Mixed Hybrid Finite Element Method Eddington Acceleration of Discrete Ordinates Source Iteration

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Overview

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- 2. Source Iteration Background
- 3. Eddington Acceleration
- 4. Results
- 5. Conclusions

Motivation

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Radiation Hydrodynamics

- · Propogation of thermal radiation through a fluid
- Effects of radiation on fluid momentum and energy
- Required in high energy density laboratory physics (NIF, Z Machine) and astrophysics

Spatial Discretizations

- · Mixed Hybrid Finite Element Method (MHFEM) for hydrodynamics
- Linear Discontinuous Galerkin (LDG) for transport

Need hydrodynamics and transport to be consistently differenced

- · Use the same method or do extra work to make differing methods agree
- Interpolating between spatial grids introduces noise
- Matching grids between methods is not always possible in higher dimensions

Problem: MHFEM and first-order form of transport are incompatible \Rightarrow can't use linear acceleration scheme

Goal

Develop a non-linear acceleration scheme that

- 1. Robustly reduces the number of source iterations in Discrete Ordinates calculations
- 2. Bridges LDG transport and MHFEM multiphysics

Test in 1D slab with lumped LDG transport

Source Iteration Background

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All coupling in scattering term

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Decouple by lagging scattering term

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N independent, first-order, ordinary differential equations

Solve each equation with well-known sweeping process

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- 2. Compute $\phi^{\ell+1}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} w_n \psi_n^{\ell+1}(x)$
- 3. Update scattering term with $\phi^{\ell+1}(x)$ and repeat until:

$$\frac{\|\phi^{\ell+1}(x)-\phi^{\ell}(x)\|}{\|\phi^{\ell+1}(x)\|}<\epsilon$$

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Slow to converge in optically thick systems with minimal losses to absorption and leakage

Radiation Hydrodynamics problems often contain highly diffusive regions

 S_N is too expensive in these regions

Need an acceleration scheme that rapidly increases the rate of convergence of source iteration

Eddington Acceleration

Zeroth Angular Moment

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, $\phi(x) = \int_{-1}^{1} \psi(x, \mu) \, d\mu$

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Solving the Moment Equations requires knowledge of the angular flux (the solution)

Eddington Acceleration

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Eddington Acceleration

- 1. Given the previous estimate for the scalar flux, $\phi^{\ell}(x)$, solve for $\psi_n^{\ell+1/2}(x)$
- 2. Compute $\langle \mu^2 \rangle^{\ell+1/2}(x)$
- 3. Solve the Moment Equations for $\phi^{\ell+1}(x)$ using $\langle \mu^2 \rangle^{\ell+1/2}(x)$
- 4. Update the scalar flux estimate with $\phi^{\ell+1}(x)$ and repeat the iteration process until the scalar flux converges

Acceleration occurs because

- 1. Angular shape of the angular flux converges quickly \Rightarrow Eddington factor quickly converges
- Moment Equations model all scattering at once ⇒ dependence on source iterations to introduce scattering information is reduced

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Benefits

- 1. Transport can be LDG and Moment can be MHFEM
- 2. Moment Equations are conservative and relatively inexpensive compared to transport sweep
- 3. Difference between S_N and Moment solution can be used as a measure of spatial truncation error (measure of mesh convergence)

Results

Scale cross sections, source

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$$\Sigma_a \to \epsilon \Sigma_a$$

$$Q \to \epsilon Q$$

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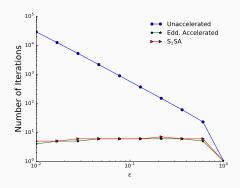
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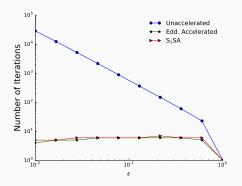
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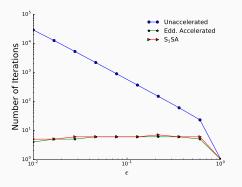
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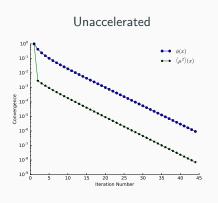
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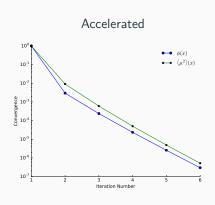


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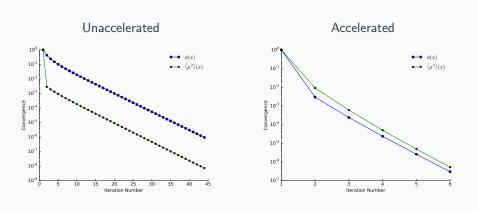
Performs similarly to consistently differenced, linear acceleration (S2SA)

Convergence Rate Comparison





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Fast rate of convergence of $\langle \mu^2 \rangle(x)$ is transfered to $\phi(x)$

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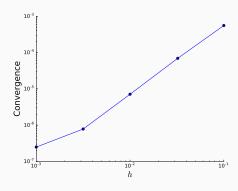
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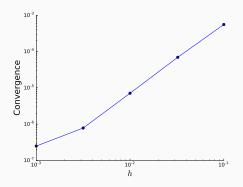


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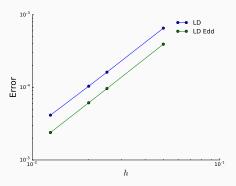
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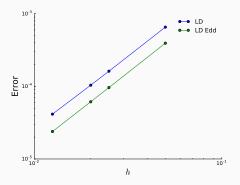
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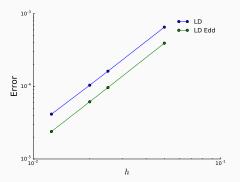
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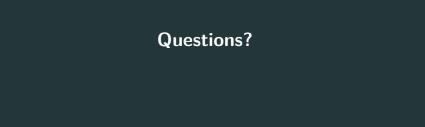
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Future Work

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 - Make use of inexpensive Moment solution in multiphysics iterations
- Add energy, time dependence
- Test in 3D
- Explore other multiphysics applications

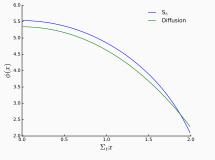
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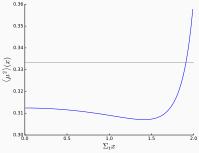
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S₈ v. Diffusion

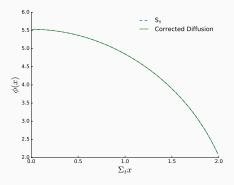
Small system \Rightarrow diffusion not expected to be accurate





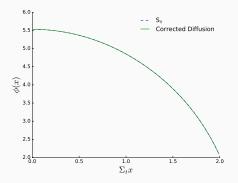
S₈ v. Drift Diffusion

Use $\langle \mu^2 \rangle(x)$ from S₈ in Moment Equations



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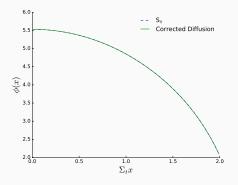
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Moment Equations and S_N match!

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Requires knowledge of angular flux