



# Un principe unificateur discret pour les schémas numériques Lagrangiens en CFD

MÉMOIRE  
SUR LA  
THÉORIE DU MOUVEMENT DES FLUIDES <sup>(\*)</sup>.

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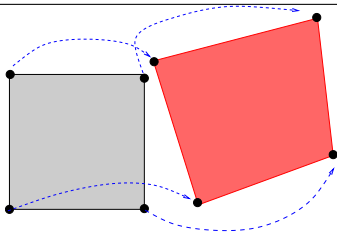
2. Maintenant, à cause de la continuité du fluide, on peut imaginer que chaque particule  $dm$  ait la figure d'un parallélépipède rectangle, et que son volume soit par conséquent exprimé par  $\delta x \delta y \delta z$ , en supposant que  $\delta x$ ,  $\delta y$ ,  $\delta z$  soient les côtés du parallélépipède et représentent les variations des coordonnées  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ , pour les particules adjacentes, dans la direction de ces coordonnées.

Si donc on nomme  $\Delta$  la densité de chaque particule  $dm$ , on aura

$$dm = \Delta \delta x \delta y \delta z,$$

et la quantité  $\Delta$  devra être pareillement une fonction de  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ ,  $t$ .

3. Dans l'instant suivant, le parallélépipède changera à la fois de place et de forme, mais la masse  $dm$  demeurera la même.



$$\frac{1}{V} \frac{d}{dt} V = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$



# Compressible non viscous fluid

Lagrangian derivative is  $D_t = \partial_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla$ , specific vol. is  $\tau = \frac{1}{\rho}$ .

## Introduction

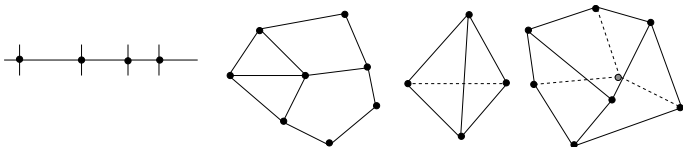
### Lagrangian schemes

$\begin{cases} \rho D_t \tau - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \\ \rho D_t \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = 0, \\ \rho D_t e + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0. \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \partial_t (\rho \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}^2 + p \mathbf{l}) = 0, \\ \partial_t (\rho e) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0. \end{cases}$
Lagrange	Euler

Pressure may be function of mass and temperature :  $p = (\gamma - 1)\rho\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon = C_V T = e - \frac{1}{2}|\bar{\mathbf{u}}|^2$ .

Follow Lagrange :  
consider that foundation is ODEs for small volumes ,  
PDEs will be derived at the end.

General cells and general meshes



**Notations** :  $j$  for cells,  $n$  for time steps,  $r$  for nodes.

For example  $V_j^n$  denotes the volume of cell  $j$  at time step  $n$ , and vertices (nodes) at time  $t_n$  are denoted as  $\mathbf{x}_r^n$ .

Moving Lagrangian cells have a constant mass

$$M_j^n = M_j \quad \forall \text{ time steps } n$$



## Introduction

## Lagrangian schemes

Discrete analogue of Lagrange idea is **moving Lagrangian cells**, with volume  $V_j(t)$  function the vertices (nodes)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (\mathbf{x}_1(t), \dots, \mathbf{x}_r(t), \dots) \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^{N_v}.$$

The volume is a function  $V_j : (\mathbb{R}^d)^{N_v} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

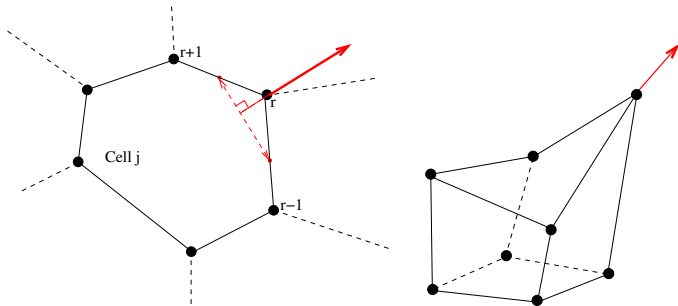
$$(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_r, \dots) \mapsto V_j(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_r, \dots).$$

The chain rule writes

$$\frac{d}{dt} V_j = \sum_r (\mathbf{c}_{jr}, \mathbf{u}_r)$$

where a fundamental discrete object is

$$\mathbf{c}_{jr} = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_r} V_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$$



$\mathbf{c}_{jr} = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_r} V_j = O(h^{d-1})$  is a kind of corner vector.



# Some properties of the corner vectors

## Introduction

## Lagrangian schemes

- Chain rule :  $\frac{d}{dt} V_j = (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} V_j, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_r (\mathbf{C}_{jr}, \mathbf{u}_r)$ .
- Homogeneity :  $V_j = \frac{1}{d} (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} V_j, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_r (\mathbf{C}_{jr}, \mathbf{x}_r)$ .
- Translation invariance for all cell  $j$  :  $\sum_r \mathbf{C}_{jr} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- For all interior node  $\mathbf{x}_r$  :  $\sum_j \mathbf{C}_{jr} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- A even more general formula (related to rotational invariance)

$$\sum_j \mathbf{C}_{jr} \otimes \mathbf{x}_r = V_j \mathbf{I}_d$$

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- Similar criterion on edges fundamental for FV diffusion schemes.
  - A unified approach to mimetic FD, hybrid FV and MFVM, Droniou-Eymard-Gallouet-Herbin, M3AS, 2010.





# FV formulation on moving meshes

## Introduction

## Lagrangian schemes

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{V_j(t)} \rho dV = 0, & \text{mass cons.,} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{V_j(t)} dV - \int_{S_j(t)} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = 0, & \text{volume cons.,} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{V_j(t)} \rho \mathbf{u} dV + \int_{S_j(t)} \rho \mathbf{n} dS = \mathbf{0}, & \text{momentum cons.,} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{V_j(t)} \rho e dV + \int_{S_j(t)} \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = 0, & \text{total energy cons.,} \end{array} \right.$$

with  $S_j(t) = \partial V_j(t)$  the boundary, and  $\mathbf{n}$  the outgoing normal.

One gets

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{x}'_r(t) & = \mathbf{u}_r, \\ M_j \tau'_j(t) & = \sum_r (\mathbf{C}_{jr}, \mathbf{u}_r), \\ M_j \mathbf{u}'_j(t) & = - \sum_r \mathbf{C}_{jr} p_{jr}, \\ M_j e'_j(t) & = - \sum_r (\mathbf{C}_{jr}, \mathbf{u}_r) p_{jr}. \end{array} \right.$$

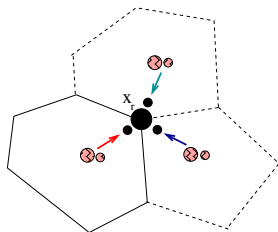
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The definition of the corner based fluxes has to be completed through a convenient definition of  $\mathbf{u}_r$  and  $p_{jr}$ .

# Corner solvers (unknowns are $\mathbf{u}_r$ and $(p_{jr})_{j \in \mathcal{N}(r)}$ )

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(big bullets are velocities)

One assumes 1D acoustic Riemann relation in corner direction

$$p_{jr} - p_j + \rho_j c_j \left( \frac{c_{jr}}{|c_{jr}|}, \mathbf{u}_r - \mathbf{u}_j \right) = 0.$$

This formula is all what is retained from the theory of Riemann solvers, which is therefore is very little output for Lagrangian CFD.

Around node  $r$  the sum of forces vanishes :  $\sum_j \mathbf{C}_{jr} p_{jr} = 0$  (in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ).

Solution under the form

$$\mathbf{A}_r \mathbf{u}_r - \mathbf{b}_r = \sum_j \mathbf{C}_{jr} p_{jr} = 0.$$



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### Lagrangian schemes

Determine the node velocity as the unique solution of

$$\mathbf{A}_r \mathbf{u}_r = \mathbf{b}_r$$

where the nodal matrix is positive

$$\mathbf{A}_r = \mathbf{A}_r^t = \sum_j \rho_j c_j \frac{\mathbf{C}_{jr} \otimes \mathbf{C}_{jr}}{|\mathbf{C}_{jr}|} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} > 0,$$

and the nodal RHS is

$$\mathbf{b}_r = \sum_j \mathbf{C}_{jr} p_j + \sum_j \rho_j c_j \frac{\mathbf{C}_{jr} \otimes \mathbf{C}_{jr}}{|\mathbf{C}_{jr}|} \mathbf{u}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

The solution is  $\mathbf{u}_r = \mathbf{A}_r^{-1} \mathbf{b}_r$ .

Finally the nodal pressures are computed as follows  $p_{jr} = p_j + \rho_j c_j (\mathbf{u}_r - \mathbf{u}_j, \mathbf{n}_{jr})$ .



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One notices the remarkable property that  $\mathbf{u}_r$  is also the minimum of a minimization problem.  
Set

$$J_r(\mathbf{u}_r) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A}_r \mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{u}_r) - (\mathbf{b}_r, \mathbf{u}_r).$$

Then

$$J_r(\mathbf{u}_r) \leq J_r(\mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

is equivalent to  $\mathbf{A}_r \mathbf{u}_r = \mathbf{b}_r$ .

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Constraints can be introduced for contact problems for example (with Clair and Labourasse).



# Example of a first order time loop

## Introduction

### Lagrangian schemes

- 1) Compute all geometrical vectors  $\mathbf{C}_{jr}^n$
- 2) Compute all nodal quantities  $\mathbf{u}_r^n$  and  $\rho_{jr}^n$  using the nodal solver.
- 3) For all cell, update velocity

$$M_j \frac{\mathbf{u}_j^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_j^n}{\Delta t} = - \sum_{r \in \text{nodes}} \mathbf{C}_{jr}^n \rho_{jr}^n.$$

and total energy

$$M_j \frac{e_j^{n+1} - e_j^n}{\Delta t} = - \sum_{r \in \text{nodes}} (\mathbf{C}_{jr}^n, \mathbf{u}_r^n) \rho_{jr}^n.$$

- 4) Move nodes  $\mathbf{x}_r^{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_r^n + \Delta t \mathbf{u}_r^n$ .
- 5) Update Lagrangian density  $\rho_j^{n+1} = \frac{M_j}{V_j^{n+1}}$ .

## Introduction

### Lagrangian schemes

- Since FV ( $P^0$ ), the algorithm is simple to implement
- Conservation of (local) mass, volume, impulse, energy.
- The method is entropy increasing  $S_j^{n+1} \geq S_j^n$  under CFL.
- Under usual Lax stability assumptions :

**weak consistency** (in  $\mathcal{D}'$ ) of the whole Lagrangian algorithm with the usual Eulerian equations of fluid dynamics is demonstrated.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} (\rho \partial_t \varphi + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varphi) dt dx = 0, & \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_0, \\ \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} (\rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \partial_t \varphi + \rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u} + p \mathbf{l} \cdot \nabla \varphi) dt dx = 0, & \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_0^d, \\ \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} (\rho e \partial_t \varphi + \rho e \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varphi) dt dx = 0, & \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_0, \\ \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} (\rho S \partial_t \varphi + \rho S \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varphi) dt dx \leq 0, & \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_0^+, \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_0$  is the set of smooth test functions with compact support,  
and  $\mathcal{D}_0^+ \subset \mathcal{D}_0$  is the set of smooth non negative test functions with compact support.

For simplification, consider the semi-discrete scheme and simplexes (triangles, tets).

Set

$$\rho_j(t) = \frac{M_j}{V_j(t)}, \quad \rho_h(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_j \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega_j(t)} \rho_j(t).$$

and the  $P^1$  velocity reconstruction in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}_h(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_1^{d+1} \lambda_r^q(\mathbf{X}) \mathbf{u}_{r_j(q)}(t), \quad \bar{\mathbf{u}}_h(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_j \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega_j(t)} \bar{\mathbf{u}}_j(t, \mathbf{x}).$$

One has the identity on simplexes

$$\partial_t \rho_h + \nabla \cdot (\rho_h \bar{\mathbf{u}}_h) = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'.$$

On general meshes (with an additional stability assumption, and control of the discrete BV norm)

$$\partial_t \rho_h + \nabla \cdot (\rho_h \bar{\mathbf{u}}_h) = O(h) \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'.$$



# The crux of the proof : the pressure gradient

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Lagrangian schemes

Set

$$p_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j p_j \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega_j} \in \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$B_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j \frac{\sum_r \mathbf{c}_{jr} p_{jr}}{V_j} \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega_j} \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

- Assume that the speed of sound is within the bounds  $0 < \alpha_1 \leq \rho_j c_j < \alpha_2$  everywhere.
- Assume that the mesh is regular in the sense  $\alpha_3 h^d \leq V_j$  and  $\text{diam}(\Omega_j) \leq \alpha_4 h$  for all cells, with uniform constants  $\alpha_3, \alpha_4 > 0$ .
- Assume that  $(p_j)$  and  $(\mathbf{u}_j)$  are bounded in  $L^\infty$  and are bounded in BV in the sense

$$\sum_j \sum_{k \in V(j)} h^{d-1} |p_j - p_k| \leq \alpha_5 \text{ and } \sum_j \sum_{k \in V(j)} h^{d-1} |\mathbf{u}_j - \mathbf{u}_k| \leq \alpha_6.$$

Then  $B_h - \nabla p_h = O(h)$  in the weak sense.



The discrete unifying principle is the seminal Lagrange idea on a mesh (ODEs) :  
Lax strategy is invoked to obtain the PDEs.

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- Dumbser and al
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- Many variants, can be seen as different quadratures.
- Muscl second order extension.
- ALE (Arbitrary Lagrange Euler).
- Various techniques can be used to enhance the stability of the mesh which is already excellent for many problems.