

# Advanced Finite Elements

ME EN 7540

Temperature Dependent Conductivity

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This example is taken from ANSYS verification manual example vm93. The conductivity of an 85% magnesia insulating material is given by  $k(T) = C_0 + C_1T$  for  $100^\circ\text{F} \leq T \leq 300^\circ\text{F}$ . Determine the rate of heat flow  $q$  between these temperatures for a slab of thickness  $t$ .

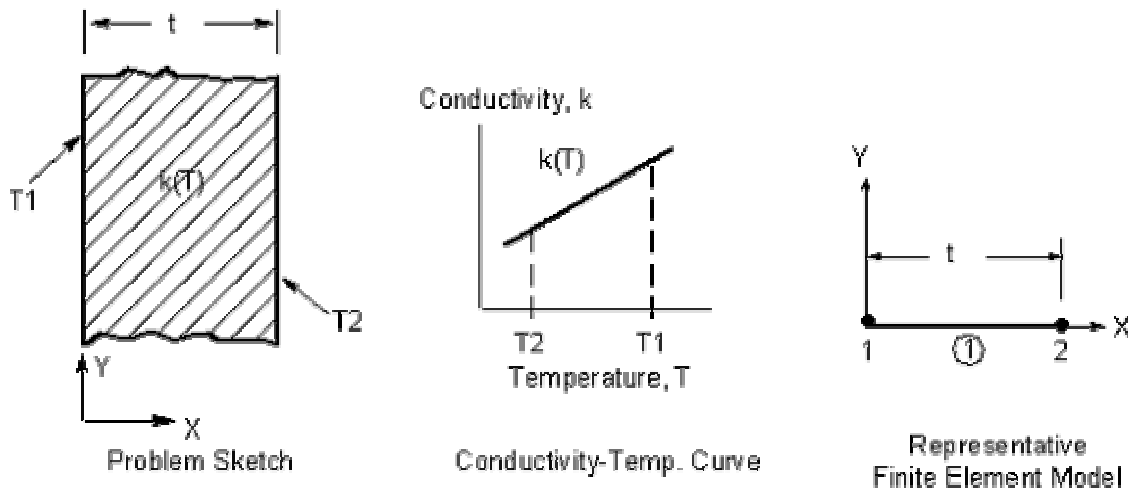


Figure 1 *Conductivity Problem Sketch.*

Material Properties	Geometric Properties	Loading
$C_0 = 0.031 \text{ Btu/hr-ft-}^\circ\text{F}$	$t = 3 \text{ in} = 0.25 \text{ ft}$	$T_1 = 300^\circ\text{F}$
$C_1 = 0.000031 \text{ Btu/hr-ft-}^\circ\text{F}^2$		$T_2 = 100^\circ\text{F}$

## Analysis Assumptions and Modeling Notes

A  $1 \text{ ft}^2$  area is used for the conduction element.

## Results

Heat flow,  $q = 29.760 \text{ btu/hr}$ .

## Input Listing

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/PREP7
/TITLE, TEMPERATURE DEPENDENT CONDUCTIVITY
ANTYPE,STATIC

!ELEMENT TYPE LINK32: CONDUCTION ELEMENT
ET,1,LINK32

!COEFFICIENTS OF TEMPERATURE-DEPENDENT CONDUCTIVITY C0 AND C1
MP,KXX,1,.031,31E-6

! AREA = 1
R,1,1

!CREATE NODES
N,1
N,2,.25

!CREATE ELEMENT
E,1,2

!OUTPUT OPTIONS
OUTPR,ALL,1
OUTPR,VENG,NONE

! STEP BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
KBC,1
D,1,TEMP,300
D,2,TEMP,100
FINISH

/SOLU
SOLVE
FINISH

/POST1
ETABLE,HEAT,SMISC,1
PRETAB,HEAT
FINI
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