

Math 330 Reading Questions

Sections 1.1 – 1.2

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Answer the following questions as you read the textbook. This sheet will be collected at the beginning of class on Tuesday. Your answers will be graded for completeness.

1. What is **thermal energy density**? What units could you use for this quantity?

2. The heat energy in a rod changes only as a result of what two processes?

3. What is the physical interpretation of **heat flux** $\phi(x, t)$? What are possible units for this quantity?

4. The text gives the equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b e \, dx = \phi(a, t) - \phi(b, t) + \int_a^b Q \, dx.$$

Explain what each of the four terms in this equation represents.

5. What theorem allows the text to say $\phi(a, t) - \phi(b, t) = - \int_a^b \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx$?

6. What is the relationship between thermal energy and temperature? (Give a formula.)

7. What is Fourier's law of heat conduction?

8. Write down at least one form of the heat equation.