Eilmer Steady-State Accelerator: Investigation of Implicit Schemes

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Steady-State Solver Updates: Since 05-06-2021...

- Significantly improved robustness for reacting flows via a physicality check
 - $\mathbf{U}^{n+1} = \mathbf{U}^n + \omega \Delta \mathbf{U}$
- Extended solver to include two-temperature modelling



Demonstrative Case: DLR Cylinder in HEG shock tunnel



Image taken from Karl et al. 2003

Freestream conditions:

- Mach 8.8 air flow (13.5 MJ/kg enthalpy)
- $Y_{\infty} = [Y_{N2}, Y_{O2}, Y_{NO}, Y_{N}, Y_{O}] = [0.7356, 0.1340, 0.0509, 0.0, 0.07095]$

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$$T_{\infty} = T_{\text{vib},\infty} = 694 \text{ K}$$

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$$\rho_{\infty} = 3.26e-03 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

Demonstrative Case: DLR Cylinder in HEG shock tunnel

Simulation details:

- 2D unstructured grid solver
- LSQ gradient reconstruction with hvenkat limiter
- Blended AUSMDV/Haenel flux scheme
- WLSQ gradients for viscous fluxes at cell-centers
- Thermochemical noneq. using Park (5s/5r) 2T model
- Fick's first law mass diffusion with binary diffusion coeffs.
- Noncatalytic wall boundary condition (T_wall = 300 K)



Grid Construction Method: Eilmer Shock-fitting Simulation



Grid Construction Method: GridPro (viscous) Grid



Grid Construction Method: Smooth Heat Flux Distribution



Implicit Schemes: Derivation

Residual function defined as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}) = -\frac{1}{V} \sum_{faces} (\overline{F_c} - \overline{F_v}) \cdot \hat{n} \, dA + \mathbf{S}$$

Fully discrete form written using a backward difference

$$\frac{\Delta \mathbf{U}^k}{\Delta t} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}^{k+1}), \quad \Delta \mathbf{U}^k = \mathbf{U}^{k+1} - \mathbf{U}^k$$

Since we don't know $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}^{k+1})$, we linearise in time

$$\frac{\Delta \mathbf{U}^k}{\Delta t} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}^k) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}^k)}{\partial \mathbf{U}^k} \Delta \mathbf{U}^k$$

This is then rearranged to recover the implicit-Euler time marching iterate

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{U}^k)\Delta\mathbf{U}^k = \left[\frac{1}{\Delta t}\mathbf{I} - \frac{\partial\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}^k)}{\partial\mathbf{U}^k}\right]\Delta\mathbf{U}^k = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}^k), \quad \mathbf{U}^{k+1} = \mathbf{U}^k + \Delta\mathbf{U}^k$$

Note: as $\frac{1}{\Delta t}$ approaches 0, Newton's method is recovered



Implicit Schemes: Definitions

If we let,

$$A = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{U}^k), \ \mathbf{x} = \Delta \mathbf{U}^k, \ \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}^k)$$

Then we see that this is a standard linear system,

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$
, where $A = L + D + U$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \qquad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \qquad \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot$$

Implicit Schemes: Defect-Correction

- **Approximate** Jacobian (e.g. first order reconstruction) for the L.H.S. implicit operator (A)
- Solve system using a textbook iterative method (e.g. Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel)
- Approximate Jacobian limits maximum achievable CFL
- We will consider...

Diagonal:

$$\mathbf{x}^{n+1} = D^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

Jacobi:

$$\mathbf{x}^{n+1} = D^{-1} (\mathbf{b} - L\mathbf{x}^n - U\mathbf{x}^n)$$

SGS:

$$\mathbf{x}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = D^{-1} (\mathbf{b} - U\mathbf{x}^n - L\mathbf{x}^{n+\frac{1}{2}})$$
$$\mathbf{x}^{n+1} = D^{-1} (\mathbf{b} - L\mathbf{x}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - U\mathbf{x}^{n+1})$$

Implicit Schemes: Newton's Method

- **Uses exact** Jacobian (e.g. no approximations) for the L.H.S. implicit operator (A)
- Solve system using a Krylov iterative method (e.g. GMRES) --> use Frechet derivative
- Theoretically *no limits* on maximum achievable *CFL*
- We will consider...

Jacobian-Free Newton-Krylov:



• **Note:** GMRES still needs an approximate Jacobian for preconditioning step

Implicit Schemes: Constructing the approximate Jacobian

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & 1 \\ R_{1}^{0} = F(\mathbf{U}) \\ R_{2}^{0} = F(\mathbf{U}) & & R_{2}^{1} = F(\mathbf{U}) \\ R_{2}^{1} = F(\mathbf{U}) & & R_{2}^{1} = F(\mathbf{U}) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{U} = [U_{1}^{0}, U_{2}^{0}, U_{1}^{1}, U_{2}^{1}]$$



Implicit Schemes: Why use complex numbers?



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x}_{central} \approx \frac{J(x+h) - J(x-h)}{2h}$$

Complex-step derivative approximation

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x}_{complex} \approx \frac{Im[J(x+ih)]}{h}$$

Results: Method

- All simulations use local time-stepping
- Defect-correction schemes use a bespoke prescribed CFL schedule

-- $CFL_{min} = 0.01$ and $CFL_{max} <= 100.0$

• Newton-Krylov scheme uses an automated CFL growth algorithm

-- $CFL_{min} = 1.0$ and $CFL_{max} = 1,000,000$

- Explicit Euler example uses a fixed CFL of 0.05
- Approximate Jacobian matrix evaluated every 5 nonlinear steps
- Convergence tolerance of 10 orders of magnitude drop in the global residual

Results: JFNK Convergence History



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Results: Jacobi Convergence History



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Wall-clock (s)

Results: SGS Convergence History



Results: Comparison of Convergence History



Recent JFNK examples: Natural Convection

Simulation details:

- 2D structured grid solver
- AUSMDV flux scheme
- $CFL_0 = 1,000,000$
- Employed PJ's new gravitational term
- No Slip BCs:
 - -- North/South = Adiabatic
 - -- East = Fixed 293 K
 - -- West = Fixed 283 K



Velocity magnitude (m/s) 5.2e-06 0.01 0.015 0.02 0.025 0.03 0.035 0.04 0.045 5.1e-02

Recent JFNK examples: BoLT-II T4 model simulation



Simulation details:

- 3D unstructured grid solver
- LDFSS2 flux scheme
- Park heuristic limiter
- SA turbulence model (fully turbulent)
- Approx. 1 million cells
- Solved in \sim 1 hour on 32 core workstation



Recent JFNK examples: SWTBLI T4 model simulation



Simulation details:

- 3D unstructured grid solver
- HLLC flux scheme
- hvenkat limiter
- SA turbulence model (fixed transition)
- Approx. 7.5 million cells
- Solved in ~1.5 hours on 240 cores



Summary: Take home message

- All methods covered today give decent *engineering level* convergence
- Newton-Krylov method is superior for deep convergence (e.g. needed for adjoint)
- Automatic CFL growth achieved via Newton-Krylov method is valuable

Questions?