Plano-parallel models of the electrical systems with non-uniform heat exchange on a perimeter
Part I. Stationary thermal field

Abstract. The stationary thermal field in a plano-parallel system was determined in the article with the aid of an analytical method. Three different coefficients of the heat transfer were assumed on a perimeter of the system cross-section. The temperature distribution was obtained by superposition of the particular integral of Poisson’s equation and a general integral of Laplace’s equation, taking into account Hankel’s boundary conditions. The problem considered here can be a mathematical model of the two-dimensional thermal field in a rectangular DC busway or in a long dielectric capacitative heated. For this reason the method of determination of the steady state current rating and the maximal electric field strength in a dielectric was presented in the paper. The results of computations were numerically verified and presented in the graphic form.

Streszczenie. Za pomocą metody analitycznej w artykule wyznaczono stacjonarne pole termiczne w plasko-równoległym układzie. Na obwodzie jego przekroju założono trzy różne współczynniki przejmowania ciepła. Rozkład temperatury uzyskano superponując całą szczególną równaną Poissona i ogólną równaną Laplace’a z uwzględnieniem warunków brzegowych Hankela. Rozpatrywane zagadnienie może stanowić model matematyczny dwuwymiarowego pola termicznego w prostokątnym szynoprzewodzie DC lub w długim dielektryku nagrzewanym pojemnościowo. Z tego powodu w pracy przedstawiono metodę wyznaczania długotrwałego prądu dopuszczalnego i maksymalnego natężenia pola elektrycznego w dielektryku. Wyniki zweryfikowano na drodze numerycznej i przedstawiono w postaci graficznej.

Keywords: analytical methods of the field theory, stationary thermal field, computer aid, steady state current rating
Słowa kluczowe: analityczne metody teorii pola, stacjonarne pole termiczne, wspomaganie komputerowe, długotrwały prąd dopuszczalny

Introduction
Plano-parallel thermal models are the systems, which length is significantly larger than their cross-sectional dimensions. Moreover, the field sources and boundary conditions should be constant along the length of a model. The examples of the mentioned systems are: long sections of a DC busway with the rectangular cross-section and cubicoidal dielectric charges placed in the electrode heaters (e.g. in wood drying and laminates manufacturing). In the first case an uniform distribution of the heating power density is obvious (lack of the skin effect). In turn capacitative heating the analogical effect is observed for a zero potential of one of the electrodes of a heating capacitor and a small difference of the potentials on the other one (10% maximum). In practice it is realized by supplying the heating capacitor at many points or by the respective connection of an inductance between electrodes [1]. The other method of equalization of the electric field in a charge is reduction of a frequency of the capacitor supply source.

In case of the rectangular DC busway a knowledge of the temperature distribution in the steady state is very useful for an accurate determination of the steady state current rating [2], [3]. In turn in the capacitative heating a stationary distribution of the temperature has a great importance in the sustained heat generation by a small power [4]. Then it is also important to determine the warmest point of a charge, what prevents, among others, a loss of its desirable properties or even a devastation. Also a difference between the maximal and minimal temperature (i.e. gradient) is important.

The stationary thermal field can be determined by the analytical and numerical way, as well. Basic advantage of the analytical solution are the results in the form of formulas. They enable, among others, discussion on the influence of particular parameters and physical interpretation of the obtained results, as well. Besides formulas enable to test the programs for numerical computations. From the above presented reasons the authors decided for an analytical solution of the problem.

In [5], [6], [7] the thermal field of a plano-parallel model was determined in terms of the convectional heat exchange. The heat transfer coefficient was assumed identical on the whole perimeter of the system. In [5] the thermal field of a column of the transformer was analyzed, where two different heat transfer coefficients were assumed (but the same on opposite surfaces of the system). The above mentioned problems were solved in [5], [6], [7] by the Roth method ([i.e. by eigenfunctions of the Laplace’s operator [8] and by the method of integral transformations [9]. In the present paper the separation of variables method [10] was applied instead. Such an approach is motivated by much simpler and more convenient final solution in the form of single series (in [5], [6], [7] double series were obtained of much worse convergence). The selected method enabled to avoid troubles connected with realization of the inverse integral transformation [9]. In authors opinion an original element of the presented article is consideration on the analytical way of three different heat transfer coefficients on a perimeter of the system (Fig. 1, αχ≠αγ≠ατ). Such a model better responds to the real heat exchange than the one with a constant value of the coefficient on the whole edge of the system [5], [6], [7].

Boundary problem of the plano-parallel field model
The subject of the analysis is a plano-parallel system, which cross-section is shown in Fig. 1. It is convenient to present the boundary problem with respect to a thermal increment v(x,y), referred to the ambient temperature Tw
\[ v(x,y) = T(x,y) - T_w, \]
where: T(x,y), - stationary temperature field distribution in the system.
Temperature increase (1) with the assumption of a homogeneous structure of the model material is described by the Poisson equation [11], [12]
\[ \frac{\partial^2 v(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v(x,y)}{\partial y^2} = \frac{g}{\lambda} \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq x \leq a \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq y \leq b, \]

where:
(2a) \( g = \frac{\mathbf{E}^2}{4\pi^2} \) - efficiency of spatial heat sources in case of a DC busway or
(2b) \( g = \sigma \varepsilon \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}^2 \) - efficiency of spatial heat sources in case of a dielectric charge \([1]\), \( \lambda \) - specific thermal conductivity, \( \rho \) - specific resistivity, \( I \) - DC current intensity, 
\((2a,b)\) - cross-sectional dimensions of the system (Fig. 1), 
\( \alpha(t) \) - supplying pulsation, \( \varepsilon \) - real part of the complex permittivity of a charge, \( \gamma \) - loss coefficient, \( E \) - rms value of the electric field.

The general integral was determined by separation of variables \([10]\) in Laplace’s equation (i.e. with the zeroed right side of (2)) with the constant \((\gamma/b)^2\). After consideration of the thermal conditions symmetry with respect to the plane \( x=0 \) (i.e. evenness of the solution) it was obtained finally, that

\[
\begin{align*}
\psi_c(x,y) = & \frac{-2g}{2\lambda} + A y + B + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\frac{n\pi x}{L} \left[ C_n \sin\frac{n\pi y}{b} + D_n \cos\frac{n\pi y}{b} \right]
\end{align*}
\]

for \(|y| \leq a\) and \( 0 \leq b \), where: \( A, B \) - constants, \( C_n, D_n \) - coefficients of trigonometric series, \( \gamma \) - dimensionless eigenvalues of the problem. Relation (4) fulfills equation (3b). With the aid of (3c) and (4) the number of constants and coefficients of the series were reduced. Relation (4) takes then the form of

\[
\begin{align*}
\psi_c(x,y) = & \frac{-2g}{2\lambda} + B \alpha_t + \frac{\alpha_B}{\gamma_n} y + \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \gamma_n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \gamma_n^2} \left[ \alpha_{\gamma_n} \gamma_n \sin\frac{n\pi y}{b} + \gamma_n \cos\frac{n\pi y}{b} \right]
\end{align*}
\]

Introducing (5a) to (3d) a constant was determined

\[
B = \frac{2bg\alpha_t + \gamma_n \alpha_{\gamma_n} y + \frac{\alpha_B}{\gamma_n} y + \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \gamma_n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \gamma_n^2}}{2(\lambda\alpha_t + \gamma_n \alpha_{\gamma_n} y + \frac{\alpha_B}{\gamma_n} y + \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \gamma_n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \gamma_n^2})}
\]

and the equation of eigenvalues

\[
(5b) \quad \gamma_n = \frac{(\alpha_t + \alpha_{\gamma_n} \lambda \gamma_n^2 - \gamma_n^2 \alpha_{\gamma_n} b^2)},
\]

where \( \gamma_n \) are consecutive positive roots of equation (5b). It is necessary to determine the unknown coefficient \( D_n \) in (5a), as well. For this reason (5a) was introduced to (3a)

\[
\begin{align*}
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \left( \frac{\alpha_t}{\gamma_n b} \sin\frac{n\pi y}{b} + \frac{\alpha_B}{\gamma_n b} \cos\frac{n\pi y}{b} \right) &= \frac{-\alpha_t}{\lambda} \left( \frac{-2g}{2\lambda} + \gamma_n \frac{\alpha_{\gamma_n}}{\gamma_n^2} y + \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \gamma_n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \gamma_n^2} \left[ \alpha_{\gamma_n} \gamma_n \sin\frac{n\pi y}{b} + \gamma_n \cos\frac{n\pi y}{b} \right] \right) \\
\end{align*}
\]

Then relation (7) was multiplied by \( \frac{\alpha_{\gamma_n}}{\gamma_n^2} \left( \sin\frac{n\pi y}{b} + \cos\frac{n\pi y}{b} \right) \) and integrated by sides with respect to the coordinate \( y \) in a sector \( 0, b \). Orthogonality of the given above sequence of functions \( \{ \cdot \} \) in the considered sector was used (respective prove is presented in the appendix). Finally coefficient \( D_n \) is expressed as below

\[
D_n = \frac{1}{B} \left( \frac{\alpha_t}{\lambda} + \gamma_n \alpha_{\gamma_n} b \right) \left( \frac{\alpha_{\gamma_n}}{\gamma_n^2} \sin\frac{n\pi y}{b} + \gamma_n \cos\frac{n\pi y}{b} \right) dy
\]

where: \( B \) is given by formula (5b) and

\[
\left\| N(n) \right\|^2 = \frac{\alpha_{\gamma_n}}{\gamma_n^2} \left( \sin\frac{n\pi y}{b} + \cos\frac{n\pi y}{b} \right)^2 \ dx - \text{is a square of the norm} \ [12] \text{of the functional sequence given in the above.}
\]

After computation of the respective integrals in (8), taking advantage of the equation of eigenvalues (6) and simplifications, the investigated coefficient \( D_n \) was expressed by the formula
Finally the stationary temperature distribution in the system results from relation (1)

\[
T(x, y) = T_m + v_m(x, y),
\]

where: increase \(v_m(x, y)\) is given by formula (5a), coefficient \(D_m\) was determined with the aid of (9) (after exchange \(m \rightarrow n\)), where constant \(b\) and eigenvalues \(\gamma_n\) were determined from (5b) and (6), respectively.

Selection of the power density conditioned by the material and technological requirements.

In order to determine maximal power density (and then \(E_{\text{max}}\)) is a rising function of the density of a generated power. Than in case of a busway or maximal temperature of a charge limited by material and technological requirements.

In order to determine \(I_{\text{max}}\) or \(E_{\text{max}}\), the algorithm presented in Fig. 2 was developed. It was implemented on the Mathematica platform [14]. In Fig. 2 five functional blocks were shown:

I) segment of introduction of the necessary data (in dependence on the analyzed model),

II) segment of investigation of the coordinates of the warmest point:

For determination of the extremes, functions accessible in the Mathematica programme [14] were used. The MAXIMIZE[...] function was chosen based on the analytical (symbolic) method for finding maximums of the function of two variables in the given area (rectangle \([a, b] \times [c, d]\) in case of a dielectric charge). Because of the thermal danger of surroundings, in case of a busway the domain of investigations is its perimeter \([x=a, y=b, y=b]\). In that situation maximums of the single variable function (the other variable is a coordinate of the edge) are determined on each edge. A final location of the point of the highest temperature on a perimeter results from the comparison of maximal values determined for each side of the busway.

III) segment for finding a starting interval \(<g_{\alpha}, g_{\beta}>\),

IV) segment of determination of the maximal power density by the method of bisection [15] with accuracy \(\varepsilon\) [16],

V) segment of computation of the steady state current rating \(I_{\text{max}}\) or maximal field strength \(E_{\text{max}}\).

**Computational examples**

The computer programme was developed in terms of the Mathematica package [14]. It determines field distributions (10) and computes the steady state current rating \(I_{\text{max}}\) or the maximal electric field strength \(E_{\text{max}}\) (Fig. 2). Two different models were investigated. In the first case an aluminium busway was analyzed. The following data were assumed:

\[
(a=0.005\text{m}, b=0.04\text{m}, T_o=25\text{°C}, \lambda=229\text{W/(mK)}, 
\rho=4.8\text{W/(mK)}), \quad (a=0.005\text{m}, b=0.04\text{m}, T_o=25\text{°C}, \lambda=229\text{W/(mK)}, 
\rho=4.8\text{W/(mK)}).
\]

For the set of data (12) the following results were obtained: \(x_M=0\text{m}, y_M=0.0151\text{m}, g_{\text{max}}=211255\text{W/m}^3\) and \(I_{\text{max}}=919.2\text{A}\).

In the second case capacitive heating of a fir plank with 10% of water contain was considered. The following data were assumed:

\[
(a=0.015\text{m}, b=0.1\text{m}, T_o=25\text{°C}, \lambda=0.13\text{W/(mK)}, 
\rho=3.5\text{W/(mK)}), \quad (a=0.005\text{m}, b=0.04\text{m}, T_o=25\text{°C}, \lambda=229\text{W/(mK)}, 
\rho=4.8\text{W/(mK)}).
\]

For the set of data (13) there were determined: \(x_M=0\text{m}, y_M=0.049\text{m}, g_{\text{max}}=21398.4\text{W/m}^3\) and \(E_{\text{max}}=9930\text{V/m}\).

**Selection of the power density conditioned by the sustained maximal temperature**

Determination of the location and value of the maximal temperature is very important. Because on that basis the admissible power density \(g_{\text{max}}\) can be determined. In case of a busway it enables computation of the steady state current rating \(I_{\text{max}}\) from (2a) after exchange \(I \rightarrow I_{\text{max}}\). In turn of a dielectric charge the power density determines admissible electric field strength \(E_{\text{max}}\) from (2b) after exchange \(E \rightarrow E_{\text{max}}\). In both of the mentioned cases the temperature is a rising function of the density of a generated power. Than in order to determine maximal power density (and then \(I_{\text{max}}\) or \(E_{\text{max}}\)) it is sufficient to solve the following equation with respect to \(g_{\text{max}}\)

\[
T(x = x_M, y = y_M, g = g_{\text{max}}) = T_{\text{max}},
\]
the decimal point (independently of the choice of a point). In that conditions the summation was reduced to first three terms of (5a). In turn in case of the capacitative heating, the convergence of (5a) was slower and depended in higher degree from location of the point. The worst convergence appeared in corners of the system. Finally in the computations of a dielectric charge 30 terms of (5a) were considered. Increase of the summation index to 50 terms caused a change of the result on 4-th place after the decimal point at the given above points of the slowest convergence.

The results of computations of both models were shown in the graphic form. In Fig. 3 the field distribution was shown in a busway loaded by the steady state current rating \( I_{\text{max}} = 919.24 \). In turn in Fig. 4 the temperature field distribution was illustrated in a wooden plank with the maximal electric field strength \( E_{\text{max}} = 9930 \text{V/m} \).

**Fig. 3** Distribution of the thermal field in an aluminum busway with loading by the steady state current rating \( I_{\text{max}} = 919.24 \).

Verification of the presented method was carried out, as well. For this aim the obtained results were compared with the computations realized by the finite element method [17]. It is a background of the NISA/HEAT TRANSFER programme [18], which was utilized in the numerical analysis. The both models were approximated by a mesh consisting of 800 quadrupole elements and 2521 nodes. In order to discretise the boundary problem (1)–(3) on the plane \((x, y)\), the NISA v. 16 programme takes advantage of Galerkin’s procedure [19]. It leads to the implicit scheme (i.e. to the matrix equation with respect to the temperature at nodes). It was solved by the iterative method [18]. This way the investigated temperature vector was determined. Then relative differences of the distributions were computed in accordance with the formula

\[
100\% \times \frac{T_{\text{FE}}(x, y) - T_{\text{AN}}(x, y)}{T_{\text{FE}}(x, y)}, \text{ where}
\]

\( T_{\text{AN}}(x, y) \) - temperature distribution obtained by the developed analytical method, \( T_{\text{FE}}(x, y) \) - temperature distribution computed by the finite element method. In Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 relation (14) was illustrated in a busway and in a wood, respectively.

**Fig. 4** Distribution of the thermal field in a fir plank (of 10% water contain) with the admissible maximal electric field strength \( E_{\text{max}} = 9930 \text{V/m} \).

**Fig. 5** Relative differences of the temperature distributions obtained in a busway by the finite element method and by the analytical one.

**Fig. 6** Relative differences of the temperature distributions obtained in a fir plank by the finite element method and by the analytical one.
Final remarks
A) From Fig. 3 follows, that the temperature distribution in a busway is almost uniform in the whole region \((0, x_2, 0, y_2)\). The difference between the maximal and minimal temperature considered in the system (not on a perimeter) is only \(\Delta T=T(x=0, y=0.375b)-(x=x_2, y=b)=0.07^\circ C\). The physical reason of the above phenomenon is very large the thermal conductivity of aluminum. A different picture of the field distribution was observed there. The difference between the maximal and minimal temperature in a model reached up to \(\Delta T=T(x=0, y=0.49b)-T(x=x_2, y=b)=33.6^\circ C\). It is caused by the relatively small value of the thermal conductivity of wood. In Fig. 3 and 4 it can be noticed, as well, that (independent of a model) a slightly higher temperature arised on the bottom edge of the models than from the bottom ones i.e. \(a_{gy} > a_g\). From Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 follows, as well, that the highest temperature of both models was reached in their interior. Maximums on the plane \(x=0\) are shifted with respect to the geometrical centre of the system in direction to the bottom edge \((y=0)\) of the highest temperature. In Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 a symmetry can be noticed of the field distribution with respect to the plane \(x=0\). It results from the same values of heat transfer coefficients from vertical walls of the models \((x=x_2)\). Then the obtained solutions have a good physical interpretation.

B) In both considered systems the relative differences of temperature distributions (computed by the finite element method and by the analytical one) are very small (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6). Because of a smaller density of the FE mesh larger deviations are observed, after all, in the case of the capacitative heating (Fig. 6). Then the presented solution (10) can be admitted as verified.

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Appendix
The proof of orthogonality of the functional sequence

\[
\frac{a_{gy} b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y)
\]

in a sector \((0, b)\).

For \(n\) it takes

\[
I(n,m) = \int_0^{\gamma_g b} \frac{a_{gy} b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y) dy =
\]

\[
= \frac{a_{gy} b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y) - \frac{a_{gy} b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y) \frac{b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y) \frac{b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y) \frac{b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y)
\]

To the above formula equation of eigenvalues (6) was substituted in the form

\[
\sin(\gamma_g y) = \frac{(a_{gy} + b_{gy})}{\gamma_g b} \gamma_g y + \gamma_g y
\]

and the same but with respect to the series of eigenvalues \(\gamma_g\). Hence it follows, that

\[
I(n,m) = \frac{b^2}{\lambda_{gy} b_m} \left( (a_{gy} + b_{gy}) \gamma_g y - (a_{gy} + b_{gy}) \gamma_g y + \gamma_g y \cos(\gamma_g y) - \frac{b}{\gamma_g b} \gamma_g y + \gamma_g y \cos(\gamma_g y) + \gamma_g y \cos(\gamma_g y) - \gamma_g y \cos(\gamma_g y)
\]

(15)

A square of the norm of the considered functional sequence has to be determined yet

\[
\|N(m)\|^2 = \int_0^{\gamma_g b} \left( \frac{a_{gy} b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y) \frac{b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y) \frac{b}{\gamma_g b} \sin(\gamma_g y) + \cos(\gamma_g y) \right) dy =
\]

(16)
Then finally from relations (15) and (16) follows, that

\[
I(n,m) = \int_0^b \left( \frac{\alpha_1 b}{\gamma_m b} \sin\left(\frac{\gamma_m y}{b}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\gamma_m y}{b}\right) \right) \left( \frac{\alpha_2 b}{\gamma_m b} \sin\left(\frac{\gamma_m y}{b}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\gamma_m y}{b}\right) \right) dy =
\]

\[
= \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{for } n \neq m \\
N(m) & > 0 & \text{for } n = m
\end{cases}
\]

QED (quod erat demonstrandum).

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