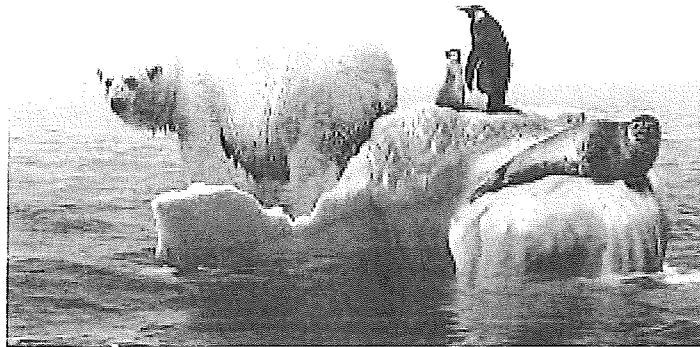


Mathematical Modelling  
Case Study II:  
**Freezing and Melting Ice**



## Outline

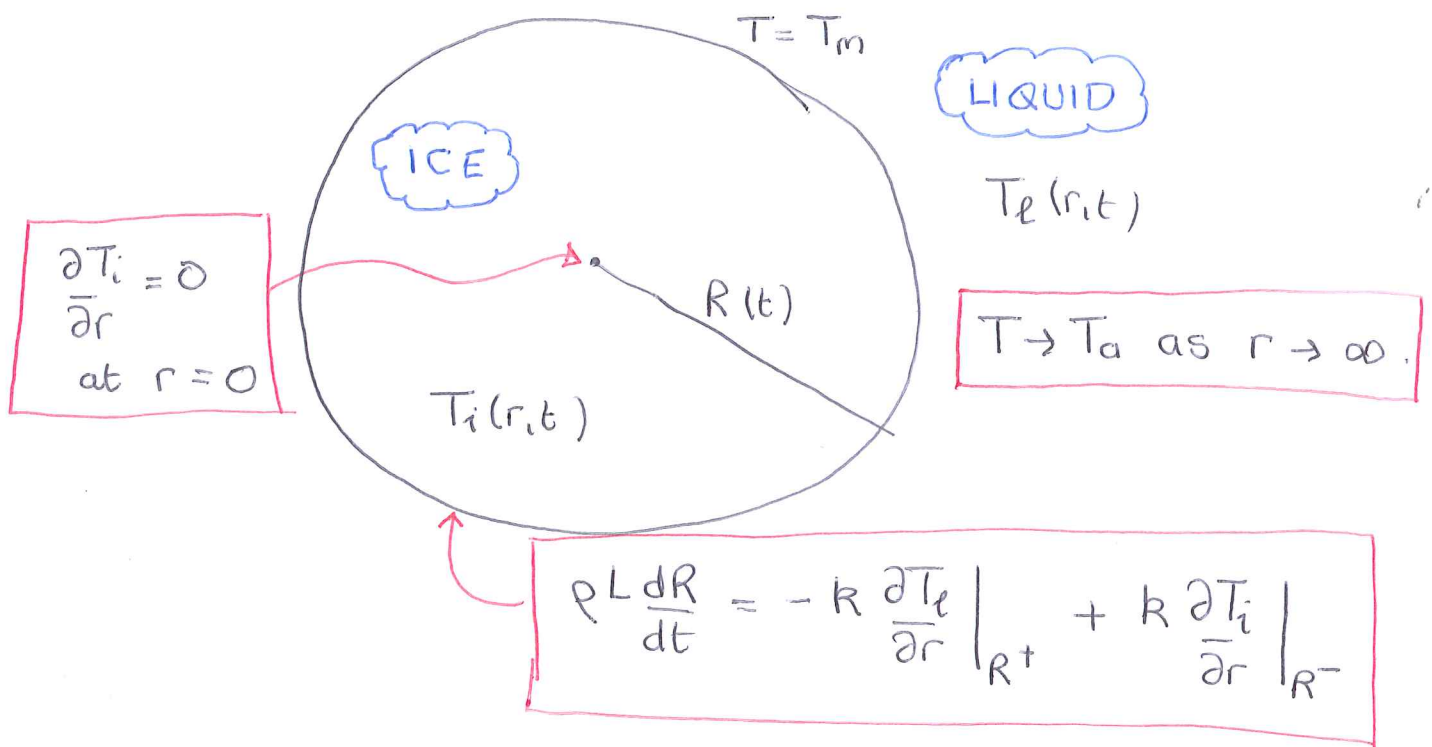
1. Recap on Heat Equation and its solution
2. Introduction to
  - a. Stefan problems
  - b. Models for the growth and melting of ice

# Spherical Ice Cube

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Assumptions : infinite bath of water

same thermal properties & densities in each phase (no induced fluid motion due to phase change, as would happen with different densities).



Governing Equations :

$$r > R(t) \text{ (liquid)} : \rho c \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$r < R(t) \text{ (ice)} : \rho c \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} \right)$$

with  $T_i = T_{i0}$ ,  $T_l = T_a$ ,  $R = R_0$  at  $t = 0$ .

Nondimensionalise as follows :

$$\hat{R} = \frac{R}{R_0}, \quad \hat{r} = \frac{r}{R_0}, \quad \hat{T}_{l,i} = \frac{T_{l,i} - T_m}{T_a - T_m}$$

$$\hat{T}_{i0} = \frac{T_{i0} - T_m}{T_a - T_m}, \quad \hat{t} = \frac{\rho L R_0^2}{k(T_a - T_m)}$$

Then (omitting  $\hat{s}$ )

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial r} \right) & r > R(t) \\ \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} \right) & 0 < r < R(t) \end{cases}$$

with :  $T_l \rightarrow 1$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$T_l = T_i = 1 \quad \text{on } r = R(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} = 0 \quad \text{at } r = 0$$

$$T_l = 1, \quad T_i = T_{i0}, \quad R = 1 \quad \text{at } t = 0$$

and

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = - \left. \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial r} \right|_{R^+} + \left. \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial r} \right|_{R^-}$$

Assume  $T_{i0} = T_m$  at  $t = 0$

Assume also that

$$s \gg 1$$

With  $S \gg 1$ , in the liquid p23

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial r} \right) \approx 0 \quad \text{for } r > R(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial r} = \hat{\beta}(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow T_l = \frac{\beta(t)}{r} + A(t) \quad \text{with } \begin{cases} T_l = 0 \text{ at } r=R \\ T_l \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_l(r,t) = 1 - \frac{R(t)}{r}$$

In the ice ( $0 < r < R(t)$ ):

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} \right) \approx 0 \quad \text{with } \begin{cases} T_i = 0 \text{ on } r=R \\ \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} = 0 \text{ at } r=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} = \hat{\beta}(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} = \frac{\hat{\beta}(t)}{r^2} = 0 \quad \because \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} = 0 \text{ at } r=0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_i(r,t) = A(t) \equiv 0 \quad \because T_i = 0 \text{ on } r=R(t)$$

Then, Stefan condition supplies

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = - \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial r} \Big|_{R^+} + \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} \Big|_{R^-}$$

$$= -R/R^2 + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dR}{dt} = -\frac{1}{R}, \text{ with } R(0)=1$$

$$\Rightarrow R(t) = (1-2t)^{1/2}$$

$$R(t) = (1-2t)^{1/2} \Rightarrow R \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

(ice melts)

In dimensional terms, ice melts at time

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\rho L R_0^2}{K(T_a - T_m)}$$

If  $R_0$  large, then  $t$  large.

If  $T_a \gg T_m$ , then  $t$  small (liquid v. warm as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ )

If  $L$  large, then  $t$  large (energy/unit mass to melt solid is large)

If  $K$  large, then  $t$  small (heat conduction large)

BUT

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$$T_e(r, t=0) = 1 - \frac{R(t)}{r} = 1 - \frac{1}{r} \quad \text{for } r \geq 1.$$

But, we prescribe initial conditions with  $T_e(r, t=0) \equiv 1$  ~~✗~~

Recall,

$$\frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \right)$$

Initially (ie time,  $t \ll 1$ ),  $\frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = O(s)$ . (ie rapid variation in  $T_e$  wrt time,  $t$ )

ie quasi-steady approximation (QSSA) not valid at short times.  $\exists$  short timescale on which temperature relaxes to satisfy the BCs (& to "forget" the ICs)

To analyse behaviour at early times, we set  $\tau = st$  ( $t = s/\tau$ )

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \right) \\ s \frac{dR}{d\tau} = - \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R^+} \end{cases}$$

Note:  $\frac{dR}{d\tau} = O(s^{-1})$ . We seek trial solution:

$$R(\tau) = 1 + \frac{R_1(\tau)}{s} + O(s^{-2})$$

s.t. as  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $R(\tau)$  matches with outer solution derived above ( $R(t) = (1-2t)^{1/2} = (1-2s/\tau)^{1/2}$ )

## Exercise

(matched asymptotics, separable solutions, ...)

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Show that

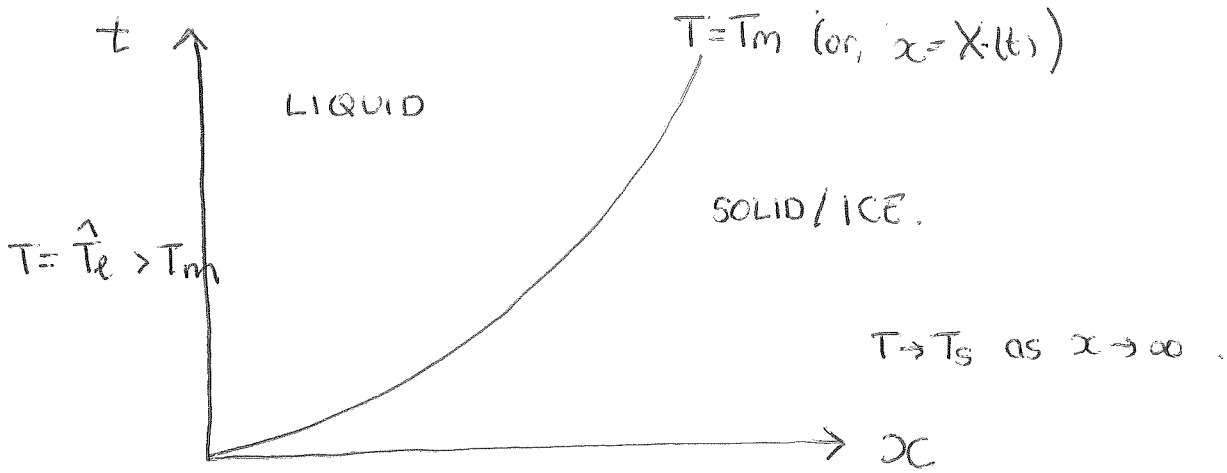
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (r T_\ell) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r T_\ell)$$

Use the above identity to construct sol's for  $T_\ell(r, \tau)$  of the form:

$$T_\ell(r, \tau) = \left(1 - \frac{R(\tau)}{r}\right) + \sum_{\alpha} b_\alpha e^{-|\alpha| \tau} \cdot \frac{f_\alpha(r)}{r}$$

where  $R(\tau) \approx 1$ . Explain carefully how  $f_\alpha(r)$  & the coefficients  $b_\alpha$  are defined.

Two phase model (1D Cartesian geometry)



LIQUID :  $\frac{\partial T_l}{\partial t} = \alpha_l \frac{\partial^2 T_l}{\partial x^2}$        $\alpha_l = k_l / \rho c_l$   
 ( $0 < x < X(t)$ )

SOLID :  $\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \alpha_s \frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial x^2}$        $\alpha_s = k_s / \rho c_s$   
 ( $x > X(t)$ )

Stefan Condition :  $k_s \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial x} - k_l \frac{\partial T_l}{\partial x} = \rho L \frac{dX}{dt}$  on  $x = X(t)$

Initial conditions :  $\begin{cases} T(x, 0) = T_s < T_m & \text{for } x > 0 \\ X(0) = 0 \end{cases}$

Boundary conditions :  $\begin{cases} T(0, t) = T_l > T_m \\ T(x, t) \rightarrow T_s < T_m & \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$



In the liquid phase :

$$\begin{cases} T_e = f_e(\eta) & , \quad \eta = \frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha_e t}} \\ X(t) = 2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha_e t} & , \quad \lambda \text{ unknown.} \end{cases}$$

As before, substitute into the heat equation to obtain

$$[f_e' \cdot e^{\eta^2}]' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_e' = K e^{-\eta^2} \quad (K = \text{constant})$$

$$\Rightarrow f_e(\eta) = K \int_0^\eta e^{-\tilde{\eta}^2} d\tilde{\eta} + \underbrace{K_1}_{\text{constant}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_e(x,t) = K \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha_e t}}\right) + K_1$$

Impose BCs :

$$T_e(0,t) = \hat{T}_e \Rightarrow K_1 = \hat{T}_e$$

$$T_e(X,t) = T_m \Rightarrow K \operatorname{erf}(\lambda) = T_m - \hat{T}_e$$

$$\Rightarrow T_e(x,t) = \hat{T}_e - \frac{(\hat{T}_e - T_m) \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha_e t}}\right)}{\operatorname{erf}(\lambda)}$$

In the solid phase (similarly),

$$T_s(x,t) = K_2 \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha_s t}}\right) + K_3$$

Impose BCs :

$$T_s(\infty, t) = T_s \Rightarrow K_2 + K_3 = T_s$$

$$T_s(X, t) = T_m \Rightarrow T_m = K_2 \operatorname{erf}\left(\lambda \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s t}{\alpha_s}}\right) + K_3$$

$$\Rightarrow T_s(x,t) = (T_m - T_s) \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha_s t}}\right) + T_s \operatorname{erf}\left(\lambda \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s t}{\alpha_s}}\right) - T_m$$


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$$\operatorname{erf}\left(\lambda \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s t}{\alpha_s}}\right) - 1$$

Stefan condition :

$$\frac{\rho L \lambda \sqrt{\alpha_s}}{\sqrt{t}} = k_s \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=X} - k_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=X}$$

$$\left( = \rho L \frac{dX}{dt} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow$  implicit expression for  $\lambda$

Exercise

\* derive expression for  $\lambda$

\* investigate limiting cases (eg  $L \gg 1$ ,  $L \ll 1$ )

Exercise :

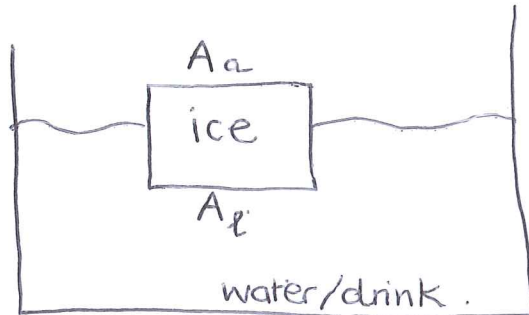
perform an experiment  
measure rate of melting of block of ice

# Lumped Model for Ice Cube & Drink

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## Assumptions

{ ignore spatial variation  
view  $T_i$  &  $T_e$  as average values in each phase.



$A_a, A_e$  = SA of exchange with atmosphere & liquid.

## Dependent variables

$T_i, V_i, T_e, V_e, A_a, A_e$ .

## Assumptions (ct'd):

{ ice cube has volume  $V_i(t)$   
liquid ... ..  $V_e(t)$

- glass is perfectly insulating
- ignore heat exchange between liquid & air
- assume material properties of each phase are the same (eg densities are the same)

## Governing Equations

\* conservation of energy (in ice & liquid)

\* conservation of mass (in "ice + liquid")

\* ??

(3 additional eqns needed!)

## Conservation of Energy

in ice : 
$$\frac{d}{dt} (\rho c V_i (T_i - T_m)) = -q_l A_l - q_a A_a \quad (*_1)$$

in liquid : 
$$\frac{d}{dt} (\rho c V_l (T_l - T_m)) = q_l A_l \quad (*_2)$$

where: (\*<sub>1</sub>) flow from liquid to ice,  $-q_l = \underbrace{h_l}_{\text{conductivity}} (T_l - T_m) > 0$   
per unit SA

(\*<sub>2</sub>) (flow from air to ice),  $-q_a = h_a (T_a - T_m)$   
per unit SA

## Conservation of total mass

$$\rho V_i + \rho V_l = \underbrace{\rho (V_{i0} + V_{l0})}_{\text{initial mass}} \quad (*_3)$$

(\*<sub>1</sub>), (\*<sub>2</sub>), (\*<sub>3</sub>)  $\Rightarrow$  3 equations for 6 unknowns !

## Stefan Condition

$$(*_4) \quad \rho L \frac{dV_i}{dt} = q_l A_l + q_a A_a - h_i(A) (T_i - T_m)$$

(\*<sub>1</sub>) - (\*<sub>4</sub>) define  $V_i, V_l, T_i, T_l$

what about  $A_a$  &  $A_l$  ?

Exercise / project

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By considering different shapes for  $V_i$ , propose functional relationships between  $A_e$ ,  $A_a$  &  $V_i$ . Solve the resulting eqns (for  $V_i, V_e, T_i, T_e$ ) & see how the dynamics depend on the functional forms you use.