

OpenFOAM Tutorials: Programming Session

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Working With OpenFOAM

- 1. Walk through a simple solver: scalarTransportFoam
- 2. Scalar transport: swirl test
 - Non-uniform initial field
 - Field algebra and forced assignment
- 3. On-the-fly post-processing
- 4. Manipulating boundary values
- 5. Reading control data from a dictionary
- 6. Implementing a new boundary condition

Walk Through a Simple Solver



Solver Walk-Through scalarTransportFoam

- Types of files
 - Header files
 - Located before the entry line of the executable

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
```

- * Contain various class definitions
- * Grouped together for easier use

Include files

- * Often repeated code snippets, *e.g.* mesh creation, Courant number calculation and similar
- * Held centrally for easier maintennace
- * Enforce consistent naming between executables, e.g. mesh, runTime

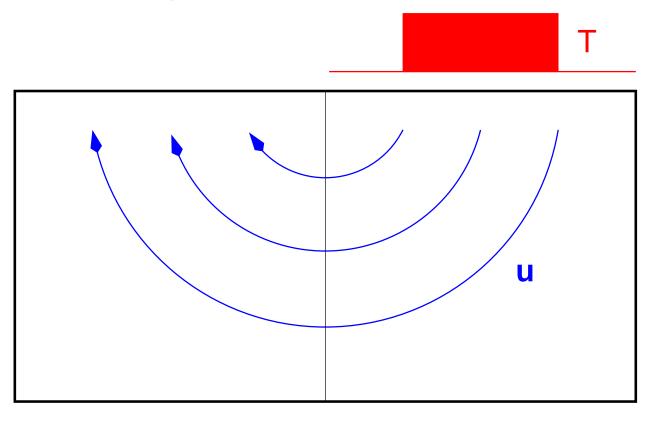
Local implementation files

- * Main code, named consistently with executable
- * createFields.H

Scalar Transport: Swirl Test



Swirl Test on scalarTransportFoam



- Setting up initial velocity field
- Forcing assignment on boundary conditions
- Types of boundary conditions

Scalar Transport: Swirl Test



Initial Condition Utility

```
volVectorField U
    IOobject
        "U",
        runTime.timeName(),
        mesh,
        IOobject::MUST_READ,
        IOobject::NO_WRITE
    ),
    mesh
);
// Do cells
const volVectorField& centres = mesh.C();
point origin(1, 1, 0.05);
vector axis (0, 0, -1);
U = axis ^ (centres.internalField() - origin);
U.write();
```

Troubleshooting this tutorial



- swirlTest.git is a Git repository which contains snapshots of the input data and source code in it's branches
- The slides have references to those branches
- Something like: In trouble? This is in branch initU
- With this information you can use

```
git checkout -f initU
to go to initU (throwing away your changes)
```

or use

```
git checkout -f initU file1 file2 dir to select individual files or directories
```

or use

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git
rm -rf *
git checkout -f initU
```

to start at a given point. Note that you still have to compile and blockMesh!

Unpacking the case (Git repository)



Unpack Git repo

```
cd $HOME
tar xf /cdrom/OFW5/Advanced_Training/swirlTest.git.tgz
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git
```

Make the mesh

blockMesh

- Inspect the mesh
- Look at the U field
- You want to go back here? This is in branch start

Compile the setSwirl utility and use it



Compile setSwirl

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git/src/setSwirl
wmake
rehash
```

- Does it compile?
- Make the mesh and initialise the velocity field

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git
setSwirl
```

- Does it run? Look at the U field! How did it change?
- In trouble? This is in branch initU
- Run scalarTransportFoam

```
scalarTransportFoam
```

Does it run? Look at the result!

Compile postlib library



Go there and compile

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git/src/postLib
wmake libso
```

- Does it compile?
- Activate the minMaxField function object by uncommenting it

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git
kate system/controlDict
scalarTransportFoam
```

- Does it run? How did the output change?
- In trouble? This is in branch minMax

Copy and rename scalarTransportFoam WIKC



Copy scalarTransportFoam application from the OF-distro

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git/src
cp -r $FOAM APP/solvers/basic/scalarTransportFoam .
```

Rename it

```
mv scalarTransportFoam myScalarTransportFoam
cd myScalarTransportFoam
wclean
mv scalarTransportFoam.C myScalarTransportFoam.C
kate Make/files
wmake
rehash
```

Make/files:

```
myScalarTransportFoam.C
EXE = $(FOAM_USER_APPBIN)/myScalarTransportFoam
```

Does it compile? Does it run? In trouble? This is in branch renamedApp

Add Hello World



Add "Hello World"

```
kate myScalarTransportFoam.C wmake
```

Add this line to myScalarTransportFoam.C:

```
for (runTime++; !runTime.end(); runTime++)
{
    Info<< "Time = " << runTime.timeName() << nl << endl;
    Info<< "Hello World" << endl;

# include "readSIMPLEControls.H"</pre>
```

- Does it compile?
- Does it compile? Does it run?
- In trouble? This is in branch hello

Add uniform source term



Modify the source code and re-xcompile

```
kate myScalarTransportFoam.C wmake
```

Modify myScalarTransportFoam.C such that:

```
for (int nonOrth=0; nonOrth<=nNonOrthCorr; nonOrth++)</pre>
    dimensionedScalar source
        "source", dimensionSet(0, 0, -1, 1, 0), 1.0
    ); // Added
    solve
        fvm::ddt(T)
      + fvm::div(phi, T)
      - fvm::laplacian(DT, T)
      source // Added
    );
```

Does it compile? In trouble? This is in branch uSource

Add a non-uniform source term (1)



Add the field by coying the T field

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git
cp 0/T 0/source
kate 0/source
```

• 0/source:

```
dimensions [0 0 -1 1 0 0 0];
internalField uniform 1.0;
boundaryField
{
   fixedWalls { type zeroGradient; }
   inlet{ type zeroGradient; }
   outlet { type zeroGradient; }
   defaultFaces { type empty; }
}
```

In trouble? This is in branch copyField

Add a non-uniform source term (2)



Initialise with a modified setSwirl utility

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git/src/setSwirl
kate setSwirl.C
wmake
setSwirl
```

Add this section in setSwirl.C:

more on the next slide

Add a non-uniform source term (3)



Still in setSwirl.C:

```
U.write();

source.internalField() = centres.internalField().component(vector::X);

source.boundaryField()[0] == centres.boundaryField()[0].component(vector::X);

source.boundaryField()[1] == centres.boundaryField()[1].component(vector::X);

source.boundaryField()[2] == centres.boundaryField()[2].component(vector::X);
```

- Does it compile? Does it run? How did the source field change?
- In trouble? This is in branch sourceField

Add a non-uniform source term (4)



Modify the source code to use the source

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git/src/myScalarTransportFoam
kate myScalarTransportFoam.C
kate createFields.C
wmake
```

• createFields.H:

more on the next slide

Add a non-uniform source term (5)



• Comment out one line in myScalarTransportFoam.C:

```
for (int nonOrth=0; nonOrth<=nNonOrthCorr; nonOrth++)
{
    // Not needed!!!
    //dimensionedScalar source ("source", dimensionSet(0, 0, -1, 1, 0),
    solve
    (</pre>
```

- Does it compile?
- Does it run? Look at the result!
- In trouble: This is in branch nuSource

Transport the source field (1)



Add the transport equation

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git/src/myScalarTransportFoam
kate myScalarTransportFoam.C
wmake
```

Add 6 lines in myScalarTransportFoam.C:

- Does it compile
- more on the next slide

Transport the source field (2)



Change the boundary conditions and set it: Set inlet to fixedValue

```
kate 0/source
setSwirl
```

• 0/source:

- Does it run? Did the BC in 0/source change?
- Now we run the application

```
cd $HOME/swirlTest.git
myScalarTransportFoam
```

- Make the necessary changes in fvSchemes and fvSolution. Let the force guide you.
- In trouble? This is in branch coupled