

Computation of Thermo-Acoustic Instabilities in Combustors

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Figure: The AS355 helicopter

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Figure: The Turbomeca ARRIUS 1A1 turbine engine

Engine, mesh of combustion chamber

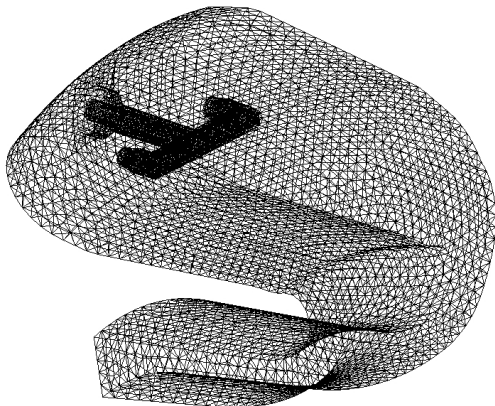


Figure: The numerical grid of a part of the combustion chamber

Combustion

Combustion is a sequence of chemical reactions between a fuel and an oxidant accompanied by the production of heat and (sometimes) light.



Heat causes pressure change (1)

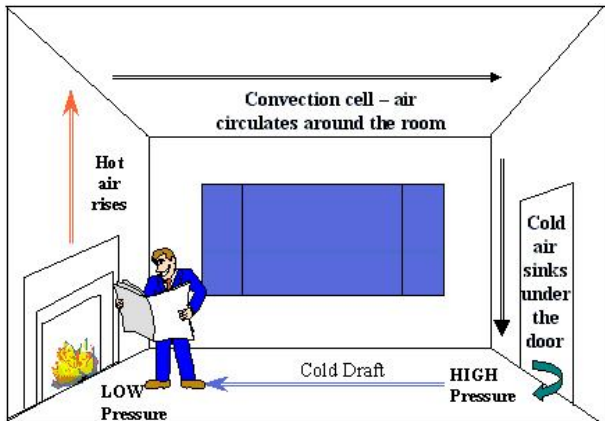


Figure: Heat causes movement of air

Heat causes pressure change (2)

Examples

- Balloon pops due to heat
- Warm air rising

Francis Bacon: *"Heat itself, its essence and quiddity is motion and nothing else."*

Combustion in an Engine

Pressure changes within a small space

- Modelled by wave equation
- Three Boundary Conditions
 - Opening in wall (constant pressure)
 - Inlet and solid walls (constant speed)
 - Outlet (acoustic impedance)
- Flame response

Helmholtz equation

Transformation from time to frequency domain.
The wave equation:

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p_1 \right) - \frac{1}{\gamma p_0} \frac{\partial^2 p_1}{\partial t^2} = - \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma p_0} \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial t}$$

Becomes the Helmholtz equation:

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla \hat{p} \right) + \frac{\omega^2}{\gamma p_0} \hat{p} = i\omega \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma p_0} \hat{q}(x)$$

Internship



Figure: Signs at the entrance



Figure: A Sunblade 200

CERFACS

CERFACS ...

- is located in Toulouse, France
- employs ca. 100 researchers
- works in 5 fields:
 - Parallel Algorithms
 - Electromagnetism
 - Aviation & Environment
 - Computational Fluid Dynamics
 - Climate Modelling and Global Change

Overview

Three different mathematical topics:

- Discretization of the equation
- Eigenvalue problems
- Solution methods
 - Arnoldi
 - Jacobi-Davidson

Discretization (1)

Equation:

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla \hat{p} \right) + \frac{\omega^2}{\gamma \rho_0} \hat{p} = i\omega \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma \rho_0} \hat{q}(x)$$

LHS: homogeneous Helmholtz equation

- Use finite elements and Galerkin method
- Use integration by parts

RHS: $\hat{q}(x) =$ Non-linear in ω

Discretization (2)

Galerkin method:

- divide the domain in elements
- define test functions ϕ_j
- define S_v : the set of vertices outside the boundary where the pressure is 0.
- approximate \hat{p} by $\hat{p}(x) \approx \sum_{j: v_j \in S_v} \hat{p}_j \phi_j(x)$
- multiply the LHS with the test function
- integrate over the domain Ω

Discretization (3)

We started with:

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla \hat{p} \right) + \frac{\omega^2}{\gamma \rho_0} \hat{p} = 0.$$

We obtain $\forall k : v_k \in S_v$:

$$\int_{\Omega} \phi_k \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla \cdot \sum_{j: v_j \in S_v} \hat{p}_j \phi_j(x) \right) dx + \omega^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{\phi_k}{\gamma \rho_0} \sum_{j: v_j \in S_v} \hat{p}_j \phi_j(x) dx = 0.$$

Interchange summation and integration:

$$\sum_{j: v_j \in S_v} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho_0} \phi_k \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi_j) dx \hat{p}_j + \omega^2 \sum_{j: v_j \in S_v} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\gamma \rho_0} \phi_k \phi_j dx \hat{p}_j = 0.$$

Discretization (4)

- Integrate the first integral by parts
- determine contributions from boundary conditions

Final equation:

$$\forall k : v_k \in S_v : \sum_{j: v_j \in S_v} \left(- \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla \phi_k \nabla \phi_j dx \hat{p}_j \right) +$$

$$\omega \sum_{j: v_j \in S_v} \left(i \int_{\partial\Omega_Z} \frac{1}{\rho_0 c_0 Z} \phi_k \phi_j d\xi \hat{p}_j \right) +$$

$$\omega^2 \sum_{j: v_j \in S_v} \left(\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\gamma p_0} \phi_k \phi_j dx \hat{p}_j \right) = 0$$

or in matrix notation:

$$AP + \omega B(\omega)P + \omega^2 CP = 0$$

Different degrees of reality

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- No impedance: solve $AP + \omega^2 CP = 0$ (generalized)
- Assume $1/Z = 1/Z_0 + Z_1\omega + Z_2/\omega$:
solve $AP + \omega BP + \omega^2 CP = 0$ (quadratic)
- $\text{RHS} \neq 0$: solve $(A - D(\omega))P + \omega B(\omega)P + \omega^2 CP = 0$
(fully non-linear)

Different types of Eigenvalue Problems

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- Linear: $Ax = \lambda x$.
- Quadratic: $Ax + \lambda Bx + \lambda^2 Cx = 0$.
- Linearized Quadratic (if $C = I$):

$$\begin{pmatrix} -B & -A \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

- Non-linear: $T(\lambda)x = 0$.

Search space methods

- Problem: dimension N of the problem is big (>10000)
- Idea:
 - Look in a small subspace \mathcal{W} of \mathbb{R}^N .
 - Use the approximation to construct a better subspace.
- How?
 - Construct base $v_1 \dots v_k$ of \mathcal{W} .
 - Solve the projected eigenvalue problem: $W' T(\omega) W u = 0$.
 - Check whether $T(\omega) u < \text{tol}$.
 - Not good enough? Improve search space.

Arnoldi's Method

- Choose starting vector v and max. subspace size k .
- Construct Krylov space: $\text{span}(v, Av, \dots, A^k v)$.
- Project the eigenvalue problem on the Krylov space, and solve it.
- Restart with a different starting vector, if necessary.

Jacobi-Davidson

- Choose starting vector v and max. subspace size k .
- Set $W = v$, and solve the projected eigenvalue problem.
- Select a Ritz pair (ω, u) , and calculate the residual $T(\omega)u$.
- Solve $t \perp u$ (approximately) from
$$(I - uu^*)(A - \theta I)(I - uu^*)t = -r.$$
- Orthogonalize t against W and set $W = [W \ t]$.
- Restart after k iterations with the latest Ritz vector.

Differences (1)

- History
 - Arnoldi exists since 1951, widely implemented and optimized
 - Jacobi-Davidson exists since 1996, needs optimization
- Method:
 - Arnoldi constructs search space immediately (k iterations at once)
 - JD solves a small eigenvalue problem and an equation every iteration

Differences (2)

- Convergence speed
 - Arnoldi has linear convergence and a low workload per iteration
 - JD has quadratic convergence and a high workload per iteration
- Adaptability
 - Arnoldi is designed for linear problems
 - JD is designed for any problem

Implementations of the algorithms

Arnoldi has been implemented in ARPACK.

Jacobi-Davidson has been implemented by Gerard Sleijpen for linear and generalized problems, and by Martin van Gijzen and Jan-Willem van Leeuwen for quadratic problems.

Issues:

- Must be matrix-free (in Fortran), only use matvec-subroutine.
- Stopping criterion must be equal.
- Maximal search space size must be (nearly) optimal.
- We need meshes for the tests.

- Matlab
 - Rectangle of $0.5\text{m} \times 0.1\text{m}$, 2 grid densities
- Fortran
 - Rectangle of $1\text{m} \times 0.2\text{m}$, 4 grid densities
 - Rectangular box of $1\text{m} \times 0.2\text{m} \times 0.1\text{m}$, 4 grid densities
 - Combustion chamber ARRIUS, 22000 nodes

Stopping Criterion (1)

The Arnoldi Residual:

$$\|r_{AR}\|_2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -B & -A \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega p_{AR} \\ p_{AR} \end{pmatrix} - \omega \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega p_{AR} \\ p_{AR} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2$$

The Jacobi-Davidson Residual:

$$\begin{aligned} \|r_{JD}\|_2 &= \|Ap_{JD} + \omega Bp_{JD} + \omega^2 Cp_{JD}\|_2 \\ &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -B & -A \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega p_{JD} \\ p_{JD} \end{pmatrix} - \omega \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega p_{JD} \\ p_{JD} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} \omega p_{JD} \\ p_{JD} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2 = \sqrt{1 + |\omega|^2}, \quad \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \omega p_{AR} \\ p_{AR} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2 = 1.$$

Stopping Criterion (2)

The Arnoldi (ARPACK) criterion:

$$\|r_{AR}\|_2 < tol \cdot |\omega|$$

The Jacobi-Davidson criterion:

$$\|r_{JD}\|_2 < tol \cdot |\omega| \cdot \sqrt{1 + |\omega|^2}$$

Maximal Search space size

Hard to predict the optimal value.

Tests:

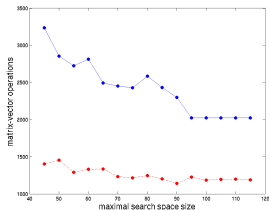
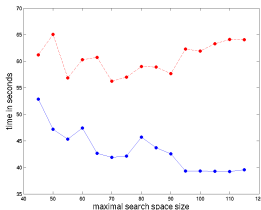


Figure: Left: CPU-time, Right: Matvecs

Results, overview

- Linear problems in MATLAB
- Quadratic and nonlinear problems in MATLAB
- Tests done with Fortran
- The ARRIUS chamber

Linear Problems, MATLAB

	Small	Large
AR	0.46 s	2.57 s
JD	3.18 s	65.35 s

Table: Results for linear problems using ARPACK and JDQZ

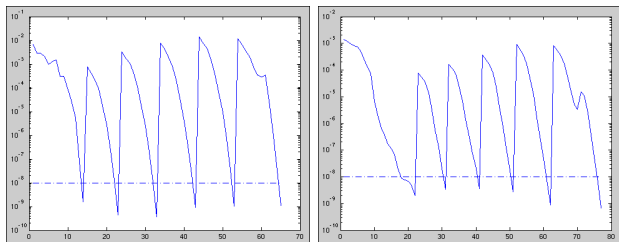


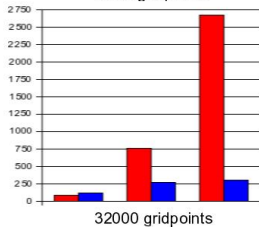
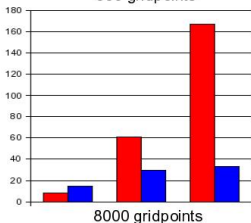
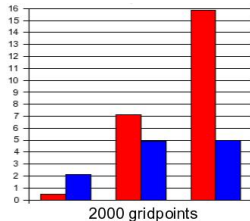
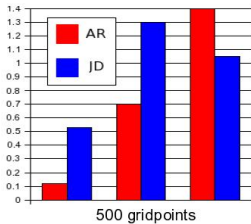
Figure: Convergence history for JDQZ

Quadratic and Nonlinear Problems, MATLAB

	Small	Large
AR (quad)	0.775 s	11.74 s
JD (quad)	1.20 s	26.70 s
AR (NL)	177.5 s	2451 s
JD (NL)	3.14 s	N/A

Table: Results for Quadratic and Nonlinear Problems

Fortran Results, 2D academic case



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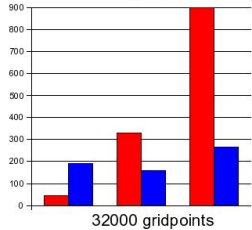
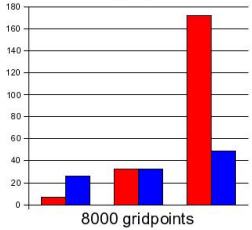
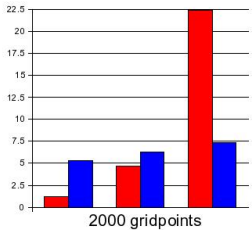
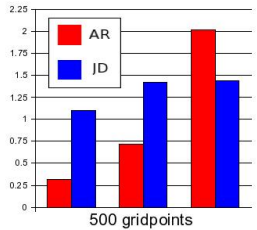
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Fortran Results, 2D academic and ARRIUS

	$u = 0$		$y = 0.4+0.3 i$		$y = 3+2 i$	
	AR	JD	AR	JD	AR	JD
λ_1	55.23	53.64	523.35	57.43	1358.35	55.49
λ_5	62.78	70.19	528.77	135.34	1802.81	150.45
λ_{10}	76.49	116.46	746.36	272.4	2059.02	299.03

Table: Results for the 2D academic testcase with 8000 nodes

	$u = 0$		$y = 0.4+0.3 i$		$y = 3+2 i$	
	AR	JD	AR	JD	AR	JD
λ_1	131	131	1158	284	2106	310
λ_5	131	223	1211	1266	2302	1556
λ_{10}	197	513	1662	3127	7724	3644
Matvecs	2669	7291	8018	39882	37747	46857

Table: Results for the ARRIUS chamber with 22000 nodes

Conclusions

- Arnoldi is the best method for linear problems
- Jacobi-Davidson is better for quadratic problems
- Jacobi-Davidson has potential for nonlinear problems

Future Research

- Improve restart strategy
- Use preconditioning for the correction equation
- Improve JD method for nonlinear problems
- Implement parallel version

Questions

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