

Dynamic Discrete Ordinate Method in Solving Boltzmann Equation for Gas Flows

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- II. Discrete Ordinate Method (DOM)
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I. Boltzmann Equation

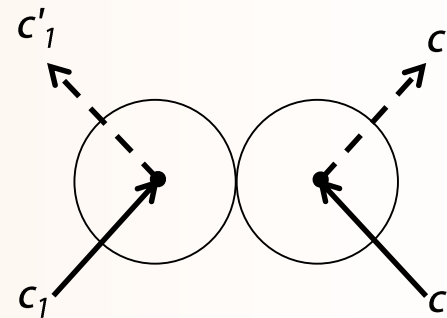
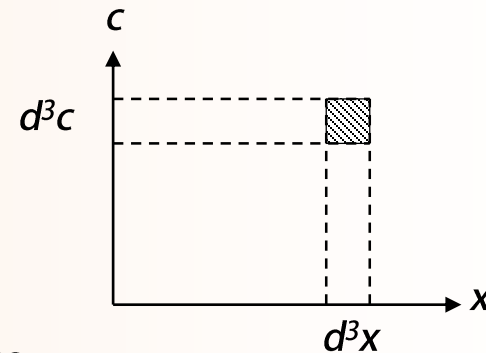
- Transport equation of velocity distribution function (f) of number density (n)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(\vec{x}, \vec{c}, t) d^3c = n$$

- Assumptions on gas molecules

- Identical spherical molecules with same mass
- Dilute gas
- Elastic collision:

$$\vec{c} + \vec{c}_1 = \vec{c}' + \vec{c}'_1 \quad ; \quad \vec{c}^2 + \vec{c}_1^2 = \vec{c}'^2 + \vec{c}'_1^2$$



I. Boltzmann Equation

- Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \bar{c} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{X}} + \bar{F} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{c}} = \Omega(f)$$

where the collision integral: $\Omega(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (f' f_1' - f f_1) g b db d\epsilon d^3 c_1$

- Hydrodynamic moments

$$\rho = m \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f d^3 c \quad \rho \bar{u} = m \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{c} f d^3 c$$

$$\rho e = m \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2} (\bar{c} - \bar{u})^2 f d^3 c$$

($m = 1$ if particle mass is used as a unit scale to measure mass)

Equilibrium State

- Equilibrium velocity distribution function (Maxwellian)

$$f^{eq}(\bar{c}) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{m}{2kT} \left[(\bar{c} - \bar{u})^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$\Omega(f^{eq}) = 0$$

- Therefore, $\Omega = \nu(f^{eq} - f)$ is mathematically exact where the collision frequency is a function of n and c .

Boltzmann Equation with BGK Model

- Bhatnagar-Gross-Krook (BGK) collision model:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \bar{c} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{X}} + \bar{F} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{c}} = \nu (f^{eq} - f)$$

$$f^{eq}(\bar{c}) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp \left[-\frac{m}{2kT} (\bar{c} - \bar{u})^2 \right]$$

- Coupling with hydrodynamic moments

$$Q_i = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_i f d^3c \quad ; \quad Q_i = (\rho, \rho \bar{u}, e) \quad ; \quad \psi_i = \left[1, \bar{c}, \frac{1}{2} (\bar{c} - \bar{u})^2 \right]$$

- Leading to incorrect Prandtl number (Pr) when the collision frequency is

taken as constant: $\mu = \frac{p}{\nu} \quad \kappa = \frac{5}{2} \frac{k}{m} \frac{p}{\nu} \quad Pr = 1$

Boltzmann BGK Equation in 2 and 1 Dimensions

- Defining $f_2(\bar{x}, \bar{c}_2, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(\bar{x}, \bar{c}_2, c_3, t) dc_3$ and assuming $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_3} = 0$
- Integrating the 3-D BGK Boltzmann equation,

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial t} + \bar{c}_2 \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \bar{x}_2} + \bar{F} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \bar{c}_2} = \nu (f_2^{eq} - f_2) \quad ; \quad f_2^{eq}(\bar{c}_2) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right) \exp \left[-\frac{m}{2kT} (\bar{c}_2 - \bar{u}_2)^2 \right]$$

$$Q_i = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_i f_2 d^2 c \quad ; \quad Q_i = (\rho, \rho \bar{u}_2, e) \quad ; \quad \psi_i = \left[1, \bar{c}_2, \frac{1}{2} (\bar{c}_2 - \bar{u}_2)^2 \right]$$

- Similarly, for 1-D Boltzmann equation,

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + F \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial c} = \nu (f_1^{eq} - f_1) \quad ; \quad f_1^{eq}(c) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[-\frac{m}{2kT} (c - u)^2 \right]$$

$$Q_i = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_i f_1 dc \quad ; \quad Q_i = (\rho, \rho u, e) \quad ; \quad \psi_i = \left[1, c, \frac{1}{2} (c - u)^2 \right]$$

Boltzmann-BGK Equation Solvers

- Gas-Kinetic Scheme (GKS)
- Discrete Ordinate Method (DOM)
- Lattice Boltzmann Method (LBM)

II. Discrete Ordinate Method (DOM)

Basic Features of DOM

- Finite discrete velocity points

$$f(c_x, c_y, c_z) \Rightarrow [f_{1,1,1}, \dots, f_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}, \dots, f_{N_x, N_y, N_z}]$$

- Splitting method

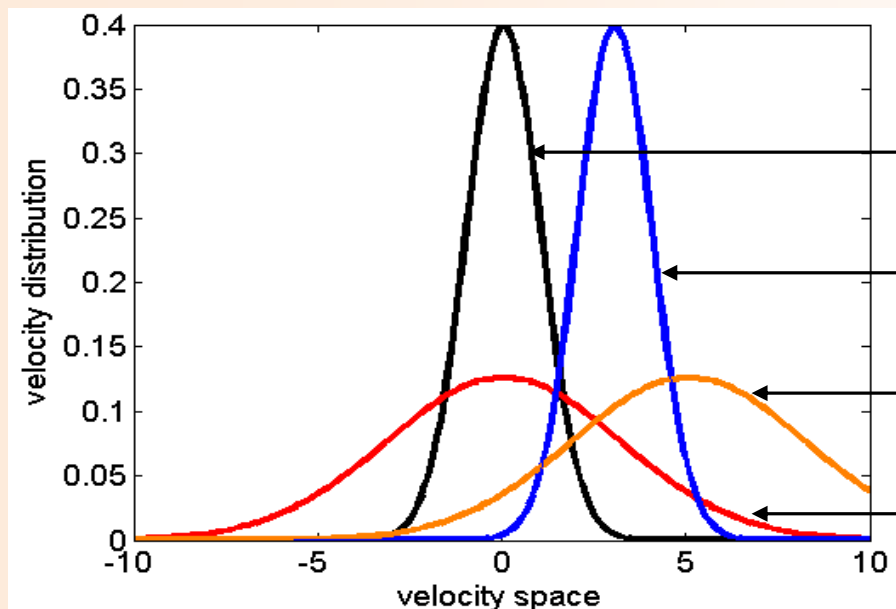
$$\frac{\partial f_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}}{\partial t} + \bar{c}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} \frac{\partial f_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}}{\partial \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}} = \Omega_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} \rightarrow \frac{\partial f_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}}{\partial t} + \bar{c}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} \frac{\partial f_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}}{\partial \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial f_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}}{\partial t} = \Omega_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$$

- Quadrature scheme

$$\iiint \psi_i f d\mathbf{c}^3 \approx \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_x} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_y} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{N_z} W_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} [\psi_i(\mathbf{c}) f(\mathbf{c})]_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$$

Difficulties of Conventional DOM

- Difficulties encountered for high Mach number flows.
- High demand on computational resource due to large number of quadrature points needed to recover f^{eq}
- Sensitivity of the discrete point selection



$$f^{eq}(\bar{c}) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp \left[-\frac{m}{2kT} (\bar{c} - \bar{u})^2 \right]$$

• Low velocity & temperature

• High velocity

• High velocity & temperature

• High temperature

Objectives

- To develop a simple, robust, and efficient DOM solver
 - Reformulation: DOM with Dynamic Quadrature Scheme (DQS)
 - Code development
 - Code validation
 - Code speed enhancement
 - Code parallelization

III. Dynamic Discrete Ordinate Method

- a. Dynamic Quadrature Scheme (DQS)
- b. Transformed Moment Integral
- c. Algorithm of Dynamic Discrete Ordinate Method (DDOM)

Dynamic Quadrature Scheme (DQS)

- Coordinate transformation of velocity space

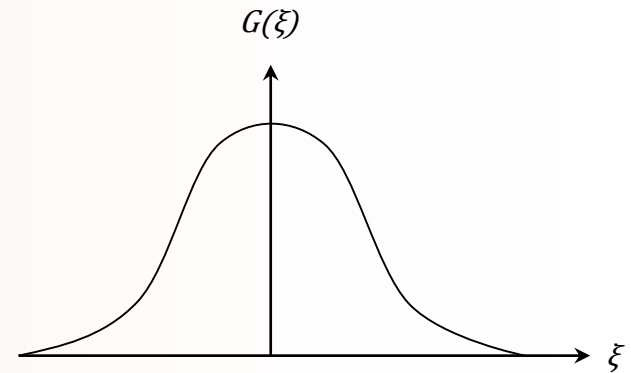
$$\bar{\xi} = \frac{\bar{c} - \bar{u}}{\sqrt{2RT}}$$

- Gaussian profile

$$f \approx f^{eq} = G(\bar{\xi}) = \exp^{-\bar{\xi}^2}$$

- Gaussian-Hermite quadrature

- Optimizing quadrature point distribution
- Equivalency to the first-order Chapman-Enskog expansion
- 3x3x3 quadrature points for recovery NSF equations for 3D case



$$Q = \iiint e^{-\bar{\xi}^2} (a_0 + \bar{a}_1 \bar{\xi} + \bar{a}_2 \bar{\xi}^2 + \dots) d\bar{\xi}^3$$

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} \sum_{k=1}^{N_z} W_{i,j,k} P_{i,j,k}^\alpha(\bar{\xi}) + O(Kn^\alpha)$$

- Dynamic nature

- \bar{c} changing with time and space for fixed $\bar{\xi}$

Transformed Moment Integral

- Transformed moment integral

$$Q_i = \iiint \psi_i(\bar{\xi}) f(\bar{\xi}) \left\| \bar{J} \right\| d\xi^3$$

- Gaussian-like integrand

$$Q = \iiint e^{-\bar{a}\bar{\xi}^2} (b_0 + \bar{b}_1\bar{\xi} + \bar{b}_2\bar{\xi}^2 + \dots) d\xi^3$$

Algorithm of Dynamic Discrete Ordinate Method

- Similar to the algorithm of DOM
 - Solving BGK Boltzmann equation in physical velocity space
 - Collision
 - Advection
 - Calculating hydrodynamic moments in transformed velocity space
 - DQS
 - Error of $O(Kn^2)$ with 3 x 3 x 3 Gaussian-Hermite quadrature
 - Collision modeling
 - Viscous flow (Chapman-Enskog expansion)

$$f = f^{eq} (1 + \phi) \quad \text{where} \quad \phi = -\frac{1}{\nu f^{eq}} \left(\frac{\partial f^{eq}}{\partial t} + \bar{c} \cdot \frac{\partial f^{eq}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right)$$

- Inviscid flow

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad \setminus \quad f = f^{eq}$$

IV. Numerical Results and Validations

- a. Hardware/software configuration
- b. One-dimensional Riemann problems
- c. Two-dimensional problems
 - Riemann problems
 - Backward-step problem
 - Shock-reflection problem
 - Cavity flow problems
- d. Performance comparison with Roe solver

Hardware/software configuration

- Dell T7400 with dual CPU of Intel Xeon 5482 @ 3.20GHz
- No any parallelization and optimization flag
- Fortran PGI 10.0

One-Dimensional Riemann Problems

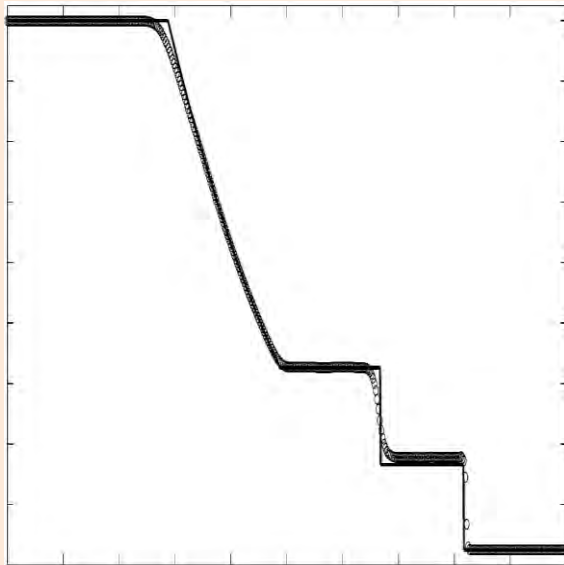
- Shock tube problems

Initial conditions	$\rho_l, \rho_l u_l$	$\rho_r, \rho_r u_r$	t_{final}
Sod (subsonic)	1, 1, 0	0.1, 0.125, 0	0.18
Sjogreen (subsonic)	1.8, 1, -1	1.8, 1, 1	0.14
Sjogreen (supersonic)	0.4, 1, -2	0.4, 1, 2	0.14

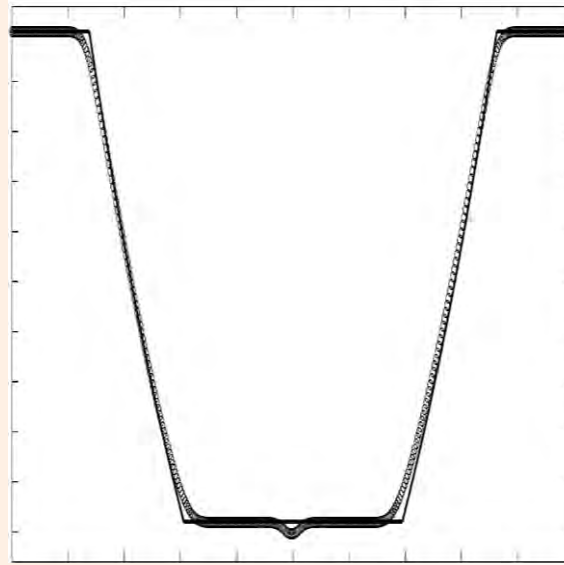
Numerical setting	grid nos.	quad. pts.	$\Delta t / \Delta x$
	400	3	0.125

One-Dimensional Riemann Problems

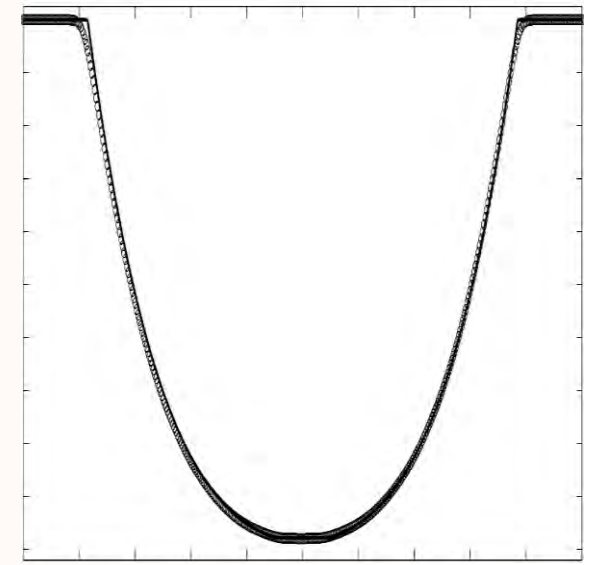
- Numerical result of density profile (reference to solid-line of exact solution)



Sod (subsonic)



Sjogreen (subsonic)



Sjogreen (supersonic)

One-Dimensional Riemann Problems

- 1-D speedup tests (with incomplete transformations)

DOM	DDOM-S	DDOM-P	DDOM
$\bar{\xi} = \bar{c}$	$\bar{\xi} = \bar{c} - \bar{u}$	$\bar{\xi} = \frac{\bar{c}}{\sqrt{2RT}}$	$\bar{\xi} = \frac{\bar{c} - \bar{u}}{\sqrt{2RT}}$

Sod (subsonic)	DOM	DDOM-S	DDOM-P	DDOM
Quad. Pts.	18	14	8	3
Speedup	1.00	0.88	1.45	4.27
Quad. Eff.	1.00	1.46	1.55	1.46

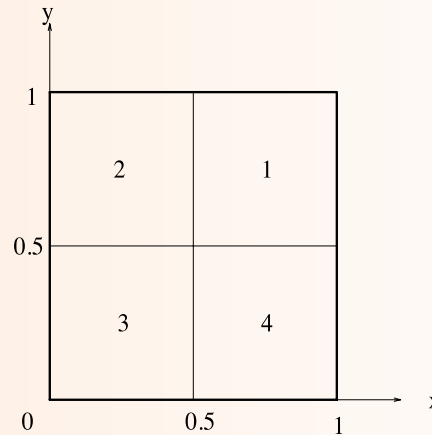
Sjogreen (supersonic)	DOM	DDOM-S	DDOM-P	DDOM
Quad. Pts.	20	24	14	3
Speedup	1.00	0.57	0.99	4.82
Quad. Eff.	1.00	1.46	1.42	1.38

Two-Dimensional Problems

- 2-D Riemann problem
- Backward-step problem
- Shock-reflection problem
- Cavity flow problem
- 2-D speedup tests

Two-Dimensional Problems

- 2-D Riemann problems

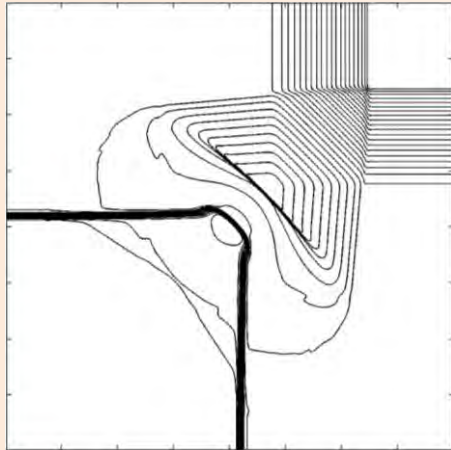


Initial conditions		left	right	t_{final}
Conf. 7 (subsonic) [p, ρ, u, v]	upper	0.4, 0.5197, -0.6259, 0.1	1, 1, 0.1, 0.1	0.25
	lower	0.4, 0.8, 0.1, 0.1	0.4, 0.5197, 0.1, -0.6259	
Conf. 15 (supersonic) [p, ρ, u, v]	upper	0.4, 0.5197, -0.6259, -0.3	1, 1, 0.1, -0.3	0.20
	lower	0.4, 0.8, 0.1, -0.3	0.4, 0.5313, 0.1, 0.4276	
Conf. 5 (supersonic) [p, ρ, u, v]	upper	1, 2, -0.75, 0.5	1, 1, -0.75, -0.5	0.23
	lower	1, 1, 0.75, 0.5	1, 3, 0.75, -0.5	

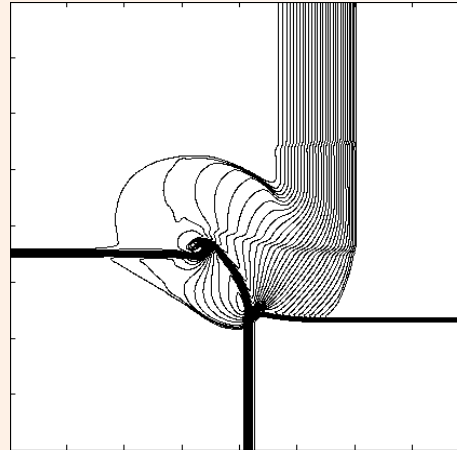
Numerical setting	grid nos.	quad. pts.	$\Delta t / \Delta x$
	400 x 400	2 x 2	0.125

Two-Dimensional Problems

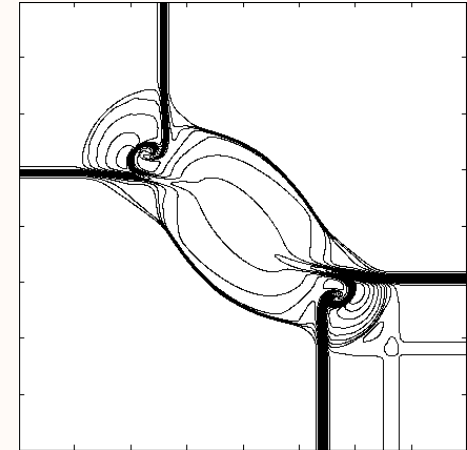
- Numerical result of density contours (reference to Riemann solver)



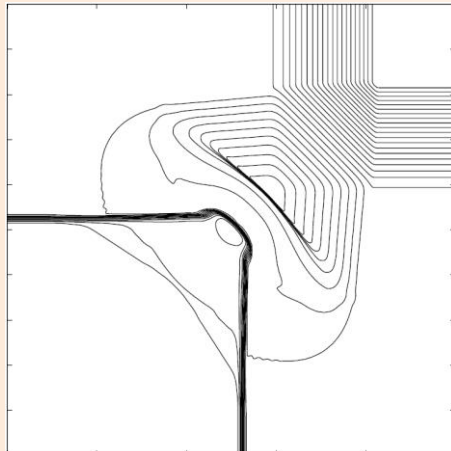
Conf. 7 (DDOM)



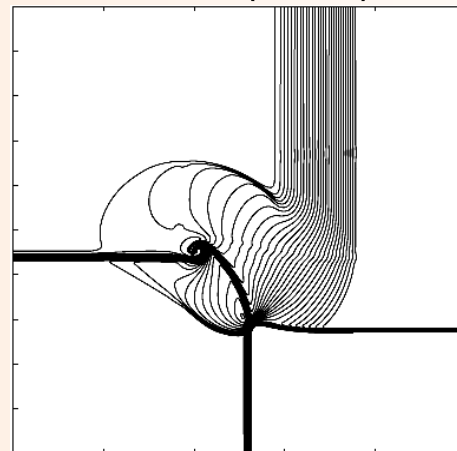
Conf. 15 (DDOM)



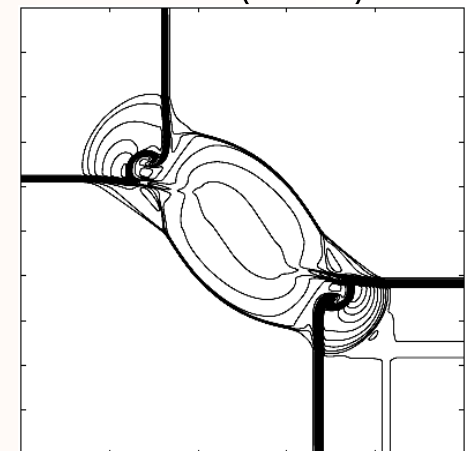
Conf. 5 (DDOM)



Conf. 7 [Lax and Liu (1998)]



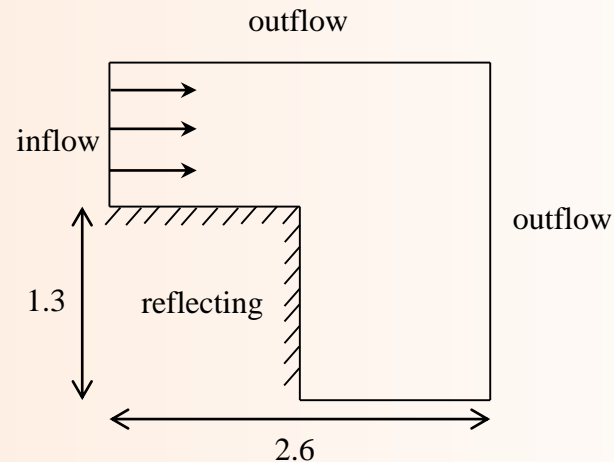
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Conf. 5 [Lax and Liu (1998)]

Two-Dimensional Problems

- Backward-step problem

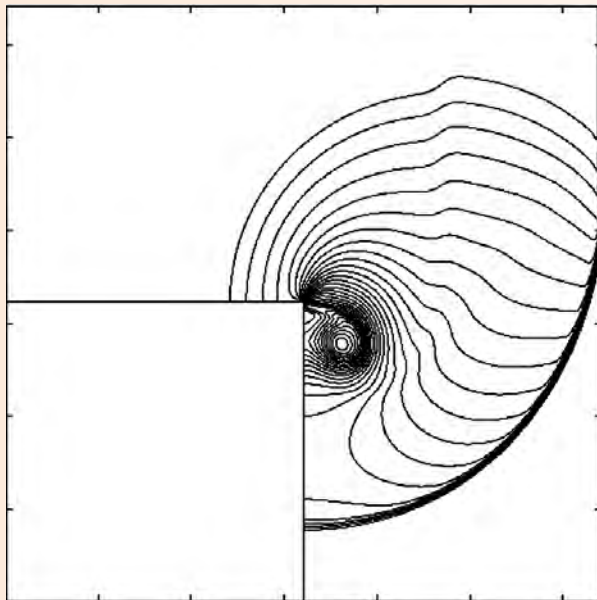


Initial conditions	p	ρ	u	v
inflow	2.4583	1.8620	0.8216	0
outflow	1	1	0	0

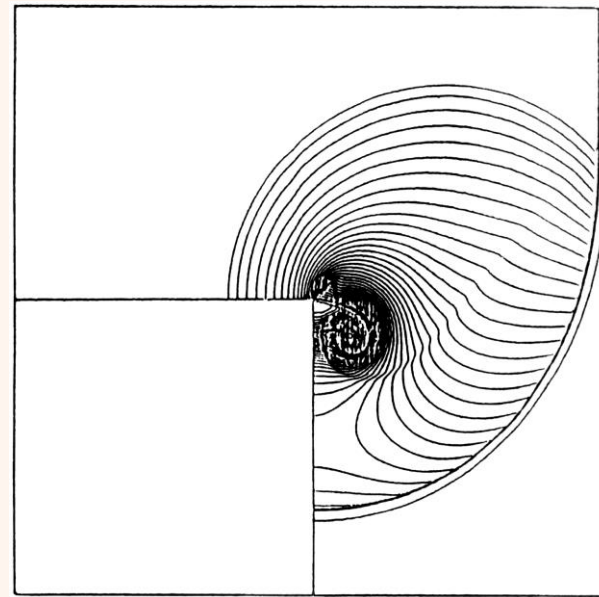
Numerical setting	grid. nos.	quad. pts.	$\Delta t / \Delta x$	t_{final}
	320 x 320	3 x 3	0.125	0.75

Two-Dimensional Problems

- Numerical result of density contours (reference to Riemann solver)



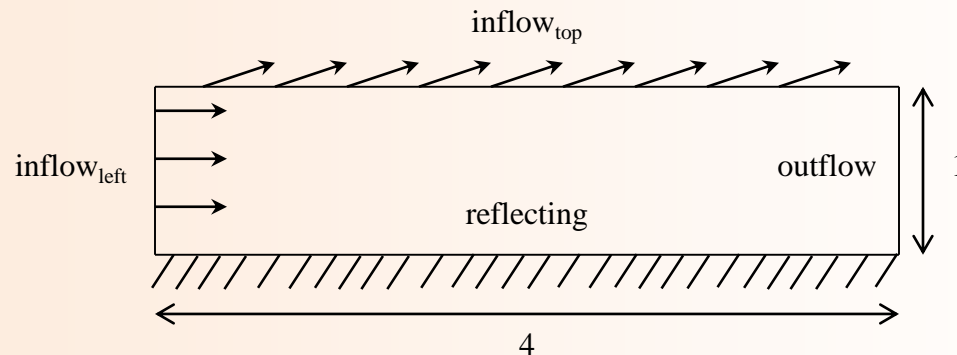
Backward-step (DDOM)



Backward-step [Takayama and Inoue (1991)]

Two-Dimensional Problems

- Shock-reflection problem

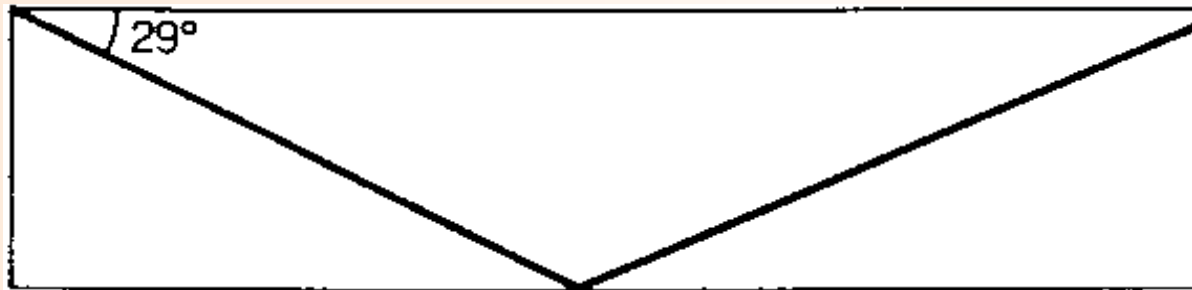


Boundary conditions	p	ρ	u	v
top	1.5282	1.69997	2.61934	0.50632
left	0.7143	1	2.9	0

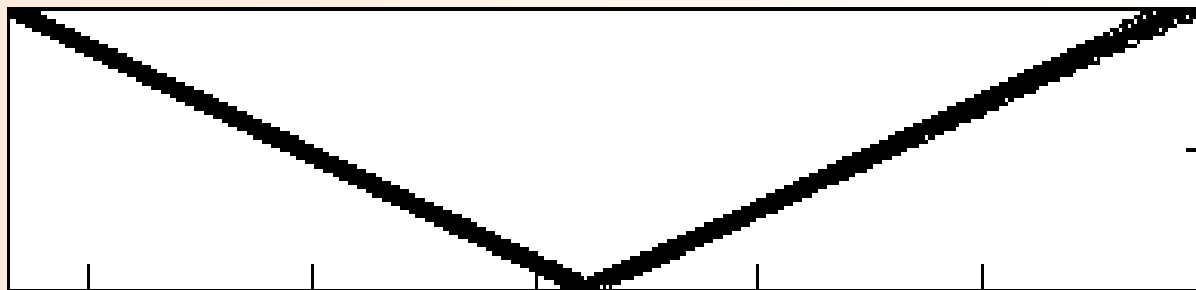
Numerical setting	grid. nos.	quad. pts.	$\Delta t / \Delta x$	t_{final}
	800 x 200	3 x 3	0.125	2.0

Two-Dimensional Problems

- Numerical result of pressure contours (reference to theoretical prediction)



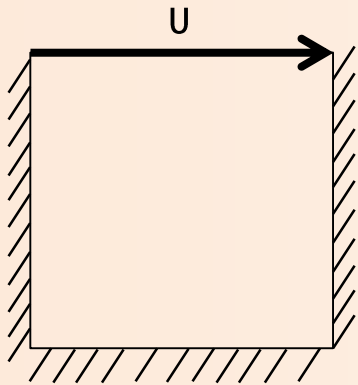
Shock-reflection [Colella (1987)]



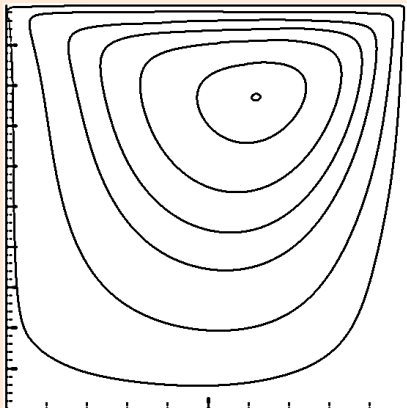
Shock-reflection (DDOM)

Two-Dimensional Problems

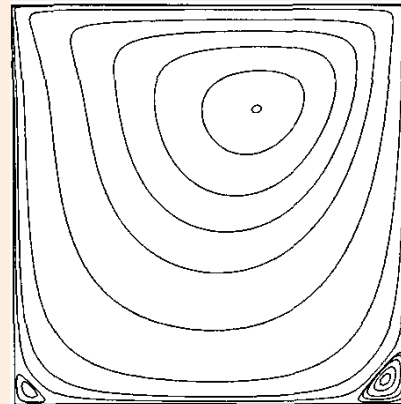
- Steady state solution of cavity flow (reference to LBM solver)



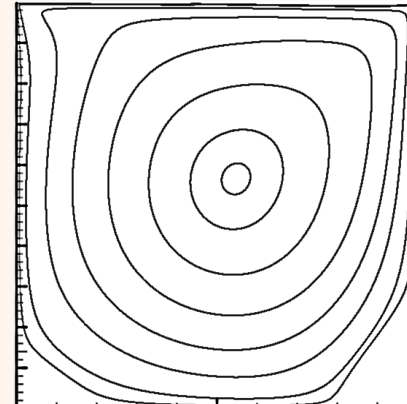
Re	Mach nos.	U_{top}	U_{side}	grid nos.	quad. pts.	$\Delta t / \Delta x$	t_{final}
100	0.15	0.1	0	502 x 502	3x3	0.3	¥
1,000	0.15	1	0	502 x 502	3x3	0.3	¥



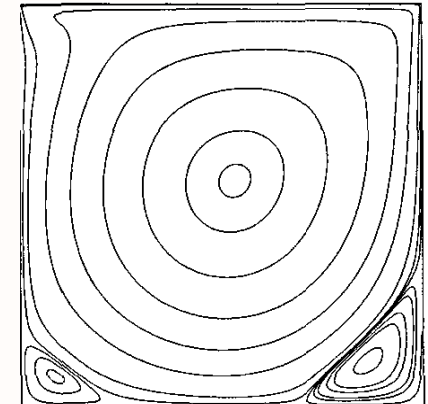
Re = 100 (DDOM)



Re = 100 [Hou et al.(1995)]



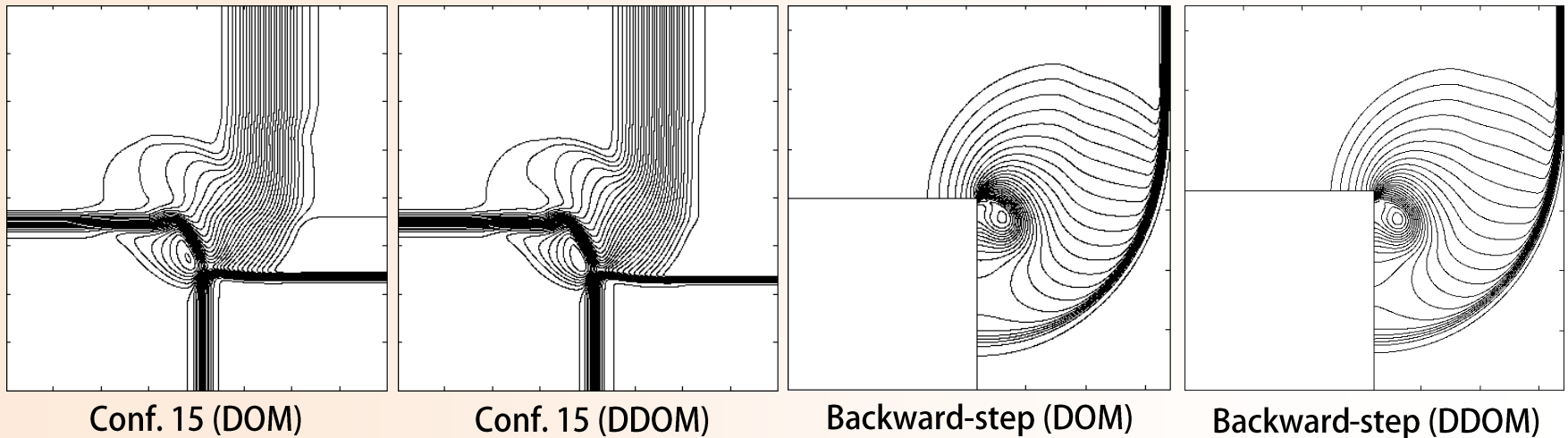
Re = 1,000 (DDOM)



Re = 1,000 [Hou et al.(1995)]

Two-Dimensional Problems

- 2-D speedup tests (Riemann and Backward-step problems)



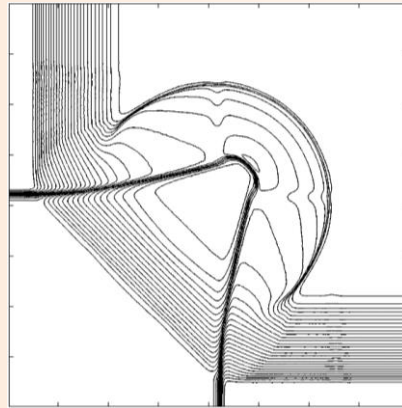
Convergence rate	Quad. Pts.		Speedup	
	DOM	DDOM	DOM	DDOM
Riemann	256	4	1.00	20.09
Backward-Step	324	9	1.00	14.98

Performance Comparison with Roe Solver

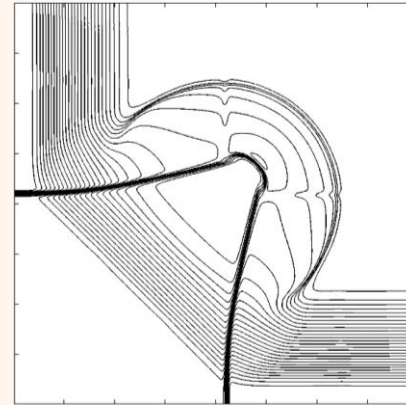
- Roe solver by *CLAWPACK* (approximated Riemann solver)
 - Stable
 - Efficient
 - Low-numerical viscosity
- Enhanced DDOM solver
 - Inviscid flow model
 - Fast-scheme + Adaptive quadrature method

Performance Comparison with Roe Solver

- Speedup tests (Conf. 8 of 2D Riemann problem with 400 x 400 grids)



Enhanced DDOM

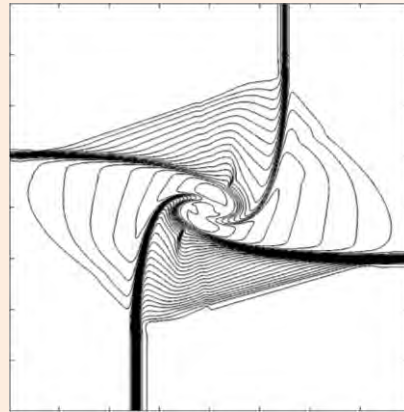


Splitting (Roe)

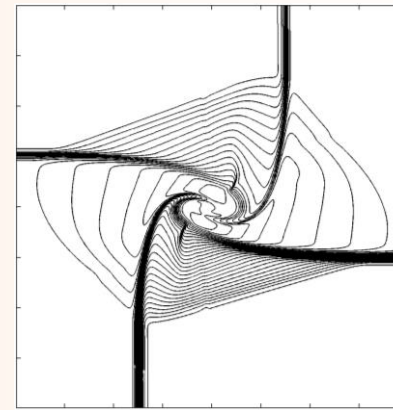
- DDOM is 14% faster than Roe Solver

Performance Comparison with Roe Solver

- Speedup tests (Conf. 6 of 2D Riemann problem with 400 x 400 grids)



Enhanced DDOM



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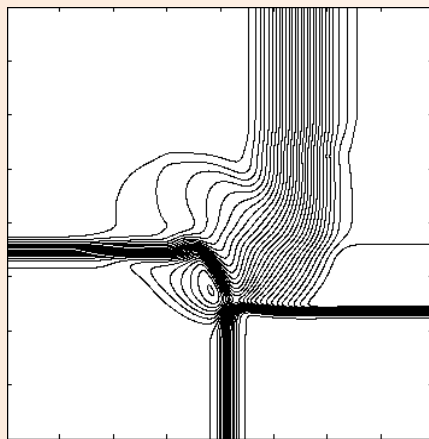
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Concluding Remarks on 2-D DDOM

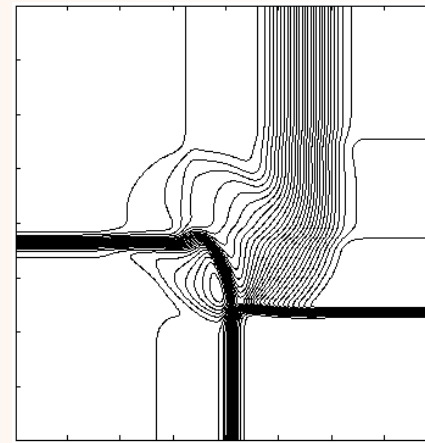
1. 2D-DDOM code is 20 times faster than conventional DOM.
2. Enhanced 2D-DDOM code is 14% faster than Roe solver.
3. With single CPU, real running time about 100 seconds for the 2-D Riemann problems of very short time (0.3 second).
4. Estimated time, for 3-D Riemann problem with grid $400 \times 400 \times 400$ and quadrature $3 \times 3 \times 3$, will be about 33 hours.
5. Parallel computing is inevitable for practical 3-D DDOM simulations.

Preliminary 3-D Test Results

- Riemann problem with $400 \times 400 \times 10$ grids



Conf. 15 (subsonic) with DOM



Conf. 15 (subsonic) with DDOM

- 200 times speedup

Conf. 15 (subsonic)	Quad. pts.	Speedup	Cost/step/grid(ms)
DDOM	$2 \times 2 \times 2$	232X	1.31
DOM	$16 \times 16 \times 16$	1X	304.

V. Massively Parallel Computation

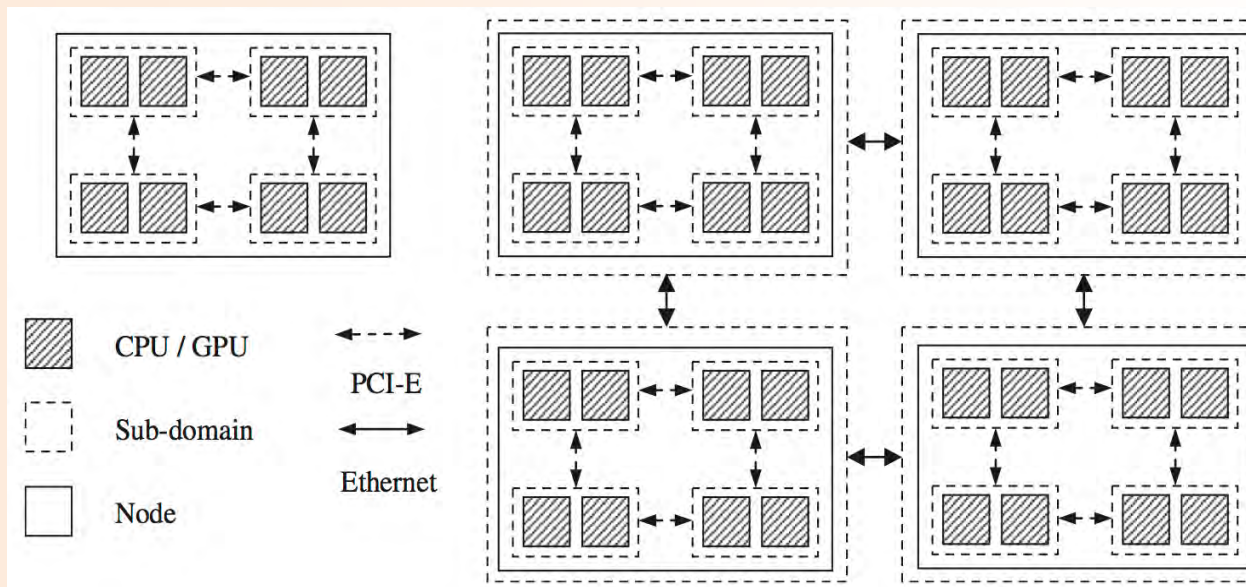
- a. Features of DDOM for parallelization
- b. Methods of parallel computing
- c. Hardware configuration
- d. Performance tests

Features of DDOM for Parallelization

- Uncoupled features
 - Spatial space (x , y , and z grid system)
 - Velocity space (G_α , G_β and G_γ quadrature points)
- Data-localization
 - Nearby spatial and velocity space data
 - Low data accessing time
- Simple algebraic algorithm
 - No iteration
 - Only algebraic operation

Methods of Parallel Computing

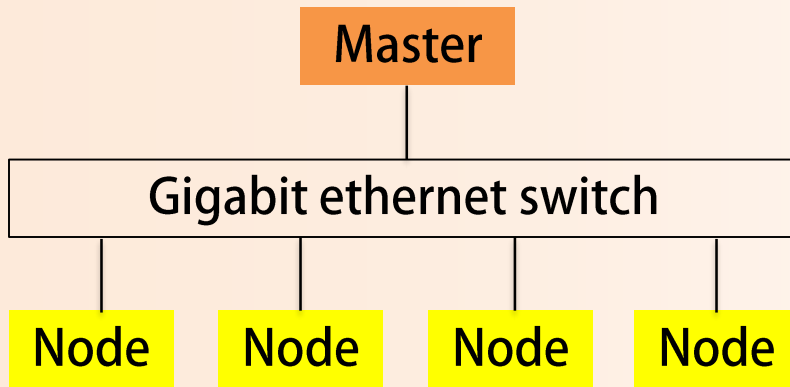
- Parallel programming methods
 - Domain decomposition
 - Parallel programs (OpenMP, MPI, CUDA)



Hybrid parallelism model

Hardware Configurations

- Beowulf cluster



Schematic of Beowulf cluster



Setup of Beowulf cluster



Platform	Device	Node	Core/Node	Processor/Core	Processor
Cluster	Intel W5590	8	2	4	64
Cluster	Nvidia GTX 460	2	2	336	1,344
	Intel W5590				

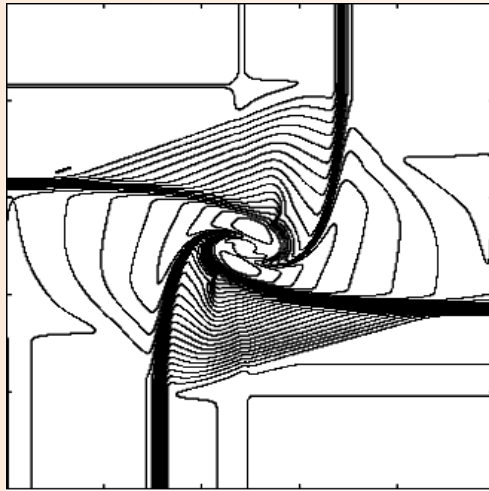
Test Problems and Settings

Test problems		Grid nos.	Quad. pts.	Scheme	Parallel-level
A	2-D Riemann	2,500 x 2,500	3 x 3	Standard	Thread
B	2-D Riemann*	640 x 640 x 44	3 x 3 x 3	Fast	Data
C	2-D Cavity flow	1,024 x 1,024	3 x 3	Standard	Data

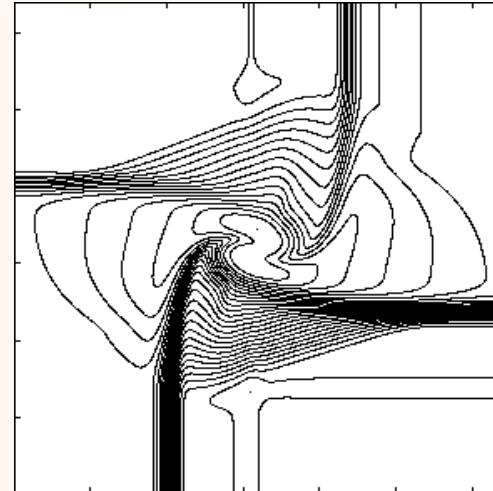
Test nos.	Program	Memory	Node	Core / GPU
A	OpenMP/MPI	Shared/Distributed	8	16 / 32 / 64
B	OpenMP/MPI/CUDA	Shared/Distributed	2	1 / 2 / 4
C	OpenMP/MPI/CUDA	Shared/Distributed	2	1 / 2 / 4

* 2-D Riemann problem calculated with 3D-DDOM code, where the gradient of the macroscopic variables in z-direction are given as zero.

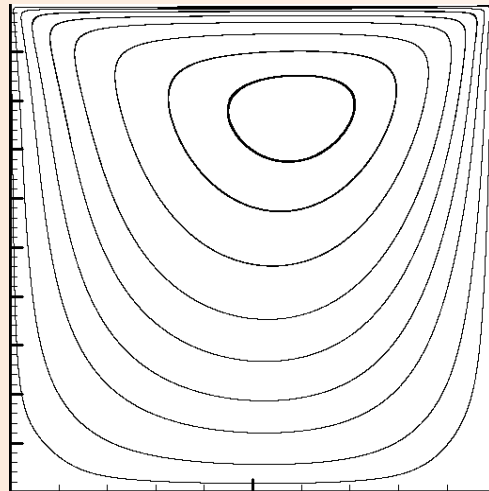
Preliminary Results of Parallel-DDOM



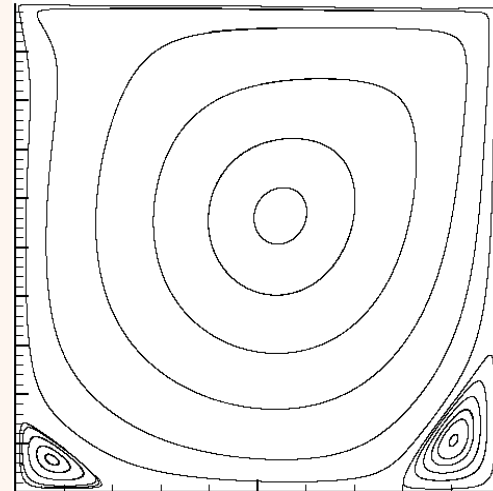
Test A, 2D DDOM (CPU)



Test B, 3D DDOM (GPU)



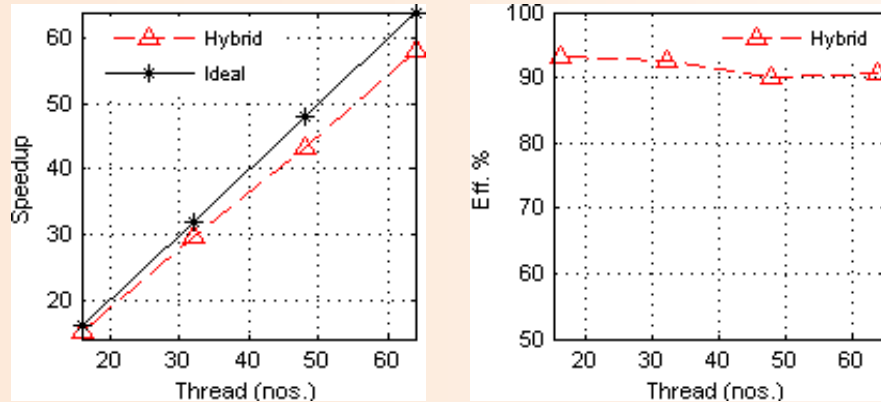
Test C, Cavity Flow at $Re=100$ by (GPU)



Test C, Cavity Flow at $Re=1,000$ by (GPU)

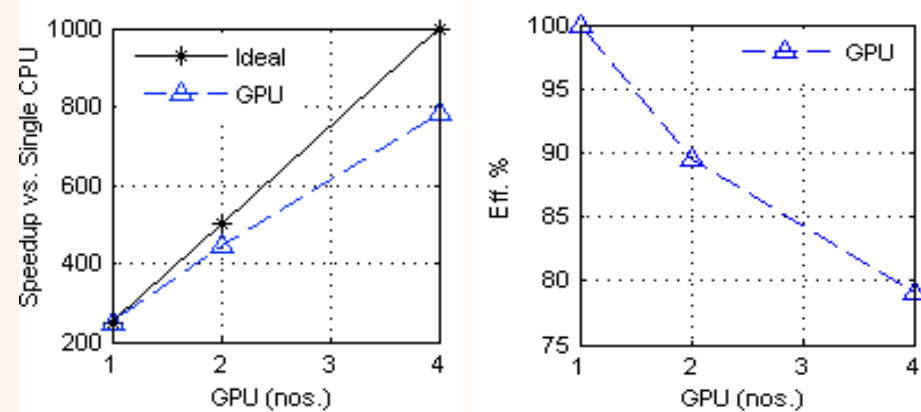
Parallel-DDOM Performance

Test A with CPU-Cluster



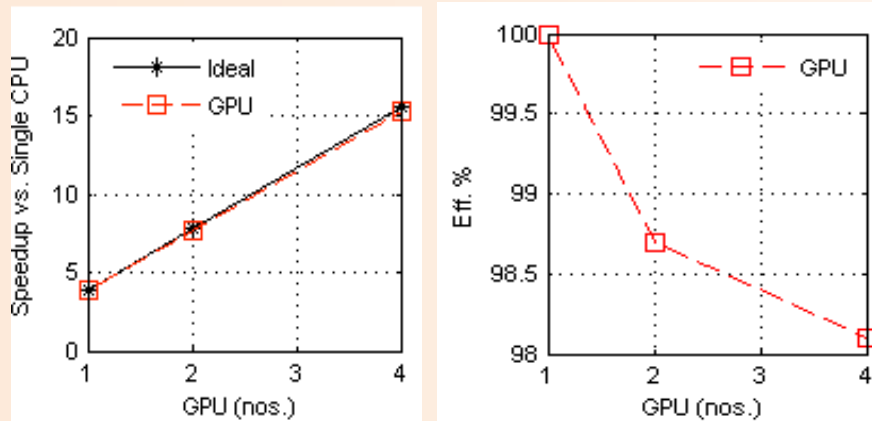
(2D Riemann | Δ OpenMP/MPI)

Test B with GPU-Cluster



(3D Riemann | Δ OpenMP/MPI/CUDA)

Test C with GPU-Cluster



(2D Cavity Flow | \square OpenMP/MPI/CUDA)

- Over 90% parallel efficiency of parallel-DDOM solver is achieved for CPU-cluster.
- Around 80 to 90 % parallel efficiency of parallel-DDOM solver is achieved for GPU-cluster.
- Parallel DDOM is a good candidate for parallel computing.

- DDOM Code Summary

Robust	Inviscid flow	✓
	Viscous flow	✓
	Incompressible flow	✓
	Compressible flow	✓

Efficient	Quadrature points	2x2x2 — 3x3x3 for 3D case
	Speedup over DOM	Around 20X for 2D case
	Performance	Efficiency as Roe solver

Scalable	Speedup by CPU cluster	Over 57X @ 90% parallel efficiency
	Speedup by GPU cluster	Over 780X @ 80% parallel efficiency

VI. Conclusions

1. DOM was reviewed to reveal its low-efficiency deficiency at high Mach number.
2. DQS was proposed and implemented to DOM, termed as DDOM, to resolve the deficiency of DOM.
3. One and two-dimensional DDOM codes were developed and tested to show the codes are robust applicable to different type of flows.

VI. Conclusions

4. The 1-D DDOM code is 5-times faster than conventional 1-D DOM code, and 20-times faster for 2-D DDOM code.
5. Further enhancement of the 2-D DDOM code achieved 14% faster than Roe solver.
6. Parallel 2-D and 3-D DDOM codes have been developed and preliminarily tested.
7. Over 90% parallel efficiency has been achieved with 64-CPU cluster, and about 80 to 90% parallel efficiency with 4-GPU cluster (780 times speedup).

THANK YOU