

# Analytical solutions of heat conduction problems for anisotropic solid body

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*Abstract:* Exact analytical solutions of heat conduction problems in anisotropic two-dimensional solid bodies are presented in this study. Time-dependent and steady-state problems are considered. A linear coordinate transformation is introduced which reduces the anisotropic heat conduction problem to an equivalent isotropic one. The solution of the anisotropic heat conduction problem is expressed in terms of solutions of the corresponding isotropic heat conduction problem. The connection of data of the applied linear coordinate transformation and the thermal material properties of anisotropic solid body is analysed. All result of the paper is based on the Fourier's theory of heat conduction in solid bodies. Examples illustrate the applications of the developed method.

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## 1 Introduction

Many materials in which the thermal conductivity varies with direction are called anisotropic materials. To date, relatively few reported results of temperature distribution or heat flux fields in anisotropic solid body have published. Some text books such as Carslaw and Jaeger [1] and Özisik [2] have devoted a considerable section of their contents to heat conduction problems in anisotropic bodies. The exact analytical solutions of anisotropic heat conduction is limited to very simple geometries [2] and for complicated geometries one has to resort to numerical procedures. For steady-state two-dimensional anisotropic heat conduction problem in the case of absence of internal heat generation a Monte Carlo solution is presented by Kowsary and Arabi [3]. For layered composite anisotropic bodies the heat conduction problems are solved with linear coordinate transformation in papers by Poon [4], Poon et al. [5], Ma and Chang [6], Yan et al. [7] and Hsieh and Ma [11]. Mulholland and Gupta studied the heat conduction in a three-dimensional anisotropic body by the use of coordinate transformation of the principal axes of conductivity tensor [8]. Clements and Budhi gave solutions for a class of steady-state heat conduction problems in anisotropic media by means of the boundary element method [9]. Xiangzhou developed a partition-matching technique to solve the heat conduction in a two-dimensional anisotropic strip with prescribed temperature on the boundary [10].

In this paper a method is presented to find some analytical solutions for steady-state and time dependent heat conduction problems in homogeneous anisotropic bodies. By the proposed method the exist-

ing solutions of heat conduction equation for isotropic bodies are employed to find solutions of the corresponding anisotropic problems. A linear coordinate transformation is used to develop the formulation. By this formulation some analytical solutions of heat conduction of anisotropic bodies are found which are remarkable and useful especially for benchmarking purposes. The present paper is a contribution to the existing exact benchmark solutions for steady-state and time-dependent heat conduction problems in anisotropic two-dimensional solid bodies. The first kind and the second kind boundary conditions are considered. Although the presented derivations concern to two-dimensional case they can easily be generalized to three-dimensional heat conduction problems.

## 2 A brief survey of the two-dimensional heat conduction problem

### 2.1 Isotropic body

Suppose in a coordinate system (whose components are  $x, y$ ) there is a „two-dimensional” solid body occupying a plane domain  $A$  with the boundary curve  $\partial A$ . The temperature  $T$  of the body depends on the space coordinate  $x, y$  and the time coordinate  $\Theta$ , that is  $T = T(x, y, \Theta)$ . The heat conduction problem of this two-dimensional isotropic homogeneous body according to the Fourier's theory leads to the following initial-boundary value problem [1, 2].

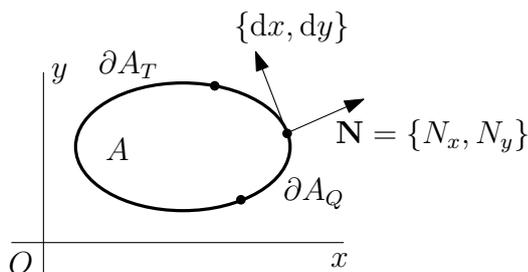


Figure 1: 2D isotropic homogeneous solid body.

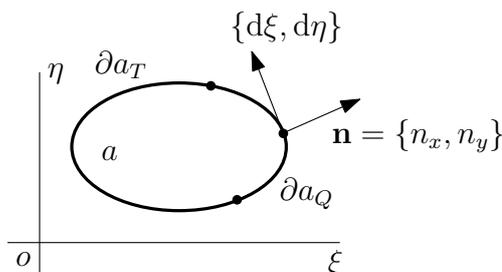


Figure 2: 2D anisotropic homogeneous solid body.

$$K \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) + R = MC \frac{\partial T}{\partial \Theta}, \quad (1)$$

$$(x, y) \in A, \quad \Theta > 0,$$

$$T(x, y, 0) = T_0(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in A, \quad (2)$$

$$T(x, y, \Theta) = G(x, y, \Theta), \quad (x, y) \in \partial A_T, \quad \Theta > 0, \quad (3)$$

$$K \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} N_x + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} N_y \right) = Q(x, y, \Theta), \quad (4)$$

$$(x, y) \in \partial A_Q, \quad \Theta > 0,$$

where  $K$  is the thermal conductivity coefficient,  $G$  is the prescribed boundary temperature on  $\partial A_T$  and  $Q$  is the prescribed heat flux on  $\partial A_Q$ ,  $R$  is the internal heat source in  $A$ ,  $M$  is the mass density,  $C$  is the specific heat,  $N_x, N_y$  are the components of the unit normal vector of the boundary curve  $\partial A$  as shown in Fig. 1. We note that  $\partial A = \partial A_T \cup \partial A_Q$  and  $\partial A_T \cap \partial A_Q = \{0\}$ . Let

$$F(x, y) = 0 \quad (5)$$

be the equation of the boundary curve  $\partial A$ . It is evident that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy = \left\{ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}; \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right\} \cdot \{dx; dy\} = 0, \quad (6)$$

where the dot between the two vectors indicates their scalar product. From Eq. (6) it follows that (Fig. 1)

$$N_x = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \quad N_y = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$$

$$N = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right)^2}. \quad (7)$$

By the use of Eq. (7) we can reformulate the boundary condition (4) as

$$K \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) = NQ. \quad (8)$$

## 2.2 Anisotropic body

Suppose in a coordinate system (whose components are  $\xi, \eta$ ) there is a „two-dimensional” solid body occupying a plane domain with the boundary curve  $\partial a$ . The temperature  $t$  of the anisotropic body depends on the space coordinate  $\xi, \eta$  and the time coordinate  $\vartheta$ , that is  $t = t(\xi, \eta, \vartheta)$ . The heat conduction problem of this two-dimensional homogeneous anisotropic body leads to the following initial-boundary value problem [1, 2]

$$k_{11} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi^2} + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + k_{22} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \eta^2} + r = mc \frac{\partial t}{\partial \vartheta}, \quad (9)$$

$$(\xi, \eta) \in a, \quad \vartheta > 0,$$

$$t(\xi, \eta, 0) = t_0(\xi, \eta), \quad (\xi, \eta) \in a, \quad (10)$$

$$t(\xi, \eta, \vartheta) = g(\xi, \eta, \vartheta), \quad (\xi, \eta) \in \partial a_t, \quad \vartheta > 0, \quad (11)$$

$$k_{11} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} n_\xi + k_{12} \left( \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} n_\xi + \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} n_\eta \right) + k_{22} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} n_\eta =$$

$$= q(\xi, \eta, \vartheta), \quad (\xi, \eta) \in \partial a_q, \quad \vartheta > 0. \quad (12)$$

Here  $k_{11}, k_{12} = k_{21}, k_{22}$  are the conductivity coefficients that form a second order positive definite symmetric tensor which is called the thermal conductivity tensor,  $g$  is the prescribed boundary temperature defined on  $\partial a_t$ ,  $q$  is the prescribed boundary heat flux defined on  $\partial a_q$ ,  $r$  is the internal heat source,  $m$  is the mass density,  $c$  is the specific heat and  $n_\xi, n_\eta$  are the components of the unit normal vector of boundary curve  $\partial a$  as shown in Fig. 2. We note that  $\partial a = \partial a_t \cup \partial a_q$  and  $\partial a_t \cap \partial a_q = \{0\}$ . Let

$$f(\xi, \eta) = 0 \quad (13)$$

be the equation of the boundary curve  $\partial a$  then we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} d\xi + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} d\eta =$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}; \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \right\} \cdot \{d\xi; d\eta\} = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial a. \quad (14)$$

From Eq. (14) it follows that (Fig. 2)

$$n_\xi = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}, \quad n_\eta = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta},$$

$$n = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta}\right)^2}. \quad (15)$$

By the use of Eq. (15) we can reformulate the heat flux boundary condition as

$$k_{11} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} + k_{12} \left( \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \right) +$$

$$+ k_{22} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} = nq, \quad (\xi, \eta) \in \partial a_q, \quad \vartheta > 0. \quad (16)$$

### 3 Theory

We introduce the next linear coordinate transformation

$$x = \alpha\xi + \beta\eta, \quad y = \gamma\xi + \delta\eta, \quad \Theta = \lambda\vartheta, \quad (17)$$

where

$$\varepsilon = \alpha\delta - \beta\gamma \neq 0, \quad \lambda > 0. \quad (18)$$

The coefficients of above defined linear transformations are unit free.

**Theorem 1.** Let

$$f(\xi, \eta) = F(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta, \gamma\xi + \delta\eta) \quad (19)$$

be. Assuming that the conductivity coefficients of anisotropic two-dimensional body have the form

$$k_{11} = \frac{\beta^2 + \delta^2}{(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)^2} K, \quad k_{12} = k_{21} =$$

$$= -\frac{\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta}{(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)^2} K, \quad k_{22} = \frac{\alpha^2 + \gamma^2}{(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)^2} K, \quad (20)$$

and let

$$t_0(\xi, \eta) = T_0(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta, \gamma\xi + \delta\eta), \quad (21)$$

$$g(\xi, \eta, \vartheta) = G(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta, \gamma\xi + \delta\eta, \lambda\vartheta), \quad (22)$$

$$q(\xi, \eta, \vartheta) = BQ(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta, \gamma\xi + \delta\eta, \lambda\vartheta), \quad (23)$$

where

$$B = \left\{ \frac{k_{11} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}\right)^2 + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} + k_{22} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta}\right)^2}{K \left[ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta}\right)^2 \right]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (24)$$

and

$$mc = \frac{MC}{\lambda} \quad (25)$$

be then we have

$$t(\xi, \eta, \vartheta) = T(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta, \gamma\xi + \delta\eta, \lambda\vartheta). \quad (26)$$

**Proof.** The proof of this theorem is based on the following equations

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma} \left( \delta \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} - \gamma \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} \right), \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma} \left( -\beta \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} + \alpha \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} \right), \quad (28)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{(\alpha\gamma - \beta\delta)^2} \left[ \delta^2 \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi^2} -$$

$$- 2\delta\gamma \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + \gamma^2 \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \eta^2} \right], \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{(\alpha\gamma - \beta\delta)^2} \left[ \beta^2 \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi^2} -$$

$$- 2\alpha\beta \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \eta^2} \right], \quad (30)$$

$$K \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{K}{(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)^2} \left[ (\beta^2 + \delta^2) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} -$$

$$- (\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta) \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} \right) +$$

$$+ (\alpha^2 + \gamma^2) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} \right] = k_{11} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} +$$

$$k_{12} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} \right) + k_{22} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \eta}, \quad (31)$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\right)^2} =$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{1}{K} \left[ k_{11} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}\right)^2 + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} +$$

$$+ k_{22} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta}\right)^2 \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \Theta} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \vartheta}. \quad (33)$$

Substitution of Eqs. (27–33) into Eqs. (1–4) leads to the initial-boundary value problem formulated by Eqs. (9–12) under the conditions (19–25) assuming

that Eq. (26) is valid. From the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$(\alpha^2 + \gamma^2)(\beta^2 + \delta^2) \geq (\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta)^2 \quad (34)$$

and the definition of  $k_{11}$ ,  $k_{22}$  and  $k_{12} = k_{21}$  it follows that the thermal conductivity coefficients defined by Eq. (20) satisfy the next inequalities

$$k_{11} > 0, \quad k_{22} > 0, \quad k_{11}k_{22} - k_{12}^2 > 0 \quad (35)$$

with arbitrary real numbers  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$  which satisfy Eq. (18). From Eq. (35) it follows that the thermal conductivity tensor generated by Eq. (20) is a positive definite symmetric two-dimensional second order tensor.

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Example 1

The two-dimensional steady-state heat conduction problem for the rectangle whose vertex points  $P_0$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $P_3$  (Fig. 3) is defined by the next equations

$$K \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) + R = 0, \quad (36)$$

$$(x, y) \in A, \quad (R = \text{constant}),$$

$$T = T_0 = \text{constant on } \overline{P_0P_3}, \quad (37)$$

$$T = T_1 = \text{constant on } \overline{P_1P_2},$$

$$Q = 0 \text{ on } \overline{P_0P_1} \text{ and } \overline{P_3P_2}. \quad (38)$$

The corresponding anisotropic heat conduction problem is defined as

$$k_{11} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi^2} + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + k_{22} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \eta^2} + r = 0, \quad (39)$$

$$(x, y) \in a, \quad r = R,$$

$$t = t_0 = T_0 \text{ on } \overline{p_0p_3}, \quad (40)$$

$$t = t_1 = T_1 \text{ on } \overline{p_1p_2}, \quad (41)$$

$$q = 0 \text{ on } \overline{p_0p_1} \text{ and } \overline{p_3p_2}. \quad (42)$$

In the present problem the anisotropic two-dimensional body is a parallelogram with vertex points  $p_0(0, 0)$ ,  $p_1(\delta L/\varepsilon, -\gamma L/\varepsilon)$ ,  $p_2((\delta L - H\beta)/\varepsilon, (\alpha H - \gamma L)/\varepsilon)$ ,  $p_3(-\beta H/\varepsilon, \alpha H/\varepsilon)$  as shown in Fig. 4. The solution of the isotropic boundary value problem formulated by Eqs. (36–38) is as follows

$$T(x, y) = T_1 + \left( \frac{T_2 - T_1}{L} + \frac{RL}{2K} \right) x - \frac{R}{2K} x^2, \quad (43)$$

$$(x, y) \in A.$$

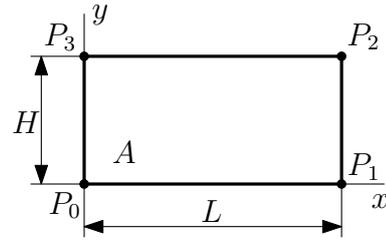


Figure 3: Rectangular domain.

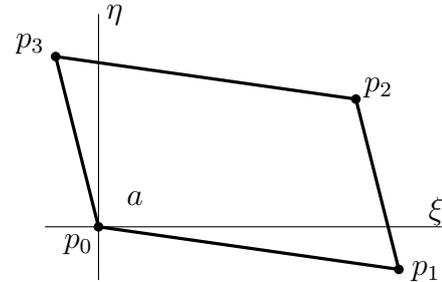


Figure 4: Parallelogram shape domain.

According to Theorem 1 the solution of the corresponding anisotropic heat conduction problem is

$$t(\xi, \eta) = t_1 + \left( \frac{t_2 - t_1}{L} + \frac{rL}{2K} \right) (\alpha\xi + \beta\eta) - \frac{r}{2K} (\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)^2, \quad (\xi, \eta) \in a. \quad (44)$$

### 4.2 Example 2

The two-dimensional time dependent problem for an isotropic body shown in Fig. 5 defined as

$$K \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) + R = MC \frac{\partial T}{\partial \Theta}, \quad (45)$$

$$(x, y) \in A, \quad (R = \text{constant}),$$

$$T = 0, \text{ on } \overline{P_0P_3} \cup \overline{P_1P_2}, \quad (46)$$

$$Q = 0, \text{ on } \overline{P_0P_1} \cup \overline{P_3P_2}, \quad (47)$$

$$T(x, y, 0) = T_0 = \text{constant}, \quad (x, y) \in A. \quad (48)$$

The solution of this initial-boundary value problem can be written in the form [12]

$$T(x, y, \Theta) = \frac{RL^2}{K} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(\nu_n L)^3} \exp \left( -\frac{K}{MC} \nu_n^2 \Theta \right) \cos \nu_n x \right], \quad (49)$$

$$(x, y) \in A, \quad \Theta \geq 0,$$

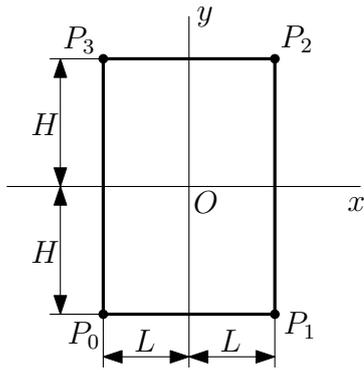


Figure 5: Transient heat conduction in isotropic rectangular domain.

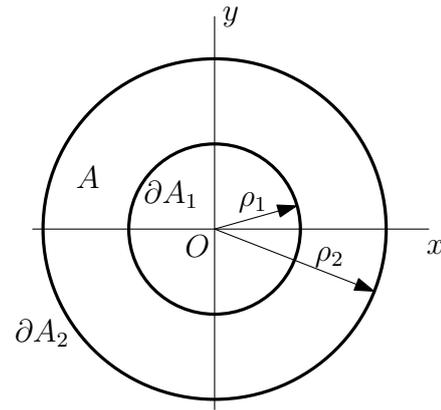


Figure 7: Hollow circular domain.

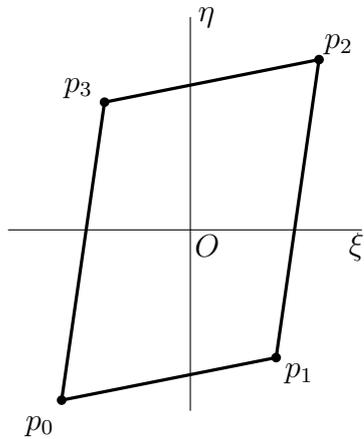


Figure 6: Transient heat conduction in anisotropic parallelogram domain.

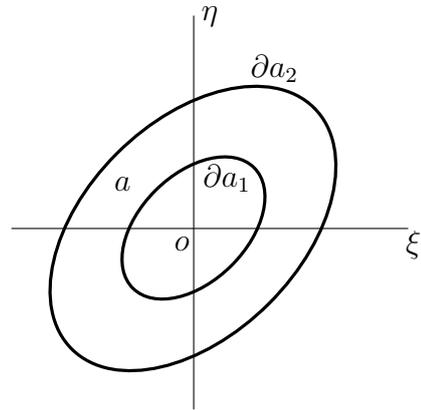


Figure 8: Hollow elliptical domain.

where

$$\nu_n = \frac{2n + 1}{2L} \pi, \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots). \quad (50)$$

The domain of the corresponding anisotropic body is shown in Fig. 6. The field equation is given by Eq. (9) with  $r = R = \text{constant}$  and we have the following boundary and initial conditions for the anisotropic heat conduction problem

$$t = 0 \text{ on } \overline{p_0 p_3} \cup \overline{p_1 p_2}, \quad (51)$$

$$q = 0 \text{ on } \overline{p_0 p_1} \cup \overline{p_3 p_2}, \quad (52)$$

$$t(\xi, \eta, 0) = t_0 = T_0 = \text{constant}, \quad (\xi, \eta) \in a. \quad (53)$$

The positions of the vertex points of the two-dimensional anisotropic body are as follows (Fig. 6)  $p_0(-\alpha L - \beta H, -\gamma L - \delta H)$ ,  $p_1(\alpha L - \beta H, \gamma L - \delta H)$ ,  $p_2(\alpha L + \beta H, \gamma L + \delta H)$ ,  $p_3(-\alpha L + \beta H, -\gamma L + \delta H)$ .

Application of Theorem 1 gives the result

$$t(\xi, \eta, \Theta) = \frac{rL^2}{K} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\alpha\xi + \beta\eta}{L} \right)^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(\nu_n L)^3} \exp\left(-\frac{K}{\lambda mc} \nu_n \vartheta\right) \cos(\nu_n(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)) \right], \quad (\xi, \eta) \in a, \quad \vartheta \geq 0. \quad (54)$$

### 4.3 Example 3

We consider the next two-dimensional problem of the steady-state heat conduction (Fig. 7)

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0 \text{ in} \quad (55)$$

$$A = \{(x, y) | \rho_1^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq \rho_2^2\}, \quad \rho_1 > 0,$$

$$T = T_1 \text{ on } \partial A_1 = \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 = \rho_1^2\}, \quad (56)$$

$$T = T_2 \text{ on } \partial A_2 = \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 = \rho_2^2\}. \quad (57)$$

Here  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are constants. The solution of the boundary value problem formulated by Eqs. (55–57) is

$$T(x, y) = T_1 + (T_2 - T_1) \frac{\ln \frac{x^2 + y^2}{\rho_1^2}}{\ln \frac{\rho_2^2}{\rho_1^2}}, \quad (58)$$

$$(x, y) \in A \cup \partial A_1 \cup \partial A_2.$$

The corresponding anisotropic heat conduction problem to the isotropic heat conduction problem formulated by Eqs. (55–57) is as follows

$$k_{11} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi^2} + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + k_{22} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \eta^2} = 0 \text{ in } a, \quad (59)$$

$$t = t_1 = T_1 \text{ on } \partial a_1, \quad (60)$$

$$t = t_2 = T_2 \text{ on } \partial a_2, \quad (61)$$

where (Fig. 8)

$$a = \{(\xi, \eta) | \rho_1^2 \leq (\alpha^2 + \gamma^2) \xi^2 + 2(\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta)\xi\eta + (\beta^2 + \delta^2) \eta^2 \leq \rho_2^2\}, \quad (62)$$

$$\partial a_i = \{(\xi, \eta) | (\alpha^2 + \gamma^2) \xi^2 + 2(\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta)\xi\eta + (\beta^2 + \delta^2) \eta^2 = \rho_i^2, i = 1, 2\}. \quad (63)$$

Application of Theorem 1 gives

$$t(\xi, \eta) = t_1 + (t_2 - t_1) \frac{\ln \left[ \frac{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)^2 + (\gamma\xi + \delta\eta)^2}{\rho_1^2} \right]}{\ln \left( \frac{\rho_1^2}{\rho_2^2} \right)}. \quad (64)$$

#### 4.4 Example 4

Steady-state conduction in a sector of a circular ring (Fig. 9) is prescribed by the next equations

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0 \text{ in } A, \quad (65)$$

$$T = T_1 = \text{constant on } \partial A_1 \text{ and} \quad (66)$$

$$T = T_2 = \text{constant on } \partial A_2,$$

$$Q = 0 \text{ on } \partial A_3 \cup \partial A_4. \quad (67)$$

The solution of this problem is

$$T(x, y) = T_1 + \frac{T_2 - T_1}{\phi} \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad (68)$$

The corresponding steady-state heat conduction problem can be written in the form

$$k_{11} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi^2} + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + k_{22} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \eta^2} = 0 \text{ in } a, \quad (69)$$

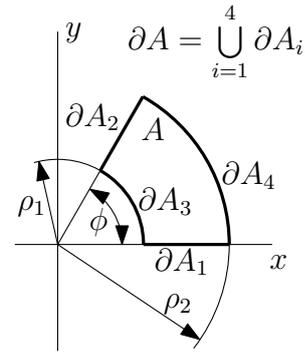


Figure 9: Sector of a circular ring.

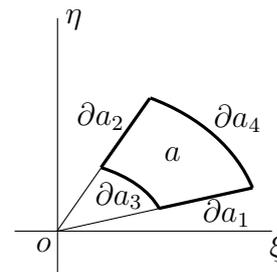


Figure 10: Sector of an elliptical ring.

$$t = t_1 = T_1 \text{ on } \partial a_1, \quad t = t_2 = T_2 \text{ on } \partial a_2, \quad (70)$$

$$q = 0 \text{ on } \partial a_3 \cup \partial a_4. \quad (71)$$

The two-dimensional domain  $a$  and its boundary contour are shown in Fig. 10. The equation of the boundary segment  $\partial a_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is

$$(\alpha^2 + \gamma^2) \xi^2 + 2(\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta)\xi\eta + (\beta^2 + \delta^2) \eta^2 = \rho_i^2, \quad (i = 1, 2) \quad (72)$$

and the equation of the boundary segment  $\partial a_i$  ( $i = 3, 4$ ) is

$$\eta = p_i \xi, \quad (i = 3, 4), \quad (73)$$

$$p_3 = -\frac{\gamma}{\delta}, \quad p_4 = \frac{\alpha \tan \phi - \gamma}{\delta - \beta \tan \phi}.$$

By the application of Theorem 1 we obtain

$$t(\xi, \eta) = t_1 + \frac{t_2 - t_1}{\phi} \tan^{-1} \frac{\gamma\xi + \delta\eta}{\alpha\xi + \beta\eta}. \quad (74)$$

#### 4.5 Example 5

The transient heat conduction problem for the isotropic two-dimensional domain whose boundary

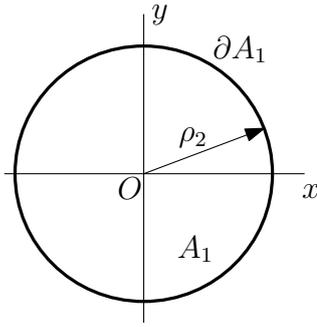


Figure 11: Solid circular domain.

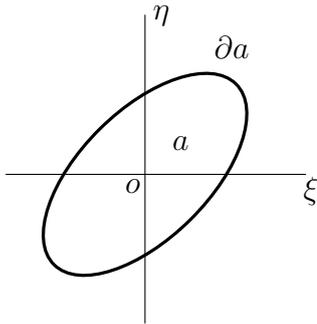


Figure 12: Solid elliptical domain.

curve is a circle of radius  $\rho_2$  (Fig. 11) is defined by the equation

$$K \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) = MC \frac{\partial T}{\partial \Theta}, \quad (x, y) \in A, \quad \Theta > 0, \quad (75)$$

$$T(x, y, 0) = T_0 = \text{constant}, \quad (x, y) \in A, \quad (76)$$

$$T(x, y, \Theta) = 0, \quad (x, y) \in \partial A_1, \quad \Theta > 0. \quad (77)$$

The solution of this initial-boundary value problem [2, 12]

$$T(x, y, \Theta) = 2 \frac{T_0}{\rho_2} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{J_0(\omega_i \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})}{\omega_i J_1(\omega_i \rho_2)} \exp\left(-\frac{K}{MC} \omega_i^2 \Theta\right), \quad (78)$$

where  $J_0(z)$  and  $J_1(z)$  are Bessel functions of the first kind and of order zero and one, respectively. Furthermore,  $\omega_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) is the positive root of the transcendent equation

$$J_0(\rho_2 \tilde{\omega}) = 0. \quad (79)$$

The associated transient anisotropic heat conduction problem is formulated by the following equations in  $a \cup \partial a$  (Fig. 12)

$$k_{11} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi^2} + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + k_{22} \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \eta^2} = mc \frac{\partial t}{\partial \vartheta}, \quad (80)$$

$$(\xi, \eta) \in a, \quad \vartheta > 0.$$

$$t(\xi, \eta, 0) = t_0 = T_0 = \text{constant}, \quad (\xi, \eta) \in a, \quad (81)$$

$$t(\xi, \eta, \Theta) = 0, \quad (\xi, \eta) \in \partial a, \quad \vartheta > 0. \quad (82)$$

Here the equation of the boundary curve  $\partial a$  (Fig. 12) is

$$(\alpha^2 + \gamma^2) \xi^2 + 2(\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta) \xi\eta + (\beta^2 + \delta^2) \eta^2 - \rho_2^2 = 0. \quad (83)$$

From Theorem 1 for this case we have

$$t(\xi, \eta, \vartheta) = 2 \frac{t_0}{\rho_2} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b}{\omega_i J_1(\omega_i \rho_2)} \exp\left(-\frac{K}{mc} \omega_i^2 \vartheta\right), \quad (84)$$

where

$$b = J_0 \left\{ \omega_i \left[ (\alpha^2 + \gamma^2) \xi^2 + 2(\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta) \xi\eta + (\beta^2 + \delta^2) \eta^2 \right]^{0.5} \right\} \quad (85)$$

## 5 Relationship for the thermal resistances

Let us consider a hollow two-dimensional body in the plane  $Oxy$  which is bounded by two closed curves  $\partial A_1$  and  $\partial A_2$  as shown in Fig. 13. The steady-state heat conductance in this body is determined by constant boundary temperatures according to next equations

$$T = T_1 = \text{constant on } \partial A_1, \quad (86)$$

$$T = T_2 = \text{constant on } \partial A_2. \quad (87)$$

It is known the heat flow  $Q_{12}$  between the boundary curves  $\partial A_1$  and  $\partial A_2$  for isotropic homogeneous body can be obtained as ( $T_1 > T_2$ )

$$Q_{12} = K(T_1 - T_2) \int_{\partial A_1} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial x} N_x + \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial y} N_y \right) dS =$$

$$= K(T_1 - T_2) \int_A \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] dA, \quad (88)$$

where  $\tilde{T} = \tilde{T}(x, y)$  is the solution of the following boundary value problem

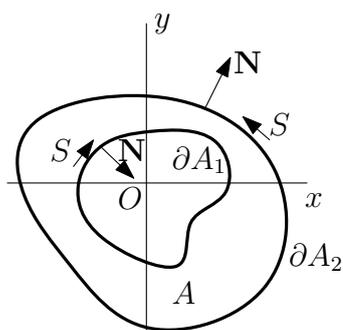


Figure 13: Hollow two-dimensional isotropic body.

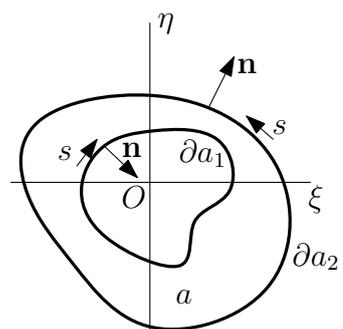


Figure 14: Hollow two-dimensional anisotropic body.

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad (x, y) \in A, \quad (89)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}(x, y) &= 1, & (x, y) \in \partial A_1, \\ \tilde{T}(x, y) &= 0, & (x, y) \in \partial A_2. \end{aligned} \quad (90)$$

The thermal resistance of this two-dimensional body is defined as [1]

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \frac{1}{K \int_{\partial A_1} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial x} N_x + \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial y} N_y \right) ds} = \\ &= \frac{1}{K \int_A \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] dA}. \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

By the same way we can define the thermal resistance of the hollow two-dimensional anisotropic domain shown in Fig. 14. At first we consider a steady-state heat conduction problem defined by the next equations

$$t = t_1 = \text{constant on } \partial a_1, \quad (92)$$

$$t = t_2 = \text{constant on } \partial a_2. \quad (93)$$

The heat flow  $q_{12}$  from the inner boundary curve  $\partial a_1$  to the outer boundary curve  $\partial a_2$  ( $t_1 > t_2$ ) can be com-

puted as

$$\begin{aligned} q_{12} &= (t_1 - t_2) \int_{\partial a_1} \left[ \left( k_{11} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi} + k_{12} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta} \right) n_\xi + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( k_{21} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi} + k_{22} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta} \right) n_\eta \right] ds = \\ &= (t_1 - t_2) \int_a \left[ k_{11} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta} + k_{22} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] da, \end{aligned} \quad (94)$$

where  $\tilde{t} = \tilde{t}(\xi, \eta)$  is the solution of the next boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} k_{11} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi^2} + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi^2} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + k_{22} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta^2} &= 0 \\ (\xi, \eta) \in a, \end{aligned} \quad (95)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{t}(\xi, \eta) &= 1, & (\xi, \eta) \in \partial a_1, \\ \tilde{t}(\xi, \eta) &= 0, & (\xi, \eta) \in \partial a_2. \end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

The thermal resistance of the two-dimensional hollow anisotropic body shown in Fig. 14 is defined by the next equation

$$\omega = \frac{1}{W} \quad (97)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_{\partial a_1} \left[ \left( k_{11} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi} + k_{12} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta} \right) n_\xi + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( k_{11} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi} + k_{12} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta} \right) n_\xi \right] ds = \\ &= \int_a \left[ k_{11} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + 2k_{12} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta} + k_{22} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] da. \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

Assuming that Eqs. (17–20) are valid, then we have

$$\omega = |\varepsilon| \Omega. \quad (99)$$

The validity of Eq. (99) follows from the formulas of  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  and from Eqs. (27–28). It is evident if  $|\varepsilon| = 1$  then the isotropic hollow two-dimensional domain and the corresponding anisotropic hollow two-dimensional domain have the same thermal resistance. The thermal resistance of the isotropic hollow circular domain shown in Fig. 7 is

$$\Omega = \frac{\ln \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}}{2\pi K}. \quad (100)$$

In this case the thermal resistance of the corresponding anisotropic hollow two-dimensional body which is shown in Fig. 13 can be computed as according to Eq. (99)

$$\omega = |\varepsilon| \frac{\ln \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}}{2\pi K}. \quad (101)$$

## 6 Determination of the coefficients of space coordinate transformation in terms of heat conductivity coefficients

At first, we define the unit-free thermal conductivity coefficients by the following equations

$$\bar{k}_{11} = \frac{k_{11}}{K}, \quad \bar{k}_{22} = \frac{k_{22}}{K}, \quad \bar{k}_{12} = k_{21} = \frac{k_{12}}{K}. \quad (102)$$

The linear coordinate transformation (17) can be considered as a combination of a pure rotation with a stretching and shrinking which can be described as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{bmatrix}, \quad (103)$$

that is we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= c_1 \cos \varphi, & \beta &= -c_1 \sin \varphi, \\ \gamma &= c_2 \sin \varphi, & \delta &= c_2 \cos \varphi, \end{aligned} \quad (104)$$

$$\varepsilon = c_1 c_2. \quad (105)$$

From Eqs. (20)<sub>1,2,3</sub> and (104) it follows that

$$\bar{k}_{11} = \frac{1}{2c_1^2 c_2^2} (c_1^2 + c_2^2 + (c_2^2 - c_1^2) \cos 2\varphi), \quad (106)$$

$$\bar{k}_{22} = \frac{1}{2c_1^2 c_2^2} (c_1^2 + c_2^2 + (c_1^2 - c_2^2) \cos 2\varphi), \quad (107)$$

$$\bar{k}_{12} = \frac{1}{2c_1^2 c_2^2} (c_1^2 - c_2^2) \sin 2\varphi. \quad (108)$$

Subtracted Eq. (106) from Eq. (107) we obtain

$$\bar{k}_{22} - \bar{k}_{11} = \frac{1}{c_1^2 c_2^2} (c_1^2 - c_2^2) \cos 2\varphi. \quad (109)$$

Combination of Eq. (109) with Eq. (108)

$$\tan 2\varphi = \frac{2\bar{k}_{12}}{\bar{k}_{22} - \bar{k}_{11}}, \quad (110)$$

that is

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \left( \frac{2\bar{k}_{12}}{\bar{k}_{22} - \bar{k}_{11}} \right). \quad (111)$$

Next, we will use the following equations to obtain the expressions of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in terms of  $\bar{k}_{11}$ ,  $\bar{k}_{22}$  and  $\bar{k}_{12}$

$$\bar{k}_{11} + \bar{k}_{22} = \frac{1}{c_1^2} + \frac{1}{c_2^2}, \quad (112)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\varphi &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 2\varphi}} = \\ &= \frac{\bar{k}_{22} - \bar{k}_{11}}{\sqrt{(\bar{k}_{22} - \bar{k}_{11})^2 + 4\bar{k}_{12}^2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (113)$$

The combination of Eq. (110) with Eqs. (112–113) leads to the formulas of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$

$$c_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\bar{k}_{11} + \bar{k}_{22} + \sqrt{(\bar{k}_{22} - \bar{k}_{11})^2 + 4\bar{k}_{12}^2}}}, \quad (114)$$

$$c_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\bar{k}_{11} + \bar{k}_{22} - \sqrt{(\bar{k}_{22} - \bar{k}_{11})^2 + 4\bar{k}_{12}^2}}}. \quad (115)$$

## 7 Conclusions

Steady-state and time dependent heat conduction problems in homogeneous anisotropic solid bodies are studied by using an analytical method. The temperature distribution for the considered anisotropic two-dimensional body is derived from the solution of an isotropic two-dimensional body. A linear coordinate transformation is used for the spatial and time coordinates to generate the mapping between the isotropic and anisotropic heat conduction problems. Examples illustrate the application of the developed method. The main result of the paper is a contribution to the existing exact benchmark solutions for conduction of heat in anisotropic solid bodies.

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