

- Advection equation

$$\partial_t f - \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f = 0$$

- In spherical coordinates

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} = \hat{\mathbf{v}}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \hat{\mathbf{v}}_\theta \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_\theta} + \hat{\mathbf{v}}_\varphi \frac{1}{v \sin(v_\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_\varphi}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = E \hat{\mathbf{z}} = E (\cos(v_\theta) \hat{\mathbf{v}}_r - \sin(v_\theta) \hat{\mathbf{v}}_\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f = E \left(\cos(v_\theta) \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} - \sin(v_\theta) \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_\theta} \right)$$

- Expansion in terms of Maxwell polynomials and spherical harmonics

$$f = A \exp\left(-\left(\frac{v}{v_{th}}\right)^2\right) \sum_{klm} h_{klm} P_k\left(\frac{v}{v_{th}}\right) Y_{lm}(v_\theta, v_\varphi)$$

- Projection:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\partial_t f - \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f = 0 \right) P_p\left(\frac{v}{v_{th}}\right) Y_{qs}(v_\theta, v_\varphi) d\mathbf{v} dv_\omega$$

- Resulting system of ODEs:

$$\partial_t h_{pqs}(t) = \sum_{k,l,m} \epsilon_{pqsklm} h_{klm}(t)$$

- Discretized operator

$$\epsilon_{pqsklm} = \left(d_{pk} - \frac{1}{2}l_{pk}\right) \Psi_{lmqs} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{N_r} \left(d_{jk} - \frac{1}{2}l_{jk}\right) \left(d_{pj} - \frac{1}{2}l_{pj} + d_{jp}\right) \Phi_{lmqs}$$

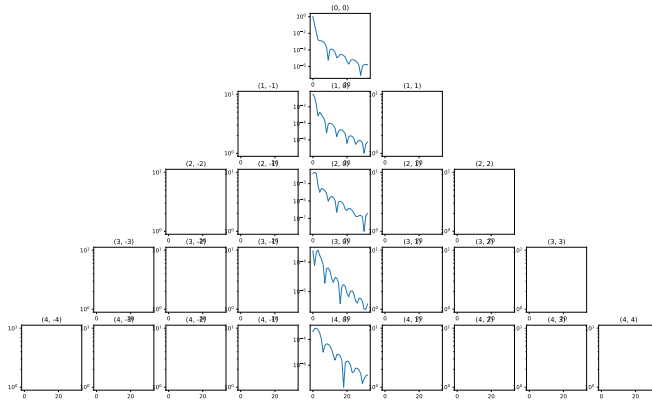
$$d_{jk} : \quad P'_k(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{N_r} d_{jk} P_j(x)$$

$$l_{jk} : \quad x P_k(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{N_r} l_{jk} P_k(x)$$

$$\Psi_{lmqs} = \int \cos(v_\theta) Y_{lm}(v_\theta, v_\varphi) Y_{qs}(v_\theta, v_\varphi) dv_\omega$$

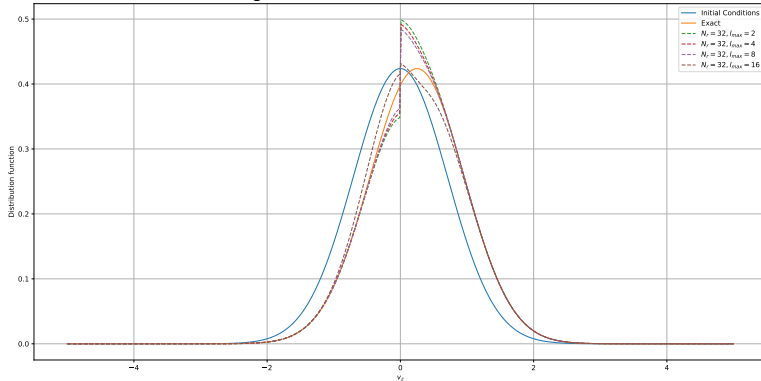
$$\Phi_{lmqs} = \int \sin(v_\theta) Y_{qs}(v_\theta, v_\varphi) \frac{\partial}{\partial v_\theta} Y_{lm}(v_\theta, v_\varphi) dv_\omega$$

Sanity check: solution stays axisymmetric



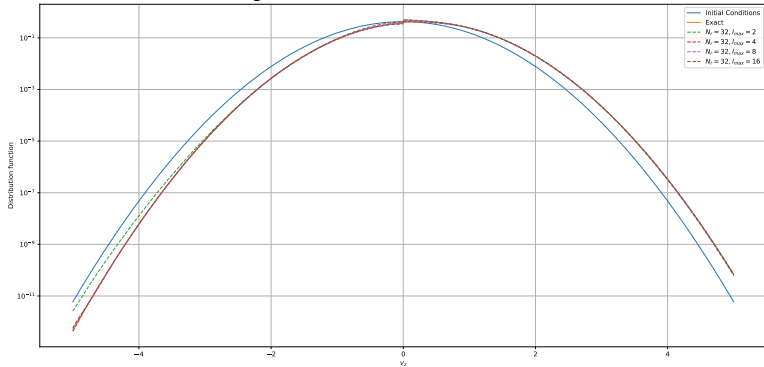
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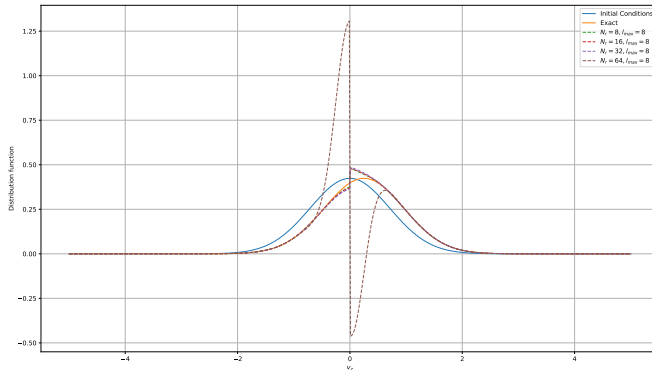
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- $E = \text{const} \rightarrow f(t, v) = f(0, v + Et)$
- N_r is increasing, $l_{\max} = 8$ is fixed



- Kinda makes sense: generally singular at $\mathbf{v} = 0$

$$f = A \exp\left(-\left(\frac{v}{v_{\text{th}}}\right)^2\right) \sum_{lm} \left(\sum_k h_{klm} P_k\left(\frac{v}{v_{\text{th}}}\right)\right) Y_{lm}(v_\theta, v_\varphi)$$

- Continuous if

$$\left(\sum_k h_{klm} P_k(0)\right) = 0$$