



For a nondeforming mesh, Equation (A-1) can be written as

$$\frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial t} = R(\mathbf{Q}) \quad (\text{B-1})$$

where

$$R = - \left[\frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \hat{\mathbf{F}}_v)}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{G}} - \hat{\mathbf{G}}_v)}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{H}} - \hat{\mathbf{H}}_v)}{\partial \zeta} \right] \quad (\text{B-2})$$

The time term can be discretized with backward differencing:

$$\frac{(1 + \phi)(\mathbf{Q}^{n+1} - \mathbf{Q}^n) - \phi(\mathbf{Q}^n - \mathbf{Q}^{n-1})}{J\Delta t} = R(\mathbf{Q}^{n+1}) \quad (\text{B-3})$$

where the superscripts indicate time level. When $\phi = 0$ the method is first-order temporally accurate; when $\phi = 1/2$ the method is second-order accurate. This equation is implicit because the right-hand side is a function of the unknown flow variables at time level $n + 1$.

The CFL3D code is advanced in time with an implicit approximate-factorization method. The implicit derivatives are written as spatially first-order accurate, which results in block-tridiagonal inversions for each sweep. However, for solutions that utilize FDS the block-tridiagonal inversions are usually further simplified with a diagonal algorithm (with a spectral radius scaling of the viscous terms).

Because of the method which the left-hand side is treated for computational efficiency in steady-state simulations (approximate factorization, first-order accuracy), second-order temporal accuracy is forfeited for unsteady computations. One method for recovering the desired accuracy is through the use of sub-iterations. Two different sub-iteration strategies have been implemented in CFL3D. The first method is termed “pseudo time sub-iteration (τ -TS)”. The method is also often referred to as the “dual time stepping” method. The other method, termed “physical time sub-iteration (t -TS),” follows Pulliam.²⁸

For the τ -TS method, a pseudo time term is added to the time-accurate Navier-Stokes equations.

$$\frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{(1 + \phi)(\mathbf{Q}^{n+1} - \mathbf{Q}^n) - \phi(\mathbf{Q}^n - \mathbf{Q}^{n-1})}{J\Delta t} = R(\mathbf{Q}^{n+1}) \quad (\text{B-4})$$

This equation is then discretized and iterated in m , where m is the sub-iteration counter.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(1 + \phi')(\mathbf{Q}^{m+1} - \mathbf{Q}^m) - \phi'(\mathbf{Q}^m - \mathbf{Q}^{m-1})}{J\Delta\tau} + \\ & \frac{(1 + \phi)(\mathbf{Q}^{m+1} - \mathbf{Q}^n) - \phi(\mathbf{Q}^n - \mathbf{Q}^{n-1})}{J\Delta t} = R(\mathbf{Q}^{m+1}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B-5})$$

In Equation (B-5), ϕ and ϕ' govern the order of accuracy of the physical and pseudo time terms, respectively. In practice, the pseudo time term is treated as first order (i.e., $\phi' = 0$), but the general form is shown here for completeness. As $m \rightarrow \infty$, the pseudo time term vanishes if the sub-iterations converge and $\mathbf{Q}^{m+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}^{n+1}$. If R is linearized with

$$R(\mathbf{Q}^{m+1}) \cong R(\mathbf{Q}^m) + \frac{\partial R}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} \Delta \mathbf{Q}^m \quad (\text{B-6})$$

and the quantity $-(1 + \phi)\mathbf{Q}^m / (J\Delta t)$ is added to both sides of Equation (B-5)), then Equation (B-5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\left(\frac{1 + \phi'}{J\Delta\tau} + \frac{1 + \phi}{J\Delta t} \right) I + \delta_\xi \mathbf{A} + \delta_\eta \mathbf{B} + \delta_\zeta \mathbf{C} \right] \Delta \mathbf{Q}^m = \\ & \frac{\phi' \Delta \mathbf{Q}^{m-1}}{J\Delta\tau} + \frac{\phi \Delta \mathbf{Q}^{n-1}}{J\Delta t} - \frac{(1 + \phi)(\mathbf{Q}^m - \mathbf{Q}^n)}{J\Delta t} + R(\mathbf{Q}^m) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B-7})$$

where

$$\Delta \mathbf{Q}^m = \mathbf{Q}^{m+1} - \mathbf{Q}^m \quad (\text{B-8})$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \hat{\mathbf{F}}_v)}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} \quad (\text{B-9})$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{G}} - \hat{\mathbf{G}}_v)}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} \quad (\text{B-10})$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{H}} - \hat{\mathbf{H}}_v)}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} \quad (\text{B-11})$$

Equation (B-7) is approximately factored and written in primitive variable form; it is solved as a series of sweeps in each coordinate direction as

$$\left[\left(\frac{(1+\phi')\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta\tau} + \frac{(1+\phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} \right) + \delta_\xi \mathbf{A}^* \right] \Delta \mathbf{q}' = \frac{\phi' \mathbf{M} \Delta \mathbf{q}^{m-1}}{J\Delta\tau} + \frac{\phi \mathbf{M} \Delta \mathbf{q}^{n-1}}{J\Delta t} - \frac{(1+\phi)\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q}^m - \mathbf{q}^n)}{J\Delta t} + R(\mathbf{q}^m) \quad (\text{B-12})$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{(1+\phi')\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta\tau} + \frac{(1+\phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} \right) + \delta_\eta \mathbf{B}^* \right] \Delta \mathbf{q}'' = \left(\frac{(1+\phi')\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta\tau} + \frac{(1+\phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} \right) \Delta \mathbf{q}' \quad (\text{B-13})$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{(1+\phi')\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta\tau} + \frac{(1+\phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} \right) + \delta_\zeta \mathbf{C}^* \right] \Delta \mathbf{q}^m = \left(\frac{(1+\phi')\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta\tau} + \frac{(1+\phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} \right) \Delta \mathbf{q}'' \quad (\text{B-14})$$

$$\mathbf{q}^{m+1} = \mathbf{q}^m + \Delta \mathbf{q}^m \quad (\text{B-15})$$

where the primitive variables are

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ u \\ v \\ w \\ p \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{B-16})$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \quad (\text{B-17})$$

$$\mathbf{A}^* = \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \hat{\mathbf{F}}_v)}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \quad (\text{B-18})$$

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{G}} - \hat{\mathbf{G}}_v)}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \quad (\text{B-19})$$

$$\mathbf{C}^* = \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{H}} - \hat{\mathbf{H}}_v)}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \quad (\text{B-20})$$

The quantity $\Delta\tau$ is based on a constant CFL number set by the input parameter **cfl_tau** (See “LT5 - Time Step Parameters” on page 21). Multigrid is used to drive $\Delta \mathbf{q}^m$ to zero in a reasonable number of sub-iterations.

In the t-TS method, Equation (B-3) is merely iterated in m , where m is the sub-iteration counter:

$$\frac{(1 + \phi)(\mathbf{Q}^{m+1} - \mathbf{Q}^n) - \phi(\mathbf{Q}^n - \mathbf{Q}^{n-1})}{J\Delta t} = R(\mathbf{Q}^{m+1}) \quad (\text{B-21})$$

The quantity $-(1 + \phi)\mathbf{Q}^m/(J\Delta t)$ is added to both sides, the residual is linearized, and the equation is approximately factored and written in primitive variable form as

$$\left[\frac{(1 + \phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} + \delta_\xi \mathbf{A}^* \right] \Delta \mathbf{q}' = \frac{\phi \mathbf{M} \Delta \mathbf{q}^{n-1}}{J\Delta t} - \frac{(1 + \phi)\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q}^m - \mathbf{q}^n)}{J\Delta t} + R(\mathbf{q}^m) \quad (\text{B-22})$$

$$\left[\frac{(1 + \phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} + \delta_\eta \mathbf{B}^* \right] \Delta \mathbf{q}'' = \frac{(1 + \phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} \Delta \mathbf{q}' \quad (\text{B-23})$$

$$\left[\frac{(1 + \phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} + \delta_\zeta \mathbf{C}^* \right] \Delta \mathbf{q}^m = \frac{(1 + \phi)\mathbf{M}}{J\Delta t} \Delta \mathbf{q}'' \quad (\text{B-24})$$

$$\mathbf{q}^{m+1} = \mathbf{q}^m + \Delta \mathbf{q}^m \quad (\text{B-25})$$

As $m \rightarrow \infty$, $\mathbf{q}^{m+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{q}^{n+1}$. When only one series of sweeps is performed, $\mathbf{q}^m = \mathbf{q}^n$ and the standard time-accurate CFL3D scheme is recovered (i.e., no sub-iterations). Unlike the τ -TS method, this sub-iteration procedure (Equation (B-22) through Equation (B-25)) utilizes only one time step: the physical time step Δt (= constant).

Prior to the execution of Equation (B-25) in the code, the corrections are constrained in order to maintain the positivity of the thermodynamic variables ρ and p . For example, the update to pressure is taken as

$$p^{n+1} = p^n + \Delta p \left[1 + \phi_c \left(\alpha_c + \left| \frac{\Delta p}{p^n} \right| \right) \right]^{-1} \quad (\text{B-26})$$

whenever $\Delta p/p^n \leq \alpha_c$. Currently, $\alpha_c = -0.2$ and $\phi_c = 2.0$.

In the limit of $\Delta p/p^n \rightarrow -\infty$, $p^{n+1} \rightarrow p^n/2$. This modification improves the robustness of the method by allowing it to proceed through local transients encountered during the convergence process which would otherwise terminate the calculation.

When running steady-state computations ($dt < 0$), the time step advanced locally in each cell is related to the input CFL number by

$$\Delta t = \frac{\text{CFL}}{|\nabla \xi|_{t_1} + |\nabla \eta|_{t_2} + |\nabla \zeta|_{t_3}} \quad (\text{B-27})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_1 &= |\bar{U}| + a + 2|\nabla\xi|(\mu + \mu_T)\max\left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{\gamma}{Pr}\right)\frac{M}{Re_{\tilde{L}_R}}\frac{1}{\rho} \\
 t_2 &= |\bar{V}| + a + 2|\nabla\eta|(\mu + \mu_T)\max\left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{\gamma}{Pr}\right)\frac{M}{Re_{\tilde{L}_R}}\frac{1}{\rho} \\
 t_3 &= |\bar{W}| + a + 2|\nabla\zeta|(\mu + \mu_T)\max\left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{\gamma}{Pr}\right)\frac{M}{Re_{\tilde{L}_R}}\frac{1}{\rho}
 \end{aligned} \tag{B-28}$$

where $\bar{U} = U/|\nabla\xi|$, $\bar{V} = V/|\nabla\eta|$, $\bar{W} = W/|\nabla\zeta|$ and U , V , and W are defined in Equation (A-7) in Appendix A. The viscous scaling terms (the last term in each equation of Equation (B-28)) are only used when the solution includes viscous terms. They arise from a spectral radius scaling (see Coakley¹⁴).

