

Documentation of the Poisson solver

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The Poisson equation is solved by directly solving a linear equation set for each z-plane.

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 (n\phi + p_i) = w$$

Let's take one of the z-planes for example.

We first implement fft to w in y direction to get

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_{x_1 ky_1} & w_{x_1 ky_2} & \cdots & w_{x_1 ky_{n_y}} \\ w_{x_2 ky_1} & w_{x_2 ky_2} & \cdots & w_{x_2 ky_{n_y}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{x_{n_x} ky_1} & w_{x_{n_x} ky_2} & \cdots & w_{x_{n_x} ky_{n_y}} \end{pmatrix}$$

then reshape it into

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_{ky_1} \\ W_{ky_2} \\ \vdots \\ W_{ky_{n_y}} \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$W_{ky_i} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{x_1 ky_i} \\ w_{x_2 ky_i} \\ \vdots \\ w_{x_{n_x} ky_i} \end{pmatrix}$$

the variable `nphi_plus_p` is used to denote $\phi + p_i$, `lap` to denote the Laplacian operator casted to matrix. So that the linear equation set can be expressed here as

$$\begin{pmatrix} Lap_{ky_1} & & & \\ & Lap_{ky_2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & Lap_{ky_{n_y}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Nphi_plus_p_{ky_1} \\ Nphi_plus_p_{ky_2} \\ \vdots \\ Nphi_plus_p_{ky_{n_y}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} W_{ky_1} \\ W_{ky_2} \\ \vdots \\ W_{ky_{n_y}} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Laplacian is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\perp}^2 &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \theta \hat{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \theta \hat{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \end{aligned}$$

after the y-direction fft, the Laplacian goes to

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \theta \hat{s} i k_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \left(1 + (\theta \hat{s})^2 \right) k_y^2 \equiv lap1 + lap2 + lap3$$

In this program we use $\phi = 0$ at the right boundary and floating boundary condition at the left boundary.

For a given z-plane, $\theta\hat{s}$ is constant. k_y is known once the grid is given. For a given k_y , we have

$$Lap_{ky_i} = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\theta\hat{s}}{2\Delta x} iky_i \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & & & \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & -1 & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - (1 + (\theta\hat{s})^2) k y_i^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

together with

$$Lap_{ky_i} \begin{pmatrix} nphi_plus_p_{x_1 ky_i} \\ nphi_plus_p_{x_2 ky_i} \\ \vdots \\ nphi_plus_p_{x_{n_x-1} ky_i} \\ nphi_plus_p_{x_{n_x} ky_i} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{x_1 ky_i} \\ w_{x_2 ky_i} \\ \vdots \\ w_{x_{n_x-1} ky_i} \\ (w_{x_{n_x}} - \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} p_{right})_{ky_i} \end{pmatrix}$$

where p_{right} is p at the right boundary, fetched at runtime.