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# **Nodal Expansion Method Code for IAEA Benchmark Problem**

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# Input Format

## ❖ IAEA Benchmark Problem INPUT

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Options (
  Dimension 3
  MeshSize 10 10 20
  Albedo 0 0.4692 0 0.4692 0.4692 0.4692
);

Geometry (
  NodeNum 17 17 19
  xNodeSize 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
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  3 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 . . . .
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  4 4 4 4 4 4 4 . . . . . . . .
);

CXLibrary (
  CXTableNum 5
  CXTable 1 (
    DiffCoeff 1.5E+00 4.0E-01
    SigAbs 1.0E-02 8.0E-02
    nuSigFis 0.0E+00 1.35E-01
    SigChi 1.0E-00 0.0E+00
    SigSca 0.0E-00 2.0E-02
    0.0E-00 0.0E-00
  );
  CXTable 2 (
    DiffCoeff 1.5E+00 4.0E-01
    SigAbs 1.0E-02 8.5E-02
    nuSigFis 0.0E+00 1.35E-01
    SigChi 1.0E+00 0.0E+00
    SigSca 0.0E-00 2.0E-02
    0.0E-00 0.0E-00
  );
  CXTable 3 (
    DiffCoeff 1.5E+00 4.0E-01
    SigAbs 1.0E-02 1.3E-01
    nuSigFis 0.0E+00 1.35E-01
    SigChi 1.0E+00 0.0E+00
    SigSca 0.0E-00 2.0E-02
    0.0E-00 0.0E-00
  );
  CXTable 4 (
    DiffCoeff 2.0E+00 3.0E-01
    SigAbs 0.0E+00 1.0E-02
    nuSigFis 0.0E+00 0.0E+00
    SigChi 0.0E+00 0.0E+00
    SigSca 0.0E-00 4.0E-02
    0.0E-00 0.0E-00
  );
  CXTable 0 (
    DiffCoeff 2.0E+00 3.0E-01
    SigAbs 0.0E+00 5.5E-02
    nuSigFis 0.0E+00 0.0E+00
    SigChi 0.0E+00 0.0E+00
    SigSca 0.0E-00 4.0E-02
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  );
);
```

# Problem

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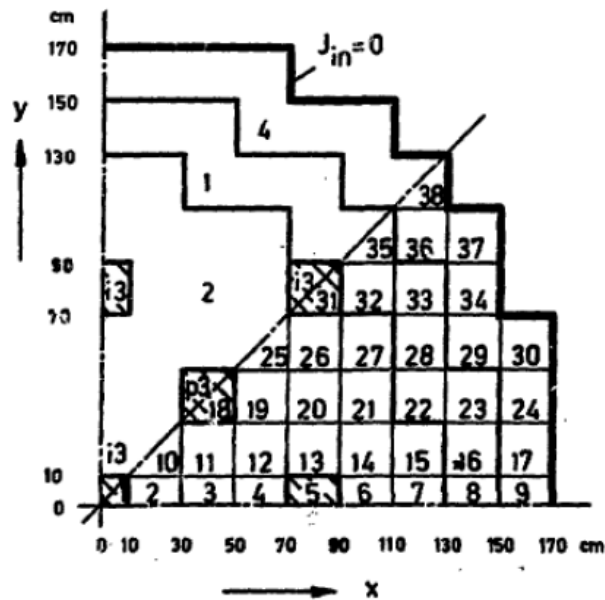
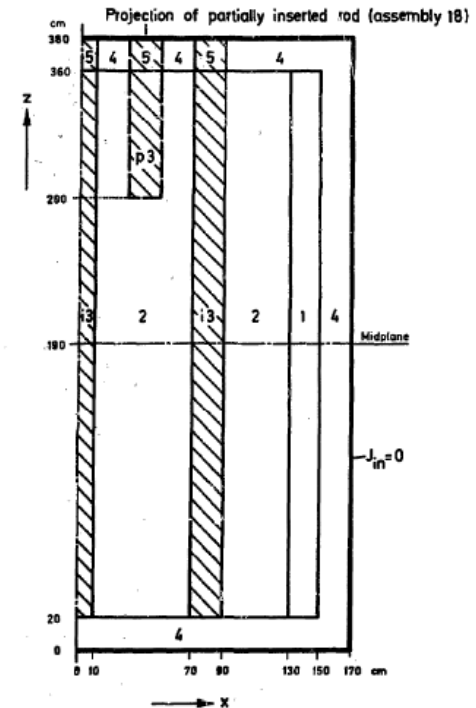


Fig. 1:  
Horizontal Cross  
Section.  
Upper Octant:  
Region Assignments  
Lower Octant:  
Fuel Assembly  
Identification



Argonne Code Center, Benchmark Problem Book, ANL-7416, Suppl. 2, p. 277, Argonne National Laboratory (1977).

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Two-group Constants

Region	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	Σ <sub>1→2</sub>	Σ <sub>a1</sub>	Σ <sub>a2</sub>	νΣ <sub>f2</sub>	Material
1	1.5	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.08	0.135	Fuel 1
2	1.5	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.085	0.135	Fuel 2
3	1.5	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.13	0.135	Fuel 2 + Rod
4	2.0	0.3	0.04	0	0.01	0	Reflector
5	2.0	0.3	0.04	0	0.055	0	Refl. + Rod

For finite difference diffusion theory codes the following form is considered equivalent

$$\frac{\partial \phi_g}{\partial n} = - \frac{0.4692}{D_g} \phi_g$$

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# Numerical Results

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## ❖ Condition

- Outer iteration :  $10^{-6}$  for maximum relative value

## Convergence Criteria

- Outer Loop :  $\max\left(\frac{\phi^{(t)} - \phi^{(t-1)}}{\phi^{(t-1)}}\right) < 10^{-6}$

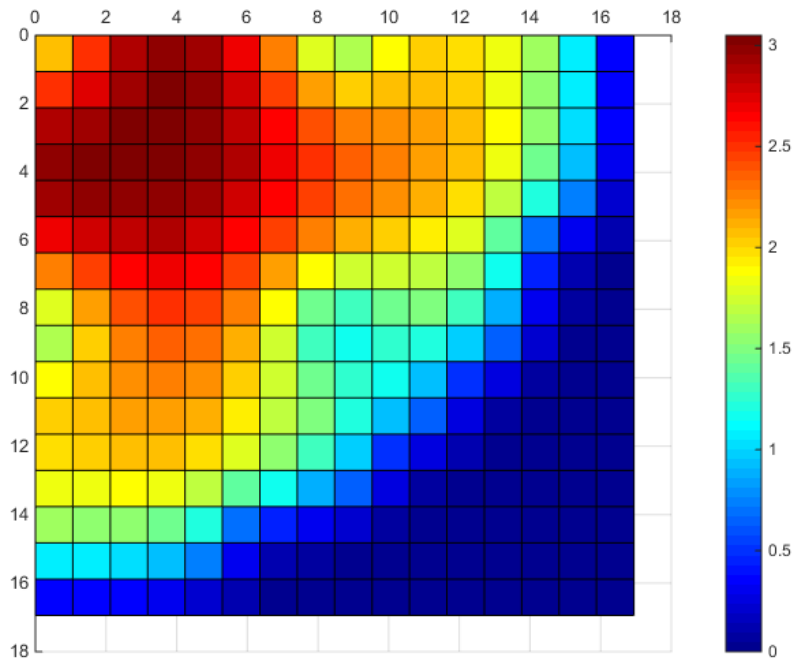
## ❖ Multiplication Factor

- $17 \times 17 \times 19$  : 1.02911 (Reference : 1.02913)

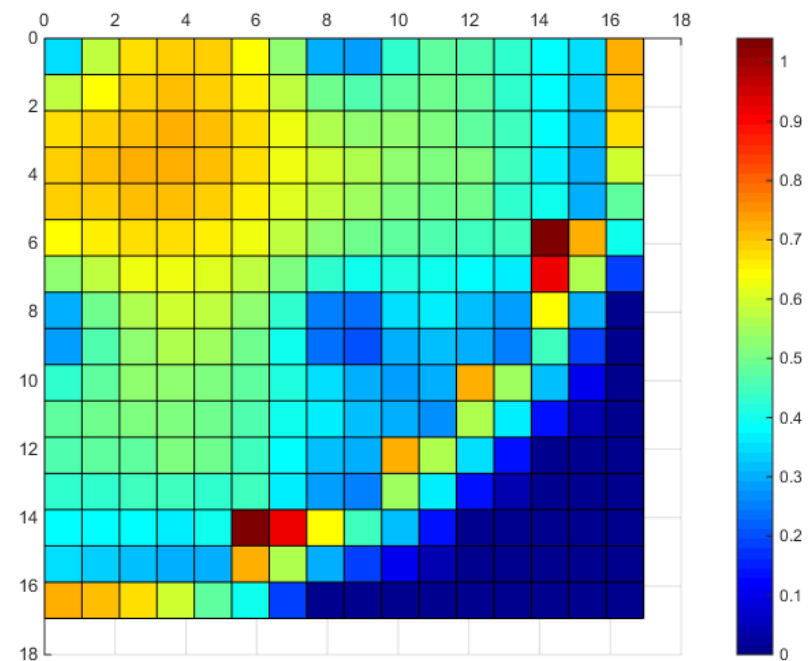
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Iteration : 1421 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.05339e-06
Iteration : 1422 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.04832e-06
Iteration : 1423 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.04328e-06
Iteration : 1424 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.03826e-06
Iteration : 1425 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.03327e-06
Iteration : 1426 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.0283e-06
Iteration : 1427 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.02336e-06
Iteration : 1428 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.01844e-06
Iteration : 1429 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.01354e-06
Iteration : 1430 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.00866e-06
Iteration : 1431 keff : 1.02911 Error = 1.00381e-06
Iteration : 1432 keff : 1.02911 Error = 9.98987e-07
5.367(sec)
```

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## ❖ Flux Distribution -In midplane $z = 190\text{cm}$



Group1



Group2