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Numerical Heat Transfer

(数值传热学) Chapter 6 Primitive Variable Methods for Elliptic Flow and Heat Transfer (1)



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6.1 Source terms in momentum equations and two key issues in numerically solving momentum equation

6.1.1 Introduction

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1. The conventional methods may lead to oscillating pressure field

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6.1 Source terms in momentum equations and two key issues in numerically solving momentum equation

6.1.1 Introduction

1. Two kinds of most often encountered engineering flows: boundary layer type and recirculation type







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- 2. Flow field solution is the most important step for convective heat transfer simulation
- 3. Numerical approaches for solution of incompressible flow field: In such approaches no specia

Simultaneously solving (同时求解) different dependent variables (*u*, *v*, *w*, *p*, *T*).

Segregated solutions (分离式求解) of different dependent variables In such approaches no special algorithm is needed. The only requirement is an extremely large computer resource.

Primitive variable method (**原始变量法**, u,v,w,p), Pressure correction method is the most widely used one

Non-primitive variable Method. Vortex-stream function method (涡量流函 数法) is the most widely used one



6.1.2 Source terms in momentum equations

The general governing equation is:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\phi)}{\partial t} + div(\rho \vec{U}\phi) = div(\Gamma_{\phi}grad\phi) + S_{\phi}$$

Comparing N-S equations in the three coordinates with the above general governing equation, the related source terms can be obtained, where both physical source term (such as gravitation) and numerical source term are included;

Treatment of source term is very important in numerical simulation of momentum equations.



Table 6-1 (Text book)

Source terms of 2-D incompressible flow

 $(\eta = \text{const. No gravitation})$

Coordinates	u-equation	v-equation 0	
Cartesian ^y u	0		
Axi- symmetric cylindrical	0	$-\frac{\eta v}{r^2}$	
Polar $r v u \\ \theta$	$-\frac{\rho uv}{r} + \frac{2\eta}{r^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\eta u}{r^2}$	$\frac{\rho u^2}{r} - \frac{2\eta}{r^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\eta v}{r^2}$	

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6.1.3 Two key issues in solving flow field

1. Conventional discretization method for pressure gradient in momentum equation may lead to oscillating pressure field.

Conventionally, one grid system is used to store all information. If we store pressure, velocity, temperature, etc. at the same grids, then the discretized momentum equations can not detect un-reasonable pressure field.

At node *i* the 1-D steady momentum equation

$$\rho u \frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{dp}{dx} + \eta \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2}$$



can be discretized by FDM as follows:

$$\rho u_{i} \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\delta x} = -\frac{p_{i+1} - p_{i-1}}{2\delta x} + \eta \frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_{i} + u_{i-1}}{(\delta x)^{2}}; \quad O(\Delta x^{2})$$
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Discussion: this is the discretized momentum equation for node *i*, it does not contain the pressure at node *i*, while includes the pressure difference between two nodes positioned two-steps apart, leading to following result: the discretized momentum equation can not detect an unreasonable pressure solution! Because it is the pressure gradient rather than pressure itself that occurs in the momentum equation.

Pressure difference over two steps is called $2 - \delta x$ pressure difference.

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This wave pressure field can satisfy the momentum equations . Because only pressure difference over $2-\delta$, is included in the discretized equations. For the true and false pressure profiles $2-\delta$ difference is the same.



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2. In the momentum equation, pressure gradient is the source term. It does not have its own governing equation.

At the beginning of iteration of the momentum equations, pressure field can be assumed. With the proceeding of iteration the assumed pressure field has to be improved. How to improve it ? Because pressure does not has its own governing equation, a special algorithm (算法) should be designed.

The first issue of the checkerboard field is overcome by introducing staggered grid system(交叉网格), and the second one is by pressure correction algorithm.



6.2 Staggered grid system and discretization of momentum equation

6.2.1 Staggered grid(交叉网格)

6.2.2 Discretization of momentum equation in staggered grid

6.2.3 Interpolation in staggered grid

1. Flow rate at a node

2. Density at interface

3. Conductance at interface

6.2.4 Remarks

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6.2 Staggered grid system and discretization of momentum equation

6.2.1 Staggered grid

1. Basic consideration

In the discretized momentum equation $1-\delta$ pressure difference should be used, rather than $2-\delta$ pressure difference; in addition the discretized pressure gradient should be of 2nd order accuracy according to Pascar principle (帕斯卡原理) in fluid mechanics.

Such requirement, that 1-Delta pressure difference is of 2nd order accuracy of pressure gradient can be easily achieved by moving the velocity to the interface :



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6.2.2 Discretization of the momentum equation

Discretization of other variables are the same as in the conventional grid. For velocities :

- 1) u,v –discretized based on their own CV;
- 2) Pressure gradient is separated (分离) from source term: $\int_{s}^{n} \int_{s}^{-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}} dx dy = -\int_{s}^{n} (p)_{P}^{E} dy \cong$ $(p_{E} - p_{P})\Delta y = (p_{P} - p_{E})\Delta y$

Nodes E and P are the E-W boundary points for u-eq.!

$$a_{e}u_{e} = \sum a_{nb}u_{nb} + b + (p_{P} - p_{E})A_{e}$$







6.2.3 Interpolations (插值)

All thermal physical properties are stored at nodes, while velocities are at the interfaces. Interpolations are needed: $(\frac{(\delta x)_{w}^{+}(\delta x)_{e}^{-}(\delta x)_{e}^{+}}{2} F_{n-e}$

1.Flow rate at node F_P and interface F_{n-e}

$$F_{P} = F_{e} \frac{(\delta x)_{w^{+}}}{\Delta x_{P}} + F_{w} \frac{(\delta x)_{e^{-}}}{\Delta x_{P}}$$

$$\Delta x_{P} = (\delta x)_{w^{+}} + (\delta x)_{e^{-}}$$

$$\Delta x_{P} = (\delta x)_{w^{+}} + (\delta x)_{e^{-}}$$

where e and w are named after the main point P. $(\delta x) + (\delta x)$

$$F_P = (\rho u \Delta y)_e \frac{(\sigma x)_{w^+}}{\Delta x_P} + (\rho u \Delta y)_w \frac{(\sigma x)_{e^-}}{\Delta x_P}$$

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6.2.4 Remarks (注意事项)

1. Three variables should be numbered consistently -The number of the node toward which the velocity arrow directs is the number of the velocity

Such numbering system(编号系统) has following consequences:

The starting value of E-W direction of u is i = 2;

That for S-N direction of v is j = 2.













2. Velocity CV neighboring with boundary is different from inner ones in order to cover the whole domain





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3. Pressure difference for velocity CV neighboring with boundary

- In the iteration process the boundary pressure is not updated (更新) until convergence.
- In the solution process the pressure difference for u(3,2) is interpolated from inner data as follows:





6.3 Pressure correction methods for N-S equation

6.3.1 Basic idea of pressure correction methods

6.3.2 Equations for velocity corrections of u', v'

6.3.3 Derivation of equation of pressure correction p'

6.3.4 Boundary condition for pressure correction





6.3 Pressure correction methods for N-S equation

6.3.1 Basic idea of pressure correction methods

At each iteration level after a converged velocity field is obtained based on the existing pressure field correction for the pressure field should be conducted such that the velocities corresponding to the corrected pressure field satisfy the mass conservation condition.

1. Assuming a pressure field, denoted by *p* *;

2. Solving the discretized momentum equations based on p^* , the results may not satisfy mass conservation;

3. Improving pressure field according to mass conservation and yielding p ', for which following



condition should be satisfied: velocities (u *+u'), (v*+v') corresponding to (p *+p') satisfy mass conservation condition;

4. Taking (p *+p'), (u *+u'), (v *+v') as the solutions of this level for the next iteration.

Two explanations:

(1) "Level" (层次) means a computational period during which the coefficients and source term are unchanged;
Different level corresponds different coefficients and source term;

(2) Solutions u^{*}, v^{*} based on p^{*} satisfy the momentum equations at that level, but do not satisfy mass conservation



condition; While the revised velocities (u *+u'), (v *+v') satisfy the mass conservation condition but do not satisfy the momentum equation. In the iteration process both the mass conservation and the momentum equation can be gradually satisfied.

The key of pressure correction method is how to get equations for determining p', u', v'.

6.3.2 How to determine u', v' based on p'

The corrected pressure and velocity should atisfy the present level momentum equation $a_e(u_e^* + u_e) = \sum a_{nb}(u_{nb}^* + u_{nb}) + b + A_e[(p_P^* + p_P) - (p_E^* + p_E)]$ Meanwhile , p^* , u^* , v^* also satisfy the (1) momentum equation of this level



$$a_{e}u_{e}^{*} = \sum a_{nb}u_{nb}^{*} + b + A_{e}(p_{P}^{*} - p_{E}^{*})$$
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Subtracting the two equations:
$$a_{e}u_{e}^{'} = \sum a_{nb}u_{nb}^{'} + A_{e}(p_{P}^{'} - p_{E}^{'})$$

Effects of $(u_{e}^{'})$'s
neighboring velocity
corrections
Effects of $(u_{e}^{'})$'s
neighboring pressure
corrections

Analysis: With given *p* ' solving (*u* ',*v* ') from above equations is very complicated: since every velocity has its neighbors, and finally the simultaneous solution (联 立求解) of *u* ' and *v* ' for the entire domain is necessary. For problems with large grid number, say around $10^6 \sim 10^8$, this is unmanageable (无法实施)。



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It may be expected: the effects of pressure correction are dominant, and the effects of velocity corrections of the neighboring nodes may be neglected, thus

$$a_{e}u_{e}^{'} = \sum a_{p}u_{nb}^{'} + A_{e}(p_{P}^{'} - p_{E}^{'}) \longrightarrow a_{e}u_{e}^{'} = A_{e}(p_{P}^{'} - p_{E}^{'})$$
$$u_{e}^{'} = \frac{A_{e}}{a_{e}}(p_{P}^{'} - p_{E}^{'}) = d_{e}(p_{P}^{'} - p_{E}^{'}), \quad d_{e} = \frac{A_{e}}{a_{e}}$$

Similarly:

$$v'_n = \frac{A_n}{a_n}(p'_P - p'_N) = d_n(p'_P - p'_N), \quad d_n = \frac{A_n}{a_n}$$

he corrected velocities are:

$$u_e = u_e^* + d_e(p_P - p_E)$$
 $v_n = v_n^* + d_n(p_P - p_N)$



6.3.3 Derivation of pressure correction equation

1. Discretizing mass conservation

Integrating
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\rho v)}{\partial y} = 0$$

over CV P, (i, j) , yielding
$$\frac{\rho_p - \rho_p^0}{\Delta t} \Delta x \Delta y + [(\rho u)_e - (\rho u)_w] \Delta y + [(\rho v)_n - (\rho v)_s] \Delta x = 0$$

Notice: on the staggered grid system there are velocities at interfaces making the integration very easy.





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2. Substituting the velocity correction equations



Finally:





$$a_{P}p_{P} = a_{E}p_{E} + a_{W}p_{W} + a_{N}p_{N} + a_{S}p_{S} + b$$

$$a_{P} = a_{E} + a_{W} + a_{N} + a_{S}$$

$$a_{E} = d_{e}A_{e}\rho_{e} \quad a_{W} = d_{w}A_{w}\rho_{w} \quad a_{n} = d_{n}A_{n}\rho_{n} \quad a_{S} = d_{s}A_{s}\rho_{s}$$

$$b = \frac{(\rho_{P}^{0} - \rho_{P})\Delta x\Delta y}{\Delta t} + [(\rho u^{*})_{w} - (\rho u^{*})_{e}]A_{e} + [(\rho v^{*})_{s} - (\rho v^{*})_{n}]A_{n}$$

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Remarks: If mass conservation condition is satisfied for a CV in the previous iteration, then its b = 0; Thus the bterm in the p ' equation reflects whether the mass conservation of each CV is satisfied, and can serve as a criterion for convergence of the iteration. (20211027)



6.3.4 Boundary condition of pressure correction equation

In essence (本质上), equations for pressure correction is a kind of discretized mass conservation equation. All differential equations should have their boundary conditions for unique solutions. So does the pressure correction equation. There are two common boundary conditions: Flow outlet 1. Given normal velocity For given $u_e * u_e = u_e^{+} + u_e^{+}$ u_e^{+} taking given value uw $u_e \equiv 0$ W (1st kind B.C of velocity) $u_e = d_e \Delta p_e$ $d_e \Delta p'_e \equiv 0$ Equi. to



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$$a_E = d_e \rho_e A_e \quad a_E \equiv 0$$

2. Given boundary pressure







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