

PSE Users Guide

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Coordinates and definitions

PSE is written in a body fitted curvilinear coordinate system where x is the streamwise direction, y is the wall normal direction, and z is the spanwise direction. Time is denoted by t and the temporal variation of solutions is represented in the frequency domain where ω is the fundamental frequency. Similarly, a Fourier representation is also used in z with a fundamental wavenumber of β . The velocity components are represented by u , v , and w in the streamwise, wall normal, and spanwise directions, respectively.

PSE input file

The input file for PSE is called `pse.inp` and it is in Fortran90 namelist format. The following table defines each parameter and the values that they can take.

Table 1: PSE Input Parameters

Parameter	Description	Notes
ITYPE	Execution mode	0 : linear PSE 1 : nonlinear PSE 2 : adjoint PSE 3 : discrete adjoint PSE -1 : spatial LST -2 : temporal LST -3 : spatial AST -4 : temporal AST -5 : discrete temporal AST -6 : discrete spatial AST
NX	Number of nodes in x	only used with IMEAN=0 overrides mean flow NY
NY	Number of nodes in y	
NZ	Number of modes in z	
NT	Number of modes in t	
BETA	Fundamental spanwise wavenumber	
OMEGA	Fundamental frequency	
RE	Reference Reynolds number	
ICURV	Curvature flag	0 : no curvature terms 1 : curvature terms
IMEAN	Meanflow type	0 : parallel mean flow 1 : boundary layer flow

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Parameter	Description	Notes
IVBC	v -velocity BC on top boundary	2 : Navier–Stokes flow 0: $v = 0$ 1 : $\partial v / \partial y _w = 0$
IPWBC	pressure BC on wall boundary	0 : $\partial p / \partial y _w = 0$ 1 : wall normal momentum equation 2 : continuity at wall
IPBC	pressure BC on top boundary	0 : $p = 0$ 1 : $\partial p / \partial y _{y_{max}} = 0$
MKZ	Spanwise modes in initial condition	for nonlinear PSE
MKT	Frequencies in initial condition	for nonlinear PSE
XMAX	Length of domain in x	only for IMEAN = 0
XS1	Stretching parameter 1	only for IMEAN = 0
XS2	Stretching parameter 2	only for IMEAN = 0
DX1	Initial Δx	only for Imean = 0
Ymax	Maximum y	Should be several BL thicknesses
YSTR	Stretching parameter	$0 < YSTR < 1$
TOL	Tolerance for PSE iterations	$\approx 1 \times 10^{-8}$
IPFIX	Pressure update for PSE	use 1
NITER	Number of PSE iterations	typically 5-50
IS	Starting index for PSE	location for LST
IE	Ending index for PSE	location for AST
NORM	PSE normalization flag	0 : Kinetic energy 1 : u_{max}
NINT	Interpolation in NY for u_{max} evaluation	
INT	Interpolation factor in NX for field output	< 1 denotes no interpolation
SOR	SOR parameter for PSE iteration	$1 \leq SOR < 2$
PLock	Phase lock flag	0 : unlocked 1 : phase locked
EPS	Mode generation tolerance	1×10^{-8}
ALPI	Meanflow modification parameter	-1×10^{-3}

Mean flow input files

As indicated in Table 1 there are three options for the meanflow. If running on a parallel baseflow, IMEAN = 0, then the code reads the profile from `profile.dat`. For boundary layer base flows, IMEAN = 1, the baseflow is read from `bl_sta.out`. And the last option is for a Navier–Stokes solution, IMEAN = 2 which is read from `field.dat`.

Disturbance initial profiles

The disturbance profiles are read from `inflow.???` where the extension is used to denote the spanwise wavenumber and the temporal frequency. The fundamental is denoted with a 1, the first harmonic by 2, etc. For example, `inflow.+12` is the fundmental + mode in the span and the harmonic in time. Likewise `inflow.+01` has no variation in the span and the fundamental frequency, and `inflow.+00` is the mean flow modification term.

Output

The primary PSE output is in the file `pse.dat` which contains α and other quantities of interest during the PSE calculation. The file `grow.dat` contains various measures of the disturbance amplitude as well as associated growth rates. The file `pro.dat` contains the PSE shapefunctions at the last computed station.

The code also outputs the entire computed fields (possibly interpolated in the x direction depending on the value of `INT`) for each combination of spanwise and temporal modes using the same indexing notation described in but with the basename `field.???`.

To convert a `field.???` file to Plot3D format use the program `mkqr8`.