

Use of Analytic Functions and Polynomials
within the Framework of Nodal Expansion Method

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flux moments balance equation

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NEM(Nodal Expansion Method)

, NEACRP-L336

EPRI-9R

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EPRI-9R

IAEA 3D
NEACRP-L336

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polynomial weighting

step function

weighting IAEA 3D

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polynomial weighting

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Galerkin weighting

IAEA 3D, NEACRP-L336, EPRI-9R

Abstract

A method using one-dimensional flux approximation expressed in terms of polynomials and hyperbolic functions was derived and the accuracy of the method was explored. This method called SANEM(Semi-Analytic Nodal Expansion Method) employs the same transverse leakage approximation used in NEM(Nodal Expansion Method) and flux moment balance equations to find coupling coefficients in current continuity equation. A one-dimensional flux approximation is expressed in the second order/the third order/the fourth order polynomials combined with hyperbolic functions for which several weighting functions are applied and the accuracy of methods were compared. This method has advantages of minimizing memory increase and easy implementation to a nodal code based on the conventional NEM. Benchmark calculations for the code were performed using problems such as IAEA 3D problem, NEACRP-L336 problem and EPRI-9R problem. Results show that both reactivity and assembly power density prediction by the SANEM

is better than NEM for NEACRP-L336 problem, which uses MOX fuel, EPRI-9R problem, which shows characteristics of assembly in core periphery. A step function weighting applied to the third order polynomial expansion of a one-dimensional flux approximation produced better results than the polynomial weighting applied to the third order polynomial expansion for IAEA 3D problem. Furthermore, Galerkin weighting applied to the fourth order polynomial expansion shows worse results than polynomial weighting applied to the third order polynomial expansion for IAEA 3D, NEACRP-L336 and EPRI-9R problems.

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flux moments weighting

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$$-D_g^n \left(\frac{2}{h}\right)^2 \frac{d^2}{du^2} \mathbf{f}_{gu}^m(u) + \sum_g^{r,m} \mathbf{f}_{gu}^m(u) = \sum_{g'=1}^G \left\{ \frac{c_g}{k} \mathbf{n} \Sigma_{g'}^{f,m} + \sum_{\substack{g' \rightarrow g \\ g' \neq g}}^{s,m} \right\} \mathbf{f}_{g'u}^m(u) - L_{gu}^m(u) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{gu}^m(u) = a_{0gu}^m + a_{1gu}^m w_1(u) + a_{2gu}^m w_2(u) + a_{3gu}^m w_3(u) + a_{4gu}^m w_4(u) + A_{gu}^m \cosh k_{gu}^m u + B_{gu}^m \sinh k_{gu}^m u \quad (2)$$

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$$k_{gu}^m = \frac{h}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_g^{r,m}}{D_g^m}}, \quad -\frac{h}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{h}{2}, \quad u = \frac{2x}{h}$$

$$w_1(u) = u, w_2(u) = -\frac{1}{2}(3u^2 - 1), w_3(u) = -\frac{3}{2}u(u^2 - 1)$$

$$w_4(u) = -\frac{3}{8}(u^2 - 1)(5u^2 - 1), \quad -1 \leq u \leq +1,$$

$$\mathbf{f}_g^m = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \mathbf{f}_{gu}^m(u) du = a_{0gu}^m + A_{gu}^m \frac{SH_{gu}^m}{k_{gu}^m}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{gur}^m = a_{0gu}^m + a_{1gu}^m - a_{2gu}^m + A_{gu}^m CH_{gu}^m + B_{gu}^m SH_{gu}^m \quad \text{at } u = +1.0 \quad (3-1)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{gul}^m = a_{0gu}^m - a_{1gu}^m - a_{2gu}^m + A_{gu}^m CH_{gu}^m - B_{gu}^m SH_{gu}^m \quad \text{at } u = -1.0 \quad (3-2)$$

$$, \quad SH_{gu}^m \equiv \sinh k_{gu}^m, \quad CH_{gu}^m \equiv \cosh k_{gu}^m$$

- The first flux moment equation : $\int_{-1}^1 \{w_1(u) \times (\quad)\} du \quad (4-1)$

- The second flux moment equation : $\int_{-1}^1 \{w_2(u) \times (\quad)\} du \quad (4-2)$

- Current continuity : Fick's law

$$J_{gur}^{m+} = -C_{1gu}^m a_{1gu}^m + C_{2gu}^m a_{2gu}^m + C_{3gu}^m \mathbf{f}_g^m + C_{4gu}^m J_{gur}^{m-} - C_{5gu}^m J_{gul}^{m-} \quad (5-1)$$

$$J_{gul}^{m+} = C_{1gu}^m a_{1gu}^m + C_{2gu}^m a_{2gu}^m + C_{3gu}^m \mathbf{f}_g^m - C_{5gu}^m J_{gur}^{m-} + C_{4gu}^m J_{gul}^{m-} \quad (5-2)$$

(5-1) (5-2)

$$\mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m \equiv k_{gu}^m \frac{CH_{gu}^m}{SH_{gu}^m}, \quad \mathbf{b}_{2gu}^m \equiv (k_{gu}^m)^2 \frac{SH_{gu}^m}{T_{2gu}^m}, \quad D_{gh}^m \equiv \frac{D_g^m}{h}, \quad T_{2gu}^m \equiv k_{gu}^m CH_{gu}^m - SH_{gu}^m,$$

$$C_{1gu}^m = \frac{2D_{gh}^m (1 - \mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m)}{1 + 4D_{gh}^m \mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m}, \quad C_{1gu}^m = \frac{2D_{gh}^m (3 - \mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m)}{1 + 4D_{gh}^m \mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m}, \quad C_{3gu}^m = \frac{2D_{gh}^m \mathbf{b}_{2gu}^m}{1 + 4D_{gh}^m \mathbf{b}_{2gu}^m},$$

$$C_{4gu}^m = \frac{1 - 16(D_{gh}^m)^2 \mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m \mathbf{b}_{2gu}^m}{(1 + 4D_{gh}^m \mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m)(1 + 4D_{gh}^m \mathbf{b}_{2gu}^m)}, \quad C_{5gu}^m = \frac{4D_{gh}^m (\mathbf{b}_{2gu}^m - \mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m)}{(1 + 4D_{gh}^m \mathbf{b}_{1gu}^m)(1 + 4D_{gh}^m \mathbf{b}_{2gu}^m)}$$

(4-2) 1 가 3 /4 flux moment equation . 3

가 $w_3(u), \begin{cases} w_3 = -1, u \leq 0 \\ w_3 = +1, 0 \leq u \end{cases}$ step function

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3.1 IAEA 3D

IAEA 3D [5] 1/4

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case 1

case 4

1 node/ 1

assembly 11 pcm
case 4 3.36%

[4] IAEA
2D RMS(Root Mean Square) case

1, case 2 case 4
Galerkin weighting . Step function case 2
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3.2 NEACRP-L336 C5
NEACRP-L336 C5 [6] MOX
UO₂ ANM PARCS^[7]
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1 1
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3 polynomial weighting case 3 step
function weighting case 2 Galerkin
weighting Case 4(4) 가 가 case 3(3)

3.3 EPRI-9R
EPRI-9R [8] LWR
EPRI-9R 21.0cm
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case 3 가 4 polynomial weighting

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EPRI-9R EPRI-9R . 2
moment weighting case 1 NEACRP-L336

EPRI-9R IAEA 3D
3 step function weighting case 2 IAEA
3D

IAEA 3D polynomial weighting
case 3(3) , Galerkin weighting case 4(4)
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[1] case 1 ~ case 4
NEACRP-L336 EPRI-9R
3 polynomial weighting case 3 case 1, case 2, case 4

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Case 1	2	+	$w_1(u)$, $w_2(u)$
Case 2	3	+	$w_1(u)$, $w_2(u)$, step function
Case 3	3	+	$w_1(u)$, $w_2(u)$, $w_3(u)$
Case 4	4	+	$w_1(u)$, $w_2(u)$, $w_3(u)$, $w_4(u)$

2. IAEA 3D

(1 node)

0.7290	1.2810	1.4220	1.1930	0.6100	0.9530	0.9590	0.7770
0.22	0.37	0.56	0.29	0.02	-0.09	-0.41	-0.93
-0.25	-0.66	-0.35	-0.55	0.02	-0.30	0.03	0.00
0.14	-0.14	0.17	-0.13	0.15	-0.24	-0.21	-0.45
-0.60	-1.02	-0.70	-0.84	-0.13	-0.30	0.21	0.39
-0.80	-1.52	-1.07	-1.25	-0.11	-0.46	0.31	1.26
	1.3970	1.4320	1.2910	1.0720	1.0550	0.9760	0.7570
	0.46	0.33	0.33	0.04	-0.08	-0.59	-1.16
	-0.43	-0.47	-0.35	-0.51	-0.16	-0.06	0.13
	0.06	-0.02	0.03	-0.26	-0.11	-0.36	-0.57
	-0.79	-0.80	-0.62	-0.66	-0.16	0.14	0.61
	-1.23	-1.19	-0.98	-0.96	-0.25	0.28	1.40
		1.3680	1.3110	1.1810	1.0890	1.0000	0.7110
		0.26	0.28	0.25	-0.15	-0.92	-0.48
		-0.42	-0.30	-0.15	-0.09	-0.28	1.08
		-0.02	0.03	0.08	-0.12	-0.65	0.32
		-0.72	-0.53	-0.29	-0.06	-0.03	1.60
		-1.05	-0.83	-0.47	-0.07	0.28	2.87
			1.1780	0.9720	0.9230	0.8660	
			0.31	-0.04	-0.27	-0.43	
			-0.16	-0.39	0.20	0.80	
			0.09	-0.25	-0.10	0.15	
			-0.34	-0.44	0.37	1.21	
			-0.62	-0.68	0.29	1.84	
				0.4760	0.7000	0.6110	
				-0.29	-0.93	-0.03	
				0.23	-0.06	1.57	
				0.06	-0.69	0.77	
				0.34	0.31	2.13	
				0.53	0.34	3.36	
					0.5970		
					-0.02		
					1.62		
					0.77		
					2.21		
					3.25		

NEM	% error
Case 1	% error
Case 2	% error
Case 3	% error
Case 4	% error

	1node/4nodes pcm	1node/4nodes Power max. error(%)	1 node Power RMS error(%)
REF	-	-	-
NEM	-2/6	-1.16/1.04	0.47
Case 1	4/6	1.62/1.19	0.57
Case 2	-2/6	0.77/1.06	0.33
Case 3	10/7	2.21/1.24	0.84
Case 4	11/7	3.36/1.27	1.33

Reference Keff = 1.02903

3. NEACRP-L336

	1node/4nodes pcm	1node/4node Power max. error(%)
REF	-	-
NEM	-268/-48	3.30/0.72
Case 1	-62/0	-1.24/0.29
Case 2	-94/30	1.42/0.53
Case 3	1/7	-0.80/0.25
Case 4	63/11	-1.76/0.23

(1 node)

1.3568	1.0831
3.30	-1.84
1.02	-0.36
1.42	-0.66
0.38	-0.07
-1.76	1.17
1.0831	0.4770
-1.84	-1.03
-0.36	-1.24
-0.66	-1.07
-0.07	-0.80
1.17	-0.31

Reference Keff = 0.93816

4. EPRI-9R

	1node/4nodes pcm	1node/4nodes Power max. error(%)
REF		-
NEM	-56/9	-1.34/0.10
Case 1	-7/1	-0.64/0.06
Case 2	-18/6	-0.82/0.05
Case 3	8/3	-0.48/0.07
Case 4	20/2	-0.44/0.10

(1 node)

0.5805	1.0998	1.0797
0.44	0.83	-0.15
0.22	0.12	0.09
0.27	0.27	0.05
0.05	0.01	0.13
-0.14	-0.44	0.36
1.0998	1.3578	0.8514
0.83	0.40	-1.34
0.12	0.39	-0.64
0.27	0.37	-0.82
0.01	0.34	-0.48
-0.44	0.30	-0.08
1.0797	0.8514	
-0.15	-1.34	
0.09	-0.64	
0.05	-0.82	
0.13	-0.48	
0.36	-0.08	

Reference Keff = 0.89201