## A METHOD FOR DETERMINING UPPER AND LOWER BOUNDS FOR TWO-DIMENSIONAL HEAT CONDUCTION PROBLEMS

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## NOMENCLATURE

t(x,y)	temperature
T(X,Y)	transformed temperature
$t_{U}(x,y), T_{U}(X,Y)$	upper bounding temperature
$t_L(x,y)$ , $T_L(X,Y)$	lower bounding temperature
$t_m(x,y), T_m(X,Y)$	mean value of upper and lower bounding temperature
z	complex variable
R(f(z))	real part of f(z)
I(f(z))	imaginary part of f(z)
q	internal heat generation per unit volume
k	thermal conductivity
8	parameter
Er	percentage error relative to the maximum temperature
Er*	percentage error relative to the local temperature
D	length of plate
В	height of plate
H	dimensionless height of plate
x,y	coordinates of plate
X,Y	dimensionless coordinates of plate
i,j,k,m,n	positive integers

#### INTRODUCTION

With the development of high-speed digital computers, we have been able to obtain approximate solutions for many boundary value problems for which the exact solutions are either impossible or too cumbersome. Unfortunately, when it is desired to determine the error associated with an approximate solution, the error analysis is frequently even more complicated than the solution itself. In this work, an attempt has been made to obtain exact solutions to modified problems such that these solutions provide upper and lower bounding functions for the original problems.

In general we seek solutions which will satisfy the differential equations and the boundary conditions. There are two ways to modify the problems i.e. either the differential equations or the boundary conditions are modified. In the present case we find an infinite series, every term of which satisfies the differential equations, and try to form the upper and lower bounds by certain techniques.

To demonstrate the technique, we will solve two two-dimensional, steady state, heat conduction problems.

## SOLUTION OF A TWO-DIMENSIONAL HEAT CONDUCTION PROBLEM

## Definition of the Problem

The differential equation for the temperature t in two-dimensional, steady state heat conduction, without internal heat generation, is shown by Schneider  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix}$  to be

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$$\nabla^2 t = 0$$
where  $\nabla^2$  indicates the operator  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$  (1)

The boundary conditions for a two-dimensional plate (see Fig. 1) are assumed in the following form.

1. 
$$t(0,y) = g_1(y)$$

2. 
$$t(D,y) = g_2(y)$$

3. 
$$t(x,0) = f_1(x)$$

4. 
$$t(x,B) = f_2(x)$$

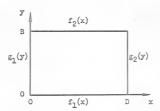


Fig. 1. Two-dimensional plate.

The problem is to determine the t which satisfies equation (1) and the prescribed boundary conditions.

Variational Procedure for Upper and Lower Bounds

Consider a complex variable

and the polynomial

$$F(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n + \dots$$
 (2)

Expanding each term into real and imaginary parts, we have

$$z = x + iy$$
  
 $z^2 = (x + iy)^2 = x^2 + 2ixy - y^2$   
 $R(z^2) = x^2 - y^2$   
 $I(z^2) = 2xyi$   
 $z^3 = (x + iy)^3 = x^3 + 3ix^2y - 3xy^2 - iy^3$   
 $R(z^3) = x^3 - 3xy^2$   
 $I(z^3) = (3x^2y - y^3) i$ 

etc.

and the general term is

$$z^{n} = (x + iy)^{n} = x^{n} + nx^{n-1}iy + {n \choose 2} x^{n-2}(iy)^{2} + {n \choose 3} x^{n-3}(iy)^{3}$$

$$+ {n \choose 4} x^{n-1}i(iy)^{1} + \cdots + {n \choose k} x^{n-k}(iy)^{k} + \cdots + (iy)^{n}$$

$$R(z^{n}) = x^{n} - {n \choose 2} x^{n-2}y^{2} + {n \choose 4} x^{n-1}y^{1} - \cdots$$

$$\cdots + (-1)^{k-1} {n \choose 2(k-1)} x^{n-2(k-1)}y^{2(k-1)} + \cdots$$

$$I(z^{n}) = i \left[nx^{n-1}y - {n \choose 3} x^{n-3}y^{3} + {n \choose 5} x^{n-5}y^{5} - \cdots$$

$$\cdots + (-1)^{k-1} {n \choose 2k-1} x^{n-2k+1}y^{2k-1} + \cdots$$

$$(1)$$

Utilizing these functions, an infinite series f(x,y) is defined as

$$f(x,y) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 y + b_3 (x^2 - y^2) + b_{l_1}(2xy) + \cdots$$

$$\cdots + b_{2n-1} \left[ x^n - \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} y^2 + \binom{n}{l_1} x^{n-l_1} y^{l_1} - \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \binom{n}{2(k-1)} x^{n-2(k-1)} y^{2(k-1)} + \cdots \right] + b_{2n} \left[ n x^{n-1} y - \binom{n}{3} x^{n-3} y^3 + \binom{n}{5} x^{n-5} y^5 - \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{2k-1} x^{n-2k+1} y^{2k-1} + \cdots \right] + \cdots$$
(5)

Now since each term of (3) and (4) satisfies equation (1), f(x,y) is an infinite series every term of which satisfies the differential equation (1), see appendix A for the proof. We are going to choose a finite number of terms from (5) as an approximate solution. The coefficients will be determined such that the approximate temperature at every point on the boundary is in one case higher than the exact temperature. Then the approximate temperature will be higher than the exact temperature at every point in the region, see appendix B for the proof. This provides an upper bounding solution. Similarly, we get a lower bounding solution by choosing a new set of coefficients such that the approximate temperature at every point on the boundary is lower than the exact temperature.

The exact solution is somewhere between the upper and the lower bounds. If the mean value of the bounds is taken as the approximate solution, the associated maximum possible error is determined by half of the difference between the bounds. In order to obtain a good solution, an effort is made to find a set of coefficients such that the bounds are as close to each other as possible. The bounds thus obtained are defined as the least upper bound and the greatest lower bound, expressed as  $t_{\rm U}(x,y)$  and  $t_{\rm L}(x,y)$  respectively. The mean value is

$$t_{m} = \frac{t_{U} + t_{L}}{2}$$

The maximum possible error relative to the maximum temperature in the region will be

$$Er = \left(\frac{t_m - t_L}{t_{max}}\right) (100) \%$$

and that relative to the local temperature will be

$$\mathbb{E}r^* = \left(\frac{t_m - t_L}{t_L}\right) (100) \%$$

## EXAMPLE PROBLEM 1

Consider a two-dimensional problem without internal heat generation as shown in Fig. 2.

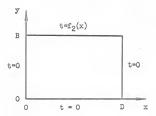


Fig. 2. Two-dimensional plate.

For this problem the general heat conduction equation is equation (1) and the boundary conditions are assumed to be

1. 
$$t(0,y) = 0$$

2. 
$$t(D,y) = 0$$

3. 
$$t(x,0) = 0$$

4. 
$$t(x,B) = f_2(x) = 6h t_{max}(x/D)^3(1 - x/D)^3$$

The equations are transformed into dimensionless form by letting Y = y/D, X = x/D, H = B/D and  $T = t/t_{max}$ . The differential equation and the boundary conditions for the transformed problem become

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{r} = 0 \tag{6}$$

1. 
$$T(0,Y) = 0$$

2. 
$$T(1,Y) = 0$$

3. 
$$T(X,0) = 0$$

as

$$\texttt{L.} \quad \texttt{T(X,H)} = \texttt{f}_2(\texttt{DX})/\texttt{t}_{\texttt{max}} = \texttt{F}_2(\texttt{X}) = \texttt{64} \ \texttt{X}^3(\texttt{1-X})^3$$

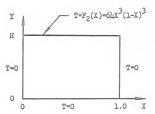


Fig. 3. Transformed two-dimensional plate.

We chose H = 0.75 for the numerical study. Equation (5) can be written

$$f(X,Y) = a_1 + a_2X + a_3Y + a_{1}(X^2 - Y^2) + a_5(2XY) + \cdots$$

$$\cdots + a_{2n} \left[ X^n - {n \choose 2} X^{n-2} Y^2 + {n \choose 1} X^{n-1} Y^{1} - \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} {n \choose 2(k-1)} \cdot X^{n-2(k-1)} Y^{2(k-1)} + \cdots \right] + a_{2n+1} \left[ n X^{n-1} Y - {n \choose 3} X^{n-3} Y^3 + {n \choose 5} X^{n-5} Y^5 - \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} {n \choose 2k-1} X^{n-2k+1} Y^{2k-1} + \cdots \right] + \cdots$$

$$f(x,y) = a_1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{2i} \left[ x^i - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) x^{i-2} y^2 + \left( \frac{1}{l_i} \right) x^{i-l_i} y^{l_i} - \cdots \right]$$

$$\cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{i}{2(k-1)} x^{i-2(k-1)} y^{2(k-1)} + \cdots$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{2i+1} [ix^{i-1} y - (\frac{i}{3})x^{i-3} y^3 + (\frac{i}{5})x^{i-5} y^5 - \cdots$$

$$\cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{i}{2k-1} x^{i-2k+1} y^{2k-1} + \cdots ] + \cdots$$

$$(7)$$

or expressed as

$$f(X,Y) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i M_i(X,Y)$$
(8)

We know that  $M_1(X,Y)$  i=1,2,3,.... satisfies the differential equation (6). As stated before, if a set of coefficients  $a_1$  through  $a_m$  can be determined such that the approximate solution, f(X,Y), is higher than the exact temperature T on the boundary, then f(X,Y) is an upper bound for T(X,Y). To do this, we use the Method of Collocation. First, m collocation points are arbitrarily chosen along the boundary. Then at each point the following condition is imposed

$$f(X,Y) = T(X,Y) + \delta_{1} \tag{9}$$

where  $\delta_1$  is an arbitrary parameter.

This results in m simultaneous equations in m unknowns  $a_1$  through  $a_m$ . The simultaneous equations are solved by using the well-known Gauss Method [3]. The coefficients thus obtained are substituted into equation (8) to get the equation for the approximate solution.

This approximate temperature may now be compared with the exact temperature on the boundary. If  $\delta_1$  is big enough the approximate temperature will be higher than the exact temperature throughout the boundary, and will thus be an upper bound. The lowest value of  $\delta_1$  which satisfies the above condition will give us the least upper bound.

Similarly the greatest lower bound is obtained by starting with  $f(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}) = T(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}) - \delta_2 \tag{1}$ 

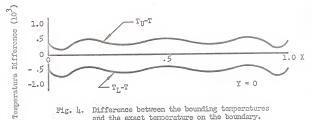
In order to get a good solution, i.e. the solution where the bounds are close together, a sufficient number of collocation points must be used. For the present case, the points and the exact temperatures are shown in Table 1.

í	Xi	Yi	Ti	i	Xi	Y	Ti
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 .068 .160	0 .112 .242 .403 .540 .663 .750 .750 .750	0 0 0 - 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.016291 .155374	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	.932 1 1 1 1 1 .897 .760	.750 .750 .663 .540 .403 .242 .112 0	.016291 0 0 0 0 0 0
10 11 12 13	.410 .590 .730	.750 .750 .750	.905905 .905905 .490050	25 26 27 28	.600 .400 .240	0 0 0	0 0

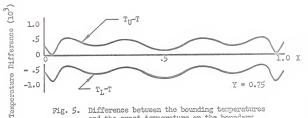
Table 1. Collocation points and exact temperature.

Choosing  $\delta_1$  = 0.3977 10<sup>-3</sup> and  $\delta_2$  = 0.5166 10<sup>-3</sup>, we obtain the least upper bound and the greatest lower bound. The difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature on the boundary is shown in Fig. 4, 5 and 6. For interior points the mean value of the bounding temperatures,  $T_{\rm mean}$ , is taken as the best approximation of the temperature distribution. The results are compared with the exact temperature, see appendix C, in Table 2. The difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature is also shown in Fig. 7, 8 and 9 along the lines Y = 0.1, 0.3 and 0.5.

We see from Fig. 4 through 9 that the upper and the lower bounds are



Difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature on the boundary.



Difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature on the boundary.

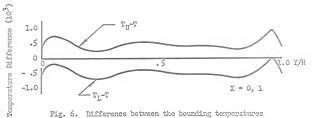


Fig. 6. Difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature on the boundary.

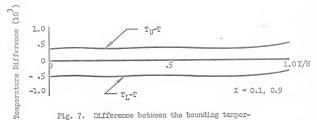
Table 2. Values for the temperature distribution of example problem 1.

X	Y	T(lower)	T(upper)	T(mean)	T(exact)	Er %	Er* %
.1	.075	.01.0454	.011369	.010912	.010953	.004130	.3770
.2	.075	.020510	.021423	.020967	.021003	.003645	.1735
.3	.075	.028659	.029575	.029116	.029196	.007995	.2738
-4	.075	.034086	.035000	.034543	.034595	.005160	.1492
.5	.075	.036015	.036927	.036472	.036484	.001194	.0327
.6	.075	.034086	.035000	.034543	.034594	.005124	.2715
.7	.075	.028659	.029575 .0211:23	.029116	.029195	.007920	.1690
.9	.075 .075	.020510	.021423	.010912	.010952	.00J990	.3670
.1	.150	.021885	.022800	.022342	.022409	.006620	.2954
.2	.150	.042540	.013155	.042998	.043051	.005339	.1240
.3	.150	.059462	.060377	.059919	.059980	.006083	.1014
.4	.150	.070688	.071603	.071116	.071197	.005180	.0727
.5	.150	.074638	.075552	.075096	.075136	.004038	.0537
.6	.150	.070688	.071603	.0711146	.071197	.005104`	.0717
.7	.150	.059462	.060377	.059919	.059979	.005940	.0990
.8	.150	.042540	.043455	.042998	.043049	.005145	.1195
. 9	.150	.021885	.022800	.022342	.022406	.006394	.2854
.l	. 225	.034318	.035233	.034776	.034839	.006369	.1828
.2	.225	.066666	.067581	.067124	.067179	.005584	.0831
-3	.225	.093493	.094407	.093950	.094007	.005716 .0051128	.0485
-4	.225	.111/157	.112372	.111915	.111969 .118314	.005072	.0409
.5	-225	.117805	.118720 .112372	.118263	.111968	.005072	.0429
.7	. 225 . 225	.111457 .093493	.094407	.093950	.094005	.005491	.0584
.8	.225	.066666	.067581	.0671.21	.067176	.005280	.0786
.9	.225	.031318	.035233	.034775	.034835	.006015	.1727
í	.300	.048129	.049043	.018586	.018626	.003974	.0817
.2	.300	.093863	.094778	.094320	.094374	.005393	.0571
.3	.300	.132549	.133464	.133006	.133064	.005746	.0432
.4	.300	.158891	.159806	.159349	.159406	.005750	.0361
.5	.300	.168284	.169199	.168742	.168798	.005620	.0333
.6	.300	.158891	.159806	.159349	.159405	.005578	.0350
.7	.300	.132549	.133464	.133006	.133061	.005424	.0408
.8	.300	.093863	.094778	.094320	.094370	.004960	.0526
.9	.300	.048129	.049043	.048586	.048621	.003474	.0715
.1	-375	.063413	.064328	.063871	.063915	.004374	.0684
.2	.375	.124925	.125840	.125383	.125438	.005482 .005970	.0437
.3	•375 •375	.178595	.179509 .216992	.179052	.179112	.005970	.0333
٠4	•375	.229623	.230537	.230080	.2301/1	.006093	.0265
.5	.375	.216077	.216992	.216535	.216594	.005934	.0274
.7	.375	.178595	.179509	.179052	.179107	.005528	.0309
.8	.375	.124925	.125840	.125383	.125432	.004895	.0390

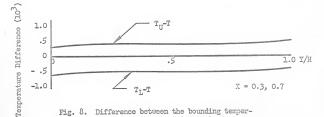
Table 2. (cont.)

X	Y	T(lower)	T(upper)	T(mean)	T(exact)	Er %	Er* %
9.1.2.3.4.56.78.9.1.2.3.4.5	375 .150 .150 .150 .150 .150 .150 .150 .15	T(lower)  .063\lambda13 .079757 .160\lambda17 .233783 .28709\lambda .30670\lambda .283783 .160\lambda17 .079757 .095\lambda28 .196592 .300\lambda15 .377699 .li06733	T(upper)  .06\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	T(mean)  .063871 .080214 .160605 .234241 .287551 .307161 .287551 .234241 .160605 .095886 .199050 .300872 .378157 .407191	T(exact)  .063908 .080276 .160661 .23\130\1287620 .307228 .287620 .307228 .160653 .080267 .095957 .199115 .300938 .378229 .107267	.003703 .006122 .005616 .006306 .006861 .006675 .006536 .005710 .001838 .00521,8 .007126 .006573 .006575 .007189	.0579 .0763 .0350 .0269 .0239 .0217 .0227 .0214 .0301 .0651 .0743 .0328 .0218 .0190 .0186
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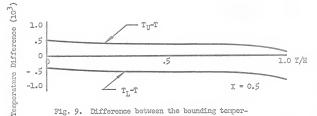
exactly of the same shape, which makes the search for the parameters,  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$ , much easier than usual. Once a set of collocation points is decided, it is straightforward to let  $\delta$  = 0 and calculate the errors on the boundary and then look for the maximum and the minimum errors. To show how the number



Difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature.



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Difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature.

of collocation points affects the accuracy, we solve the same problem with 24 points and compare them as follows.

Table 3. Comparison of accuracy due to number of collocation points.

Number of points	81	82	Er %
24	.003304	.002394	.2849
28	.000517	.000398	.0458

## EXAMPLE PROBLEM 2

A second problem will be considered with the following boundary conditions.

- 1. t(0,y) = 0
- 2. t(D,y) = 0
- 3. t(x,0) = 0
- 4.  $t(x,B) = f_2(x) = t_{max}$

Note that the temperatures at (0,B) and (D,B) are undefined.

By the same transformation, we arrive at equation (6) and the boundary conditions

- 1. T(0,Y) = 0
- 2. T(1,Y) = 0
- 3. T(X,0) = 0
- 4.  $T(X,H) = F_2(X) = 1$

The procefure is the same except that T(0,H) and T(1,H) are 1 when they are used to determine the upper bound and zero when used to determine the lower

bound. This is necessary if the condition of bounds is to be satisfied. The collocation points, which are different for the upper and the lower bounds, and the exact temperature are shown in Table 4 and 5.

Table 4. Collocation points and exact temperature for upper bound.

i	X <sub>i</sub>	Y	Ti	i	X	Y	Ti
1 2 3 4 5	0 0 0 0	0 .11 .22 .33 .14	0 0 0 0	15 16 17 18 19	1 1 1 1 1	.75 .62 .54 .14 .33 .22 .11	1 0 0 0
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	0 0 .20 .30	.11 .22 .33 .44 .54 .62 .75 .75 .75 .75	0 0 1 1 1 1	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	1 1 .88 .72	.22 .11 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
12 13 14	.20 .30 .42 .58 .70	.75 .75 .75	1 1 1	26 27 28	.88 .72 .58 .42 .27	0 0	0

Table 5. Collocation points and exact temperature for lower bound.

-	i	X <sub>i</sub>	Yi	Ti	i	X <sub>i</sub>	Yi	Ti
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 20 .29 .42 .58	0 .11 .22 .33 .14 .55 .65 .75 .75 .75 .75 .75	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 588 .73 .58 .42 .27	.75 .65 .55 .44 .33 .22 .11 .0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	14	.80	.75	i	28	.12	0	Ö

The parameters for the least upper and the greatest lower bounds are respectively  $\delta_1$  = 0.01552  $\delta_2$  = 0.00912, and the difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature on the boundary is shown in Fig. 10, 11 and 12.

The results including the least upper bound, the greatest lower bound, the mean value which is taken as the approximate solution and the associated maximum possible errors relative to both the maximum temperature and the local temperature are shown in Table 6. The bounds are plotted along Y = 0.1, 0.3 and 0.5 in. Fig. 13, 1h and 15.

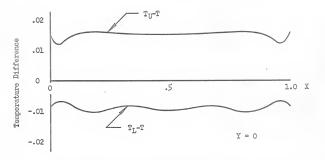


Fig. 10. Difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature on the boundary.

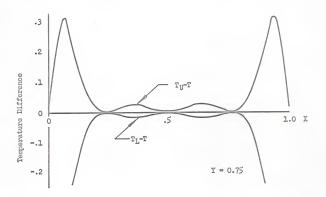


Fig. 11. Difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature on the boundary.

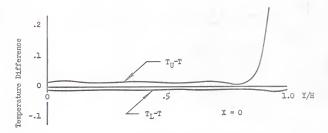


Fig. 12. Difference between the bounding temperatures and the exact temperature on the boundary.

Table 6. Values for the temperature distribution of example problem 2.

X   Y   T(lower)   T(upper)   T(mean)   Er   \$
.2 .075 .023986 .051\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\
.1 .300 .1\(\)1.5993 .1\(\)83678 .0\(\)904835 1.8\(\)8\(\)1.8\(\)1.8\(\)3 .3 .300 .1\(\)1.99796 .23\(\)8857 .21\(\)325 .1\(\)939 .1.9379 .5 .300 .2\(\)32311 .27\(\)1.8\(\)1.92\(\)1.939 .5 .300 .2\(\)32311 .27\(\)1.8\(\)1.92\(\)1.92\(\)1.939 .6 .300 .2\(\)32311 .27\(\)1.8\(\)1.92\(\)1.939 .7 .300 .1\(\)9796 .23\(\)8857 .2\(\)1.932 .7 .300 .1\(\)1.9796 .23\(\)8857 .2\(\)1.932 .8 .300 .1\(\)1.5939 .1\(\)8367 .1\(\)6\(\)1.8\(\)1. 375 .1\(\)5718 .1\(\)6\(\)1.8\(\)2. 1\(\)2.1\(\)1.8\(\)1.8\(\)1. 375 .2\(\)3379 .2\(\)1.8\(\)31890 .2\(\)5\(\)6\(\)34 .22\(\)5\(\)36 .2\(\)355 .3\(\)355 .2\(\)3379 .3\(\)318190 .2\(\)9603\(\)4 .2\(\)216 .1\(\)216 .1\(\)216 .1\(\)216 .1\(\)22 .122

Table 6. (cont.)

X	Y	T(lower)	T(upper)	T(mean)	Er %	Er* %
9123456789123456789123456789123456789	.375 .450 .450 .450 .450 .450 .450 .450 .45	.105718 .117782 .276550 .361622 .113738 .129330 .113738 .129330 .113738 .361622 .276550 .11,7782 .207136 .207136 .373799 .1771714 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7127 .530820 .51,7128 .297855 .508199 .297855 .508199 .297855 .508199 .297855 .508199 .297855 .5181809 .702938 .791335 .792338 .791335 .702938 .151809	.11,3631 .196018 .3312014 .11,5068 .159117 .11,72781 .155018 .1550117 .11,5068 .3312014 .196017 .277517 .11,14,1705 .533969 .11,14,1705 .533969 .11,14,1706 .277518 .123313 .6011,80 .677290 .711,890 .677290 .6011,82 .123313 .6011,82 .123313 .6011,82 .123313 .806601 .81,1269 .860362 .860362 .81,1269 .806602 .81,1269 .806602 .81,12508	.121675 .171900 .303877 .389845 .136142 .151055 .136142 .389845 .303877 .171900 .242326 .409252 .505721 .554057 .568658 .554057 .506721 .554057 .5068658 .554097 .64,7848 .689937 .702042 .689937 .702042 .68936 .551990 .360585 .582156 .751770 .360581 .551990 .360585 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302 .8816302	1.896 2.113 2.733 2.522 2.273 2.273 2.272 2.173 2.272 2.523 2.123 2.124 2.525 2.324 2.324 2.325 2.324 2.325 2.324 2.325 2.324 2.325 2.324 2.325 2.324 2.325 2.324 2.325 2.326 2.326 2.326 2.327 2.326 2.327 2.328	17.93 16.32 5.19 5.06 5.19 5.06 6.92 9.88 16.32 16.99 9.14 16.32 16.99 9.14 1.38 5.92 1.38 1.39 1.38 5.92 21.06 9.11 1.76 9.11 1.76 9.11 2.88 5.32 2.88 5.33 5.33 5.33 5.33 5.33 5.33 5.33 5

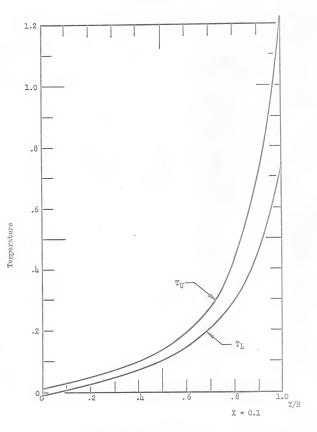


Fig. 13. Upper and lower bounds.

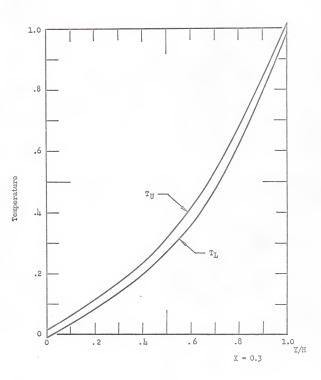


Fig. 14. Upper and lower bounds.

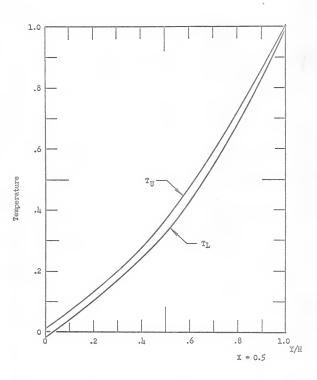


Fig. 15. Upper and lower bounds.

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

As mentioned in the introduction, there are two ways to modify the problem to obtain upper and lower bounds for the original problem. It would then be desirable to compare the results obtained by applying each of the two. It is for this purpose that we first consider example problem 1, which has been solved by K. M. Hostetler. In the paper by Hostetler [5], the series was chosen as

$$T_{mn} = \frac{6h}{H} YX^{3} (1-X)^{3} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i,j} X^{i} Y^{j} (X-1) (Y-H)$$

We see that every term of the series satisfies the boundary conditions, but not the differential equation. The coefficients  $\mathbf{a}_{i,j}$  were so determined as to provide upper and lower bounds from which the approximate solution and the associated error were obtained. Using 49 terms of the series, the error relative to the local temperature varied from 0.910 % to 29.942 %.

In the present work, we utilize equation (7), where every term satisfies the differential equation, and determine the coefficients to approximate the boundary condition. In comparison, the error relative to the local temperature varies from 0.010 % to 0.377 % using 28 terms of the series. In addition to the improved accuracy the present method has another advantage in that there is no need to vary  $\delta$  in searching for better bounds.

In example problem 2, the boundary conditions are so defined that the temperature is discontinuous at the upper corners. As shown by Table 6, the solution is reasonably good using 28 terms of the series. The maximum possible percentage error with respect to the local temperature is considerably higher at the lower side of the plate. The actual error is not partic-

ularly large there, but the exact temperature is so near zero that the relative error becomes large. The maximum possible percentage error with respect to the maximum temperature seems the most reasonable criterion in this case.

Comparing the two problems, we see that the discontinuity in the boundary conditions makes it difficult to obtain good bounds in the vicinity of the corners. However with a bigger computer, we would be able to consider more terms in the series and thus improve the results. Accompanying a larger number of collocation points, a higher arithmetic precision would be required. Take the two problems for example, 8 place arithmetic precision is good for 16 collocation points, but 14 places are needed for 28 points. It is predicted that 18 places would be enough to consider 40 collocation points. This can easily by done by some digital computers in use.

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APPENDIX A

### INFINITE SERIES FOR LAPLACE EQUATION

We are going to prove that each term of the infinite series on the right side of equation (5) satisfies equation (1).

Rewrite (5) as

$$f(x,y) = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{2n-1} \left[ x^n - \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} y^2 + \binom{n}{h} x^{n-h} y^h - \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{2(k-1)} x^{n-2(k-1)} y^{2(k-1)} + \cdots \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{2n} \left[ nx^{n-1} y - \binom{n}{3} x^{n-3} y^3 + \binom{n}{5} x^{n-5} y^5 - \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{2k-1} x^{n-2k+1} y^{2k-1} + \cdots \right] + \cdots$$

$$(11)$$

First of all, the constant  $b_0$  satisfies (1). Since (1) is a homogeneous equation, we need only to prove that each of the two general terms satisfies (1). Letting

$$\begin{array}{l} t = b_{2n-1} \left[ x^n - \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} y^2 + \binom{n}{l_1} x^{n-l_1} y^{l_1} - \cdots \\ \\ \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{2(k-1)} x^{n-2(k-1)} y^{2(k-1)} + \cdots \end{array} \right]$$

and substituting into the left side of (1), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^{2}t}{\partial x^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}t}{\partial y^{2}} = b_{2n-1} \left[ n(n-1)x^{n-2} - \binom{n}{2}(n-2)(n-3)x^{n-l_{1}} y^{2} + \binom{n}{l_{1}}(n-l_{1})(n-5) \cdot x^{n-6} y^{l_{1}} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{2(k-1)}(n-2k+2)(n-2k+1) x^{n-2l_{k}} y^{2(k-1)} + \dots - \binom{n}{2} 2 x^{n-2} + \binom{n}{l_{1}}(l_{1})(3) x^{n-l_{1}} y^{2} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{2(k-1)}(2k-2)(2k-3) x^{n-2(k-1)} y^{2k-l_{1}} + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2}t}{\partial x^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}t}{\partial y^{2}} = b_{2n-1} \left[ \binom{n}{2} 2 x^{n-2} - \binom{n}{l_{1}} (3)(l_{1}) x^{n-l_{1}} y^{2} + \binom{n}{6} (5)(6) x^{n-6} y^{l_{1}} \right]$$

$$- \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{2k} (2k-1)(2k) x^{n-2k} y^{2(k-1)} + \cdots$$

$$\cdots - \binom{n}{2} 2 x^{n-2} + \binom{n}{l_{1}} (3)(l_{1}) x^{n-l_{1}} y^{2} - \cdots$$

$$\cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{2(k-1)} (2k-3)(2k-2) x^{n-2(k-1)} y^{2k-l_{1}} + \cdots \right]$$

Comparing the like-power terms, we see that the coefficients of the first part are exactly the same as those of the second part except that they have the opposite signs term by term and therefore

$$\frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

The proof for the second general term is carried out in the same manner.

APPENDIX B

Equation (5) is rewritten as

$$f(x,y) = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{2n-1} \left[ x_1^n - {n \choose 2} x^{n-2} y^2 + {n \choose k} x^{n-k} y^{k} - \cdots \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{2n} \left[ nx^{n-1} y^{k} - \cdots \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{2n} \left[ nx^{n-1} y^{k} - {n \choose 3} x^{n-3} y^3 + {n \choose 5} x^{n-5} y^5 - \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} {n \choose 2k-1} x^{n-2k+1} y^{2k-1} + \cdots \right] + \cdots$$

$$(12)$$

For simplicity, we denote  $M_{\Pi}$  and  $N_{\Pi}$  for the two general terms in equation (12) respectively. The equation becomes

$$f(x,y) = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{2n-1} N_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{2n} N_n$$
 (13)

With the differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial y^2} = 0 \tag{1}$$

and any prescribed boundary condition, we are going to prove that

$$t_U>t$$

if 
$$t_U = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{J} b_{2n-1} N_n + \sum_{n=1}^{m} b_{2n} N_n$$
 (14)

where j and m are positive integers and  $t_{\overline{U}} > t$  throughout the prescribed boundary.

To prove this, we divide  $t_{\rm H}$  into two parts

$$t_{rr}(x,y) = t(x,y) + u(x,y)$$

where  $\mathbf{t}_{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  are functions of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  is the exact solution. Since  $\mathbf{t}_{II}$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  both satisfy equation (1), which is homogeneous, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \tag{15}$$

And as t<sub>U</sub>>t throughout the prescribed boundary, we can say that u is the solution of equation (15) with positive boundary value. A corollary of Gauss' Theorem of the Arithmetic Mean [L] states: "Let R denote a closed bounded region (regular or not) of space, and let u be harmonic, but not constant, in R. Then u attains its maximum and minimum values only on the boundary of R." Now for our case u, satisfying equation (15), is harmonic and is greater than zero throughout the boundary; therefore u can not be negative in the region and therefore

 $t_{IJ}(x,y) > t(x,y)$  throughout the region.

Thus we have completed the proof for the upper bound.

In a like manner, we can prove that

$$t_{T} < t$$

if 
$$t_L = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{j} b_{2n-1} M_n + \sum_{n=1}^{m} b_{2n} N_n$$
 (16)

where j and m are positive integers and  $t_{\rm L} \! < \! t$  throughout the prescribed boundary.

APPENDIX C

#### EXACT TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION

For the steady-state, two-dimensional, rectangular plate heat conduction problem shown in Fig. 2, Schneider [2] has shown the exact temperature distribution to be

$$t(x,y) = \frac{2}{D} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{D}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{D}\right)} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{D}\right) \int_{0}^{D} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{D}\right) dx \tag{17}$$

By transforming the problem into the dimensionless problem shown in Fig. 3, the exact temperature distribution becomes

$$T(X,Y) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh(n\pi Y)}{\sinh(n\pi H)} \sin(n\pi X) \int_{0}^{1} F(X) \sin(n\pi X) dX$$
 (18)

Substituting  $F(X) = 6h T_{max} X^3 (1-X)^3$  into equation (18), integrating and reducing, the exact temperature distribution becomes

$$T(X,Y) = \frac{18432 T_{max}}{\pi 5} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh(n\pi Y)}{\sinh(n\pi H)} \sin(n\pi X) \frac{1}{n^{5}} \left[ \frac{10}{n^{2} \pi^{2}} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{10}{12} (19)$$

$$= 1, 3, 5, 7 \cdots$$

In solving for the exact temperature with a computer, we sum the series to the point where the last term is less than  $10^{-6}$ .

APPENDIX D

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JOB TEMPERATURE BOUNDS.

MON55 COMT 30,20,PAGES,6, F C APPL, T S CHOU, ME DEPT MON55 ASGN MJ8,12

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MON55 ASGN MJ8,12

MON55 MDE GO,1EST

EXEQ FORKTAN,,14,,7,80UNDS1

10 IN MATICIDS (22,29),BINO114,14),X(28),Y(28),XN(14),YN(14),CC(28)

1 TOR MATICIDS (1,15,15)

3 FORMATICIDS (1,15,15)

WRITE(3,1)LN

READ(1,1) LN

WRITE(3,1)LN

READ(1,2) ZAC

MITE(3,2) ZAC

MITE(
                                                         NI=LN+1
DO 10 I=1,LNH
DO 10 J=1,I
BINO(I,J)=1.0
DO 5 K=1,J
GI=I
                                                  GI=I

GK=K

BINO(I,J)=BINO(I,J)*(GI-GK*1.0)/GK

CONTINUE

DO 15 1=1,LN

B(I,T)=1=10

DN (I)=X=1,TN

VN(I)=X=1,TN

VN(I)=X=1,TN

VN(I)=X=1,TN

DO 20 JJ=2,LNH

JJ=JJ=1
                                                         JJJ=JJ-1

XN(JJ)=XN(JJJ)*X(I)

YN(JJ)=YN(JJJ)*Y(I)

DO 70 J=2,LN

M=J/2
                                                            ÏF
                                                                                                    ((J+1)/2-J/2) 30,30,55
          30 K=0
                                                         B(I,J)=XN(M)
K=K+2
                                                            KK=M-K
                                                  KK=M-K

IF(KK), 70,36,40

IF(KK), 70,36,40

IF(KK), 70,36,40

IF(K/2+11/2-K/4), 37,37,38

B(I,J)=B(I,J)+BINO(M,K)*YN(K)

GO TO 70

B(I,J)=B(I,J)-BINO(M,K)*YN(K)

B(I,J)=B(I,J)+BINO(M,K)*XN(KK)*YN(K)

B(I,J)=B(I,J)-BINO(M,K)*XN(KK)*YN(K)

GO TO 10,10

G
          36
          38
          40
          45
          55
                                                         K=1
                                                     GM=M
IF (M-1) 56,56,57
B(I,J)=GM*Y(I)
GO TO 60
B(I,J)=GM*XN(M-1)*Y(I)
K=K+2
                                                         KK=M-K
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IF(KK) 70,61;64
61 IF((K=1)/2+1)/2-(K-1)/4) 62,62,63
62 B(1,1)=B(1,1)+BINO(M,K)*YN(K)
63 B(1,1)=B(1,1)-BINO(M,K)*YN(K)
64 IF((K-1)/2+1)/2-(K-1)/4) 65,65,66
65 B(1,1)=B(1,1)+BINO(M,K)*XN(KK)*YN(K)
60 IO 60
60 B(1,1)=B(1,1)+BINO(M,K)*XN(KK)*YN(K)
70 CONTINUE
71 CONTINUE
72 B(1,K)=DEL+CC(I)
73 B(1,K)=DEL+CC(I)
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#### LISTING OF FORTRAN PROGRAM TO SOLVE THE SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS.

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MON$$ EXEQ FORTRAN,,,14,,,,80UNDS2
DIMENSION B(28,29), ABAXX(29), BSTAR(29),ABA(29)
FORMAT (13, 174TH COLUMN IS ZERO)
FORMAT(2E18.10),
FORMAT(ZE18.10),15)
  9090
                                                FURNATION (15)

FURNATION (15)
2000
2511
2028
2029
2032
2040
  2050
2059
  2060
  2065
2070
2080
2200
  2300
2561
2562
2563
2564
2565
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2566 MRITE(3,505) ABA(LI), B(LI, NI), LI

2350 MRITE (3,5090) J

2352 CONTINUE

READIC) (B(I,J),J=1,I),I=1,LNH)

REXINO 6

STOP

END
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LISTING OF FORTRAN PROGRAM TO SEARCH FOR THE LEAST UPPER BOUND AND THE GREATEST LOWER BOUND.

```
MON'S EXEQ FORTRAN, ; 14; ;; BOUNDS3
DIMENSION ABA(29), BING(28,29), XXN(14), YYN(14)
3 FORMAT(3E18.10,15)
REWIND 6
READ(6) (BING(1; 1), 1=1, N1), I=1, LN)
READ(6) (BING(1; 1), 1=1, N1), I=1, LN)
READ(6) (BING(1; 1), 1=1, N1), I=1, LN)
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    100
    105
                                      K = 0
                                          BX = XXN(M)
                                  XX=M-K

IF(KK) 160,111,115

IF(K/2+1)/2-K/4) 112,112,113

8X=8X+BINO(M,K)=YYN(K)
                                    BX=BX*BINU(M;K)*YYN(K)
GO TO 160
BX=BX-BINU(M;K)*YYN(K)
GO TO 160
BX=BX+BINU(M;K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)
BX=BX+BINU(M;K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)
    115
                                    GO TO 110
BX=BX-BINO(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)
GO TO 110
                                  X=1

M=M

F(M=1) 135,135,140

BX=GM*SY

GO TO 145

BX=GM*SXN(M-1)*YY

K=K+2

KK=M-K

FF(KK) 160,146,149

FF((K-1)/2*1)/2-(K-1)/4) 147,147,148

BX=BX+BINO(M,K)*YYN(K)

GO TO 160

BX=BX-BINO(M,K)*YYN(K)
    130 K=1
    135
  146
                                    8X=BX-BINO(M,K)*YYN(K)
0 TO 160
IF ((K-1)/2+1)/2-(K-1)/4) 150,150,151
BX=BX*BINO(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)
0 TO 145
BX=BX-BINO(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)
0 TO 145
CONTINUS
T1=T1+ABA(J)*BX
T2-(YY)*170,180,170
    149
  151
                                T1=T1+ABA(J)*BX

IF(XX) 170,180,170

IF(XY) 185,180,175

IF(YY) 185,180,185

T=0.0

G0 T0 200

T=64.0*XX*XX*XX*(1.0-XX)*(1.0-XX)*(1.0-XX)
170
175
180
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MONS$ EXEO FORTRAN,,,14,,,,80UNDS4.
DIMENSION ABA(29),BIND(28,29),XXN(14),YYN(14)
FORMAT(3E18.10,15)
FORMAT(6E18.10,15)
REMIND 6
READ(6) (LN,N1,LNH,ZAC
READ(6) ((BIND(1,1),J=1,N1),I=1,LN)
READ(6) ((BIND(1,1),J=1,1),I=1,LN)
READ(6) ((BIND(1,1),J=1,1),I=1,LN)
READ(6) (ABA(LI),1,J=1,1),I=1,LN)
                MON$$
                      H=0.75
E=0.00000000001
DEL1=0.1
DEL2=0.075
XX=DEL1
YY=DEL2
                XX=0EL1

YY=DEL2

5 AN=1.0

S=2.0 415926*(AN*XX-300.)

Y 1-2.1415926*YY

H1=AN*3.1415926*Y

H1=AN*3.1415926*H

C1=10./(G.869604*AN*AN)-1.

SINH=(I.-EXP[-2.*Y1])/(EXP[H1-Y1)-EXP(-H1-Y1])

SIN=SINHSIN(X1)*CI/(AN*AN*AN*AN*AN*AN)

ST=ST*STNN

ST=ST*STNN

RIS=ABS(STN)

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GO TO 410

GO TO 410

T=60.23142*ST

) T1=ABA(11)

D0 515 J2-,LN

M=J/2

XNN(1)=XX

YN(1)=XY

YN(1)=XXN(III)=XX

YYN(II)=XXN(III)*XX

YYN(II)=XXN(III)*XY

CONTINUE

IF((J+1)/2-J/2) 455,455,480

SEX XXN(M)

SEX XXN(M)
405
410
415
420
430
 450
 455
                         BX=XXN(M)
 460
                      KK=M-K

IF(KK) 510,461,465

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BX=BX-BIND(M,K)*YYN(K)

GO TO 510

BX=BX-BIND(M,K)*YYN(K)

GO TO 510

IF(KK/Z+1)/2-K/4) 470,470,475

BX=BX+BIND(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)

BX-BX-BIND(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)

BX-BX-BIND(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)

BX-BX-BIND(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)

BX-BX-BIND(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)

BX-BX-BIND(M,K)*XXN(KK)*YYN(K)
 462
 463
 465
 470
 480
                        GM=M
                      GM=M

IF(M-1) 485,485,490

BX=GM*YY

GO TO 495

BX=GM*XXN(M-1)*YY

K=K+2

KK=M-K

IF(KK) 510,496,499
 485
 490
 495
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# A METHOD FOR DETERMINING UPPER AND LOWER BOUNDS FOR TWO-DIMENSIONAL HEAT CONDUCTION PROBLEMS

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The method is applied to a rectangular plate with specified boundary temperature. The results of the examples are close to the known exact solution in the first case and reasonably good in the second.