

Progress Report

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Solving the pressure term for solution of Navier-Stokes equations using Finite Volume Method

Continuity equation:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Navier-Stokes equation:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \quad (2)$$

Projection method

Ignoring the body force, projection method is used to decompose Navier-Stokes equation into

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{u}^n}{\Delta t} = -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}) + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^*}{\Delta t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \quad (4)$$

where n is the time level index.

Poisson equation of pressure

The pressure term can be solved using

$$\nabla^2 p = \frac{\rho}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^* \quad (5)$$

which can be represented as

$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left(\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y} \right) \quad . \quad (6)$$

Integrating it twice, discretizing and rearranging leads to

$$\begin{aligned} p_{i,j} = & \frac{1}{\left[-\frac{Dy}{Dx1} - \frac{Dy}{Dx2} - \frac{Dx}{Dy1} - \frac{Dx}{Dy2} \right]} \\ & \times \left[-\frac{Dy}{Dx1} p_{i+1,j} - \frac{Dy}{Dx2} p_{i-1,j} - \frac{Dx}{Dy1} p_{i,j+1} - \frac{Dx}{Dy2} p_{i,j-1} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left\{ (u_{i,j}^* - u_{i-1,j}^*) \Delta y + (v_{i,j}^* - v_{i,j-1}^*) \Delta x \right\} \right] \quad . \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

Using successive over-relaxation method (SOR),

$$\begin{aligned} p_{i,j} = & (1 - \omega) p_{i,j} + \omega \left[\frac{1}{\left(-\frac{Dy}{Dx1} - \frac{Dy}{Dx2} - \frac{Dx}{Dy1} - \frac{Dx}{Dy2} \right)} \right. \\ & \times \left\{ -\frac{Dy}{Dx1} p_{i+1,j} - \frac{Dy}{Dx2} p_{i-1,j} - \frac{Dx}{Dy1} p_{i,j+1} - \frac{Dx}{Dy2} p_{i,j-1} \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left((u_{i,j}^* - u_{i-1,j}^*) \Delta y + (v_{i,j}^* - v_{i,j-1}^*) \Delta x \right) \right\} \right] \quad , \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

where the relaxation factor, $\omega = 1.8$.

Finally, the correct velocity can be found using

$$\mathbf{u}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} \cdot \nabla p \quad , \quad (9)$$

which is, for u - and v -components,

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} \cdot \frac{p_{i+1,j} - p_{i,j}}{\Delta x} \quad (10)$$

and

$$v_{i,j}^{n+1} = v_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} \cdot \frac{p_{i,j+1} - p_{i,j}}{\Delta y} \quad (11)$$