Fluid-Structure Interaction Algorithms

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ABSTRACT

Fluid-Structure Interactions and Fluid-Fluid Interactions are numerically difficult because the geometry changes with time and because they require the coupling of variables of different physical origin such as velocities for the fluid part and derivative of displacements for the structural part.

At least two classes of problems have been investigated numerically extensively: blood flows [1] and free motions of objects in flows, whether self-propelled or passive and rigid or deformable [2].

A number of algorithms have been proposed, each with different coupling mechanisms. We shall review some of them and recall the mathematical results known for immersed boundaries [3], artificial density, fluid as solid, both with Finite Elements [4] or SPH [5], Eulerian/Lagrangian formulations [6], etc.

Algorithms that iterate between the structure and the fluid have usually restricted stability because of the "added mass effect"; we shall present a method that solves the fluid and solid variables in the same variational formulation by using a semi-linearization called "transpiration condition" [7]. The method is unconditionally stable for pipe flows. It will be illustrated with numerical results for blood flow and comparison with others methods [8].

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