Numerical simulation of reacting flows using the unstructured adaptive mesh refinement code HAMISH

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Background

- Adaptive Mesh Refinement
 - Dynamic adaption of the mesh based on the solution
 - Local in space and time
- Advantages of AMR
 - Higher accuracy and lower cost compared with a static mesh
 - CPU time and memory savings
 - Full control of the local mesh resolution
 - More detailed physics for the same number of cells
- Main Applications
 - Problems with large dynamic range of scales
 - Flames, two-phase flow, boundary layers, shock waves

AMR in practice





AMR in HAMISH

• Cartesian unit-cell mesh - unstructured



Data structures in HAMISH



Refinement criterion based on the Euclidean norm of the local Laplacian Tree balancing ensures that (at most) h-2h transitions exist

Partition Interval Table stores the highest local Morton code on each processor

Ghattas et al (2006)

Conservation of fluxes

• Flux calculation (linear scheme: 2nd order)



RENO scheme

Arbitrarily high-order reconstruction scheme

Solution is reconstructed within each cell using polynomial basis functions ϕ

$$u(x,y,z) = \bar{u}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{K} a_k^{(u)} \phi_k(x,y,z) \qquad \qquad \phi_k = \psi_k - \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \psi_k dx dy dz$$

Fourth order sweet-spot: monomials ψ are:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
x	x^2	x^3	y	yx	y^2	yx^2	y^2x	y^3	z	zx	zy	z^2	zx^2	zxy	z^2x	zy^2	z^2y	z^3

Integrate over a cell:

$$\bar{u}_j = \bar{u}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K a_k^{(u)} A_{jk} \qquad \qquad A_{jk} = \frac{1}{\hat{h}_j} \int_{-\hat{h}_j/2}^{\hat{h}_j/2} \int_{-\hat{h}_j/2}^{\hat{h}_j/2} \int_{-\hat{h}_j/2}^{\hat{h}_j/2} \phi_k(x - \hat{x}_j, y - \hat{y}_j, z - \hat{z}_j) dx dy dz$$

Solve the linear system:

 $A_{jk}a_k^{(u)} = b_j^{(u)}$ using Singular Value Decomposition, producing the Moore-Penrose Pseudoinverse A_{kj}^* . Note that A_{jk} (and A_{kj}^*) depend only on the local geometric configuration of the stencil.

Fluxes obtained from the polynomials evaluated at Gauss integration points on each cell face Fluxes calculated for the same face in adjacent cells reconciled using a Riemann solver

• 1-D planar flame results



• 1-D planar flame results with AMR



• 1-D planar flame results with AMR



- Fixed grid simulation with 2048 cells
- AMR simulation finished with 157 cells

1-D HOQ results with AMR



AMR simulation started with 400 cells, finished with 160 cells

2D laminar flame propagation



- Single-step chemistry
- AMR + parallel
- Base mesh 128x128
- Circular laminar flame
- Inward propagation



• 2-D Periodic Channel flow: results with AMR

Non-reacting viscous flow



laminar and turbulent channel flow



3D simulations with AMR

2-D thermal conduction problem

- Pure thermal conduction case
- Periodic boundary condition for all sides
- No chemical reaction
- Initial condition

$$T = 300 + 100exp\left(-\frac{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2}{4\delta^2}\right)$$



Rayleigh-Taylor instability





3D

• 3-D Taylor-Green vortex

 $u = U_0 \sin(x/L) \cos(y/L) \cos(z/L)$ $v = -U_0 \cos(x/L) \sin(y/L) \cos(z/L)$ w = 0 $p = p_0 + \frac{\rho_0 U_0^2}{16} [\cos(2x/L) + \cos(2y/L)] [\cos(2z/L) + 2]$ $\rho = \rho_0$ $T = \frac{p}{\rho R}$



$2\pi \times 2\pi \times 2\pi$, Re=1600, Ma=0.1

J. R. Bull and A. Jameson. "Simulation of the Taylor–Green Vortex Using High-Order Flux Reconstruction Schemes", AIAA Journal, Vol. 53, No. 9 (2015), pp. 2750-2761.



• 3-D Taylor-Green vortex



3-D Isotropic decaying grid turbulence



Vorticity magnitude

Velocity magnitude

- Fixed grid 128x128x128
- Best AMR criterion remains uncertain
- Criterion based on enstrophy currently being tested

Scalability so far

• Scalability of HAMISH without AMR (128³ cells)



Number of Cores

Code Profiling



Pie chart shows relative CPU costs when AMR is active at every solver step. Cost of AMR is about 60% of the total - i.e. a single AMR step costs about 1.5 times as much as a single solver step.

мссомр	Compares two Morton codes in their entirety				
MCXYZC	Converts x-y-z coordinates into a Morton code at the specified level				
MCCI2O	Converts an encoded integer array to an octal string				
OCFIND	Searches the local octree using a given Morton code				
STEPPR	Time stepping of the solution, including calculating RHS				
ADAPTM	Adapts the spatial mesh				

Summary and Perspectives

- HAMISH code is being tested and accuracy has been assessed
- Good performance and scalability are observed
- Adaptive Mesh Refinement is working and offers good local resolution
 1D+2D flames, HOQ, 2D+3D channels, R-T instability, TGV, 3D HIT
- Significant savings in total mesh requirement
- AMR step costs about 50% more than a solver step
 - but AMR step required only every 10 solver steps or fewer
- Current HAMISH code demonstrates its capability in capturing small-scale structures and interfaces in turbulent reacting flows.

Next:

- Further code optimisation
- Improved level set formulation for two-phase flow
- Post-processing tools for turbulence simulation
- OpenMP support

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