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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Install hermes2d, so that you can `import hermes2d` from Python:

```
In [1]: import hermes2d

In [2]:
```

Once this works, then just run:

```
cmake .
make
```

and that's it (cmake will ask the `hermes2d` module where all the `*.h` and `*.pxd` files are).

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MHD EQUATIONS

2.1 Introduction

The magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) equations are:

$$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \nabla\cdot(\rho\mathbf{v}) = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial\mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{v}\right) = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{\mu}(\nabla\times\mathbf{B})\times\mathbf{B} + \rho\mathbf{g} \tag{2.2}$$

$$\frac{\partial\mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla\times(\mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B}) + \eta\nabla^2\mathbf{B} \tag{2.3}$$

$$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B} = 0 \tag{2.4}$$

assuming η is constant. See the next section for a derivation. We can now apply the following identities (we use the fact that $\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B} = 0$):

$$\begin{aligned}
(\nabla\times\mathbf{B})\times\mathbf{B} &= (\mathbf{B}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B}(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{B}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B}) = \nabla\cdot(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T)\\
\nabla\times(\mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B}) &= (\mathbf{B}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{B}(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{v}(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{v}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{B} = \nabla\cdot(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}^T - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{B}^T)\\
\nabla\cdot(\rho\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T) &= (\nabla\cdot(\rho\mathbf{v}))\,\mathbf{v} + \rho(\mathbf{v}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v}\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \rho(\mathbf{v}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{v}
\end{aligned}$$

So the MHD equations can alternatively be written as:

$$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \nabla\cdot(\rho\mathbf{v}) = 0 \tag{2.5}$$

$$\frac{\partial\rho\mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla\cdot(\rho\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T) = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{\mu}\nabla\cdot(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T) + \rho\mathbf{g} \tag{2.6}$$

$$\frac{\partial\mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla\cdot(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}^T - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{B}^T) + \eta\nabla^2\mathbf{B} \tag{2.7}$$

$$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B} = 0 \tag{2.8}$$

2.2 Derivation

The above equations can easily be derived. We have the continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \nabla\cdot(\rho\mathbf{v}) = 0$$

Navier-Stokes equations (momentum equation) with the Lorentz force on the right-hand side:

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial\mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{v}\right) = -\nabla p + \mathbf{j}\times\mathbf{B} + \rho\mathbf{g}$$

where the current density $\mathbf{j}$ is given by the Maxwell equation (we neglect the displacement current $\frac{\partial\mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$):

$$\mathbf{j} = \frac{1}{\mu}\nabla\times\mathbf{B}$$

and the Lorentz force:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma}\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B}$$

from which we eliminate $\mathbf{E}$:

$$\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{\sigma}\mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{\sigma\mu}\nabla\times\mathbf{B}$$

and put it into the Maxwell equation:

$$\frac{\partial\mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla\times\mathbf{E}$$

so we get:

$$\frac{\partial\mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla\times(\mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B}) - \nabla\times\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\mu}\nabla\times\mathbf{B}\right)$$

assuming the magnetic diffusivity $\eta = \frac{1}{\sigma\mu}$ is constant, we get:

$$\frac{\partial\mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla\times(\mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B}) - \eta\nabla\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{B}) = \nabla\times(\mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B}) + \eta\left(\nabla^2\mathbf{B} - \nabla(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B})\right) = \nabla\times(\mathbf{v}\times\mathbf{B}) + \eta\nabla^2\mathbf{B}$$

where we used the Maxwell equation:

$$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B} = 0$$

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