

## **Lecture Note 5**

### **$S_N$ Method**

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# S<sub>N</sub> Method

- Drawbacks of P<sub>L</sub> Method
  - Complicated
  - Each P<sub>L</sub> has its own set of equations  
→ hard to extend to higher order by a general subroutine

- Outlines of the S<sub>N</sub> method

1) Discretize the solid angle into M segments (S for segment)

$$\hat{\Omega}(\theta, \alpha) \rightarrow \hat{\Omega}_m, M = f(N)$$

2) Represent the angular flux within a segment with a representative value

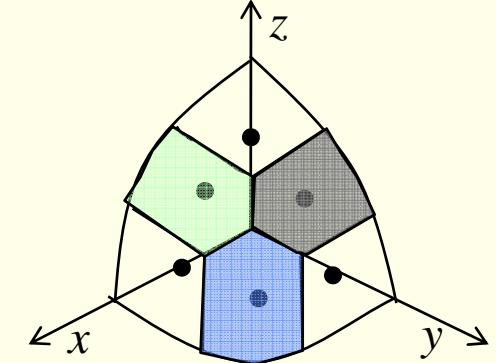
$$\varphi(\hat{\Omega}_m + \delta\hat{\Omega}) = \varphi_m$$

3) Assume proper weight to each segment such that  $\sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m = 2$

and represent the angular integral as the following summation:

$$\phi = \int_{4\pi} \varphi(\hat{\Omega}) d\hat{\Omega} = C \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \varphi_m = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m 2\pi \varphi_m = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \tilde{\varphi}_m \quad \text{with } \tilde{\varphi}_m = 2\pi \varphi_m : \text{new variable}$$

Should be valid for isotropic flux  $\varphi_m = \frac{\phi}{4\pi} \rightarrow C = 2\pi$



# Discretized Boltzmann Transport Equation

- Discretized Boltzmann Transport Equation ( $2\pi$  timed)

- Construct a balance equation for each  $\varphi_m$  with proper source and B.C.

$$\hat{\Omega}_m \cdot \nabla \tilde{\varphi}_m + \Sigma \tilde{\varphi}_m = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \chi \psi + S_m$$

- Solve for  $\tilde{\varphi}_m \forall m$ , then determine  $\phi = \sum_m \omega_m \tilde{\varphi}_m$  to update the fission source and scattering source

$$S_m = \sum_{l=1}^M \int_{E'} \Sigma_s(r, E' \rightarrow E, \hat{\Omega}_l \rightarrow \hat{\Omega}_m) \tilde{\varphi}_l(r, E') dE'$$

- Simplification of Scattering source

$$S_m = \int_0^\infty \int_{4\pi} \Sigma(\vec{r}, E' \rightarrow E, \hat{\Omega}' \cdot \hat{\Omega}_m) \tilde{\varphi}(\vec{r}, E', \hat{\Omega}') d\hat{\Omega}' dE'$$

$$\boxed{\Sigma(\vec{r}, E' \rightarrow E, \mu_{s,m}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\Sigma_0(\vec{r}, E' \rightarrow E) + 3\mu_{s,m} \Sigma_1(\vec{r}, E' \rightarrow E))}$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \int_{4\pi} \frac{1}{4\pi} (\Sigma_0(\vec{r}, E' \rightarrow E) + 3\mu_{s,m} \Sigma_1(\vec{r}, E' \rightarrow E)) 2\pi \varphi(\vec{r}, E', \hat{\Omega}') d\hat{\Omega}' dE'$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^\infty \Sigma_0(\vec{r}, E' \rightarrow E) \phi(\vec{r}, E') dE' + 3\hat{\Omega}_m \int_0^\infty \Sigma_1(\vec{r}, E' \rightarrow E) \vec{J}(\vec{r}, E') dE' \right] \leftarrow \text{Addition Theorem}$$

# Discretized Boltzmann Transport Equation

• Multigroup Form

(Represent  $\tilde{\varphi}_m (\equiv 2\pi\varphi_m)$  simple with  $\varphi_m$  from now on.  $\rightarrow \phi = \sum_{m=1}^M w_m \varphi_m$ )

$$\hat{\Omega}_m \cdot \vec{\nabla} \varphi_m + \Sigma \varphi_m = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \chi \psi + \frac{1}{2} \int \Sigma_0(E' \rightarrow E) \phi(E') dE' + \frac{3}{2} \hat{\Omega}_m \int \Sigma_1(E' \rightarrow E) \vec{J}(E') dE'$$

- Apply  $\int_{E_g}^{E_{g-1}} dE$

$$\varphi_{mg} = \int_{E_g}^{E_{g-1}} \varphi_m(E) dE \quad \chi_g = \int_{E_g}^{E_{g-1}} \chi(E) dE$$

$$\int_{E_g}^{E_{g-1}} \Sigma(E) \varphi_m(E) dE = \Sigma_{mg} \varphi_{mg} \rightarrow \Sigma_{mg} = \frac{1}{\varphi_{mg}} \int_{E_g}^{E_{g-1}} \Sigma(E) \varphi_m(E) dE$$

Angle dependent total X-sec

$$\Sigma_{1g' \rightarrow g}^x = \frac{\int_{E_g}^{E_{g-1}} \int_{E_g}^{E_{g-1}} \Sigma(E) \varphi_m(E) J_x(E') dE' dE}{J_{gx}} = \Sigma_{1g' \rightarrow g}^y = \Sigma_{1g' \rightarrow g}^z$$

Neglect direction dependency

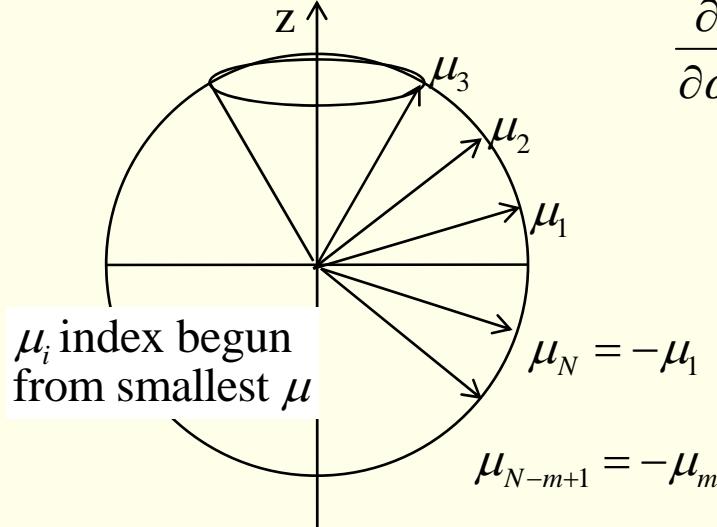
$$\Sigma_{tg} - \Sigma_{mg} = \Delta \Sigma_{mg} \Rightarrow \Sigma_{mg} = \Sigma_{tg} - \Delta \Sigma_{mg}$$

$$\hat{\Omega}_m \cdot \nabla \varphi_{mg} + \Sigma_{mg} \varphi_{mg} = s_m \quad \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \quad \hat{\Omega}_m \cdot \nabla \varphi_{mg} + (\Sigma_{tg} - \Delta \Sigma_{mg}) \varphi_{mg} = s_m$$

$$\hat{\Omega}_m \cdot \nabla \varphi_{mg} + \Sigma_{tg} \varphi_{mg} = s_m + \Delta \Sigma_{mg} \varphi_{mg} = \tilde{s}_{mg}$$

Xsec with no angle dependency

# Selection of Discretized Angle in 1-D



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 0 \quad S_N \rightarrow M = N \text{ in 1D}$$

- Suppose a polynomial expansion for true angular flux  $\phi(\mu)$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= \int_{-1}^1 \phi(\mu) d\mu = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \underbrace{\phi(\mu_m)}_{\varphi_m} \\ \phi(\mu) &\cong \sum_{i=0}^K a_i \mu^i\end{aligned}$$

- In order to have accurate integral upto the  $2M - 1$  order: Gaussian Quadrature

$$\int_{-1}^1 \phi(\mu) d\mu = \int_{-1}^1 \sum_{i=0}^{2M-1} a_i \mu^i d\mu = \sum_{i=0}^{2M-1} a_i \int_{-1}^1 \mu^i d\mu \iff \int_{-1}^1 \mu^i d\mu = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \mu_m^i, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, 2N-1$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{2M-1} a_i \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \mu_m^i = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \sum_{i=0}^{2M-1} a_i \mu_m^i = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \phi(\mu_m)$$

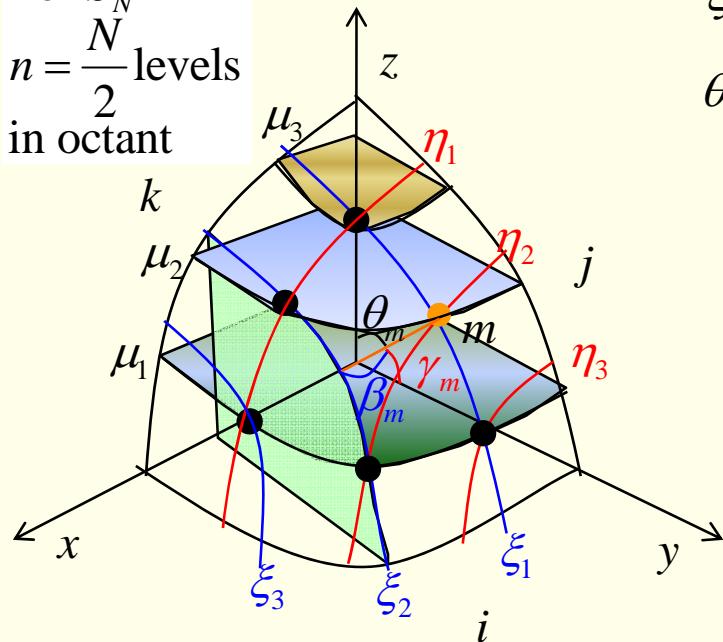
$$\int_{-1}^1 \mu^i d\mu \iff i = 0: \quad 2 = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \quad i = 1: \quad 0 = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \mu_m \rightarrow \mu_m = -\mu_{N-m+1} = \mu_{-m}, \omega_m = \omega_{-m}$$

→  $\mu_m$ : Roots of  $(2M - 1)$ th order Legendre Polynomials

# Determination of the angles and weights in 3D

- Consideration of Symmetry in Angle

For  $S_N$   
 $n = \frac{N}{2}$  levels  
 in octant



$\xi, \eta, \mu$        $\xi_i = \eta_i = \mu_i \Rightarrow$  Only one set of  $\mu_i$ 's required

$\theta_m$ :Polar angle,  $a_m$ :Azimuthal angle

$$\begin{cases} \Omega_x^m = \sin \theta_m \cos \alpha_m = \cos \beta_m = \xi_i \\ \Omega_y^m = \sin \theta_m \sin \alpha_m = \cos \gamma_m = \eta_j \\ \Omega_z^m = \cos \theta_m = \mu_k \end{cases}$$

$$m \rightarrow i(m), j(m), k(m) \quad \rightarrow i + j + k = n + 2$$

If  $i \rightarrow i+1 \Rightarrow j \rightarrow j-1$  or  $k \rightarrow k-1$

$$\Omega_x^{m2} + \Omega_y^{m2} + \Omega_z^{m2} = \xi_{i(m)}^2 + \eta_{j(m)}^2 + \mu_{k(m)}^2 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_i^2 + \eta_j^2 + \mu_k^2 &= 1 = \mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2 + \mu_k^2 \\ &= \mu_{i+1}^2 + \mu_{j-1}^2 + \mu_k^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_{i+1}^2 - \mu_i^2 = \mu_i^2 - \mu_{j-1}^2 = \Delta \text{ for any } i, j, k$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_i^2 = \mu_1^2 + (i-1)\Delta$$

# Determination of the angles and weights in 3D

$$\mu_i^2 = \mu_1^2 + (i-1)\Delta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2 + \mu_k^2 &= 3\mu_1^2 + (\overbrace{i+j+k}^{n+2} - 3)\Delta \\ &= 3\mu_1^2 + (n-1)\Delta = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1-3\mu_1^2}{n-1}$$

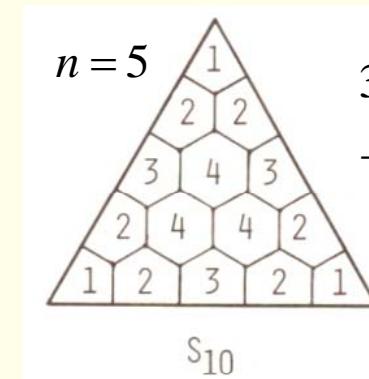
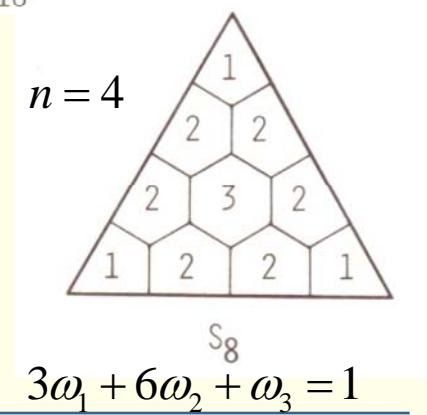
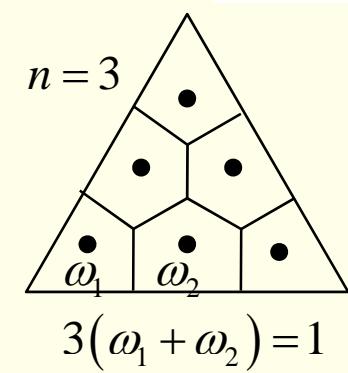
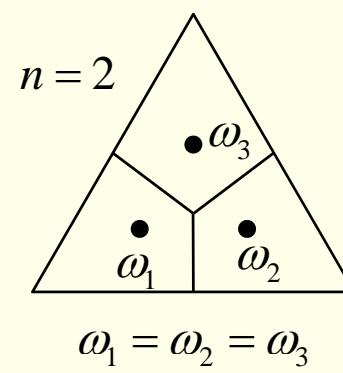
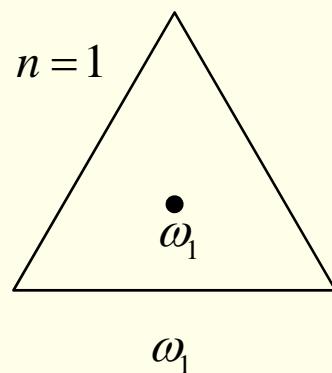
Only  $\mu_1$  need to be determined!

- For n levels, segments in octant

$$M_8 = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$M = 8 \cdot M_8 = 4n(n+1) = 4 \cdot \frac{N}{2} \left( \frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) = N(N+2)$$

- Symmetry in  $\omega_i$



$$\begin{aligned} 3\omega_1 + 6\omega_2 \\ + 3\omega_3 + 3\omega_4 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Determination of $\mu$ by Level Symmetry

- How to determine  $\mu_i$  and  $\omega_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, L$ ),  $L=f(n)$

- Impose even moment conservation

(old moment conservation already holds by choosing  $\mu_{-m} = -\mu_m$ )

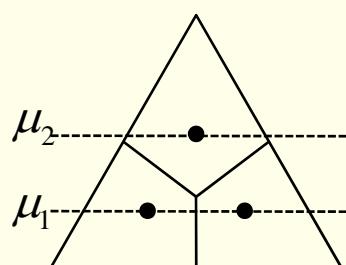
$$\frac{1}{2k+1} = \int_0^1 \mu^{2k} d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{M_8} \omega_i \mu_i^{2k}$$

$$- n=1 (S_2) \quad \omega_1 = 1, \frac{1}{3} = \mu_1^2 \rightarrow \mu_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$- n=2 (S_4) \quad \sum_{m=1}^3 \omega_m = 3\omega_1 = 1 \rightarrow \omega_1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

2nd moment

$$\mu_2^2 = \mu_1^2 + \Delta = \mu_1^2 + (1 - 3\mu_1^2) = 1 - 2\mu_1^2$$



4th moment

$$\frac{1}{5} = \sum_{m=1}^{M_8} \omega_m \mu_m^4 = \frac{2}{3} \mu_1^4 + \frac{1}{3} \mu_2^4 = \frac{2}{3} \mu_1^4 + \frac{1}{3} (1 - 2\mu_1^2)^2$$

$$\mu_1 = \begin{cases} 0.350021 \\ 0.737666 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_2 = 0.868890$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1 - 3\mu_1^2}{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \sum_{m=1}^{M_8} \omega_m \mu_m^2 = \frac{2}{3} \mu_1^2 + \frac{1}{3} \mu_2^2 \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \frac{2}{3} \mu_1^2 + \frac{1}{3} (1 - 2\mu_1^2) = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{Valid!}$$

choose the lowest

# Determination of $\mu$ by Level Symmetry

- $n = 3 (S_6)$

$$3(\omega_1 + \omega_2) = 1 \rightarrow \omega_1 + \omega_2 = \frac{1}{3} \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1 - 3\mu_1^2}{n-1}$$

2nd moment

$$\mu_2^2 = \mu_1^2 + \Delta = \mu_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\mu_1^2)$$

$$(2\omega_1 + \omega_2)\mu_1^2 + 2\omega_2\mu_2^2 + \omega_1\mu_3^2 = (2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 2\omega_2 + \omega_1)\mu_1^2 + 2(\omega_1 + \omega_2)\Delta = \mu_1^2 + \frac{2}{3}\frac{1 - 3\mu_1^2}{2} = \frac{1}{3} : \text{hold}$$

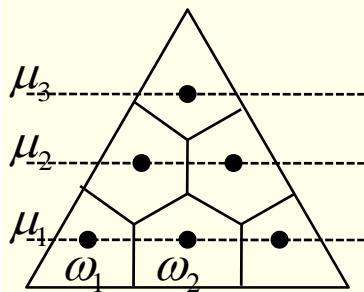
4th moment

$$\frac{1}{5} = (2\omega_1 + \omega_2)\mu_1^4 + 2\omega_2\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\mu_1^2\right)^2 + \omega_1(1 - 2\mu_1^2)^2 \dots \textcircled{2}$$

6th moment

$$\frac{1}{7} = (2\omega_1 + \omega_2)\mu_1^6 + 2\omega_2\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\mu_1^2\right)^3 + \omega_1(1 - 2\mu_1^2)^3 \dots \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \omega_1 = 0.176126 \\ \omega_2 = 0.157207 \\ \mu_1 = 0.266636 \end{cases}$$



# Finite Difference Scheme

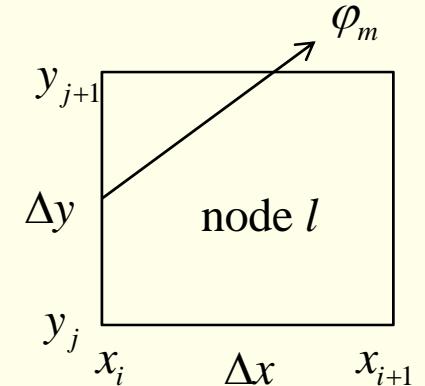
- In 2D

$\varphi_m(x, y)$ : dependent on  $x, y$

$$\varphi_m = 2\pi\varphi(x, y, \hat{\Omega})$$

$$\boxed{\Omega_x^m} \frac{\partial \varphi_m}{\partial x} + \boxed{\Omega_y^m} \frac{\partial \varphi_m}{\partial y} + \Sigma_t \varphi_m = s_m$$

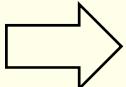
$\xi_m \downarrow \quad \eta_m \downarrow$



$$\text{Apply } \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \cdot dxdy \Leftrightarrow \xi_m \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} (\varphi_m(x_{i+1}, y) - \varphi_m(x_i, y)) dy + \eta_m \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (\varphi_m(x, y_{j+1}) - \varphi_m(x, y_j)) dx$$

$$+ \Sigma_t \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \varphi_m(x, y) dxdy = \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} s_m dxdy$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varphi_m &= \frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y} \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \varphi_m(x, y) dxdy \\ \varphi_{m,i+1} &= \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} \varphi_m(x_{i+1}, y) dy \\ \varphi_{m,j} &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \varphi_m(x, y_j) dx \end{aligned} \right\}$$



$$\xi_m \Delta y (\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i}) + \eta_m \Delta x (\varphi_{m,j+1} - \varphi_{m,j}) + \Sigma_t \varphi_m \Delta x \Delta y = s_m \Delta x \Delta y$$

$$\xi_m \frac{\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i}}{\Delta x} + \eta_m \frac{\varphi_{m,j+1} - \varphi_{m,j}}{\Delta y} + \Sigma_t \varphi_m = s_m \varphi_m$$

# Finite Difference Scheme

- Incoming flux condition given

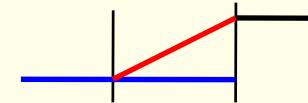
$\varphi_{m,i}$  and  $\varphi_{m,j}$  given for  $\xi_m > 0$  and  $\eta_m > 0$

- Unknowns

$\varphi_{m,i+1}, \varphi_{m,j+1}, \varphi_m$

- Weighted Difference

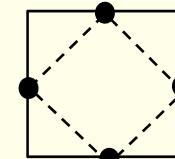
$$\varphi_m = \omega\varphi_{m,i} + (1-\omega)\varphi_{m,i+1} = \omega\varphi_{m,j} + \frac{(1-\omega)}{\bar{\omega}}\varphi_{m,j+1}$$



$\omega=1$ : Step differencing

$\omega=\frac{1}{2}$ : Diamond differencing (Linear Approximation of Angular Flux)

$$\varphi_m = \frac{1}{4} [\varphi_{m,i} + \varphi_{m,j} + \varphi_{m,i+1} + \varphi_{m,j+1}]$$



$$\varphi_{m,i+1} = \frac{1}{\bar{\omega}}(\varphi_m - \omega\varphi_{m,i})$$

$$\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i} = \frac{1}{\bar{\omega}}\varphi_m - \left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}} + 1\right)\varphi_{m,i} = \frac{1}{\bar{\omega}}\varphi_m - \frac{1}{\bar{\omega}}\varphi_{m,i} = \frac{\varphi_m - \varphi_{m,i}}{\bar{\omega}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_m \Delta y (\varphi_m - \varphi_{m,i}) + \eta_m \Delta x (\varphi_m - \varphi_{m,j}) + \sum_t \Delta x \Delta y \bar{\omega} \varphi_m = s_m \Delta x \Delta y \bar{\omega}$$

$$\varphi_m = \frac{s_m V \bar{\omega} + \xi_m \Delta y \varphi_{m,i} + \eta_m \Delta x \varphi_{m,j}}{\xi_m \Delta y + \eta_m \Delta x + \bar{\omega} V \sum_t}$$

$$\omega=1: \varphi_m = \frac{\xi_m \Delta y \varphi_{m,i} + \eta_m \Delta x \varphi_{m,j}}{\xi_m \Delta y + \eta_m \Delta x}, \text{ weighted average ?}$$

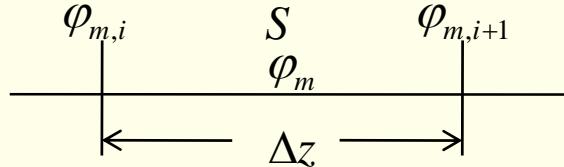
In fact,  $\varphi_{m,i+1}$  &  $\varphi_{m,j+1}$  first from 1-D,  
then  $\varphi_m$  from 2-D balance.

# Analysis of Difference Scheme

- 1D, Flat Source

$$\mu_m \frac{d\varphi_m}{dz} + \Sigma_t \varphi_m = s_m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varphi_m}{dz} + \frac{\Sigma_t}{\mu_m} \varphi_m &= \frac{s_m}{\mu_m} \quad \rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} \left( e^{\frac{\Sigma_t}{\mu_m} z} \varphi_m(z) \right) = \frac{s_m}{\mu_m} e^{\frac{\Sigma_t}{\mu_m} z} \quad \rightarrow e^{\frac{\Sigma_t}{\mu_m} z} \varphi_m(z) - \varphi_m(0) = \frac{s_m}{\mu_m} \frac{\mu_m}{\Sigma_t} (e^{\frac{\Sigma_t}{\mu_m}} - 1) \\ \Rightarrow \varphi_m(z) &= \varphi_{m,i} e^{-\frac{\Sigma_t}{\mu_m} z} + \frac{s_m}{\Sigma_t} (1 - e^{-\frac{\Sigma_t}{\mu_m} z}) \quad \varphi_{m,i+1} = \varphi_{m,i} e^{-\tau} + \frac{s_m}{\Sigma_t} (1 - e^{-\tau}) \cdots (1) \quad \text{where } \tau = \Sigma_t \frac{\Delta z}{\mu_m} \end{aligned}$$



- Balance equation to find the average flux

$$\mu_m (\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i}) + \Delta z \cdot \Sigma_t \varphi_m = s_m \cdot \Delta z$$

$$\frac{s_m}{\Sigma_t} = \frac{\mu_m}{\Delta z \Sigma_t} (\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i}) + \varphi_m = \frac{1}{\tau} (\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i}) + \varphi_m \cdots (2)$$

$$(2) \text{ in (1): } \varphi_{m,i+1} = \varphi_{m,i} e^{-\tau} + \left( \frac{1}{\tau} (\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i}) + \varphi_m \right) (1 - e^{-\tau})$$

$$\varphi_m = \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{e^{-\tau}}{1 - e^{-\tau}} \right)}_{\omega} \varphi_{m,i} + \left( \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\tau}} - \frac{1}{\tau} \right) \varphi_{m,i+1}$$

$$1 - \omega = 1 - \frac{1}{\tau} + \frac{e^{-\tau}}{1 - e^{-\tau}} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\tau}} - \frac{1}{\tau}$$

for large  $\tau$        $\omega = 0$

small  $\tau$        $\omega = \frac{1}{2}?$

# Analysis of Difference Scheme

$$\omega = \frac{1 - e^{-\tau} - \tau e^{-\tau}}{\tau(1 - e^{-\tau})} = \frac{1 - (1 - \tau + \frac{\tau^2}{2} - \frac{\tau^3}{6} + \dots) - \tau + \tau^2 - \frac{\tau^3}{2} + \frac{\tau^4}{6} + \dots}{\tau(1 - (1 - \tau + \frac{\tau^2}{2} - \frac{\tau^3}{6} + \dots))}$$

$$\boxed{\omega = \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{e^{-\tau}}{1 - e^{-\tau}}}$$

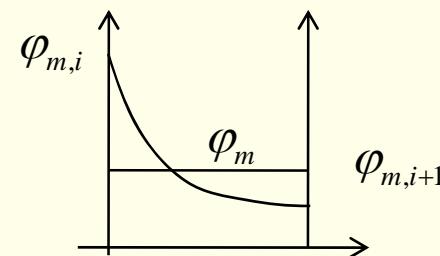
$$\begin{aligned} &\cong \frac{\frac{\tau^2}{2} - \frac{\tau^3}{3}}{\tau(\tau - \frac{\tau^2}{2})} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\tau}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\tau} \\ &\cong (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\tau)(1 + \frac{1}{2}\tau) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\tau - \frac{1}{3}\tau - \cancel{\frac{\tau^2}{12}} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{12}\tau \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore 0 \leq \omega \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\tau}{12} \rightarrow$  more weighting on  $\varphi_{m,i+1}$ !

→ step differencing ( $\omega = 1$ ) not reasonable!

- For Left Direction

$$\varphi_m = \omega \cdot \varphi_{m,i+1} + (1 - \omega) \varphi_{m,i}$$



Average shifted toward  $\varphi_{m,i+1}$

# Error Estimation

$$\varphi(z) = \varphi(0) + \varphi'(0)z + \frac{1}{2}\varphi''(0)z^2 + \frac{1}{6}\varphi^{(3)}(0)z^3 + \frac{1}{24}\varphi^{(4)}(0)z^4 + \dots$$

$$\bar{\varphi} = \frac{1}{h} \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \varphi(z) dz = \varphi(0) + \frac{1}{h} \frac{1}{2} \varphi''(0) \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{h^3}{3 \cdot 8} + \frac{1}{h} \frac{1}{24} \varphi^{(4)}(0) 2 \cdot \frac{h^5}{5 \cdot 32} + \dots$$

$$= \varphi(0) + \varphi''(0) \frac{h^2}{24} + \varphi^{(4)}(0) \frac{h^4}{60 \cdot 32} + \dots = \varphi^*$$

- Backward (Implicit) Step Difference ( $\omega=0$ )

$$\bar{\varphi}_{SD} = \varphi\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) = \varphi(0) + \varphi'(0) \frac{h}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \varphi''(0) \frac{h^2}{4} + \dots$$

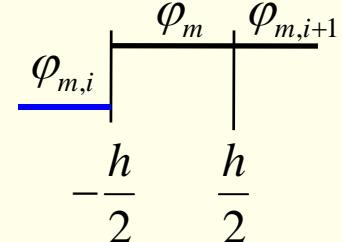
$$\bar{\varphi}_{SD} - \varphi^* = \varphi'(0) \frac{h}{2} + \dots \Rightarrow O(h)$$

- Diamond Difference ( $\omega=\frac{1}{2}$ )

$$\bar{\varphi}_{DD} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) + \varphi\left(-\frac{h}{2}\right) \right) = \varphi(0) + \frac{1}{2} \varphi''(0) \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{24} \varphi^{(4)}(0) \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 + \dots$$

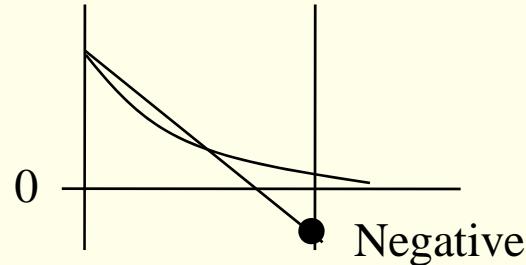
$$\bar{\varphi}_{DD} - \varphi^* = \varphi''(0) \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{24}\right) h^2 + \dots \Rightarrow O(h^2)$$

$\varphi^*$   
 $\varphi_{m,i+1}, \varphi_{m,j+1}$  first from 1D,  
 then  $\varphi_m$  from 2D



# Negative Flux

- A weak point of Diamond Difference  $\rightarrow$  Negative Flux



- Negative Flux

$$\varphi_m = \omega\varphi_{m,i} + (1-\omega)\varphi_{m,i+1} = \omega\varphi_{m,i} + \bar{\omega}\varphi_{m,i+1}$$

$$\mu_m(\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i}) + \Sigma_t \Delta z \varphi_m = s_m \Delta z$$

$$(\mu_m + \bar{\omega} \Sigma_t \Delta z) \varphi_{m,i+1} + (-\mu_m + \omega \Sigma_t \Delta z) \varphi_{m,i} = s_m \Delta z \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varphi_{m,i+1} = \frac{(\mu_m - \omega \Sigma_t \Delta z) \varphi_{m,i} + s_m \Delta z}{\mu_m + \bar{\omega} \Sigma_t \Delta z}$$

- For Positivity

$$(\mu_m - \omega \Sigma_t \Delta z) \varphi_{m,i} + s_m \Delta z > 0$$

For step diff.  $\omega=0$ .  $RHS \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  Always satisfy

$$\Rightarrow \mu_m - \omega \Sigma_t \Delta z > 0$$

For  $\omega=\frac{1}{2}$ , if  $\Sigma_t \Delta z > 2\mu_m$   $\varphi_{m,i+1}$  can be negative

$$\Sigma_t \Delta z < \frac{\mu_m}{\omega}$$

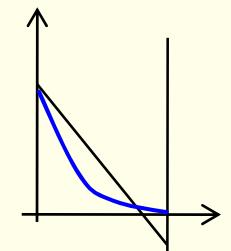
$\Rightarrow$  for various angles  $\rightarrow$  more fine meshes

# Negative Flux Fix-up & Ray Effect

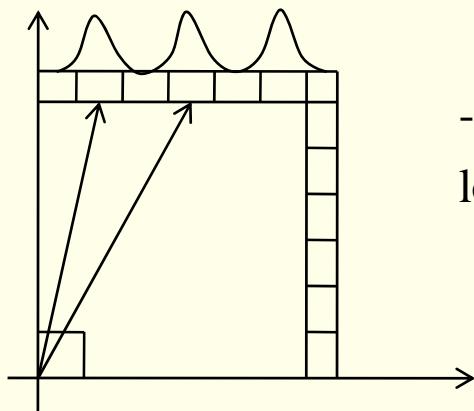
- Negative Flux Fix-up

If  $\varphi_{m,i+1} < 0$ , set  $\varphi_{m,i+1}$  to zero.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_m(\varphi_{m,i+1} - \varphi_{m,i}) + \Sigma_t \Delta z (\varphi_m) &= \mu_m(0 - \varphi_{m,i}) + \Sigma_t \Delta z \left( \frac{\mu_m}{\Sigma_t \Delta z} \varphi_{m,i+1} + \varphi_m \right) = s_m \Delta z \\ &= \varphi'_m \rightarrow \varphi'_m < \varphi_m\end{aligned}$$



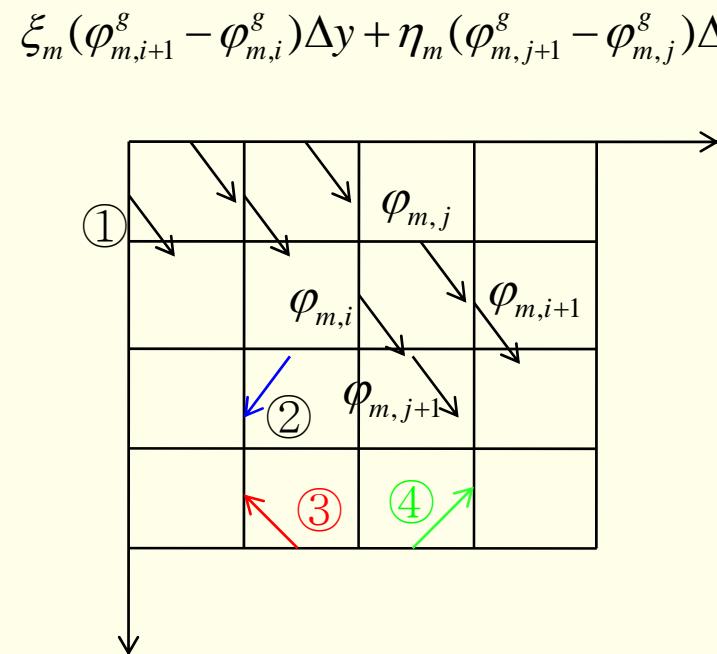
- Ray Effect



- Shielding problems due to limited number of discrete ordinates  
low scattering, low density, localized source.

# Sweeping Strategy

- Sweeping for inner iteration



- Inner iteration

- Find  $\phi_m^g$  and  $\phi_m^s$  for given fission and in-scattering source
- Multiple spatial sweeps are necessary depending of angular directions
- Need to update self-scattering

$$\xi_m(\phi_{m,i+1}^g - \phi_{m,i}^g)\Delta y + \eta_m(\phi_{m,j+1}^g - \phi_{m,j}^g)\Delta x + \sum_t \Delta x \Delta y \phi_m^g = \frac{1}{2} \left( \chi_g \psi \Delta V + \sum_{g' \neq g} \sum_{g'g} \phi_{g'}^g + \sum_{gg} \phi_g^g \right)$$

Self-scattering                                    In-scattering

$$\phi_m = \frac{Q_m V \bar{\omega} + \xi_m \Delta y \phi_{m,i} + \eta_m \Delta x \phi_{m,j}}{\xi_m \Delta y + \eta_m \Delta x + \bar{\omega} V \Sigma_t}$$

$$\phi_{m,i+1} = \frac{1}{\bar{\omega}} (\phi_m - \bar{\omega} \phi_{m,i})$$

# Inner Iteration Strategy

For iin=1 : Nin

For q=1 : 4

For j=jb(q) : je(q)

For i=ib(q) : ie(q)

$l = l(i,j)$

For m=1 : M<sub>8</sub>

$$\varphi_m^{g,l} = f(Q_m^g, \varphi_{m,x}^{g,l,in}, \varphi_{m,y}^{g,l,in})$$

$$\varphi_{m,x}^{g,l,out} = f(\omega, \varphi_{m,x}^{g,l,in}, \varphi_m^{g,l})$$

$$\text{or } \varphi_{m,y}^{g,l,out} = f(\omega, \varphi_{m,y}^{g,l,in}, \varphi_m^{g,l})$$

$$\phi_g^l = \phi_g^l + \omega_m^{g,l} \varphi_m^{g,l}$$

end ! of m

end ! of i

end ! of j

end ! of g

$$Q_l^g = \tilde{Q}_l^g + \Sigma_{gg} \phi_g$$

end ! of iin

q	j		i	
	begin	end	begin	end
1	1	Ny	1	Nx
2	1	Ny	Nx	1
3	Ny	1	Nx	1
4	Ny	1	1	Nx

# Acceleration of S<sub>N</sub> iteration

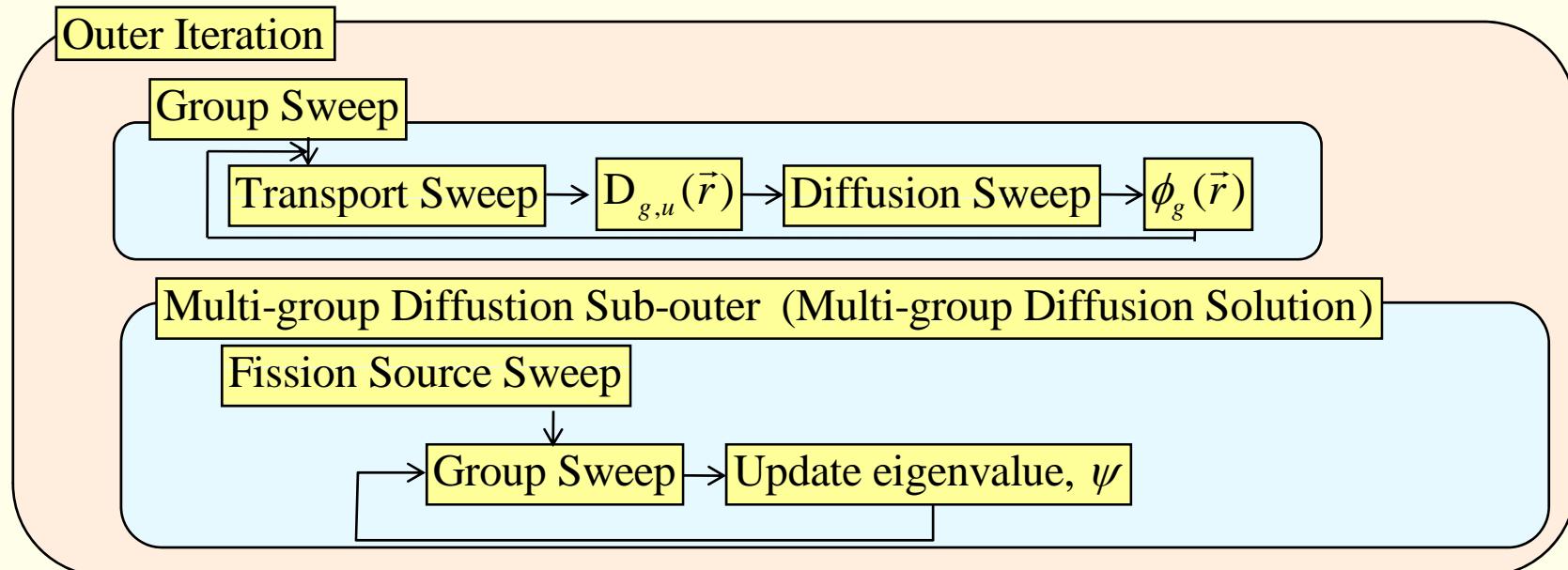
- Diffusion Synthetic Method

- Construct diffusion equation equivalent to the transport equation.

$$-\vec{\nabla} \cdot D_g \nabla \phi_g + \sum_{rg} \phi_g = \lambda \chi_g \psi + \sum_{g' \neq g} \phi_{g'}$$

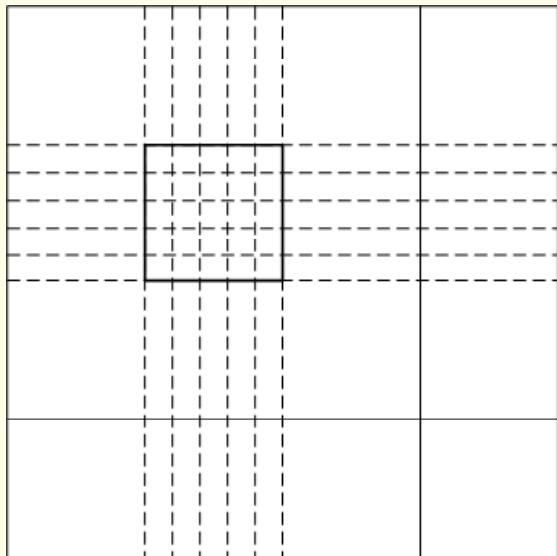
$$-D_g \nabla \phi_g = J_g^{S_N} \quad D_g = -\frac{J_g^{S_N}}{\nabla \phi_g} \Rightarrow D_{g,u} = \frac{J_g^{S_N}}{-\nabla_u \phi_g} : \text{Direction Diffusion Coefficient}$$

- Iteration strategy for D.S. Method



# Coarse Mesh Finite Difference

- CMFD Acceleration



$$J_C^{S_N} = -\tilde{D}(\bar{\phi}_r - \bar{\phi}_l) + \hat{D}(\bar{\phi}_r + \bar{\phi}_l)$$

$$\hat{D} = \frac{-J_C^{S_N} - \tilde{D}(\bar{\phi}_r - \bar{\phi}_l)}{\bar{\phi}_r + \bar{\phi}_l}$$

$$J_C^{S_N} = \frac{\sum_{s=1}^{N_s} J_{f,s}^{S_N} \Delta h_s}{\sum_{s=1}^{N_s} \Delta h_s} \quad \bar{\phi}_l = \frac{\sum_i \phi_{f,i}^l A_{il}}{\sum_i A_{il}}$$

- Prolongation  $\phi_{f,i,l}^g = \frac{\phi_{f,i,l}^g}{\bar{\phi}_{l,g}^{prv}} \times \bar{\phi}_{l,g}^{CMFD}$

- Faster Convergence
  - Global coupling between distant nodes or with boundary can be resolved quickly by solving CMFD which is an elliptic problem
  - Source convergence is accelerated as a result