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1  /* secant_colebrook.h
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5  * This header file contains the secant_colebrook() function.
6  * This function will solve the Colebrook equation for the friction factor f
7  * numerically.
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10 //used for the nice math functions like log10() and sqrtf()
11 #include <math.h>
12
13 // this is a flag that denotes success in finding a zero
14 #define SECANT_COLEBROOK_SUCCESS 1.0f
15 // this is a flag that denotes a failure to find a zero
16 #define SECANT_COLEBROOK_FAILURE 0.0f
17
18 /// this function solves the Colebrook equation for the friction factor, f.
19 /// the return value is a pointer to two floating point values.
20 /// the first floating point number is the friction factor f
21 /// the second floating point number is an error flag.
22 float * secant_colebrook(float Re, float D, float epsilon){
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24     ///-----
25     ///     SET UP VARIABLES
26     ///-----
27
28     // this is where we store the frictionFactor.
29     // ffact[0] is the first guess.
30     // ffact[1] is the second guess.
31     // ffact[2] is the next guess.
32     static float ffact[3];
33     // this stores the difference between one side and the other side of the
34     // colebrook equation. Lets call it y.
35     // y[0] is for the first guess.
36     // y[1] is for the second guess.
37     // y[2] is for the next guess.
38     float y[3];
39     // this stores the slope of the line between.
40     float slope;
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42     // this is the f_tol for relative error in our value.
43     float f_tol = 0.01;
44     //this stores the relative error at the current iteration
45     float relErr;
46     // this keeps track of how many times the function has gone through the loop.
47     int iter;
48     //this is the maximum number of times that you can go through the while() loop.
49     int maxItt = 200;
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51     // define an array of floating point values with two elements.
52     // the first element will store the friction factor.
53     // the second value will store the success value.
54     static float returnValues[2];
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56     ///-----
57     ///     EVALUATE THE ROOT OF THE COLEBROOK EQUATION
58     ///-----
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60     //initial guesses for the friction factor
61     ffact[0] = 0.1;
62     ffact[1] = 0.01;
63     //initial value to make sure we can enter the loop
64     ffact[2] = 10;
65     // start iter at 0
66     iter = 0;

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67 // make sure the relative error is greater than f_tol to enter the loop
68 relErr = 100*f_tol;
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70 while(relErr > f_tol && iter < maxItt && ffact[2] >= 0.0){
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72     // evaluate the Colebrook equation at point 0
73     y[0]= (1/sqrtf(ffact[0]));
74     y[0]+= 2*log10((epsilon/(3.7f * D))+(2.51f/(Re*sqrtf(ffact[0]))));
75     // evaluate the Colebrook equation at point 1
76     y[1]= (1/sqrtf(ffact[1]));
77     y[1]+= 2*log10((epsilon/(3.7f * D))+(2.51f/(Re*sqrtf(ffact[1]))));
78
79     // if the slope is 0 or infinite, break and return a failure flag.
80     if(ffact[1] == ffact[0] || y[1] == y[0])break;
81
82     // calculate the slope
83     slope = (y[1]-y[0])/(ffact[1]-ffact[0]);
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85     // calculate where the next x value will be located
86     ffact[2] = ffact[0] - y[0]/slope;
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89     //store the second guess in the first guess's spot
90     ffact[0] = ffact[1];
91     // store new ffact value in the second's guess spot
92     ffact[1] = ffact[2];
93     //increment the iteration counter.
94     iter++;
95
96     //calculate relative error
97     relErr = (ffact[1]-ffact[0])/ffact[1];
98     // take absolute value of relative error calculation
99     if(relErr < 0) relErr *= -1.0f;
100
101 }
102
103 ///-----
104 ///      DETERMINE RETURN VALUES AND EXIT FUNCTION
105 ///-----
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107 // the program has failed if any of the following are true:
108 //      - the relative error is still larger than the f_tol
109 //      - the loop went through too many iter
110 //      - the slope of the line is infinite or zero
111 //      - the ffact value that will be returned is negative
112 if(relErr>f_tol || iter>=maxItt || y[0]==y[1] || ffact[2]<0){
113     // return the value of the invalid friction factor (whatever it may be)
114     returnValues[0] = ffact[2];
115     // set success flag to FAILURE
116     returnValues[1] = SECANT_COLEBROOK_FAILURE;
117     return returnValues;
118 }
119 // you must have succeeded if nothing went wrong.
120 else{
121     // return the value of the correctly calculated friction factor
122     returnValues[0] = ffact[2];
123     // set success flag to SUCCESS
124     returnValues[1] = SECANT_COLEBROOK_SUCCESS;
125     return returnValues;
126 }
127 // the function should never get to this point.
128 // but if it does, return a failure flag.
129 returnValues[0] = 0.0f;
130 returnValues[1] = SECANT_COLEBROOK_FAILURE;
131 return returnValues;
132 }

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