

Preliminary Single-Phase Variable-Area Results

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- The variable-area Euler equations are [1]:

$$\frac{\partial(\mathcal{AU})}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{AF})}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ p \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where **U** and **F** are given by

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho E \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ u(\rho E + p) \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

- Define the change of variables $\mathbf{V} \equiv \mathcal{A}\mathbf{U} = [V_0, V_1, V_2]^T$, and let

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}} \equiv \mathcal{A}\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ \frac{V_1^2}{V_0} + p\mathcal{A} \\ \frac{V_1}{V_0}(V_2 + p\mathcal{A}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

- Then the variable-area equations can be written as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ p \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

- The weak statement, which proceeds by dotting (4) with a test function \mathbf{W} and integrating over the domain Ω , is: find \mathbf{V} such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} \cdot \mathbf{W} - \tilde{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial x} - \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{W} \right) dx + \int_{\Gamma} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \mathbf{W} \right) \hat{n}_x ds = 0 \quad (5)$$

holds for all admissible \mathbf{W} , where

$$\mathbf{S} \equiv \left[0, p \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x}, 0 \right]^T \quad (6)$$

- The analytical area function $\mathcal{A}(x)$ should not be used directly.
- Instead, \mathcal{A} and $\frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x}$ should be replaced by

$$\mathcal{A}^h(x) \equiv \sum_i \mathcal{A}(x_i) \phi_i(x) \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^h}{\partial x} = \sum_i \mathcal{A}(x_i) \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial x} \quad (8)$$

respectively.

- To motivate the quasi-linear form, consider the identities

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial x} &= \mathbf{A} \left(\mathcal{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x} \mathbf{U} \right) \\ &= \mathcal{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial x} = \mathcal{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x} \mathbf{F}\tag{10}$$

where \mathbf{A} is the constant-area flux Jacobian, $\mathbf{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial x}$.

- Rearranging (9) and substituting into (10), we get

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial x} = \mathbf{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial x} + (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x}\tag{11}$$

- Thus, the quasi-linear form of the governing equations reads

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial x} + (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{AU}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial x} - \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{0} \quad (12)$$

- We note that in the special case where \mathbf{F} is a “homogeneous function of degree 1,” we have $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{AU}$, and the term in red vanishes.
- \mathbf{F} is HFOD1 for the ideal gas equation of state, but not in general.
- The term in red also vanishes when there is no change in area.

- For a general EOS, we have

$$\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \hat{p} \\ u\hat{p} \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p} &\equiv p - \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial U_0}, \frac{\partial p}{\partial U_1}, \frac{\partial p}{\partial U_2} \right) \cdot \mathbf{U} \\ &= p - p_{,0}\rho - p_{,1}\rho u - p_{,2}\rho E \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

- For an ideal gas, where

$$p = (\gamma - 1)\rho e$$

$$p_{,0} = \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} u^2$$

$$p_{,1} = (\gamma - 1)(-u)$$

$$p_{,2} = \gamma - 1$$

it is easy to check that $\hat{p} = 0$.

- This implies that the SUPG formulation carries over (almost directly) from the constant-area case.
- The eigenvectors and eigenvalues are the same, so no new analysis needed.
- Of course, the strong form of the residual is slightly different. . .



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