

# Galerkin Finite Element Model for Heat Transfer

## Introductory Course on Multiphysics Modelling

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# Notation remarks

- The **index notation** is used with summation over the index  $i$ .
- Consequently, the **summation rule** is also applied for the approximation expressions, that is, over the indices  $r, s = 1, \dots, N$  (where  $N$  is the number of degrees of freedom).
- The symbol  $(\dots)_{|i}$  means a (generalized) **invariant partial differentiation** over the  $i$ -th coordinate:

$$(\dots)_{|i} = \frac{\partial(\dots)}{\partial x_i} .$$

The invariance involves the so-called Christoffel symbols (in the case of curvilinear systems of reference).

- Symbols  $dV$  and  $dS$  are completely omitted in all the integrals presented below since it is obvious that one integrates over the specified domain or boundary. Therefore, one should understand that:

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} (\dots) = \int_{\mathcal{B}} (\dots) dV(\mathbf{x}) , \quad \int_{\partial\mathcal{B}} (\dots) = \int_{\partial\mathcal{B}} (\dots) dS(\mathbf{x}) .$$

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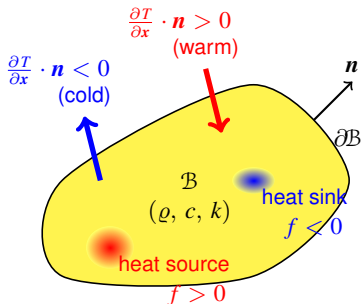
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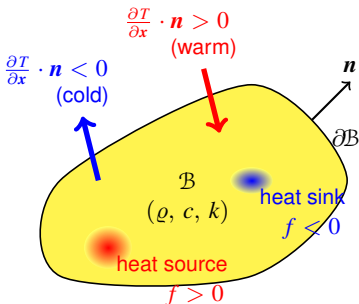
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## Heat transfer equation

$\rho c \dot{T} + q_{i|i} - f = 0$  where the heat flux vector  $\left[\frac{\text{W}}{\text{K}}\right]$ :

$$q_i = q_i(T) = \begin{cases} -k T_{|i} & \text{– for conduction (only),} \\ -k T_{|i} + \rho c u_i T & \text{– for conduction and convection,} \end{cases}$$

and  $\dot{T} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$  is the time rate of change of temperature  $\left[\frac{\text{K}}{\text{s}}\right]$ .

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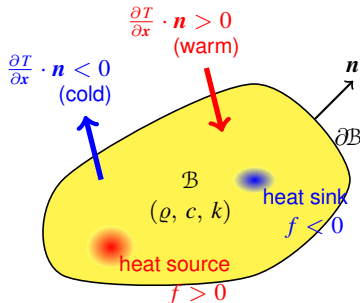
## The boundary conditions (on $\partial\mathcal{B}$ )

- the Dirichlet type:  
 $T(\mathbf{x}, t) = \hat{T}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  on  $\partial\mathcal{B}_T$
- the Neumann type:  
 $-q_i(T(\mathbf{x}, t)) n_i = \hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  on  $\partial\mathcal{B}_q$

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$\hat{T} = \hat{T}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  – the temperature [K]

$\hat{q} = \hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  – the inward heat flux [ $\frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}$ ]



# Initial-Boundary-Value Problem

## IBVP of the heat transfer

Find  $T = T(\mathbf{x}, t)$  for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$  satisfying the **equation of heat transfer** by conduction (a), or by conduction and **convection** (b):

$$\varrho c \dot{T} + q_{i|i} - f = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad q_i = q_i(T) = \begin{cases} -k T_{|i} & \leftarrow \text{(a)} \\ -k T_{|i} + \varrho c u_i T & \leftarrow \text{(b)} \end{cases}$$

with the **initial condition** (at  $t = t_0$ ):

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and subject to the **boundary conditions**:

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where  $\partial\mathcal{B}_T \cup \partial\mathcal{B}_q = \partial\mathcal{B}$  and  $\partial\mathcal{B}_T \cap \partial\mathcal{B}_q = \emptyset$ .

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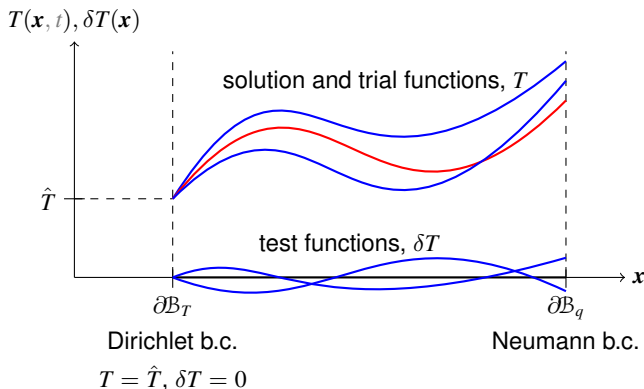
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# Test functions



**Test function**  $\delta T(x)$  is an arbitrary (but sufficiently regular) function defined in  $\mathcal{B}$ , which meets the *admissibility condition*:

$$\delta T = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial B_T.$$

Notice that **test functions are always time-independent**.

# Weighted formulation and weak variational form

## Weighted integral formulation

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} \left( \varrho c \dot{T} + q_{i|i} - f \right) \delta T = 0 \quad (\text{for every } \delta T)$$



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- Using the **Neumann b.c** and the **property of test function**

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{B}} q_i n_i \delta T = \int_{\partial \mathcal{B}_q} \underbrace{q_i n_i}_{-\hat{q}} \delta T + \int_{\partial \mathcal{B}_T} q_i n_i \underbrace{\delta T}_0 = - \int_{\partial \mathcal{B}_q} \hat{q} \delta T$$

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After integrating by parts and using the Neumann boundary condition

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Now, only the first order spatial-differentiability of  $T$  is required.

In this formulation the Neumann boundary condition is already met (it has been used in a *natural* way). Therefore, the only additional requirements are the Dirichlet boundary condition and the initial condition.

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where  $\theta_s(t)$  [K] are (time-dependent) coefficients – the **degrees of freedom** ( $N$  is the total number of degrees of freedom). Consistent result is obtained now for the time rate of temperature

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## Distinctive feature of the Galerkin method:

The same shape functions are used to approximate the solution as well as the test function, namely

$$\delta T(\mathbf{x}) = \delta \theta_r \phi_r(\mathbf{x}) \quad (r = 1, \dots, N; \text{ summation over } r).$$



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## Matrix formulation of the heat transfer problem

$$\left[ M_{rs} \dot{\theta}_s - K_{rs} \theta_s - (Q_r + F_r) \right] \delta \theta_r = 0 \quad \text{for every } \delta \theta_r.$$

This produces the following system of first-order **ordinary differential equations** (for  $\theta_s = \theta_s(t) = ?$ ):

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- $K_{rs} = \int_{\mathcal{B}} \left( -k \phi_{s|i} + \varrho c u_i \phi_s \right) \phi_{r|i}$  – the heat transfer matrix  $\left[ \frac{\text{W}}{\text{K}} \right]$ ,
- $Q_r = \int_{\partial \mathcal{B}_q} \hat{q} \phi_r$  – the inward heat flow vector  $[\text{W}]$ ,
- $F_r = \int_{\mathcal{B}} f \phi_r$  – the heat production vector  $[\text{W}]$ .

# Stationary heat transfer (algebraic equations)

$$T = T(\mathbf{x}), \quad f = f(\mathbf{x}), \quad u_i = u_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad (\text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}).$$

**BVP of stationary heat flow:** Find  $T = T(\mathbf{x})$  satisfying (in  $\mathcal{B}$ )

$$q_{i|i} - f = 0 \quad \text{where:}$$

$$q_i = q_i(T) = \begin{cases} -k T_{|i} & (\text{no convection}), \\ -k T_{|i} + \rho c u_i T & (\text{with convection}), \end{cases}$$

with boundary conditions:

$$T = \hat{T} \quad \text{on } \partial\mathcal{B}_T \text{ (Dirichlet),} \quad -q_i(T) n_i = \hat{q} \quad \text{on } \partial\mathcal{B}_q \text{ (Neumann).}$$

- The weak variational form lacks the rate integrand

$$-\int_{\mathcal{B}} q_i \delta T_{|i} - \int_{\partial\mathcal{B}_q} \hat{q} \delta T - \int_{\mathcal{B}} f \delta T = 0.$$

- The approximations  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \theta_s \phi_s(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\delta T(\mathbf{x}) = \delta \theta_r \phi_r(\mathbf{x})$  lead to the following **system of linear algebraic equations** (for  $\theta_s = ?$ ):

$$-K_{rs} \theta_s = (Q_r + F_r) \quad (r, s = 1, \dots, N).$$