
Zero-Mean Pressure

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1 ZERO-MEAN PRESSURE CALCULATION

Since ∇p isn't distinguishable from $\nabla(p + c)$ for c a constant, I'm going to investigate since I'm fairly certain what I did in my implementation was correct.

By the divergence theorem, since $\mathbf{v} = 0$ on the boundary:

$$\int \nabla \cdot ((p + c) \mathbf{v}) d\Omega = \oint (p + c) \mathbf{v} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d\Gamma = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \nabla \cdot ((p + c) \mathbf{v}) d\Omega &= \int \nabla \cdot (p \mathbf{v}) d\Omega + \int \nabla \cdot (c \mathbf{v}) d\Omega \\ &= \int \nabla p \mathbf{v} d\Omega + \int p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega + \int \mathbf{v} \nabla c d\Omega + \int c \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega \\ &= \int \nabla p \mathbf{v} d\Omega + \int p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega + c \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \nabla p \mathbf{v} d\Omega = - \int p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega - c \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega$$

If I assert that $\int \nabla p \mathbf{v} d\Omega \equiv - \int p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega$ in my implementation, aren't I then fixing $c = 0$ and calculating a unique pressure? That's what I did in my implementation.