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ABSTRACT

COYOTE is a finite element computer program designed for the solution of two-dimensional, nonlinear heat conduction problems. The theoretical and mathematical basis used to develop the code is described. Program capabilities and complete user instructions are presented. Several example problems are described in detail to demonstrate the use of the program.

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INTRODUCTION

The need for the engineering analysis of systems in which the transport of thermal energy occurs primarily through a conduction process is a common situation. For all but the simplest geometries and boundary conditions, analytic solutions to heat conduction problems are unavailable, thus forcing the analyst to call upon some type of approximate numerical procedure. A wide variety of numerical packages currently exist; ranging in sophistication from the large, general purpose codes such as CINDA to codes written by individuals for specific problem applications.

The general purpose heat conduction codes, such as CINDA, provide powerful analysis tools for the engineer. However, inherent in their generality is a complexity that often translates into long learning times for potential code users and large man-hour investments in data preparation for problem analysis. These drawbacks are especially acute for the occasional user of the code, as substantial amounts of time may be spent reviewing code operation prior to each use.

The purpose for developing the code described here, COYOTE, was to bridge the gap between the general purpose heat transfer code and the specific problem code. The COYOTE code is capable of treating a wide variety of transient or steady, linear or non-linear heat conduction problems though it certainly does not have the generality of codes like CINDA. COYOTE is a user-oriented code that has an input organization and format that is easily learned and remembered. Since the numerical method in COYOTE is based on the finite element method an interface with several existing finite element structural mechanics codes should be straightforward. Finally, the basic input for COYOTE is virtually identical to the format for the convective heat transfer code NACHOS, allowing users to greatly increase their analysis capability by learning a single data input convention.
The basic program organization and many of the user oriented programming features of the present code are derived from the solid mechanics finite element code TEXGAP, developed by Becker and Dunham. Among the programming features developed in the TEXGAP code and incorporated in the present program are:

1. Command mode input which allows the user to specify the sequence of operations required for each problem.
2. Free field input that eliminates the need to recall field width and format specification for input variables.
3. An isoparametric mesh generation scheme that allows complex boundary shapes to be modeled easily and accurately.
4. A frontal solution technique for processing elements that allows great flexibility in element choice.
5. An automated coarse to fine grid rezone procedure that allows specific areas of a solution field to be examined in detail without an undue cost in solution time.

In the following sections of this report, a brief description is given of the theory and computational methods used in the COYOTE program. Also, an input guide for use of the program is provided along with several illustrative example problems.

FORMULATION OF THE BASIC EQUATIONS

The development of the finite element equations for transient heat conduction problems is well documented and will only be briefly reviewed here. The present formulation is restricted to two-dimensional geometries either plane or axisymmetric. To simplify the derivation of the equations in the following sections, only the plane two-dimensional problem will be treated in detail. Derivation of the axisymmetric equations follow in a straightforward manner.
Continuum Equations

The appropriate mathematical description of the heat conduction process in a material region \( \Omega \) is given by,

\[
\rho c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( k_{ij} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) - Q = 0 ,
\]

where \( \rho \) is the material density, \( c_p \) the heat capacity, \( k_{ij} \) the conductivity tensor, \( Q \) the volumetric heat source, \( t \) the time, \( x_i \) the spatial coordinates and \( T \) the temperature. For the present work each material is assumed to be homogeneous and either isotropic (i.e., \( k_{ij} = k \)) or orthotropic (i.e., \( k_{ij} = k_{ii} \) where \( k_{ii} \) is written in terms of the principal material directions). In general, the material properties may be functions of temperature; the heat source \( Q \) may depend on both time and temperature.

The boundary of the region \( \Omega \) is defined by \( \Gamma = \Gamma_T + \Gamma_q \), where \( \Gamma_T \) and \( \Gamma_q \) are parts of the boundary for which the temperature and heat flux are specified. The relevant boundary conditions for Equation (1) may then be expressed by,

\[
T = T_b \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_T ,
\]

and,

\[
q_i n_i + \left( k_{ij} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) n_i + q_c + q_r = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_q ,
\]

where \( T_b \) is an applied boundary temperature, \( q_i \) is the applied heat flux vector, \( n_i \) the unit outward normal to the boundary \( \Gamma_q \), \( q_c \) the heat flux due to convection and \( q_r \) the heat flux due to radiation. Typically, the convective and radiative heat fluxes are given by,

\[
q_c = h_c (T - T_c) ,
\]

\[
q_r = h_r (T - T_r) ,
\]

where \( h_c \) and \( h_r \) are convective and radiative heat transfer coefficients and \( T_c \).
and $T_r$ are equilibrium temperatures for which no convection or radiation occurs. The radiation coefficient is given by,

$$h_r = \varepsilon \sigma (T^2 + T_r^2) (T + T_r),$$

where $\varepsilon$ is the emissivity and $\sigma$ is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant. Note that in general the boundary conditions given in Equations (2) and (3) may be functions of time.

Equations (1) through (6) provide a complete description of the boundary value problem for the temperature, $T$. When considering the transient heat conduction problem, a suitable set of initial conditions describing the initial spatial distribution of $T$ is also required. An approximate solution to this class of problems may be obtained by discretization of the continuum problem through use of a numerical procedure such as the finite element method.

Finite Element Equations

The spatial discretization of the above boundary value problem by use of finite elements may be approached by either of two methods. Historically, the first and most popular approach consists of rewriting the boundary value problem in a variational form for use with the finite element approximation. An equivalent method uses the Galerkin form of the method of weighted residuals to create an integral form of the basic conservation law. This latter method is employed here.

Let the region of interest, $\Omega$, be divided into a number of simply shaped regions called finite elements as shown in Figure 1. Within each element, a set of nodal points are established at which the dependent variable (i.e., $T$) is evaluated. For purposes of developing the equations for these nodal point unknowns, an individual element may be separated from the assembled system.
Assume that within each finite element the temperature field may be approximated by,

$$ T(x_i, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \phi_n(x_i) \theta_n(t), $$

or in matrix notation,

$$ T(x_i, t) = \phi^T(x_i) \theta(t). $$

In Equation (7), $\phi_n$ is an $N$ dimensional vector of interpolation (shape) functions, $\theta_n$ is a vector of nodal point unknowns, superscript $T$ denotes a vector transpose and $N$ is the number of nodal points in an element. Substitution of Equation (7) into the partial differential equation (1) and boundary conditions yields a set of residual equations, due to the approximate nature of Equation (7). The Galerkin method guarantees the orthogonality of the residual vectors to the space spanned by the interpolation functions. This orthogonality is expressed by the inner product,
\[ \langle \psi, R \rangle = \int_{\Omega_e} \psi R \, d\Omega = 0 \quad , \]

where \( R \) is the residual for the differential equation and \( \Omega_e \) is the region enclosed by the element.

Carrying out the above operations explicitly for Equations (1), (3) and (7) yields the equation,

\[ \int_{\Omega_e} \psi \left\{ \rho C \frac{\partial \phi^T}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( k_{ij} \frac{\partial \phi^T}{\partial x_j} \phi \right) \right\} \, d\Omega \]

\[ + \int_{\Gamma_e} \psi \left\{ q_i n_i + k_{ij} \frac{\partial \phi^T}{\partial x_j} \theta n_i + q_c + q_r \right\} \, d\Gamma = 0 \quad . \] (9)

Equation (9) may be rewritten using Green’s theorem (basically an integration by parts on the second order derivative term) to give the equation,

\[ \int_{\Omega_e} \rho C \phi^T \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega_e} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i} \left( k_{ij} \frac{\partial \phi^T}{\partial x_j} \phi \right) \, d\Omega \]

\[ = \int_{\Omega_e} \phi \theta \, d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_e} \psi \left\{ q_i n_i + q_c + q_r \right\} \, d\Gamma \quad . \] (10)

Once the form of the interpolation functions, \( \phi \), is specified for an element, the integrals in Equation (10) may be evaluated. Such an evaluation leads to a matrix equation for each element of the following form,

\[ M \dot{\psi} + K \psi = F_Q + F_r \quad , \] (11)

where,

\[ M = \int_{\Omega_e} \rho C \phi^T \, d\Omega \]

\[ K = \int_{\Omega_e} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i} k_{ij} \frac{\partial \phi^T}{\partial x_j} \, d\Omega \]
The previous discussion was directed toward the derivation of the equations for a single element. The finite element model for the entire region \( \Omega \) is obtained through assembly of the element matrices by imposing appropriate inter-element continuity requirements on the dependent variable. Such an assembly yields a matrix equation of the form given in Equation (11).

### Discrete Boundary Conditions

As noted previously, boundary conditions for heat conduction problems may be of several types. The discrete form of a specified temperature condition is straightforward. For a temperature specified at a nodal point, the equation for that nodal point is replaced by a constraint condition enforcing the boundary value.

The specification of boundary conditions in terms of various heat fluxes requires slightly more computation. In Equation (11) the boundary fluxes to an element appear in the vector \( F \) as an integral taken along the element boundary (only element boundaries coinciding with \( \Gamma \) need be considered as contributions from interior boundaries are cancelled by adjoining elements). In order to understand the procedure for computation of these boundary integrals reference must be made to Figure 2 which shows a typical finite element boundary.

Considering first the case of an applied normal heat flux to the element, the contribution to \( F \) is expressed by,

\[
F_n = - \int_{\Gamma_e} \phi q_n \, d\Gamma ,
\]

where the \( \phi \) functions are restricted to the boundary. If the coordinate along the boundary is \( s \) then,

\[
d\Gamma = \left( \frac{3x_1}{\delta s} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{3x_2}{\delta s} \right)^2 \right) \delta s = \Delta \delta s ,
\]
and Equation (12) becomes,

$$F_n = -\int_{s_1}^{s_2} \phi_n(s) q_n(s) \left[ \left( \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial s} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial s} \right)^2 \right] ds \quad \text{... (13)}$$

Once the distribution of $q_n$ along the boundary and the shape of the element boundary $x_i(s)$ are known, the computation in Equation (13) is straightforward.

The contribution to $F$ due to convection is,

$$F_c = -\int_{\Gamma_e} \phi_c(T - T_e) d\Gamma \quad \text{... (14)}$$

where the definition in Equation (4) was employed. The temperature along the element boundary is given by,

$$T(s) = \phi^T \theta$$

where again $\phi$ is a boundary or edge function. Using the previous relation for $d\Gamma$, Equation (14) becomes,
Note that in Equation (25), the term $C_8$ contains unknown nodal point temperatures and will thus be moved to the left hand side of the matrix equation in Equation (11).

A computation similar to the one above may be carried out for the radiative flux boundary condition to yield,

$$ F_r = -R_8 + F_{hr}, \quad (16) $$

where,

$$ R_8 = \int_{-1}^{1} h_c \phi \phi^T \Delta ds $$

$$ F_{hr} = \int_{-1}^{1} h_r \phi \phi^T \Delta ds $$

Again, the $R_8$ term will be moved to the left hand side of Equation (11) while $F_{hr}$ is retained on the right hand side. Equation (16) is further complicated by the fact that both $R_8$ and $F_{hr}$ are functions of $\xi$ since the radiative heat transfer coefficient, $h_r$ (Equation (6)), is a function of temperature.

To summarize the modifications to the basic matrix equation (11) due to the application of flux type boundary conditions, Equations (13), (15) and (16) may be substituted into Equation (11) to yield,
Rearranging Equation (17) allows the final form of the discrete equation to be written as,

\[ M\dot{\theta} + K\theta = F^* = F_Q + F_n + F_c + F_r, \tag{18} \]

or,

\[ M\dot{\theta} + K\theta = F_Q + F_n - C\theta + F_{hc} - R\theta + F_{hr}. \tag{17} \]

In general \( M, K^* \) and \( F^* \) may all be functions of \( \theta \); \( K^* \) and \( F^* \) may be time dependent.

**SOLUTION OF THE FINITE ELEMENT EQUATIONS**

The discussion of the solution procedures for the matrix equations naturally divides itself into two sections: transient problems and steady state problems.

**Transient Analysis**

A large body of literature is available on possible time integration schemes for equations of the heat conduction type. Both implicit and explicit methods have been used successfully. In order to efficiently apply typical explicit integration schemes to the heat conduction equation, the capacity matrix \( M \) defined in Equation (11) is replaced with an "equivalent" matrix \( M^e \) which has non-zero coefficients only on the diagonal. This lumping procedure, which expedites the inversion of \( M \) as required in explicit schemes, has been widely studied for use with lower order finite element approximations (e.g.,
bilinear approximations for the dependent variable). In the present code, a higher order finite element approximation was chosen and rather than perform an exhaustive study of lumping procedures for such an element, an implicit integration method was used. Implicit methods have the added advantage of increased numerical stability thus allowing the use of larger time increments.

The integration procedure chosen is a central difference method which is related to the standard Crank-Nicholson scheme. The derivation of the algorithm is given elsewhere. Based on Equation (18), the integration procedure is expressed by,

\[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x_{n+1}^{a}}{2} + x_{n}^{a} \right) \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = F^{*} \left( \theta_{a}^{n} \right) + \frac{2}{\Delta t} M(\theta_{a}^{a}) \theta_{a}^{n}, \tag{19} \]

where,

\[ \theta_{a}^{a} = \frac{\theta_{n+1}^{a} + \theta_{n}^{a}}{2}, \]

and superscript \( n \) indicates the time level and \( \Delta t \) the time step.

The algorithm in Equation (19) is identical to a standard Crank-Nicholson method except that the solution is not extended to the end of the time interval. This method (termed an averaged Crank-Nicholson) can be shown to be unconditionally stable for linear problems. For nonlinear problems, predictor-corrector methods could be used in conjunction with Equation (19) to improve the temperature estimates for evaluation of the temperature dependent terms (e.g., \( x^{*}(\theta_{a}) \)). However, more often \( \theta_{a}^{a} \) is approximated by \( \theta_{a}^{n} \) for the evaluation of material properties and boundary conditions. This assumption is quite reasonable for many conduction problems with thermal shock problems being a notable exception. In the actual implementation of Equation (19), note that if \( \Delta t \) is kept constant and the problem is linear with time independent boundary conditions, then the left hand side of Equation (19) needs to be triangularized only once. It is also observed that if \( \Delta t \to \infty \) then the steady state form of the heat conduction equation is recovered.
Steady State Analysis

For problems that are independent of time, the basic matrix equation reduces to,

$$K^*(0) \cdot q = F^*(0) . \quad (20)$$

Considering first the case where $K^*$ and $F^*$ are not functions of $q$, then Equation (20) reduces to a linear matrix equation which may be solved directly.

When Equation (20) retains its nonlinear form, an iterative technique is required. The present code uses a simple Picard iteration (successive substitution) method which is expressed by,

$$K^*(\bar{q}^n) \cdot \bar{q}^{n+1} = F^*(\bar{q}^n) , \quad (21)$$

where superscript $n$ indicates the iteration level. The algorithm in Equation (21) is equivalent to solving a time dependent problem using Equation (19) with $\Delta t \rightarrow \infty$.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The numerical procedure described in the previous section has been implemented in a FORTRAN coded program called COYOTE. In the following sections, a general description of the code is given along with a discussion of some of the computational procedures.

Organization

The organization of COYOTE reflects the steps taken in setting up, solving and evaluating a finite element analysis of a conduction problem. The code is self-contained with its own mesh generator and plotting packages. COYOTE is written in an OVERLAY form with each overlay handling a specific task in the analysis process. Transmission of data between overlays is through low speed disc files and extended core storage (ECS) as shown in Figure 3.
Figure 3
As indicated by Figure 3, the main overlay acts as a calling routine to the remaining primary overlays. The following list provides a brief description of the functions of each primary overlay.

1. OVERLAY (1, 0) SETUP -- reads material property data, element and boundary condition data, creates mesh, organizes data for equation formulation.

2. OVERLAY (2, 0), OVERLAY (10, 0) FORMKF -- reads material property, element and boundary condition data from SETUP, forms coefficient matrices for each element and applies boundary conditions, creates unique "nicknames" for each degree of freedom. Overlay (10, 0) is the axisymmetric version.

3. OVERLAY (3, 0) ZIPP -- reads element coefficient matrices, assembles global coefficient matrices using "nicknames" to establish element connectivity, solves either transient or steady state matrix equation.

4. OVERLAY (4, 0) REZONE -- refines mesh within a specified region, organizes data for resolution of refined grid.

5. OVERLAY (5, 0) HEATFLX -- reads temperature solution, computes heat flux quantities for selected elements.

6. OVERLAY (6, 0) PLOTZ -- plots grid points, elements, isotherms and temperature histories.

The present version of COYOTE requires 170,000 words of core storage on the SLA CDC 6600 computer and will allow grids with up to 500 elements to be accommodated. Increases in the element capacity may be made through changes in several dimension statements in the code.

Mesh Generation

The generation of grid points in COYOTE is achieved through an isoparametric mapping technique developed by Womack and used in several previous codes. The generation of nodal points for a particular problem is a distinct operation in COYOTE and independent of the specification of the element connectivity. This separation of operations allows the user to generate more
nodes than may actually be used in the problem and to experiment with nodal
point placement before element connectivity is established. These options are
especially useful when gridding large and/or geometrically complicated problems.

For purposes of grid construction, the domain of interest is considered to be made up of parts or regions which are determined by the user. Within each part, an isoparametric mapping is used to approximate the region boundary. Specification of a number of x, y (or r, z) coordinates on the boundary of each region determines the limits of the region and the type of interpolation used to define the boundary shape. Complex, curved boundary shapes can be easily and accurately modeled using this scheme which includes linear, quadratic or cubic interpolation for the boundary shape.

The mesh points within a region are generated automatically once the number of nodes along each boundary is specified. Within each region an I, J numbering system is used to identify individual grid points. Nodal point spacing within each part may be easily varied by use of a gradient specification.

Element Library

The formulation of the equations for an individual element as indicated by Equation (11) requires specification of shape function vectors for approximation of the temperature field and the element geometry. The form of the shape functions depend on the element being used; COYOTE employs two basic types of elements which are described below.

A. Isoparametric Quadrilateral

The basic quadrilateral element used in COYOTE is the eight node element shown in Figure 4. The necessary interpolation functions for this element are expressed by:

\[
\psi = \begin{bmatrix}
\frac{1}{4}(1 - s)(1 - t)(-s - t - 1) \\
\frac{1}{4}(1 + s)(1 - t)(s - t - 1) \\
\frac{1}{4}(1 + s)(1 + t)(s + t - 1) \\
\frac{1}{4}(1 - s)(1 + t)(-s + t - 1) \\
\frac{1}{4}(1 - s^2)(1 - t) \\
\frac{1}{4}(1 + s)(1 - t^2) \\
\frac{1}{4}(1 - s^2)(1 + t) \\
\frac{1}{4}(1 - s)(1 - t^2)
\end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi = \begin{bmatrix}
(1 - s)(1 - t) \\
(1 + s)(1 - t) \\
(1 + s)(1 + t) \\
(1 - s)(1 + t)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(22)
where the ordering of the functions corresponds to the ordering of the nodes shown in Figure 4. The temperature field within the element is approximated using quadratic interpolation, i.e., \( T = \phi^T \theta \). Note that the shape functions in Equation (22) are expressed in terms of the normalized or natural coordinates for the element, \( s \) and \( t \), which vary from -1 to 1 as shown in the figure. The relationship between the \( x, y \) (r, z) coordinates and the natural coordinates is obtained through the isoparametric concept discussed by Ergatoudis, et al.\(^{11}\) That is, the coordinate transformation from \( x, y \) to \( s, t \) is given by,

\[
x = N^T x \quad ; \quad y = N^T y \quad ; \quad N^T = N^T(s, t) ,
\]

where \( N \) is a shape function vector and \( x, y \) are vectors of coordinates for points on the element boundary (generally nodal point coordinates). For the present case, if \( N^T = \phi^T \), the element is said to be isoparametric with a quadratic description of the element boundary being employed. If \( N^T = \psi^T \), the
interpolation of the element boundary is linear (i.e., straight sided element) and the element is termed subparametric.

Use of Equations (22) and (23) in the integrals defined in Equation (11) requires computation of derivatives of Equation (22) and the formation of a Jacobian for the transformation in Equation (23). With these manipulations, the integrands in Equation (11) become rational functions of \( s, t \) which require numerical quadrature to be employed in their evaluation. COYOTE uses a 3x3 Gaussian integration for these evaluations.\(^{12}\)

B. Isoparametric Triangle

A companion element to the previously described quadrilateral is the isoparametric triangle. This is a six node element as shown in Figure 5, with the temperature again being approximated quadratically. The interpolation functions for the element are given by,

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\phi_1 \\
\phi_2 \\
\phi_3 \\
\phi_4 \\
\phi_5 \\
\phi_6 \\
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
L_1 (2L_1 - 1) \\
L_2 (2L_2 - 1) \\
L_3 (2L_3 - 1) \\
4L_1 L_2 \\
4L_2 L_3 \\
4L_1 L_3 \\
\end{bmatrix} ; \quad \begin{bmatrix}
\psi_1 \\
\psi_2 \\
\psi_3 \\
\psi_4 \\
\psi_5 \\
\psi_6 \\
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
L_1 \\
L_2 \\
L_3 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(24)

where the ordering of the functions corresponds to the nodal point ordering in Figure 5. The shape functions in Equation (24) are expressed in terms of the natural coordinates for a triangle (see e.g., Zienkiewicz\(^{12}\)). The isoparametric mapping allows,

\[
x = \psi \phi_x ; \quad y = \psi \phi_y ,
\]

(25)

for an isoparametric element and,

\[
x = \phi \psi_x ; \quad y = \phi \psi_y ,
\]
Considerations of numerical integration for this element are similar to those for the quadrilateral. COYOTE uses a seven point quadrature formula developed for triangles by Hamer, et al.  

**Boundary and Initial Conditions**

Boundary conditions are accepted by COYOTE on an element basis. Specification of temperature is possible on both a nodal point and element side basis with the latter type being restricted to having a uniform value along the side. Specified boundary heat fluxes are applied by element side; the flux is assumed uniform over each element. The adiabatic boundary condition is the "natural" boundary condition for the heat conduction problem and is obtained by default in COYOTE, i.e., no boundary condition is specified for an adiabatic surface.
Convective and radiative boundary conditions are also specified by element side; the emissivity, $\varepsilon$, and the equilibrium temperatures $T_c$ and $T_t$ are assumed uniform over an element boundary. Specified temperature and heat flux (including convective fluxes) boundaries may vary arbitrarily in time through the use of user-supplied time functions. A uniform volumetric heat source may be specified for any material as either a constant or as a user specified function of time and/or temperature.

Initial conditions for the solution of transient problems or nonlinear steady state problems may be input by two methods. Through the standard data input, the temperature field may be initialized at a different uniform temperature for each material. Arbitrary initial conditions may be input through a user supplied tape file written in a specified format.

**Equation Solution**

The solution algorithms used to solve the matrix equations obtained from the finite element discretization were presented in a previous chapter. The actual processing of elements during the solution phase is accomplished by use of the frontal solution technique developed by Irons. The frontal method is a Gaussian elimination procedure that operates with a single element at a time. As each succeeding element is processed, the coefficient matrices for the element are added to the global coefficient matrix. Whenever a particular nodal point unknown is found to be complete (i.e., all the elements contributing to a node have been processed), that particular equation is condensed from the system. This process allows the minimum number of equations to be kept in core storage during the solution process. The condensed equations are stored in Extended Core Storage (ECS) until they are needed in the back-substitution phase. The logic for this elimination scheme is setup by an abstract elimination procedure called the pre-front which occurs just prior to the actual solution. The pre-front coding is located in a secondary overlay.
Rezoning

The rezone feature of COYOTE is a relatively new technique in heat conduction analysis though it has found some previous use in solid and fluid mechanics. For regions in the domain of interest that cannot be finely gridded for reasons of economy or computational limits, the rezone technique provides an efficient method of increasing the local detail of a solution field. Basically, the rezone procedure consists of refining a part of the original coarse grid, applying boundary conditions to this region based on the coarse grid solution and solving the resulting boundary value problem.

This process has been automated in the present code and allows local grid refinement to be made within regions containing quadrilateral elements. The rezone region is specified by establishing a quadrilateral shaped boundary around the region of interest with all of the quadrilateral elements lying entirely within that region considered as part of the rezone. After the region to be rezoned is specified by the user, appropriate temperature boundary conditions are automatically interpolated from the coarse grid solution and applied along interior boundaries of the newly refined grid. The rezone data is organized such that subsequent calls to the element formulation and solution overlays allow computation of the temperature field within the rezone region. The present version of COYOTE only allows rezoning to be carried out for steady state problems.

The decision whether to rezone a region or use an initially refined grid is very problem dependent and no clear guidelines for making this decision are currently available. Until a wider experience with the technique has been obtained, individual user experience and experiment remain the best guides.

Heat Flux Calculations

The calculation of heat flux values for a heat conduction problem is provided in COYOTE as a user option. The calculation procedure employed follows directly from the definition,

\[ q_i = -k_{ij} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \]  

(26)
and the finite element approximations,

\[ T = \phi^T \theta \]

\[ x = N^T x \quad ; \quad y = N^T y \] (27)

where the shape function vectors in Equation (27) are those described in the element library section. Direct substitution of Equation (27) into Equation (28) shows that derivatives of the interpolation functions are required. Since the interpolation functions are in terms of the natural coordinates for an element, the following relations are needed,

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \\
\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}
\end{pmatrix}
= \frac{1}{|J|} \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} \\ F_{21} & F_{22} \end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial s} \\
\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}
\end{pmatrix},
\] (28)

where,

\[ F_{11} = \frac{\partial N^T}{\partial x} \times ; \quad F_{12} = -\frac{\partial N^T}{\partial s} \times \]

\[ F_{21} = -\frac{\partial N^T}{\partial t} \times ; \quad F_{22} = \frac{\partial N^T}{\partial s} \times \]

\[ |J| = F_{11} \cdot F_{22} - F_{12} \cdot F_{21} \]

Using Equation (28), the definition of the heat flux components becomes,

\[ q_x = -k_{xx} \left( F_{11} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{1}{|J|} + F_{12} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial s} \frac{1}{|J|} \right) \]

\[ -k_{xy} \left( F_{21} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{1}{|J|} + F_{22} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \frac{1}{|J|} \right) \] (29)
$$q_y = -k_{yy} \left( \frac{\partial \phi^T}{\partial y} \right)^T + \frac{\partial^2 \phi^T}{\partial y \partial t} \right) \frac{1}{[3]}$$

$$q_y = -k_{yy} \left( \frac{\partial \phi^T}{\partial y} \right)^T + \frac{\partial^2 \phi^T}{\partial y \partial t} \right) \frac{1}{[3]}$$

Note that for a triangular element, the $s, t$ coordinates are replaced by the $L_1, L_2$ coordinates.

With the expressions in Equation (29), the heat flux components may be calculated at any point $s_0, t_0$ within an element once the element geometry $(x, y)$ and temperature field ($\phi$) is known. Calculation of fluxes for axisymmetric problems follow a similar procedure. COYOTE provides evaluation of the heat flux at points on the element boundary midway between adjacent nodes.

In addition to the heat flux components, COYOTE also calculates the heat flux normal to the element boundary. Referring to Figure 6, the outward normal to an element boundary is,

$$\vec{n} = n_x \vec{e}_x + n_y \vec{e}_y$$

and the heat flux vector is,

$$\vec{q} = q_x \vec{e}_x + q_y \vec{e}_y$$

The heat flux normal to the boundary is then,

$$q_n = q_x n_x + q_y n_y$$

where the flux components are given by Equation (29). From geometry, the components of the normal are,

$$n_x = \frac{\partial y/\partial s}{\Delta} ; \quad n_y = -\frac{\partial x/\partial s}{\Delta}$$

with,

$$\Delta = \left[ \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
Use of the definitions of $x$ and $y$ in Equation (27) allows the components of the normal in Equation (33) to be evaluated; the normal heat flux follows directly from the definition in Equation (32).

**Plotting**

The COYOTE program contains its own plotting package that allows the construction of a variety of plots that are useful in heat transfer analysis. Plots of nodal points, finite element grids, temperature histories and isotherms are generated at the option of the user.
INPUT GUIDE

The structure of an input data deck for the COYOTE computer code directly reflects the steps required to formulate and solve a finite element problem. Through the use of a series of command and data cards, the program is directed to such functions as grid generation, element construction, solution of the matrix equations and calculation of auxiliary data. The actual sequence of commands to the program is quite flexible, though there are some obvious limits to the order in which operations can be specified. In the following sections, the command and data cards required by COYOTE are described in roughly the order in which they would normally appear in an input deck. Several example problems follow this section as an added aid to input format.

In the following section, the conventions listed below are used in the description of input cards:

(a) Upper case words imply an alphanumeric input value, e.g. FORMKP.
(b) Lower case words imply a numerical value for the specified variable, e.g., xmax.
(c) All numerical values are input in a free field format with successive variables separated by commas. All input data is limited to ten characters under this format.
(d) [ ] indicate optional parameters which may be omitted by using successive commas in the variable list. If the omitted parameter is not followed by any required parameters, no additional commas need be specified.
(e) < > indicates the default value for an optional parameter.
(f) The * character may be used to continue a variable list onto a second data card.
(g) The $ character may be used to end a data card allowing the remaining space on the card to be used for comments.

(h) The contents of each input card are indicated by underlining.

(i) All quantities associated with a coordinate direction are expressed in terms of the planar x-y coordinate system. The corresponding quantities for axisymmetric problems are obtainable from the association of the radial coordinate, r, with x and the axial coordinate, z, with y.

The descriptions of the command cards are presented in the following order:

(a) Header Card
(b) SETUP Command Card
(c) FORMKF Command Card
(d) ZIPP Command Card
(e) HEATFLUX Command Card
(f) REZONE Command Card
(g) PLOT Command Card
(h) RESTART Command Card
(i) Program Termination Card

Following the individual descriptions of the command cards are sections discussing input deck structure, user subroutines, initial conditions, error messages and computer requirements for COYOTE.
Header Card

The header card must be the first card in a deck for any particular problem. If two or more problems are run in sequence, the header card for each new problem follows the END, PROBLEM card of the previous problem. A $ symbol must appear in Column 1; the remaining 79 columns are available for a problem title. The header card is of the following form:

$ PROBLEM TITLE
The first task in formulating a finite element analysis of a problem involves the specification of the material properties and the definition of element mesh and boundary conditions for the problem geometry. These functions are accomplished through the SETUP command and its three sets of associated data cards.

The SETUP command card has the following form:

```
SETUP, [iprint], [maxi], [order], [grid plot]
```

where,

- `iprint` (2): determines the amount of printout produced during the setup operation. Output increases with the value of `iprint` and ranges from no printout for `iprint = 1` to full printout for `iprint = 4`.
- `maxi` (18): is the maximum number of I rows to be generated in the grid. `maxi` need only be specified if there are more than 18 I rows or more than 110 J rows. The limit on the maximum I's and J's is `I*J ≤ 4000`.
- `order` (): determines the numbering of the elements. For the default value (i.e., `order` left blank), the elements are numbered by increasing I, J values (e.g., (1,1), (2,1), (3,1) ... (1,2), (2,2) ...).
  For `order = PRESCRIBED`, the elements are numbered according to their order in the input list. The element ordering should be chosen such that the front width of the problem is minimized.
- `grid plot` (): determines if a grid point plot tape is written. If a plot of the grid points is to be made in a subsequent call to the plot routine, then `grid plot = PLOT`; if no plot of the grid points will be made, the `grid plot` parameter is omitted.
SETUP Data Cards

Following the SETUP command card, three sets of data cards are required for material property specification, grid point generation and element and boundary condition specification. Each of the data sets is terminated by an END card. The last END card (i.e., the third), ends the setup portion of the program and readies the program for the next command card.

Material Data Cards:

The material data cards are of the following form:

```
[Material Name], number, ρ, C_p, k_{11}, k_{22}, β,

temperature dependence, Q, initial temperature
```

where,

Material Name: is an optional alphanumeric material name for user reference.

number: is the internal reference number for the material. COYOTE will accept up to ten materials.

ρ: is the material density.

C_p: is the material specific heat.

k_{11}, k_{22} (k_{11}): are components of the material conductivity tensor (see below).

β(θ°): is the angle in degrees between the principle material axis and the coordinate axis (see below).

temperature dependence (CONSTANT): prescribes the dependence of the material properties on temperature. If all material properties (ρ, C_p, k_{11}) are independent of temperature, this parameter is omitted or set to CONSTANT. If one or more of the properties depend on temperature, this parameter is set equal to VARIABLE.
Q(0): prescribes the volumetric heat source for the material. For no volumetric heating, this parameter is omitted; for constant volumetric heating, the parameter is set to the heating value. If the heat source varies with time or temperature, this parameter is set equal to VARIABLE.

Initial temperature (0): specifies the value of the initial temperature for the material.

The material models allowed in COYOTE include homogeneous materials with either an isotropic or orthotropic conductivity tensor. For isotropic materials \(k_{ij} = k\), the conductivity is specified by setting \(k_{11} = k\); the parameters \(k_{22}\) and \(\beta\) are omitted. For orthotropic materials \(k_{ij} = \delta_{ij} k_{11}\), the conductivity tensor is determined by specifying components of the tensor with respect to the principle material axes. Referring to Figure 7, the 1 and 2 axes indicate the principle material axes while \(\beta\) specifies the orientation of the material with respect to the spatial reference frame. COYOTE requires \(k_{11}\) and \(k_{22}\) to be specified for an orthotropic material; \(\beta\) must be specified only if the material axes are not aligned with the coordinate axes. Note that \(\beta\) is measured from the positive x(r) axis and is positive in a clockwise direction.

![Figure 7](image_url)
The variation of material properties with temperature and the variation of volumetric heating with time and/or temperature is indicated by setting the parameters "temperature dependence" and "Q" equal to VARIABLE, respectively. The actual variation of these quantities is specified by several user supplied subroutines. If temperature dependent properties have been indicated, COYOTE requires SUBROUTINE CAPACIT and SUBROUTINE CONDUCT to be supplied by the user; a variable heat source requires SUBROUTINE SOURCE. Further details on these subroutines are given in a later section of this chapter.

COYOTE does not contain dimensional constants and, therefore, the units for the material properties are free to be chosen by the user. For convenience, a table of consistent units is given in Appendix A.

Grid Data Cards:

Following the material specification, the grid points for the finite element mesh are generated. In contrast to many finite element codes, the COYOTE code separates the generation of nodal points and the generation of elements into distinct operations. The calculation of nodal point locations is accomplished by use of an isoparametric mapping scheme that considers quadrilateral parts or regions of the problem domain separately. For each part, a series of coordinates are specified which determine the shape of the region boundary. The node points within each part are identified by an I, J numbering system. The location of points in a region is controlled by user specification of the number of points along a boundary side and a local gradient parameter. These ideas are more clearly fixed through a description of the data cards required to generate points in a part.

For each part or region in the mesh, three data cards of the following form are required:
imin, jmin, imax, jmax, [g1], [g2], [g3], [g4], [POLAR], [xo], [yo]
x1, x2, x3, x4, [x5], [x6], ... [x12]
y1, y2, y3, y4, [y5], [y6], ... [y12]

where,
imin, jmin, imax, jmax: are the I, J limits for the region being generated as shown in Figure 8a. The difference between the maximum and minimum values determines the number of grid points generated in a particular direction.
g1(1), g2(1), g3(1), g4(1): specify the gradients for the node spacing along the four sides of the region. The gradients are defined by,

\[ g_1 \text{ or } g_3 = \frac{\text{node spacing at } \text{imin}}{\text{node spacing at } \text{imax}} = \frac{\Delta \text{imin}}{\Delta \text{imax}} \]

\[ g_2 \text{ or } g_4 = \frac{\text{node spacing at } \text{jmin}}{\text{node spacing at } \text{jmax}} = \frac{\Delta \text{jmin}}{\Delta \text{jmax}} \]

and are illustrated in Figure 8a. The default values of unity give equal node spacing along a side. Gradients either larger or smaller than unity may be used to bias the spacing in either direction.

POLAR, xo(0), yo(0): specify the use of polar coordinates for describing the coordinates of the points defining the region. With POLAR specified, the x's and y's on the second and third data cards are interpreted as polar radii and angles referred to the local origin xo, yo. The polar angle is referenced to the positive x axis; positive angles are measured in a counterclockwise direction.
Side 1
imin, jmax

Side 2
g2

Side 3
imax, jmax

Side 4
g4

a) I, J Nomenclature

b) Coordinate Nomenclature

Part N

x1,y1
x2,y2
x3,y3
x4,y4
x5,y5
x6,y6
x7,y7
x8,y8
x9,y9
x10,y10
x11,y11

Part N

 CIMAX, JMAX

imin, jmax

imin, jmin

x1,y1
x2,y2
x3,y3
x4,y4

c) ARC Nomenclature

FIGURE 8
\(x_1, x_2 \ldots x_{12}\): define the coordinates of the four corner and optional side nodes for each part. If the region is bounded by straight lines only the four corner coordinates (i.e., \(x_1 \) to \(x_4\) and \(y_1 \) to \(y_4\)) need be specified. If any of the region sides are curved, then the appropriate side node, as shown in Figure 8b must be specified. If one side node is defined, a quadratic interpolation is used to define the boundary; specification of two side nodes allows a cubic interpolation. Side nodes should be located near the midside and third points for quadratic and cubic interpolation, respectively.

There are no limits on the number of parts which may be used to define a grid. The only restriction on the total number of grid points is that \(\text{max}(I*J) \leq 4000\).

Node points may be generated for a triangular shaped region by allowing two adjacent corners of the quadrilateral part to coincide. However, when triangular meshes are created in this manner, the location of interior node points is generally unpredictable. The user is advised to verify the quality of such a mesh through use of a node point plot.

In generating mesh points for complex geometries, it is often convenient to be able to position an individual node point or a line of nodes. These situations are provided for in COYOTE by use of the following data cards:

\[
\text{POINT, } i, j, x_l, y_l, [\text{POLAR}, [x_o], [y_o]]
\]

where,

\(i, j\): is the \(I, J\) name for the point.
\(x_l, y_l\): are the coordinates for the point.
\(\text{POLAR, } x_o<0>, y_o<0>\): specify the use of polar coordinates as described previously.
ARC, imin, jmin, imax, jmax, [gl], [POLAR], [xo], [yo]

xl, x2, [x3], [x4]

yl, y2, [y3], [y4]

where,

imin, jmin, imax, jmax: are the I, J limits for the arc as shown in Figure 8c. Since a one dimensional array of points is being generated either imin = imax or jmin = jmax. The difference between the maximum and minimum values determines the number of grid points generated along the arc.

gl<1.0>: specifies the gradient for the node spacing along the arc. The gradient is defined by,

\[ yl = \frac{\text{node spacing at } ijmin}{\text{node spacing at } ijmax} = \frac{\Delta ijmin}{\Delta ijmax} \]

and is illustrated in Figure 8c.

POLAR, xo<0>, yo<0>: specify the use of polar coordinates as described previously.

xl, x2, x3, x4: define the coordinates for the ends of the arc and the optional intermediate points. If the arc is a straight line, only the first two coordinates need be specified. The generation of a curved arc requires the specification of one or two intermediate points as shown in Figure 8c.

There are no limits on the number of POINT and ARC data cards that may be used in generating a mesh. Both types of cards may appear at any point within the grid point data section of the SETUP command.
Element and Boundary Condition Data Cards:

Following the generation of the grid points, the program is ready to accept element and boundary condition data. Since the mesh points for the problem geometry are generated independently of the elements, the selection of nodes from which to construct a given element is very flexible. The actual construction process for an element consists of identifying an appropriate group of previously generated mesh points that will serve as the corner and midside nodes of the element. This concept is apparent from the form of the element data card

```
element type, mat, il, jl, [i2], [j2] ... [in], [jn]
```

where,

element type: is an alphanumeric name for the type of element. The element types used in COYOTE are described below.

mat: is the material number for the element. This number should be set to correspond to the material number used on the material property card.

il, jl, [i2], [j2] ... is the list of I, J values for the node points in the element. The nodes of an element are listed counterclockwise around the element starting with any corner as shown in Figure 9. In some situations, the list of I, J values may be significantly condensed. When only the first node I, J values are specified for a quadrilateral element, the following values for the remaining nodes are assumed,

\[
i_4 = i_9 = i_1, \quad i_5 = i_7 = i_1 + 1, \quad i_2 = i_3 = i_6 = i_1 + 2
\]

\[
j_2 = j_5 = j_1, \quad j_6 = j_8 = j_1 + 1, \quad j_3 = j_4 = j_7 = j_1 + 2
\]

When I, J values are specified for only the corner nodes of any element, the midside I, J values are computed as the average of the corner values.
The specification of different types of elements is provided by the "element type" parameter on the previously described data card. The permissible element names for this parameter include the following:

(a) QUAD8/4 -- A subparametric quadrilateral with arbitrarily oriented straight sides.

(b) QUAD8/8 -- A general isoparametric quadrilateral with quadratic interpolation used to define the shape of the element sides.

(c) TR16/3 -- A subparametric triangle with arbitrarily oriented straight sides.

(d) TRI6/6 -- A general isoparametric triangle with quadratic interpolation used to define the shape of the element sides.

Note that in the generation of the subparametric elements, the physical coordinates \((x, y)\) of the midside nodes need not lie precisely on the element side as these coordinates are not used in the element formulation. In all of the above elements, the temperature is approximated by quadratic basis functions within the element.
During the construction of the element mesh, two points about the I, J identification scheme should be noted. Each element is identified internally by the I, J values for the first node named on the element data card, i.e., il, jl. Since any corner node may be named first, two or more elements may share the same internal designation or name. This situation must be avoided if any of the elements sharing names are to have boundary conditions imposed on them. A simple reordering of the nodes in the appropriate elements remedies this situation. Secondly, during the generation of grid points there is no requirement that adjacent parts of the grid have a continuous I, J numbering. When elements are constructed along boundaries of such adjacent parts of the grid, it is imperative that common nodes between elements have the same I, J values. Element connectivity is generated from the I, J values for each node and, therefore, common nodes with different I, J labels will not be properly connected. The generation of element meshes using node points with non-continuous I, J labels is illustrated in the example section.

The boundary conditions for the problem are specified by element and may appear at any point in the present data section after the element to which they apply has been defined. Boundary conditions are specified to have either a uniform value along an element side or a particular value at a node. The boundary condition data card has the following form:

```
BC, b.c. type, il, jl, side/node, value/set no./time curve no.
```

where,

- **b.c. type**: is an alphanumeric name for the type of boundary condition.
- **il, jl**: is the I, J identification of the element (i.e., the first I, J named on the element data card) to which the boundary condition applies.
- **side/node**: identifies the side or node of the element to which the boundary condition is to be applied. The numbering of nodes and sides begins with the identifying node (i.e., the first node named on the
element data card) and proceeds counterclockwise as shown in Figure 9. value/set no./time curve no.: is the numerical value of the applied boundary condition, the number of the boundary condition set in the case of convective or radiative boundary conditions or the number of the time history curve for time dependent boundary conditions. For specified temperature or heat flux boundary conditions, this parameter is set to the numerical value of the boundary condition (e.g., 100.0°C or 50 watts/m²). The specification of a set or time curve no. is explained below.

The permissible types of boundary conditions as specified by the parameter "b.c. type" include the following:

(a) T — specifies the temperature at a node.
(b) TSIDE — specifies the temperature to have a constant value along an element side.
(c) TVARY — specifies the temperature along an element side to be a function of time.
(d) QSIDE — specifies a constant heat flux (energy/unit area/unit time) along an element side.
(e) QVARY — specifies a time dependent heat flux along an element side.
(f) QCONV — specifies a constant convective heat transfer process along an element side.
(g) QRAD — specifies a radiative/convective heat transfer process along an element side.
(h) Adiabatic surface — no boundary condition need be applied.

All of the above boundary conditions can be employed with any of the previously described elements. Note that in the present version of COYOTE, only one ORAD, QCONV, QVARY and TVARY boundary condition can be specified for any single element; other boundary condition types are not restricted.

The boundary condition options, TVARY and QVARY permit temperatures or heat fluxes along an element boundary to vary with time. The time histories of the boundary condition are input through a set of user supplied subroutines.
(SUBROUTINE CURVE). The association of a particular time history with the appropriate boundary condition is accomplished by use of the "time curve no." which appears on the boundary condition data card and in the user supplied subroutine name. COYOTE will allow a total of six different time histories to be input. The format for the time history subroutines is described in a subsequent section.

The use of convective and radiative boundary conditions requires the appropriate heat transfer coefficients \( h_c, h_r \) and reference temperatures \( T_c, T_r \) to be specified. These parameters are input through use of a SET data card which is of the form,

\[
\text{SET, b.c. type, set no., } h, T
\]

where,

- **b.c. type**: is the alphanumeric name of the type of boundary condition for which data is being specified, i.e., either QCONV or QRAD.
- **set no.**: is the number of the particular data set. The code allows up to ten data sets for each type of boundary condition. The set no. is used to identify the appropriate boundary condition set on the BC card.
- **\( h, T \)**: are the parameters required for specifying a convective or radiative boundary condition. For convection, \( h = \) heat transfer coefficient = \( h_c \) and \( T = T_c \). For fourth power radiation, \( h = \) emissivity\cdot Stefan-Boltzmann constant = \( \varepsilon \cdot \sigma \) and \( T = T_r \). For generalized radiation/convection, \( h = \) VARIABLE and \( T = T_r \).

The generalized radiation/convection condition mentioned above has been provided to allow an arbitrary variation of \( h \) with temperature or time in the flux expression,

\[
q = h(T, t)(T - T_r)
\]
To incorporate such a boundary condition, the parameter "b.c. type" must be set to QRAD, "h" must be set to VARIABLE, "T" is set to the appropriate reference temperature and the user supplied subroutine HTCOEF, which describes \( h(T, t) \), must be appended to the COYOTE program. This subroutine is described in detail in a later section of this chapter.

The SET data cards may appear anywhere in the present data section; SET cards for both types of boundary condition may appear in the same problem.

Looping Feature:

In order to permit easy specification of elements and boundary conditions which appear in regular patterns in the mesh, a looping feature is incorporated in COYOTE. This feature allows the definition of ILOOP's and JLOOP's (which are similar to FORTRAN DO loops) for incrementing data in the I and J directions. Nesting of the loops may be in any order but no more than one loop in a given direction may be used at one time. Note that within each loop all the I (or J) values are given the same increment. The looping commands are of the following form:

\[
\text{ILOOP, npass, inc} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{JLOOP, npass, inc}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\vdots \\
\text{element or boundary condition data cards} \\
\vdots \\
\text{IEND}
\end{align*}
\]

or

\[
\begin{align*}
\vdots \\
\text{element or boundary condition data cards} \\
\vdots \\
\text{JEND}
\end{align*}
\]

where,

- npass: specifies the number of passes to be made through the loop.
- inc: specifies the increment to be added to the I or J values found within the loop. The "inc" parameter may be negative.

The looping commands may appear at any point within the element, boundary condition data section of the SETUP command. The use of the looping feature is illustrated in the example problems.
**FORMKF Command Card**

With the completion of the SETUP command, the next task in the analysis sequence is the formulation of the matrix equations for the individual elements in the mesh. This function is carried out by the command card,

```
FORMKF, [geometry]
```

where,

- **geometry**: is an alphanumeric name to indicate the type of coordinate system desired. If geometry is omitted, the two dimensional planar formulation is used; if geometry = AXISYM, the axisymmetric formulation is used.
The assembly and solution of the global system of matrix equations, for either steady state or transient problems is carried out by the following command cards,

\[ \text{ZIPP}, \text{solution type}, [\text{no. iter}], [\text{iprint}], [t_{\text{initial}}], [t_{\text{final}}], [\Delta t], [\text{no. steps}], [\text{initial conditions}] \]

\hrule

where,

- **solution type**: is an alphanumeric name to indicate the type of solution algorithm required. For steady state problems, solution type = STEADY; for transient analysis solution type = TRANSIENT.
- **no. iter (1 or 5)**: specifies the number of iterations to be used in solving steady state problems. The default values of 1 and 5 correspond to iteration limits for linear and nonlinear problems, respectively. For transient problems, this parameter is omitted.
- **iprint (no. iter - 1 or 10)**: specifies how often the solution field is printed. For steady state problems, the default value is no. iter - 1; for transient problems the default value is every ten time steps.
- **\( t_{\text{initial}}, t_{\text{final}}, \Delta t \)**: specify the time limits \( t_{\text{initial}}, t_{\text{final}} \) and the time step (\( \Delta t \)) for the time integration procedure.
- **no. steps**: indicates the number of time steps to be taken in the transient analysis.
initial conditions: specifies the source of the initial conditions for the problem. If this parameter is omitted, the initial temperature fields are set from data on the material property card. If this parameter is set equal to TAPE, initial conditions may be input through a tape file as explained below.

When the problem to be analyzed is of the steady state type, only a single ZIPP card is required and only the first three parameters on the command card are applicable (i.e., the parameters "problem type" through "iprint"). For transient problems, one or more ZIPP cards may be required depending on the need to change time step (At) or printout frequency (iprint) during the analysis. When using a sequence of ZIPP cards all information pertinent to the continued analysis of the problem must be specified on cards following the first ZIPP card.

The control of the integration interval is accomplished by either of two methods—specification of a final time (t\text{final}) or specification of the number of time steps to be taken (no. steps). When the running time reaches \(t_{\text{final}}\) or the specified number of time steps is equaled, the program checks for the presence of another ZIPP command and the definition of a new integration interval. This process continues until an END command is encountered, thus ending the integration process.

When the initial condition parameter is set to TAPE, COYOTE expects the initial temperature field to be supplied from a disc (or tape) file, called TAPE 19. Details on the format for this file are given in a later section of this chapter.

The choice of an appropriate time step for a transient problem is often a critical point in the analysis for reasons of computational economy and accuracy. A procedure for estimating a meaningful integration time step, based on problem boundary conditions and the element mesh, is outlined in Appendix B.
HEATFLUX Command Card

To aid in interpreting and using the computed temperature solution, COYOTE allows the computation of several heat flux quantities on an element basis. The computation of heat fluxes is initiated by the following command card,

HEATFLUX, time step no., location

where,

- time step no.: is the number of the time step for which heat flux computations are desired. For steady state problems, this parameter is omitted.
- location: specifies where the heat flux calculations are to be made. For location = FULL, heat flux calculations are made for every element in the mesh. A second option allows fluxes to be calculated in up to twenty elements specified by the user. This latter option is specified by listing the required element numbers after the "time step no." parameter.

Within a given element, heat flux values are calculated on the element boundary midway between nodes. Calculations are made for the x and y (or r and z) components of the flux vector and also for the heat flux normal to the element boundary. When using the HEATFLUX command in conjunction with a transient analysis note that the time steps are numbered continuously from 1 to n beginning with the initial conditions (i.e., solution at time = At is step number 2). Heat flux calculations can thus be made at any particular time step by appropriately setting the "time step no." parameter. There is no limit to the number of HEATFLUX command cards that can be used in a COYOTE input deck.
REZONE Command Card

The automatic coarse to fine mesh rezoning of a coarse grid solution is initiated through the command card,

\[ \text{REZONE, } [\text{xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax}], ni, nj, [\text{iprint}], [\text{imin, jmin, imax, jmax}] \]

where,

- xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax: specify the x, y coordinate limits on the region to be rezoned. Only elements entirely within this region are rezoned.
- ni, nj: specify the number of fine grid elements to be placed in each coarse grid element in the i and J directions. ni and nj must be less than 10.
- iprint <3: specifies the amount of output produced by the rezone procedure. iprint may vary from 1 (limited output) to 4 (full output).
- imin, jmin, imax, jmax: specify the limits of the region to be rezoned in terms of I, J coordinates. Only elements entirely within the region bounded by these limits are rezoned.

The region to be rezoned may be specified in terms of either the physical coordinates of the mesh (imax, jmax, etc.) or the I, J coordinates of the mesh (imin, jmin, etc.). Following a REZONE command, the program should be directed to the next suitable operation such as FORMKF or PLOT. The REZONE command only provides mesh refinement and interpolation of new boundary conditions and not automatic re-solution. The present version of COYOTE only allows time independent problems to be rezoned.
The COYOTE program contains a plotting package to facilitate the interpretation of data obtained from a solution and to aid in setting up element meshes. There are five basic types of plots which are available in COYOTE and are obtained with the following command card,

```
plot device, plot type, xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax,
[imin, jmin, imax, jmax], [xscale], [yscale], [number]
```

where,

- **plot device**: is an alphanumeric name which indicates the plotting hardware and software on which the plot will be executed. The permissible parameter values are explained below.
- **plot type**: is an alphanumeric name which specifies the type of plot desired. The permissible parameter values are catalogued below.
- **xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax**: specify the range of coordinates for the area to be plotted. Only elements and their associated data entirely within the rectangular window defined by xmin ... ymax will be plotted.
- **imin, jmin, imax, jmax**: is an optional specification of the limits of the region to be plotted. If the I, J limits of the region are specified, the xmin ... ymax parameters are used to set the border for the plot.
- **xscale <1.0>, yscale <1.D>**: specify magnification factors for the x and y coordinates of the plot. The default values produce a correctly proportioned plot of the largest possible size consistent with the plotting device. The use of a scale parameter produces a non-proportional plot. The use of these parameters is illustrated in the example problems.
number < > : specifies if the element numbers are to be displayed on the element plot. If number is omitted, element numbers are not plotted; if number = NUMBER, the element numbers are plotted at the element centroid.

The "plot device" parameter permits the selection of a particular software system and hardware device to be used in the execution of the requested plots. For use with the Sandia Laboratories scientific computers and graphics systems this parameter may have the following values:

(a) PLOT4460 -- specifies the use of the IGS software system and the Datagraphics plotter,
(b) PLOT4020H -- specifies the use of the SCORS software system and the Datagraphics 4020 plotter in the hardcopy mode.
(c) PLOT4020F -- specifies the use of the SCORS software system and either the Datagraphics 4460 or 4020 plotters.
(d) PLOT -- not used in the present version of COYOTE.
(e) PLOTCRT -- not used in the present version of COYOTE.

The PLOT4020H option is the recommended parameter value since it automatically produces hardcopy plots suitable for rapid problem analysis. When precision plotting is required, the other plot device options are recommended. Further information on choosing an appropriate plotting medium is available in several Sandia Laboratories publications. The control cards necessary to access the above plotting systems are explained in detail in the cited reference and briefly in the control card section of this report. Note that for any particular COYOTE run, only one of the "plot device" options may be specified, i.e., all plotting must be done on a single device during a run.

The second parameter on the PLOT command card, denoted "plot type" may be set to any of the following values as required:

(a) POINTS -- generates a plot of the grid points generated by the SETUP command. The "grid plot" parameter on the SETUP command card must be set to PLOT to obtain this type of plot.
(b) ELEMENTS -- generates a plot of the element mesh.
(c) CONTOUR -- generates contour plots of the temperature.
(d) OUTLINE -- generates an outline plot of the problem domain with material boundaries indicated.
(e) HISTORY -- generates time history plots of the temperature.

Following the command cards for the CONTOUR and HISTORY plot options, a series of data cards are required.

Contour Data Cards:

For the CONTOUR plot option, the required data cards are of the following form:

```
contour type, time step no., no. contours, c1, c2, ... c20
```

where,

- **contour type**: is an alphanumeric name indicating the variable to be contoured. This parameter must have the value ISOTHERMS.
- **time step no.**: is the number of the time step for which a plot is required. For steady state problems, this parameter may be omitted.
- **no. contours**: specifies the number of contours to be plotted. A maximum of twenty contour lines is allowed on each plot.
- **c1, c2, ... c20**: are optional values that specify the value of the contour to be plotted. If these parameters are omitted, the plotted contours are evenly spaced over the interval between the maximum and minimum values of the variable.

Note that when the contour values are left unspecified, the maximum and minimum values used to compute the contour levels are those for the entire mesh. This procedure may produce an unsatisfactory (or blank) plot in the event only a
small portion of the mesh is plotted and the number of contours specified is small. This situation may be avoided by specifying the contour values to be plotted. When using the contour option with a transient analysis, note that the time steps are numbered continuously from 1 to \( n \) beginning with the initial conditions (i.e., solution at time = \( \Delta t \) is step number 2). A contour plot can thus be made at any particular time step by appropriately setting the "time step no." parameter.

Any number and/or type of contour data cards may follow a CONTOUR command card; the sequence is terminated by an END card. To simplify the plotting of a series of contour plots for a transient analysis, a looping feature is available. The looping command has the following form,

\[
\text{PLOTLOOP, no. plots, plot inc } \\
\text{contour type, time step no., no. contours, [c1, c2, ... c20]} \\
\text{PLOTEND} \\
\text{END}
\]

where,

- **no. plots**: specifies the number of plots to be generated.
- **plot inc**: indicates the frequency at which a plot is generated, i.e., every "plot inc" time steps a contour plot is produced beginning with the "time step no." indicated on the contour data card.

There is no limit to the number of PLOTLOOP data sets that may follow a CONTOUR command card; the sequence is terminated by an END card. Within any given PLOTLOOP, only a single contour data card may be defined. PLOTLOOP's and individual contour data cards may be mixed under a single CONTOUR command.
History Data Cards:

For the HISTORY plot option, the required data cards are of the following form,

```
LOCATION, no. points, time step 1, time step 2,

elem no., node no., elem no., node no., ...
```

where,

no. points: specifies the number of temperature histories to be plotted. A maximum of ten time histories per plot is allowed.

time step 1, time step 2: indicate the time step numbers at which the time histories are to begin and end, respectively. The maximum difference allowed between time step 2 and time step 1 is 400, i.e., only 400 time steps may be represented on a given plot.

elem no., node no.: are pairs of numbers indicating the element and node number for which a time history is required. A maximum of ten such pairs per data card is allowed.

There is no restriction on the number of LOCATION data cards that may follow a HISTORY command card; the sequence is terminated by an END card. The numbering of the element nodal points is shown in Figure 9. For an explanation of the time step numbering convention, see the section on contour data cards.
RESTART Command Card

The COYOTE program allows a computed solution and its associated problem data to be conveniently saved for further post-processing through the use of a restart command. In order to save a previously computed solution, the following command card may be used,

RESTART, SAVE

In order to restart a previously saved solution, the following command card is used,

RESTART, RESET

The command to save a solution may occur at any point after the ZIP? command sequence, that is after a solution has been obtained. In order to restart a solution, the RESET command should immediately follow the header card.

If the solution is to be continued in time following a restart, the FORMKF command must be executed prior to the ZIP? command as the restart procedure does not save the matrix equations for the problem. Also, the initial condition parameter on the ZIP? command card should be set equal to TAPE.

The RESTART commands when executed from the data deck, direct the program to collect (or distribute) pertinent element and solution information onto (or from) two files, TAPE13 and TAPE19. To complete the restart process, these files must be saved (or attached) by the appropriate system control cards. Typically, these files would be saved on a magnetic tape or catalogued on a permanent file. The restart procedure is illustrated in the example problems section.
Program Termination Card

There are two modes of termination for a COYOTE analysis. If two or more problems are to be run in sequence, then the appropriate termination for any particular problem is,

\[ \text{END, [iprint]} \]

However, if the program is to be terminated with no further computational operations, then the following command card is used,

\[ \text{STOP, [iprint]} \]

where,

iprint: is an optional alphanumeric parameter that allows the printing of the last solution obtained to be suppressed. If iprint is omitted, the solution field is printed; if iprint = NOPRINT, then printing is suppressed.
**Input Deck Structure**

As noted previously, the order of the commands to COYOTE is dependent on the needs of the user. However, some limitations on the command sequence are obvious as some operations are necessary prerequisites to other computations. The following comments provide some guidelines to specific sequencing situations.

(a) The POINTS plot option must follow the SETUP command sequence as the file used to store the grid point coordinates is rewritten in later operations. Typically, a grid point plot is used in setting up a grid and is not generated during a complete solution sequence.

(b) The ELEMENTS and OUTLINE plot options can be located anywhere after the SETUP command sequence.

(c) The remaining plot commands can occur at any point after the values to be plotted have been computed.

(d) The RESTART, SAVE command can only be executed after a solution has been obtained. No provisions are made in the restart process to retain the element coefficient matrices and thus the SAVE option has little meaning prior to obtaining a solution.

(e) If a solution is to be saved, the RESTART, SAVE command should generally be the last command (except for STOP) in a data deck. The restart process uses several tape files that are also employed by other program operations. The execution of commands following a RESTART, SAVE command could result in a conflict in file usage.

(f) If a transient solution has been saved, it may be continued in time by use of the RESTART, RESET command. The RESTART command should be followed by the FORMKF command and the UNZIPP commands with the TAPE parameter indicated.
User Supplied Subroutines

There are several situations which require the user to supply FORTRAN coded subroutines to COYOTE; the use of temperature dependent material properties, the use of a temperature and/or time dependent volumetric heat source, the use of general radiation/convection boundary condition and the use of time dependent temperature or flux boundary conditions.

When the "temperature dependence" parameter on the material data card is set equal to VARIABLE for any material in the problem, COYOTE expects SUBROUTINE CONDUCT and SUBROUTINE CAPACIT to be supplied by the user. For steady state problems, only SUBROUTINE CONDUCT need be supplied. These two subroutines allow the user to conveniently specify the conductivity and heat capacity \( \rho \cdot C_p \) as arbitrary functions of the temperature. In the event only one of the two indicated properties is to vary with temperature, the remaining property must still be set through use of the appropriate subroutine, i.e., COYOTE expects both subroutines to be present. Each subroutine is used to evaluate the appropriate material property for all materials labeled as temperature dependent on the material data cards.

The required subroutines must have the following forms:

```
SUBROUTINE CAPACIT (RHOCP, T, NNODES, MAT)  
DIMENSION RHOCP (1), T(1)  
  ::  
FORTRAN coding to evaluate \( \rho \cdot C_p \) for each material with temperature dependent capacitance  
  ::  
RETURN  
END
```
and,

```
SUBROUTINE CONDUCT (CONDI, COND2, T, NNODES, MAT)
DIMENSION CONDI(1), COND2(1), T(1)

FORTRAN coding to evaluate $k_{11}$ and $k_{22}$ for each
material with temperature dependent
conductivity

RETURN
END
```

where the variables in the subroutine parameter lists are:

- **RHOCP (NNODES):** an array containing the values of $\rho \cdot C_p$ evaluated at the temperatures $T$ (NNODES).
- **CONDI (NNODES), COND2 (NNODES):** arrays containing the values of the principle conductivities $k_{11}$ and $k_{22}$ evaluated at the temperatures $T$ (NNODES). For isotropic materials set $COND2(NNODES) = CONDI(NNODES)$.
- **T (NNODES):** an array containing the values of the temperatures at the nodes.
- **NNODES:** an integer parameter specifying the number of nodes at which the material property is to be evaluated.
- **MAT:** an integer specifying the material number as set on the material data card.

When the volumetric heating parameter, $Q$, on the material data card is set equal to VARIABLE, COYOTE expects **SUBROUTINE SOURCE** to be supplied by the user. This subroutine must have the following form:

```
SUBROUTINE SOURCE (QVALUE, TIME, TQ, MAT)

FORTRAN coding to evaluate the volumetric
heat source for each material with
a variable heat source

RETURN
END
```
where the variables in the subroutine parameter list are:

QVALUE: the value of the volumetric heating rate.
TIME: the current value of the time.
TQ: the value of the temperature in the element (centroidal value).
MAT: an integer specifying the material number as set on the material data card.

The use of a generalized radiation/convection boundary condition requires that the variation of the heat transfer coefficient with temperature and/or time be specified. When the "h" parameter on the SET data card is specified as VARIABLE, the COYOTE program expects SUBROUTINE HTCOEF to be supplied by the user. The required subroutine has the following form:

```
SUBROUTINE HTCOEF (HT, TSURF, TREF, TIME, ISET)
   FORTRAN coding to evaluate the heat transfer coefficient for each set number
   RETURN
END
```

where the variables in the subroutine parameter list are:

HT: the heat transfer coefficient.
TSURF: the local surface temperature of the material.
TREF: the reference temperature of the environment as specified on the SET data card.
TIME: the current value of the time.
ISET: an integer specifying the "set no." as set on the BC and SET data cards.

Note that if more than one generalized radiation/convection boundary condition occurs in a problem SUBROUTINE HTCOEF is used for the evaluation of all heat
transfer coefficients that vary with time and/or temperature. The set no. (ISET) parameter is used to distinguish the different boundary conditions.

When the boundary condition options TVARY and/or QVARY are employed, COYOTE expects the appropriate time history subroutines to be supplied by the user. The correspondence between a particular boundary condition and its variation with time is established through the "time curve no." which appears on the BC data card and in the name of the subroutine providing the time history. The required subroutines have the following form:

```
SUBROUTINE CURVEN (TIME, BCVALUE)

FORTRAN coding to evaluate a boundary condition for a specified time history

RETURN
END
```

where the variables are:

- **n**: an integer specifying the "time curve no." as set on the BC data card (1 ≤ n ≤ 6).
- **TIME**: the current value of the time.
- **BCVALUE**: the value of the boundary temperature or heat flux (as required) for the current TIME.

The subroutines described above, when required by COYOTE, should follow the main overlay in the loading sequence. The control cards necessary to implement user supplied subroutines are described in a subsequent section.
**Initial Conditions**

The analysis of a transient conduction problem requires the specification of a set of initial conditions for the problem." For cases where the initial temperature field may be assumed uniform (or at least constant over each material) the initial conditions may be set through a parameter on the material data card. For problems where the initial temperature field is more complex, COYOTE accepts the initial conditions from an external storage device (disc or magnetic tape file) denoted TAPE19.

In order to be compatible with COYOTE, the initial temperature field must be written to unit 19 with the following unformatted FORTRAN write statement,

```
WRITE(19) TIME, TMAX, TMIN, NUMEL,
((T(J,I), I = 1,8), J = 1, NUMEL)
```

where,

- **TIME:** is the initial time.
- **TMAX, TMIN:** are the maximum and minimum temperatures in the field.
- **NUMEL:** is the number of elements in the mesh (the present version of COYOTE requires that NUMEL ≤ 500).
- **T(J,I):** is the array containing the initial temperatures.

Note that the I index has an upper limit of 8 which corresponds to the number of nodes in a quadrilateral element. If triangular elements are present in the mesh, the I index must still run to 8; the last two entries in the T array are ignored by COYOTE when a triangular element is encountered. Ordering of the nodal point temperatures for each element must be as shown in Figure 9.

*Initial estimates for the temperature are also necessary for steady state problems when radiation boundary conditions are used.*
When the file containing the initial conditions is attached to the job, the file name must be TAPE19. It should be noted that the output format for COYOTE is the same as the above; the output file for COYOTE is also TAPE19. Thus, solution fields from COYOTE may be used directly as initial conditions for subsequent problems. The use of these features are demonstrated in the next chapter.
COYOTE has been supplied with a number of error checks and tests for bad or inconsistent input data, overflow of storage, etc. When an error is encountered, an error number and message is printed and the program is terminate with a STOP 1 if the error is fatal. The error numbers, error message and corresponding explanations are listed below according to overlay.

**DRIVER (0,0)**

010 COMMAND -- a command instruction was expected, but not found or was misspelled.

020 END OF DATA -- an end of file was encountered on the input file, check termination command.

030 FFLDSB -- an input variable with more than ten characters was encountered.

040 RESTART -- a restart command was used with an incomplete or misspelled parameter list.

**SETUP (1,0)**

100 GRID2J or GRID2J, np, imax -- during generation of the grid points, part np contains an imax, jmax, imin or jmin that exceeds the specification maxi on the SETUP card.

110 ILOOP or JLOOP, npass, inc -- error in looping specification, check for third loop within two existing loops.

120 ELEMENT TYPE, I, J -- maximum number of elements allowable has been exceeded, redimension IJK array in SETUP.

130 ELEMENT TYPE, BC or ILOOP (JLOOP) -- erroneous element, boundary condition or loop specification, check spelling.
140 BC TYPE, I, J -- boundary condition applied to an element I, J that has not yet been defined.

150 BC TYPE, I, J -- boundary condition type is in error, check spelling.

160 BC TYPE, I, J -- boundary condition specified on an improper side of element I, J (1 ≤ side ≤ 4).

170 NUMBC, I, J -- excessive number of boundary conditions have been placed on element I, J.

180 MAT COUNT -- more than ten distinct materials were used.

\textit{FORMKF (2,0) \& FORMKPA (10,0)}

200 J.COBIAN -- a negative element area was found, check element coordinates and connectivity.

210 ZERO JTRI -- a triangular element with a zero area was found, check element coordinates.

220 ZERO J -- a quadrilateral element with a zero area was found, check element coordinates.

\textit{ZIPP (3,0)}

300 ZIPP ERROR -- insufficient storage for element nicknames, variables, NIX and ELPA vectors (common block NICNAME) should be redimensioned.

310 ZIPP ERROR -- maximum active storage exceeded, redimension ELPA (common block NICNAME).

320 ZIPP ERROR -- zero on the diagonal of the equation being eliminated, equation system is singular or element connectivity is in error.

330 COMMAND -- another ZIPP command card was expected but not found, check input for END card.

340 CURVE NO -- a time history curve number greater than six was encountered, check SET data cards and time history subroutine names.

350 ZIPP ERROR -- the dimension of MVABL is too small, also change variable MVEND.
REZONE (4,0)

400 COARSE -- more than 100 coarse grid elements have been refined, reduce size of rezone region or increase storage in program.

410 RZN-EMPTY -- no coarse grid elements have been found in the specified rezone region, check limits specified for rezone region.

420 REFINES -- more than ten fine grid elements per coarse grid element have been specified, reduce the values of ni or nj on the REZONE command card.

PLOTZ (6,0)

600 PLOTWORD -- plot type specification is incorrect, check spelling.

610 CONTOUR -- error in contour specification, check spelling on contour type or looping command, check for proper termination of contour sequence.

620 TIMEPLOT -- error in timeplot specification, check spelling and proper termination of timeplot sequence.
Computer Requirements and Control Cards

COYOTE is a large code that requires a relatively high threshold level of computer resources in order to operate successfully. The code was developed on a CDC 6600 computer with an extended core storage (ECS) capability running under the SCOPE 3.3 operating system and a Fortran Extended (FTN) compiler. A future version of COYOTE for use with the CDC 7600 computer is anticipated; the conversion of the program to other machines or operating systems is not planned. The following discussion of computer request parameters and control cards is specifically directed toward the use of COYOTE on the SLA computer system.

In its present form, COYOTE requires 170,000 words of central memory to load and execute. The central processor time needed to run COYOTE is directly dependent on the number of elements in the mesh and to a lesser extent on the front width of the problem. To roughly estimate the CPU time required for a typical job, the following formula may be used,

\[
\text{CPU} = (\text{Number elements}) \times (0.1) \\
+ (\text{Number elements}) \times (\text{Number time steps or iterations}) \times (0.05)
\]

Note that the constants in the above formula are accurate for problems of moderate size but could increase by a factor of two for very large analyses.

The amount of ECS needed for a COYOTE run is also directly related to the number of elements in the mesh and the problem front width. Unfortunately, the ECS required cannot be estimated a priori. The experience of the user is, thus, the best guide for setting this parameter. After completion of a solution, COYOTE reports the total ECS required for the job allowing the user to adjust the requested value for future runs. Also, during the course of a solution, COYOTE will automatically reduce the requested amount of ECS to the minimum required for execution of the job.
The COYOTE program is maintained in binary form in the SLA permanent file (PF) system and may be accessed by attaching the file with the following control card,

```
ATTACH, FLNAME, BINARYDECK-COYOTE, CY = 10
```

In the following sections, control card decks are listed for using COYOTE in its standard modes of operation.

Run with Plotting

The control card deck in Figure 10 allows the user to run COYOTE and plot the results using the SCORS software package. To change from the SCORS to the IGS plot package, the SCORS parameter on the COLLECT card should be replaced by IGS 4460. Note that to produce hardcopy plots with the SCORS package, a magnetic tape (TAPE10) is not required. The processing of plot tapes created by the SCORS and IGS packages is described in Reference 15.

Run with Restart

Figure 11 shows a control card deck to run COYOTE and save the solution for later restarting. In this case, the solution and element data were saved on magnetic tapes; PF storage could also have been used. The listing in Figure 11 is also suitable for restarting a job.

Run with Initial Conditions

The control cards shown in Figure 11 are also suitable for running a transient analysis with initial conditions provided from an external source. If the initial conditions are written on TAPE19 (in the format discussed previously), then the listing in Figure 11 is immediately applicable if the request for TAPE13 is deleted.

Run with User Subroutines

The control cards required to execute COYOTE when user supplied subroutines are to be included are shown in Figure 12.
COYOTE, CM170000, TXXXX, ECYYY, MTL, PI.
ACCOUNT ....
ATTACH, FILNAME, BINARYDECK-COYOTE, CY = 10.
REWIND, FILNAME.
COPYBF, FILNAME, LGO.
REWIND, LGO.
COLLECT, LGO, FXSCORS, FTNLIB.
REQUEST, TAPE10, HI, S, SPT.
REWIND, TAPE10.
MAP, OFF.
LGO, LC = 377777.
7-8-9

COYOTE DATA
6-7-8-9
6-7-8-9

NOTES:

(1) The PI parameter on the job card refers to job priority and should be carefully considered for large jobs.

(2) For large jobs producing large quantities of output consideration should be given to using a FICHE, OUTPUT card to divert the printed output to microfiche.

(3) The REQUEST card for TAPE10 and the MT parameter on the job card should be omitted when requesting hardcopy plots from the 4020 plotter.

FIGURE 10
COYOTE, CM170000, TXXXX, ECYYY, MT2, P1. NAME BOX NO.

ACCOUNT ....

ATTACH, FILNAME, BINARYDECK-COYOTE, CY = 10.

REWIND, FILNAME.

COPYBF, FILNAME, LGO.

REWIND, LGO.

COLLECT, LGO, PTNLIB.

REQUEST, TAPE13, HI. VSN = AAAAA

REQUEST, TAPE19, HI. VSN = BBBBB

REWIND, TAPE13.

REWIND, TAPE19.

MAP, OFF.

LGO, LC = 377777.

7-8-9

COYOTE DATA

6-7-8-9
6-7-8-9

NOTES:

(1) The above listing uses magnetic tapes to store the element data and solution fields. The permanent file system could also be used to save the data by replacing the tape request cards by REQUEST, TAPEn, *PF and including the appropriate CATALOG cards after the LGO card.

(2) The above listing is suitable for restarting a COYOTE run from tape. When restarting a run from PF storage, the REQUEST cards are replaced by the appropriate ATTACH file cards.

FIGURE 11
COYOTE, CM170000, TXXXX, ECYY, Pl.

ACCOUNT ....

ATTACH, FILNAME, BINARYDECK-COYOTE, CY = 10.

REWIND, FILNAME.

OPYBF, FILNAME, LGO.

REWIND, LGO.

FTN, B = SUB.

REWIND, SUB.

PREP, SUB, SUBP.

COLLECT, LGO, SUBP, FTNLIB.

XAP, OFF

LGO, LC = 377777.

7-8-9

FORTRAN CODED USER SUBROUTINES

7-8-9

COYOTE DATA

6-7-8-9

6-7-8-9

FIGURE 12
EXAMPLE PROBLEMS

A series of five problems have been included in this section to demonstrate the use of the previously described command cards and some of the capabilities of the COYOTE code. Though the examples illustrate many of the salient features of the code, all possible options and subtleties of the program could not be covered. However, a careful study of the input listings and the associated figures should provide the user with sufficient background to successfully employ COYOTE on other heat conduction problems.

Grid Generation

The first example consists of three problems which demonstrate several points about the relationship between node and element generation. The L-shaped region defined in Figure 13 is to be gridded using a number of quadrilateral elements. The input listing shown in Figure 14 indicates three methods (hereafter denoted A, B and C, respectively) by which this could be accomplished.

In the three cases illustrated, 147 nodal points were generated in two parts; the physical location of the nodes remained constant for the three cases. A plot of the nodes, as generated by the PLOT4020K, POINTS command, is shown in Figure 15.

The input deck for Case A resulted in the element mesh shown in Figure 16a. Note that in generating the elements, only the first I, J for the element was specified with the program assuming default values for the remaining element I, J quantities. The mesh generated by input deck B, produced the grid shown in Figure 16b. In this case, all the corner I, J values were specified for elements in the lefthand side of the region with only the mid-side I, J's taking
on default values. The difference between Grids A and B illustrates that the user is free to choose any meaningful group of nodal points produced by the grid data in the construction of an element.

The input deck for Case C illustrates the use of a discontinuous I, J numbering scheme between parts of the grid. Observe that in the second part of the grid generation (Figure 14c), the I numbering begins with 23 instead of 13 as in Cases A and B. The nodes that are common to the two parts (i.e., share the same physical location, denoted by X's in Figure 15) thus have two legitimate I, J names (e.g., (13,1) = (23,1)). In the construction of elements that use these doubly named nodes, care must be taken to consistently use only one of the names. This is shown in input deck C where the I, J names from grid part 1 have been used for the common nodes. The mesh generated by deck C is identical to that of deck A (Figure 16a).
**DIRECT LIST OF INPUT DATA**

**EXAMPLE PROBLEM ONE---MESH GENERATION A**

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**EXAMPLE PROBLEM ONE---MESH GENERATION A**

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**FIGURE 14**
FIGURE 14 (cont)
FIGURE 16

a) MESH A & C

b) MESH B
Heat Conduction in a Steel Bar

The second example consists of a steel bar (square cross section) with a circular hole that is subjected to prescribed temperature boundary conditions. The two-dimensional idealization of the problem is shown in Figure 17. Due to symmetry considerations, only one-eighth of the cross section needed to be considered in the finite element model. A COYOTE data deck used to solve the steady state version of this problem is shown in Figure 18a.

As indicated by the input listing, the grid points for this problem were generated in a single part; the curved part of the boundary was produced by use of a quadratic interpolation. The finite element mesh is shown in Figure 19. The input listing in Figure 18a also indicates that a steady state solution was requested followed by the commands for an isotherm plot. The solution was saved by a RESTART command to allow additional processing at a later time. The control cards needed to complete the restart procedure are described in a previous section.

The input listing in Figure 18b indicates the use of the restart capability. In this case, heat flux calculations were performed for a number of elements in the previously computed solution.

A second problem was analyzed to demonstrate the setting of initial conditions from an external tape file and a transient solution procedure. In Figure 18c, an input listing is provided for a transient analysis of the steel bar geometry. For this case, the outside temperature of the bar was raised from 100 C to 300 C to allow the bar to reach a uniform temperature state. The ZIPP command card indicates that the initial temperature field was to be read from a file called TAPE19. Through the job control cards, the steady state solution obtained from the listing in Figure 18a was identified as TAPE19. The steady state solution thus became the initial condition for a related transient analysis. Figure 20 shows several of the contour plots of the isotherms obtained during this analysis.
One-Dimensional Heat Conduction in a Cylinder

To demonstrate the use of user subroutines for volumetric heating and generalized convection/radiation boundary conditions, a one-dimensional problem was considered. A cylindrical region of heat generating material is encased by a thin layer of low conductivity material and a thicker layer of material having a relatively high thermal conductivity. The outer surface of the cylinder loses heat to the surrounding environment by natural convection. The geometry, boundary conditions and material properties for this problem are shown in Figure 21.

The volumetric heating history and the heat transfer correlations for laminar and turbulent natural convection shown in Figure 21 were provided to the COYOTE program through subroutines SOURCE and HTCOEF. A listing of these subroutines and the input data deck for this problem are given in Figure 22. Note that the material data card for MAT 1 indicates a variable heat source; the boundary condition SET card indicates a variable heat transfer coefficient.
a) Steady State Solution

b) Restart
c) Transient Solution

FIGURE 18 (cont)
Finite Element Mesh

FIGURE 19
\[ q = h \Delta T \]

**Figure 21**

**Section for Finite Element Model**

<table>
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<th>( \rho )</th>
<th>( C_p )</th>
<th>( k )</th>
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<td>.01</td>
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<td>( 1.061 \times 10^{-3} )</td>
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<td>MAT 3</td>
<td>( 2.162 \times 10^{-3} )</td>
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\[ h = 0.29 \left( \frac{\Delta T}{L} \right)^{0.25} \quad \text{for} \quad 10^4 \leq \text{Gr} \leq 10^9 \]

\[ h = 0.10 \left( \Delta T \right)^{0.33} \quad \text{for} \quad 10^9 > \text{Gr} \]

\[ \text{Gr} = \rho^2 g b L^3 \Delta T / v^2 \]
a) Input Listing

FIGURE 22
b) Source Subroutine

FIGURE 22 (cont)
SUBROUTINE HTCOEFF

SUBROUTINE HTCOEFF,TSURF,TOFF,TIME,HT

SUBROUTINE TO EVALUATE THE HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT FOR FREE CONVECTION IN AIR

AL=1.5
G=2.52
CONVERG=5.67E-4

CONVERT TEMPERATURE TO RAINTM

DELT=(TSURF-TOFF)*9.506
TFLM=((TSURF+TOFF)*6.2731*9.506

EVALUATE AIR PROPERTIES

ETA=1.1/TFLM
CNU=(7.1094E-7)*(CFLM**1.5)*(CFLM**1.5917)
OM=10.69/TFLM

EVALUATE GRASHOFF NUMBER

CFLM=(CFLM*SU+CFLM*SL)*AL*DELT)/(AUM*444)

EVALUATE H

IF(CFLM.GT.1.2E4) 13,20
12 CONTINUE

LAMINAR FLOW
HT=3.34*(DELT)**1.25
IF(CFLM.GT.1.3E4) 40,0.
HT=HT*CONVERG
RETURN

20 CONTINUE

TURBULENT FLOW
HT=19.8*(DELT)**1.333
HT=HT*CONVERG
RETURN

RETURN 2 END

FIGURE 22 (cont)
A transient analysis of this problem was carried out using four integration intervals as shown by the ZIPP command cards. The temperature histories at several radial positions were generated using the HISTORY plot command. This plot is shown in Figure 23 where the element mesh is also shown for reference.

Heat Conduction in a Finned Radiator

The finned tube radiator section shown in Figure 24a was chosen to illustrate the use of time dependent boundary conditions. Symmetry considerations allowed the finite element model in Figure 24b to be constructed for this problem. The inside temperature of the aluminum tube was maintained at 100 F; the outside surfaces of the radiator were subjected to the heat flux history shown in Figure 24b.

The input data deck for the analysis of this problem is shown in Figure 25a. The use of the QVARY boundary condition requires that a time history subroutine (corresponding to the time history number) be appended to the COYOTE program. For the present case, the flux history shown in Figure 24b was supplied through SUBROUTINE CURVE1, which is listed in Figure 25b. As a result of the transient analysis of this problem, the contour plots in Figure 26 were produced, indicating the thermal response of the radiator.

Heated Salt Block

The final example problem has been selected to demonstrate the use of subroutines for temperature dependent properties and temperature dependent heat transfer coefficients. The physical problem consists of a right circular cylinder of bedded salt that is heated internally by a cylindrical heater. The annular space between the heater and salt block and the cylindrical space above the heater is filled with crushed salt. The salt block is confined on the upper and lower surfaces by circular aluminum plates. The problem geometry and finite element mesh are shown in Figures 27a and 27b. The heater is assumed to be producing heat at a constant volumetric rate; the cylinder is assumed to lose energy to the environment by natural convection through the top and vertical surfaces. The bottom surface is assumed insulated.
Finite Element Mesh

FIGURE 23
Section for Finite Element Model

FIGURE 24a

Aluminum

\[ \rho = 0.0978 \text{ lb/ft}^3 \]
\[ C_p = 0.208 \text{ Btu/lbm-R} \]
\[ k = 2.778 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Btu/s-in-R} \]

FIGURE 24b
a) Input Listing

FIGURE 25
b) Heat Flux Time
History Subroutine

FIGURE 25
\[ q = h\Delta T \]

- Aluminum
- Crushed Salt
- Salt
- Heater \((Q - \text{Constant})\)

\[ q = 0 \]

a) Schematic

b) Finite Element Model

FIGURE 27
In the analysis of this problem, it was assumed that the thermal conductivity of the bedded salt and crushed salt varied with temperature. The aluminum and heater properties were assumed constant. Correlations for the heat transfer coefficient as a function of temperature were also to be included in the analysis. Figure 28a shows the input listing for the steady state solution to this nonlinear problem. The material property subroutine and heat transfer coefficient subroutine that were appended to the COYOTE program for this problem are listed in Figure 28b. Note that SUBROUTINE CONDUCT is used to evaluate the thermal conductivity for both bedded salt and crushed salt; SUBROUTINE HTCOEF is used to evaluate the film coefficient for both top and vertical boundary conditions (based on TSET parameter). The results of this analysis are shown in Figure 29 in the form of an isotherm plot.
LINE DIRECT LIST OF INPUT DATA

1 FOYANFLE PROBLEM FIVE--HEATED SALT BLOCK
2 SETUP,2,2,2,PRESCRIBED
3 ALUMINUM,1,1,71,2,75F-4,2,642,2,CONSTANT,4
4 SALT,2,2,2,2,56F-4,1,351,1,VARIEABLE,4,5
5 HEATED,3,1,9,1,2AF-4,1,45,1,CONSTANT,1138,4,5
6 CRUSH-SALT,4,1,47,2,65F-4,1,603,1,VARIEABLE,4,5
7 END
8 1,1,5,17
9 0.5,5,9
10 8,6,90,7,90
11 9,1,7,11
12 6,5,9,5,9
13 7,1,6,80,80
14 7,1,23,57
15 6,50,65,6,6
16 9,4,6,93,90
17 END
18 JLOOP,2,2
19 ILOOP,11,1
20 QUAD/4,1,1,1
21 IFNM
22 JFND
23 JLOOP,3,2
24 ILOOP,11,2
25 QUAD/4,2,1,6
26 END
27 IFNM
28 JFND
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30 ILOOP,1,2
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32 IFNM
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48 IFNM
49 JLOOP,19,2
50 QUAD/4,1,1,35
51 IFNM
52 TP76/1,21,35,23,35,21,37
53 TP76/3,1,27,37,21,31,36

a) Input Listing

FIGURE 28
a) Input Listing

SUBROUTINE CONDUCT

SUBROUTINE CONDUCTCOND1, COND2, T, WMAT, MAT
DIMENSION COND1(1), COND2(1)

SUBROUTINE TO EVALUATE THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY

IF(NMAT.EQ.21) GO TO 13
IF(NMAT.EQ.22) GO TO 23
CONTINUE

10 C

SALT CONDUCTIVITY

DO II=1,NNNYLES
IT=II
AK=3.7624+(-.09487)*IT+.2558-11.9*IT**2+(-.455-7)*IT**3
COND1(II)=COND1(II)*AK**1.8
CONTINUE
RETURN
STOP

15 C

CONTINUE

20 C

WATER SALT CONDUCTIVITY

DO II=1,NNNYLES
IT=IT+1
AK=3.7624+(-.09487)*IT+.2558-11.9*IT**2+(-.455-7)*IT**3
AK=AK**1.8
COND1(II)=COND1(II)*AK**1.8
CONTINUE
RETURN
STOP

b) Material Property Subroutine

FIGURE 28
SUBROUTINE HTOFF

SURROUINTE HTCOFF (HT, TSHE, FREE, TTM, TSET)

SUBROUTINE TO EVALUATE THE HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT FOR FREE CONVECTION IN AIR

10 AL=1.6
    G=9.81
    CONVF=5.67*E-6

15 CONVF TEMPERATURE TO BANCHAL

20 DFL=(TSHE-TSET)*0.75
     TFL=(TSHE+TSET)*0.5*778.1*0.75

25 EVALUATE AIR PROPERTIES

30 NTAF=1./TFL
     DMF=(7.394E-7)*(TFL**1.5)/(TFL+198.1)
     PHF=79.64A/TFL

35 EVALUATE GROSSHE NUMBER

40 GNF=(PHF*PHF*GNTA*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL*AL)

45 CHECK BOUNDARY CONDITION SET NUMBER

50 IF IEFC=.87 GO TO 10

55 EVALUATE H--VERTICAL CYLINDER

60 IF (GFL, LT, TFL) GO TO 10

65 CONTINUE

70 EVALUATE H--LAMINAR FLOW

75 HT=29*DFL/AL**.25
    IF (GFL, LT, TFL) HT=0.
    HT=HT*CONVF
    RETURN

75 CONTINUE

80 EVALUATE H--TURBULENT FLOW

85 HT=1.9*(DFL**.773333)
    HT=HT*CONVF
    RETURN

85 CONTINUE

90 EVALUATE H--HORIZONTAL PLATE

95 IF (GP, LT, TFL) GO TO 10

95 CONTINUE

100 EVALUATE H--LAMINAR FLOW

105 HT=27*(DFL/AL)**.25
    IF (GP, LT, TFL) HT=0.
    HT=HT*CONVF
    RETURN

110 CONTINUE

115 EVALUATE H--TURBULENT FLOW

120 HT=22*(DFL**.333333)
    HT=HT*CONVF
    RETURN

b) Heat Transfer Coefficient Subroutine

FIGURE 28
APPENDIX A
CONSISTENT UNITS

The following list provides examples of consistent units for quantities encountered in the use of the COYOTE program:

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<td>J/m²-s</td>
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<td>Btu/ft²-s°F</td>
<td>cal/cm²-s°C</td>
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<td>σ</td>
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<td>$1.355 \times 10^{-12}$</td>
<td>$5.6697 \times 10^{-8}$</td>
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\[
\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{s-ft}^2\text{-R}^4} \quad \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{s-cm}^2\text{-K}^4} \quad \frac{\text{J}}{\text{s-m}^2\text{-K}^4}
\]
APPENDIX B
TIME STEP ESTIMATION

The analysis of a transient conduction problem requires the selection of a suitable time step for the integration procedure. The selection of too large a time step can result in a loss of the transient temperature response and the generation of only a steady state solution. An inappropriately small time step may produce nonphysical spatial oscillations in the early time temperature field due to the limited resolution ability (for temperature gradients) of the finite element mesh. Obviously, the judicious choice of a time step is important for both economy and accuracy of the analysis. The method for estimating a time step as outlined below is due to Nickell\textsuperscript{16} and Levi\textsuperscript{17} and is based on an analytic solution to the one-dimensional heat conduction equation.

In the following discussion, it is assumed that a finite element mesh has been constructed that will adequately model the thermal phenomena of interest (e.g., thermal shock problems will require a fine mesh near the boundary). For a given spatial model, a local characteristic length, $\Delta x$, is chosen based on element size. Typically, this characteristic length is measured normal to a boundary on which a temperature or heat flux (source) disturbance occurs.

Based on the characteristic length, the local heat transfer coefficient, $h$, and the local thermal conductivity, a local Biot number ($\text{Bi} = h\Delta x/k$) can be computed. For prescribed temperature, heat flux or heat source boundary conditions, the Biot number is assumed large.

In order to bound the thermal gradient that will occur during the first time step, the ratio of the temperature at a distance $\Delta x$ (characteristic length) from the boundary to the boundary temperature is selected. Let this ratio be defined by $\Theta = T(\Delta x)/T_{\text{surface}}$. Typical values for $\Theta$ will range from 10 to 25%.
With the estimated values for local Biot number and temperature ratio, a local Fourier number \((F_o = \alpha \Delta t / \Delta x^2)\) may be found from the charts in Figures 30 through 32. These charts are based on an analytic solution for one-dimensional conduction with a convective boundary condition. A value for the local Fourier number and values for the characteristic length and thermal diffusivity, \(\alpha\) then allow a time step, \(\Delta t\) to be computed.

As an example of the procedure outlined above, consider the transient problem described in Example 2 of a previous section. The pertinent material properties (steel) were given as,

\[
\begin{align*}
\rho &= 7.689 \text{ gm/cm}^3 \\
C_p &= .46 \text{ W-s/gm-C} \\
k &= .22 \text{ W/cm-C} \\
\alpha &= .0622 \text{ cm}^2/s
\end{align*}
\]

The characteristic length \(\Delta x\) is based on the size of element number 1 (or any element along the outside edge of the bar, Figure 19) and is equal to \(\Delta x = .35\) cm. Since the boundary temperature is specified, the Biot number is taken as infinite. Assuming \(\theta = 10\%\), then Figure 32 yields a Fourier number of \(F_o = .2\). Thus,

\[
\Delta t = \frac{(1.2)(.35)^2}{(.0622)} = .393 \text{ s}
\]

In the analysis of Example 2, a time step of \(\Delta t = .4\) s was used in the first time integration interval.
FIGURE 30
FIGURE 31
FIGURE 32

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REFERENCES


