

Consider:

$$s = f(x, t) = \frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}$$

And the temperature as function of s(x,t):

$$T(s) = (T_i - T_s) \cdot \text{erf}(s) + T_s = (T_i - T_s) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^s e^{-s^2} ds + T_s$$

Where T_i is the initial temperature of the body and T_s is the surface temperature

The heat flux is defined as:

$$\dot{q}_s'' = -k \frac{\partial T(s)}{\partial x} = k(T_s - T_i) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\int_0^s e^{-s^2} ds \right] \quad (\text{notice})$$

The term $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\int_0^s e^{-s^2} ds \right]$ is calculated using the Leibniz's rule, thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q}_s'' &= k(T_s - T_i) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [e^{-s^2}] ds + e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}} \right] - e^{-(0)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [0] \right\} \\ &= k(T_s - T_i) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}} = \frac{k(T_s - T_i)}{\sqrt{\pi \alpha t}} \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Question: how to achieve the same result expressing the temperature function in terms of x and t instead of s?

$$ds = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}} \right) \cdot dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}} \right) \cdot dt$$

$$T(x, t) = (T_i - T_s) \left\{ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}} \right) \cdot dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}} \right) \cdot dt \right] \right\} + T_s$$

$$= (T_i - T_s) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}} \right) \cdot dx + \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{x}{4\sqrt{\alpha}} \cdot t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) \cdot dt \right\} + T_s$$

If the previous equation was correct, then the following integrals

$$I_x = \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right) \cdot dx \quad \text{and} \quad I_t = \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{x}{4\sqrt{\alpha}} \cdot t^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right) \cdot dt$$

may be solved by substitution, placing $y = \frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}$

$$D[y]dy = D\left[\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right] dx \quad \rightarrow \quad dy = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}} \cdot dx$$

$$I_x = \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right) \cdot dx = \int_0^y e^{-(y)^2} \cdot dy$$

$$D[y]dy = D\left[\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right] dt \quad \rightarrow \quad dy = -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{\alpha}} \cdot t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot dt$$

$$I_t = \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{x}{4\sqrt{\alpha}} \cdot t^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right) \cdot dt = \int_0^y e^{-(y)^2} \cdot dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, t) &= (T_i - T_s) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \{I_x + I_t\} + T_s = (T_i - T_s) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ \int_0^y e^{-(y)^2} \cdot dy + \int_0^y e^{-(y)^2} \cdot dy \right\} + T_s \\ &= (T_i - T_s) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot 2 \cdot \int_0^y e^{-(y)^2} \cdot dy + T_s \end{aligned}$$

But, if it was correct, eventually I would get a result double than simply applying the Leibniz's rule to the temperature function expressed as function of s only.

Where is the mistake?