Praktikum Wissenschaftliches Rechnen (CFD, Final Project)

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1 The Topic

For the final project, our group chose to extend the Navier Stokes code to be used in 3D for arbitrary geometries, with the ability of handling the Free Surface flow scenarios. We put a lot of attention to designing a code that will work in 3D for as many different scenarios as possible. That is why we did not code a special set of boundaries for just a few more known and frequently simulated situations, but rather made them completely dependent on the input geometry file.

TODO:comment on not doing free surface

1.1 Input

The parameter file that was used as input in our previous worksheets remained, with just slight changes due to the additional dimension. Only notable difference is, that we now take as an input also a scalar velIN, and a vector velMW. First one represent the velocity at the inflow boundaries, and the second one the wall velocity for the moving wall boundaries.

To make our code able to handle truly arbitrary scenarios, we designed so that it allows for any sort of implemented boundary conditions to be employed in any domain cell - so even the obstacles inside the domain can have arbitrary boundaries, as opposed to only allowing that on the domain walls (as in workseet 3). The standard boundary conditions, that we implemented, are

- no slip,
- free slip,
- inflow,
- outflow,
- moving wall.

Cell type	Number code
water	0
air	1
no-slip	2
free-slip	3
inflow	4
outflow	5
moving wall	6

Table 1: Number representations of different possible cell types.

To specify, where which of them is applied, we used special numbering of cells when generating our input pgm files, which can be seen from table 1.1, so our geometries are represented by a grayscale image with 7 levels of brightness. Since we are working in three dimensions, this image consists of a sequence of 2D (xy plane) images. The orientation of coordinate system and an example picture for a small lid driven cavity case can be seen on figure 1.1. One geometry picture set thus needs to contain $(imax + 2) \times (jmax + 2) \times (kmax + 2)$ numbers in $(jmax + 2) \times (kmax + 2)$ rows, and is typically very big.

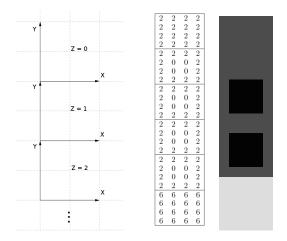


Figure 1: The structure of our input pgm files and a lid driven cavity example case.

2 Implementation

2.1 Boundary conditions for the velocities

We have 5 different boundary conditions, namely no-slip, free-slip, outflow, inflow, moving wall. We implement them for the 6 boundaries of our 3D domain, as well as for internal boundaries.

2.1.1 No-Slip boundary condition

For no-slip conditions, the fluid vanishes at the boundary. As a consequence, both the velocity components are zero.

For the B_NOU case, we set the following boundary conditions:

$$u_{i,j,k} = 0, \quad u_{i-1,j,k} = -\frac{1}{2}(u_{i-1,j+1,k} + u_{i-1,j,k+1}),$$

$$v_{i,j,k} = 0, \quad v_{i,j-1,k} = -\frac{1}{2}(v_{i+1,j-1,k} + v_{i+1,j-1,k+1}),$$

$$w_{i,j,k} = 0, \quad w_{i,j,k-1} = -\frac{1}{2}(w_{i+1,j,k-1} + w_{i,j+1,k-1}),$$

$$(1)$$

and we analogously set the boundary conditions for the following 7 cases: B_NWU, B_NOD, B_NWD, B_SOU, B_SWU, B_SOD, and B_SWD.

Boundary conditions of the following 18 cases are analogous to their 2D counterparts, and are omitted here for brevity of discussion: B_O, B_W, B_N, B_S, B_U, B_D; B_NO B_NW, B_NU, B_ND, B_SO, B_SW, B_SU, B_SD, B_OU, B_WU, B_OD and B_WD. Same applies for the discussion in 2.1.2, 2.1.3, and 2.2.

2.1.2 Free-Slip boundary condition

For free-slip conditions, the fluid flows freely parallel to the boundary, but does not cross the boundary. As a consequence, the velocity component normal to the boundary is zero, as well as the normal derivative of the velocity component parallel to the wall.

For the B_NOU case, we set the following boundary conditions:

$$u_{i,j,k} = 0, \quad u_{i-1,j,k} = \frac{1}{2}(u_{i-1,j+1,k} + u_{i-1,j,k+1}),$$

$$v_{i,j,k} = 0, \quad v_{i,j-1,k} = \frac{1}{2}(v_{i+1,j-1,k} + v_{i+1,j-1,k+1}),$$

$$w_{i,j,k} = 0, \quad w_{i,j,k-1} = \frac{1}{2}(w_{i+1,j,k-1} + w_{i,j+1,k-1}),$$
(2)

and we analogously set the boundary conditions for the following 7 cases: B_NWU , B_NOD , B_NWD , B_SOU , B_SWU , B_SOD , and B_SWD .

2.1.3 Outflow boundary condition

For outflow conditions, the normal derivatives of both the velocity components are zero.

For the B_NOU case, we set the following boundary conditions:

$$u_{i,j,k} = u_{i+1,j,k}, \quad u_{i-1,j,k} = \frac{1}{2}(u_{i-1,j+1,k} + u_{i-1,j,k+1}), v_{i,j,k} = v_{i,j+1,k}, \quad v_{i,j-1,k} = \frac{1}{2}(v_{i+1,j-1,k} + v_{i+1,j-1,k+1}), w_{i,j,k} = w_{i,j,k+1}, \quad w_{i,j,k-1} = \frac{1}{2}(w_{i+1,j,k-1} + w_{i,j+1,k-1}),$$
(3)

and we analogously set the boundary conditions for the following 7 cases: B_NWU, B_NOD, B_NWD, B_SOU, B_SWU, B_SOD, and B_SWD.

2.1.4 Inflow boundary condition

For inflow conditions, we assume the inflow velocity is perpendicular to the inflow boundary. We implement the following 6 cases, B_0, B_W, B_N, B_S, B_U and B_D, and forbid the other cases. For the B_0 case, the boundary velocities are same with those the no-slip condition, except that $u_{i,j,k} = \text{velIN}$, where the inflow velocity velIN is larger than zero. We analogously set the boundary conditions for the other 5 cases.

2.1.5 Moving wall boundary condition

For moving wall conditions, we need to restrict the moving wall directions. When the boundary cell is like B_0, the moving wall direction is +y or -y. Consequently, the boundary velocities are same with those of the no-slip condition, except for the ones along this moving wall direction and parallel to the boundary. Therefore, the following boundary conditions differ from those of the no-slip condition:

$$v_{i,j-1,k} = 2 * \text{velMW}_y - v_{i+1,j-1,k}, \quad v_{i,j,k} = 2 * \text{velMW}_y - v_{i+1,j,k},$$
 (4)

where $velMW = [velMW_x, velMW_y, velMW_z]$ is the moving wall velocity vector, and $velMW_x$ is its component along the x axis. We analogously set the boundary conditions for the following 5 cases: .

When the boundary cell is like B_NO, we set the directions of moving walls N and O in a "circular" way. For example, if N moves in the +x/-x direction, then O moves in the -y/+y direction. Therefore, the following boundary conditions differ from those of the no-slip condition:

$$\begin{array}{ll} u_{i,j,k} = 2 * \text{velMW}_x - u_{i,j+1,k}, & u_{i-1,j,k} = 2 * \text{velMW}_x - u_{i-1,j+1,k}, \\ v_{i,j,k} = 2 * \text{velMW}_y - v_{i+1,j,k}, & v_{i,j-1,k} = 2 * \text{velMW}_y - v_{i+1,j-1,k} \end{array} \tag{5}$$

We analogously set the boundary conditions for the following 16 (5 + 11) cases: B_W, B_N, B_S, B_U, B_D, B_NW, B_NU, B_ND, B_SO, B_SW, B_SU, B_SD, B_OU, B_WU, B_OD, B_WD, and we forbid the boundary conditions for the following 8 cases: B_NOU, B_NWU, B_NOD, B_NWD, B_SOU, B_SWU, B_SOD, B_SWD.

2.2 Boundary condition for the pressure

On the other hand, for all the 5 aforementioned boundary conditions, the boundary values for the pressure are derived from the discretized momentum equation and result in discrete *Neumann* conditions.

For the B_NOU case, we set the following boundary conditions

$$F_{i,j,k} = u_{i,j,k}, \quad G_{i,j,k} = v_{i,j,k}, \quad H_{i,j,k} = w_{i,j,k}, p_{i,j,k} = \frac{1}{3} (p_{i+1,j,k} + p_{i,j+1,k} + p_{i,j,k+1})$$
(6)

and we analogously set the boundary conditions for the following 7 cases: B_NWU, B_NOD, B_NWD, B_SOU, B_SWU, B_SOD, and B_SWD.

3 Problems, current state and future work

4 Results

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