



The computational algorithm employed in CFL3D for the three-dimensional Navier-Stokes code CFL3D is described in Thomas et al.³⁷ The governing equations, which are the thin-layer approximations to the three-dimensional time-dependent compressible Navier-Stokes equations, can be written in terms of generalized coordinates as

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{Q}}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \hat{\mathbf{F}}_v)}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{G}} - \hat{\mathbf{G}}_v)}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial(\hat{\mathbf{H}} - \hat{\mathbf{H}}_v)}{\partial \zeta} = 0 \quad (\text{A-1})$$

A general, three-dimensional transformation between the Cartesian variables (x, y, z) and the generalized coordinates (ξ, η, ζ) is implied. (See Appendix F for details.) The variable J represents the Jacobian of the transformation:

$$J = \frac{\partial(\xi, \eta, \zeta, t)}{\partial(x, y, z, t)} \quad (\text{A-2})$$

In Equation (A-1), \mathbf{Q} is the vector of conserved variables, density, momentum, and total energy per unit volume, such that

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = \frac{\mathbf{Q}}{J} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho w \\ e \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-3})$$

The inviscid flux terms are

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{J} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho U \\ \rho U u + \xi_x p \\ \rho U v + \xi_y p \\ \rho U w + \xi_z p \\ (e + p)U - \xi_t p \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-4})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} = \frac{\mathbf{G}}{J} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho V \\ \rho V u + \eta_x p \\ \rho V v + \eta_y p \\ \rho V w + \eta_z p \\ (e + p)V - \eta_t p \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-5})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \frac{\mathbf{H}}{J} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho W \\ \rho W u + \zeta_x p \\ \rho W v + \zeta_y p \\ \rho W w + \zeta_z p \\ (e + p)W - \zeta_t p \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-6})$$

The contravariant velocities are given by

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \xi_x u + \xi_y v + \xi_z w + \xi_t \\ V &= \eta_x u + \eta_y v + \eta_z w + \eta_t \\ W &= \zeta_x u + \zeta_y v + \zeta_z w + \zeta_t \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-7})$$

The viscous flux terms are

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_v = \frac{\mathbf{F}_v}{J} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \xi_x \tau_{xx} + \xi_y \tau_{xy} + \xi_z \tau_{xz} \\ \xi_x \tau_{xy} + \xi_y \tau_{yy} + \xi_z \tau_{yz} \\ \xi_x \tau_{xz} + \xi_y \tau_{yz} + \xi_z \tau_{zz} \\ \xi_x b_x + \xi_y b_y + \xi_z b_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-8})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}}_v = \frac{\mathbf{G}_v}{J} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \eta_x \tau_{xx} + \eta_y \tau_{xy} + \eta_z \tau_{xz} \\ \eta_x \tau_{xy} + \eta_y \tau_{yy} + \eta_z \tau_{yz} \\ \eta_x \tau_{xz} + \eta_y \tau_{yz} + \eta_z \tau_{zz} \\ \eta_x b_x + \eta_y b_y + \eta_z b_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-9})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_v = \frac{\mathbf{H}_v}{J} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \zeta_x \tau_{xx} + \zeta_y \tau_{xy} + \zeta_z \tau_{xz} \\ \zeta_x \tau_{xy} + \zeta_y \tau_{yy} + \zeta_z \tau_{yz} \\ \zeta_x \tau_{xz} + \zeta_y \tau_{yz} + \zeta_z \tau_{zz} \\ \zeta_x b_x + \zeta_y b_y + \zeta_z b_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-10})$$

The shear stress and heat flux terms are defined in tensor notations (summation convention implied) as

$$\tau_{x_i x_j} = \frac{M_\infty}{Re_{\tilde{L}_R}} \left[\mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) + \lambda \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} \delta_{ij} \right] \quad (\text{A-11})$$

$$b_{x_i} = u_j \tau_{x_i x_j} - \dot{q}_{x_i} \quad (\text{A-12})$$

$$\dot{q}_{x_i} = - \left[\frac{M_\infty \mu}{Re_{\tilde{L}_R} Pr(\gamma - 1)} \right] \frac{\partial a^2}{\partial x_i} \quad (\text{A-13})$$

The pressure is obtained by the equation of state for a perfect gas

$$p = (\gamma - 1) \left[e - \frac{\rho}{2} (u^2 + v^2 + w^2) \right] \quad (\text{A-14})$$

The above equations have been nondimensionalized in terms of the free-stream^[1] density, $\tilde{\rho}_\infty$, the free-stream speed of sound, \tilde{a}_∞ , and the free-stream molecular viscosity, $\tilde{\mu}_\infty$. (See Chapter 4.) The chain rule is used to evaluate derivatives with respect to (x, y, z) in terms of (ξ, η, ζ) . Consistent with the thin-layer assumption, only those derivatives in the direction normal to the wall (ζ) are retained in the shear stress and heat flux terms. Equation (A-1) is closed by the Stokes hypothesis for bulk viscosity ($\lambda + 2\mu/3=0$) and Sutherland's law for molecular viscosity.⁴⁵

The CFL3D code also has the capability to solve the Euler equations, which are obtained when the $\hat{\mathbf{F}}_v$, $\hat{\mathbf{G}}_v$, and $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_v$ terms are omitted from Equation (A-1).

The numerical algorithm uses a semi-discrete finite-volume formulation, resulting in a consistent approximation to the conservation laws in integral form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_V \mathbf{Q} dV + \iint_S \hat{\mathbf{f}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS = 0 \quad (\text{A-15})$$

[1] See the note on page 3 about the usage of the phrase *free stream*.

where \vec{f} denotes the net flux through a surface S with unit normal \vec{n} containing the (time-invariant) volume V . Integration of Equation (A-15) over a control volume bounded by lines of constant ξ , η , and ζ gives the semi-discrete form

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{Q}}{\partial t}\right)_{i,j,k} &+ (\hat{F} - \hat{F}_v)_{i+1/2,j,k} - (\hat{F} - \hat{F}_v)_{i-1/2,j,k} \\ &+ (\hat{G} - \hat{G}_v)_{i,j+1/2,k} - (\hat{G} - \hat{G}_v)_{i,j-1/2,k} \\ &+ (\hat{H} - \hat{H}_v)_{i,j,k+1/2} - (\hat{H} - \hat{H}_v)_{i,j,k-1/2} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-16})$$

where, for convenience,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \xi &= \xi_{i+1/2,j,k} - \xi_{i-1/2,j,k} = 1 \\ \Delta \eta &= \eta_{i,j+1/2,k} - \eta_{i,j-1/2,k} = 1 \\ \Delta \zeta &= \zeta_{i,j,k+1/2} - \zeta_{i,j,k-1/2} = 1 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-17})$$

The discrete values $\hat{Q}_{i,j,k}$ are regarded as average values taken over a unit computational cell; similarly, discrete values of \hat{F} , \hat{G} , and \hat{H} are regarded as face-average values. The convective and pressure terms are differenced using either the upwind flux-difference-splitting technique of Roe³¹ or the flux-vector-splitting technique of van Leer.³⁹ The MUSCL (Monotone Upstream-centered Scheme for Conservation Laws) approach of van Leer⁴⁰ is used to determine state-variable interpolations at the cell interfaces. The shear stress and heat transfer terms are centrally differenced.