

# The PISO (Pressure-Implicit with Splitting of Operations) algorithm

We have the same setup (1), (2) of the SIMPLE algorithm. PISO is generally considered an extension of SIMPLE as it is based on non-iterative computations of **unsteady fluid flow**. It involves one prediction step followed by **2 correction steps**.

We actually rewrite the decomp. in (6) as

$$\bar{M} \bar{u}_h^{(k)} = \bar{D} \bar{u}_h^{(k)} + \bar{\mathcal{H}} \Rightarrow \bar{u}_h^{(k)} = \bar{D}^{-1} \bar{\mathcal{H}} - \bar{\nabla} p_h^{(k)} \quad (7)$$

where  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}$  incorporates  $\bar{u}_h^{(k-1)}$ .

As a result the pressure equation becomes:

$$\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{u}_h^{(k)} = \bar{\nabla} \cdot (\bar{D}^{-1} \bar{\mathcal{H}} - \bar{\nabla} p_h^{(k)}) = 0$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\Delta p_h^{(k)} = \bar{\nabla} \cdot (\bar{D}^{-1} \bar{\mathcal{H}}) \quad (8)$$

Matrix  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}$  will be referred to as the **residual** since

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}} = \bar{M} \bar{u}_h^{(k)} - \bar{D} \bar{u}_h^{(k)} = (\bar{M} - \bar{D}) \bar{u}_h^{(k)} \quad (9)$$

and, as in (8), it can be interpreted as a **source term** for pressure.

Therefore one can proceed to compute prediction  $\bar{u}_h^{(k)*}$  in (7), use it to derive (9) and  $p_h^{(k)}$  from (8) and then use both  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $p_h^{(k)}$  to compute the updated, divergence-free, velocity field  $\bar{u}_h^{(k)}$ .

Once the velocity field gets updated also  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}$  would change and thus also  $p_h^{(k)}$ ; therefore in the PISO algorithm, instead of closing the loop of calculation of  $p_h^{(k+1)}$ , as in SIMPLE,

we use the flux-corrected  $U_h^{(k)}$  to update  $\bar{H}$  directly.

This essentially translated of having two nested correction loops:

: The **outer loop** is the standard pressure correction which, as in SIMPLE, directly follows the momentum predictor; the **inner loop** updates the pressure until (8) converges

## PISO PSEUDOCODE

set BCs and  $K=0$

guess  $p^{(0)}$

**/\*outer\*/ while**  $\text{toll} < 1e-10$

compute  $\bar{H}$  from (9)

solve (7) to obtain  $U_h^{*(k)}$

solve (8) to obtain  $p_h^{*(k)}$

**/\*inner\*/ while**  $\text{toll} < 1e-04$

update  $U_h^{*(k)}$  using  $p_h^{*(k)}$  in (7)

derive updated  $\bar{H}$  from (9)

update  $p_h^{*(k)}$  using  $\bar{H}$  in (8)

**end**

**end**

The adjustment of iterating in a smaller loop rather than updating the whole system everytime has the advantage that, if the time step is small enough ( $Co < 1$ ), no under-relaxation is needed for the linear system to converge.



## PISO IN OF

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{v VectorMatrix UEqm
{
    fvm::ddt(U) + fvm::div(phi, U) - fvm::laplacian(mu, U)
};
solve (UEqm == - fvc::grad(p));
volScalarField D = UEqm().A();
U = 1.0/D * UEqm().H();
phi = (fvc::interpolate(U) & mesh.SP()) +
    + fvc::ddtPhiCorr(1.0/D, U, phi);
adjustPhi(phi, U, p);

{v ScalarMatrix pEqm
{
    fvm::laplacian(1.0/D, p) == fvc::div(phi);
};
pEqm.setReference(pRefCell, pRefValue);
pEqm.solve();
if (momOrth == mNonOrthCorr)
{
    phi = - pEqm.flux();
}

U = 1.0/D * fvc::grad(p);
U.correctBoundaryConditions();
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