

# The Turek&Hron FSI Benchmarks

Master Seminar Partitioned Fluid-Structure Interaction

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**Abstract**—The purpose of this paper is to discuss widely used benchmark for Fluid-Structure Interaction (FSI). This benchmark was introduced by Turek and Hron in [1] and we will refer to it as Turek&Hron benchmark. It consists of validations of pure elastic solid solver and pure fluid solver, followed by validation of the whole FSI problem. As a continuation of the first paper can be seen [2] where results obtained by different approaches from different researcher groups are presented.

**Index Terms**—Fluid-Structure Interaction, benchmark, Keyword3, Keyword4

## INTRODUCTION

Benchmark problems are important for validation and comparison of implementations of computational codes. They also play important role in comparison of different numerical methods. They provide reference values which are believed to be very close to actual solution of given problems. This particular benchmark serves for Fluid-Structure Interaction problems and it describes a flow around cylinder with an elastic flap attached, see Figure ..... The geometry is based on the standard flow around cylinder benchmark from [3]. The layout of our paper is like that, in the first section we describe the Turek&Hron benchmark and in the following one we present some of our results.

## I. TUREK&HRON BENCHMARK

In this section we describe in detail the Turek&Hron benchmark, it more or less follows the layout of the original paper. In the first part we provide the setting of the benchmark, like the governing equations, interaction conditions, boundary and initial conditions and the considered geometry.

Then two parts about partition tests follow. The first part is about the pure elasticity problem, whereas the second one deals with the pure fluid problem. The last part of this section describes the FSI benchmarks.

### A. The Benchmark Setting

We consider the flow of an *Incompressible Newtonian* homogeneous fluid around a rigid circle with attached elastic flap. We denote the fluid domain as  $\Omega_t^f$  and the domain of elastic solid as  $\Omega_t^s$ , where the subscript  $t$  denotes time since we consider changing geometries. Next, we define the interface between the fluid and elastic solid as  $\Gamma_t = \partial\Omega_t^f \cap \partial\Omega_t^s$ . Note that the rigid circle is not considered as part of computational domain.

a) *Governing Equations*: As said above, the fluid is considered to be incompressible Newtonian and homogeneous. Its state is therefore described by the velocity  $\mathbf{v}^f$  and pressure  $p^f$ . The governing equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^f \partial_t \mathbf{v}^f + \rho^f (\mathbf{v}^f \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}^f &= \operatorname{div} \mathbb{T}^f \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}^f &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{in } \Omega_t^f. \quad (1)$$

The symbol  $\rho^f$  denotes the constant fluid density and  $\mathbb{T}^f$  denotes the *Cauchy stress tensor* which is given by the constitutive relation

$$\mathbb{T}^f = -p^f \mathbb{I} + \rho^f \nu^f (\nabla \mathbf{v}^f + \nabla \mathbf{v}^{fT}), \quad (2)$$

where  $\mu^f$  is the constant viscosity of the fluid.

Let us now describe the properties of the solid structure. The structure is assumed to be *elastic* and *compressible*. The standard way to write the balance equation for solid is using the Lagrangian description, with respect to some fixed (usually initial) configuration  $\Omega^s$ ,

$$\hat{\rho}^s \partial_{tt} \hat{\mathbf{u}}^s = \hat{\rho}^s \hat{\mathbf{g}}_s + \widehat{\operatorname{div}} \hat{\mathbb{T}}^{(1)s}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\hat{\rho}^s$  is the referential density,  $\hat{\mathbf{g}}_s$  is the volume force acting on the body and  $\hat{\mathbb{T}}^{(1)s} = (\det \mathbb{F}) \mathbb{T} \mathbb{F}^{-T}$  is the *1st Piola-Kirchhoff stress tensor*. Finally  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{I} + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{u}}^s$  is the deformation gradient. For more detail see any introductory book to continuum mechanics.

The material is specified by the constitutive law, in the benchmark *St. Vennant-Kirchhoff* model was used. The standard way to write the equation is with the use of the *2nd Piola-Kirchhoff stress tensor*  $\hat{\mathbb{T}}^{(2)s} = \mathbb{F}^{-1} \hat{\mathbb{T}}^{(1)s} = (\det \mathbb{F}) \mathbb{F}^{-1} \mathbb{T} \mathbb{F}^{-T}$ . The constitutive law is

$$\hat{\mathbb{T}}^{(2)s} = \lambda_s \operatorname{Tr}(\hat{\mathbb{E}}_s) \mathbb{I} + 2\mu_s \hat{\mathbb{E}}_s, \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbb{E} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{F}_s^T \mathbb{F}_s - \mathbb{I})$  and  $\lambda_s$  and  $\mu_s$  are *Lamé constants*.

An alternative pair of constants consists of the *Poisson ratio*  $\mu^s$  ( $\mu^s < 0$  for a compressible structure) and the *Young modulus*  $E$ , these are easier to measure. The relation between these two sets is done by

$$\nu^s = \frac{\lambda^s}{2(\lambda^s + \mu^s)} \quad E = \frac{\mu^s(3\lambda^s + 2\mu^s)}{(\lambda^s + \mu^s)} \quad (5)$$

$$\mu^s = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu^s)} \quad \lambda^s = \frac{\nu^s E}{(1 + \nu^s)(1 - 2\nu^s)}. \quad (6)$$

b) *Interaction Conditions:* As stated above, we consider a viscous Newtonian fluid, for which usually the *no-slip* boundary condition is used on the boundary with solid structure. This condition means, that the fluid sticks to the solid and has therefore the same velocity as the structure. Very often the structure does not move (in our case the walls of the channel and surface of rigid circle) and this condition is then just a zero Dirichlet boundary. This is however not the case of the FSI interface, here the no-slip condition reads

$$\mathbf{v}^f(x, t) = \hat{\mathbf{v}}^s(\chi_s^{-1}(x, t), t) \quad \text{on } \Gamma^t. \quad (7)$$

Or, using Lagrangian variables

$$\mathbf{v}^f(X + \hat{\mathbf{u}}^s(X, t), t) = \hat{\mathbf{v}}^s(X, t) \quad \text{on } \Gamma^t. \quad (8)$$

This condition is sometimes called the *kinematic condition*. There is one more condition we would like to be satisfied, this is an application of Newton's action-reaction law. More specifically, we require that the forces on the interface to be in balance,

$$\mathbb{T}_f \mathbf{n} = \mathbb{T}_s \mathbf{n} \quad \text{on } \Gamma^t. \quad (9)$$

This condition is known under the name *dynamic condition*.

c) *Boundary and Initial Conditions:* As indicated above, we assume that the fluid sticks on the walls and on the surface of the rigid circle, so we imply the zero Dirichlet boundary condition for fluid velocity  $\mathbf{v}^f$  there. We also assume that the elastic flap is fixed to the rigid circle, so we again assume the zero Dirichlet boundary condition, this time for the solid displacement  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^s$ . On the left boundary we prescribe a parabolic inflow

$$\mathbf{v}^f(0, y) = 1.5\bar{U} \frac{y(H-y)}{(\frac{H}{2})^2}, \quad (10)$$

where  $\bar{U}$  is the mean flow velocity and  $H$  is the height of the channel. The maximum velocity of the profile is just  $1.5\bar{U}$ . On the right boundary we set the *do-nothing* boundary condition,  $\mathbb{T}^f \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Because of computational reasons, it is reasonable to start the time dependent tests from zero velocity and zero displacement and then start increasing the inflow boundary condition. The approach suggested in the paper is

$$\mathbf{v}^f(t, 0, y) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{v}^f(0, y) \frac{1 - \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}t)}{2} & \text{if } t < 2.0 \\ \mathbf{v}^f(0, y) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where  $\mathbf{v}^f(0, y)$  is the velocity profile from (10).

d) *Geometry:* The domain is based on the classical 2D benchmark flow around the cylinder [3]. The only difference is that we consider an elastic flap stick to the rigid cylinder, (and the length of the channel is little bit higher). So the geometry is given by

- The domain dimensions are: length  $L = 2.5$ , height  $H = 0.41$ .
- The circle center is positioned at  $C = (0.2, 0.2)$  (measured from the left bottom corner of the channel) and the radius is  $r = 0.05$ .

- The elastic structure bar has length  $l = 0.35$  and height  $h = 0.02$ , the right bottom corner is positioned at  $(0.6, 0.19)$ , and the left end is fully attached to the fixed cylinder.
- The control points are  $A(t)$ , fixed with the structure with  $A(0) = (0.6, 0.2)$ , and  $B = (0.15, 0.2)$ .

### B. Quantities for Comprarison

For comparison of results three different quantities will be used

- 1) The displacement at the end of the elastic beam, at the point  $A(t)$ .
- 2) Forces exerted by the fluid on the whole submerged body, i.e. lift and drag forces acting on the cylinder and the beam structure together

$$(F_D, F_L) = \int_S \mathbb{T} \mathbf{n} d\sigma, \quad (12)$$

where  $S = S_1 \cup S_2$  (see Fig....) denotes the part of the circle being in contact with the fluid (i.e.  $S_1$ ) plus part of the boundary of the beam structure being in contact with the fluid (i.e.  $S_2$ ), and  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outer unit normal vector to the integration path with respect to the fluid domain.

- 3) Pressure difference between points  $A(t)$  and  $B$

$$\Delta p(t) = p(B) - p(A(t)). \quad (13)$$

### C. The Fluid Problem

The first validation problem is the fluid problem. These tests are referred to as CFD tests (the abbreviation states for Computational Fluid Dynamisc). Here the geometry is the same as in the full setting, with the difference that the flap behind cylinder is completely rigid. There are two possibilities for that, the first, more straightforward one, is to consider just the fluid domain  $\Omega_t^f$  (which is now independent of time) and prescribe standard no-slip condition on the interaction between the fluid and the flap. The other possibility is to model full FSI setting while making the solid almost rigid by setting large structural parameters ( $\rho^s = 10^6 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ ,  $\mu^s = 10^{12} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{ms}^2}$ ). The first choice is more than natural for partitioned approach, while for the monolithical approach it requires generating of a new mesh and huge changes in the code.

Three different choices for the problem specific constants are considered (see the Table I-C), the first two leads to a stationary solution, whereas the third results in turbulent flow. Values for comparison are the forces exerted by the fluid.

### D. The Solid Problem

The elasticity validation problem considers a the elastic flap on which acts a volume (gravitational) force  $\mathbf{g} = (0, g) [\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}]$ . The test problems are abbreviated as CSM problems (Computational Structural Mechanics). The set of the test problems again consists of different choices of problem specific parameters (prescribed in table ??). Another difference is that, the first two problems, CSM1 and CSM2, are computed as steady state solutions, while the CSM3 problem is a time dependent solution, where we start from undeformed

| dimensional parameter                         | CFD1 | CFD2 | CFD3 |
|---|------|------|------|
| $\rho^f [10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}]$  | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| $\nu^f [10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}]$ | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| $U$   | 0.2  | 1    | 2    |
| non-dimensional parameter                     | CFD1 | CFD2 | CFD3 |
| $\text{Re} = \frac{Ud}{\nu^f}$                | 20   | 100  | 200  |
| $\bar{U}$                                     | 0.2  | 1    | 2    |

TABLE I  
PARAMETER SETTINGS FOR THE CFD TESTS

| dimensional parameter                        | CSM1              | CSM2              | CSM3              |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $\rho^s [10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}]$ | 1                 | 1                 | 1                 |
| $\nu^s$                                      | 0.4               | 0.4               | 0.4               |
| $\mu^f [10^6 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{ms}^2}]$ | 0.5               | 2.0               | 0.5               |
| $g$  | 2                 | 2                 | 2                 |
| non-dimensional parameter                    | CSM1              | CSM2              | CSM3              |
| $\nu^s$                                      | 0.4               | 0.4               | 0.4               |
| $E^s$  | $1.4 \times 10^6$ | $5.6 \times 10^6$ | $1.4 \times 10^6$ |
| $g$  | 2                 | 2                 | 2                 |

TABLE II  
PARAMETER SETTINGS FOR THE CSM TESTS

configuration and at the time  $t = 0$  the volume force starts to act. This results in oscillatorial movement of the flap, since we assume no dissipation or resistance there is no damping and one should obtain perfectly elastic behaviour.

### E. The Fluid-Structure Interaction

Now we finally get to the Fluid-Structure Interaction problems, so the abbreviation of these final tests is FSI. Three cases are considered again, the first one (FSI1) results in a steady solution, while the other two later (FSI2, FSI3) results in turbulent flow and oscilating flap. FSI3 has faster oscillations and is a little more challenging to obtain the right results, compared to FSI2. Note that the fluid parameters for FSI problems correspond to the parameters from CFD problems.

| dimensional parameter                         | FSI1              | FSI2              | FSI3              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $\rho^s [10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}]$  | 1                 | 10                | 1                 |
| $\nu^s$                                       | 0.4               | 0.4               | 0.4               |
| $\mu^f [10^6 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{ms}^2}]$  | 0.5               | 0.5               | 2.0               |
| $\rho^f [10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}]$  | 1                 | 1                 | 1                 |
| $\nu^f [10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}]$ | 1                 | 1                 | 1                 |
| $U$   | 0.2               | 1                 | 2                 |
| non-dimensional parameter                     | FSI1              | FSI2              | FSI3              |
| $\beta = \frac{E^s}{\rho^f U^2}$              | 1                 | 10                | 1                 |
| $\nu^s$                                       | 0.4               | 0.4               | 0.4               |
| $\text{Ae} = \frac{E^s}{\rho^f U^2}$          | $3.5 \times 10^4$ | $1.3 \times 10^3$ | $1.4 \times 10^3$ |
| $\text{Re} = \frac{Ud}{\nu^f}$                | 20                | 100               | 200               |
| $\bar{U}$                                     | 0.2               | 1                 | 2                 |

TABLE III  
PARAMETER SETTINGS FOR THE FSI TESTS

### F. Further Publications

The test problems described above are computed by several researcher groups using different approaches, the results of their computations are presented in [2]. There is also a webpage [4] with the benchmark setting and the reference values can be downloaded there.

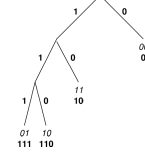


Fig. 1. Tree

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## II. COMPUTATIONAL RESULTS

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### CONCLUSION

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