

Numerical resolution of a two fluid-two pressure model by a relaxation approach

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, a two fluid-two pressure approach for the modelling and computation of two-phase flows has gained interest. The basic set of equations was formulated in [1], [9], [7], [6]. In one space dimension and in the absence of source terms, they read, for $t > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \alpha_1 + u_I \partial_x \alpha_1 = 0, \\ \partial_t(\alpha_1 \rho_1) + \partial_x(\alpha_1 \rho_1 u_1) = 0, \\ \partial_t(\alpha_1 \rho_1 u_1) + \partial_x(\alpha_1 \rho_1 u_1^2 + \alpha_1 p_1(\rho_1)) - p_I \partial_x \alpha_1 = 0, \\ \partial_t(\alpha_2 \rho_2) + \partial_x(\alpha_2 \rho_2 u_2) = 0, \\ \partial_t(\alpha_2 \rho_2 u_2) + \partial_x(\alpha_2 \rho_2 u_2^2 + \alpha_2 p_2(\rho_2)) - p_I \partial_x \alpha_2 = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where α_1 , ρ_1 and u_1 (respectively $\alpha_2 = 1 - \alpha_1$, ρ_2 and u_2) represent the volume fraction, the density and the velocity of the phase 1 (resp. of the phase 2). The pressure laws p_k , $k = 1, 2$ are given smooth functions such that $p'_k(\rho_k) > 0$, $\lim_{\rho_k \rightarrow 0} p_k(\rho_k) = 0$ and $\lim_{\rho_k \rightarrow \infty} p_k(\rho_k) = +\infty$.

The system requires the definition of two closures, namely the interfacial velocity u_I and interfacial pressure p_I . We choose to set

$$u_I = u_2, \quad p_I = p_1(\rho_1). \quad (2)$$

This choice was proposed in [1]. We refer the reader to [5] for a comprehensive study of general closure laws concerning u_I and p_I . Relations (2) ensure that the void fraction is transported by a pure contact discontinuity and allow to give sense to the system even if it can not be written in a conservative form.

We propose here a numerical scheme for the approximation of the solutions of this system based on a relaxation approach [2], [3], [4], [8].

The starting point is that the structure of System (1) is the one of two Euler systems coupled by the wave u_I . Indeed it is on this wave that the non-conservative products $p_I \partial_x \alpha_k$, $k = 1, 2$, play a role. The relaxation scheme is thus constructed in a way to preserve in the best possible way the contact

discontinuity u_I and this is achieved by a particular treatment of non-conservative products.

We will prove that the proposed Riemann solver is conservative for the mass of each phase and for the total momentum and that it captures exactly the u_I -contacts discontinuities.

Actually, in a classical way, when we consider the whole resolution scheme the last property can not be guaranteed for moving contacts due to the averaging procedure. It still holds true for stationary contacts as well as the conservation properties.

We will illustrate the behavior of this scheme by different test cases.

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