

2.1 Fill in the details leading to Eq. (2.17) and use it to find the weighted residuals formulation of Example 2.1

Solution:

a)

$$\int_0^L \phi(x) \left[-K \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - Q \right] dx = 0 \quad (\text{Eq. 2.13})$$

Integration by parts: $\int_0^L u dv = uv \Big|_0^L - \int_0^L v du$. Set $u = \phi(x)$ and $dv = -K \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2}$, then

$v = -K \frac{dT}{dx}$ and $du = \frac{d\phi}{dx} dx$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L \phi(x) \left[-K \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - Q \right] dx &= \phi(x) \left(-K \frac{dT}{dx} \right) \Big|_0^L - \int_0^L \left(-K \frac{dT}{dx} \right) \frac{d\phi}{dx} dx \\ &= \int_0^L K \frac{d\phi}{dx} \frac{dT}{dx} dx - K \phi \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_0^L \end{aligned}$$

Substitute into Eq. 2.13 and we get

$$\int_0^L K \frac{d\phi}{dx} \frac{dT}{dx} dx - \int_0^L \phi Q dx - K \phi \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_0^L = 0 \quad (\text{Eq. 2.17})$$

b)

$$T(0) = T_0 \quad \text{and} \quad -K \frac{dT}{dx} \Big|_{x=L} = h(T(L) - T_\infty)$$

Replacing in Eq. 2.17

$$\int_0^L K \frac{d\phi}{dx} \frac{dT}{dx} dx - \int_0^L \phi Q dx - \phi(L) h(T(L) - T_\infty) = 0$$