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Installation

1.1 Dependencies

The installation of `cbcflow` requires `cbcpst` of matching version. See the *cbcflow* <https://bitbucket.org/simula_cbc/cbcflow.git> pages for more details and further dependencies.

1.2 Installing

Get the software with git and install using pip:

```
git clone https://bitbucket.org/simula_cbc/cbcflow.git
cd cbcflow
pip install .
```

See the pip documentation for more installation options.

Demos

To get started, we recommend starting with the demos. To get access to all the demos, execute the following command in a terminal window:

```
cbcflow-get-demos
```

To list and run all the demos, execute

```
cd cbcflow-demos/demo
./cbcflow_demos.py --list
./cbcflow_demos.py --run
```

If you have downloaded the development version, it is sufficient to download the demo data in the root folder of the repository:

```
cbcflow-get-data
```

If you are unfamiliar with FEniCS, please refer to the [FEniCS Tutorial](#) for the FEniCS-specifics of these demos.

Documented demos:

2.1 Flow Around A Cylinder

This tutorial demonstrate how one can use cbcflow to solve a simple problem, namely a flow around a cylinder, inducing a vortex street behind the cylinder.

The source code for this can be found in `FlowAroundCylinder.py`.

We start by importing cbcflow and dolfin:

```
from cbcflow import *
from dolfin import *
```

2.1.1 Specifying the domain

The meshes for this problem is pregenerated, and is specified at the following locations:

```
from os import path

files = [path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../..../cbcflow-data/cylinder_0.6k.xml.gz"),
         path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../..../cbcflow-data/cylinder_2k.xml.gz"),
         path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../..../cbcflow-data/cylinder_8k.xml.gz"),
```

```
path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../../../cbcfLOW-data/cylinder_32k.xml.gz"),
path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../../../cbcfLOW-data/cylinder_129k.xml.gz")
]
```

This requires that you have installed the demo data, as specified in [Demos](#).

The domain is based on a rectangle with corners in (0,0), (0,1), (10,0) and (10,1). The cylinder is centered in (2,0.5) with radius of 0.12. The different boundaries of the domain is specified as:

```
class LeftBoundary(SubDomain):
    def inside(self, x, on_boundary):
        return on_boundary and near(x[0], 0.0)

class RightBoundary(SubDomain):
    def inside(self, x, on_boundary):
        return on_boundary and near(x[0], 10.0)

class Cylinder(SubDomain):
    def inside(self, x, on_boundary):
        return on_boundary and (sqrt((x[0]-2.0)**2+(x[1]-0.5)**2) < 0.12+DOLFIN_EPS)

class Wall(SubDomain):
    def inside(self, x, on_boundary):
        return on_boundary and (near(x[1], 0.0) or near(x[1], 1.0))
```

2.1.2 Defining a NSProblem

To define a problem class recognized by cbcflow, the class must inherit from *NSProblem*:

```
class FlowAroundCylinder(NSProblem):
```

Parameters

This class inherit from the Parameterized class, allowing for parameters in the class interface. We supply default parameters to the problem:

```
@classmethod
def default_params(cls):
    params = NSProblem.default_params()
    params.replace(
        # Time parameters
        T=5.0,
        dt=0.1,
        # Physical parameters
        rho=1.0,
        mu=1.0/1000.0,
    )
    params.update(
        # Spatial parameters
        refinement_level=0,
    )
    return params
```

This takes the default parameters from NSProblem and replaces some parameters common for all NSProblems. We set the end time to 5.0 with a timestep of 0.1, the density $\rho = 1.0$ and dynamic viscosity $\mu = 0.001$. In addition, we add a new parameter, `refinement_level`, to determine which of the previously specified mesh files to use.

Constructor

To initiate a `FlowAroundCylinder`-instance, we load the mesh and initialize the geometry:

```
def __init__(self, params=None):
    NSProblem.__init__(self, params)

    # Load mesh
    mesh = Mesh(files[self.params.refinement_level])

    # Create boundary markers
    facet_domains = FacetFunction("size_t", mesh)
    facet_domains.set_all(4)
    Wall().mark(facet_domains, 0)
    Cylinder().mark(facet_domains, 0)
    LeftBoundary().mark(facet_domains, 1)
    RightBoundary().mark(facet_domains, 2)

    # Store mesh and markers
    self.initialize_geometry(mesh, facet_domains=facet_domains)
```

The first call to `NSProblem.__init__` updates the default parameters with any parameters passed to the constructor as a dict or `ParamDict`. This sets `params` as an attribute to `self`. We load the mesh from a string defined in the `files-list`, and define its domains. Finally, we call `self.initialize_geometry` to attach `facet_domains` to the mesh, and the mesh to `self`.

Initial conditions

At the initial time, the fluid is set to rest, with a zero pressure gradient. These initial conditions are prescribed by

```
def initial_conditions(self, spaces, controls):
    c0 = Constant(0)
    u0 = [c0, c0]
    p0 = c0
    return (u0, p0)
```

The argument `spaces` is a `NSSpacePool` helper object used to construct and contain the common function spaces related to the Navier-Stokes solution. This is used to limit the memory consumption and simplify the interface, so that you can, for example, call `spaces.DV` to get the tensor valued gradient space of the velocity regardless of velocity degree.

The argument `controls` is used for adjoint problems, and can be disregarded for simple forward problems such as this.

Boundary conditions

As boundary conditions, we set no-slip conditions on the cylinder, at $y=0.0$ and $y=1.0$. At the inlet we set a uniform velocity of $(1.0, 0.0)$, and zero-pressure boundary condition at the outlet.

To determine domain to apply boundary condition, we utilize the definition of `facet_domains` from the constructor.

```
def boundary_conditions(self, spaces, u, p, t, controls):
    c0 = Constant(0)
    c1 = Constant(1)

    # Create inflow and no-slip boundary conditions for velocity
    inflow = ([c1, c0], 1)
    noslip = ([c0, c0], 0)
```

```
# Create boundary conditions for pressure
bcp0 = (c0, 2)

# Collect and return
bcu = [inflow, noslip]
bcp = [bcp0]
return (bcu, bcp)
```

The way these boundary conditions are applied to the equations are determined by the scheme used to solve the equation. Note that the ordering of the boundary conditions in the lists `bcu` and `bcp` matters, in this case setting `noslip` last ensures the velocity is zero in the inflow corner.

2.1.3 Setting up the solver

Now that our *FlowAroundCylinder*-class is sufficiently defined, we can start thinking about solving our equations. We start by creating an instance of *FlowAroundCylinder* class:

```
problem = FlowAroundCylinder({"refinement_level": 2})
```

Note that we can pass a dict to the constructor to set, in this example, the desired refinement level of our mesh.

Selecting a scheme

Several schemes are implemented in cbcflow, but only a couple are properly tested and validated, and hence classified as *official*. Use

```
show_schemes()
```

to list all schemes available, both official and unofficial.

In our application we select a very efficient operator-splitting scheme, *IPCS*,

```
scheme = IPCS()
```

Setting up postprocessing

The postprocessing is set up to determine what we want to do with our obtained solution. We start by creating a *PostProcessor* to handle all the logic:

```
casedir = "results_demo_%s_%s" % (problem.shortname(), scheme.shortname())
postprocessor = PostProcessor({"casedir": casedir})
```

The *casedir* parameter points the postprocessor to the directory where it should save the data it is being asked to save. By default, it stores the mesh, all parameters and a *play log* in that directory.

Then, we have to choose what we want to compute from the solution. The command

```
show_fields()
```

lists all available `PPField` to compute from the solution.

In this case, we are interested in the velocity, pressure and stream function, and we wish to both plot and save these at every timestep:

```
plot_and_save = dict(plot=True, save=True)
fields = [
    Pressure(plot_and_save),
    Velocity(plot_and_save),
    StreamFunction(plot_and_save),
]
```

With no saveformat prescribed, the postprocessor will choose default saveformats based on the type of data. You can use

```
print PPField.default_parameters()
```

to see common parameters of these fields.

Finally, we need to add these fields to the postprocessor:

```
postprocessor.add_fields(fields)
```

Solving the problem

We now have instances of the classes *NSProblem*, *NSScheme*, and *PostProcessor*.

These can be combined in a general class to handle the logic between the classes, namely a *NSSolver* instance:

```
solver = NSSolver(problem, scheme, postprocessor)
```

This class has functionality to pass the solution from scheme on to the postprocessor, report progress to screen and so on. To solve the problem, simply execute

```
solver.solve()
```

2.2 Womersley flow in 3D

In this demo it is demonstrated how to handle problems with time-dependent boundary conditions and known analytical solution/reference solution. The problem is transient Womersley flow in a cylindrical pipe.

The source code can be found in *Womersley3D.py*.

We start by importing cbcflow and dolfin:

```
from cbcflow import *
from dolfin import *
```

2.2.1 Specifying the domain

Our domain is a cylinder of length 10.0 and radius 0.5:

```
LENGTH = 10.0
RADIUS = 0.5
```

The meshes for this has been pregenerated and is available in the demo data, see *Demos*.

```
files = [path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../..//cbcflow-data/pipe_1k.xml.gz"),
         path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../..//cbcflow-data/pipe_3k.xml.gz"),
         path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../..//cbcflow-data/pipe_24k.xml.gz"),
         path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../..//cbcflow-data/pipe_203k.xml.gz"),
```

```
path.join(path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__)), "../../../cbcfLOW-data/pipe_1611k.xml.gz"),
]
```

We define *SubDomain* classes for inflow and outflow:

```
class Inflow(SubDomain):
    def inside(self, x, on_boundary):
        return x[0] < 1e-6 and on_boundary

class Outflow(SubDomain):
    def inside(self, x, on_boundary):
        return x[0] > LENGTH-1e-6 and on_boundary
```

We could also add a *SubDomain*-class for the remaining wall, but this will be handled later.

2.2.2 Defining the NSProblem

We first define a problem class inheriting from *NSProblem*:

```
class Womersley3D(NSProblem):
```

The parameters of the problem are defined to give a Reynolds number of about 30 and Womersley number of about 60.

```
@classmethod
def default_params(cls):
    params = NSProblem.default_params()
    params.replace(
        # Time parameters
        T=None,
        dt=1e-3,
        period=0.8,
        num_periods=1.0,
        # Physical parameters
        rho=1.0,
        mu=1.0/30.0,
    )
    params.update(
        # Spatial parameters
        refinement_level=0,
        # Analytical solution parameters
        Q=1.0,
    )
    return params
```

In the constructor, we load the mesh from file and mark the boundary domains relating to inflow, outflow and wall in a *FacetFunction*:

```
def __init__(self, params=None):
    NSProblem.__init__(self, params)

    # Load mesh
    mesh = Mesh(files[self.params.refinement_level])

    # We know that the mesh contains markers with these id values
    self.wall_boundary_id = 0
    self.left_boundary_id = 1
    self.right_boundary_id = 2
```

```
facet_domains = FacetFunction("size_t", mesh)
facet_domains.set_all(3)
DomainBoundary().mark(facet_domains, self.wall_boundary_id)
Inflow().mark(facet_domains, self.left_boundary_id)
Outflow().mark(facet_domains, self.right_boundary_id)
```

We then define a transient profile for the flow rate, for use later:

```
# Setup analytical solution constants
Q = self.params.Q
self.nu = self.params.mu / self.params.rho

# Beta is the Poiseuille pressure drop if the flow rate is stationary Q
self.beta = 4.0 * self.nu * Q / (pi * RADIUS**4)

# Setup transient flow rate coefficients
print "Using transient bcs."
P = self.params.period
tvalues = np.linspace(0.0, P)
Qfloor, Qpeak = -0.2, 1.0
Qvalues = Q * (Qfloor + (Qpeak-Qfloor)*np.sin(pi*((P-tvalues)/P)**2)**2)
self.Q_coeffs = zip(tvalues, Qvalues)
```

Finally, we store the mesh and facet domains to *self*:

```
# Store mesh and markers
self.initialize_geometry(mesh, facet_domains=facet_domains)
```

2.2.3 The analytical solution

The Womersley profile can be obtained by using the helper function `make_womersley_bcs()`. This function returns a list of scalar *Expression* instances defining the Womersley profile:

```
def analytical_solution(self, spaces, t):
    # Create womersley objects
    ua = make_womersley_bcs(self.Q_coeffs, self.mesh, self.left_boundary_id, self.nu, None, self.facet_domains)
    for uc in ua:
        uc.set_t(t)
    pa = Expression("-beta * x[0]", beta=1.0)
    pa.beta = self.beta # TODO: This is not correct unless stationary...
    return (ua, pa)
```

Note that the pressure solution defined here is not correct in the transient case.

2.2.4 Using an analytical/reference solution

If one for example wants to validate a scheme, it is required to define the following functions:

```
def test_fields(self):
    return [Velocity(), Pressure()]

def test_references(self, spaces, t):
    return self.analytical_solution(spaces, t)
```

The `test_fields()` function tells that the fields *Velocity* and *Pressure* should be compared to the results from `test_references()`, namely the analytical solution.

These functions are used in the regression/validation test suite to check and record errors.

2.2.5 Initial conditions

As initial conditions we simply use the analytical solution at $t=0.0$:

```
def initial_conditions(self, spaces, controls):  
    return self.analytical_solution(spaces, 0.0)
```

2.2.6 Boundary conditions

At the boundaries, we also take advantage of the analytical solution, and we set no-slip conditions at the cylinder walls:

```
def boundary_conditions(self, spaces, u, p, t, controls): # Create no-slip bcs d = len(u) u0 = [Con-  
    stant(0.0)] * d noslip = (u0, self.wall_boundary_id)  
  
    # Get other bcs from analytical solution functions ua, pa = self.analytical_solution(spaces, t)  
    # Create inflow boundary conditions for velocity inflow = (ua, self.left_boundary_id)  
    # Create outflow boundary conditions for pressure p_outflow = (pa, self.right_boundary_id)  
    # Return bcs in two lists bcu = [noslip, inflow] bcp = [p_outflow]  
  
    return (bcu, bcp)
```

Now, since these boundary conditions are transient, we need to use the `update()` function. The `boundary_conditions()` function is called at the start of solve step, and a call-back is done to the `update()` function to do any updates to for example the boundary conditions. In here, we update the time in the inlet boundary condition:

```
def update(self, spaces, u, p, t, timestep, bcs, observations, controls):  
    bcu, bcp = bcs  
    uin = bcu[1][0]  
    for ucomp in uin:  
        ucomp.set_t(t)
```

2.2.7 Solving the problem

Finally, we initiate the problem, a scheme and postprocessor

```
def main():  
    problem = Womersley3D({"refinement_level": 2})  
    scheme = IPCS()  
  
    casedir = "results_demo_%s_%s" % (problem.shortname(), scheme.shortname())  
    plot_and_save = dict(plot=True, save=True)  
    fields = [  
        Pressure(plot_and_save),  
        Velocity(plot_and_save),  
    ]  
    postproc = PostProcessor({"casedir": casedir})  
    postproc.add_fields(fields)
```

and solves the problem


```
solver = NSSolver(problem, scheme, postproc)
solver.solve()
```

Functionality (TODO)

3.1 Solve

TODO: Write about solve functionality.

3.2 Postprocessing

TODO: Write about postprocessing functionality

3.3 Restart

TODO: Write about restart functionality.

3.4 Replay

TODO: Write about replay functionality.

3.5 Solve

TODO: Write about solve functionality.

3.6 Postprocessing

TODO: Write about postprocessing functionality

3.7 Restart

TODO: Write about restart functionality.

3.8 Replay

TODO: Write about replay functionality.

Design (TODO)

4.1 General ideas

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4.2 Schemes

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4.3 Problems

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4.4 Postprocessing

TODO: Write about the postprocessing framework

4.4.1 PPFields

Something about PPFields

4.4.2 Plot

How plot is handled

4.4.3 Save

How save is handled, saveformat etc.

4.5 Special objects

TODO: Write about special objects

4.5.1 ParamDict

Write about ParamDict here

4.5.2 NSSpacePool

Write about NSSpacePool

4.5.3 Helper functions

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Something about PPFields

4.9.2 Plot

How plot is handles

4.9.3 Save

How save is handled, saveformat etc.

4.10 Special objects

TODO: Write about special objects

4.10.1 ParamDict

Write about ParamDict here

4.10.2 NSSpacePool

Write about NSSpacePool

4.10.3 Helper functions

Write about helper functions here, such as list_schemes() etc.

Programmer's reference

This is the base module of cbcflow.

To use cbcflow, do:

```
from cbcflow import *
```

Modules:

5.1 cbcflow.bcs module

Helper modules for specifying inlet and outlet boundary conditions.

Modules:

5.1.1 cbcflow.bcs.Poiseuille module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.bcs.Poiseuille.PoiseuilleComponent (args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: Expression

```
eval (value, x)
```

```
set_t (t)
```

```
class cbcflow.bcs.Poiseuille.Poiseuille (coeffs, mesh, indicator, scale_to=None,
                                         facet_domains=None)
```

Bases: list

Functions

```
cbcflow.bcs.Poiseuille.make_poiseuille_bcs (coeffs, mesh, indicator, scale_to=None,
                                             facet_domains=None)
```

Generate a list of expressions for the components of a Poiseuille profile.

5.1.2 cbcflow.bcs.Resistance module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.bcs.Resistance.Resistance (C, u, ind, facet_domains)  
    Bases: Constant
```

Functions

```
cbcflow.bcs.Resistance.compute_resistance_value (C, u, ind, facet_domains)
```

5.1.3 cbcflow.bcs.UniformShear module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.bcs.UniformShear.UniformShear (u, ind, facet_domains, C=10000)  
    Bases: Constant
```

Functions

```
cbcflow.bcs.UniformShear.compute_uniform_shear_value (u, ind, facet_domains,  
                                                         C=10000)
```

5.1.4 cbcflow.bcs.Womersley module

Note: This class is slow for large meshes, and scales poorly (because the inlets/outlets are obviously not distributed evenly). It should be rewritten in C++, but this has not been done because of the lack of Bessel functions that support complex arguments (boost::math:cyl_bessel_j does not). It would also be a quite time-consuming task.

Classes

```
class cbcflow.bcs.Womersley.Womersley (coeffs, mesh, indicator, nu, scale_to=None,  
                                         facet_domains=None)  
    Bases: list
```

```
class cbcflow.bcs.Womersley.WomersleyComponent1 (args, **kwargs)  
    Bases: Expression
```

```
    eval (value, x)
```

```
    set_t (t)
```

```
class cbcflow.bcs.Womersley.WomersleyComponent2 (args, **kwargs)  
    Bases: Expression
```

```
    eval (value, x)
```

```
    set_t (t)
```

Functions

`cbcflow.bcs.Womersley.fourier_coefficients(x, y, T, N=25)`

From x-array and y-spline and period T, calculate N complex Fourier coefficients.

`cbcflow.bcs.Womersley.make_womersley_bcs(coeffs, mesh, indicator, nu, scale_to=None, facet_domains=None, coeffstype='Q', period=None, num_fourier_coefficients=25)`

Generate a list of expressions for the components of a Womersley profile.

5.1.5 cbcflow.bcs.utils module

Functions

`cbcflow.bcs.utils.compute_transient_scale_value(bc, period, mesh, facet_domains, ind, scale_value)`

`cbcflow.bcs.utils.compute_boundary_geometry_acrn(mesh, ind, facet_domains)`

`cbcflow.bcs.utils.x_to_r2(x, c, n)`

Compute r^2 from a coordinate x, center point c, and normal vector n.

r is defined as the distance from c to x', where x' is the projection of x onto the plane defined by c and n.

`cbcflow.bcs.utils.compute_radius(mesh, facet_domains, ind, center)`

`cbcflow.bcs.utils.compute_area(mesh, ind, facet_domains)`

5.2 cbcflow.core module

Core modules of cbcflow.

Modules:

5.2.1 cbcflow.core.nsproblem module

Classes

class `cbcflow.core.nsproblem.NSProblem(params)`

Bases: Parameterized

Base class for all Navier-Stokes problems.

analytical_solution(spaces, t)

Return analytical solution.

Can be ignored when no such solution exists, this is only used in the validation frameworks to validate schemes and test grid convergence etc.

TODO: Document expected analytical_solution behaviour here.

Returns: u, p

body_force(spaces, t)

Return body force, defaults to 0.

If not overridden by subclass this function will return zero.

Returns: list of scalars.

boundary_conditions (*spaces, u, p, t, controls*)

Return boundary conditions in raw format.

Boundary conditions should . The boundary conditions can be specified as follows:

```
# Specify u=(0,0,0) on mesh domain 0 and u=(x,y,z) on mesh domain 1
bcu = [
    ([Constant(0), Constant(0), Constant(0)], 0),
    ([Expression("x[0]"), Expression("x[1]"), Expression("x[2]")], 1)
]

# Specify p=x^2+y^2 on mesh domain 2 and p=0 on mesh domain 3
bcp = [
    (Expression("x[0]*x[0]+x[1]*x[1]"), 2),
    (Constant(0), 3)
]

return bcu, bcp
```

Note that the velocity is specified as a list of scalars instead of vector expressions.

For schemes applying Dirichlet boundary conditions, the domain argument(s) are parsed to DirichletBC and can be specified in a matter that matches the signature of this class.

This function must be overridden by subclass.

Returns: a tuple with boundary conditions for velocity and pressure

controls (*spaces*)

Return controls for optimization problem.

Optimization problem support is currently experimental. Can be ignored for non-control problems.

TODO: Document expected controls behaviour here.

cost_functionals (*spaces, t, observations, controls*)

Return cost functionals for optimization problem.

Optimization problem support is currently experimental. Can be ignored for non-control problems.

TODO: Document expected cost functionals behaviour here.

classmethod default_params ()

Returns the default parameters for a problem.

Explanation of parameters:

Time parameters:

- start_timestep: int, initial time step number
- dt: float, time discretization value
- T0: float, initial time
- T: float, end time
- period: float, length of period
- num_periods: float, number of periods to run

Either T or period and num_period must be set. If T is not set, $T=T0+period*num_periods$ is used.

Physical parameters:

- mu: float, kinematic viscosity

- rho: float, mass density

Space discretization parameters:

- mesh_file: str, filename to load mesh from (if any)

initial_conditions (*spaces, controls*)

Return initial conditions.

The initial conditions should be specified as follows: :: # Return $u=(x,y,0)$ and $p=0$ as initial conditions

$u0 = [\text{Expression}("x[0]"), \text{Expression}("x[1]"), \text{Constant}(0)]$ $p0 = \text{Constant}(0)$ return $u0, p0$

Note that the velocity is specified as a list of scalars instead of vector expressions.

This function must be overridden py subclass.

Returns: u, p

initialize_geometry (*mesh, facet_domains=None, cell_domains=None*)

Stores mesh, domains and related quantities in a canonical member naming.

Creates attributes on self:

- mesh
- facet_domains
- cell_domains
- ds
- dS
- dx

observations (*spaces, t*)

Return observations of velocity for optimization problem.

Optimization problem support is currently experimental. Can be ignored for non-control problems.

TODO: Document expected observations behaviour here.

test_functionals (*spaces*)

Return fields to be used by regression tests.

Can be ignored when no such solution exists, this is only used in the validation frameworks to validate schemes and test grid convergence etc.

Returns: list of fields.

test_references ()

Return reference values corresponding to test_functionals to be used by regression tests.

Can be ignored when no such solution exists, this is only used in the validation frameworks to validate schemes and test grid convergence etc.

Returns: list of reference values.

update (*spaces, u, p, t, timestep, boundary_conditions, observations=None, controls=None, cost_functionals=None*)

Update functions previously returned to new timestep.

This function is called before computing the solution at a new timestep.

The arguments `boundary_conditions`, `observations`, `controls` should be the exact lists of objects returned by `boundary_conditions`, `observations`, `controls`.

Typical usage of this function would be to update time-dependent boundary conditions:

```
bcu, bcp = boundary_conditions
for bc, _ in bcu:
    bc.t = t

for bc, _ in bcp:
    bc.t = t
```

returns None

5.2.2 cbcflow.core.nsscheme module

Classes

class cbcflow.core.nsscheme.NSScheme (*params=None*)

Bases: Parameterized

Base class for all Navier-Stokes schemes.

TODO: Clean up and document new interface.

classmethod default_params ()

solve (*problem, timer*)

Solve Navier-Stokes problem by executing scheme.

5.2.3 cbcflow.core.nssolver module

Classes

class cbcflow.core.nssolver.NSSolver (*problem, scheme, postprocessor=None, params=None*)

Bases: Parameterized

High level Navier-Stokes solver. This handles all logic between the cbcflow components.

For full functionality, the user should instantiate this class with a NSProblem instance, NSScheme instance and cbcpost.PostProcessor instance.

classmethod default_params ()

Returns the default parameters for a problem.

Explanation of parameters:

- restart: bool, turn restart mode on or off
- restart_time: float, time to search for restart data
- restart_timestep: int, timestep to search for restart data
- check_memory_frequency: int, timestep frequency to check memory consumption
- timer_frequency: int, timestep frequency to print more detailed timing
- enable_annotation: bool, enable annotation of solve with dolfin-adjoint

If restart=True, maximum one of restart_time and restart_timestep can be set.

isolve ()

Experimental iterative version of solve().

solve()

Handles top level logic related to solve.

Cleans casedir or loads restart data, stores parameters and mesh in casedir, calls scheme.solve, and lets postprocessor finalize all fields.

Returns: namespace dict returned from scheme.solve

update(*u, p, d, t, timestep, spaces*)

Callback from scheme.solve after each timestep to handle update of postprocessor, timings, memory etc.

5.3 cbcflow.fields module

Basic postprocessing fields.

These fields can all be created from the postprocessor from name only. This is useful when handling dependencies for a postprocessing field:

```
class DummyField(Field):
    def __init__(self, field_dep):
        self.field_dep = field_dep

    def compute(self, get):
        val = get(field_dep)
        return val/2.0
```

If a postprocessing field depends only on basic fields to be calculated, the dependencies will be implicitly added to the postprocessor “on the fly” from the name alone:

```
field = DummyField("ABasicField")
pp = NSPostProcessor()
pp.add_field(field) # Implicitly adds ABasicField object
```

For non-basic dependencies, the dependencies have to be explicitly added *before* the field depending on it:

```
dependency = ANonBasicField("ABasicField")
field = DummyField(dependency.name)
pp.add_field(dependency) # Added before field
pp.add_field(field) # pp now knows about dependency
```

Modules:

5.3.1 cbcflow.fields.Delta module

Classes

class cbcflow.fields.Delta.Delta

Bases: Field

before_first_compute(*get*)

compute(*get*)

classmethod default_params()

5.3.2 cbcflow.fields.DynamicViscosity module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.DynamicViscosity.DynamicViscosity (params=None, label=None)
    Bases: SolutionField
```

5.3.3 cbcflow.fields.FluidDensity module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.FluidDensity.FluidDensity (params=None, label=None)
    Bases: SolutionField
```

5.3.4 cbcflow.fields.KinematicViscosity module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.KinematicViscosity.KinematicViscosity (params=None, label=None)
    Bases: SolutionField
```

5.3.5 cbcflow.fields.KineticEnergy module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.KineticEnergy.KineticEnergy
    Bases: Field
    add_fields ()
    before_first_compute (get)
    compute (get)
```

5.3.6 cbcflow.fields.LocalCfl module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.LocalCfl.LocalCfl
    Bases: Field
    before_first_compute (get)
    compute (get)
```

5.3.7 cbcflow.fields.OSI module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.OSI.OSI
    Bases: Field
```



```

add_fields()
after_last_compute(get)
before_first_compute(get)
compute(get)
classmethod default_params()

```

5.3.8 cbcflow.fields.Pressure module

Classes

```

class cbcflow.fields.Pressure.Pressure(params=None, label=None)
    Bases: SolutionField

```

5.3.9 cbcflow.fields.PressureGradient module

Classes

```

class cbcflow.fields.PressureGradient.PressureGradient
    Bases: Field

    before_first_compute(get)
    compute(get)

```

5.3.10 cbcflow.fields.Q module

Classes

```

class cbcflow.fields.Q.Q
    Bases: Field

    before_first_compute(get)
    compute(get)
    classmethod default_params()

```

5.3.11 cbcflow.fields.StrainRate module

Classes

```

class cbcflow.fields.StrainRate.StrainRate
    Bases: Field

    before_first_compute(get)
    compute(get)

```

5.3.12 cbcflow.fields.StreamFunction module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.StreamFunction.StreamFunction
    Bases: Field
    before_first_compute (get)
    compute (get)
```

5.3.13 cbcflow.fields.Stress module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.Stress.Stress
    Bases: Field
    add_fields ()
    before_first_compute (get)
    compute (get)
```

5.3.14 cbcflow.fields.Velocity module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.Velocity.Velocity (params=None, label=None)
    Bases: SolutionField
```

5.3.15 cbcflow.fields.VelocityCurl module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.VelocityCurl.VelocityCurl
    Bases: Field
    compute (get)
```

5.3.16 cbcflow.fields.VelocityDivergence module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.VelocityDivergence.VelocityDivergence
    Bases: Field
    compute (get)
```

5.3.17 cbcflow.fields.VelocityGradient module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.VelocityGradient.VelocityGradient
    Bases: Field
    before_first_compute (get)
    compute (get)
```

5.3.18 cbcflow.fields.WSS module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.WSS.WSS
    Bases: Field
    add_fields ()
    before_first_compute (get)
    compute (get)
```

5.3.19 cbcflow.fields.converters module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.converters.PressureConverter
class cbcflow.fields.converters.VelocityConverter
```

5.3.20 cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics module

from AWSS import AWSS from ICI import ICI from LNWSS import LNWSS from LSA import LSA from MWSS
import MWSS from AOSI import AOSI from PLC import PLC from SCI import SCI from VDR import VDR

Modules:

cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.AOSI module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.AOSI.AOSI (aneurysm_domain, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: Field
    add_fields ()
    compute (get)
    classmethod default_params ()
```

cbcflo.fields.hemodynamics.AWSS module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.AWSS.AWSS (aneurysm_domain, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: Field

    add_fields()

    compute (get)

    classmethod default_params()
```

cbcflo.fields.hemodynamics.ICI module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.ICI.ICI (neck, pa_planes, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: Field

    add_fields()

    compute (get)

    classmethod default_params()
```

cbcflo.fields.hemodynamics.LNWSS module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.LNWSS.Logarithm
    Bases: MetaField

    compute (get)

class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.LNWSS.LNWSS (aneurysm_domain, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: Field

    add_fields()

    compute (get)

    classmethod default_params()
```

cbcflo.fields.hemodynamics.LSA module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.LSA.LSA (aneurysm_domain,      parent_artery,      *args,
                                             **kwargs)
    Bases: Field

    add_fields()

    compute (get)

    classmethod default_params()
```

cbcflo.fields.hemodynamics.MWSS module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.MWSS.MWSS (aneurysm_domain, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: Field
    add_fields()
    compute(get)
    classmethod default_params()
```

cbcflo.fields.hemodynamics.MinWSS module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.MinWSS.MinWSS (aneurysm_domain, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: Field
    add_fields()
    compute(get)
    classmethod default_params()
```

cbcflo.fields.hemodynamics.PLC module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.PLC.PLC (upstream_planes, downstream_planes, rho, *args,
                                             **kwargs)
    Bases: Field
    add_fields()
    compute(get)
    classmethod default_params()
```

cbcflo.fields.hemodynamics.SCI module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.SCI.SCI (aneurysm, near_vessel, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: Field
    add_fields()
    compute(get)
    classmethod default_params()
```

cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.VDR module

Classes

```
class cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.VDR.VDR(aneurysm, near_vessel, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: Field
    add_fields()
    compute(get)
    classmethod default_params()
```

Functions

```
cbcflow.fields.hemodynamics.VDR.epsilon(u)
```

5.4 cbcflow.schemes module

A collection of Navier-Stokes schemes.

Modules:

5.4.1 cbcflow.schemes.official module

These *official* schemes have been validated against reference solutions.

Modules:

cbcflow.schemes.official.ipcs module

This scheme follows the same logic as in *IPCS_Naive*, but with a few notable exceptions.

A parameter θ is added to the diffusion and convection terms, allowing for different evaluation of these, and the convection is handled semi-implicitly:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} (\tilde{u}^{n+1} - u^n) - \nabla \cdot \nu \nabla \tilde{u}^{n+\theta} + u^* \cdot \nabla \tilde{u}^{n+\theta} + \nabla p^n = f^{n+1},$$

where

$$u^* = \frac{3}{2}u^n - \frac{1}{2}u^{n-1},$$

$$\tilde{u}^{n+\theta} = \theta \tilde{u}^{n+1} + (1 - \theta) u^n.$$

This convection term is unconditionally stable, and with $\theta = 0.5$, this equation is second order in time and space ¹.

In addition, the solution process is significantly faster by solving for each of the velocity components separately, making for D number of smaller linear systems compared to a large system D times the size.

¹ Simo, J. C., and F. Armero. *Unconditional stability and long-term behavior of transient algorithms for the incompressible Navier-Stokes and Euler equations*. Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering 111.1 (1994): 111-154.

Classes

```
class cbcflow.schemes.official.ipcs.IPCS (params=None)
    Bases: cbcflow.core.nsscheme.NSScheme

    Incremental pressure-correction scheme, fast and stable version.

    classmethod default_params ()

    solve (problem, timer)
```

Functions

```
cbcflow.schemes.official.ipcs.update_extrapolation (u_est, u1, u0, theta)
```

cbcflow.schemes.official.ipcs_naive module

This incremental pressure correction scheme (IPCS) is an operator splitting scheme that follows the idea of Goda¹. This scheme preserves the exact same stability properties as Navier-Stokes and hence does not introduce additional dissipation in the flow.

The idea is to replace the unknown pressure with an approximation. This is chosen as the pressure solution from the previous solution.

The time discretization is done using backward Euler, the diffusion term is handled with Crank-Nicholson, and the convection is handled explicitly, making the equations completely linear. Thus, we have a discretized version of the Navier-Stokes equations as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Delta t} (u^{n+1} - u^n) - \nabla \cdot \nu \nabla u^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + u^n \cdot \nabla u^n + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p^{n+1} &= f^{n+1}, \\ \nabla \cdot u^{n+1} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $u^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}u^{n+1} + \frac{1}{2}u^n$.

For the operator splitting, we use the pressure solution from the previous timestep as an estimation, giving an equation for a tentative velocity, \tilde{u}^{n+1} :

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} (\tilde{u}^{n+1} - u^n) - \nabla \cdot \nu \nabla \tilde{u}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + u^n \cdot \nabla u^n + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p^n = f^{n+1}.$$

This tentative velocity is not divergence free, and thus we define a velocity correction $u^c = u^{n+1} - \tilde{u}^{n+1}$. Subtracting the second equation from the first, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Delta t} u^c - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \nu \nabla u^c + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla (p^{n+1} - p^n) &= 0, \\ \nabla \cdot u^c &= -\nabla \cdot \tilde{u}^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

The operator splitting is a first order approximation, $O(\Delta t)$, so we can, without reducing the order of the approximation simplify the above to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Delta t} u^c + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla (p^{n+1} - p^n) &= 0, \\ \nabla \cdot u^c &= -\nabla \cdot \tilde{u}^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

¹ Goda, Katuhiko. *A multistep technique with implicit difference schemes for calculating two-or three-dimensional cavity flows*. Journal of Computational Physics 30.1 (1979): 76-95.

which is reducible to a Poisson problem:

$$\Delta p^{n+1} = \Delta p^n + \frac{\rho}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \tilde{u}^{n+1}.$$

The corrected velocity is then easily calculated from

$$u^{n+1} = \tilde{u}^{n+1} - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} \nabla (p^{n+1} - p^n)$$

The scheme can be summarized in the following steps:

1. Replace the pressure with a known approximation and solve for a tentative velocity \tilde{u}^{n+1} .
2. Solve a Poisson equation for the pressure, p^{n+1}
3. Use the corrected pressure to find the velocity correction and calculate u^{n+1}
4. Update t, and repeat.

Classes

```
class cbcflow.schemes.official.ipcs_naive.IPCS_Naive (params=None)
    Bases: cbcflow.core.nsscheme.NSScheme
    Incremental pressure-correction scheme, naive implementation.
    classmethod default_params ()
    solve (problem, timer)
```

Functions

```
cbcflow.schemes.official.ipcs_naive.epsilon (u)
    Return symmetric gradient.
cbcflow.schemes.official.ipcs_naive.sigma (u, p, mu)
    Return stress tensor.
```

5.4.2 cbcflow.schemes.utils module

Utility functions and classes shared between scheme implementations.

Modules:

cbcflow.schemes.utils.spaces module

Functions

```
cbcflow.schemes.utils.spaces.galerkin_family (degree)
cbcflow.schemes.utils.spaces.decide_family (family, degree)
```


Classes

class cbcflow.schemes.utils.NSSpacePoolMixed (*mesh, u_degree, p_degree, u_family='auto', p_family='auto'*)

Bases: cbcflow.schemes.utils.spaces.NSSpacePool

A function space pool with custom named spaces for use with mixed Navier-Stokes schemes.

class cbcflow.schemes.utils.NSSpacePoolSplit (*mesh, u_degree, p_degree, u_family='auto', p_family='auto'*)

Bases: cbcflow.schemes.utils.spaces.NSSpacePool

A function space pool with custom named spaces for use with split Navier-Stokes schemes.

class cbcflow.schemes.utils.NSSpacePool (*mesh, u_degree, p_degree, u_family='auto', p_family='auto'*)

A function space pool with custom named spaces for use with Navier-Stokes schemes.

DQ

Vector valued space for pressure gradient.

DQ0

Scalar valued space for pressure gradient component.

DU

Vector valued space for gradients of single velocity components.

DU0

Scalar valued space for gradient component of single velocity component.

DV

Tensor valued space for gradients of velocity vector.

Q

Scalar valued space for pressure.

U

Scalar valued space for velocity components.

V

Vector valued space for velocity vector.

W

Mixed velocity-pressure space.

class cbcflow.schemes.utils.NSSpacePoolSegregated (*mesh, u_degree, p_degree, u_family='auto', p_family='auto'*)

Bases: cbcflow.schemes.utils.spaces.NSSpacePool

A function space pool with custom named spaces for use with segregated Navier-Stokes schemes.

class cbcflow.schemes.utils.RhsGenerator (*space*)

Bases: object

Class for storing the instructions to create the RHS vector **b**. The two main purposes of this class are:

- make it easy to define the LHS and RHS in the same place
- make it easy to generate RHS from matrix-XXX products, where XXX may be either * a Constant (which can be projected to a vector at once) * an Expression (which must be projected each time, because its parameters may change) * a Function

Functions

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.make_rhs_pressure_bcs (problem, spaces, bcs, v)`

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.assign_ics_mixed (up0, spaces, ics)`

Assign initial conditions from ics to up0.

up0 is a mixed function in spaces.W = spaces.V * spaces.Q, while ics = (icu, icp); icu = (icu0, icu1, ...).

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.assign_ics_split (u0, p0, spaces, ics)`

Assign initial conditions from ics to u0, p0.

u0 is a vector valued function in spaces.V and p0 is a scalar function in spaces.Q, while ics = (icu, icp); icu = (icu0, icu1, ...).

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.compute_regular_timesteps (problem)`

Compute fixed timesteps for problem.

The first timestep will be T0 while the last timestep will be in the interval [T, T+dt).

Returns (dt, timesteps, start_timestep).

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.create_solver (solver, preconditioner='default')`

Create solver from arguments. Should be flexible to handle

- strings specifying the solver and preconditioner types
- PETScKrylovSolver/PETScPreconditioner objects
- petsc4py.PETSC.KSP/petsc4py.PETSC.pc objects

or any combination of the above

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.make_seggregated_velocity_bcs (problem, spaces, bcs)`

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.make_velocity_bcs (problem, spaces, bcs)`

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.assign_ics_seggregated (u0, p0, spaces, ics)`

Assign initial conditions from ics to u0[:, p0.

u0 is a list of scalar functions each in spaces.U and p0 is a scalar function in spaces.Q, while ics = (icu, icp); icu = (icu0, icu1, ...).

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.make_pressure_bcs (problem, spaces, bcs)`

`cbcflow.schemes.utils.make_mixed_velocity_bcs (problem, spaces, bcs)`

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