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Research conducted at the Institute for Computer Applications in Science and Engineering in applied mathematics, numerical analysis and computer science during the period April 1, 1983 through September 30, 1983 is summarized.
INTRODUCTION

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b. Control and parameter identification problems, with emphasis on effective numerical methods;
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d. Computer systems and software, especially vector and parallel computers, microcomputers, and data management.

ICASE reports are considered to be primarily preprints of manuscripts that have been submitted to appropriate research journals or which are to appear in conference proceedings. A list of these reports for the period January 1, 1983, through September 30, 1983, follows a brief description of research in progress in the next section.
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Loyce M. Adams

Work has focused on the XFEM activity and related issues. The XFEM activity is an attempt by several ICASERs to design a parallel system for typical structural-analysis problems and is described by Pratt, et al., in ICASE Report No. 83-41 and in the Proceedings 1983 International Conference on Parallel Processing. Using the methodology in this report, Voigt and Adams examined the parallelism in the Finite Element Process – in particular, in the substructuring technique for solving the system of linear equations.

Work is beginning with R. A. Nicolaides to devise a parallel implementation for the solution of the biharmonic equation. The first approach will include a finite element discretization of the problem domain and a direct solution of the resulting systems of equations using the substructuring technique. We plan to code and run the resulting algorithms on the Finite Element Machine and possibly the Denelcor HEP (Adams is to attend a user workshop at Los Alamos on the HEP).

Work is underway with A. Noor (George Washington University) to study the parallel solution of some nonlinear structural problems. The objectives of this work are to determine what features are needed to solve these problems efficiently for future machines (this relates to the XFEM effort) and for several parallel machines existing today, such as the Finite Element Machine and the HEP.

Loyce M. Adams, Piyush Mehrotra, Merrell L. Patrick, Terrence W. Pratt, John Van Rosendale, and Robert G. Voigt

An ongoing group effort, XFEM, has been started to design a parallel architecture for finite element analysis. A top-down design methodology is being used, wherein the entire system is considered in terms of layers of virtual machines. Each of the four layers -- (1) end user's level, (2)
researcher's level, (3) operating system level, and (4) hardware -- is to be formally defined during the design process. The requirements at each level drive the design at the lower level, while the choices at the lower level have an impact on the design of the higher level. Of particular interest are the design of the operating system level and the language features and constructs to be provided to the researcher at the second level.

H. Thomas Banks

Motivated by collaboration with B. Hanks (LaRC), this research concerns problems in which large space structures such as truss-beam systems are modeled by a continuum, such as a plate or slender beam with bending and/or shearing and damping. Schemes for determining apparent parameters (stiffness and shear moduli, visco-elastic damping, etc.) in such models with spatially varying geometry and material properties are being pursued in collaboration with J. Crowley. Initial numerical results involving cubic and quintic spline based approximations appear most promising.

Two separate but related parameter estimation problems are being studied in collaboration with Patricia Daniel Lamm. For nonlinear nonautonomous differential difference equations, the inverse problem of estimating parameters (including multiple delays) from observations of the system were considered. For parabolic partial differential equations, a similar problem involving estimation of time-dependent coefficients was investigated. Convergence results for spline based schemes have been obtained, and numerical results on test examples for the delay systems support the efficacy of the methods.

This project, in collaboration with E. Armstrong (LaRC) and Patricia Daniel Lamm, involves development of computational schemes for state estimation of the antenna surface of the deployed Maypole Hoop/Column antenna. Several preliminary mathematical models have been considered and now development of ideas for static estimation in a specific model entailing an annular shaped membrane under distributed loading is underway. Theoretical and numerical results have been obtained for special cases and efforts are continuing.
Claudio Canuto

Techniques of preconditioning for elliptic problems with spectral methods were investigated in a recent ICASE report (No. 83-28) with A. Quarteroni. Those techniques have been applied to the solution of exterior problems with a Fourier-Chebyshev method, in a joint work with S. Hariharan and L. Lustman. Particular attention was devoted to the treatment of the farfield boundary condition, not to deteriorate the spectral accuracy of the scheme. The feasibility of imposing an "infinite order" farfield boundary condition was devised and tested numerically. Results will appear in a forthcoming ICASE report.

Some effects of smoothing the Fourier method for the periodic Burgers' equation have been investigated mathematically, with the aim of deriving a priori estimates on the solution. The entropy condition is also taken into account. Results will be collected in a forthcoming ICASE report.

A mathematical analysis of the treatment of some boundary conditions with Legendre pseudospectral methods for elliptic problems was carried out. The interest was focused on the "implicit" or "built-in" imposition of boundary conditions of Neumann or third type; estimates on the deviation from the exact boundary conditions have been given and cases in which the corresponding matrix is indefinite have been indicated. A forthcoming ICASE report will contain these results.

Stephen F. Davis

An ICASE report has been completed which describes a first-order upwind scheme that is designed to detect and resolve steady oblique shocks which are not aligned with the computing grid. This is accomplished by locating the angle at which a shock might be expected to cross the computing grid and then constructing separate finite difference formulas for the flux components normal and tangential to this direction. Numerical experiments show that this method works as designed. Present efforts are directed towards the development of a theory for this method, extension of the method to general
systems of conservation laws, and the development of a second-order accurate version of the method.

The latest version of this method is second-order accurate in space and first-order accurate in time. Numerical experiments indicate that it resolves shocks better than the first-order method but is very sensitive to the choice of boundary conditions. An improper choice of boundary conditions will cause spurious oscillations in the solution. A study of improved boundary condition procedures is underway in the hope that they will correct this problem.

A preliminary study of the application of the biconjugate gradient method to implicit upwind difference schemes for hyperbolic equations was conducted in collaboration with T. N. Phillips. It was expected that the biconjugate gradient method would work very well on the diagonally dominant indefinite matrices that result from upwind discretizations. Numerical experiments conducted on the one-dimensional Burgers' equation and the two-dimensional linear advection equation confirmed these expectations. In the future an examination of other iterative methods for implicit upwind schemes and the use of preconditioning with the biconjugate gradient method will be undertaken.

Work has continued, in collaboration with J. Flaherty (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), on the adaptive finite element method that was first reported on in ICASE Report No. 81-13. In particular, a study of time-dependent algorithms for moving computing grids showed that many of the proposed algorithms for moving grid points are unconditionally unstable for parabolic equations and only neutrally stable for hyperbolic equations. Some of this work was presented at the ARO Workshop on Adaptive Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations. Another study showed that for certain reaction-diffusion equations which model combustion, Newton's method will not solve the implicit time-stepping equations unless very small time-steps are taken or some global modification is made to Newton's method. Preliminary numerical experiments using a backtracking strategy to improve the convergence of Newton's method have been encouraging. Next, it will be determined how this or some other global Newton strategy can be balanced against a step-cutting scheme in the overall time-stepping algorithm.
Stefan Feyock

The work on the database machine performed jointly with P. Fishwick (Kentron, Inc.), aimed toward the goal of developing a High-Level Data Abstraction (HILDA), has been completed. A query language constructed by means of the MYSTRO parser generation tool has been implemented and is operational on the 1DBP.

The use of mechanical theorem-proving techniques as a programming tool is referred to as logic programming. Restricted forms of predicate calculus expressions known as Horn clauses have proven particularly useful and form the basis of the successful logic programming language Prolog.

The formal similarity between clauses and BNF productions gives rise to an intriguing possibility: Can grammatical techniques be used as a programming and problem-solving tool in a manner analogous to logic programming? Investigations into this question are well underway and have proven extremely fruitful to date. Several small experimental expert systems have been constructed, and the feasibility of doing general programming using this approach has been demonstrated. The advantages of syntax programming over logic programming include efficiency and the possibility of writing programs possessing self-knowledge, due to their capability of inspecting the tables that drive them. Syntax programming appears to be a rich new area for research and will be investigated intensively in future work.

Dennis B. Gannon and John Van Rosendale

Though algorithms for partial differential equations contain a great deal of parallelism, this parallelism can be difficult to exploit, particularly on complex problems. We hope to exploit nearly all of this parallelism by the use of a special-purpose, data-driven parallel architecture tuned to complex partial differential equation problems. The proposed architecture requires locally regular grid structures but imposes no global constraints on the type of grids used. In particular, completely regular grids -- such as those used in global-circulation weather models -- and locally refined adaptive grids can
be treated with equal ease. The complex software and performance issues arising in this work are being addressed through the use of a detailed architecture simulator of the proposed machine. A variety of adaptive and nonadaptive partial differential equation algorithms, involving both iterative and direct solution algorithms, are currently under study.

David Gottlieb

An effort has been made to quantify the theory by P. D. Lax concerning high-resolution schemes for shocked flows. Lax has argued that more information is contained in such schemes than in low-order schemes. This argument was supported by notions from information theory.

It turns out that in spectral calculations of two-dimensional oblique shocks, one can verify the above theory. The typical steady-state solution contains oscillations in space. Based on the spectral representation for the solution, a post-processing scheme has been developed that extracts the information very accurately for shocks that separate constant states.

Chester E. Grosch

The calculation, with T. Gatski (LaRC), of the flow in a channel with a backward-facing step has been continued. Steady-state results are now available at several Reynolds numbers. The least stable eigenmode of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation (the T-S mode) of the upstream channel flow has been calculated for each of these Reynolds numbers. Next, these disturbances will be introduced at the upstream end of the channel so that they can propagate downstream. We expect that the T-S mode will be strongly amplified when it encounters the region of reversed flow behind the step. The calculation and understanding of the dynamics of the amplification of this disturbance is the ultimate goal of this study.
A two-dimensional Navier-Stokes code in elliptic-hyperbolic coordinates has been developed from the two-dimensional velocity-vorticity code in Cartesian coordinates. The new code is being used to calculate the impulsive start-up of a slender elliptic cylinder. The objective of this work is to study the time evolution of the flow past this slender, blunt-nosed body — particularly the development in time of the separation region at the rear of the body. The results of the calculation will be compared with the predictions of classical boundary layer theory and with those of triple-deck theory. It is also planned to calculate the flow due to the interaction of vortical disturbances in the free stream ahead of the body with the blunt leading edge.

The two-dimensional Navier-Stokes code has also been adapted, with P. Hall, to polar coordinates. The code will be used to study the unsteady separation on a circular cylinder undergoing a harmonic oscillation along a diameter. The code is now being tested — in particular for its the phase accuracy — by calculating the flow between concentric cylinders when the outer cylinder is stationary and the inner cylinder rotates harmonically about its axis. This problem was chosen as a test because it has a known exact solution of the unsteady Navier-Stokes equations. The calculated velocity and vorticity fields will be compared with the exact solution in order to determine the accuracy of the calculation.

Max D. Gunzburger and Roy A. Nicolaides

The problem to be addressed is the accurate computation of incompressible viscous flows at moderately high Reynolds numbers by finite-element methods. Initial efforts are directed at simple geometries in two-dimensions so that the implementation and efficacy of the new algorithms can be studied and verified. Subsequently, the methods will be applied to the flow around airfoils at high angles of attack, with particular interest focused on predicting the separation of such flows. An essential feature of the methods is the accurate resolution of tangential boundary layers and tangential...
discontinuities in the flow, enabling the accurate prediction of the drag on the airfoil.

Philip Hall

The stability of steady and unsteady boundary layers to Görtler vortices or Tollmien-Schlichting waves has been investigated. It was shown in ICASE Report No. 83-45 that the unsteady boundary layer on an oscillating body is locally centrifugally unstable. The instability significantly alters the steady streaming layer on the body and can lead to premature separation of the layer. The work reported in J. Fluid Mechanics, Vol. 130, 1983, concerning the linear evolution of Görtler vortices in growing boundary layers is being extended to allow for the effect of wall suction and pressure gradient. The eigenvalue problem for Taylor vortices has been studied in some joint work with R. DiPrima (ICASE Report No. 83-57). The evolution equations for Taylor vortices which evolve in two spatial directions have been derived (ICASE Report No. 83-55). It was shown that previous derivations of the evolution equations were incorrect.

The growth to equilibrium of disturbances in steady boundary layers is being studied, with the aim of understanding the origin of certain empirical transition-prediction methods. In joint work with C. Grosch, the effect of free stream oscillations on the stability of stagnation points or Blasius boundary layers is under investigation, using triple-deck theory and Floquet theory.

M. Yousuff Hussaini

Experiments have established the dependence of the transition Reynolds number on the intensity of free stream disturbances. The semiempirical theories of transition prediction have incorporated these effects in an ad hoc fashion, with the implicit belief that certain types of transition processes
may be preceded by the linear instability regime. The linkage between the free stream disturbances and the instability waves, known as the receptivity problem, is not well understood. The purpose of the present research is to use three-dimensional compressible Navier-Stokes simulation to throw some light on this gray area.

The study of shock wave turbulence interaction is continuing within the context of two-dimensional compressible Euler equations. The mechanisms of turbulence enhancement across shock waves isolated for numerical studies are: (a) amplification of incident turbulence (vorticity waves) across a shock wave, (b) generation of turbulence behind a shock wave due to incident acoustic or entropy waves, (c) unsteady focusing of vorticity behind the shock wave due to shock distortions, (d) direct transfer of mean flow energy into vorticity fluctuations by shock oscillations. The results concerning the first two mechanisms are reported in ICASE Report No. 83-10. Investigation of the last two mechanisms is underway. It is intended to use these numerical experiments as a test bed for the mathematical models of turbulence usually employed in the shock wave turbulent boundary layer interaction studies. This work is being done in collaboration with D. Bushnell and T. Zang (LaRC).

The program of research for developing spectral methods for aerodynamic problems is continued. Applications of these methods to potential equations and Euler equations are reported in ICASE Report Nos. 83-11, 83-14, and 83-46. Efforts are underway to develop these methods for the boundary layer equations, thin layer approximations of Navier-Stokes equations, and certain combustion and thermal problems. These studies are pursued in collaboration with P. Drummond, C. Streett, and T. Zang (LaRC).

Kazufumi Ito

The purpose of this research (with H. T. Banks) is to develop a computational method for linear regulator problems of a large class of systems governed by PDEs. Various approximation schemes including finite difference, spline-based finite element, Legendre-tau and Chebyshev-collocation methods
are being tested, using one-dimensional advection-diffusion equations as our model problem. Our main goal is the development of algorithms to design finite-order compensator for distributed parameter systems. The study also involves the development of efficient algorithms to solve algebraic Riccati equations.

A study on the use of Legendre-based spectral method for PDEs is continuing. A report describing results on two-point boundary value problems and eigenvalue approximations is in preparation. The problem under consideration is the two-dimensional elliptic equation in irregular domains.

An iterative method for solving systems of linear equations in which the symmetric part is indefinite has been developed. The method involves the modification of Orthomin (a generalization of the conjugate residual method to nonsymmetric systems). The performance of the method is currently being investigated for a class of elliptic problems discretized using spectral methods.

David A. Kopriva

The application of spectral collocation methods to gas-dynamics problems is being continued. First, the study of filtering strategies for Fourier pseudospectral approximations to both linear and nonlinear hyperbolic problems with discontinuous solutions is being completed. The results have led to examination of the use of spectral methods in conjunction with shock-fitting methods. The need for smoothing in two-dimensional continuous gas flows using Chebyshev methods was studied recently in ICASE Report No. 83-51. For that report, a code for computing the classical Ringleb flow was completed, and this will now be used for convergence acceleration studies. Finally, a Chebyshev pseudospectral code is being developed to compute transonic flows over a circular cylinder in which the shock is fitted. This work has been done in collaboration with T. Zang (LaRC) and M. Y. Hussaini.

Research on the generation of sound in shock/vortex interactions is being continued with H. Ribner (University of Toronto). Both second- and fourth-
order finite difference codes have been developed for the computations. The linear theory for this problem has been found to be inadequate. The theoretical results show features in the form of a "precursor" wave which is not evident in the computations and cannot be explained physically. Efforts are now being directed towards improving the theory. A related sound-generation problem will be attempted soon, in which the linear theory is not appropriate. If the shock is weak or the vortex is strong, a triple-point shock forms. The feasibility of fitting the second shock will be studied first and then a double-grid method will be used to compute the sound generated.

Mala Mehrotra and John Van Rosendale

Tree-searching is a fundamental computer science technique with applications in computer game-playing, robotics, combinatorial optimization, and numerical analysis. With the advent of highly parallel computers, consisting of large numbers of interconnected microprocessors, the problem of mapping tree-search algorithms onto such architectures has become important. This research looks at a number of tree-search algorithms and at a variety of strategies for distributing such algorithms across processor arrays. Among the issues currently being studied are:

1. How to maximize the amount of parallelism for different tree traversal algorithms.
2. How to effectively embed tree traversal algorithms in parallel architectures for trees of varying breadth and depth.
3. How to determine the influence of different network topologies, particularly when very high parallelism is exploited.

Though some of the issues here can be studied theoretically, most can be studied only experimentally. For this reason, an advanced multi-microprocessor simulator, written by Dennis Gannon, is currently being used to model a variety of architectures, and a number of tree traversal algorithms are being studied.
Piyush Mehrotra

A set of language concepts has been proposed to partition and distribute dense large arrays for processing on multiprocessor architectures. Extension of the constructs to multidimensional arrays and other special types of matrices was studied. The implementation of the concepts on the Intel 432 (a multiprocessor) was investigated.

Constructs needed in high-level languages for coding algorithms for multiprocessor systems are being studied. This effort is being carried out at two levels. One is as a part of the XFEM project to design a system for finite element calculations using a top-down methodology; the other is to study language constructs needed for parallel programming in general.

Many databases and dictionary systems use B*-trees as the underlying data structure. Mechanisms needed for the concurrent manipulation of such data structures were studied. The feasibility of such concurrent retrieval, addition, and deletion of records from B*-trees was investigated.

William F. Moss

A mathematical model of spin-mode acoustic radiation was developed from a thick wall duct at ICASE during the summer of 1982. Our model was based on an experimental setup designed by R. Silcox (LaRC). Our computational results are currently under comparison with experiments conducted by R. Silcox during July 1982; for example, the reflection coefficient for mode (1,0) has just been computed with \( k = 3.2 \), to find \( R = .197 \). Silcox's experimental value was \( R = .196 \). Our sound pressure level results are also close to the experimental results in this case. Thus here is the beginning of a verification of our code.
Research on the application of the spectral multigrid method to elliptic problems with Dirichlet boundary conditions has continued. In joint work with M. Y. Hussaini and T. A. Zang (LaRC), the need for effective preconditioners was established. Preconditioners based on incomplete LU-decompositions of the corresponding finite difference matrix were found to be effective in these calculations (ICASE Report No. 83-48). In the future, extensions to incorporate Neumann boundary conditions and systems of equations will be considered. Work has begun on the mixed periodic-Dirichlet problem in which effective preconditioners must take into account the periodicity in one direction. If such a preconditioner can be constructed, it will allow treatment of the potential flow problem of transonic aerodynamics. Investigation of the development of a parameter-free method -- using, for example, the minimum residual method -- is underway.

Progress in the treatment of elliptic equations by compact finite difference schemes has been made. In joint work with M. E. Rose, a method for transforming the compact scheme to an equivalent algebraic system was devised. The reformulated system has the advantage of being amenable to many of the standard iterative methods of solution (ICASE Report No. 83-26). A study of the extension of this procedure for the equilibrium equations of elastic materials is underway.

In preparation for extending a two-dimensional treatment of a vorticity-velocity formulation of incompressible Navier-Stokes equations to three-dimensions, a least-squares method for solving \( \text{div}\ u = \rho, \text{curl}\ u = \zeta \) was studied. In joint work with G. Fix, striking similarities between finite difference and finite element methods were reported in an ICASE report.

A method for treating elliptic problems of the general form \( \text{div}\ v - f(u) = 0, v = g(\text{grad}\ u, u) \) by compact finite difference schemes was initiated. With T. N. Phillips, the equation \( \text{div}\ p\nabla u - q^2 u = 0 \) was treated.
and a technique, called flux elimination, was introduced in order to transform
the compact scheme to an equivalent algebraic system which can be treated by
standard (e.g., Gauss-Seidel or multigrid) iterative schemes. With M. Giles a
similar approach was taken to study the solution \( u(\nu) \) of the scalar
convective-diffusion equation \( f_x(u) + g_y(u) = \nu \nabla^2 u \), which models the Navier-
Stokes equations, and its relationship when \( \nu \to 0 \) to the formal singular
perturbation limit \( u^0 \) of \( f_x(u^0) + g_y(u^0) = 0 \), which models the Euler
equations for inviscid flows. Also included in the general class of equations
described above are the equilibrium equations for elastic materials. In
collaboration with T. N. Phillips, a second-order accurate finite difference
scheme was developed and a study of iterative methods to solve a two-
dimensional isotropic material in a square is being completed.

Nancy E. Shoemaker

Over the last six months, work has been done to improve the link of the
VAX as a remote batch terminal to a CY170-750 in ACD by decreasing the amount
of knowledge of the CDC system required of the user of the link. Work on
improving the reliability of the link continues, but it is hoped that the link
will be augmented by a separate network connection to the central complex in
the near future.

Work has also been done to integrate the VAX news systems with the rest of
the Langley complex. A news group has been established for the Langley VAX
Users' Group: the news is accessible through a special account on the VAX,
and the news items are periodically distributed in newsletter form.
Conversely, the Computer Bulletins published by ACD are retrieved from the
central complex and added to the VAX news system. (F. Meissner (LaRC),
provided a modified version of BULLET to aid in the retrieval.)

A new printer was added to the system during the summer. Work is in
progress to facilitate the use of the printer for report output.

Experimentation over the summer with the TRAN access to the system has led
to the conclusion that in order for phone network connections to the VAX to be
reliable, a modem directly connected to the VAX is necessary. This modem is being ordered, and a full range of network connections will be implemented when it arrives.

One of the difficult questions that must be resolved in a computing complex that contains a supercomputer is what functions must be done on the supercomputer and what may be off-loaded to other computers. For example, the operating system and software tools available for a VAX class machine are much richer in capability and flexibility than those provided by a state-of-the-art supercomputer. On the other hand, supercomputers have the potential to generate so much data that it may not be feasible to send it to another computer. Results from this study will be used by the Cyber 200 System Enhancement Ad Hoc Working Group in making recommendations on the operating environment for the Cyber 203 upgrade to be installed at LaRC in FY '84.

Sivaguru S. Sritharan

Four different projects are currently active. The first one is an almost-completed project of designing shock-free delta wings. The design method has been validated for simple cases, and a report is in preparation. The results will be presented in the forthcoming American Physical Society Meeting in Houston, Texas (November, 1983).

The grid generation method of Thomson, Thames, and Mästén for two-dimensional multiply connected bodies, the Gaussian Method of three-dimensional grid generation by Warsi, and also the grid generation problem in certain analytic surfaces can be studied from a unified point of view by considering certain harmonic mapping problems on an analytic Riemannian manifold. This project is in collaboration with P. Smith (Old Dominion University).

The plausibility of developing a code to compute incompressible unsteady fluid motion in a bounded but arbitrary domain is being studied, in collaboration with A. Hassan (Arizona State University). A finite difference formulation of the fractional step type (related to the methods of Chorin and
Temam) is being considered for the equations in primitive variables. Efficient ways to handle various geometrical terms in order to save time and storage are being investigated.

The invariant manifold method is being developed for certain hydrodynamic problems where a symmetry group is present. Based on the works of Sattinger, Ruelle, and Ritchmyer, a computational method is being developed, adapted to the consequences of the symmetries in the equations.

Eli Turkel

Work has continued on a fast solver for the Euler equations. With M. Salas (LaRC), work was completed in comparing uniqueness properties of the Euler and potential equations, and an AIAA paper has been accepted. Theoretical work on ways to accelerate the convergence to a steady state is continuing -- including enthalpy damping, residual smoothing, and multistep Runge-Kutta methods. An ICASE report is being written.

There has been further work, in collaboration with B. van Leer, on incorporating a one-sided scheme within the framework of the Runge-Kutta algorithm. The code has been debugged, and comparisons of central and upwind difference schemes are being conducted. We have also found the optimal scheme for a Runge-Kutta K state algorithm when central differences are used. Applications to multigrid are presently being considered.

Additionally, there has been a project to find fast and efficient methods to solve the Helmholtz equation. This has been a continuing effort with A. Bayliss. We are presently working on a preconditioned conjugate gradient technique. Several preconditionings are being considered -- including ADI, SSOR, and multigrid. Theoretical and computational comparisons on a variety of applications are being made. A paper appeared in the Conference on Elliptic Equations in Monterey, California, January 1983.

Research is also continuing on the theory and application of spectral methods to partial differential equations. Several new stability proofs have been developed, and a review paper was completed with D. Gottlieb.
John Van Rosendale

The reliability of communications networks whose nodes or links are subject to random, stochastically independent failures is an important problem in network design. This problem may be approached by Monte Carlo methods or by the inclusion-exclusion formula. The latter gives the reliability in terms of the set of all paths or cutsets on the network, of all pairs or cutsets, of all triples, and so on. A new topological algorithm using equivalence classes of paths or cutsets has been derived. This algorithm is efficient on sparse graphs, where the fanout per node is small. Application of this algorithm to problems of practical importance is currently underway.

Robert G. Voigt

A description of a substructuring technique for solving systems of linear equations using concepts developed jointly with L. Adams was reported at the NATO Advanced Research Workshop on High Speed Computation (Julich, West Germany) and appears in ICASE Report No. 83-33.

The review of numerical techniques appropriate for the parallel solution of partial differential equations has continued in collaboration with J. Ortega (University of Virginia). Both direct and iterative techniques for a variety of architectures are being considered and an extensive bibliography is being prepared.

In November the 1983 Fall SIAM meeting will be held in Norfolk with R. Voigt serving as general chairman. The three-day meeting will feature invited speakers on three themes: control, stabilization and optimization in distributed systems, computational aerodynamics and parallel processing. Following the meeting there will be a special two-day symposium on parallel processing with R. Voigt again serving as general chairman.
J. Christian Wild

During this period, a report reviewing the Finite Element Machine (FEM) software effort was written and submitted to members of the FEM effort (T. Crockett, J. Knott, O. Storaasli, and R. Fulton). K. McLemore, a graduate student under my supervision, submitted a report on his work to interconnect the VAX 11/780 to the FEM controller over a 9600 bps communication line. Using this facility, it is now possible to login to the VAX system and through the VAX system to login and use the FEM controller. In this mode the terminal user appears to be connected directly to the FEM controller. In addition to this remote terminal facility, McLemore also implemented a file transfer facility between the VAX and FEM machines. Although the file transfer is operational, further effort should be done to increase its performance and reliability.

During this period, an area of research was started to investigate the feasibility of using automatic programming technology in the production of Ultra-reliable Computing Systems. A preliminary resource search is underway. In connection with this work, a graduate student has been assigned a master’s project of building a prototype automatic programming system to participate in an ongoing experiment in n-version programming being conducted at RTI by J. Dunham.

To complement work on an expert system for fault-monitoring and fault-diagnosis in commercial air transport (work done this summer by M. Ali), a proposal has been submitted to build a causal model of the airplane subsystems. This model will be used to test the monitoring and diagnosis system and will also be used to build a knowledge base of fault/symptom pairs to be used in a real-time pattern recognition system. Furthermore this model can be used to investigate the effects of the time delays of fault propagation on the monitoring and diagnosis function.
REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS

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Iterative methods are considered for the solution of a coupled pair of second order elliptic partial differential equations which arise in the field of solid state electronics. A finite difference scheme is used which retains the conservative form of the differential equations. Numerical solutions are obtained in two ways - by multigrid and dynamic alternating direction implicit methods. Numerical results are presented which show the multigrid method to be an efficient way of solving this problem.


We are concerned with the problem of buoyancy driven flow in a vertical, rectangular cavity whose vertical sides are at different temperatures and whose horizontal sides are insulated. An application of the dynamic A.D.I. method to obtain numerical solutions to this problem is described. For large non-dimensional temperature differences characterized by the Rayleigh number the flow patterns develop strong boundary layers. These boundary layers are resolved by applying the D.A.D.I. method to the discretization of this problem on a non-uniform grid.


Expansions in Chebyshev polynomials are used to study the linear stability of one-dimensional magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) quasi-equilibria, in the presence of finite resistivity and viscosity. The method is modeled on the one used by Orszag in accurate computation of solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation. Two Reynolds-like numbers involving Alfven speeds, length scales, kinematic viscosity, and magnetic diffusivity govern the stability boundaries, which are determined by the geometric mean of the two Reynolds-like numbers. Marginal stability curves, growth rates versus Reynolds-like numbers, and growth rates versus parallel wave numbers are exhibited. A numerical result which appears general in that instability has been found to be associated with inflection points in the current
profile, though no general analytical proof has emerged. It is possible that nonlinear subcritical three-dimensional instabilities may exist, similar to those in Poiseuille and Couette flow.


A least squares formulation of the system \( \text{div} u = \rho, \text{curl} u = \zeta \) is surveyed from the viewpoint of both finite element and finite difference methods. Closely related arguments are shown to establish convergence estimates.


In this note we present an approximate method to determine the index of refraction of a dielectric obstacle. For simplicity we treat one-dimensional models of electromagnetic scattering. The governing equations yield a second order boundary value problem, in which the index of refraction appears as a functional parameter. The availability of reflection coefficients yield two additional boundary conditions. We approximate the index of refraction by a \( k \)-th order spline which can be written as a linear combination of B-splines. For \( N \) distinct reflection coefficients, the resulting \( N \) boundary value problems yield a system of \( N \) non-linear equations in \( N \) unknowns which are the coefficients of the B-splines.


We develop numerical procedures for constructing asymptotic solutions of certain nonlinear singularly perturbed vector two-point boundary value problems having boundary layers at one or both endpoints. The asymptotic approximations are generated numerically and can either be used as is or to furnish a general purpose two-point boundary value code with an initial approximation and the nonuniform computational mesh needed for such problems. The procedures are applied to a model problem that has multiple solutions and to problems describing the deformation of a thin nonlinear elastic beam that is resting on an elastic foundation.

Standard theory of differential games focuses the study on two-person zero-sum games, and treat N-person games separately and differently. In this paper we present a new equivalent formulation of the Nash equilibrium strategy for N-person differential games. Our contributions are the following:

1) Our min-max formulation unifies the study of two-person zero-sum with that of the general N-person non-zero-sum games. Indeed, it opens a new avenue of systematic research for differential games.
2) We are successful in applying the finite element method to compute solutions of linear-quadratic N-person games. We have also established numerical error estimates. Our calculations, which are based upon the dual formulation, are very efficient.
3) We are able to establish global existence and uniqueness of solutions of the Riccati equation in our form, which is important in synthesis. This, to our knowledge, has not been done elsewhere by any other researchers.

This paper's particular emphasis is on the duality approach, which is motivated by computational needs and is done by introducing N + 1 language multipliers: one for each player and one "joint multiplier" for all players. For N-person linear quadratic games, we show that under suitable conditions the primal min-max problem is equivalent to its dual min-max problem, which is actually a saddle point and is then computed by finite elements. Numerical examples are presented in the last section.


The equilibrium strategy for N-person differential games can be found by studying a min-max problem subject to differential systems constraints [4]. In this paper, we penalize the differential constraints and use finite elements to compute numerical solutions. Convergence proof and error estimates are given. We have also included numerical results and compared them with those obtained by the dual method in [4].

This paper describes preconditioned conjugate gradient methods for solving sparse symmetric and positive definite systems of linear equations. Necessary and sufficient conditions are given for when these preconditioners can be used and an analysis of their effectiveness is given. Efficient computer implementations of these methods are discussed and results on the CYBER 203 and the Finite Element Machine under construction at NASA Langley Research Center are included.


Numerical computations are presented which illustrate and test various effects pertinent to the amplification and generation of turbulence in shock wave-turbulent boundary layer interactions. Several fundamental physical mechanisms are identified. Idealizations of these processes are examined by nonlinear numerical calculations. The results enable some limits to be placed on the range of validity of existing linear theories.


Spectral multigrid methods are demonstrated to be a competitive technique for solving the transonic potential flow equation. The spectral discretization, the relaxation scheme, and the multigrid techniques are described in detail. Significant departures from current approaches are first illustrated on several linear problems. The principal applications and examples, however, are for compressible potential flow. These examples include the relatively challenging case of supercritical flow over a lifting airfoil.


A detailed description of spectral multigrid methods is provided. This includes the interpolation and coarse-grid operators for both periodic and Dirichlet problems. The spectral methods for periodic problems use Fourier series and those for Dirichlet problems are based upon Chebyshev polynomials. An improved preconditioning for Dirichlet problems is given. Numerical examples and practical advice are included.

We discuss approximation techniques for use in numerical schemes for estimating spatially varying coefficients in continuum models such as those for Euler-Bernoulli beams. The techniques are based on quintic spline state approximations and cubic spline parameter approximations. Both theoretical and numerical results are presented.


A Chebyshev-Fourier discretization with shock fitting is used to solve the unsteady Euler equations. The method is applied to shock interactions with plane waves and with a simple model of homogeneous isotropic turbulence. The plane wave solutions are compared to linear theory.


We study the Lax-Friedrichs scheme, approximating the scalar, genuinely nonlinear conservation law $u_t + f(u) = 0$, where $f(u)$ is, say, strictly convex, $f' \geq \alpha > 0$. We show that the divided differences of the numerical solution at time $t$ do not exceed $2(\alpha t)^{-1}$. This one-sided Lipschitz boundedness is in complete agreement with the corresponding estimate one has in the differential case; in particular, it is independent of the initial amplitude in sharp contrast to linear problems. It guarantees the entropy compactness of the scheme in this case, as well as providing a quantitative insight into the large-time behavior of the numerical computation.


Using a simple symmetrizability criterion, we show that symmetric systems of conservation laws are equipped with a one-parameter family of entropy functions.

In this paper we consider the numerical approximation of solutions to linear functional differential equations using the so-called Legendre-tau method. The functional differential equation is first reformulated as a partial differential equation with a non-local boundary condition involving time-differentiation. The approximate solution is then represented as a truncated Legendre series with time varying coefficients which satisfy a certain system of ordinary differential equations. The method is very easy to code and yields very accurate approximations. Convergence is established, various numerical examples are presented, and comparison between the latter and cubic spline approximations is made.


In this paper, we demonstrate the equivalence of a scalar input system \( \dot{x} = Ax + u \), for which the eigenvalues of the generator \( A \) coincide with the roots of the entire function

\[
p(\omega) = e^{\omega T} + a_1 e^{\omega(T-\theta_1)} + \cdots + a_m e^{\omega(T-\theta_m)} + \int_0^T a(\theta)e^{\omega(T-\theta)}d\theta,
\]

with the controlled scalar functional equation

\[
y(t) + a_1 y(t-\theta_1) + \cdots + a_m y(t-T) + \int_0^T a(\theta)y(t-\theta)d\theta = u(t).
\]

The theory of nonharmonic Fourier series is then employed to investigate the placement of eigenvalues in the closed-loop system with continuous state feedback.


We give a careful derivation of the 1-dimensional classical scalar "string" equation which involves linearization about a horizontal reference or equilibrium position. We then derive a model for "small motion" about a nonhorizontal reference. The implications of our findings to modeling of flexible antenna surfaces such as that in the Maypole Hoop/Column antenna are discussed.
Consider a scalar, nonlinear conservative difference scheme satisfying the entropy condition. It is shown that difference schemes containing more numerical viscosity will necessarily converge to the unique, physically relevant weak solution of the approximated conservative equation. In particular, entropy satisfying convergence follows for E schemes -- those containing more numerical viscosity than Godunov's scheme.

A fully conservative numerical method for the computation of steady inviscid supersonic flow about general conical bodies at incidence is described. The procedure utilizes the potential approximation and implements a body conforming mesh generator. The conical potential is assumed to have its best linear variation inside each mesh cell; a secondary interlocking cell system is used to establish the flux balance required to conserve mass. In the supersonic regions the scheme is desymmetrized by adding artificial viscosity in conservation form. The algorithm is nearly an order of a magnitude faster than present Euler methods and predicts known results accurately and qualitative features such as nodal point lift off correctly. Results are compared with those of other investigators.

We survey finite-difference, spectral and Galerkin methods for the approximate solution of time-dependent problems. A unified discussion on their accuracy, stability and convergence is given. In particular, the dilemma of high accuracy versus stability is studied in some detail.

This paper describes a preconditioned conjugate gradient method that can be effectively implemented on both vector machines and parallel arrays to
solve sparse symmetric and positive definite systems of linear equations. The implementation on the CYBER 203/205 and on the Finite Element Machine is discussed and results obtained using the method on these machines are given.


The familiar suboptimal regulator design approach is recast as a constrained optimization problem and incorporated in a CAD package where both design objective and constraints are quadratic cost functions. This formulation permits the separate consideration of, for example, model-following errors, sensitivity measures and control energy as objectives to be minimized or limits to be observed. Efficient techniques for computing the interrelated cost functions and their gradients are utilized in conjunction with a nonlinear programming algorithm. The effectiveness of the approach and the degree of insight into the problem which it affords is illustrated in a helicopter regulation design example.


We discuss parameter and state estimation techniques for an elliptic system arising in a developmental model for the antenna surface in the Maypole Hoop/Column antenna. A computational algorithm based on spline approximations for the state and elastic parameters is given and numerical results obtained using this algorithm are summarized.


A representative class of elliptic equations is treated by a dissipative compact finite difference scheme and a general solution technique by relaxation methods is discussed in detail for the Laplace equation.

A preconditioning of the Cauchy-Riemann equations which results in a second-order system is described. This system is shown to have a unique solution if the boundary conditions are chosen carefully. This choice of boundary condition enables the solution of the first-order system to be retrieved. A numerical solution of the preconditioned equations is obtained by the multigrid method.


The problem of preconditioning the pseudospectral Chebyshev approximation of an elliptic operator is considered. The numerical sensitiveness to variations of the coefficients of the operator are investigated for two classes of preconditioning matrices: one arising from finite differences, the other from finite elements. The preconditioned system is solved by a conjugate gradient type method, and by a DuFort-Frankel method with dynamical parameters. The methods are compared on some test problems with the Richardson method [12] and with the minimal residual Richardson method [17].


With the advent of multigrid iteration, the large linear systems arising in numerical treatment of elliptic boundary value problems can be solved quickly and reliably. This frees the researcher to focus on the other issues involved in numerical solution of elliptic problems: adaptive refinement, error estimation and control, and grid generation. Progress is being made on each of these issues and the technology now seems almost at hand to put together general purpose elliptic software having reliability and efficiency comparable to that of library software for ordinary differential equations. This paper looks at the components required in such general elliptic solvers and suggests new approaches to some of the issues involved. One of these issues is adaptive refinement and the complicated data structures required to support it. These data structures must be carefully tuned, especially in three dimensions where the time and storage requirements of algorithms are crucial. Another major issue is grid generation. The options available seem to be curvilinear fitted grids, constructed on iterative graphics systems, and unfitted Cartesian grids, which can be constructed automatically. On several grounds, including storage requirements, the second option seems preferable for the well behaved scalar elliptic problems considered here. A variety of techniques for treatment of boundary conditions on such grids have been described previously and are reviewed here. A new approach, which may overcome some of the difficulties encountered with previous approaches, is also presented.

A power series expansion in the damping parameter $\varepsilon$ of the limit cycle $U(t;\varepsilon)$ of the free van der Pol equation $\ddot{U} + \varepsilon(U^2 - 1) \dot{U} + U = 0$ is constructed and analyzed. Coefficients in the expansion are computed up to $O(\varepsilon^{24})$ in exact rational arithmetic using the symbolic manipulation system MACSYMA and up to $O(\varepsilon^{163})$ using a FORTRAN program. The series is analyzed using Padé approximants. The convergence of the series for the maximum amplitude of the limit cycle is limited by two pair of complex conjugate singularities in the complex $\varepsilon$-plane. A new expansion parameter is introduced which maps these singularities to infinity and leads to a new expansion for the amplitude which converges for all real values of $\varepsilon$. Amplitudes computed from this transformed series agree very well with reported numerical and asymptotic results. For the limit cycle itself, convergence of the series expansion is limited by three pair of complex conjugate branch point singularities. Two pair remain fixed throughout the cycle, and correspond to the singularities found in the maximum amplitude series, while the third pair moves in the $\varepsilon$-plane as a function of $t$ from one of the fixed pairs to the other. The limit cycle series is transformed using a new expansion parameter, which leads to a new series that converges for larger values of $\varepsilon$.


Recent developments in the application of spectral methods to two-dimensional compressible flows are reviewed. A brief introduction to spectral methods -- their history and especially their implementation -- is provided. The stress is on those techniques relevant to transonic flow computation. The spectral multigrid iterative methods are discussed with application to the transonic full potential equation. Discontinuous solutions of the Euler equations are considered. The key element is the shock fitting technique which is briefly explained.


In this paper we present calculations of sound radiated from unflanged cylindrical ducts. The numerical simulation models the problem of an aero- engine inlet. The time-dependent linearized Euler equations are solved from a state of rest until a time harmonic solution is attained. A
fourth-order accurate finite difference scheme is used. Solutions are obtained from a fully vectorized Cyber-203 computer program. Cases of both plane waves and spin modes are treated. Spin modes model the sound generated by a turbofan engine. Boundary conditions for both plane waves and spin modes are treated. Solutions obtained are compared with experiments conducted at NASA Langley Research Center.


In most efforts to design parallel computing systems the hardware is fixed before consideration is given to the requirements of the applications that are to be executed on that hardware. This paper describes a methodology for developing a parallel system using a top down approach taking into account the requirements of the user. Substructuring, a popular technique in structural analysis, is used to illustrate this approach.


We present an approximation framework for computation (in finite dimensional spaces) of Riccati operators that can be guaranteed to converge to the Riccati operator in feedback controls for abstract evolution systems in a Hilbert space. It is shown how these results may be used in the linear optimal regulator problem for a large class of parabolic systems.


The Kreiss Matrix Theorem asserts the uniform equivalence over all $N \times N$ matrices of power boundedness and a certain resolvent estimate. We show that the ratio of the constants in these two conditions grows linearly with $N$, and we obtain the optimal proportionality factor up to a factor of 2. Analogous results are also given for the related problem involving matrix exponentials $e^{At}$. The proofs make use of a lemma that may be of independent interest, which bounds the arc length of the image of a circle in the complex plane under a rational function.

The amount of concurrency available in conjugate gradient iteration is limited by the summations required in the inner product computations. The inner product of two vectors of length N requires time c*\log(N), if N or more processors are available. This paper describes an algebraic restructuring of the conjugate gradient algorithm which minimizes data dependencies due to inner product calculations. After an initial start up, the new algorithm can perform a conjugate gradient iteration in time c*\log(\log(N)).


The upwind difference schemes of Godunov, Osher, Roe and van Leer are able to resolve one-dimensional steady shocks for the Euler equations within one or two mesh intervals. Unfortunately, this resolution is lost in two dimensions when the shock crosses the computing grid at an oblique angle. To correct this problem, we develop a numerical scheme which automatically locates the angle at which a shock might be expected to cross the computing grid and then constructs separate finite difference formulas for the flux components normal and tangential to this direction. We present numerical results which illustrate the ability of this new method to resolve steady oblique shocks.


Lectures presented at the Von Karman Institute for Fluid Dynamics, Rhode-St-Genese, Belgium, in Lecture Series 1983-04 on Computational Fluid Dynamics.

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This paper proposes a parallel computer architecture well suited to the solution of partial differential equations in complicated geometries. Algorithms for partial differential equations contain a great deal of parallelism. But this parallelism can be difficult to exploit, particularly on complex problems. One approach to extraction of this parallelism is the use of special purpose architectures tuned to a given problem class. The architecture proposed here is tuned to boundary value problems on complex domains. An adaptive elliptic algorithm which maps effectively onto the proposed architecture is considered in detail. Two levels of parallelism are exploited by the proposed architecture. First, by making use of the freedom one has in grid generation, one can construct grids which are locally regular, permitting a one to one mapping of grids to systolic style processor arrays, at least over small regions. All local parallelism can be extracted by this approach. Second, though there may not be a regular global structure to the grids constructed, there will still be parallelism at this level. One approach to finding and exploiting this parallelism is to use an architecture having a number of processor clusters connected by a switching network. The use of such a network creates a highly flexible architecture which automatically configures to the problem being solved.


We discuss the problem of estimating spatially-varying coefficients (related to porosity, permeability, etc.) that appear in distributed pressure or flow equations for porous media problems. A special feature of our approach is the formulation of a relatively simple spline-based numerical algorithm that not only determines the shape of the coefficients but locates points of spatial discontinuity as well. Theoretical results and representative numerical findings are presented.


The FEM-2 parallel computer is being designed using methods differing from those ordinarily employed in parallel computer design. The major distinguishing aspects are: (1) a top-down rather than bottom-up design process, (2) the design considers the entire system structure in terms of layers of virtual machines, and (3) each layer of virtual machine is defined formally during the design process. The result is a complete hardware/software system design. The basic design method is discussed and
the advantages of the method are considered. A status report on the FEM-2 design is included.


We study the stability of mesh refinement in space and time for several different interface equations and finite difference approximations. First, we derive a root condition which implies stability for the initial boundary value problem for this type of interface. From the root condition, we prove the stability of several interface equations using the maximum principle. In some cases, the final verification steps can be done analytically; in other cases, a simple computer program has been written to check the condition for values of a parameter along the boundary of the unit circle. Using this method, we prove stability for Lax-Wendroff with all the interface conditions considered, and for Leapfrog with interpolation interface conditions when the fine and coarse grids overlap.


This paper deals with two classes of problems arising from acoustics and electromagnetics scattering in the low frequency situations. The first class of problem is solving Helmholtz equation with Dirichlet boundary conditions on an arbitrary two-dimensional body while the second one is an interior-exterior interface problem with Helmholtz equation in the exterior. Low frequency analysis show that there are two intermediate problems which solve the above problems accurate to $O(k^2 \log k)$ where $k$ is the frequency. These solutions greatly differ from the zero frequency approximations. For the Dirichlet problem numerical examples are shown to verify our theoretical estimates.


This paper considers several topics arising in the finite element solution of the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations. Specifically, the question of choosing finite element velocity/pressure spaces is addressed, particularly from the viewpoint of achieving stable discretizations leading to convergent pressure approximations. Following this, the role of artificial viscosity in viscous flow calculations is studied,
emphasising recent work by several researchers for the anisotropic case. The last section treats the problem of solving the nonlinear systems of equations which arise from the discretization. Time marching methods and classical iterative techniques, as well as some recent modifications are mentioned.


The stability of the two-dimensional flow induced by the transverse oscillation of a cylinder in a viscous fluid is investigated in both the linear and weakly nonlinear regime. The major assumption that is made to simplify the problem is that the oscillation frequency is large in which case an unsteady boundary layer is set up on the cylinder. The basic flow induced by the motion of the cylinder depends on two spatial variables and is periodic in time. The stability analysis of this flow to axially periodic disturbances therefore leads to a partial differential system dependent on three variables. In the high frequency limit the linear stability problem can be reduced to a system dependent only on a radial variable and time. Furthermore, the coefficients of the differential operators in this system are periodic in time so that Floquet theory can be used to further reduce this system to a coupled infinite system of ordinary differential equations together with uncoupled homogeneous boundary conditions. The eigenvalues of this system are found numerically and predict instability entirely consistent with the experiments with circular cylinders performed by Honji [1981]. Results are given for cylinders of elliptic cross section and it is found that for any given eccentricity the most dangerous configuration is when the cylinder oscillates parallel to its minor axis. Some discussion of nonlinear effects is also given and for the circular cylinder it is shown that the steady streaming boundary layer of the basic flow is significantly altered by the instability.


Origins of spectral methods, especially their relation to the Method of Weighted Residuals, are surveyed. Basic Fourier, Chebyshev, and Legendre spectral concepts are reviewed, and demonstrated through application to simple model problems. Both collocation and tau methods are considered. These techniques are then applied to a number of difficult, nonlinear problems of hyperbolic, parabolic, elliptic, and mixed type. Fluid-dynamical applications are emphasized.

The initial boundary value problem describing the evolution of unsteady linearized perturbations of a steady, uniform subsonic flow is analyzed. The eigenmodes and eigenfrequencies of the system are derived and several examples are presented to illustrate the effect of different boundary conditions on the exponential decay rate of the eigenmodes. The resultant implications for the stability and convergence rates of finite difference computations are discussed.


The systems of algebraic equations which arise from spectral discretizations of elliptic equations are full and direct solutions of them are rarely feasible. Iterative methods are an attractive alternative because Fourier transform techniques enable the discrete matrix-vector products to be computed with nearly the same efficiency as is possible for corresponding but sparse finite difference discretizations. For realistic Dirichlet problems preconditioning is essential for acceptable convergence rates. A brief description of Chebyshev spectral approximations and spectral multigrid methods for elliptic problems is given. A survey of preconditioners for Dirichlet problems based on second-order finite difference methods is made. New preconditioning techniques based on higher order finite differences and on the spectral matrix itself are presented. The preconditioners are analyzed in terms of their spectra and numerical examples are presented.


A systematic procedure for constructing semidiscrete, second order accurate, variation diminishing, five point band width, approximations to scalar conservation laws, is presented. These schemes are constructed to also satisfy a single discrete entropy inequality. Thus, in the convex flux case, we prove convergence to the unique physically correct solution. For hyperbolic systems of conservation laws, we formally use this construction to extend the first author’s first order accurate scheme, and show (under some minor technical hypotheses) that limit solutions satisfy an entropy inequality. Results concerning discrete shocks, a maximum principle, and maximal order of accuracy are obtained. Numerical applications are also presented.

New convenient stability criteria are provided in this paper for a large class of finite difference approximations to initial-boundary value problems associated with the hyperbolic system \( u_t = A u_x + B u + f \) in the quarter plane \( x \geq 0, t \geq 0 \). Using the new criteria, stability is easily established for numerous combinations of well known basic schemes and boundary conditions, thus generalizing many special cases studied in recent literature.


Chebyshev pseudospectral methods are used to compute two-dimensional smooth compressible flows. Grid refinement tests show that spectral accuracy can be obtained. Filtering is not needed if resolution is sufficiently high and if boundary conditions are carefully prescribed.


The equation \( \nabla \cdot (\nabla u) = f(u) + g(u) \) is studied by means of a compact finite difference scheme and numerical solutions are compared to the analytic inviscid (\( \nabla = 0 \)) solutions. The correct internal and external boundary layer behaviour is observed, due to an inherent feature of the scheme which automatically produces upwind differencing in inviscid regions and the correct viscous behaviour in viscous regions.


We discuss approximation techniques for estimating spatially varying coefficients and unknown boundary parameters in second order hyperbolic systems. Methods for state approximation (cubic splines, tau-Legendre) and approximation of function space parameters (interpolatory splines) are outlined and numerical findings for use of the resulting schemes in model "1-D seismic inversion" problems are summarized.
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**WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES**

A Workshop on Grid Methods was held September 26-27, 1983. The purpose of this workshop was to help clarify the properties of numerical schemes which make general grids useful, and to review generation techniques being employed or being proposed. The speakers and their topics are listed below:

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