

1. [Duderstadt & Hamilton 12-3]

Determine the temperature profile in plate-type fuel elements composed of fuel of thickness $2 r_F$ sandwiched between a clad of thickness t_C . Assume a gap thickness t_G .

2. [Duderstadt & Hamilton 12-8]

Consider two cylindrical fuel rods of radii a and $2a$ respectively which are to operate under the limitation that the maximum center-to-outer surface temperature difference is ΔT . Assuming uniform heat generation in the rods, which rod would be able to supply more heat.

3. [Duderstadt & Hamilton 12-9]

It is frequently of interest to determine the temperature distribution in shielding material being heated by incident radiation (e.g., photons or neutrons). Such a calculation can easily be performed in analogy to our study of thermal conductance on fuel elements, provided one uses a distributed heat source. Consider a slab shield of thickness L with a radiation flux ϕ_0 incident upon one face. If the radiation intensity is assumed to be attenuated as $\phi_0 \exp(-G_a x)$, determine the temperature distribution across the shield. Assume we maintain the surfaces at $x=0$ and $x=L$ at specified temperatures T_0 and T_L .