The moving-mesh adaptation in 3D. Steady mesh adaptation to the surface of helicopter fuselage.

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Main features of the technique

- Simply connected domain
- Geometry is defined by interpolation grid (level-set tree)
- Immersed boundary method (IBM) Brinkman penalization
- The shape of the body is approximated using adaptation of rtype (nodes are redistributed while topology remains the same)
- Adaptation produces anisotropic cells



Features of the adaptation technique

- Level-set function u(x,t) defines the solid body location and is close to signed distance function near the boundary
- Metric tensor G(x,t) is built upon u(x,t) as

$$G(x,t) = \sigma_1^2 I + (\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2) \nabla_x u \nabla_x u^T \frac{1}{|\nabla_x u|^2} \xrightarrow{\sigma_2 = \sigma_1} G(x,t) = \sigma_1^2 I$$

• On highly curved fragments of the boundary or near sharp vertices $\sigma_2 = \sigma_1$, otherwise $\sigma_2 = \sigma_1/K$. K is user-defined anisotropic ratio.

 $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{\text{normal}}(x, t)$ - mesh stretching in the normal direction $\sigma_2 = \sigma_{\text{tangential}}(x, t) \ (\sigma_{2,3} \text{ in 3D})$ - spatial distribution of the anisotropy





 σ_1 distribution

Testing for 3D case



Sphere of size D = 1 is making forced harmonic movement along Oy with f=0.15, A=0.2

Re=318.8





Solid domain

Testing for 3D case: comparison in profiles $y=\{-0.25, 0, 0.25\}$; x=0; -1 < z < 1



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Adaptation for ellipsoid (solid part is blanked)



Mesh adaptation to the boundary of the helicopter fuselage



4. Solid part of the adapted mesh



2. Helicopter fuselage geometry



3. Adaptive grid generated for the geometry



5. Adapted unstructured mesh

Automatic anisotropy control





sigma1











Automatic anisotropy control

Main idea: define σ_2 on interpolation grid during mesh preparation

Curvature-dependent function in vertices of the contour







Adaptation will use the parameter as a predefined value

Problems to solve

- Improve adaptation to the boundary of the helicopter fuselage (boundary approximation and compression degree)
- Compare results made using body-fitted mesh and adapted mesh