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1 Conservation equations

The overall objective is that we want to solve the following four field variables:

- Pressure, P
- Internal energy, u
- Velocity, v
- Density, ρ

In order to do this we apply the conservation equations to the volume shown in Figure 1 below:

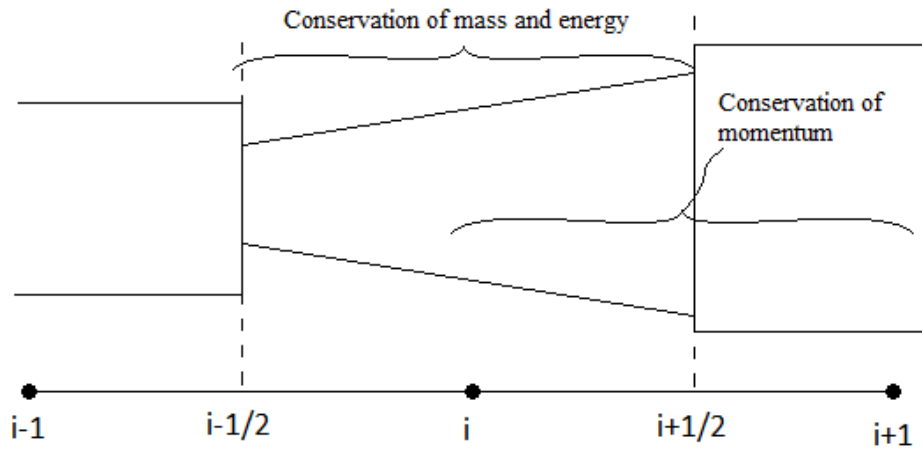


Figure 1: Simple layout of control volumes.

1.1 Conservation of Mass

Even though we will be dealing with incompressible liquids, the liquids can exist at different temperatures and therefore different densities, ρ . The conservation of mass requires as a function of time, t :

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{1}{V} \int_S \rho.(\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}).dA$$

And by applying it to the control volume:

$$\frac{d\rho_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho.A.v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - (\rho.A.v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right] \quad (1)$$

Where:

v = velocity.

V = Volume.

A = Area.

\hat{n} = Surface normal.

1.2 Conservation of Momentum

The change in momentum, $m_i.v_i$, in a control volume must balance the momentum of all the in and out flows as well as any forces applied:

$$\frac{d(mv)_i}{dt} = \int_S \rho.v|.((\vec{v}) \cdot \hat{n}).dA + \int_S P.\hat{n}.dA + mg - F_{friction}$$

For a control volume as shown in Figure 1 we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(\rho v)_i}{dt} &= \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho A v^2 d)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + (\rho A v^2 d)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(PA)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - (PA)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right] + \rho_i g_i - \frac{1}{V_i} \Delta P_{\tau,i} A_i \end{aligned}$$

Where d is the direction value (either +1 or -1), F_τ is the wall friction force and g_i is the gravitational component (i.e. $g_i = g.\sin\theta_i$, $g = -9.81m.s^{-2}$). In later derivations of the numerical representation it is more convenient to define the conservation of momentum equation about a boundary by:

$$\frac{d(\rho v)}{dt} = -\rho \frac{d(v^2)}{dx} - \frac{dP}{dx} + \rho g - \frac{\tau}{L}$$

Applied to the boundary junction, $i + \frac{1}{2}$, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(\rho v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{dt} = & \frac{\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{2} \cdot \frac{d_i \cdot (v_i)^2 - d_{i+1} \cdot (v_{i+1})^2}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \\ & - \frac{P_{i+1} - P_i}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} + \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \cdot g_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i} A_i}{2V_i} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i+1} A_{i+1}}{2V_{i+1}} \\ & - \frac{\Delta P_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{V_{i+1}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Here $\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ is the distance between control volumes i and $i + 1$, $g_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ is the gravitational force component (function of inclination angle between control volume centroids). The wall friction force can be calculated from the Darcy Friction Factor, f :

$$\Delta P_{\tau} = \frac{1}{2} f \rho \frac{L}{D_H} v^2$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta P_{\tau,i} &= \frac{1}{4} f_i \rho_i \frac{L_i}{D_{H,i}} v_i^2 \\ \Delta P_{\tau,i+1} &= \frac{1}{4} f_{i+1} \rho_{i+1} \frac{L_{i+1}}{D_{H,i+1}} v_{i+1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

In these equations L_i and $D_{H,i}$ are the length and hydraulic diameter of the i -th control volume. The Darcy friction factor is evaluated as shown below. The turbulent regime friction factor (i.e. $Re > 3000$) is calculated from the Zigrang and Sylvester correlation.

$$f = \begin{cases} g(Re) = \frac{64}{Re} & , Re \leq 2200 \\ h(Re) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2 \log \left(\frac{\epsilon}{3.7 D_H} + \frac{2.51}{Re \sqrt{f}} \right) & , Re > 3000 \\ g(2200) + \frac{h(3000) - g(2200)}{800} \cdot (Re - 2200) & , 2200 < Re \leq 3000 \end{cases}$$

The junction pressure loss $\Delta P_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}}$ is calculated from a loss coefficient K as follows:

$$\Delta P_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} K_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}} d_{i+\frac{1}{2}} v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2$$

1.3 Conservation of Energy

The total energy of the system, E , must balance that of the in and out flow including the work performed and the heat transfer into the system:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \int_S \rho \cdot (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) \cdot e \cdot dA + Q - W - E_{loss}$$

Where:

e = Specific energy of the system.

Q = Heat transfer into the system.

W = Work leaving the system.

E_{loss} = Dissipative energy losses.

The components of energy are internal energy, U , kinetic energy, $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$, and potential energy, mgz :

$$E = m \cdot e = m \cdot \left(u + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + gz \right)$$

For most control volume fluid flows where the control volume flow rate is small compared to its area it is often acceptable to neglect the kinetic energy term. Also, since it undergoes no change in elevation we can neglect the elevation change (but only for the control volume, not the junctions).

The heat transfer into the system is normally associated with some heat flux, \dot{q} , and the total heat transfer surface, A_s , therefore:

$$Q_i = \dot{q}_i \cdot A_{s,i}$$

The components of work include shaft work, W_{shaft} , and pressure work, $W_{pressure}$. For this case we will consider only pressure work:

$$W_{pressure} = (P \cdot A \cdot v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - (P \cdot A \cdot v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

From here the energy conservation equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(m \cdot u \right) &= (\rho A v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (u + gz)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - (\rho A v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (u + gz)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \\ &+ \dot{q}_i \cdot A_{s,i} + \left[(P \cdot A \cdot v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - (P \cdot A \cdot v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right] - E_{loss} \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by the volume we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(\rho.u)_i}{dt} = & \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho A v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (u + gz)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - (\rho A v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (u + gz)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\ & + \frac{A_{s,i}}{V_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(P.A.v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - (P.A.v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right] - \frac{E_{loss}}{V_i} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

1.4 Equation of state

In addition to the conservation equations, there is the equation of state. For the incompressible liquids of this simulation we can approximate the equation of state as:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= -2.053147878 \rho^3 + 5927.524805 \rho^2 - 5710176.493 \rho + 1835863516 \\ \rho &= 7.88656E - 06 T^3 - 0.004477273 T^2 - 0.059652292 T + 1001.25303 \\ \mu &= 1.66762E - 08 \rho^3 - 4.83243E - 05 \rho^2 + 0.046680223 \rho - 15.03102921 \\ T &= -1.72265E - 17 u^3 + 1.0622E - 11 u^2 + 0.00023715 u + 0.057601186 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

2 Numerical solution

The conservation of momentum equations conveniently couples the pressure field and velocities and therefore is used implicitly to determine the pressures at time $n + 1$.

2.1 Conservation of Mass - finite difference formulation

The finite difference formulation is as follows:

$$\frac{\rho_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho.A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho.A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \quad (5)$$

2.2 Conservation of Momentum - finite difference formulation

Because no other future time equation has pressure as a variable we opt to include pressure at time $n + 1$ as an implicit variable. We manipulate the original conservation of mass equation for junction $i + \frac{1}{2}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(\rho v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{dt} = & - \frac{\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{2} \cdot \frac{d_i \cdot (v_i)^2 + d_{i+1} \cdot (v_{i+1})^2}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \\ & - \frac{P_{i+1} - P_i}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} + \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \cdot g_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i} A_i}{2V_i} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i+1} A_{i+1}}{2V_{i+1}} \\ & - \frac{\Delta P_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{V_{i+1}} \end{aligned}$$

We use the following time notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta t} = & \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot \frac{d_i \cdot (v_i^n)^2 - d_{i+1} \cdot (v_{i+1}^n)^2}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \\ & - \frac{P_{i+1}^{n+1} - P_i^{n+1}}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} + \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot g_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \\ & - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i}^n}{2\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i+1}^n}{2\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

In the equations above we included implicit time instances to pressure in order to semi-implicitly couple the system.

We can find the same equation for junction $i - \frac{1}{2}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta t} &= \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot \frac{d_{i-1} \cdot (v_{i-1}^n)^2 + d_i \cdot (v_i^n)^2}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \\
 &\quad - \frac{P_i^{n+1} - P_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} + \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot g_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\quad - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i-1}^n}{2\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i}^n}{2\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{loss,i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

2.3 Conservation of Energy - finite difference formulation

We start with the original conservation of energy equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d(\rho \cdot u)_i}{dt} &= \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho A v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (u + gz)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - (\rho A v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (u + gz)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{A_{s,i}}{V_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(P \cdot A \cdot v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - (P \cdot A \cdot v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right] - \frac{E_{loss,i}}{V_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

We now discretize the left side and set the right side to correspond to time n .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(\rho_i^{n+1} \cdot u_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n \cdot u_i^n)}{\Delta t} &= \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho A u)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho A u)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho A g z)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho A g z)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{A_{s,i}}{V_i} \dot{q}_i^n + \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(P \cdot A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (P \cdot A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{E_{loss,i}^n}{V_i}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

2.4 Equation of state numerical implementation

In order to implement a linear approximation to the equation of state we linearize the Equation of State by determine the derivative at the old time values. Specifically this applies to the relation of internal energy, u , to the density, ρ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d(u_i^n)}{d\rho} &= \frac{d}{d\rho} \left[-2.053147878 \rho^3 + 5927.524805 \rho^2 - 5710176.493 \rho + 1835863516 \right] \\ &= -6.159443634 (\rho_i^n)^2 + 11855.0496108 (\rho_i^n) - 5710176.493\end{aligned}$$

From this derivative we find the linearized equation of state:

$$u_i^{n+1} = \frac{d(u_i^n)}{d\rho} \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} - \frac{d(u_i^n)}{d\rho} \cdot \rho_i^n + u_i^n \quad (9)$$

2.5 Unknowns in the available equations

The "new" time values that require solving are found in the following terms:

$$\rho_i^{n+1}, v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}, v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}, \text{ from equation 5}$$

$$v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}, P_{i+1}^{n+1}, P_i^{n+1}, \text{ from equation 6}$$

$$v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}, P_{i-1}^{n+1}, P_i^{n+1}, \text{ from equation 7}$$

$$\rho_i^{n+1}, u_i^{n+1}, v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}, v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}, \text{ from equation 8}$$

$$\rho_i^{n+1}, u_i^{n+1}, \text{ from equation 9}$$

However, the some unknowns in the old time variables also exist. we change $\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$ according to:

$$\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \begin{cases} \rho_i^n & , v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \geq 0 \\ \rho_{i+1}^n & , v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n < 0 \end{cases}$$

We then compute v_i^n from the arithmetic average of the junction velocities according to:

$$v_i^n = v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \frac{A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{2A_i} + v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \frac{A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{2A_i}$$

Note that if one junction is missing the average is calculated from the area ratio to preserve volumetric flow rate. With the velocity known we can calculate the dimensionless Reynold's number, Re :

$$Re_i = \frac{\rho_i^n v_i^n D_{H,i}}{\mu_i^n}$$

The Reynold's number features in the calculation of the Darcy friction factor, f , which is contained in a different formula depending on the flow regime

2.6 Semi-implicit approach

From the set of equations 5 to 9 we can develop a system of unknowns. Before we depict how this is done, let us repeat these equations:

$$eq.5, \quad \frac{\rho_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho.A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho.A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right]$$

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$$eq.6, \quad \frac{\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta t} = \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot \frac{d_i \cdot (v_i^n)^2 - d_{i+1} \cdot (v_{i+1}^n)^2}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \\ - \frac{P_{i+1}^{n+1} - P_i^{n+1}}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} + \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot g_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \\ - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i}^n}{2\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i+1}^n}{2\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}$$

...

$$eq.7, \quad \frac{\rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta t} = \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot \frac{d_{i-1} \cdot (v_{i-1}^n)^2 + d_i \cdot (v_i^n)^2}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \\ - \frac{P_i^{n+1} - P_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} + \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot g_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \\ - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i-1}^n}{2\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i}^n}{2\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{loss,i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

...

$$eq.8, \quad \frac{(\rho_i^{n+1} \cdot u_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n \cdot u_i^n)}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho A u)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho A u)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\ + \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho A g z)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho A g z)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\ + \frac{A_{s,i}}{V_i} \dot{q}_i^n + \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(P.A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (P.A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\ - \frac{E_{loss,i}^n}{V_i}$$

...

$$eq.9, \quad u_i^{n+1} = \frac{d(u_i^n)}{d\rho} \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} - \frac{d(u_i^n)}{d\rho} \cdot \rho_i^n + u_i^n$$

By using simple mathematical manipulation we can reduce the set of equations to a single equation in terms of P_{i-1}^{n+1} , P_i^{n+1} and P_{i+1}^{n+1} . We can then implicitly solve for the control volume pressure by constructing the system $Ax = b$ and solving it with a suitable sparse solver. After this has been done the junction

velocities, $v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}$ can be determine from the advancement of the momentum equations (i.e. equation 6) and from those values one can determine ρ_i^{n+1} and u_i^{n+1} .

This advancement scheme leads to a mass error, ME_i during large flow accelerations. The mass error is defined as:

$$ME_i = (\rho.A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho.A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}$$

This error accumulates into a cumulated mass error, CME_i , which can lead to differences in densities in volumes.

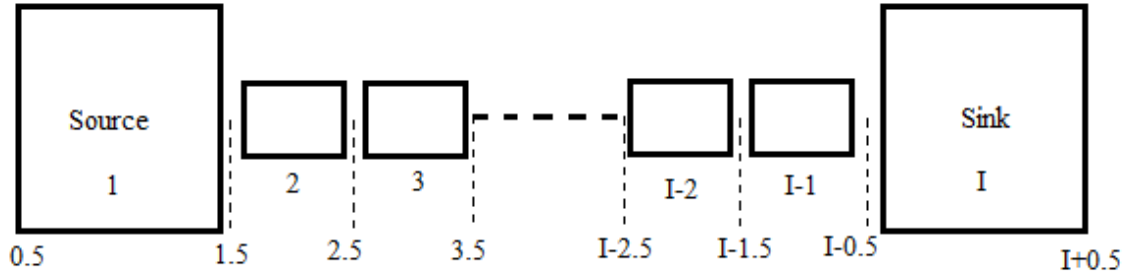


Figure 2: Simple layout of multiple control volumes.

2.7 Solution algorithm

Step 1

Load all control volumes. Input parameters:

- Area, A
- Length, L
- Pressure, P
- Temperature, T
- Elevation change, Δz
- Wall roughness, ϵ
- Hydraulic diameter, D_H
- Surface area, A_s

Step 2

Load all junctions. Input parameters:

- Junction velocity, v
- Area, A
- Loss factor, K

Step 3

Determine density, ρ_i , from:

$$\rho = 7.88656E - 06 \, T^3 - 0.004477273 \, T^2 - 0.059652292 \, T + 1001.25303$$

Internal energy, u_i , from:

$$u = -0.002053148 \, \rho^3 + 5.927524805 \, \rho^2 - 5710.176493 \, \rho + 1835863.516$$

Dynamic viscosity, μ_i , from:

$$\mu = 1.66762E - 08 \, \rho^3 - 4.83243E - 05 \, \rho^2 + 0.046680223 \, \rho - 15.03102921$$

Velocity, v_i , from:

$$v_i = \begin{cases} v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{A_i} & , \text{left junction missing} \\ v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{A_i} & , \text{right junction missing} \\ v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{2A_i} + v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{2A_i} & , \text{both junctions exist} \end{cases}$$

Step 4

Determine all junction and control volume z values using control volume Δz values.

Step 5 - Repeat from for new time steps

Determine $\rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n$ and $\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$ as follows:

$$\rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n = \begin{cases} \rho_{i-1}^n & , v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \geq 0 \\ \rho_i^n & , v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \begin{cases} \rho_i^n & , v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \geq 0 \\ \rho_{i+1}^n & , v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} < 0 \end{cases}$$

And similarly for $u_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n$ and $u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$ from:

$$u_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n = \begin{cases} u_{i-1}^n & , v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} > 0 \\ u_i^n & , v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \begin{cases} u_i^n & , v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} > 0 \\ u_{i+1}^n & , v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} < 0 \end{cases}$$

Step 6

Calculate control volume quantities. First, velocity, v_i , from: Velocity, v_i , from:

$$v_i = \begin{cases} v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{A_i} & , \text{left junction missing} \\ v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{A_i} & , \text{right junction missing} \\ v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{2A_i} + v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{2A_i} & , \text{both junctions exist} \end{cases}$$

Dynamic viscosity, μ_i , from:

$$\mu = 1.66762E - 08 \rho^3 - 4.83243E - 05 \rho^2 + 0.046680223 \rho - 15.03102921$$

Reynolds number, Re_i , from:

$$Re_i = \frac{\rho_i^n v_i^n D_{H,i}}{\mu_i^n}$$

Drag force, F_τ , from:

$$F_{\tau,i} = \frac{1}{4} f_i \rho_i \frac{L_i}{D_{H,i}} A_i v_i^2$$

Junction pressure drop losses, E_{loss} , from:

$$E_{loss,i-\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{cases} (\Delta P.A.v)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} K_{i-\frac{1}{2}} (\rho A v^3)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} & , v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} > 0 \\ 0 & , v_{i-\frac{1}{2}} < 0 \end{cases}$$

Similarly:

$$E_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{cases} (\Delta P.A.v)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} K_{i+\frac{1}{2}} (\rho A v^3)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & , v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} < 0 \\ 0 & , v_{i+\frac{1}{2}} > 0 \end{cases}$$

Step 7

Determine the elements of equation 5:

$$\frac{\rho_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho.A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho.A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right]$$

Where the elements are:

$$B_5 = \frac{\Delta t (\rho.A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{V_i}$$

$$C_5 = \frac{\Delta t (\rho.A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{V_i}$$

To get:

$$\rho_i^{n+1} = \rho_i^n + B_5.v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - C_5.v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \quad (10)$$

Step 8

Determine the elements of equation 6:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta t} &= \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot \frac{d_i \cdot (v_i^n)^2 - d_{i+1} \cdot (v_{i+1}^n)^2}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &\quad - \frac{P_{i+1}^{n+1} - P_i^{n+1}}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} + \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot g_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i}^n}{2\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i+1}^n}{2\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Where the elements are:

$$\begin{aligned} B_6 &= \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \\ C_6 &= \Delta t \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot \frac{d_i \cdot (v_i^n)^2 - d_{i+1} \cdot (v_{i+1}^n)^2}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \\ D_6 &= \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad E_6 = \Delta t \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot g_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \\ F_6 &= \frac{\Delta t \Delta P_{\tau,i}^n}{2\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad G_6 = \frac{\Delta t \Delta P_{\tau,i+1}^n}{2\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{\Delta t \Delta P_{loss,i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \\ H_6 &= \frac{B_6 + C_6 + E_6 - F_6 - G_6}{\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}, \quad I_6 = \frac{D_6}{\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n} \end{aligned}$$

To get:

$$\rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = B_6 + C_6 - D_6 \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} + D_6 \cdot P_i^{n+1} + E_6 - F_6 - G_6$$

And:

$$v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = H_6 - I_6 \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} + I_6 \cdot P_i^{n+1} \quad (11)$$

Step 9

Determine the elements of equation 7:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta t} = & \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot \frac{d_{i-1} \cdot (v_{i-1}^n)^2 - d_i \cdot (v_i^n)^2}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \\ & - \frac{P_i^{n+1} - P_{i-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} + \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot g_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \\ & - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i-1}^n}{2\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{\tau,i}^n}{2\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\Delta P_{loss,i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Where the elements are:

$$\begin{aligned} B_7 &= \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \\ C_7 &= \Delta t \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot \frac{d_{i-1} \cdot (v_{i-1}^n)^2 - d_i \cdot (v_i^n)^2}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \\ D_7 &= \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad E_7 = \Delta t \rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot g_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \\ F_7 &= \frac{\Delta t \Delta P_{\tau,i-1}^n}{2\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad G_7 = \frac{\Delta t \Delta P_{\tau,i}^n}{2\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{\Delta t \Delta P_{loss,i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \\ H_7 &= \frac{B_7 + C_7 + E_7 - F_7 - G_7}{\rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}, \quad I_7 = \frac{D_7}{\rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n} \end{aligned}$$

To get:

$$\rho_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = B_7 + C_7 - D_7 \cdot P_i^{n+1} + D_7 \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} + E_7 - F_7 - G_7$$

And:

$$v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = H_7 - I_7 \cdot P_i^{n+1} + I_7 \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} \quad (12)$$

Step 10

Determine the elements of equation 8:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(\rho_i^{n+1} \cdot u_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n \cdot u_i^n)}{\Delta t} = & \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho Au)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho Au)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(\rho Agz)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (\rho Agz)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\ & + \frac{A_{s,i}}{V_i} \dot{q}_i^n + \frac{1}{V_i} \left[(P.A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - (P.A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \right] \\ & - \frac{E_{loss,i}^n}{V_i} \end{aligned}$$

Where the elements are:

$$\begin{aligned} C_8 &= \frac{\Delta t (\rho Au)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{V_i}, & D_8 &= \frac{\Delta t (\rho Au)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{V_i} \\ E_8 &= \frac{\Delta t (\rho Agz)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{V_i}, & F_8 &= \frac{\Delta t (\rho Agz)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{V_i} \\ G_8 &= \frac{\Delta t A_{s,i}}{V_i} \dot{q}_i^n \\ H_8 &= \frac{\Delta t (P.A)_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{V_i}, & I_8 &= \frac{\Delta t (P.A)_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{V_i} \\ J_8 &= \frac{\Delta t E_{loss,i}^n}{V_i} \\ K_8 &= G_8 - J_8 \\ L_8 &= C_8 + E_8 + H_8 \\ M_8 &= D_8 + F_8 + I_8 \end{aligned}$$

To get:

$$\rho_i^{n+1} \cdot u_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n \cdot u_i^n = C_8 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - D_8 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} + E_8 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - F_8 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} + G_8 + H_8 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - I_8 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - J_8$$

And with the left hand side expanded:

$$\rho_i^n \cdot (u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n) + u_i^n (\rho_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n) = K_8 + L_8 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - M_8 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \quad (13)$$

Step 11

Determine the elements of equation 9:

$$u_i^{n+1} = \frac{d(u_i^n)}{d\rho} \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} - \frac{d(u_i^n)}{d\rho} \cdot \rho_i^n + u_i^n$$

Where the elements are:

$$B_9 = \frac{d(u_i^n)}{d\rho} = -0.006159444 (\rho_i^n)^2 + 11.85504961 (\rho_i^n) - 5710.176493$$

$$C_9 = u_i^n - B_9 \cdot \rho_i^n$$

To get:

$$u_i^{n+1} = B_9 \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} + C_9 \tag{14}$$

Step 12

Reduce the given equations to a single equation. This is possible because we have the following set of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{eq 10, } \quad & \rho_i^{n+1} = \rho_i^n + B_5.v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - C_5.v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \\
 \text{eq 11, } \quad & v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = H_6 - I_6.P_{i+1}^{n+1} + I_6.P_i^{n+1} \\
 \text{eq 12, } \quad & v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = H_7 - I_7.P_i^{n+1} + I_7.P_{i-1}^{n+1} \\
 \text{eq 13, } \quad & \rho_i^n.(u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n) + u_i^n(\rho_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n) = K_8 + L_8.v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - M_8.v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \\
 \text{eq 14, } \quad & u_i^{n+1} = B_9.\rho_i^{n+1} + C_9
 \end{aligned}$$

Now the reduction goal is find the unknowns in equation 13 by locally solving the set of equations until only the pressures remain, i.e. P_{i-1}^{n+1} , P_i^{n+1} and P_{i+1}^{n+1} .

We start by inserting equation 11 and 12 into 10:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_i^{n+1} &= \rho_i^n + B_5.\left(H_7 - I_7.P_i^{n+1} + I_7.P_{i-1}^{n+1}\right) - C_5.\left(H_6 - I_6.P_{i+1}^{n+1} + I_6.P_i^{n+1}\right) \\
 &= \rho_i^n + B_5.H_7 - C_5.H_6 - B_5.I_7.P_i^{n+1} + B_5.I_7.P_{i-1}^{n+1} + C_5.I_6.P_{i+1}^{n+1} - C_5.I_6.P_i^{n+1} \\
 &= \left(\rho_i^n + B_5.H_7 - C_5.H_6\right) + \left(B_5.I_7\right)P_{i-1}^{n+1} - \left(B_5.I_7 + C_5.I_6\right)P_i^{n+1} + \left(C_5.I_6\right)P_{i+1}^{n+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

More simplistically we define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{10} &= \rho_i^n + B_5.H_7 - C_5.H_6 \\
 C_{10} &= B_5.I_7 \\
 D_{10} &= B_5.I_7 + C_5.I_6 \\
 E_{10} &= C_5.I_6
 \end{aligned}$$

To arrive at:

$$\rho_i^{n+1} = B_{10} + C_{10}.P_{i-1}^{n+1} - D_{10}.P_i^{n+1} + E_{10}.P_{i+1}^{n+1} \tag{15}$$

Next we aim to eliminate the internal energy by inserting equation 14 into equation 13:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_i^n \cdot \left((B_9 \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} + C_9) - u_i^n \right) + u_i^n (\rho_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n) &= K_8 + L_8 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - M_8 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \\
 \rho_i^n \cdot B_9 \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} + \rho_i^n \cdot C_9 - \rho_i^n \cdot u_i^n + u_i^n \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} - u_i^n \cdot \rho_i^n &= K_8 + L_8 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - M_8 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \\
 \left(\rho_i^n \cdot B_9 + u_i^n \right) \rho_i^{n+1} &= \left(K_8 - \rho_i^n \cdot C_9 + \rho_i^n \cdot u_i^n + u_i^n \cdot \rho_i^n \right) + L_8 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - M_8 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity we define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{14} &= \rho_i^n \cdot B_9 + u_i^n \\
 C_{14} &= K_8 - \rho_i^n \cdot C_9 + 2\rho_i^n \cdot u_i^n
 \end{aligned}$$

To get:

$$B_{14} \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} = C_{14} + L_8 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - M_8 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}$$

We need to also insert equations 11 and 12:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{14} \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} &= C_{14} + L_8 \cdot \left(H_7 - I_7 \cdot P_i^{n+1} + I_7 \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} \right) - M_8 \cdot \left(H_6 - I_6 \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} + I_6 \cdot P_i^{n+1} \right) \\
 B_{14} \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} &= \left(C_{14} + L_8 H_7 - M_8 H_6 \right) + \left(L_8 I_7 \right) \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} - \left(M_8 I_6 + L_8 I_7 \right) \cdot P_i^{n+1} + \left(M_8 I_6 \right) \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Again we define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{14} &= C_{14} + L_8 H_7 - M_8 H_6 \\
 E_{14} &= L_8 I_7 \\
 F_{14} &= M_8 I_6 + L_8 I_7 \\
 G_{14} &= M_8 I_6
 \end{aligned}$$

To get:

$$B_{14} \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} = D_{14} + E_{14} \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} - F_{14} \cdot P_i^{n+1} + G_{14} \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} \quad (16)$$

Now all thats left is to insert equation 15 into 16:

$$\begin{aligned}
B_{14} \cdot \left(B_{10} + C_{10} \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} - D_{10} \cdot P_i^{n+1} + E_{10} \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} \right) &= D_{14} + E_{14} \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} - F_{14} \cdot P_i^{n+1} + G_{14} \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} \\
B_{14} B_{10} + B_{14} C_{10} \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} - B_{14} D_{10} \cdot P_i^{n+1} + B_{14} E_{10} \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} &= D_{14} + E_{14} \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} - F_{14} \cdot P_i^{n+1} + G_{14} \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} \\
\left(B_{14} \cdot C_{10} - E_{14} \right) P_{i-1}^{n+1} + \left(F_{14} - B_{14} D_{10} \right) P_i^{n+1} + \left(B_{14} E_{10} - G_{14} \right) P_{i+1}^{n+1} &= D_{14} - B_{14} B_{10}
\end{aligned}$$

We now have a single equation for each control volume:

$$\left(B_{14} \cdot C_{10} - E_{14} \right) P_{i-1}^{n+1} + \left(F_{14} - B_{14} D_{10} \right) P_i^{n+1} + \left(B_{14} E_{10} - G_{14} \right) P_{i+1}^{n+1} = D_{14} - B_{14} B_{10} \quad (17)$$

Step 13

Using equation 17, in the form $a_i \cdot P_{i-1}^{n+1} + b_i \cdot P_i^{n+1} + c_i \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} = d_i$ we can construct a linear system $Ax = b$ as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & c_1 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & a_{I-1} & b_{I-1} & c_{I-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_I & b_I \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} P_1^{n+1} \\ P_2^{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ P_{I-1}^{n+1} \\ P_I^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ d_{I-1} \\ d_I \end{bmatrix}$$

This system can be solved using a conjugate gradient numerical solver.

Step 14

Calculate junction velocities from equation 11:

$$v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = H_6 - I_6 \cdot P_{i+1}^{n+1} + I_6 \cdot P_i^{n+1}$$

Step 15

Calculate control volume new densities from equation 10:

$$\rho_i^{n+1} = \rho_i^n + B_5 \cdot v_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - C_5 \cdot v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1}$$

Step 16

Calculate control volume new internal energies from equation 14:

$$u_i^{n+1} = B_9 \cdot \rho_i^{n+1} + C_9$$

Step 17

Advance the time values.

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