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How to use

This directory contains 3 codes that achieve different tasks:

- CriticalityFudgeFactor.py: computes the fudge factor of a given reactor configuration,
- 1SpeedReactor.py: integrates over time the neutron flux dynamics of a given 1 speed reactor configuration,
- 1SpeedReactorCR.py: as the above but also control rods dynamics is included in the integration.

All the parameters for these codes must be inserted in apposite . dat files in this directory:

- Parameters . dat: contains all the simulation parameters and options,
- grid.dat: contains the geometrical information of the reactor configuration space and the initial conditions,
- Sigma_absorption.dat: contains the absorption values of the moderator over the configuration space.
- Sigma_fuel.dat: contains the production values of the fuel over the configuration space,
- Control_rods.dat: contains the maximum absorption values of the control rods over the configuration space.

All these files are shared between all the codes.

Parameters insertion

Parameters.dat contains the following variables:

- t_max is the time duration (s) of time integration,
- delta t is the time discretization step,
- omega is the weight used in successive relaxation method
- D is the diffusion parameter,
- v is the average speed of neutron,
- fudge is the fudge factor
- Delta is the spacial discretization step.

```
t_max = 10
delta_t = 0.1
omega = 1
conv_criterion = 1E-5
D = 10
v = 1
fudge = 0.045210616027732034
Delta = 0.2
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All these parameters can be inserted in any order and spaces can be omitted. Any unknown parameter will be ignored by the code and for every missing parameter the code will use default values.

grid. dat must be set in a matrix form, in the following way:

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Each element of the matrix must be separated by a space char. Numerical entries will be interpreted as initial condition (or guess) of the neutron flux, the char E is instead interpreted as an empty cell which flux is always zero (Boundary condition). Any other value is rejected as invalid.

Sigma_absorption.dat, Sigma_fuel.dat and Control_rods.dat must be set as the above but only numerical values are allowed (set zero values for the corresponding empty cells).