



## Moment-of-Fluid on Cartesian grids

Interface representation & reconstruction

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### Introduction: representing multiphase flow

#### How to represent multiphase flow on meshes?



Source: BlueWater by trancedman, DeviantArt



Cartesian grid

#### Physics

- Multiphase flow
- Immiscible fluids
- Mass conservation

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#### Numerical representation

- Volume-of-fluid
- Level-set
- Front tracking
- Moment-of-fluid
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### Example: Volume-of-Fluid

 $\mathsf{Representation} \neq \mathsf{Reconstruction}$ 



'True' interface

VOF representation

PLIC reconstruction

VOF: Volume-of-Fluid PLIC: Piecewise Linear Interface Construction



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- $\Omega$  polygonal cell of vertices  $\{p_1, \cdots, p_n\}$
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- $\bullet~\phi$  angle with the horizontal axis

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#### How to find d and n?

What do we want?

- $\rightarrow$  Find a linear interface as close as possible of the original interface
  - Problem: 1 constraint, 2 unknown
  - Hard part: finding n

Classic methods that use information of *surrounding cells*:

- Gradient of volume fraction
- Least-square
- LVIRA, ELVIRA
- . . .
- Easy part: if we know n, the distance d can be deduced from the volume constraint  $\longrightarrow$  Flood algorithm



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Result

ξ\* given by quadratic interpolation

### Limitations of VOF methods



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- Centroid of any fluids  $oldsymbol{x}_c$  in each cells

Reconstruction method:

- VOF:  $|\omega^{\ell}| = |\omega^{\star}|$  for each cell  $\longrightarrow$  under-determined problem!
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#### Objective function:





locus of the centroids for  $\mu = 0.3$ 



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Solution:  $\phi \approx 0.841$ 

### Example of static reconstruction: Zigzags



### Example of static reconstruction: Compass



### Example of static reconstruction: Pie



### Example of static reconstruction: Stars



### Analytic reconstruction: Motivations



- On Cartesian grids, cells are rectangles
- Rectangle are very simple shapes
- Upgrade a VOF algorithm
- Easier to implement
- No problem with local minima
- Faster?

### Analytic reconstruction: possible configurations ( $\mu \leq 0.5$ )



### Analytic solution: Parabola



For all 
$$x \in \left[\frac{c_x}{3}, \frac{2c_x}{3}\right]$$
  
$$P(x) = \frac{V}{2c_x} + \frac{6V}{c_x} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{c_x}\right)^2$$

Let  $\boldsymbol{p} = (p_x, p_y)$  any point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ 

The closest point of p to the parabola P is its orthogonal projection The coordinate x of  $x_c(\omega^\ell) = (x, P(x))$  is one of the solution of

$$x - p_x - \frac{12V}{c_x^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{c_x}\right) \left(\frac{V}{2c_x} - p_y\right) - \frac{72V^2}{c_x^3} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{c_x}\right)^3 = 0$$

### Analytic solution: Hyperbola

For all 
$$x \in \left[\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{2V\frac{c_x}{c_y}}, \frac{c_x}{3}\right]$$
  

$$H(x) = \frac{9V}{2x}$$

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$$x^{4} + p_{x}x^{3} + \frac{2}{9}Vp_{y}x - \left(\frac{2V}{9}\right)^{2} = 0$$

### Analytic solution: Algorithm



 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{0} \quad \text{If } \mu > 0.5 \text{ solve the dual problem} \\ \textbf{2} \quad \text{Locate the quadrant where } x_c(\omega^{\star}) \text{ is} \\ & \bullet x_c(\omega^{\star}) \in Q_1 \text{ try } \{1,2,4\} \\ & \bullet x_c(\omega^{\star}) \in Q_2 \text{ try } \{2,3,6\} \\ & \bullet x_c(\omega^{\star}) \in Q_3 \text{ try } \{6,8,9\} \\ & \bullet x_c(\omega^{\star}) \in Q_4 \text{ try } \{4,7,8\} \\ \textbf{3} \quad \text{Solve 2 cubic and 1 quartic} \\ \textbf{3} \quad \text{Find the closest solution} \\ \textbf{3} \quad \text{Compute } n \text{ and } d \text{ from the solution} \end{array}$ 

### Moment of Fluid: Summary

- Stencil reduced to only one cell
- $\bullet$  Analytic reconstruction is about 30% faster than minimization
- What about multimaterial?

### Multiphase reconstruction: Serial dissection



The best solution minimizes the sum of the centroid defects.

Source: Dyadechko, V., Shashkov, M. (2008)

### Multiphase reconstruction: Examples



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#### Advection

Backward advection: Compute the pre-image  $\Omega^{n-1}$  of  $\Omega^n$  with a Runge-Kutta 2 method.



Compute the volume of red and blue fluid.

Remark: Only the vertices of the cell are advected. The volume is not exactly preserved.

### Advection: Centroids

We can show that the centroids almost follow an advection equation:

$$rac{d}{dt}oldsymbol{x}_c(\omega) = oldsymbol{v}(oldsymbol{x}_c(\omega)) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

Advection algorithm:

- Backward advection of the cell (RK2)
- Intersection of the fluid polygons
- Compute volume and centroids
- Forward advection of the centroids (RK2)



Source: Dyadechko, V., Shashkov, M. (2007)

### Advection: 2 fluids on a sheared flow

### Advection: 5 fluids on a sheared flow





### Advection: 5 fluids on a sheared flow

### Advection: 5 fluids on a periodic flow

### Advection: Focus on the B-tree dissection



Without B-tree dissection



With B-tree dissection

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### Numerical results: Error computation



#### Local errors

Distance error

$$\Delta \Gamma = \max_{\boldsymbol{x}^{\star} \in \Gamma^{\star}} \min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \Gamma^{\ell}} |\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}^{\star}|$$

• Area of symmetric difference

 $\Delta \omega = |\omega^{\ell} \triangle \omega^{\star}|$ 

$$A \triangle B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$$



Global error

• Average deviation (equivalent to  $\Delta\Gamma$ )

$$\Delta\Gamma_{avg} = \frac{1}{|\partial\omega^{\star}|} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\omega_{i}^{\ell} \triangle \omega_{i}^{\star}|$$

### Numerical results: Sheared flow spatial convergence



Case description:

$$\boldsymbol{u}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} -2\sin^2(\pi x)\sin(\pi y)\cos(\pi y)\\ 2\sin^2(\pi y)\sin(\pi x)\cos(\pi x) \end{bmatrix} \cos\left(\pi\frac{t}{T}\right)$$

Parameters:

- Iterations: 1000
- Time step:  $10^{-4}$  s
- Mesh:  $N \times N$ ,  $N \in \{16, 32, \cdots, 4096\}$

Numerical results

### Numerical results: Sheared flow spatial convergence





### Numerical results: Sheared flow time convergence



### Numerical results: Sheared flow time convergence



Parameters:

- Total time: 0.5 s
- Time step:  $\{5 \cdot 10^{-4}, \cdots, 1.25 \cdot 10^{-4}\}$  s
- Mesh: 1024 × 1024

 $\label{eq:convergence} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{Order 1 convergence with Euler}.\\ \mbox{Error RK2} < \mbox{Error Euler} \end{array}$ 

Spatial error dominates  $\Rightarrow$  Case without spatial error

#### Numerical results

### Numerical results: Accelerated front flow time convergence



### Limitations of MOF: Filaments



0	0.2×	0
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Initial configuration

MOF representation after advection

MOF reconstruction

• The filament does not move if the time step is too small!

### Limitations of MOF: Possible solution



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Virtual fluid A'

- Detection of filament at the advection step
- Introduction of a virtual fluid A'
- 3-fluid reconstruction

Reference: Jemison, M., Sussman, M., Shashkov, M. (2015)

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### Perspectives

MOF:

- 3D
- Filaments
- Analytic solutions for triangles and quadrangles

Around MOF:

- Coupling with immersed boundaries
- CLS-MOF
- Order 2 with the energy equation and Navier-Stokes

# Appendix

### Centroid advection

Fluid domain  $\omega(t)$ . Eulerian velocity  $\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x},t)$ . div  $\boldsymbol{u} = 0$ .

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\omega(t)} \boldsymbol{x} d\boldsymbol{x} &= \int_{\omega(t)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \operatorname{Id}(\boldsymbol{x}) + \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) \cdot \nabla \operatorname{Id}(\boldsymbol{x}) + \operatorname{Id}(\boldsymbol{x}) \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) \right) d\boldsymbol{x} \\ &= \int_{\omega(t)} \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) d\boldsymbol{x} \\ &= \int_{\omega(t)} \left( \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}_c, t) + \left[ \nabla \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}_c, t) \right] (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}_c) + \mathcal{O}(|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}_c|^2) \right) d\boldsymbol{x} \\ &= |\omega(t)| \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}_c, t) + \nabla \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}_c, t) \underbrace{\int_{\omega(t)} (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}_c) d\boldsymbol{x} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)}_{=\boldsymbol{0}} \end{split}$$

Thus

$$\frac{d}{dt}\boldsymbol{x}_c = \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}_c) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$