Estimation of Temperature Distribution on Inner Surface from Outer Surface Temperature Using Mathematical Analysis-Based Inverse Analysis

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It has been recognized that fluctuation of fluid temperature in a pipe may induce high cycle thermal fatigue in the pipe. The knowledge about the temperature distribution is important to prevent the high cycle fatigue [1, 2]. It is, however, difficult to measure the inner surface temperature directly. The monitoring of the temperature distributions by using the outer surface temperature distribution is promising to solve the problem [3-6].

This paper presents an inverse method for estimating the temperature distribution on the twodimensional inner surface from the measured temperature distribution on the outer surface.

As an extreme of thin pipe, we consider a three-dimensional flat plate shown in Fig. 1. The inner surface, which corresponds to the bottom surface in the figure, is subjected to temperature fluctuation due to cavity flow. The outer surface, which corresponds to the upper surface in the figure, is adiabatically insulated.

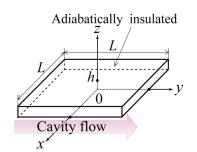


Fig. 1 3-dimensional flat plate

Mathematical analysis was made to investigate the relationship between the temperatures on the inner surface and on the outer surface. Based on the mathematical analysis it was found that the relationship can be characterized by the reduction ratio in amplitude R and time delay Δt . An inverse analysis method was proposed, in which the inner surface temperature fluctuation is estimated by amplifying the outer surface temperature by 1/R and by advancing by Δt .

Numerical simulations were made to examine the applicability of the proposed method. An example of the inner surface temperature is shown in Fig. 2. It was found that the temperature distribution on the inner surface can be estimated reasonably from that on the outer surface even in the existence of measurement error.

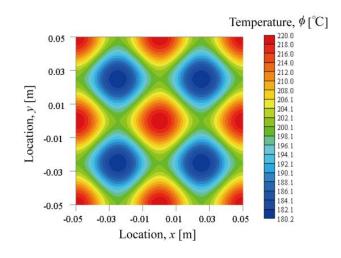


Fig. 2 Inner surface temperature distribution

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