

IQS: Status Update

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Time-dependent Multigroup Diffusion

Equations

Neutron flux ϕ^g :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{v^g} \frac{\partial \phi^g}{\partial t} = & \frac{\chi_p^g}{k_{eff}} \sum_{g'=1}^G (1 - \beta) \nu^{g'} \Sigma_f^{g'} \phi^{g'} - \left(-\vec{\nabla} \cdot D^g \vec{\nabla} + \Sigma_r^g \right) \phi^g \\ & + \sum_{g' \neq g}^G \Sigma_s^{g' \rightarrow g} \phi^{g'} + \sum_{i=1}^I \chi_{d,i}^g \lambda_i C_i, \quad 1 \leq g \leq G \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Precursors C_i

$$\frac{dC_i}{dt} = \frac{\beta_i}{k_{eff}} \sum_{g=1}^G \nu^g \Sigma_f^g \phi^g - \lambda_i C_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq I \quad (2)$$

with

$$\beta = \sum_{i=1}^I \beta_i \quad (3)$$

Factorization

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Decomposition of the multigroup flux into the product of a time-dependent amplitude (p) and a space-/time-dependent multigroup shape (φ):

$$\phi^g(\vec{r}, t) = p(t)\varphi^g(\vec{r}, t) \quad (4)$$

When reporting this in the previous equations, this leads to the so-called **shape** equations.

Shape equations

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The shape equations are similar to the original diffusion equations:

$$\frac{1}{\nu^g} \frac{\partial \varphi^g}{\partial t} = \frac{\chi_p^g}{k_{eff}} \sum_{g'=1}^G (1 - \beta) \nu^{g'} \Sigma_f^{g'} \varphi^{g'} - \left(-\vec{\nabla} \cdot D^g \vec{\nabla} + \Sigma_r^g + \frac{1}{\nu^g} \frac{1}{p} \frac{dp}{dt} \right) \varphi^g + \sum_{g' \neq g}^G \Sigma_s^{g' \rightarrow g} \varphi^{g'} + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^I \chi_{d,i}^g \lambda_i C_i, \quad 1 \leq g \leq G \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{dC_i}{dt} = \frac{\beta_i}{k_{eff}} \sum_{g=1}^G \nu^g \Sigma_f^g p \varphi^g - \lambda_i C_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq I \quad (6)$$

Differences

- 1 An additional removal term based on $\frac{1}{\nu^g} \frac{1}{p} \frac{dp}{dt} \varphi^g$
- 2 Delayed neutron source term scaled by $\frac{1}{p}$
- 3 **No change** in the precursor equations but we re-write them to show explicitly $p \times \varphi^g$

Amplitude equations (PRKE)

Principle

To obtain the amplitude equation, we multiply the shape equations with a weighting function (initial adjoint flux, ϕ^*), then integrate over phase-space.

Notation

For brevity, the adjoint flux product and integration over space will be represented with parenthetical notation:

$$\int_D \phi^{*g}(\vec{r}) f^g(\vec{r}) d^3r = (\phi^{*g}, f^g) \quad (7)$$

Uniqueness of the factorization

In order to impose uniqueness of the factorization, one requires:

$$K_0 = \sum_{g=1}^G \left(\phi^{*g}, \frac{1}{v^g} \varphi^g \right) = \text{constant} \quad (8)$$

PRKE (continued)

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$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \left[\frac{\rho - \bar{\beta}}{\Lambda} \right] p + \sum_{i=1}^I \bar{\lambda}_i \xi_i \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d\xi_i}{dt} = \frac{\bar{\beta}_i}{\Lambda} - \bar{\lambda}_i \xi_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq I \quad (10)$$

Coefficients

$$\frac{\rho}{\Lambda} = \sum_{g=1}^G \frac{\left(\phi^{*g}, \sum_{g'=1}^G \frac{\chi_p^g}{k_{eff}} \nu^{g'} \Sigma_f^{g'} \varphi^{g'} + \sum_{g' \neq g}^G \Sigma_s^{g' \rightarrow g} \varphi^{g'} - \left(-\vec{\nabla} \cdot D^g \vec{\nabla} + \Sigma_r^g \right) \varphi^g \right)}{(\phi^{*g}, \frac{1}{v^g} \varphi^g)} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\bar{\beta}}{\Lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^I \frac{\bar{\beta}_i}{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{k_{eff}} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{g=1}^G \frac{(\phi^{*g}, \beta_i \nu^g \Sigma_f^g \varphi^g)}{(\phi^{*g}, \frac{1}{v^g} \varphi^g)} \quad (12)$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_i = \sum_{g=1}^G \frac{(\phi^{*g}, \chi_{d,i}^g \lambda_i C_i)}{(\phi^{*g}, \chi_{d,i}^g C_i)} \quad (13)$$

Coupling

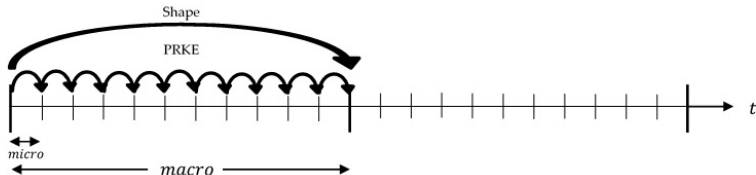
Factorization leads to a **nonlinear** system

The amplitude and shape equations form a system of **nonlinear** coupled equations:

- 1 the coefficients appearing in the PRKEs depend upon the shape solution,
- 2 the shape equation has a kernel dependent on amplitude and its derivative,
- 3 the delayed neutron source term is scaled by the amplitude.

Time scales and IQS method solution process

Because solving for the shape can be expensive, especially in two or three dimensions, it is attractive to make the assumption that the shape is weakly time-dependent so the shape can be computed after a multitude of PRKE calculations which is the root of IQS:



Convergence criteria

Ideally

The normalization constant should not change

$$K_0 = \sum_{g=1}^G \left(\phi^{*g}, \frac{1}{v^g} \varphi^g(t=0) \right) \quad (14)$$

So we use

$$\left| \frac{\sum_{g=1}^G (\phi^{*g}, \frac{1}{v^g} \varphi^g(t=t^{n+1}))}{K_0} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{K_{n+1}}{K_0} - 1 \right| < tol \quad (15)$$

We have seen in practice

$$\frac{\|\varphi_{g,t_{n+1}}^{\ell+1} - \varphi_{g,t_{n+1}}^{\ell}\|}{\|\varphi_{g,t_{n+1}}^{\ell+1}\|} < tol \quad \text{or even} \quad \frac{\|\varphi_{g,t_{n+1}}^{\ell+1} - \varphi_{g,t_{n+1}}^0\|}{\|\varphi_{g,t_{n+1}}^0\|} < tol \quad (16)$$

where ℓ = IQS iteration index over a given macro time step $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$
followed by a renormalization before starting the next time step $[t_{n+1}, t_{n+2}]$

$$\varphi_{g,t_{n+1}}^{\text{converged}} \leftarrow \varphi_{g,t_{n+1}}^{\text{converged}} \times \frac{K_{n+1}}{K_0} \quad (17)$$

Theta-scheme

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$$C^{n+1} = \frac{1 - (1 - \theta)\Delta t\lambda}{1 + \theta\Delta t\lambda} C^n + \frac{(1 - \theta)\Delta t\beta(\nu\Sigma_f)^n}{1 + \theta\Delta t\lambda} \varphi^n p^n + \frac{\theta\Delta t\beta(\nu\Sigma_f)^{n+1}}{1 + \theta\Delta t\lambda} \varphi^{n+1} p^{n+1} \quad (18)$$

Reporting this value of C^{n+1} , one can solve for the shape φ^{n+1} as a function of φ^n and C^n (and p^n , p^{n+1} , $dp/dt|_n$ and $dp/dt|_{n+1}$).

Once φ^{n+1} has been determined, C^{n+1} is updated.

YAK currently implements both implicit and Crank-Nicholson as options for precursor evaluation.

Analytical Integration

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$$C^{n+1} = C^n e^{-\lambda(t_{n+1}-t_n)} + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \beta \nu \Sigma_f(t') \varphi(t') p(t') e^{-\lambda(t_{n+1}-t')} dt' \quad (19)$$

Assuming a linear in time variation over the macro time step $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$ for the shape and the fission cross section, we get:

$$C^{n+1} = C^n e^{-\lambda \Delta t} + (a_3(\beta \nu \Sigma_f)^{n+1} + a_2(\beta \nu \Sigma_f)^n) \varphi^{n+1} + (a_2(\beta \nu \Sigma_f)^{n+1} + a_1(\beta \nu \Sigma_f)^n) \varphi^n \quad (20)$$

Where the integration coefficients are defined as:

$$a_1 = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \left(\frac{t_{n+1} - t'}{\Delta t} \right)^2 p(t') e^{-\lambda(t_{n+1}-t')} dt' \quad (21)$$

$$a_2 = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \frac{(t' - t_n)(t_{n+1} - t')}{(\Delta t)^2} p(t') e^{-\lambda(t_{n+1}-t')} dt' \quad (22)$$

$$a_3 = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \left(\frac{t' - t_n}{\Delta t} \right)^2 p(t') e^{-\lambda(t_{n+1}-t')} dt' \quad (23)$$

Analytical Integration (continued)

Recall that we just need to compute coefficients of the form:

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} (\delta_2 t'^2 + \delta_1 t' + \delta_0) p(t') e^{-\lambda(t_{n+1}-t')} dt' \quad (24)$$

The amplitude (p) is contained in the a_i 's integration coefficients.
 $p(t)$ has been highly accurately calculated at the micro time step level.

Changes to MOOSE

Please add some quick blurb about the nature of the changes

- action system
- postprocessors to compute ρ , $\bar{\beta}$, $\bar{\lambda}$
- IQS userobject (for PRKE solve using updated reactivity coefficients, ρ , $\bar{\beta}$, $\bar{\lambda}$)
- IQS executioner (use of the existing Picard iteration loop of the executioner; this can seamlessly enable IQS in multiphysics simulations without any further changes)

Add a couple of MOOSE graphs from our physor paper

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- results for null transients with analytical precs and not analytical precs. Pick what makes the most sense to show the issue.
- Pick a graph that shows that it is the analyt prec and not a better prke solution that leads to the issue
- 1D heterogenous transient (pbID=10). Plot power versus time for brute force, IQS analy prec, classic prke. Let T be about the time when power peaks. Run the transients for end time = about 2-3 T .
- convergence study. Re run the transient, this time with end time T , and make a table or plot of error for IQS analy and brute force versus # of diffusion solves. Of course, for brute force, the # of diffusion solves = $1/\Delta t$. For IQS, you need to keep track of the number of IQS iterations per Δt to get the # of diffusion solves.

Add whatever you have with MOOSE so far

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Conclusion and Outlook

Completed

- Theoretical understanding of IQS convergence and selection of proper convergence criteria
- 1D prototype Matlab code for MOOSE comparison/verification
- IQS userobject and executioner (using Picard iterations)
- IQS for **CFEM Diffusion** action system

In progress

- Implementation of analytical precursor integration in YAK
- Further YAK verification
- YAK documentation

Next Steps

- DFEM Diffusion action system
- DFEM SN Transport action system
- Kinetics benchmarks (neutronics only, e.g., TWIGL, LMW)
- Dynamics benchmarks (with feedback, e.g., the LRA test case)