

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \cdot \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + C \cdot P(x, t)$$

for Reflecting Boundary Condition, for domain $x \in [0, L]$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L} = 0$$

$$P(x, 0) = S(x)$$

Now, Let, $P = X(x) \cdot T(t)$

from separation of variable,

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -KDt$$

$$\Rightarrow T(t) = e^{-KDt}$$

And, $\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = -(K + C/D)X$

If, we consider, $K + C/D = p^2$, we find,

$$\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + p^2 X = 0, \text{ which has a general soln}$$

$$X(x) = A \cos px + B \sin px$$

Now, $\frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = -Ap \sin px + Bp \cos px$

with, $\frac{\partial X}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 0$, we get. $B = 0$.

And, with, $\frac{\partial X}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L} = 0$.

$$-Ap \sin pL = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin pL = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow pL = n\pi$$

$$\therefore p = n\pi/L$$

So, we get. $\kappa(\alpha) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)\alpha$ [Taking $A=1$]

Here, $(K + C/D) = P^r$

$$\Rightarrow K = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 - C/D$$

for the chain reaction to occur

$$-K > 0$$

i.e. K needs to be negative.

That means, $T(t) = e^{-KDt}$ has a positive power of exponential.

So, as large time is considered $T(t)$ always diverges and so does $\rho(x,t)$.

Therefore, for reflecting boundary conditions, the neutron density will always diverge for large time; i.e. there is no critical mass

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