Objective : Numerical simulation of 1D supersonic nozzle flow using Macormack Method using conservative and non-conservative forms of equation

Assumptions:

1. Flow inside the nozzle is assumed to be isentropic.

2. The flow is considered Quasi-1D as properties vary along the x axis and not the y axis.

3. Compresible flow

4. No friction and heat transfer considerations.

5.Considerable pressure ratio is maintained between choked pressure and back pressure to allow expansion of the flow and avoid shock waves.

Problem Description:

1. Area profile along the direction of the flow :

$$A = 1 + 2.2 * (x - 1.5)^2$$

2. Initial non-dimnetionalized thermodynamic properties :

$$\rho = 1 - 0.3146 * x$$

$$T = 1 - 0.2314 * x$$

$$V = (0.1 + 1.09 * x)^{0.5}$$

Governing Equations:

1. Non-conservative form

- Continuity Equation : $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\rho \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} - \rho V \frac{\partial (ln A)}{\partial x} - V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}$
- Momentum Equation : $\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = -V \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{T \partial \rho}{\rho \partial x} \right)$
- Energy Equation : $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -V \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - (\gamma - 1) T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial ln A}{\partial x} \right)$

2. Conservative Form

- Continuity Equation : $\frac{\partial (\rho A)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho V A)}{\partial x} = 0$
- Momentum Equation : $\frac{\partial (\rho A V)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \left(\rho A V^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma} P A \right)}{\partial x} = \frac{P}{\gamma} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x}$
- Energy Equation:

$$\frac{\partial\left(\rho\left(\frac{T}{\gamma-1}+\frac{\gamma V^2}{2}\right)*A\right)}{\partial t}+\frac{\partial\left(\rho\left(\frac{T}{\gamma-1}+\frac{\gamma V^2}{2}\right)*A+PAV\right)}{\partial t}=0$$

The equations were solved using Macormack Method.

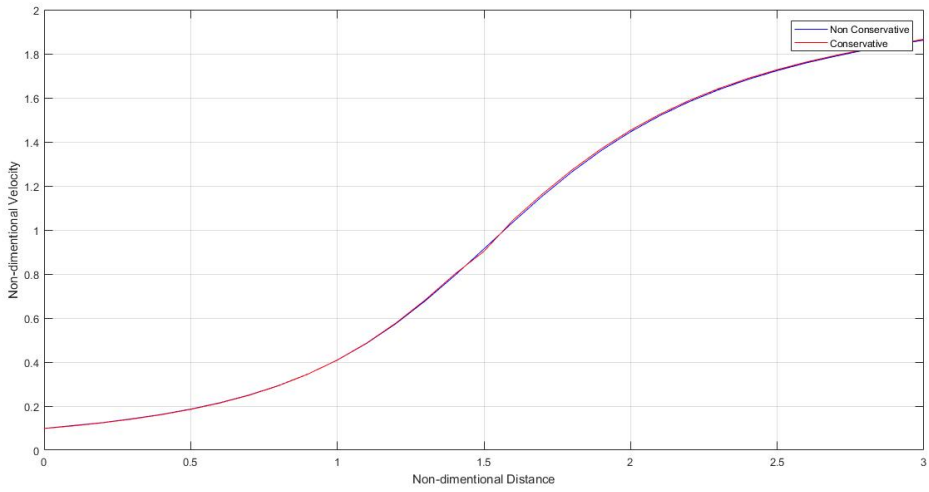
Result:

The simulation was run for a maximum of 5000 time-steps, with CFL=0.5 and n=31. The tolerance was kept to 1e-6, where the change in rho, v, and T had to fall under the tolerance. Net Mass Flow Rate tolerance has also been set at 1e-3 for non conservation form and 1e-2 for conservation form.

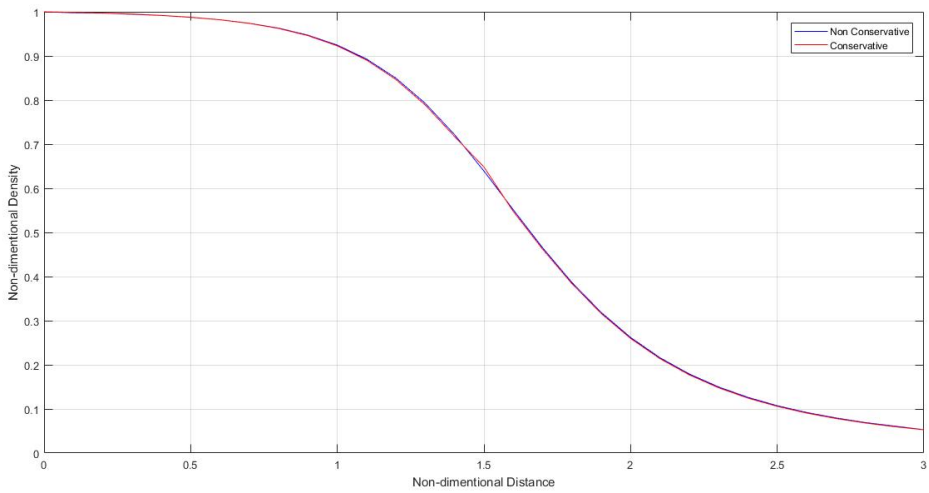
Non Conservation Form converged in 676 time steps, by converged it has reached a stable solution.

Conservation Form converged in 4515 time steps, by converged it has reached a stable solution.

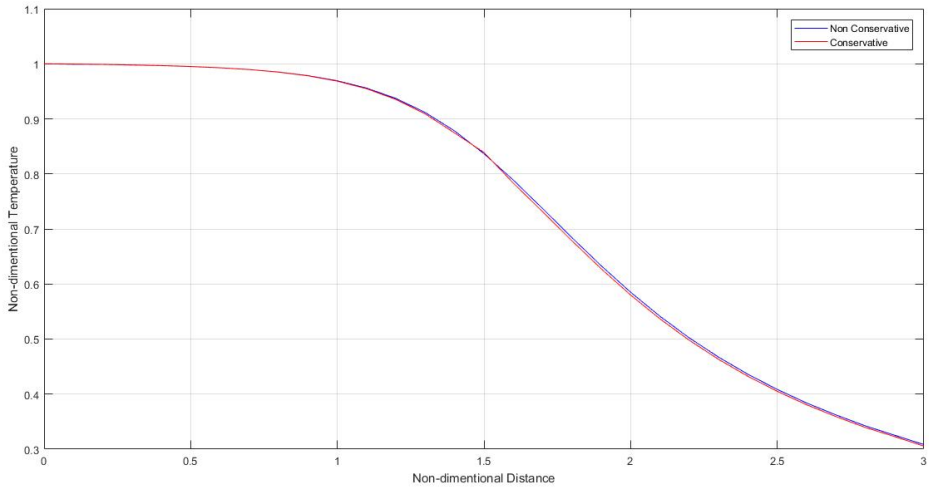
Velocity Plots:



Density Plots:

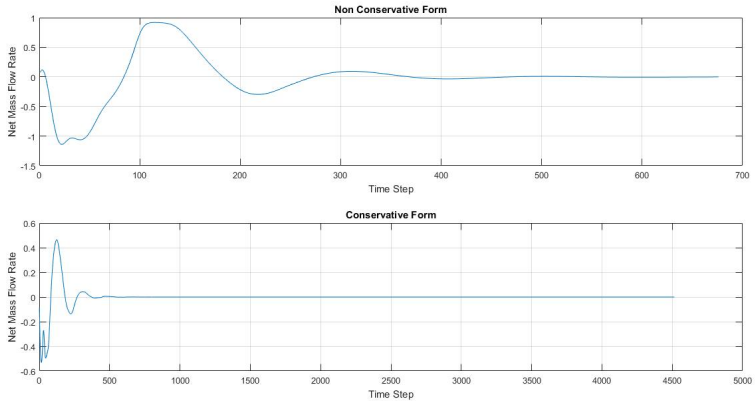


Temperature Plots:

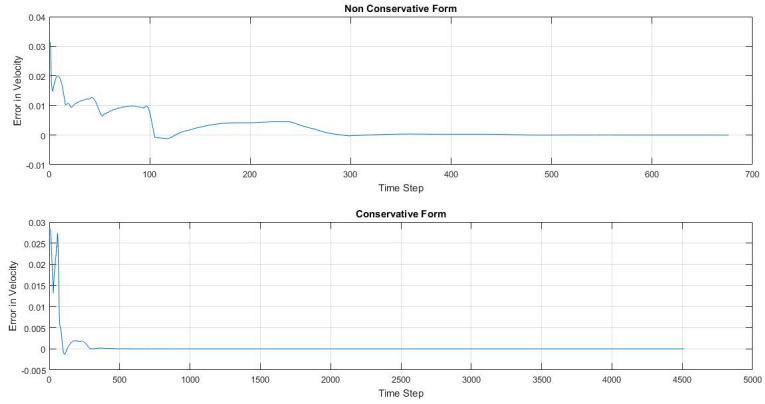


It has been observed that conservative form solves in less number of iterations than non-conservative form. However, the net mass flow rate hasn't stabilised in the current condition.

Net Mass Flow Rate :



Net Change in Velocity:



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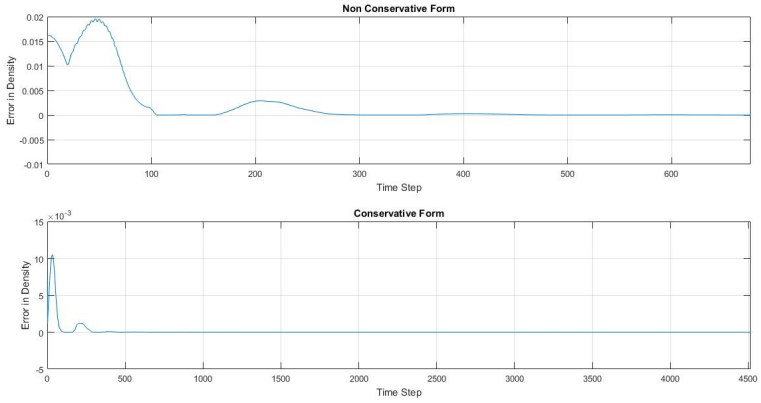

Net Change in Temperature: