



UNSTEADY FLOW MODELLING AND COMPUTATION

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- CFD of steady flow is now mature
- Many industrial codes available, robust and accurate
- Complex flow physics included: moving geometries, turbulence, combustion, mixing, fluid-X coupling
- But only the averages are computed

- Averages are not always enough (instabilities, growth rate, vortex shedding)
- Averages are even not always meaningful



• Some phenomena are unsteady in nature. Ex: turbulence in a channel with ablation



• Some phenomena are unsteady in nature. Ex: ignition of an helicopter engine





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• Some phenomena are unsteady in nature. Ex: thermoacoustic instability - Experiment



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• Some phenomena are unsteady in nature. Ex: thermoacoustic instability - CFD



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• Large scale unsteady computations require huge computing resources, an efficient codes ...



SOME KEY INGREDIENTS

• Flow physics:

 turbulence, combustion modeling, heat loss, radiative transfer, wall treatment, chemistry, two-phase flow, acoustics/flame coupling, mode interaction, ...

• Numerics:

 non-dissipative, low dispersion scheme, robustness, linear stability, non-linear stability, conservativity, high order, unstructured environment, parallel computing, error analysis, ...

• Boundary conditions:

 characteristic decomposition, turbulence injection, non-reflecting, pulsating conditions, complex impedance, ...

BASIC EQUATIONS

reacting, multi-species gaseous mixture



SIMPLER BASIC EQUATIONS

• Navier-Stokes equations for a compressible fluid

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \qquad \qquad \frac{P}{\rho} = rT$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho u_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho u_i u_j) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \qquad \qquad \tau_{ij} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}\right) - \frac{2}{3} \mu \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k}$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho E)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho u_i E) = -\frac{\partial u_i (P \delta_{ij})}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_i \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial q_j}{\partial x_j} \qquad \qquad q_i = -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i}$$

• Finite speed of propagation of pressure waves

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SIMPLER BASIC EQUATIONS

• Navier-Stokes equations for an incompressible fluid

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \qquad \qquad \rho = \rho_0$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho u_i u_j) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \qquad \qquad \tau_{ij} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

- Infinite speed of propagation of pressure waves
- Contain turbulence

Turbulence

Turbulence

"I am an old man now, and when I die and go to Heaven there are two matters on which I hope enlightenment. One is quantum electro-dynamics and the other is turbulence.

About the former, I am really rather optimistic"



Sir Horace Lamb (1932)

From S. Goldstein, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech, 1, 23 (1969)

"What is turbulence ? Turbulence is like pornography. It is hard to define, but if you see it, you recognize it immediately"

G. K. Vallis, 1999



TURBULENCE IS EVERYWHERE











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The flow regime (laminar vs turbulent) depends on the Reynolds number :



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•Turbulence is increasing mixing

-Most often favorable (flames can stay in combustors)

-Some drawbacks (drag, relaminarization techniques...)

TURBULENCE AND CHAOS





Fig. 3.3. Histogram for same signal as in Fig. 3.1(a), sampled 5000 times over a time-span of 150 seconds (a); same histogram, a few minutes later (b).

Fig. 3.1. One second of a signal recorded by a hot-wire (sampled at 5 kHz) in the S1 wind tunnel of ONERA (a); same signal, about four seconds later (b). Courtesy Y. Gagne and E. Hopfinger.

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- The flow is very sensitive to the initial/boundary conditions. This leads to the impression of chaos, because the tiny details of the operating conditions are never known
- This sensitivity is related to the non-linear (convective) terms
- Need for an academic turbulent case

HOMOGENEOUS ISOTROPIC TURBULENCE

- No boundary
- L-periodic 3D domain
- $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$ being any physical quantity



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BUDGETS IN HIT

- Spatial averaging $\langle \phi \rangle(t) = \frac{1}{L^3} \iiint \phi(\mathbf{x}) dx_1 dx_2 dx_3$
- Momentum

$$\frac{d\langle u_i\rangle}{dt} = 0$$

• Turbulent Kinetic Energy (TKE)

$$\frac{d\left\langle u_{i}^{2}/2\right\rangle}{dt} = -\frac{v}{2} \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} + \frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}}\right)^{2}\right\rangle_{\mathcal{E}:\text{TKE dissipation rate}}$$

FLUX OF TKE

• For any K>0 and any $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$

$$\phi^{<}(\mathbf{x},t) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}:|\mathbf{k}|< K} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{k} = \frac{2\pi}{L} Z^{3}$$

• KE of scales larger than $2\pi/K$:

$$\frac{d\left\langle u_{i}^{<^{2}}/2\right\rangle}{dt} = -\varepsilon^{<} - \left\langle u_{i}^{<}u_{j}\frac{\partial u_{i}^{>}}{\partial x_{j}}\right\rangle$$

• Non linear terms are responsible for the energy transfer from the largest to the smallest scales

TURBULENCE: A SCENARIO

- The largest scales of the flow are fed in energy (I_0) 1.
 - Must be done at rate

$$\mathcal{E} \equiv \frac{u_0^3}{l_0}$$

2. The energy is transferred to smaller and smaller scales (*I*)

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Must be done at rate

$$\mathcal{E} \equiv \frac{u^3}{l}$$

- 3. When scales become small enough (η), they become sensitive to the molecular viscosity and are eventually dissipated
 - Must occur when: $\frac{u_{K}\eta_{K}}{1}=1$

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SCALES IN TURBULENCE

• Kolmogorov scales (the smallest ones)

$$\eta_{K} \equiv \frac{\nu^{3/4}}{\varepsilon^{1/4}} \qquad \qquad u_{K} \equiv \nu^{1/4} \varepsilon^{1/4}$$

• Large-to-small scales ratio

$$\frac{l_0}{\eta_K} \equiv R_0^{3/4}$$

• Remark: in CFD, the number of grid points in each direction must follow the same scaling

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TURBULENCE SPECTRUM

• Two-point correlation tensor:

 $R_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = \left\langle u_i(\mathbf{x},t)u_j(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r},t) \right\rangle$

• Velocity spectrum tensor

$$\phi_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \iiint_{R^3} R_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} dr_1 dr_2 dr_3 \qquad R_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = \iiint_{R^3} \phi_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3$$

 Energy spectrum: E(k)dk is the kinetic energy contained in the scales whose wave number are between k and k+dk

$$E(k) = \frac{1}{2} \oint \phi_{ii}(\mathbf{k}) dS(k)$$

S(k): sphere of radius k

one shows that :
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} E(k) dk = \frac{1}{2} \langle u_{i} u_{i} \rangle$$

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KOLMOGOROV ASSUMPTION

• After Kolmogorov (1941), there is an inertial zone $(I_0 << l << \eta)$ where E(k) only depends on ε and l (viz. k).

It follows that:

$$E(k) = C_{K} \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$$



TURBULENCE SPECTRUM



Fig. 5.5. log-log plot of the energy spectrum in the time domain and enlargement of the beginning of the dissipation range for tidal channel data (Grant, Stewart and Moilliet 1962).



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ONERA WIND TUNNEL

$$E(k) \propto \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$$

Well supported by the experiments





Fig. 5.7. log-log plot of the energy spectra of the streamwise component (white circles) and lateral component (black circles) of the velocity fluctuations in the time domain in a jet with $R_{\lambda} = 626$ (Champagne 1978).

TURBULENCE IN CFD

- Turbulence is **contained** in the Navier-Stokes equations
- So it is deterministic
- BUT: because the flow is so sensitive to the (unknown) details of IC and BC, only averages can be predicted, or used for comparison purposes ex: numerical/experimental comparisons
- "simply" resolve the Navier-Stokes equations to obtain turbulence: Direct Numerical Simulation

TURBULENCE IN CFD



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DNS OF ISOTROPIC TURBULENCE


DIRECT NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF TURBULENCE

- Solve the Navier-Stokes equations and represent all scales in space and time
- Compute the average, variance, of the unsteady solution
- The main limitation comes from the computer resources required:
 - the number of points required scales like $(R_0^{3/4})^3 = R_0^{9/4}$
 - The CPU time scales like R_0^3
- In many practical applications, the Reynolds number is large, of order 10⁶ or more

THE RANS APPROACH

• Ensemble average the (incompressible) Navier-Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial \overline{u_i}}{\partial x_i} = 0 \qquad \qquad \rho \frac{\partial \overline{u_i}}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial \overline{u_i u_j}}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial \overline{P}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \overline{\tau_{ij}}}{\partial x_j}$$

- Reynolds decomposition $u_i = \overline{u_i} + u_i'$
- **Reynolds** equations:



• A model for the Reynolds stress is required $-\rho \overline{u_i' u_j'}$

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DNS vs RANS in a combustor



Modern combustion chamber - TURBOMECA

DNS vs RANS in a combustor



- **RANS**: used routinely during the design process.
- Approx. 10⁶ nodes for the whole geometry



•DNS: used to know more about the flow physics in the multi-perforated plate region

•Approx. 10⁶ nodes for only one perforation

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THE RANS APPROACH

- Intense scientific activity in the '70, '80 and '90 to derive the ultimate turbulence model. Ex: k-ε, RSM, k-ε-v², ...
- No general model
- No flow dynamics
- Thanks to increasing available computer resources, unsteady calculations become affordable



Jet of hot gas

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RANS – LES - DNS

• Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes:

- Relies on a model to account for the turbulence effects
- efficient but not predictive

• Direct Numerical Simulation:

- The only model is Navier-Stokes
- predictive but not tractable for practical applications

• Large Eddy Simulation:

- Relies on a model for the smallest scales, more universal
- Resolves the largest scales
- Predictive and tractable

Large-Eddy Simulation

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RANS – LES - DNS



Large Eddy Simulation



• Formally: replace the average operator by a spatial filtering to obtain the LES equations

$$\overline{\phi}(\mathbf{x},t) = \iiint_{R^3} \phi(\xi,t) G(\mathbf{x}-\xi) d^3\xi = G * \phi$$

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LES equations

- Assumes small commutation errors
- Filter the incompressible equations to form \overline{NS} :

$$\frac{\partial \overline{u_i}}{\partial x_i} = 0 \qquad \qquad \rho \frac{\partial \overline{u_i}}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial \overline{u_i} \overline{u_j}}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial \overline{P}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \left(\overline{\tau_{ij}} + \tau_{ij}^{sgs}\right)}{\partial x_j}$$

• Sub-grid scale stress tensor to be modeled

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} = \rho \overline{u_i} \overline{u_j} - \rho \overline{u_i} \overline{u_j}$$

The Smagorinsky model

• From dimensional consideration, simply assume:

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} - \frac{1}{3} \tau_{kk}^{sgs} \delta_{ij} = 2\rho v_{sgs} \overline{S_{ij}}, \text{ with } \overline{S_{ij}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \overline{u_i}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \overline{u_j}}{\partial x_i} \right)$$
$$\overline{v_{sgs}} = (C_s \Delta)^2 \sqrt{2\overline{S_{ij}} \overline{S_{ij}}}$$

• The Smagorinsky constant is fixed so that the proper dissipation rate is produced, $C_s = 0.18$

The Smagorinsky model

- The sgs dissipation is $\mathcal{E}_m = \tau_{ij}^{sgs} \overline{S_{ij}} \approx 2\rho v_{sgs} \overline{S_{ij}} \overline{S_{ij}}$ always positive
- Very simple to implement, no extra CPU time
- Any mean gradient induces sub-grid scale activity and dissipation, even in 2D !!



V = W = 0 but $v^{sgs} \neq 0$

because
$$U = U(y)$$
 and $S_{12} \neq 0$

No laminar-to-turbulent transition possible

Strong limitation due to its lack of universality.
 Eg.: in a channel flow, Cs=0.1 should be used

The Germano identity

• By performing \overline{NS} , the following sgs contribution appears

• Let's apply another filter to these equations

By performing NS, one obtains the following equations

$$\rho \frac{\partial \vec{u}_i}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial \vec{u}_i \vec{u}_j}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \left(\overline{\tau_{ij}} + T_{ij}^{sgs}\right)}{\partial x_j} \qquad T_{ij}^{sgs} = \rho \vec{u}_i \vec{u}_j - \rho \vec{u}_i \vec{u}_j \qquad \textbf{B}$$

• From A and B one obtains

$$T_{ij}^{sgs} = \overleftarrow{\tau_{ij}^{sgs}} - \rho \overleftarrow{\overline{u_i}} \overrightarrow{\overline{u_j}} + \rho \overleftarrow{\overline{u_i}} \overleftarrow{\overline{u_j}}$$

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The dynamic Smagorinsky model

• Assume the Smagorinsky model is applied twice

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} - \frac{1}{3} \tau_{kk}^{sgs} \delta_{ij} = 2\rho (C_s \overline{\Delta})^2 \sqrt{2\overline{S_{ij}} \overline{S_{ij}}} \overline{S_{ij}}$$
$$T_{ij}^{sgs} - \frac{1}{3} T_{kk}^{sgs} \delta_{ij} = 2\rho (C_s \overline{\Delta})^2 \sqrt{2\overline{S_{ij}} \overline{S_{ij}}} \overleftrightarrow{\overline{S_{ij}}}$$

Assume the same constant can be used and write the Germano identity

The dynamic Smagorinsky model

• The model constant is obtained in the least mean square sense

$$C_{s}^{2} = \frac{\left(N_{ij} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\overleftarrow{\tau_{kk}^{sgs}} - T_{kk}^{sgs}\right)\delta_{ij}\right)M_{ij}}{M_{ij}M_{ij}}$$

- No guaranty that $C_s^2 > 0$. Good news for the backscattering of energy; Bad news from a numerical point of view.
- In practice on takes $\overrightarrow{\overline{\Delta}} \approx 2\overline{\Delta}$
- Must be stabilized by some ad hoc procedure. E.g.: plan, Lagragian or local averaging
- Proper wall behavior

The dynamic Smagorinsky model

- The dynamic procedure is one of the reason for the development of LES in the last 15 years
- It allows to overcome the lack of universality of the Smagorinsky model
- The dynamic procedure can be (has been) applied to other models <u>E.g.</u>: dynamic determination of the sgs Prandtl number when computing the heat fluxes

• BUT:

- it requires some ad hoc procedure to stabilize the computation
- Defining a $\overline{\overline{\Delta}} \approx 2\overline{\Delta}$ filter is not an easy task in complex geometries
- A static model with better properties than Smagorinsky ? December, 2007 VKI Lecture

An improved static model

- From the eddy-viscosity assumption, modeling τ_{ij}^{sgs} means finding a proper expression for ν_{sgs}
- The Smagorinsky model reads

$$\nu_{sgs} = (C_s \Delta)^2 \sqrt{2 \overline{S_{ij}} \overline{S_{ij}}}$$

• More generally, from dimensional argument



Choice of the frequency scale OP

• A good candidate appears to be based on the traceless symmetric part of the square of the velocity gradient tensor

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{d} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\overline{g}_{ij}^{2} + \overline{g}_{ji}^{2} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \overline{g}_{kk}^{2} \delta_{ij}$$

• Considering its second invariant

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{d} \Sigma_{ij}^{d} = \frac{1}{6} \left(S^{2} S^{2} + \Omega^{2} \Omega^{2} \right) + \frac{3}{2} S^{2} \Omega^{2} + 2I V_{S\Omega}$$

$$S^{2} = \overline{S}_{ij}\overline{S}_{ij} \qquad \Omega^{2} = \overline{\Omega}_{ij}\overline{\Omega}_{ij} \qquad IV_{S\Omega} = \overline{S}_{ik}\overline{S}_{kj}\overline{\Omega}_{jl}\overline{\Omega}_{li}$$

- 1. Involves both the strain and rotation rates
- 2. Exactly zero for any 2D field
- 3. Near solid walls, goes asymptotically to zero

The Wall Adapting Local Eddy viscosity model

• The WALE model makes use of the previous invariant to define the sgs viscosity:

$$\boldsymbol{v}_{sgs} = (C_m \Delta)^2 \frac{\left(\sum_{ij}^d \sum_{ij}^d\right)^{3/2}}{\left(\overline{S_{ij}} \ \overline{S_{ij}}\right)^{5/2} + \left(\sum_{ij}^d \sum_{ij}^d\right)^{5/4}}, \quad \text{with} \quad C_m = 0.5$$

1. Proper asymptotic behavior

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{V}_{sgs} = O(y^3)}_{y \to 0}$$

- 2. No extra filtering required
- 3. Simple implementation

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An academic case



Periodic cylindrical tube at bulk Reynolds number 10000

Simple geometry with complex mesh



About solid walls

• Close to solid walls, the largest scales are small ...





- Resolution requirement: $\Delta y^+ = O(1)$, Δz^+ and $\Delta x^+ = O(10)$!!
- Number of grid points: $O(R_{\tau}^{2})$ for wall resolved LES

About solid walls

• In the near wall region, the total shear stress is constant. Thus the proper velocity and length scales are based on the wall shear stress τ_w :

$$u_{\tau} = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_{w}}{\rho}} \qquad \qquad l = \frac{\nu}{u_{\tau}}$$

 In the case of attached boundary layers, there is an inertial zone where the following universal velocity law is followed



$$u^{+} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln y^{+} + C, \qquad u^{+} = \frac{u}{u_{\tau}}, \qquad y^{+} = \frac{yu_{\tau}}{v}$$

 $\kappa: \text{Von Karman constant}, \quad \kappa \approx 0.4$
 $C: \text{"Universal constant"}, \quad C \approx 5.2$

Wall modeling

• A specific wall treatment is required to avoid huge mesh refinement or large errors,



Velocity gradient at wall assessed from a coarse grid

Exact velocity gradient at wall

- - Use a coarse grid and the log law to impose the proper fluxes at the wall τ_{32}^{model} τ_{12}^{model} τ_{12}^{model}

Wall modeling in LES

• Coarse grid LES is not LES !!



• Numerical errors are necessary large, even for the mean quantities

$$\frac{\mathrm{du}^{+}}{\mathrm{dy}^{+}}\Big|_{y^{+}=\Delta y^{+}} \approx \frac{u^{+}(3\Delta y^{+}/2) - u^{+}(\Delta y^{+}/2)}{\Delta y^{+}} \approx \frac{\ln 3}{\kappa \Delta y^{+}} \neq \frac{1}{\kappa \Delta y^{+}}$$

• No reliable model available yet

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Numerical schemes for unsteady flows

Classical numerical methods

- Finite elements
- Finite volumes
- Finite differences

A few words about Finite Differences

- Finite differences are only adapted to Cartesian meshes
- The most intuitive approach
- In 1D, the three methods are equivalent
- Thus the FD are well suited to understand basic phenomena shared by the three methods

A few words about Finite Differences

- Instead of seeking for f(x), only the values of f at the nodes x_i are considered. Thus the unknowns are f_i=f(x_i)
- The basic idea is to replace each partial derivative in the PDE by expressions obtained from Taylor expansions written at node *i*



First spatial derivative

• Taylor expansion at node *i*:



Only derivatives at node *i* are involved

First spatial derivative

• Defining $\Delta_{i-1} = x_i - x_{i-1}$ and $\Delta_i = x_{i+1} - x_i$

X i-3 i-2 i-1 i i+1 i+2 $\Delta_{i-1}^{2} \times f_{i+1} = f_i + \Delta_i \frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{x} + \frac{\Delta_i^{2}}{2} \frac{d^{2}f}{dx^{2}}\Big|_{x} + O\left(\Delta_i^{3}\right)$ $\Delta_{i}^{2} \times f_{i-1} = f_{i} - \Delta_{i-1} \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x} + \frac{\Delta_{i-1}^{2}}{2} \frac{d^{2}f}{dx^{2}} \Big|_{x} + O(\Delta_{i-1}^{3})$ $\Delta_{i-1}^{2} f_{i+1} - \Delta_{i}^{2} f_{i-1} = f_{i} \left(\Delta_{i-1}^{2} - \Delta_{i}^{2} \right) + \left(\Delta_{i-1}^{2} \Delta_{i} + \Delta_{i}^{2} \Delta_{i-1} \right) \frac{df}{dx} + O \left(\Delta_{i-1}^{3} \Delta_{i}^{3} \right)$ $\left|\frac{df}{dx}\right|_{x} = \frac{\Delta_{i-1}^{2}f_{i+1} - f_{i}\left(\Delta_{i-1}^{2} - \Delta_{i}^{2}\right) - \Delta_{i}^{2}f_{i-1}}{\Delta_{i-1}\Delta_{i}\left(\Delta_{i-1} + \Delta_{i}\right)} + O(\Delta^{2})\right|$ December, 2007 66

Uniform mesh

• If the mesh is uniform then $\Delta_{i-1} = \Delta_i = \Delta x$ and one recovers the classical FD formula :

$$\frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{x_i} \approx D_1^0 f_i = \frac{f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$$

- The truncation error is $O(\Delta x^2)$
- Second order centered scheme

Other classical FD formulae

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x_i} \approx \frac{f_{i+1} - f_i}{\Delta x} + O(\Delta x)$$

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x_i} \approx \frac{f_i - f_{i-1}}{\Delta x} + O(\Delta x)$$

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x_i} \approx \frac{-f_{i+2} + 4f_{i+1} - 3f_i}{2\Delta x} + O(\Delta x^2)$$

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x_i} \approx \frac{f_{i-2} - 4f_{i-1} + 3f_i}{2\Delta x} + O(\Delta x^2)$$

$$\frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{x_i} \approx \frac{-f_{i+2} + 8f_{i+1} - 8f_{i-1} + f_{i-2}}{12\Delta x} + O(\Delta x^4)$$

$$\frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{x_i} \approx \frac{f_{i+3} - 9f_{i+2} + 45f_{i+1} - 45f_{i-1} + 9f_{i-2} - f_{i-3}}{60\Delta x} + O(\Delta x^6)$$

Downwind 1st order

Upwind 1st order

Downwind 2nd order

Upwind 2nd order

Centered 4th order

Centered 6th order

1D convection-diffusion equation

 Consider the convection-diffusion of a passive scalar C(x,t) in a 1D, infinite domain

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + U_0 \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}, \quad C(x,0) = C_0(x), \quad \lim_{x \to \pm \infty} C(x,t) = 0$$

• Assuming a Gaussian initial condition one can derive the following analytical solution

if
$$C_0(x) = C_0 \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4a^2}\right)$$
 then

$$C(x,t) = C_0 \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{a^2 + Dt}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - U_0 t)^2}{4(a^2 + Dt)}\right)$$

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1D convection-diffusion equation

• Diffusion effect $\operatorname{Re} = \frac{U_0 \times a}{D}$



Comparing Schemes

• 1D convection equation (*D*=0)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, \quad -2 \,\mathrm{m} \le x \le 8 \,\mathrm{m}, \quad U_0 = 1 \,\mathrm{m/s}$$

• Initial and boundary conditions:

$$f(x,0) = \exp(-x^2/4a^2), \quad a = 0.2 \text{ m}$$
 $f(-2,t) = f(8,t) = 0$



Numerical test

• Semi-discrete equation $\frac{df_i}{dt} + U_0 FD(f_i) = 0, \quad \forall i$



- No error associated with the time integration
- Compute the unknown f_i between t=0 and t=5s, using different FD formulae


Preliminary conclusions

- Upwind 1st order has a diffusive behavior ...
- The 2nd order centered scheme is virtually exact with 400 nodes. The shape of the signal is strongly modified when only 100 nodes are used
- The 4th order centered scheme is virtually exact even with 100 nodes
- 4th better than the 2nd order; 2nd order better than 1st order
- The two 2nd order schemes behave differently regarding the speed of propagation, the shape of the signal, ...
- A scheme cannot be characterized only by its order

Spectral analysis of spatial schemes

• Consider one single harmonic

$$f(x) = \operatorname{Re}[\exp(jkx)] \implies \frac{df}{dx} = \operatorname{Re}[jk\exp(jkx)]$$

• 2nd order centered scheme

$$f_{i} = \operatorname{Re}\left[\exp(jki\Delta x)\right], \quad \frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{x_{i}} \approx \frac{f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$$
$$\frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{x_{i}} \approx \operatorname{Re}\left[jk\frac{\sin(k\Delta x)}{k\Delta x}\exp(jki\Delta x)\right]$$

• The "error" in the first derivative is

$$\frac{\sin(k\Delta x)}{k\Delta x}$$

About the $k\Delta x$ parameter

Consider one harmonic function of period *L* described with *N* points

•
$$\Delta x = L / N$$
, $k = 2\pi/L$ thus $k\Delta x = 2\pi/N$



• The effective equation that is solved is

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U_0 \frac{\sin(k\Delta x)}{k\Delta x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

 Different wavelengths do not propagate at the same velocity



• Effective equation
$$\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U_0 E(k\Delta x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \right| \Rightarrow f = e^{jk(x - U_0 E(k\Delta x)t)}$$

SCHEME	$\operatorname{Re}[E(k\Delta x)]$	$\mathrm{Im}[E(k\Delta x)]$
2 nd order centered	$\frac{\sin(k\Delta x)}{k\Delta x}$	0
1st order upwind	$\frac{\sin(k\Delta x)}{k\Delta x}$	$\frac{\cos(k\Delta x) - 1}{k\Delta x}$
2 nd order upwind	$\frac{\sin(k\Delta x)}{k\Delta x} \left(2 - \cos(k\Delta x)\right)$	$\frac{-\cos(2k\Delta x) + 4\cos(k\Delta x) - 3}{k\Delta x}$
4th order centered	$\frac{\sin(k\Delta x)}{3k\Delta x} (4 - \cos(k\Delta x))$	0



When $k \Delta x$ tends to zero, $E(k \Delta x) = 1 + O((k \Delta x)^n)$, with *n* the scheme order

Dispersion

- The effective speed of propagation is equal to the exact one only in the liming case $k \Delta x \rightarrow 0$
- The actual speed of propagation of an harmonic perturbation depends on its wavelength
- Notably, the modes e^{jkx} and $e^{jk'x}$, $k \neq k'$ are not convected at the same speed
- What occurs when a multi-frequency function f(x) propagates ?

Shape deformation

• Consider the function as a Fourier series

$$f(x) = \sum \hat{f}_k e^{jkx}$$

• The analytical solution at time *t* is

$$f(x - U_0 t) = \sum \hat{f}_k e^{jk(x - U_0 t)}$$

- Numerically, the mode e^{jkx} becomes $e^{jk(x-E(k\Delta x)U_0t)}$
- Summing all contributions one obtains

$$f_{\text{num}}(x - U_0 t) = \sum_{k} \underbrace{\hat{f}_k e^{jk(1 - E(k\Delta x))U_0 t}}_{\hat{g}_k \neq \hat{f}_k} e^{jk(x - U_0 t)} \neq f(x - U_0 t)$$
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Another consequence of dispersion

- In practical computations, the solution may be polluted by high frequency numerical perturbations
- In practice, the numerical perturbations are not single harmonics



Group velocity

• Solve the 1D convection equation numerically, viz.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U_0 E((k+K)\Delta x)\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \implies f = \exp(j(k+K)(x-U_0 E((k+K)\Delta x)t))$$

• With *k*<<*K*:

$$E((k+K)\Delta x) \approx E(K\Delta x) + k \frac{dE}{dK}(K\Delta x)$$

$$(k+K)(x-U_{0}E((k+K)\Delta x)t) \approx K(x-U_{0}E(K\Delta x)t) + k \left(\underbrace{x-U_{0}E(K\Delta x)t-KU_{0}\frac{dE}{dK}(K\Delta x)t}_{-U_{0}\frac{dKE}{dK}(K\Delta x)t} \right)$$

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Group velocity

SCHEME	$E(K\Delta x)$	$V_g = U_0 \frac{dKE}{dK}$
2 nd order centered	$\frac{\sin(K\Delta x)}{K\Delta x}$	$U_0 \cos(K\Delta x)$
4th order centered	$\frac{\sin(K\Delta x)}{3K\Delta x} (4 - \cos(K\Delta x))$	$\left \frac{U_0}{3}\left(4\cos(K\Delta x) - \cos(2K\Delta x)\right)\right $



Wiggles can propagate upstream !

The more accurate the scheme, the largest the group velocity





Stabilizing computations

Non linear stability

- Ensuring the linear stability is sometimes not enough, especially when performing LES or DNS of turbulent flows
- Recall the budget of TKE in isotropic turbulence

$$\frac{d\left\langle u_{i}^{2}/2\right\rangle}{dt} = -\frac{\nu}{2} \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} + \frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}}\right)^{2} \right\rangle$$

- So in the inviscid limit, in absence of external forcing, the TKE should be conserved
- Most of the numerical schemes do not meet this property

A 1D model example

• Consider the 1D Burgers equation in a L-periodic domain

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} = 0$$

• Multiply by *u*, integrate over space:

$$\frac{d\left\langle u^{2}/2\right\rangle}{dt} + \underbrace{\int_{x=0}^{L} u \frac{\partial u^{2}}{\partial x} dx}_{I} = 0 \qquad I = \int_{x=0}^{L} u \frac{\partial u^{2}}{\partial x} dx = 2\int_{x=0}^{L} u^{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx = \frac{2}{3} \left[u^{3}\right]_{x=0}^{L} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\left\langle u^{2}/2\right\rangle}{dt} = 0, \quad \left\langle \phi \right\rangle = \int_{x=0}^{L} \phi dx$$
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- Solve the Burgers equation in a 1D periodic domain with random initialization
- Use a small time step to minimize the error due to time integration (RK4)
- Plot TKE versus time for different schemes

- Upwind biased
$$\frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} \approx \frac{u_i^2 - u_{i-1}^2}{\Delta x}$$
- Centered, divergence form $\frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} \approx \frac{u_{i+1}^2 - u_{i-1}^2}{2\Delta x}$ - Centered, advective form $\frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} \approx 2u_i \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$ December, 2007VKI Lecture





Explanation

Divergence form node *i*: $u \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} dx \approx u_i \frac{u_{i+1}^2 - u_{i-1}^2}{2}$

node
$$i+1$$
: $u \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} dx \approx u_{i+1} \frac{u_{i+2}^2 - u_i^2}{2}$

node
$$i+2$$
: $u \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} dx \approx u_{i+2} \frac{u_{i+3}^2 - u_{i+1}^2}{2}$

$$\dots + \frac{u_i u_{i+1}^2 - u_i^2 u_{i+1}}{2} + \frac{u_{i+1} u_{i+2}^2 - u_{i+1}^2 u_{i+2}}{2} + \dots$$

Advective form

node
$$i: 2u^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx \approx u_i^2 (u_{i+1} - u_{i-1})$$

node
$$i+1$$
: $2u^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx \approx u_{i+1}^2 (u_{i+2} - u_i)$

node
$$i + 2$$
: $2u^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx \approx u_{i+2}^2 (u_{i+3} - u_{i+1})$

$$\dots + u_i^2 u_{i+1} - u_i u_{i+1}^2 + u_{i+1}^2 u_{i+2} - u_{i+1} u_{i+2}^2 + \dots$$

For 2 x *Divergence form* + *Advective form*, the sum is zero ...

$$\left|\frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} \approx \frac{1}{3} \left(2u_i \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} + 2\frac{u_{i+1}^2 - u_{i-1}^2}{2\Delta x}\right)\right|$$

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Generalization to Navier-Stokes

- The same strategy can be applied to Navier-Stokes,
- The convection term are then discretized under the

skew-symmetric form
$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i u_j}{\partial x_j} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right)$$



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Boundary conditions

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BC essential for thermo-acoustics



Acoustic analysis of a Turbomeca combustor including the swirler, the casing and the combustion chamber **C. Sensiau (CERFACS/UM2) – AVSP code**

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ECP Mod Lab burner

Fully premixed propane injection Stage 30% Non reflecting inlets Reflecting outlet from begining to t=0.1728s Partially non reflecting outlet from t=0.1728s to the end The movie presents iso-surface T=1500K colored by axial velocity Chamber walls: pressure, injection pipe plan: axial velocity



C. Martin (CERFACS) – AVBP code

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• 1D convection equation (*D*=0)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, \quad -8 \,\mathrm{m} \le x \le 8 \,\mathrm{m}, \quad U_0 = 1 \,\mathrm{m/s}$$

• Initial and boundary conditions:

$$f(-8,t) = 0$$
 $f(x,0) = \exp(-x^2/4a^2), a = 0.2 \text{ m}$

Zero order extrapolation







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Basic Equations

Primitive form: Simpler for analytical work

The time dependent Navier-Stokes equations are hyperbolic, and can be reformulated in a set of characteristic advection equations. Let us consider the 3D Euler equations in quasi-linear form:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial x} + \mathbf{B} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial y} + \mathbf{C} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial z} = \mathbf{AoT}$$
 Not included in wave decomposition

In this equation, $\mathbf{V} = (\rho, u, v, w, P)^T$ is the vector of the primitive variables, the matrices \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} gather the inviscid contributions and AoT stand for "all the other terms" (viscous terms and sources):

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} u & \rho & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & u & \cdot & \cdot & 1/\rho \\ \cdot & \cdot & u & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \gamma P & \cdot & \cdot & u \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} v & \cdot & \rho & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & v & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & v & \cdot & 1/\rho \\ \cdot & \cdot & \gamma P & \cdot & v \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} w & \cdot & \cdot & \rho & \cdot \\ \cdot & w & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & w & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & w & 1/\rho \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \gamma P & w \end{bmatrix},$$

where γ , ρ , $\vec{v} = (u, v, w)^T$ and P represent the isentropic coefficient, the density, the velocity vector and the static pressure respectively.

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Decomposition in waves in 1D

$$- \begin{array}{c} 1D \text{ Eqs:} \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + A \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = A \circ T \qquad A \\ = \begin{bmatrix} u & \rho & . \\ . & u & 1/\rho \\ . & \gamma P & u \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \text{ can be} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{diagonalized:} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/c^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/\rho c \\ 0 & -1 & 1/\rho c \end{bmatrix} \qquad A = \begin{bmatrix} u & . & . \\ . & u+c & . \\ . & . & u-c \end{bmatrix} \qquad L^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho/2c & \rho/2c \\ 0 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & \rho c/2 & \rho c/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Introducing the characteristic variables: $\delta W = L \delta V$

$$\delta W = \begin{bmatrix} \delta W^{1} \\ \delta W^{2} \\ \delta W^{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta \rho - \delta P / c^{2} \\ \delta u + \frac{1}{\rho c} \delta P \\ -\delta u + \frac{1}{\rho c} \delta P \\ -\delta u + \frac{1}{\rho c} \delta P \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow speed \quad u + c \quad [m/s]$$

- Multiplying the state Eq. by L: $\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \Lambda \frac{\partial W}{\partial x} = L.AoT$ December, 2007 VKI Lecture

Remarks

• δW^i with positive (resp. negative) speed of propagation may enter or leave the domain, depending on the boundary

• in 3D, the matrices A, B and C can be diagonalized **BUT** they have different eigenvectors, meaning that the definition of the characteristic variables is not unique.

Decomposition in waves: 3D

• Define a local orthonormal basis $(\vec{n}, \vec{t}_1, \vec{t}_2)$ with $\vec{n} = (n_x, n_y, n_z)$ the inward vector normal to the boundary

• Introduce the normal matrix : $E_n = n_x A + n_y B + n_z C$

• Define the characteristic variables by: $\partial W_n = L_n \cdot \partial V$, $E_n = L_n^{-1} \cdot \Lambda_n \cdot L_n$

$$\begin{split} & \Lambda_n = diag \left(u_n, u_n, u_n, u_n + c, u_n - c \right), \quad u_n = \vec{u}.\vec{n} \\ & \int W_n^1 + \frac{\rho}{2c} (\delta W_n^4 + \delta W_n^5) \\ & \delta W_n^1 + \frac{\rho}{2c} (\delta W_n^4 + \delta W_n^5) \\ & \delta W_n^2 + s_{2x} \delta W_n^3 + \frac{n_x}{2} (\delta W_n^4 - \delta W_n^5) \\ & \delta W_n + \frac{\delta W_n^2}{\delta W_n^3} \right) \\ & \delta W_n = \begin{bmatrix} \delta W_n^1 \\ \delta W_n^2 \\ \delta W_n^3 \\ \delta W_n^4 \\ \delta W_n^4 \\ \delta W_n^5 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} \delta \rho - \frac{1}{c^2} \delta P \\ \vec{t}_1.\delta \vec{u} \\ \vec{t}_2.\delta \vec{u} \\ + \vec{n}.\delta \vec{u} + \frac{1}{\rho c} \delta P \\ - \vec{n}.\delta \vec{u} + \frac{1}{\rho c} \delta P \end{bmatrix} \\ & \to u_n + c \\ \to u_n - c \end{bmatrix}$$

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Which wave is doing what ?

WAVE	SPEED	INLET (u _n >0)	OUTLET (u _n <0)
δW_n^1 entropy	u _n	in	out
δW_n^2 shear	u _n	in	out
δW_n^3 shear	u _n	in	out
δW_n^4 acoustic	u _n + c	in	in
δW _n ⁵acoustic	U _n - C	out	out

General implementation

- Compute the predicted variation of V as given by the scheme of integration with all physical terms without boundary conditions.
 Note \delta V^P this predicted variation.
- Estimate the ingoing wave(s) and remove its (their) contribution(s). Note $\delta V^{out} = \delta V^P - L^{-1} \delta W^{in}$ the remaining variation.
- Assess the corrected ingoing wave(s) $\delta W^{in,C}$ depending on the physical condition at the boundary. Note $\delta V^{in} = L^{-1} \cdot \delta W^{in,C}$ its (their) contribution.
- Compute the corrected variation of the solution during the iteration as:

$$\partial V^{C} = \partial V^{out} + \partial V^{in} = \partial V^{P} - L^{-1} \cdot \partial W^{in} + L^{-1} \cdot \partial W^{in,C}$$

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Pressure imposed outlet

Compute the predicted value of δP, viz. δP^P, and decompose it into waves:

$$\delta P^{P} = \frac{\rho c}{2} \left(\delta W_{n}^{4} + \delta W_{n}^{5} \right)$$

• δW_n^4 is entering the domain; the contribution of the outgoing wave reads:

$$\delta P^{out} = \frac{\rho c}{2} \left(\delta W_n^5 \right)$$

• The corrected value of δW_n^4 is computed through the relation:

$$\delta W_n^{4,C} = -\delta W_n^5 + \frac{2}{\rho c} \delta P^t$$
 Desired pressure variation at the boundary

• The final (corrected) update of P is then:

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$$\delta P^{C} = \delta P^{out} + \delta P^{in,C} = \frac{\rho c}{2} \left(\delta W_{n}^{5} + \delta W_{n}^{4,C} \right) = \delta P^{t}$$
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Defining waves: non-reflecting BC

- Very simple in principle: $\delta W_n^4 = 0$
- « Normal derivative » approach: $-(u_n c)\frac{\partial W_n^4}{\partial n}\Delta t = 0$
- « Full residual » approach: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$

$$\frac{\partial W_n^4}{\partial t} \Delta t = 0$$

• No theory to guide our choice ... Numerical tests required

1D entropy wave



Same result with both the "normal derivative" and the "full residual" approaches

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2D test case

 <u>A simple case</u>: 2D inviscid shear layer with zero velocity and constant pressure at t=0



Outlet with relaxation on P

• Start from
$$\delta W_n^4 = -\delta W_n^5 + \frac{2}{\rho c} \delta P$$

• Cut the link between ingoing and outgoing waves to make the condition non-reflecting $\delta W_n^4 = +\frac{2}{\rho c} \delta P$

• Set $\delta P = \alpha_P (P^t - P^B) \Delta t$ to relax the pressure at the boundary towards the target value P^t

• To avoid over-relaxation, $\alpha_P \Delta t$ should be less than unity. $\alpha_P \Delta t = 0$ means 'perfectly non-reflecting' (ill posed)

Inlet with relaxation on velocity and Temperature

- Cut the link between ingoing and outgoing waves
- Set $\delta V = \alpha (V^t V^B) \Delta t$ to drive V^B towards V^t
- Use either the normal or the full residual approach

to compute the waves and correct the ingoing ones via:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta W_n^1 \\ \delta W_n^2 \\ \delta W_n^3 \\ \delta W_n^3 \\ \delta W_n^4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(\gamma-1)\rho}{c^2} \left[-C_p \alpha_T (T^t - T^B) + c\alpha_{u_n} (u_n^t - u_n^B) \right] \Delta t \\ \alpha_{u_t} (u_{t_1}^t - u_{t_1}^B) \Delta t \\ \alpha_{u_t} (u_{t_2}^t - u_{t_2}^B) \Delta t \\ 2\alpha_{u_n} (u_n^t - u_n^B) \Delta t \end{bmatrix}$$

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Integral boundary condition

- in some situations, the target value is not known pointwise. E.g.: the outlet pressure of a swirled flow
- use the relaxation BC framework
- rely on integral values to generate the relaxation term to avoid disturbing the natural solution at the boundary

$$\delta V = \alpha \Delta t \left(V_{\text{bulk}}^t - \frac{1}{S_{\text{Boundary}}} \int_{\text{Boundary}} V^B dS \right)$$

Integral boundary condition

• periodic pulsated channel flow (laminar)



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