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Spectral solver for Navier-Stokes equations.

For incompressible flow, the Navier-Stokes have the form.

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v} \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0. \quad (2)$$

To solve them numerically with a spectral method, we bring them to the following form.

We rewrite:

$$(\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} = (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \times \vec{v} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v})$$

which can be verified by looking at the individual components.

(1) becomes:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \times \vec{v} = -\nabla p - \frac{1}{2} \nabla (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}) + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v}$$

We define $\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{v} \rightsquigarrow$ vorticity.

$$P = p + \frac{1}{2} |\vec{v}|^2$$

Then we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} = -\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v} - \nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v}. \quad (3)$$

Analytically, this problem can be solved as follows:

Take the divergence of (3)

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}) - \nabla \cdot \nabla P + \nu \nabla \cdot (\nabla^2 \vec{v})$$

The following terms drop out:

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\nu \nabla \cdot (\nabla^2 \vec{v}) = \nu \nabla^2 (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) = 0$$

and so we obtain: $\nabla^2 P = -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v})$

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Putting this all together we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\omega} &= \nabla \times \vec{v} \\ \nabla^2 p &= -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}) \\ \vec{v} &= \nabla \psi \\ \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} &= -\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v} - \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 v.\end{aligned}$$

These equations can be used as a starting point for various numerical methods.

Numerical method

Assume software that can compute:

$L_N v \rightarrow$ Laplacian of v .

$G_N v \rightarrow$ Gradient of v .

$C_N v \rightarrow$ curl of v .

$D_N v \rightarrow$ Divergence of v .

$F_N v \rightarrow$ Fourier transform of v .

$F_N^{-1} v \rightarrow$ Inverse Fourier transform.

We work in Fourier space.

Step 1: Want to advance velocity field with $-\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}$ and $\nu \nabla^2 v$

a. Compute an approximation to $-\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}$:

$$F_N [(F_N^{-1} C_N \hat{u}^n) \times (F_N^{-1} \hat{u}^n)].$$

b. Without using an integrating factor:

$$\dot{u}^n = -F_N [(F_N^{-1} C_N \hat{u}^n) \times (F_N^{-1} \hat{u}^n)] + \nu L_N u^n.$$

$$u^{n+1/2} = T(\hat{u}^n, \dot{u}^n).$$

where T is a time-stepping algorithm.
It is better to use an integrating factor.

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Consider an equation of the form $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = R + v \nabla^2 v$.

In Fourier space:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial t} = \hat{R} + v(-k^2)\hat{v} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial t} + vk^2 v = \hat{R} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial t} e^{vk^2 t} + vk^2 e^{vk^2 t} \hat{v} = \hat{R} e^{vk^2 t} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\hat{v} e^{vk^2 t}) = \hat{R} e^{vk^2 t}.$$

We discretize using an explicit scheme: $u^{n+1} = u^n + \sum_{m=0}^r a_m \hat{v}^{n-m} \Delta t$

In our case:

$$(\hat{u} e^{vk^2 t})_{n+1} = (\hat{u} e^{vk^2 t})_n + \sum_{m=0}^r a_m (\hat{u} e^{vk^2 t})_{n-m} \Delta t, \text{ where } \hat{u}^n = \hat{R}^n \cdot \hat{u}$$

Write $t_n = n \Delta t$:

$$u^{n+1} \exp(vk^2(n+1)\Delta t) = u^n \exp(vk^2 n \Delta t) + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m \hat{u}^{n-m} \exp(vk^2(n-m)\Delta t)$$

Divide with $\exp(vk^2(n+1)\Delta t)$:

$$u^{n+1} = u^n \exp(-vk^2 \Delta t) + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m \hat{u}^{n-m} \exp(vk^2(-m-1)\Delta t) =$$

$$= \exp(-vk^2 \Delta t) \left[u^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m \hat{u}^{n-m} \exp(-vk^2 m \Delta t) \right]$$

The software must introduce another operator

$$I_N(c) u^n \longrightarrow e^{-ck^2} u^n.$$

It follows that

~~$$u^{n+1} = I_N(-v\Delta t) \left[u^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m \hat{u}^{n-m} \exp(vk^2 m \Delta t) \right]$$~~

$$u^{n+1} = I_N(v\Delta t) \left[u^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m I_N(vm\Delta t) \hat{u}^{n-m} \right]$$

Using integrating factor, the first step can be done:

$$\hat{u}^n = -F_N \left[(F_N^{-1} C_N \hat{u}^n) \times (F_N^{-1} \hat{u}^n) \right]$$

$$u^{n+1} = I_N(v\Delta t) \left[u^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m I_N(vm\Delta t) \hat{u}^{n-m} \right]$$

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Step 2: Time step the fields to account for the $-\nabla P$ term.
We use an arbitrary Adams-Moulton scheme (implicit).

$$u^{n+1} = u^{n+1/2} - \Delta t \left(a G_N P^{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^r b_j G_N P^{n-j} \right).$$

where (a, b_j, r) are the scheme constants.

P^{n+1} determined by the constraint $D_N \cdot u^{n+1} = 0$ ($\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} D_N u^{n+1} &= D_N u^{n+1/2} - \Delta t D_N \left(a G_N P^{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^r b_j G_N P^{n-j} \right) = \\ &= D_N u^{n+1/2} - \Delta t \left(a D_N G_N P^{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^r b_j D_N G_N P^{n-j} \right) = \quad \rightarrow D_N G_N = L_N. \\ &= D_N u^{n+1/2} - \Delta t \left(a L_N P^{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^r b_j L_N P^{n-j} \right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \Delta t L_N P^{n+1} = D_N u^{n+1/2} + \sum_{j=0}^r b_j L_N P^{n-j} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow P^{n+1} &= L_N^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{a \Delta t} D_N u^{n+1/2} - \frac{1}{a} \sum_{j=0}^r b_j L_N P^{n-j} \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{a \Delta t} L_N^{-1} D_N u^{n+1/2} - \frac{1}{a} L_N^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^r b_j L_N P^{n-j} = \\ &= \frac{L}{a \Delta t} L_N^{-1} D_N u^{n+1/2} - \frac{1}{a} \sum_{j=0}^r b_j P^{n-j} \end{aligned}$$

Using this result, our scheme becomes "explicit":

$$\begin{aligned} u^{n+1} &= u^{n+1/2} - \Delta t \left(a G_N P^{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^r b_j G_N P^{n-j} \right) = \\ &= u^{n+1/2} - \Delta t \left[a G_N \left(\frac{1}{a \Delta t} L_N^{-1} D_N u^{n+1/2} - \frac{1}{a} \sum_{j=0}^r b_j P^{n-j} \right) + \sum_{j=0}^r b_j G_N P^{n-j} \right] \\ &= u^{n+1/2} - \Delta t \left[\frac{1}{\Delta t} G_N L_N^{-1} D_N u^{n+1/2} - \sum_{j=0}^r b_j G_N P^{n-j} + \sum_{j=0}^r b_j G_N P^{n-j} \right] = \\ &= u^{n+1/2} - G_N L_N^{-1} D_N u^{n+1/2} \rightarrow \text{independent of } \Delta t, (a, b_j, r), \text{ previous} \\ &\quad \text{time steps!} \end{aligned}$$

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The second step is : $u^{n+1} = u^{n+1/2} - G_N L_N^{-1} D_N u^{n+1/2}$.

Algorithm (Incompressible Navier-Stokes)

$$1. \quad \tilde{u}^n = -T_N F_N [(F_N^{-1} C_N \tilde{u}^n) \times (F_N^{-1} u^n)]$$

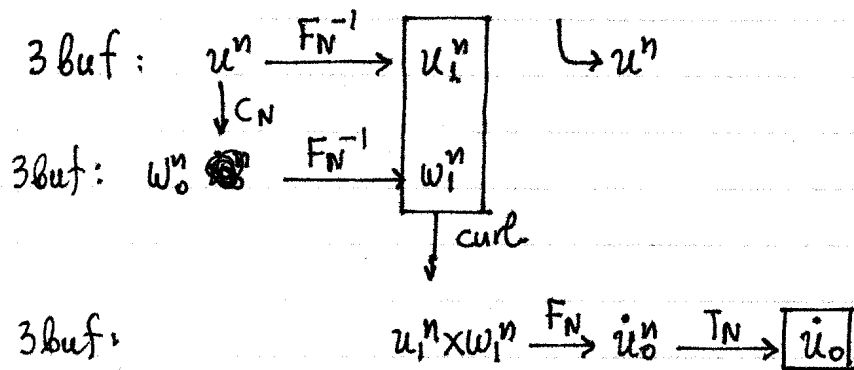
$$2. \quad u^{n+1/2} = I_N(v\Delta t) \left[u^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r \alpha_m I_N(v_m \Delta t) \tilde{u}^{n-m} \right]$$

$$3. \quad u^{n+1} = u^{n+1/2} - G_N L_N^{-1} D_N u^{n+1/2}$$

where T_N is a truncation filter, applied for anti-aliasing.

Implementation Details.

① The first step requires 3 memory buffers.



② The second step is just a summation but note that

$$I_N(a+b) = I_N(a)I_N(b)$$

We exploit this as follows:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ Rotate buffers holding } \tilde{u}^{n-m} : (\tilde{u}^0, \tilde{u}^1, \dots, \tilde{u}^r) \\ \text{for } m = r, \dots, 1 : \tilde{u}^m = I_N(v\Delta t) \tilde{u}^{m-1} \\ \text{Compute new } \tilde{u}^0 \text{ (step 1)} \\ \text{for } m = 0, \dots, r : u^n = u^n + \Delta t \alpha_m \tilde{u}^m \\ u^n = I_N(v\Delta t) u^n \end{array} \right.$$

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This pseudocode has computed $u^{n+1/2}$ from u^n .

③ The third step can be computed efficiently, component by component. OTOH we can grab the vorticity memory buffer and use it to store: $GNL^{-1}DN u^{n+1/2}$.

Let c_1 be the cube for one of the vorticity components.

$c_1 = DN u^{n+1/2}$
 $c_1 = \bullet L N^{-1} c_1$!! minus
 for $d = 1, 2, 3$ # for each dimension.
 $c_2 = c_1$
 $c_2 = (GN)_d c_2$
 $(u^n)_d = (u^n)_d - c_2$
 endfor.

We reuse cubes c_1, c_2 that hold the vorticity.

Number of cubes wanted:

$(u^n)_1, (u^n)_2, (u^n)_3, (w^n)_1, (w^n)_2, (w^n)_3,$
 $i^0, i^1, i^2, tmp.$

16 cubes.

For an N^3 problem: $16N^3 \cdot 8$ bytes.

For $N = 2^n$: $M = 2^4 2^3 2^{3n} = 2^{n+7}$ bytes.

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$N = 32 \Rightarrow n = 5 \Rightarrow M = 2^{12} = 4096$ bytes = 4KB

$N = 64 \Rightarrow n = 6 \Rightarrow M = 2^{18+7} = 2^{25} = 33554432$ bytes = 33MB

$N = 128 \Rightarrow n = 7 \Rightarrow M = 2^{21+7} = 268435456$ bytes = 268MB

$N = 256 \Rightarrow n = 8 \Rightarrow M = 2^{24+7} = 2147483648$ bytes = 2GB

$N = 512 \Rightarrow n = 9 \Rightarrow M = 2^{27+7} = 2^{34} = 17179869184$ bytes = 17GB.

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Algorithm

Part 1

Rotate buffers holding $u^{n-m} : (u^0, u^1, \dots, u^r)$
 for $m=r, \dots, 1 : u^m = I_N(v\Delta t) u^{m-1}$
 # Compute the new u^0
 $u^n \rightarrow \text{tmp}$, copy.
 $w^n = F_N^{-1} w^n$
 $u^n = F_N^{-1} u^n$
 $u^0 = u^n \times w^n$
 $u^0 = T_N F_N u^0 \rightarrow$ this is our new u^0
 $\text{tmp} \rightarrow u^n$ (recover u^n)

Part 2

Compute $u^{n+1/2}$
 for $m=0, \dots, r : u^m = u^m + \Delta t a_m u^m$
 $u^n = I_N(v\Delta t) u^n \rightarrow$ now u^n has $u^{n+1/2}$
 # Compute u^{n+1}
 c_1 uses the memory of $(w^n)_1$ } one-dim cubes.
 c_2 uses the memory of $(w^n)_2$ }
 $c_1 = D_N u^n$
 $c_1 = -L_N^{-1} c_1$
 for $d=1, 2, 3$
 $c_2 = c_1$
 $c_2 = (G_N)_d c_2$
 $(u^n)_d = (u^n)_d - c_2$
 endfor. \rightarrow now u^n is u^{n+1}
 $w^n = C_N u^n$. # compute the new vorticity.

It is best to split this up into two sub-algorithms:

~~$(u^n, w^n) \rightarrow (u^{n+1/2}, F_N^{-1} w^n)$
 $(u^{n+1/2}, F_N^{-1} w^n) \rightarrow (u^{n+1}, w^{n+1})$~~

1. Initially both u^n, w^n are given in Fourier space
2. $u^{n+1/2}$ in Fourier space, w^n in real space !!!

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- ▶ ~~Any processing that requires vorticity in real space can be done after the half-step.~~
- ▶ Algorithm is split into two parts. Any part that requires u^n, w^n in real space can be done after the first halfstep.

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Solving incompressible combustion

① Fast chemistry approximation:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 z - (u \cdot \nabla) z$$

$$Y_F = Y_{F,\phi} \frac{z - z_{st}}{1 - z_{st}} H(z - z_{st})$$

$$Y_O = Y_{O,\phi} \frac{z - z_{st}}{z_{st}} H(z_{st} - z)$$

where $z_{st} = \frac{Y_{O,\phi}}{r Y_{F,\phi} + Y_{O,\phi}}$ and $H(z) = \begin{cases} 1, & z > 0 \\ 0, & z < 0 \end{cases}$

Need to timestep z numerically. This can be done by:

1. $\dot{z}^n = -T_N F_N [(F_N^{-1} u^n) \cdot (F_N^{-1} G_N z^n)]$ convective form
 or $\dot{z}^n = -D_N T_N F_N [(F_N^{-1} u^n) (F_N^{-1} z^n)]$ conservative form.
2. $z^{n+1} = I_N(\Delta t) \left[z^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m I_N(m \Delta t) \dot{z}^{n-m} \right]$

where we use the convective/conservative form alternating to eliminate aliasing. Note that since $p=1$, we may switch between these two forms according to:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (z u) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} + (u \cdot \nabla) z.$$

Since our algorithm requires the velocity field u in real space we ~~work out~~ we combine it with our fluids algorithm as follows:

Algorithm

1. $(u^n, w^n) \rightarrow (F_N^{-1} u^n, F_N^{-1} w^n)$ (Part 1)
2. if (convective) $\dot{z}_n = -T_N D_N [(F_N^{-1} u^n) \cdot (F_N^{-1} G_N z)]$
 else $\dot{z}_n = -D_N T_N F_N [(F_N^{-1} u^n) (F_N^{-1} z)]$
3. $(F_N^{-1} u^n, F_N^{-1} w^n) \rightarrow (u^{n+1}, w^{n+1})$ (Part 2)
4. $z^{n+1} = I_N(\Delta t) \left[z^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m I_N(m \Delta t) \dot{z}^{n-m} \right]$

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Now in more detail:

Algorithm 1: (Evaluation of \dot{z}^n) - step 2

Rotate buffers holding $\dot{z}^{n-m} : (\dot{z}^0, \dot{z}^1, \dots, \dot{z}^r)$
for $m=r, \dots, 1 : \dot{z}^m = I_N(D\Delta t) \dot{z}^{m-1}$

Compute the new \dot{z}^0

if (convective)

u^n is given in real space

$$\dot{z}^0 = 0 \longleftrightarrow (*) \text{ or } \dot{Y}_F = \dot{W}_F$$

for $d=1,2,3$ # loop over 3d to compute dot product

$$tmp = (G_N)_d \dot{z}^n$$

$$tmp = F_N^{-1} tmp$$

$$\dot{z}^0 = \dot{z}^0 + [F_N^{-1} u^n]_d tmp$$

endfor

$$\dot{z}^0 = -T_N F_N \dot{z}^0$$

else if (conservative)

u^n is given in real space

$$tmp = F_N^{-1} \dot{z}^n$$

$$\dot{z}^n = 0$$

for $d=1,2,3$

$$tmp2 = (F_N^{-1} u)_d tmp$$

$$tmp2 = (G_N)_d T_N F_N tmp2$$

$$\dot{z}^n = \dot{z}^n - tmp2$$

endfor

endif.

end.

Remark: Two temporary cubes are required: $tmp, tmp2$.

We may consider them available for other uses than as the need ~~arise~~ arises. For instance in the center-manifold computation they can be used to compute Y_F and Y_0 .

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Algorithm 2: (advancing to z^{n+1}). - step 4.

Compute z^{n+1}

$$\text{for } m=0, \dots, r : z^m = z^m + \Delta t a_m \dot{z}^m$$

$$z^m = I_N(D\Delta t) z^m$$

→ now z^n is z^{n+1} .

Remark: As we will show, this very code can be used to time-step the equation for Y_F , except for a little modification in algorithm 1. It is best that one writes a generic solver to handle equations of the form:

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} = D\nabla^2 \xi - (u \cdot \nabla) \xi + A$$

where A is arbitrary, and then specialize it for Y_F and Z .

② General chemistry solution.

$$\frac{\partial Y_F}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 Y_F - (u \cdot \nabla) Y_F - A Y_F Y_0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial Y_0}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 Y_0 - (u \cdot \nabla) Y_0 - r A Y_F Y_0 \quad (2)$$

To reduce the stiffness we cast the problem in the (Y_F, z) phase plane where

$$z = \frac{r Y_F - Y_0 + Y_{0,\infty}}{r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty}}$$

z follows a non-stiff equation:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 z - (u \cdot \nabla) z$$

and Y_0 can be obtained from Y_F and z .

$$r Y_F - Y_0 + Y_{0,\infty} = z (r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty}) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Y_0 = r Y_F + Y_{0,\infty} - z (r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty})$$

Recall that we defined $z_{st} = \frac{Y_{0,\infty}}{r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty}}$

$$\left(\text{Then } 1 - z_{st} = \frac{r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty} - Y_{0,\infty}}{r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty}} = \frac{r Y_{F,\infty}}{r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0 &= r Y_F + (r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty}) z_{st} - (r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty}) z \\ &= r Y_F + (r Y_{F,\infty} + Y_{0,\infty}) (z_{st} - z) \\ &= r Y_F + Y_{0,\infty} \frac{z_{st} - z}{z_{st}} \end{aligned}$$

Putting this altogether the problem is:

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| $\frac{\partial Y_F}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 Y_F - (u \cdot \nabla) Y_F + \dot{w}_F$ |
| $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 z - (u \cdot \nabla) z$ |
| $\dot{w}_F = -A Y_F \left(r Y_F + Y_{0,\infty} \frac{z_{st} - z}{z_{st}} \right)$ |
| $Y_0 = r Y_F + Y_{0,\infty} \frac{z_{st} - z}{z_{st}}$ |

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The overall algorithm for time-stepping this problem is:

Algorithm

1. $(u^n, w^n) \longrightarrow (F_N^{-1} u^n, F_N^{-1} w^n)$
2. Compute \dot{z}^0 (algorithm explained)
3. Set $\dot{Y}_F^0 = \dot{w}_F$ (and supply the rest of the terms by the same algorithm as in 2)
4. Supply the rest of the terms by the same algorithm as in 2. Obtain full \dot{Y}_F^0 .
5. $(F_N^{-1} u^n, F_N^{-1} w^n) \longrightarrow (u^{n+1}, w^{n+1})$
6. $z^{n+1} = I_N(D\Delta t) \left[z^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m I_N(m\Delta t) \dot{z}^{n-m} \right]$
7. $Y_F^{n+1} = I_N(D\Delta t) \left[Y_F^n + \Delta t \sum_{m=0}^r a_m I_N(m\Delta t) \dot{z}^{n-m} \right]$

Remark: After step 3, \dot{w}_F is available in real space or Fourier space, as one chooses.

All the steps have been detailed out except for step 3 which follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{w}_F &= T_N F_N \left\{ -A(F_N^{-1} Y_F^n) \left[r F_N^{-1} Y_F^n + Y_{0,cr} \frac{z_{st} - F_N^{-1} z^n}{z_{st}} \right] \right\} = \\ &= -A T_N F_N \left\{ (F_N^{-1} Y_F^n) \left[r F_N^{-1} Y_F^n + Y_{0,cr} \frac{z_{st} - F_N^{-1} z^n}{z_{st}} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

▼ Characteristic length scales.

Let $u(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ be the velocity field in Fourier space.

Let $B(k) = \{(k_1, k_2, k_3) : \sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2 + k_3^2} = k\}$ be a ball.

The energy spectrum is given by: $E(k) = \int$

$$E(k) = \frac{1}{4\pi k^2} \int_{B(\vec{k})} u(\vec{k}) u^*(\vec{k}) d\vec{k}$$

The ~~the~~ three characteristic length scales are then computed by

a) Integral ~~so~~ scale (large eddies)

$$l = \frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{E(k)}{k} dk}{\int_0^{+\infty} E(k) dk}$$

b) Taylor scale.

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{15\nu u^2}{\varepsilon}$$

where ν = viscosity.

u = root mean square velocity.

ε = energy dissipation.

$$\varepsilon = 2\nu \int_0^{+\infty} k^2 E(k) dk$$

c) Kolmogorov scale $\eta_k = \left(\frac{\nu^3}{\varepsilon}\right)^{1/4}$.

For a discretized velocity field, things are more tricky.
Recall that wavenumbers are given by $k = \frac{\pi j}{d}$
where $j \in [-N/2, N/2]$.

d) Reynolds number: $Re = \frac{u_{rms} \lambda}{\nu}$

The set of all wavenumber vectors is given by:

$$S = \left\{ \left(\frac{na}{d}, \frac{nb}{d}, \frac{ny}{d} \right) \mid (a, b, \gamma) \in \left\{ -\frac{N}{2}, \dots, \frac{N}{2} \right\} \right\}$$

$2d =$ edge-length of cube
 For given (a, b, γ) : $k = \frac{n\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + \gamma^2}}{d}$

The max value of k is for $a=b=\gamma=N/2$ $k_{\max} = \frac{nN\sqrt{3}}{2d}$

Now divide the interval $[0, k_{\max}]$ to N_s pieces: $I_n = \left[\frac{(n-1/2)}{N_s} k_{\max}, \frac{(n+1/2)}{N_s} k_{\max} \right]$
 and define the corresponding "wavenumber-bands" by:

$$B(n; N) = \{ \vec{k} \in S : k \in I_n \}$$

Note that: for $k = (na/d, nb/d, ny/d)$

$$\vec{k} \in B(n; N) \Leftrightarrow k \in I_n \Leftrightarrow \frac{n-1/2}{N_s} k_{\max} \leq \frac{n\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + \gamma^2}}{d} \leq \frac{n+1/2}{N_s} k_{\max}$$

Since $\frac{k_{\max} d}{n} = \frac{nN\sqrt{3}}{2d} \frac{d}{n} = \frac{N\sqrt{3}}{2}$:

$$\frac{n-1/2}{N_s} \frac{N\sqrt{3}}{2} \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + \gamma^2} \leq \frac{n+1/2}{N_s} \frac{N\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

(So we find that

$$B(n; N_s) = \left\{ \left(\frac{na}{d}, \frac{nb}{d}, \frac{ny}{d} \right) \mid \frac{n-1/2}{N_s} \frac{N\sqrt{3}}{2} \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + \gamma^2} \leq \frac{n+1/2}{N_s} \frac{N\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\}$$

• Discrete energy spectrum $\rightarrow e(n)$ for $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N_s\}$.

$$e(n) = \sum_{\vec{k} \in B(n; N_s)} u(\vec{k}) u^*(\vec{k})$$

The root-mean-square velocity is:

$$u_{\text{rms}} = \frac{1}{N_s^{3/2}} \left(\sum_{\vec{k} \in S} u(\vec{k}) u^*(\vec{k}) \right)^{1/2}$$

a) Integral length scale approximation.

Let $k_n = \frac{n}{N_s}$ $k_{max} = n \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{2d}$. Now the length scales can be computed as follows:

$$l = \frac{3n}{4} \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N_s} e(n)/k_n}{\sum_{n=0}^{N_s} e(n)}$$

b) Taylor scale approximation.

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{15\nu u_{rms}^2}{\epsilon}$$

where ν = viscosity, and

u_{rms} = root-mean square velocity.

$$\epsilon = 2\nu \sum_{n=0}^{N_s} k_n^2 e(n). = \text{energy dissipation.}$$

c) Kolmogorov microscale:

$$\eta_K = \left(\frac{\nu}{\epsilon}\right)^{1/4}$$

Length scales are useful \rightarrow they tell us whether the current state of the velocity field is well-resolved.

Define $\eta_K k_{max} \gg B = O(1)$.

$$l/d \ll A = O(1)$$

Velocity field initialization

Want initial velocity field to have fully developed turbulence. One requirement is that

$$E(k) = a(k/c)^4 e^{-2(k/c)^2}$$

Want to choose a, c such that the corresponding field is well-resolved. We also want to obtain the field.

• Choosing a, c

Let's compute the length scales: Simple integration yields

$$\int_0^{+\infty} E(k) dk = \frac{3}{32} ac \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{2}}, \quad \int_0^{+\infty} k^2 E(k) dk = \frac{15}{128} ac^3 \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{2}}$$

$$\text{and } \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{E(k)}{k} dk = \frac{a}{8}$$

It follows that:

$$l = \frac{3\eta}{32} \frac{\int_0^{+\infty} (E(k)/k) dk}{\int_0^{+\infty} E(k) dk} = \frac{3\eta}{4} \frac{a/8}{\frac{3}{32} ac \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{2}}} = \frac{\sqrt{2\eta}}{c}$$

$$\varepsilon = 2\nu \int_0^{+\infty} k^2 E(k) dk = \frac{15}{64} ac^3 \nu \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_k = \left(\frac{\nu^3}{\varepsilon} \right)^{1/4} = \left[\frac{\nu^3}{\frac{15}{64} ac^3 \nu \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{2}}} \right]^{1/4} = \left[\frac{64}{15} \frac{\nu^2}{ac^3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\eta}} \right]^{1/4}$$

The field will be well-resolved if the following conditions hold:

$$\eta_k k_{\max} \geq B.$$

$$l/d \leq A$$

$$\text{where } k_{\max} = \frac{\eta N \sqrt{3}}{2d}$$

$$l/d \leq A \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2\eta}}{cd} d \leq A \Leftrightarrow c \geq \frac{\sqrt{2\eta}}{Ad} \rightarrow \text{Choose } c = \frac{\sqrt{2\eta}}{Ad}.$$

Now $n_k = \left[\frac{64}{15} \frac{v^2}{ac^3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \right]^{1/4} \rightarrow$ must substitute c .

and $n_k k_{max} = \left[\frac{64}{15} \cdot \frac{v^2}{ac^3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \right]^{1/4} k_{max} = B \Leftrightarrow$

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{64}{15} \frac{v^2}{ac^3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \cdot k_{max}^4 = B^4 \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{64}{15} \frac{v^2}{B^4 c^3} k_{max}^4 \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}}$.

• Velocity field initialization.

Given a, c we know $E(k)$. Compute $e(n)$ for $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N_s\}$ by

$$e(n) = \int_{I_n} E(k) dk$$

where the integral is computed with a simple integration method.

and. $I_n = \left[\frac{(n-1/2)}{N_s} k_{max}, \frac{(n+1/2)}{N_s} k_{max} \right], n \in \{1, \dots, N_s-1\}$

$$I_0 = \left[0, \frac{k_{max}}{2N} \right], I_{N_s} = \left[\frac{(N_s-1/2)}{N_s} k_{max}, k_{max} \right]$$

Now we want a velocity field \vec{v} such that $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$. If we define \vec{v} in terms of λ by $\vec{v} = \nabla \times \vec{\lambda}$ then $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{\lambda}) = 0$.

~~If the components of λ are independent and isotropic (i.e. $\langle \lambda_1^2 \rangle_k = \langle \lambda_2^2 \rangle_k = \langle \lambda_3^2 \rangle_k = \sigma_\lambda^2$) then~~

~~$$\sum_{\vec{k} \in B(n; N_s)} u(\vec{k}) u^*(\vec{k}) = 2k_n^2 \sigma_\lambda^2(n) |B(n; N_s)|.$$~~

Suppose that the $\lambda(\vec{k})$ components with $\vec{k} \in B(n; N_s)$ are distributed with mean 0 and variance $\sigma_\lambda^2(n)$. Then the energy spectrum will be:

$$e(n) = 2k_n^2 \sigma_\lambda^2(n) |B(n; N_s)|$$

But $e(n), k_n, |B(n; N_s)|$ are known! So:

$$\sigma_\lambda(n) = \frac{e(n)}{k_n^2 |B(n; N_s)|}$$

Note that in Fourier space the components of Λ are complex.

so $\sigma_\lambda^2(n) = \langle [Re \Lambda]^2 + [Im \Lambda]^2 \rangle_{k \in B(n; N_s)}$

\rightarrow the real and imaginary parts must be distributed by $\sigma_\lambda(n)/2$ so that the whole is distributed by $\sigma_\lambda(n)$.

WITH AN EXCEPTION!!!

!!! Caution: Since Λ is a real field we only store $0 \leq k_i < k_{max}$ instead of $-k_{max} \leq k_i \leq k_{max}$.

$$u(k_1, y, z) = u^*(-k_1, y, z) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow u(k_1, k_2, k_3) = u^*(-k_1, -k_2, -k_3).$$

so for $k_2 = k_3 = 0$: $u(k_1, 0, 0) = u^*(-k_1, 0, 0)$

Since we do not store $k_i < 0$ this is implied.

However, for $k_1 = 0$: $u(0, k_2, k_3) = u^*(0, -k_2, -k_3)$

is not implied because both $u(0, k_2, k_3)$ and $u^*(0, -k_2, -k_3)$ are stored. To deal with this issue:

Force $u(\vec{k})$ with $k_1 = 0$ to be real \rightarrow real part distribute u $\sigma_\lambda(n)$.

Then Force $u(0, -k_2, -k_3) = u(0, k_2, k_3)$, $\forall k_2 \geq 0, \forall k_3 \geq 0$.

Once the velocity field is constructed, we timestep it until the energy spectrum has developed sufficiently for self-similar decay. During self similar decay, the energy spectrum varies according to the following relation:

$$E(k) = u_{rms}^2 l f(kl)$$

where f is a universal function. ~~We know that~~

The only way to find f is to timestep our field until we reach self-similar decay. ~~Then we use f to create a new velocity field with $E'(k)$ that matches f .~~

When that happens f is given by:

$$E(k) = u_{\text{rms}}^2 l f(kl) \Rightarrow f(kl) = \frac{E(k)}{u_{\text{rms}}^2 l} \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{E(k/l)}{u_{\text{rms}}^2 l}$$

The field is ready to be used, BUT we may want to rescale it so that it fits our resolution better. Given f we want a new field of the form:

$$E'(k) = u_{\text{rms}}'^2 l' f(kl')$$

We choose l' such that

$$l'/d = A \Rightarrow l' = Ad.$$

Now we must choose u_{rms}' such that

$$\eta'_k k_{\text{max}} = B.$$

and this is a bit of work to derive.

Answer: To force a desired η'_k , choose:

$$u'^2 = u^2 \left(\frac{l'}{l}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\eta_k}{\eta'_k}\right)^4.$$

Derivation:

$$\eta'_k = \left(\frac{v^3}{\epsilon'}\right)^{1/4} \Leftrightarrow \eta_k'^4 = \frac{v^3}{\epsilon'} \Leftrightarrow \epsilon' = \frac{v^3}{\eta_k'^4}, \text{ also } \epsilon = \frac{v^3}{\eta_k^4}$$

It remains to relate ϵ' with u_{rms} .

$$\epsilon' = \int_0^\infty$$

~~$$\epsilon' = 2v \int_0^\infty k^2 E'(k) dk = 2v \int_0^\infty u_{\text{rms}}'^2 l' f(kl') dk =$$~~

~~$$= 2v \int_0^\infty u_{\text{rms}}'^2 l' \frac{E(kl'/l)}{u_{\text{rms}}^2 l} dk =$$~~

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon' &= 2v \int_0^{+\infty} k^2 E'(k) dk = 2v \int_0^{+\infty} k^2 u_{rms}^2 l' f(kl') dk = \\
&= 2v \int_0^{+\infty} k^2 u_{rms}^2 l' \frac{E(kl'/l)}{u_{rms}^2 l} dk = 2v \frac{u_{rms}^2 l'}{u_{rms}^2 l} \int_0^{+\infty} k^2 E(kl'/l) dk = \\
&= 2v \frac{u_{rms}^2 l'}{u_{rms}^2 l} \int_0^{+\infty} (kl'/l)^2 E(kl'/l) d(kl'/l) = \\
&= 2v \frac{u_{rms}^2 l'}{u_{rms}^2 l} \int_0^{+\infty} k' E(k') dk' = \frac{u_{rms}^2 l'}{u_{rms}^2 l} \varepsilon = \frac{u_{rms}^2 l'}{u_{rms}^2 l} \frac{v^3}{\eta_K^4}
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon' &= \frac{v^3}{\eta_K^4} \Leftrightarrow \frac{u_{rms}^2 l'}{u_{rms}^2 l} \frac{v^3}{\eta_K^4} = \frac{v^3}{\eta_K^4} \Leftrightarrow \\
\Rightarrow u_{rms}^2 &= u_{rms}^2 \left(\frac{l'}{l}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\eta_K}{\eta_K'}\right)^4. \quad \square.
\end{aligned}$$

with l', u' known we rescale the spectrum. $\rightarrow E'(k)$.

Now we construct a brand new field with the more "correct" spectrum. We can repeat this process as many times as we want. Usually once is enough.

• Conditions for self-similar decay.

How do we know that the timestepped solution has reached the point of self-similar decay?

Condition 1 \rightarrow All the velocity length scales are increasing.

Condition 2 involves a quantity called velocity derivative skewness

Let $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ be the velocity field.

The velocity derivative skewness is defined by:

$$s(t) = \frac{\langle (\partial u_1 / \partial x)^3 \rangle_t}{\langle (\partial u_1 / \partial x)^2 \rangle_t^{3/2}}$$

$s(t)$ measures the rate with which energy flows from the low energies to the high energies.

Self similar decay \rightarrow AFTER $s(t)$ peaks. !!!

Scalar field initialization.

Once the \vec{z} field is initialized we must initialize the fields Z and Y_F . For premixed scalars $Y_F = 0 \vee Y_F = 1$ and $Z = 0 \vee Z = 1$ for each point. \rightarrow infinitely steep gradients.

Therefore initialization must be more involved.

For generality sake, let $S(x, y, z)$ be the scalar field

Let $\hat{S}(\vec{k}) = \hat{S}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ be in Fourier space.

Want blobs of size $1/k_s$.

a) Let

$$S(\vec{k}) = \left[\frac{m(k)}{4\pi k^2} \right]^{1/2} e^{2\pi i \vartheta(\vec{k})}$$

where $m(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & , k_s - 1/2 \leq k < k_s + 1/2. \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\vartheta(\vec{k}) =$ uniformly distributed numbers from 0 to 1.

b) $\hat{S}(\vec{k}) \rightarrow S(\vec{x})$

Sort the values of $S(x)$. Lower half set to zero.

Upper half set to 1.

c) Now iterate as follows:

$$S(\vec{x}) \rightarrow S(k) \rightarrow S(k)F(k) \rightarrow S_1(\vec{x})$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\text{where } F(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & k \leq k_c \\ (k_c/k)^2 & k_c < k < k_{\max} \\ 0 & k > k_{\max}. \end{cases}$$

k_c controls how much premixed we want our fields to be

d) For all points with $S(x) > 1 \Rightarrow$ set $S(x) = 1$.

$S(x) < 0 \Rightarrow$ set $S(x) = 0$.

Then apply filter in c. Repeat until $0 \leq S(x) \leq 1$ everywhere