From fractal-generated turbulence to gravity currents: an overview of the versatility of Incompact3d

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Cartesian grid: Pros and Cons



Pros

- Easy to generate
- Simplicity
- Cost
- Efficiency



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- High Performance Computing (by Ning Li)
- Numerical Dissipation (by Eric Lamballais)
- Customized Immersed Boundary Method

Applications

- Turbulent jet impinging on a heated plate (by Thibault Dairay)
- Fractal Generated Turbulence
- Fluidic Control of turbulent jet
- Gravity Currents



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Customized Immersed Boundary Method

Incompressible Navier-Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -\nabla p - \frac{1}{2} [\nabla (\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}] + \nu \Delta u$$
$$\nabla \mathbf{u} = 0$$

where $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the velocity, $p(\mathbf{x}, t)$ the pressure and ν the kinematic viscosity.

$$\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla . (\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} . \nabla) \mathbf{u}]$$

for the non-linear terms

$$\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}) = \nu \Delta u$$

for the viscous terms

$$\tilde{p}^{k+1} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^k}^{t^{k+1}} p \ dt$$

for the average pressure field

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Fractional Step Method

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{u}^k}{\Delta t} = \frac{23}{12} \left[\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}^k) - \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u}^k) \right] - \frac{16}{12} \left[\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}^{k-1}) - \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u}^{k-1}) \right] + \frac{5}{12} \left[\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}^{k-2}) - \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u}^{k-2}) \right] - \nabla \tilde{p}^k$$
$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{u}^{**}}{\Delta t} = \nabla \tilde{p}^k$$
$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}^{**}}{\Delta t} = -\nabla \tilde{p}^{k+1}$$

Imposition of boundary conditions on \mathbf{u}^*

Impossible to impose on \mathbf{u}^{k+1} because of incompressibility

Solution:

Example with a channel flow

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_{wall}^{*} &= 0 & \mathbf{u}_{wall}^{*} &= \nabla \tilde{p}^{k} \\ \mathbf{u}_{wall}^{k+1} &= \mathbf{u}_{wall}^{*} - \nabla \tilde{p}^{k+1} & \mathbf{u}_{wall}^{k+1} &= \mathbf{u}_{wall}^{*} - \nabla \tilde{p}^{k+1} \\ \mathbf{u}_{wall}^{k+1} &= -\nabla \tilde{p}^{k+1} \neq 0 & \mathbf{u}_{wall}^{k+1} &= \nabla \tilde{p}^{k} - \nabla \tilde{p}^{k+1} \approx 0 \end{aligned}$$

Customized Immersed Boundary Method

Three different strategies

$\mathbf{u}^* = \mathbf{0}$

- Easy to implement
- Discontinuities on the velocity field
- Boundaries of solid regions are mesh dependant

Mirror flow

- Easy to implement with basic geometries (although...)
- Almost impossible with complex geometries
- More accurate boundaries for solid regions
- Not compatible with 2D domain decomposition

Alternating direction forcing strategy

- Based on Lagrangian Polynomial as an extension of solution in solid regions
- Easy to implement with complex geometries
- Compatible with 2D domain decomposition

Direct forcing



- \bullet Forcing on \boldsymbol{u}^*
- use of ε with:
 - $\varepsilon=1$ in solid regions
 - $\varepsilon=0$ in fluid regions

$$\mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{\nabla} \tilde{p}^{k+1} = rac{\mathbf{\nabla} \cdot (1-arepsilon) \mathbf{u}^*}{\Delta t}$$

Mirror Flow



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Mirror Flow



- Reduction of oscillations near the geometry
- Improvement of the solution
- Quantitative and qualitative comparison with reference solution now possible
- Gautier, Biau, Lamballais, 2013, Computers & Fluids
- "exact solution" obtained with spectral code on Cylindrical mesh with accurate BC in far field
- Spectral interpolations so solution is known everywhere

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Alternating direction forcing strategy

- Strategy based on a 1D reconstruction using Lagrangian polynomial
- No forcing on velocity, but modification of differenciation operators
- Pre-processing on a very fine mesh to find the geometries
- Compatible with 2D domain decomposition



Alternating direction forcing strategy



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- Solid and fluid regions cannot be too small
- 2nd order convergence for velocity (like everyone else!) BUT 6th order schemes are still worth it
- ullet No control of pressure field $\Rightarrow 1^{st}$ order convergence only
- Mass conservation problem at marginal resolution
- Difference with u^{*} = 0 forcing at high resolution are negligible (Benchmark with NACA0012 2D simulations for lift and drag)

Jet control with microjets







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Validation with experiments



Figure 7. Profiles for the mean streamwise velocity $\langle u \rangle \langle x_c, y \rangle$ (left) and its associated fluctuating component $\sqrt{\langle u'u' \rangle} \langle x_c, y \rangle$ (right) for $x_c/D = i/2$ with i = 1, ..., 20. Comparison between our DNS (lines) and the experimental data of Maury et al. (2012) (symbols).

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Comparison natural/forced cases



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Same Reynolds as experiments





Why do we put the control device in the domain?



Figure 14. Isosurface for the Q-criterion where the more intense horseshoe structures (with the number Π in figure 15) can be seen. The left visualisation is enlarge near a pair of converging microjets and the right one is a vue from the inside of the main jet.



Figure 15. Identification of the three coherent structures in the near-nozzle region for 0 < x/D < 0.5 with a Q-criterion visualisation (left) and a schematic sketch behind 4 microjets (right).

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Numerical Wind Tunnel Facility

-Virtual probes \Rightarrow Collection data of in time

-Virtual cameras \Rightarrow visualizations/animations, collection of data in space

-Virtual microphones \Rightarrow Acoustic prediction using analogies

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Incompressible Navier-Stokes equations + Transport equation

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial t} + \underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \underline{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{2}{Re} \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{s}} - \nabla p + c \, \underline{\mathbf{e}}^{g}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{u}} = 0,$$
$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + (\underline{\mathbf{u}} + u_{s} \, \underline{\mathbf{e}}^{g}) \cdot \nabla c = \frac{1}{ScRe} \nabla^{2} c,$$



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Surface Q=1 Time: 8.255034

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Time: 109.000000 Re=1500 Ri part = 0.05 Ri salt = 0.5

Streamwise velocity



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