensionless groups for the **X20B0T1** problem

$$\tilde{T}_{X20B0T1}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \frac{T(x, t)}{T_{in}}, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{L}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2}$$

Dimensionless mathematical description of the **X20B0T1** problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} = \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}}, \quad 0 < \tilde{x} < \infty, \quad \tilde{t} > 0 \quad (\text{X20-6})$$

$$-\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}}(0, \tilde{t}) = 0 \quad (\text{X20-7})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\infty, \tilde{t}) \text{ is finite} \quad (\text{X20-8})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\tilde{x}, 0) = 1 \quad (\text{X20-9})$$

The temperature and heat flux solutions are

$$\tilde{T}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = 1 \quad (\text{X20-10a})$$

$$\tilde{q}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = 0 \quad (\text{X20-10b})$$

X30B1T0, X30B0T1 and X30B1T1

For a step change in the ambient temperature at the surface of a semi-infinite body, the mathematical description (**X30B1T1**) is

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad t > 0 \quad (\text{X30-1})$$

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(0, t) = h_1(T_f - T(0, t)) \quad (\text{X30-2})$$

$$T(\infty, t) \text{ is finite} \quad (\text{X30-3})$$

$$T(x, 0) = T_{in} \quad (\text{X30-4})$$

Dimensionless groups for the **X30B1T0** problem

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{X30B1T0}} = \frac{T(x, t) - T_{in}}{T_f - T_{in}}, \quad \tilde{q} = \frac{q(x, t)}{h_1(T_f - T_{in})}, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{L}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2}, \quad B_1 = \frac{h_1 L}{k} \quad (\text{X30-5})$$

Dimensionless mathematical description of the X30B1T0 problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} = \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}}, \quad 0 < \tilde{x} < \infty, \quad \tilde{t} > 0 \quad (\text{X30-6})$$

$$-\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}}(0, \tilde{t}) = B(1 - \tilde{T}(0, t)) \quad (\text{X30-7})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\infty, \tilde{t}) \text{ is finite} \quad (\text{X30-8})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\tilde{x}, 0) = 0 \quad (\text{X30-9})$$

The temperature and heat flux solutions are

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{X30B1T0}}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \text{erfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}}\right) - e^{B_1 \tilde{x} + B_1^2 \tilde{t}} \text{erfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}} + B_1 \sqrt{\tilde{t}}\right) \quad (\text{X30-10a})$$

$$\quad (\text{X30-10b})$$

Dimensionless groups for the **X30B0T1** problem

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{X30B0T1}} = \frac{T(x, t) - T_f}{T_{in} - T_f}, \quad \tilde{q} = \frac{q(x, t)}{h_1(T_{in} - T_{\infty})}, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{L}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2}, \quad B_1 = \frac{h_1 L}{k} \quad (\text{X30-11})$$

Dimensionless mathematical description of the **X30B1T0** problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} = \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}}, \quad 0 < \tilde{x} < \infty, \tilde{t} > 0 \quad (\text{X30-12})$$

$$-\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}}(0, \tilde{t}) = -B\tilde{T}(0, \tilde{t}) \quad (\text{X30-13})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\infty, \tilde{t}) \text{ is finite} \quad (\text{X30-14})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\tilde{x}, 0) = 1 \quad (\text{X30-15})$$

The temperature and heat flux solutions are

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{X30B0T1}}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \text{erf}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}}\right) + e^{B_1\tilde{x} + B_1^2\tilde{t}} \text{erfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}} + B_1\sqrt{\tilde{t}}\right) \quad (\text{X30-16a})$$

Note that

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{X30B1T0}}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) + \tilde{T}_{\text{X30B0T1}}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = 1 \quad (\text{X30-17})$$

X40B1T00, see C&J page 306

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}, \quad 0 < x < \infty, t > 0 \quad (\text{X40-1})$$

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(0, t) + (\rho c_p)_1 L \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}(0, t) = q_0 \quad (\text{X40-2})$$

$$T(\infty, t) \text{ is finite} \quad (\text{X40-3})$$

$$T(x, 0) = T_{in} \quad (\text{X40-4})$$

Dimensionless groups to reduce to the X40B1T0 problem

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{X40B1T0}}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = \frac{T(x, t) - T_{in}}{q_0 L / k}, \quad \tilde{q} = \frac{q(x, t)}{q_0}, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{L}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2}, \quad P = \frac{(\rho c_p)_1}{\rho c_p} \quad (\text{X40-5})$$

Dimensionless mathematical description of the X40B1T0 problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} = \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}}, \quad 0 < \tilde{x} < \infty, \tilde{t} > 0 \quad (\text{X40-6})$$

$$-\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{x}}(0, \tilde{t}) + P \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}} = 1 \quad (\text{X40-7})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\infty, \tilde{t}) \text{ is finite} \quad (\text{X40-8})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\tilde{x}, 0) = 0 \quad (\text{X40-9})$$

Solution for the X40B1T0 problem

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{\text{X40B1T0}}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = & \sqrt{4\tilde{t}} \text{ierfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}}\right) - P \text{erfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}}\right) \\ & + P e^{\frac{\tilde{x}}{P} + \frac{\tilde{t}}{P^2}} \text{erfc}\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{4\tilde{t}}} + \frac{\sqrt{\tilde{t}}}{P}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{X40-10})$$

X50B1T00, see C&J page 307