

Compressible Flow - TME085

Lecture 14

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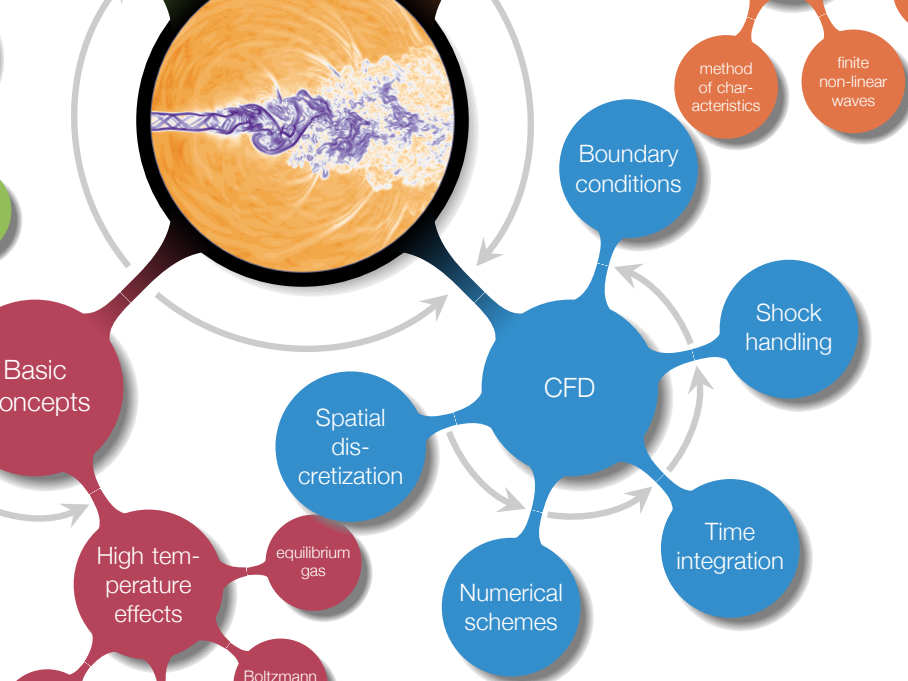


Chapter 12

The Time-Marching Technique



Overview

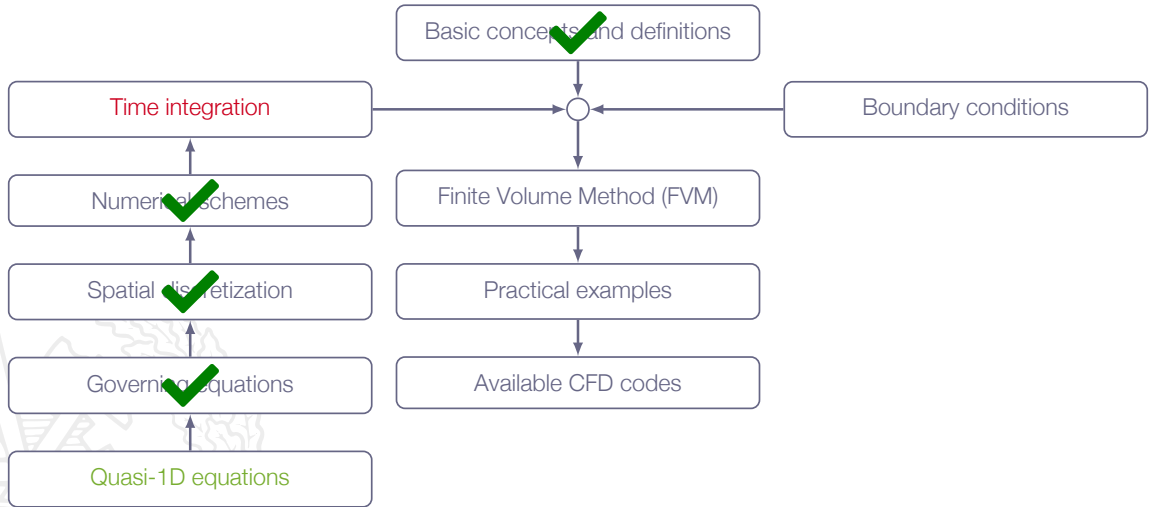


Learning Outcomes

- 12 **Explain** the main principles behind a modern Finite Volume CFD code and such concepts as explicit/implicit time stepping, CFL number, conservation, handling of compression shocks, and boundary conditions
- 14 **Analyze** and **verify** the quality of the numerical solution
- 15 **Explain** the limitations in fluid flow simulation software

time for CFD!

Roadmap - The Time-Marching Technique



Time Stepping



cell-averaged quantity

face-averaged quantity

source term

$$VOL_i \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\rho}_i - \overline{(\rho u)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \overline{(\rho u)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$VOL_i \frac{d}{dt} \overline{(\rho u)}_i - \overline{(\rho u^2 + p)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \overline{(\rho u^2 + p)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \bar{p}_i \left(A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$VOL_i \frac{d}{dt} \overline{(\rho e_o)}_i - \overline{(\rho u h_o)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \overline{(\rho u h_o)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

Application of these equations to all cells $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ of the computational domain results in a system of ODEs

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_i = \mathbf{F}(\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_i) \text{ where } \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_i = [\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho u}, \overline{\rho e_o}]_i, i \in \{1 : NCells\}$$

The system of ODEs obtained from the spatial discretization in vector notation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q})$$

$\mathbf{Q}$ is a vector containing all DOFs in all cells

$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q})$ is the **time derivative** of $\mathbf{Q}$ resulting from above mentioned **flux approximations** - *non-linear vector-valued function*

Three-stage Runge-Kutta - *one example of many:*

Explicit time-marching scheme

Second-order accurate



$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q})$$

Let $\mathbf{Q}^n = \mathbf{Q}(t_n)$ and $\mathbf{Q}^{n+1} = \mathbf{Q}(t_{n+1})$

t_n is the current time level and t_{n+1} is the next time level

$\Delta t = t_{n+1} - t_n$ is the solver time step

Algorithm:

1. $\mathbf{Q}^* = \mathbf{Q}^n + \Delta t \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q}^n)$
2. $\mathbf{Q}^{**} = \mathbf{Q}^n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q}^n) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q}^*)$
3. $\mathbf{Q}^{n+1} = \mathbf{Q}^n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q}^n) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q}^{**})$

```
1 void RungeKutta::fwd(Domain *dom){
2     G3DCopy(dom->cons, cons0);
3
4     /* Runge-Kutta step 1 */
5
6     dom->update();
7     if(!G3DMode::constdt){LocalTimeStep(dom);}
8     dcons->evaluate(dom);
9     G3DWXPY(dom->cons, 1.0, dcons, cons0);
10    G3DAXPY(cons0, 0.5, 0.5, dom->cons);
11
12    /* Runge-Kutta step 2 */
13
14    dom->update();
15    dcons->evaluate(dom);
16    G3DWXPY(dom->cons, 0.5, dcons, cons0);
17
18    /* Runge-Kutta step 3 */
19
20    dom->update();
21    dcons->evaluate(dom);
22    G3DWXPY(dom->cons, 0.5, dcons, cons0);
23 }
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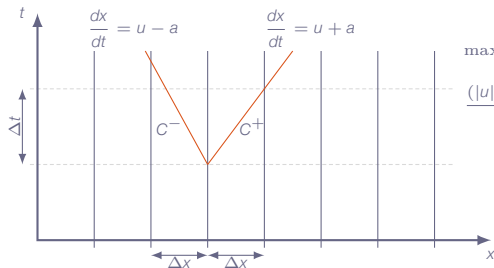
Properties of explicit time-stepping schemes:

- + **Easy to implement** in computer codes
- + **Efficient execution** on most computers
- + Easy to adapt for **parallel execution** on distributed memory systems (e.g. Linux clusters)
- **Time step limitation** (CFL number)
- Convergence to steady-state **often slow** (there are, however, some remedies for this)

Courant-Friedrich-Levy (**CFL**) number - *one-dimensional* case:

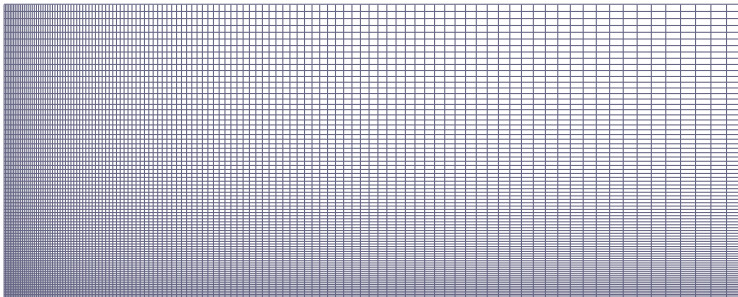
$$CFL_i = \frac{\Delta t(|u_i| + a_i)}{\Delta x_i} \leq 1$$

Interpretation: The fastest characteristic (C^+ or C^-) must not travel longer than Δx during one time step



$$\max(|u - a|, |u + a|)\Delta t = (|u| + a)\Delta t \leq \Delta x \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{(|u| + a)\Delta t}{\Delta x} = CFL \leq 1$$



Steady-state problems:

- local time stepping

- each cell has an individual time step

- Δt_i maximum allowed value based on CFL criteria

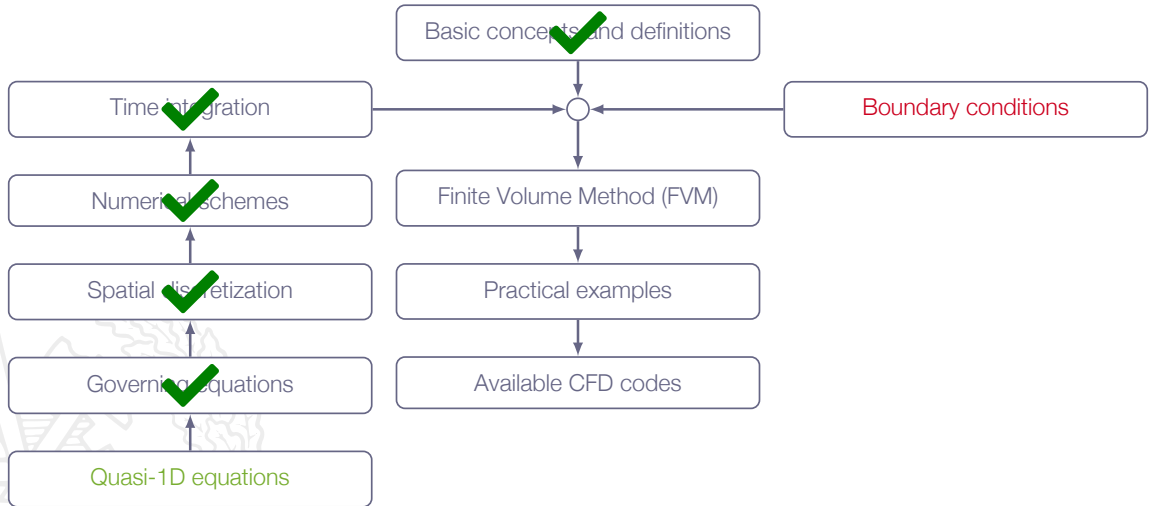
Unsteady problems:

- time accurate

- all cells have the same time step

- $\Delta t_i = \min \{ \Delta t_1, \dots, \Delta t_N \}$

Roadmap - The Time-Marching Technique



Boundary Conditions



Boundary conditions are very important for numerical simulation of compressible flows

Main reason: both **flow** and **acoustics** involved!

Example 1:

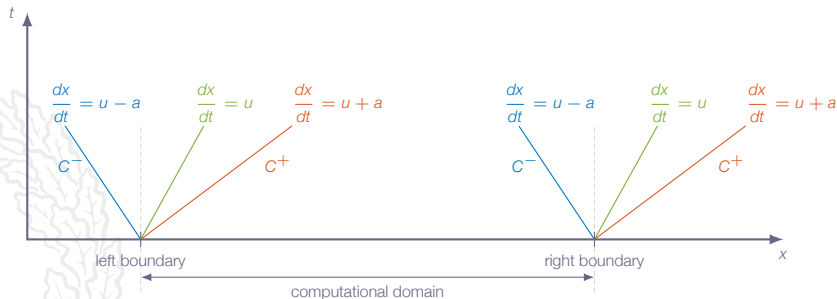
Finite-volume CFD code for Quasi-1D compressible flow (Time-marching procedure)

What boundary conditions should be applied at the left and right ends?



three characteristics:

1. C^+
2. C^-
3. advection



C^+ and C^- characteristics describe the transport of **isentropic pressure waves** (often referred to as **acoustics**)

The advection characteristic simply describes the **transport** of certain quantities **with the fluid itself** (for example **entropy**)

In one space dimension and time, these three characteristics, together with the quantities that are known to be constant along them, give a **complete description** of the time evolution of the flow

We can use the characteristics as a guide to tell us what information that should be specified at the boundaries

we have three PDEs, and are solving for three unknowns

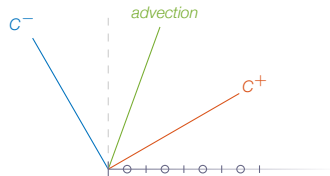
Subsonic inflow: $0 < u < a$

$$u - a < 0$$

$$u > 0$$

$$u + a > 0$$

one outgoing characteristic
two ingoing characteristics



Two variables should be **specified** at the boundary

The third variable must be left free

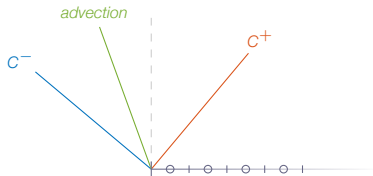
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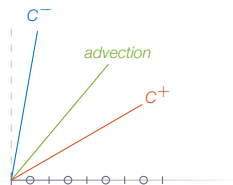
Supersonic inflow: $u > a$

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no outgoing characteristics
three ingoing characteristics



All three variables should be **specified** at the boundary

No variables must be left free

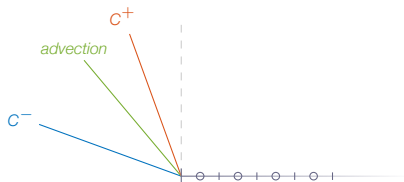
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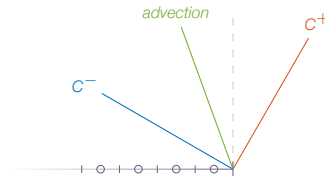
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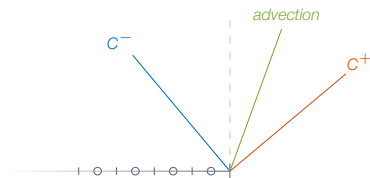
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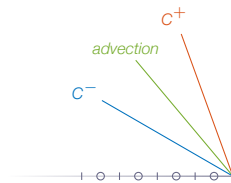
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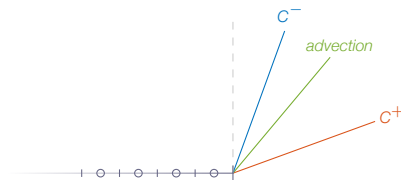
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1D Boundary Conditions (Summary)

Characteristic		1D subsonic inflow (left)	1D subsonic inflow (right)
advection	$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}$	$(u, 0, 0) \cdot (-1, 0, 0) = -u < 0$	$(-u, 0, 0) \cdot (1, 0, 0) = -u < 0$
C^-	$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} - a$	$-u - a < 0$	$-u - a < 0$
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Subsonic inflow: we should specify two variables

Alt	specified variable 1	specified variable 2	well-posed	non-reflective
1	p_o	T_o	X	
2	ρu	T_o	X	
3	s	J^+	X	X

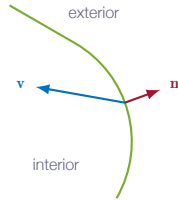
well posed:

1. the problem has a solution
2. the solution is unique
3. the solution's behaviour changes continuously with initial conditions

Subsonic outflow: we should specify one variable

Alt	specified variable	well-posed	non-reflective
1	p	X	
2	ρu	X	
3	J^+	X	X

Subsonic Inflow 2D/3D



n unit normal vector
v fluid velocity at boundary

Subsonic inflow

Assumption:

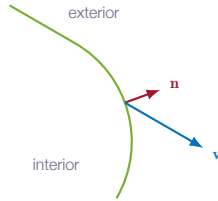
$$-a < \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} < 0$$

Four ingoing characteristics

One outgoing characteristic

Specify four variables at the boundary:
 p_o , T_o , and flow direction (two angles)

Subsonic Outflow 2D/3D



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v fluid velocity at boundary

Subsonic outflow

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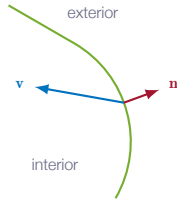
$$0 < \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} < a$$

One ingoing characteristics

Four outgoing characteristic

Specify one variables at the boundary:
static pressure

Supersonic Inflow 2D/3D



n unit normal vector
v fluid velocity at boundary

Supersonic inflow

Assumption:

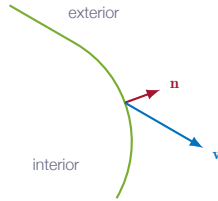
$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} < -a$$

Five ingoing characteristics

No outgoing characteristics

Specify five variables at the boundary:
solver variables

Supersonic Outflow 2D/3D



$\mathbf{n}$ unit normal vector
 $\mathbf{v}$ fluid velocity at boundary

Supersonic outflow

Assumption:

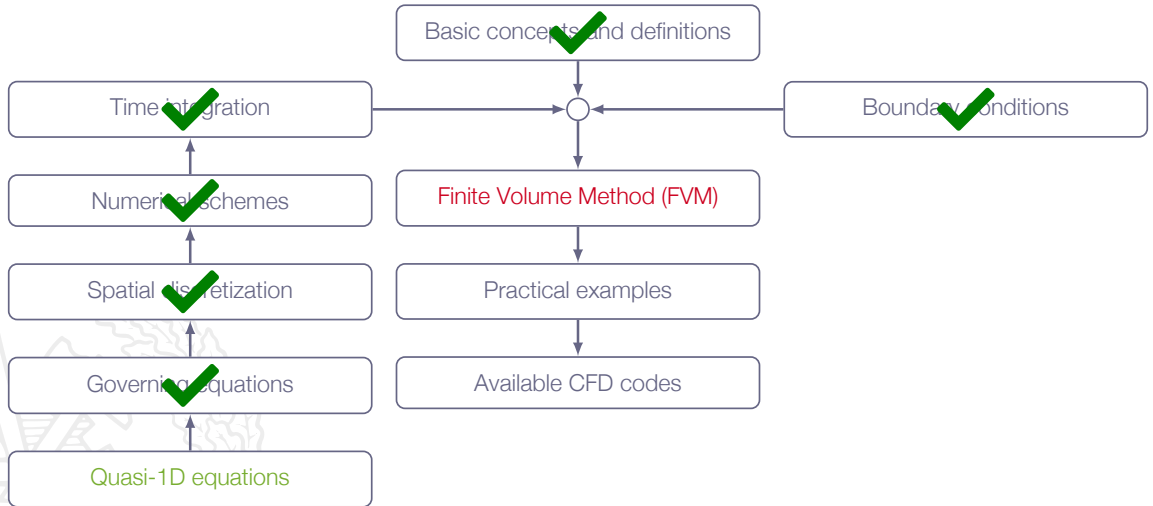
$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} > a$$

No ingoing characteristics

Five outgoing characteristics

No variables specified at the boundary

Roadmap - The Time-Marching Technique



The described numerical approach can be categorized as

Density-based

Fully coupled

Structured

Explicit

with the following features

**High-order
convective scheme**

**Shock handling
(artificial damping)**

Spatial discretization:

Control volume formulations of conservation equations are applied to the cells of the discretized domain

Cell-averaged flow quantities $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho u}, \bar{\rho e_o})$ are chosen as degrees of freedom

Flux terms are **approximated** in terms of the chosen degrees of freedom
high-order, upwind type of flux approximation is used for optimum results

A **fully conservative** scheme is obtained
the flux leaving one cell is identical to the flux entering the neighboring cell

The result of the spatial discretization is a system of ODEs

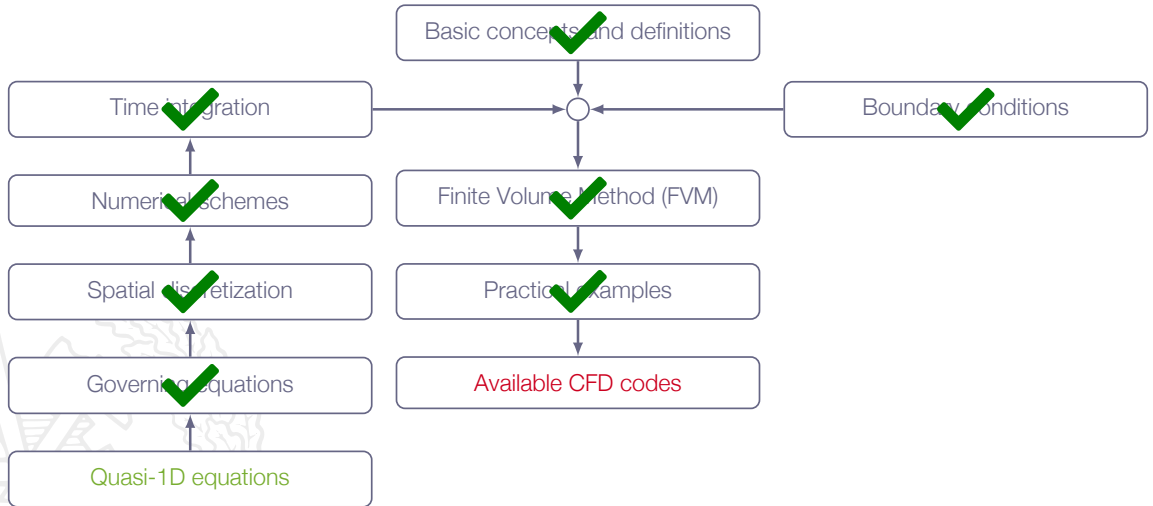
Time marching:

Three-stage, second-order accurate Runge-Kutta scheme

Explicit time-stepping

Time step length **limited by the CFL condition** ($CFL \leq 1$)

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Available CFD Codes



CFD Codes

List of free and commercial CFD codes:

<http://www.cfd-online.com/Wiki/Codes>

Free codes are in general unsupported and poorly documented

Commercial codes are often claimed to be suitable for all types of flows

The reality is that the user must make sure of this!



CFD Codes - General Guidelines

Simulation of high-speed and/or unsteady compressible flows:

Use correct solver options

otherwise you may obtain completely wrong solution!

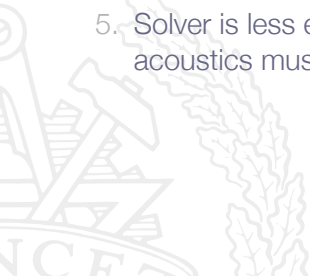
1. coupled solver
2. equation of state
3. energy equation included

Use a high-quality grid

**a poor grid will either not give you any solution at all (no convergence)
or at best a very inaccurate solution!**

ANSYS-FLUENT®/STAR-CCM+® - Typical Experiences

1. Very robust solvers - will almost always give you a solution
2. Accuracy of solution depends a lot on **grid quality**
3. **Shocks** are generally **smeared** more than in specialized codes
4. Solver is generally very **efficient** for **steady-state** problems
5. Solver is less efficient for truly unsteady problems, where both flow and acoustics must be resolved accurately



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