Gas Dynamics and Heat and Mass Transfer

Fractional Step Method

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Chapter 1

Theoretical background

Theorem 1.0.1 (Helmholtz–Hodge FSM). Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a bounded domain with smooth boundary. Let $\omega \colon \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be a vector field. Then there exist a smooth function $\varphi \colon \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$ and a divergence-less smooth vector field $\mathbf{a} \colon \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \varphi$$

In addition,

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega$$

where ν denotes the outer normal vector to $\partial\Omega$.

Theorem 1.0.2 (Helmholtz-Hodge). Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a bounded domain. Then every smooth vector field $\mathbf{F} \colon D \to \mathbb{R}^3$ can be decomposed into a sum $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2$, where \mathbf{F}_1 is an irrotational field and \mathbf{F}_2 is a solenoidal field.

Theorem 1.0.3 (Helmholtz–Hodge). Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a contractible bounded open set with smooth boundary. Let $F: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be a $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\Omega)$ vector field. Then there exist a function $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ and a vector field $H \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^3)$ such that

$$F = \nabla f + \nabla \times H$$

Theorem 1.0.4. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a contractible bounded open set with smooth boundary. Let $G : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be a divergence–free $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\Omega)$ vector field, that is to say, $\nabla \cdot G = 0$. Then there exists a $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\Omega)$ vector field $g : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $\nabla \times g = G$.

Notice that the previous theorem says nothing about the uniqueness of the field g.

Assume F is the Schwartz space

Then see Griffith's of Helmholtz's theorem

Chapter 2

Fractional step method (FSM)

In this Chapter

Hereinafter, it is assumed that the studied problems occur in a contractible bounded open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ with smooth boundary. Besides, these problems last for finite time, that is to say, the time interval is $I = [t_0, t_f] \subset \mathbb{R}$.

2.1 First approach to the FSM

2.1.1 Time integration of the Navier–Stokes equations

Recall that the Navier-Stokes equations for incompressible and constant viscosity flows are

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{\nabla \cdot v} = 0 \\ \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{\nabla}) \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{\nabla} p + \mu \Delta \mathbf{v} \end{cases}$$
 (2.1.1)

where $\mathbf{u} = u\mathbf{i} + v\mathbf{j} + w\mathbf{k}$. By defining the operator

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}) = \mu \Delta \mathbf{v} - (\rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \tag{2.1.2}$$

(2.1.1) may be rewritten as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{\nabla \cdot v} = 0 \\ \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{\nabla} p \end{cases}$$
 (2.1.3)

why integrate the equations?

Let $[t^n, t^{n+1}] \subset [t_0, t_f]$ be a non–degenerate time interval with $\Delta t = t^{n+1} - t^n$. An implicit integration scheme $(\beta = 1)$ is used to integrate the continuity equation with respect to time:

$$\int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dt = \left(\beta \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^{n+1} + (1-\beta) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^n \right) \, \Delta t = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^{n+1} \, \Delta t = 0$$

Since $\Delta t > 0$, it follows that

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^{n+1} = 0 \tag{2.1.4}$$



which is the time-integrated continuity equation. As for the momentum equation,

$$\int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} \, \mathrm{d}t = \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}) \, \mathrm{d}t - \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \mathbf{\nabla} p \, \mathrm{d}t$$

The left-hand side computation is straightforward as the density is constant and the fundamental theorem of calculus is applied:

$$\int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} \, \mathrm{d}t = \rho \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} \, \mathrm{d}t = \rho (\mathbf{v}^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}^n)$$

In order to integrate $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v})$, define

$$\mathfrak{R}(\mathbf{v},t) = \int_{t_0}^{s} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

so that

$$\mathfrak{R}(\mathbf{v}, t^{n+1}) - \mathfrak{R}(\mathbf{v}, t^n) = \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}) dt$$
 (2.1.5)

By applying the two–step Adams–Bashforth method, (2.1.5) results in

$$\int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}) \, \mathrm{d}t = \left(\frac{3}{2} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}^{n+1}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}^n)\right) \, \Delta t$$

Again the implicit integration scheme ($\beta = 1$) is used to compute the third term:

$$\int_{t^n}^{t^{n+}} \nabla p \, dt = \left(\beta \nabla p^{n+1} + (1-\beta) \nabla p^n \right) \Delta t = \nabla p^{n+1} \, \Delta t$$

Rearranging terms yields the time-integrated momentum equation:

$$\rho \frac{\mathbf{v}^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{3}{2} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}^{n+1}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}^n) - \nabla p^{n+1}$$
(2.1.6)



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Chapter 3

Lid-Driven Cavity

3.1 Statement

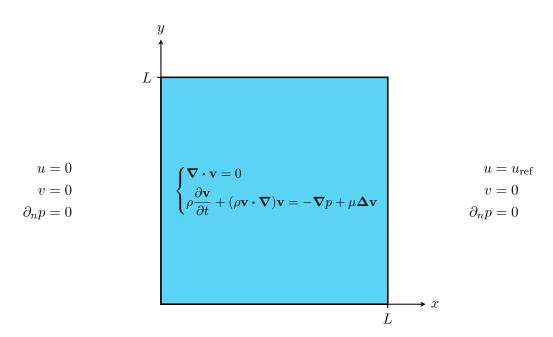


Figure 3.1.1

$$\int_M \mathrm{d}\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$$