Compressible Acoustic Waves

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1 Preliminaries

A Hamiltonian formulation is a system with either an finite or infinite number of degrees of freedom with a specified structure. The system's dynamics are then described in phase-space using two geometric objects: a total energy functional, the Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}$, and a skew symmetric Poisson bracket $\{,\}$. As systems of fluid dynamics are continuous in space, we will be considering infinite dimensional dynamical systems.

We now consider the general state of a functional $\mathcal{F}$ for the system in consideration, the functional's time evolution is now described by the following equation,

$$\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dt} = \{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\}. \tag{1}$$

The Poisson bracket has to satisfy the following conditions :

- skew-symmetry: $\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\} = -\{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}\}$,

- linearity: $\{\alpha\mathcal{F} + \beta\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}\} = \alpha\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\} + \beta\{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}\}$,

- Jacobi identity: $\{\mathcal{F}, \{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}\}\} + \{\mathcal{G}, \{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}\}\} + \{\mathcal{H}, \{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}\}\} = 0$,

- Leibniz identity: $\{\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}\} = \mathcal{F}\{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}\} + \{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\}\mathcal{G}$,

where α, β are constants, and $\mathcal{F}$, $\mathcal{G}$, $\mathcal{H}$ are arbitrary functionals.
We note that the skew-symmetry condition automatically yields energy conservation for the system,

$$\frac{d\mathcal{H}}{dt} = \{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}\} = -\{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}\} = 0.$$

We first need to define a variational derivative,

$$\delta\mathcal{H} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{\mathcal{H}(u + \epsilon\delta u) - \mathcal{H}(u)}{\epsilon} = \left(\frac{\delta\mathcal{H}}{\delta u}, \delta u\right) + \mathcal{O}(\delta u^2), \tag{2}$$

where $(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the inner product for the function space $\{u\}$.

2 Continuum Description

In this report we will consider in a compressible fluid in a three-dimensional domain Ω . We will assume that viscous effects and temperature effects do not influence the motion of the fluid. We assume that the resting density, ρ_0 and acoustic speed of sound c_0^2 have been scaled such that $\rho_0 = c_0^2 = 1$, and that the equations of motions have been linearised around a state of rest. This leads to the linear compressible Euler equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} &= -\nabla\rho, \\ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

We will take that $\partial\Omega$ i.e. the boundary of our considered domain is taken to be solid walls, such that there is no normal flow through them.

$$\hat{\underline{n}}.\cdot\mathbf{u} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega.$$

As our test problem, similar to the MATLAB application, we will consider $\Omega = [0, 1]$. By seeking a harmonic wave solution to (3) in our test domain, one can show that a solution is

$$u = \sin(2\pi x)\sin(2\pi(t + \frac{1}{8})),$$
$$\rho = \cos(2\pi x)\cos(2\pi(t + \frac{1}{8})),$$

where a phase shift of $\frac{1}{8}$ has been introduced to ensure a non-zero solution at the initial time. We will use this analytic solution to verify our numerical model and to provide our initial condition for the fluid's velocity and density.

Hamiltonian dynamics of compressible fluid flow governed by equations (3) is given by

$$\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\delta\mathcal{H}}{\delta\rho}\nabla\cdot\frac{\delta\mathcal{F}}{\delta\mathbf{u}} - \frac{\delta\mathcal{F}}{\delta\rho}\nabla\cdot\frac{\delta\mathcal{H}}{\delta\mathbf{u}} \, \mathrm{d}x, \tag{4}$$

with its associated Hamiltonian energy functional

$$\mathcal{H} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{u} + \rho^2) \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

By using equation (2) we can show that the variational derivatives for our associated Hamiltonian are

$$\frac{\delta\mathcal{H}}{\delta\rho} = \rho, \quad \frac{\delta\mathcal{H}}{\delta\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{u}. \tag{5}$$

We will now show an equivalence between the Hamiltonian and the PDE representation of compressible fluid flow, by showing how to obtain the continuity equation from the Hamiltonian representation. We define the following functional for the density

$$\mathcal{F}_{\rho} = \int_{\Omega} \rho(x, t)\Phi(x) \, \mathrm{d}x,$$

where $\Phi \in \mathcal{N}$ is an arbitrary test function in the following square integrable function space

$$\mathcal{N} = \{\Phi \in L^2(\Omega)\}$$

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The continuity equation can be derived by using the density functional along with its corresponding functional derivative in the bracket formulation (4). We use that the domain in consideration, Ω, is fixed allowing us to interchange the integral over the domain and the time derivative,

$$\frac{d\mathcal{F}_{\rho}}{dt} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\rho}, \mathcal{H}\},$$
$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{d}{dt}(\rho(x, t)\Phi(x)) \, \mathrm{d}x = \int_{\Omega} -\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u}\Phi \, \mathrm{d}x, \tag{6}$$
$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t}\Phi \, \mathrm{d}x = \int_{\Omega} -\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u}\Phi \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

As the choice of test function was arbitrary, this relationship holds for any Φ and thus we can derive the continuity equation from equation (3),

$$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u}. \tag{7}$$

3   Discrete Description

We now approximate the physical domain Ω with the computational domain Ω_h, which consists of e non-overlapping elements. The set of all edges in the computational domain is Γ, which consists of interior edges, ∂e and edges which lie on the domain boundary $\partial \Omega$. We introduce discrete variable ρ_h and $\mathbf{u}_h$, which are approximations to their continuous counterparts. The Poisson bracket (4) now becomes discrete

$$\{\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\} = \int_\Omega \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho} \nabla \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho} \nabla \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}} \ \mathrm{d}e.$$

We integrate the Poisson bracket by parts and introduce a numerical flux to create a connection between neighbouring elements,

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\begin{aligned}
\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\} = \sum_e \int_e & -\nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h} \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h} + \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h} \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h} \ \mathrm{d}e \\
& + \sum_e \int_{\partial e} \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h} \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \widehat{\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h}} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h} \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \widehat{\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h}} \ \mathrm{d}S.
\end{aligned}
\tag{8}
$$

Wide hats on expressions in the boundary integrals indicate terms which will be approximated by numerical fluxes. The following numerical fluxes are chosen to approximate wide hat terms, where $-$ and $+$ indicate traces from the left and right elements connected to the face

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\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h}} &= (1 - \theta) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^-} + \theta \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^+}, \\
\widehat{\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h}} &= (1 - \theta) \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^-} + \theta \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^+},
\end{aligned}
\tag{9}
$$

we will emphasis here that this choice of numerical flux was made to preserve the skew-symmetry of the Poisson bracket. We note that by summing these interior boundary integrals over each element, they contribute twice to the Poisson bracket. Thus the contribution over each element can be rewritten to a summation over each interior boundary. We also now split contributions from Γ into contributions from interior edges and boundary edges

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\begin{aligned}
\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\} = \sum_e \int_e & -\nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h} \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h} + \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h} \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h} \ \mathrm{d}e \\
& + \sum_{\partial e} \int_{\partial e} \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h^-} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h^+} \right) \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \left((1 - \theta) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^-} + \theta \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^+} \right) \\
& - \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h^-} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h^+} \right) \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \left((1 - \theta) \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^-} + \theta \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^+} \right) \ \mathrm{d}\Gamma \\
& + \sum_{\partial \Omega} \int_{\partial \Omega_h} \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h^-} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h^+} \right) \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \left(\widehat{\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h}} \right) \\
& - \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h^-} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h^+} \right) \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \left(\widehat{\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h}} \right) \ \mathrm{d}\Gamma
\end{aligned}
\tag{10}
$$

At our boundary edges we have solid wall boundaries and thus we have that

$$\hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_h = 0 \implies \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h} = 0 \implies \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \widehat{\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h}} = 0.$$

However to preserve the skew symmetry of the bracket, we also require the flux on the test function $\widehat{\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta u_h}}$ to vanish at these boundaries. Thus in our Poisson bracket we only have surface

integral contributions from interior edges, and none from boundary edges. This simplifies the Poisson bracket to

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}\} = \sum_e \int_e -\nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h} \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h} + \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h} \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h} \, de$$
$$+ \sum_{\partial e} \int_{\partial e} \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h^-} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_h^+} \right) \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \left((1-\theta) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^-} + \theta \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^+} \right) \tag{11}$$
$$- \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h^-} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho_h^+} \right) \hat{\underline{n}} \cdot \left((1-\theta) \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^-} + \theta \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{u}_h^+} \right) \, d\Gamma$$

4 Timestepper

4.1 Implicit Midpoint rule

An implicit midpoint rule is used, as it is a known property that the scheme preserves any property of the underlying ODE upto a quadratic order. This will be sufficient for our scheme to preserve its conservation of energy.

$$\dot{y} = f(x, y),$$
$$\frac{y^{n+1} - y^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{f(x^{n+1}, y^{n+1}) + f(x^n, y^n)}{2}, \tag{12}$$

5 Firedrake form

In Firedrake, the user specifies the problem by inputing a space-continuous weak form that governs the problem. For compressible acoustic waves, equation (11) is our space continuous weak form. For linear problems, the weak form is inputted in the following form for general test function v and trial function u,

$$a(u, v) = L(v).$$

Here L is taken to be a vector of all known information, as our problem is unsteady L will include information from the previous timestep. a is taken to be the vector of unknown information of unknown information. As our timestepper in consideration is an implicit midpoint rule, the two parts of the linear system can be built as follows

$$a = F^{n+1} - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \{F^{n+1}, H\},$$
$$L = F^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \{F^n, H\}.$$

The code found with this documentation will follow this same notation, we note that the forms for a and L will be split up into small sums. However we will group terms together as skew-symmetric counterparts, to make the code resemble the mathematical notation.

Currently testing:

- We define the variational derivatives before the bilinear form, so that the code for $a = L$ matches the form of equation (11).

- Could include some writeup about mixed function space usage.

- If so, additional mention of the vector function space would make sense.

- Highlight the difference between the use of split() and .split()

- While currently not working, initial energy does match MATLAB energy.

- This means this is worked out wrong in the stratified case or the initial condition is wrong.

- Results - when code works.

- Not sure how to implement stormer-verlet currently.

- Current idea is to build separate solvers and not used a mixed space at all.