

Total Variation Diminishing

Core Components and Initialization

The `TotalVariationDiminishing` class, implemented in C#, simulates estuarine circulation in a two-dimensional (x-z) domain using a total variation diminishing (TVD) numerical scheme. It supports both structured and unstructured grids, with visualization capabilities for salinity, temperature, and velocity fields. The estuary has a length $L = 1000$ m and depth $H = 10$ m, discretized into a structured grid of 200×100 points ($\Delta x = L/200$, $\Delta z = H/100$) or an unstructured triangular mesh. Key parameters include:

- Gravitational acceleration: $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$
- Reference density: $\rho_0 = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Thermal expansion coefficient: $\alpha = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$
- Saline contraction coefficient: $\beta_s = 8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ PSU}^{-1}$
- Reference temperature: $T_0 = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Reference salinity: $S_0 = 35 \text{ PSU}$
- Tidal amplitude: $A = 0.3 \text{ m}$
- Tidal period: $T = 60 \text{ s}$
- Horizontal diffusion coefficient: $\kappa_h = 0.01 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$

The model initializes fields for salinity (S), temperature (T), density (ρ), velocity components (u , w), turbulent kinetic energy (k), dissipation rate (ϵ) or specific dissipation rate (ω), eddy viscosity (ν_t), and eddy diffusivity (κ_t). Initial conditions for the structured grid are:

$$S(x, z) = 17.5 \left(1 + \tanh \left(\frac{x - 500}{50} \right) \right) \left(1 - 0.5 \frac{z}{H} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$T(x, z) = \max \left(15, 20 + 2 \left(1 - \tanh \left(\frac{x - 500}{50} \right) \right) - 2 \frac{z}{H} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\rho(x, z) = \rho_0 (1 - \alpha(T - T_0) + \beta_s(S - S_0)) \quad (3)$$

with $u = A(1 - z/H)$, $w = -0.02(z/H)$, $k = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$, $\epsilon = C_\mu k^{1.5}/0.1$, $\omega = k/(0.09 \cdot 0.1)$, $\nu_t = C_\mu k^2/\epsilon$, and $\kappa_t = \nu_t/0.7$. Unstructured grids use a similar setup with bathymetry.

Functioning Logic

The `UpdateSimulation` method advances the simulation by a fixed time step $\Delta t = 0.025$ s, updating fields via:

1. Velocity updates using tidal and buoyancy forcing.
2. Advection-diffusion of salinity, temperature, and turbulence quantities using a TVD scheme with HLL flux limiter.

3. Turbulence modeling with either $k - \epsilon$ or $k - \omega$ models.

4. Visualization updates for plan view, cross-section, contour, or quiver plots.

The simulation supports user interaction via a GUI, allowing control of visualization modes, grid type, depth, x-position, tidal period, and turbulence model.

Velocity Update

The velocity field is updated with tidal and buoyancy effects:

$$u(x, z, t) = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z}{H}\right) \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -\frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \nu_t \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \quad (5)$$

For unstructured grids, bathymetry adjusts the depth: $H(x) = H(0.5 + 0.5 \min(1, x/200))$. The vertical velocity w is constrained: $-0.5 \leq w \leq 0.5$ m/s.

TVD Advection-Diffusion

Salinity, temperature, and turbulence quantities are updated using a TVD scheme with HLL flux limiter:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(u\phi)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(w\phi)}{\partial z} = \kappa_h \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \kappa_t \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} + S_\phi \quad (6)$$

where ϕ is S, T, k, ϵ , or ω , and S_ϕ is a source term (e.g., river/ocean salinity/temperature sources). The HLL flux is:

$$F_{\text{HLL}} = \frac{s_R v \phi_L - s_L v \phi_R + s_L s_R (\phi_R - \phi_L)}{s_R - s_L}, \quad s_L = v - |v|, \quad s_R = v + |v| \quad (7)$$

A limiter ensures stability:

$$\phi = \max(0, \min(2r, \min(1, (1 + r)/2))), \quad r = \frac{\phi - \phi_{\text{upwind}}}{\phi_{\text{downwind}} - \phi + 10^{-10}} \quad (8)$$

Turbulence Models

The solver supports $k - \epsilon$ and $k - \omega$ models:

$$\frac{\partial k}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial k}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial k}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_k} \frac{\partial k}{\partial z} \right) + P - \epsilon \quad (\mathbf{k}-\epsilon) \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_\epsilon} \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial z} \right) + C_{1\epsilon} \frac{\epsilon}{k} P - C_{2\epsilon} \frac{\epsilon^2}{k} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial k}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial k}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial k}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_k} \frac{\partial k}{\partial z} \right) + P - \beta^* k \omega \quad (\mathbf{k}-\omega) \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_\omega} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial z} \right) + \alpha_\omega \frac{\omega}{k} P - \beta \omega^2 \quad (12)$$

where $P = P_{\text{shear}} + P_{\text{buoy}}$, with $P_{\text{shear}} = \nu_t \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2$, $P_{\text{buoy}} = -g \kappa_t \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} / \rho_0$. Constants are $C_\mu = 0.09$, $\sigma_k = 1.0$, $\sigma_\epsilon = 1.3$, $C_{1\epsilon} = 1.44$, $C_{2\epsilon} = 1.92$, $\sigma_{k,\omega} = 0.5$, $\sigma_\omega = 0.5$, $\beta^* = 0.09$, $\beta = 0.075$, $\alpha_\omega = 0.52$. Eddy viscosity is:

$$\nu_t = \begin{cases} C_\mu \frac{k^2}{\epsilon} & (\mathbf{k}-\epsilon) \\ \frac{k}{\omega} & (\mathbf{k}-\omega) \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

Eddy diffusivity is $\kappa_t = \nu_t / 0.7$.

Visualization

The GUI provides four visualization modes:

- **Plan View:** Plots salinity, temperature, and velocity magnitude at a selected depth.
- **Cross-Section:** Plots profiles at a selected x-position.
- **Contour Plot:** Displays salinity and temperature as color maps.
- **Quiver Plot:** Shows velocity vectors.

For unstructured grids, fields are interpolated over triangles. The output textbox displays maximum salinity, temperature, and velocity.