



# A flow solver for the Euler and Navier-Stokes equations for multi-phase flows with a stiffened gas equation of state

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## Abstract

**Purpose** – This paper aims to develop an efficient numerical method for simulating multicomponent flows by solving the system of conservative equations closed by a general two parameters equation of state.

**Design/methodology/approach** – A finite difference method for solving the two-dimensional Euler or Navier-Stokes equations for multicomponent flows in a general curvilinear coordinate system is developed. The system of conservative equations (mass, momentum and energy) is closed with a general two parameters equation of state ( $p = (p + \gamma p_\infty)/(\gamma - 1)$ ), which, associated to a  $\gamma$ -formulation, allows easy computation of multicomponent flows. In order to enforce the stability of the numerical scheme, the Roe's flux-difference splitting is adopted for the numerical treatment of the inviscid fluxes. The method is adapted to treat also unsteady flows by implementing an explicit Euler scheme.

**Findings** – The method was applied to compute various configurations of flows, ranging from incompressible to compressible fluid, including cases of single component flows or multicomponent ones. Computations show that the use of primitive variables instead of conservative ones, especially at low Mach numbers, improves the iteration process when the resolution is performed with a relaxation procedure such as Gauss-Seidel method. Simulations of compressible flows with a strong shock show the ability of the present method to capture shocks correctly even with the use of primitive variables. To complete numerical tests, flows involving two fluids with the presence of interactions between a shock and a discontinuity surface have been treated successfully. Also, a case of cavitating flow has been considered in this work.

**Originality/value** – The present method permits the simulation of a large variety of multicomponent complexes flows with an efficient numerical taking advantage of Roe's flux-difference splitting in curvilinear coordinate system.

**Keywords** Flow, Finite difference methods, Fluid dynamics

**Paper type** Research paper



## 1. Introduction

Modern numerical methods in computational fluid dynamics (CFD) offer a number of possibilities that allow the treatment of various flows encountered in the practice. In fact the developments of these methods during the last decades have known a great

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progress, thanks to the one known on computers. Nevertheless, there are still a lot of challenges among which one of the most important is to provide engineers with analysis and design tools rather than just computing tools. This can be achieved by incorporating in numerical methods, as much as possible, models that can describe practical and realistic configurations with the minimum adjusting parameters and minimum cost. In this context, we are interested in the simulation of multicomponent flows for viscous, compressible or incompressible fluids. These kinds of configurations are characterized by the presence of contact discontinuities and possible shock waves propagation. Several models that describe such situations are found in the literature. Detailed reviews are presented by Clarke *et al.* (1993) and Shyue (1998) for example. Two categories can be distinguished: front tracking methods and shock-capturing ones. We focus only on the latest category, commonly used, and adopted here in our approach. In such method, the Navier-Stokes or Euler equations are used to express the conservation of mass, momentum and energy. The numerical scheme is constructed in a way that permits to handle shocks and contact discontinuities. The presence of more than one fluid is taken into account via the adoption of a “stiffened” two parameters equation of state in a so-called gamma model. The gamma model adopted is an extension to general curvilinear coordinates of the method described by Shyue (1998) which has been derived initially by Abgrall (1994) for polytropic gases in one dimension. Each component is characterised by its ratio of specific heats  $\gamma$  and the mass fraction in any point of the flow that could be computed by considering an equation relating these two quantities. With the adoption of a gamma-based model, positivity of the mass fraction is preserved in opposition to the models that employ the mass fraction as a variable. In these latter methods, the determination of the mass fraction may result in negative values during iterative processes usually used and a breakdown of the computations may occur (Larrouturo, 1992). It was preferred here to use the gamma model for this reason and also to make the scheme able to compute compressible as well as incompressible fluid flows by setting properly the parameters of the equation of state. Efficient shock-capturing methods are available to solve the system generated by the mathematical model. It is well-known that for cases similar to those we are interested in, the way the inviscid fluxes are treated is crucial for the behaviour of any scheme adopted and for the accuracy of computed results. Among a great number of possibilities that are used in finite difference methods such as total variation diminishing (Harten, 1983) or essentially non oscillatory (Liu *et al.*, 1994) we use a Roe’s flux-difference splitting (Roe, 1981) based method. The flux-difference splitting of Roe is an approximate Riemann solver and suffers from some shortcomings that has been widely discussed by Quirk (1994), but offers possibilities for treating shocks and contact discontinuities that have been proven in several works. We also point out that we use the grid aligned approach, that is, the direction of upwinding is set normal to the grid lines. Special attention is paid to the behaviour of the method at low-Mach numbers used alternatively for incompressible flows. The presence of regions with low speed for compressible fluids cases, such as in recirculating or attached flows affect the convergence rate of the solution procedure. This behaviour is due to the stiffness of the system of hyperbolic equations as the Mach number becomes very low. There are many methods for dealing with this situation. These methods use very often preconditioning techniques (Turkel, 1987; Choi and Merkle, 1993; Merkle and Choi, 1987). An alternate way to treat low-Mach number cases is the use of

primitive variables (Chen and Pletcher, 1991; Brenneis and Eberle, 1990). This latter approach is used in the present work and we have shown in an earlier work (Taha Janan and El Marjani, 1998) that the use of primitive variables rather than conservative ones in an implicit scheme reduces the number of iterations when the resolution is performed with a Gauss-Seidel method. In addition we note that the evaluation of the Jacobians of the viscous terms is simpler with the use of the primitive variables set.

## 2. Mathematical model

To describe a two-dimensional flow of a viscous fluid, we consider the Navier-Stokes equations written in a curvilinear system of coordinates. The case of an inviscid fluid is treated by dropping the viscous terms recovering hence the Euler equations. Developments are presented for two-dimensional case, the extension to 3D is straightforward and does not invoke any particular difficulty. The Navier-Stokes equations are cast into the conservative form that can be written in vector form in a system of fitted curvilinear coordinates  $(\xi, \eta)$  as follows:

$$\frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial \bar{q}_c}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial \bar{E}_v}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \bar{F}_v}{\partial \eta} \right) = 0. \quad (1)$$

Where the parameter  $Re$  is the Reynolds number and  $J$  is the Jacobian of the geometric transformation from Cartesian to curvilinear coordinates. The quantity  $\bar{q}_c$ , representing the conservative variables, and the inviscid fluxes  $\bar{E}$  and  $\bar{F}$  have the following expressions:

$$\bar{q}_c = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho E_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{E} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho U \\ \rho u U + \xi_x p \\ \rho v U + \xi_y p \\ (\rho E_0 + p) U \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{F} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho V \\ \rho u V + \eta_x p \\ \rho v V + \eta_y p \\ (\rho E_0 + p) V \end{bmatrix}.$$

In these expressions  $\rho$  represents the density,  $u$  and  $v$  are the velocity components in Cartesian coordinates and  $p$  is referring to the absolute pressure.  $U$  and  $V$  are the contravariant velocity components and  $E_0$  is the total energy. Their expressions are given by  $U = \xi_x u + \xi_y v$ ,  $V = \eta_x u + \eta_y v$  and  $E_0 = e + 1/2(u^2 + v^2)$ , where  $e$  refers to the internal energy. In these expressions  $\xi_x$ ,  $\xi_y$ ,  $\eta_x$  and  $\eta_y$  denote the derivatives of the  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  coordinates with respect to the Cartesian coordinates  $x$  and  $y$ .

The viscous terms have the well-known expressions involving the metrics  $\xi_x$ ,  $\eta_x$ ,  $\xi_y$  and  $\eta_y$ , and variable derivatives (Taha-Janani, 2001). As no special issues are considered for these terms we will not explicit nor their expressions neither the treatment adopted.

The system of equations (1) expresses the conservation of mass, momentum and energy and will be used for the computation of multicomponent flows. This system is closed in our formulation with a "stiffened" gas equation of state as follows:

$$\rho e = \frac{p + \gamma p_\infty}{\gamma - 1}. \quad (2)$$

In this equation, the quantities  $\gamma$  and  $p_\infty$  are considered as variables and characterise each specie or component. The values of these two parameters for water and air, the

most commonly considered fluids are  $\gamma = 5.5$  and  $p_\infty = 442 \text{ Mpa}$  for water, and  $\gamma = 1.4$  and  $p_\infty = 0$  for air. Two additional equations have to be used, as shown in Shyue (1998) and Taha-Janan (2001), for the determination of the distribution of the parameters  $\gamma$  and  $p_\infty$  in the flow field in the so-called “gamma model”. This distribution, which is computed taking into account the initial and boundary values, gives the distribution at every moment of the species in presence. The two additional equations can be expressed in the following strong conservative form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\rho}{\gamma-1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left( \frac{1}{J} \frac{\rho U}{\gamma-1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{1}{J} \frac{\rho V}{\gamma-1} \right) &= 0, \\ \frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\rho \gamma p_\infty}{\gamma-1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left( \frac{1}{J} \frac{\rho \gamma p_\infty U}{\gamma-1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{1}{J} \frac{\rho \gamma p_\infty V}{\gamma-1} \right) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

These two equations are solved together with equations (1) to provide the aerodynamic, thermodynamic and species distribution fields. For more convenience these two systems of equations could be written as a single one as follows:

$$\frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial q_c}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta} - \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial E_v}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial F_v}{\partial \eta} \right) = 0 \quad (4)$$

which is of the same form as system (1) but where the variable vector and the convective terms have the following expressions:

$$q_c = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho E_0 \\ \rho / (\gamma - 1) \\ \rho \gamma p_\infty / (\gamma - 1) \end{bmatrix} \quad E = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho U \\ \rho u U + \xi_x p \\ \rho v U + \xi_y p \\ (\rho E_0 + p) U \\ \rho U / (\gamma - 1) \\ (\rho U \gamma p_\infty) / (\gamma - 1) \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho V \\ \rho u V + \eta_x p \\ \rho v V + \eta_y p \\ (\rho E_0 + p) V \\ \rho V / (\gamma - 1) \\ (\rho V \gamma p_\infty) / (\gamma - 1) \end{bmatrix} .$$

It will be noted that the use of such a system allows the computation of the distribution of the species in presence in the flow field whatever is their number with always six equations for two dimensional cases and seven equations in three dimensional cases.

### 3. Numerical method

The system of equations (4), obtained by compacting systems (1) and (3) is to be solved to determine the flow characteristics. A finite difference scheme is derived making use of the flux-difference splitting of Roe for the inviscid fluxes. For time dependent solutions, the explicit Euler scheme is used. In the case of steady state solution we use the Euler implicit scheme for time discretisation of equations (4), leading to the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta q_c^n + \Delta t \left\{ \frac{\partial \Delta E^n}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \Delta F^n}{\partial \eta} - \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial \Delta E_v^n}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \Delta F_v^n}{\partial \eta} \right) \right\} \\ = -\Delta t \left\{ \frac{\partial E^n}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial F^n}{\partial \eta} - \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial E_v^n}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial F_v^n}{\partial \eta} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

In this expression  $\Delta(\cdot)^n = (\cdot)^{n+1} - (\cdot)^n$ , where the superscript is relative to temporal steps and  $\Delta t$  represents the time step. This system is solved with respect to the quantity  $\Delta q_c^n$ .

As mentioned before, the treatment of the inviscid fluxes is crucial for the efficiency of the solution method. For this purpose, a flux difference splitting of Roe (1981) type has been implemented. Flux limiters are also used to maintain an accuracy up to third order biased in the regions of smooth gradients and a first order near discontinuities. Hence, the inviscid fluxes are approximated by numerical fluxes such as:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{i+1/2}^* = \frac{1}{2} (E_i + E_{i+1}) - \frac{1}{2} |\tilde{A}_{i+1/2}| (q_{i+1} - q_i) + \frac{1}{4} \left\{ (1 - \kappa) \Psi_{i-1/2}^+ \tilde{A}_{i-1/2}^+ (q_i - q_{i-1}) \right. \\ \left. + (1 + \kappa) \Psi_{i+1/2}^- \tilde{A}_{i+1/2}^+ (q_{i+1} - q_i) - (1 - \kappa) \Psi_{i-1/2}^+ \tilde{A}_{i+1/2}^- (q_{i+1} - q_i) \right. \\ \left. - (1 - \kappa) \Psi_{i+3/2}^- \tilde{A}_{i+3/2}^- (q_{i+2} - q_{i+1}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F_{j+1/2}^* = \frac{1}{2} (F_j + F_{j+1}) - \frac{1}{2} |\tilde{B}_{j+1/2}| (q_{j+1} - q_j) \\ + \frac{1}{4} \left\{ (1 - \kappa) \Psi_{j-1/2}^+ \tilde{B}_{j-1/2}^+ (q_j - q_{j-1}) \right. \\ \left. + (1 + \kappa) \Psi_{j+1/2}^- \tilde{B}_{j+1/2}^+ (q_{j+1} - q_j) \right. \\ \left. - (1 - \kappa) \Psi_{j-1/2}^+ \tilde{B}_{j+1/2}^- (q_{j+1} - q_j) \right. \\ \left. - (1 - \kappa) \Psi_{j+3/2}^- \tilde{B}_{j+3/2}^- (q_{j+2} - q_{j+1}) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The matrices  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  refer to Roe's averages in the curvilinear system of coordinates, and the indices  $i$  and  $j$  are, respectively, attached to  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  directions. The expressions of these matrices are given in the Appendix. The parameter  $\Psi$  is set equal to unity for smooth solutions and has the expression of a limiter in the presence of shocks or contact discontinuities. The parameter  $\kappa$ , permits to adjust the accuracy of the discretisation from fully second order upwind ( $\kappa = -1$ ) up to a third order biased ( $\kappa = 1/3$ ). It will be noted that we have dropped the  $c$  indices for the variable  $q$  for more convenience of the expression.

As mentioned before, our formulation is based on the use of primitive variables, represented by the vector  $q_p = (p, u, v, T, (1/(\gamma - 1)), ((\gamma p_\infty)/(\gamma - 1)))^T$  rather than the conservative ones  $q_c = (\rho, \rho u, \rho v, \rho E_0, (\rho/(\gamma - 1)), ((\rho \gamma p_\infty)/(\gamma - 1)))^T$ . This may be achieved by applying chain rule to the increment of the conservative variables as follows:

$$\Delta q_c = \frac{\partial q_c}{\partial q_p} \Delta q_p = C \Delta q_p$$

with:

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1/T & 0 & 0 \\ u/T & (p + \gamma p_\infty)/T & 0 \\ v/T & 0 & (p + \gamma p_\infty)/T \\ (1/(\gamma - 1)) + (E_c/T) & ((p + \gamma p_\infty)/T)u & ((p + \gamma p_\infty)/T)v \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -((p + \gamma p_\infty)/T^2) & -(\gamma(\gamma - 1)p_\infty)/T & (\gamma - 1)/T \\ -((p + \gamma p_\infty)/T^2)u & -(\gamma(\gamma - 1)u p_\infty)/T & ((\gamma - 1)u)/T \\ -((p + \gamma p_\infty)/T^2)v & -(\gamma(\gamma - 1)v p_\infty)/T & ((\gamma - 1)v)/T \\ -((p + \gamma p_\infty)E_c)/T^2 & p - ((\gamma(\gamma - 1)p_\infty E_c)/T) & 1 + ((\gamma - 1)/T)E_c \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

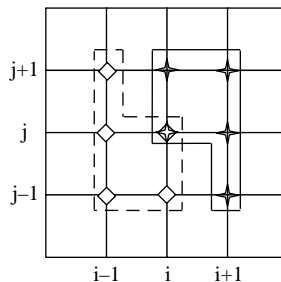
where:  $E_c = (1/2)(u^2 + v^2)$ .

The resulting algebraic system obtained from previous discretisation steps is solved in our case either by an iterative Gauss-Seidel procedure or by an approximate LU factorisation to determine the quantities  $\Delta q_p^n$ . To achieve the solution of the resulting algebraic system after performing the discretizations and the approximate LU factorisation, this system may be written as:

$$([DD] + [LL])[DD]^{-1}([DD] + [UU])\Delta q_p = \text{RHS} \tag{7}$$

where we have grouped in the terms DD, LL and UU successively the diagonal, lower and upper nodes contributions as shown in the sketch of the molecule in Figure 1.

We will notice that the development of the two factors in the above expression does not render the original discretized equations. An error subsists, but as it acts on the  $\Delta q$  terms, it vanishes at vanishing  $\Delta q$ , i.e. as the convergence is reached. For this reason, the LU factorisation was preferred for steady state solutions while the Gauss-Seidel procedure was used for unsteady flows.



**Figure 1.**  
Molecule used for the  
computation of the  
implicit part

The solution of the algebraic factored system is performed in two steps of, respectively, a lower and upper systems with a simple Gauss elimination.

$$\text{First step : } ([DD] + [LL])\Delta q_p^* = \text{RHS.}$$

$$\text{Second step : } ([DD] + [UU])\Delta q_p = [DD]\Delta q_p^*.$$

The solution  $q_p^{n+1}$  at the time step is then determined by:

$$q_p^{n+1} = q_p^n + \Delta q_p$$

The solution is then completed by updating all the other variables, especially the conservative variables used for the discretisation of the convective terms appearing in the explicit part (RHS) of the scheme.

#### 4. Results and discussions

In order to test the numerical method described above, we have considered a variety of flows which include compressible and incompressible cases with one or more species. The results obtained for the computed configurations are described in this section.

##### 4.1 Converging-diverging nozzle

The first test case considered is an inviscid transonic compressible flow in a converging-diverging nozzle described by Ött *et al.* (1993) and shown in Figure 2. The section of the throat represents 88 per cent of the inflow section. Computations were performed on only the half of the nozzle with symmetric conditions on the axis. A grid of  $84 \times 24$  points, refined near the solid wall, was used. At the entry of the nozzle the total pressure and temperature were prescribed as well as a zero  $v$  component of the velocity. The value of the static pressure was fixed as a downstream boundary condition. The pressure along the axis of the nozzle is shown in Figure 2, which compare well to the analytic one dimensional solution. The obtained results confirm that the use of primitive variables does not affect the ability of the flux-difference splitting to capture shocks efficiently.

##### 4.2 Constricted closed channel

The flow of an incompressible fluid in a constricted channel as described by Ghia *et al.* (1981) is computed with the present method for water by setting  $\gamma = 5.5$  and

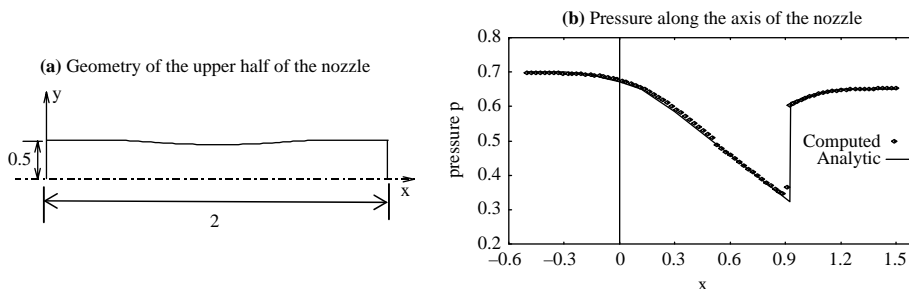


Figure 2.  
Transonic nozzle

$p_\infty = 4,921.15$  bars. Two of the four configurations described in details by Ghia *et al.* (1981) mentioned as Cases I and II, having two different curvatures, were treated. Figure 3 shows the geometry of a constricted channel. Figure 4 shows the field of static pressure obtained for Case II, using a  $21 \times 61$  mesh refined near the upper and lower wall, as well as in the vicinity of the region of curvature change of the channel. The inflow boundary conditions are prescribed by imposing a parabolic velocity profile, the value of the static pressure and an adiabatic condition for heat transfer. The value of the static pressure is fixed at the outflow boundary. As we deal with a viscous fluid, the velocity at the walls was set to zero, and these boundaries are considered to be adiabatic. Results show the pressure smoothness particularly in a non-staggered grid. Figure 5 shows results for wall static pressure after deducing the linear pressure profile in the case of a straight channel. We note that the results obtained by our method compare well with the ones obtained by Ghia *et al.* We should note that the stiffened gas equation of state represents well the comportment of an incompressible fluid and allows the simultaneous treatment of all the variables, including the pressure.

4.3 Richtmyer-Meshkov instability

As a test of the ability of the method developed to treat interfaces and the interaction that may occur between these interfaces, we consider the so-called

Figure 3.  
Geometry of the  
constricted channel

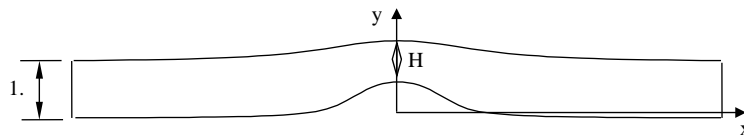


Figure 4.  
Constricted channel:  
pressure field

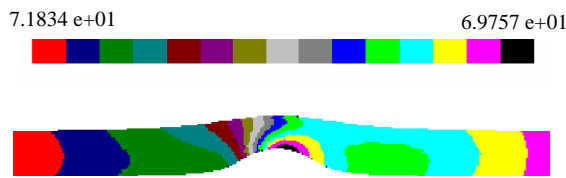
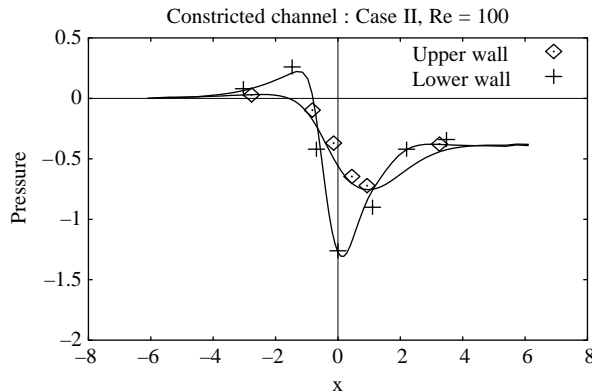


Figure 5.  
Constricted channel: Static  
pressure at solid walls



Notes: Symbols - computational results of Ghia et al;  
Lines - computed results with the present method



Richtmyer-Meshkov instability. This test case deals with the interaction between a shock wave that passes an interface between two fluids with different values of acoustic impedance. The misalignment of the pressure and density gradients results in the growth of the interface perturbations and causes the development of the instability. It represents an unsteady 2D flow developed in a tube representing the interaction between a planar Mach 1.95 shock wave at  $x = 1.325$  and a moving interface. The most important particularity of this case is that it involves two fluids that are, respectively, compressible and incompressible. The treatment is processed using the same equations and the same form of the equation of state for which the parameters are to be determined to follow the evolution of the interface. The initial state is represented by a gas in the left side and a liquid in the right side separated by an interface represented by:

$$x = x_0 - \varepsilon \cos(2\pi ky), \quad y \in [0, 1]$$

where  $x_0 = 1.2$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0.1$  and  $k = 1$ . The initial data for the left and right sides of the interface are:

$$(\rho, u, p, \gamma, p_\infty)_L = (1, 0, 1, 1.4, 0), \quad (\rho, u, p, \gamma, p_\infty)_M = (5, 0, 1, 4, 1).$$

The state behind the shock is:  $(\rho, u, p, \gamma, p_\infty)_R = (7.093, -0.7288, 10, 4, 1)$ .

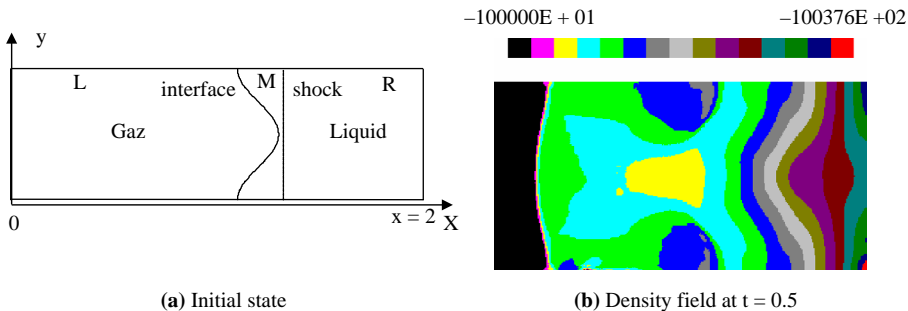
Computations were performed on a  $149 \times 71$  uniform mesh distributions, with a time step of  $\Delta t = 2 \times 10^{-3}$ , using Van Leer limiter. We show in Figure 6 the initial state and the density field at  $t = 0.5$ . As it appears in Figure 6(b), some perturbations appear for the distribution of the density. For this reason, we show in Figure 7, a comparison between the results obtained by our method for the distribution of the density at the centre line. Numerical results confirm the ability of the present method to deal efficiently with unsteady multiphase flows.

#### 4.4 One dimensional cavitation test

We finally consider a simple introduction to simulate cavitating flows. It concerns the one dimensional flow of an incompressible flow studied earlier by Cocchi and Saurel (1997) for which the initial state is given by:

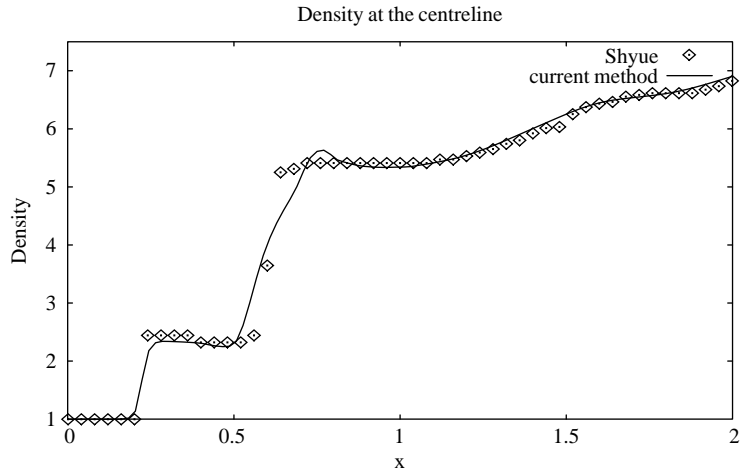
$$0 \leq x < 0.5 \quad (\rho, u, v, p, \gamma, p_\infty)_L = (1., -1., 0., 0.01, 4.4, 60.)$$

$$0.5 \leq x \leq 1.0 \quad (\rho, u, v, p, \gamma, p_\infty)_R = (1., +1., 0., 0.01, 4.4, 60.)$$



**Figure 6.**  
Richtmyer-Meshkov  
instability

**Figure 7.**  
Distribution of the density  
at the centre line



The fact that the values of the velocity are opposed in the two parts of the domain leads to the creation in the central region of highly depressed zone and then to an effect similar to the cavitation one. The cavitation criterion considered is done by imposing to the computed values of the pressure that are under the value of the saturated vapour pressure  $p_v$ , to be equal to that one. Furthermore, the density in the zones corresponding to these values is set to be equal to the one in regions where the pressure is greater than  $p_v$  divided by 50. This value corresponds to the one generally considered in the literature. This approach permits to simulate the great differences between the densities of the two fluids.

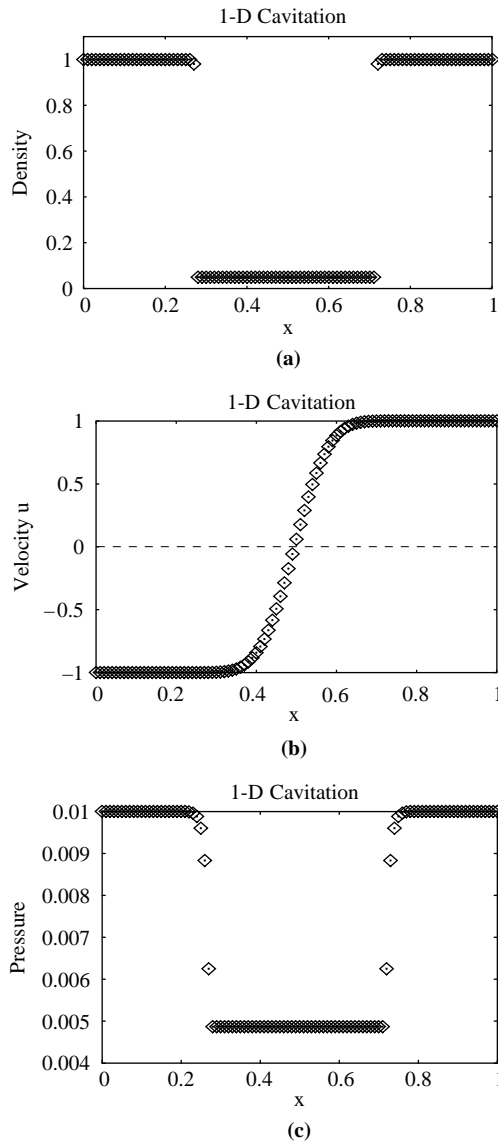
The results obtained for this configuration, using a uniform mesh of 100 points, are shown hereafter, in Figure 8, at the time  $t = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ , computed with a time step of  $10^{-4}$ . The Van Leer limiter is used.

We can observe that the computations highlight correctly the development of the depressurisation zone.

We notice that the results obtained are similar to the ones that could be obtained by a barotropic law such as the one used by Delannoy (1989). However, we are freed, here of the artifice of the connection between the two steps of constant values of the density used by Delannoy. The result related to the distribution of the density (Figure 8(c)) obtained highlights a natural connection between these two values. Furthermore, the passage of a value of the density is done on a weak extent, materializing the interface.

### 5. Concluding remarks

The method we developed for simulating multicomponent flows was tested for different flows configurations. The results obtained are very encouraging for further developments. The immediate applications we are working on presently are those concerning the application of the method in cavitating flows. In fact, the ability of the method to deal with multiple components as well as with discontinuities is a great trump for the application of such method in simulating cavitation which is among interesting themes in CFD. The latter presented results are very promising in that way.



**Figure 8.**  
 (a) 1D cavitation: density  
distribution at  $t = 0.005$ ;  
 (b) 1D cavitation: velocity  
distribution at  $t = 0.005$ ;  
 (c) 1D cavitation: pressure  
distribution at  $t = 0.005$

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**Appendix. Expressions of Roe matrices for the model**

$$\tilde{A} \text{ ou } \tilde{B} = k_1 \tilde{A}_{xy} + k_2 \tilde{B}_{xy}$$

for  $\tilde{A}$ , we set:  $k_1 = Jy_\eta$  et  $k_2 = -Jx_\eta$

for  $\tilde{B}$ , we set:  $k_1 = -Jy_\xi$  et  $k_2 = -Jx_\xi$

$\tilde{A}_{xy}$  and  $\tilde{B}_{xy}$  are the expressions of Roe average matrices in Cartesian coordinates given by the following expressions:

$$\tilde{A}_{xy} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ ((\tilde{\gamma}-3)/2)\tilde{u}^2 + ((\tilde{\gamma}-1)/2)\tilde{v}^2 & (3-\tilde{\gamma})\tilde{u} & -(\tilde{\gamma}-1)\tilde{v} & (\tilde{\gamma}-1)\tilde{\chi} & 1-\tilde{\gamma} \\ -\tilde{u}\tilde{v} & \tilde{v} & \tilde{u} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ ((\tilde{\gamma}-1)/2)\tilde{u}(\tilde{u}^2 + \tilde{v}^2) - \tilde{u}\tilde{H} & \tilde{H} - (\tilde{\gamma}-1)\tilde{u}^2 & -(\tilde{\gamma}-1)\tilde{v}\tilde{u} & \tilde{\gamma}\tilde{u} & \tilde{\chi}\tilde{u} & (1-\tilde{\gamma})\tilde{u} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \tilde{u} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \tilde{u} \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\tilde{B}_{xy} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\tilde{u}\tilde{v} & \tilde{v} & \tilde{u} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ ((\tilde{\gamma}-1)/2)\tilde{u}^2 + ((\tilde{\gamma}-3)/2)\tilde{v}^2 & -(\tilde{\gamma}-1)\tilde{u} & (3-\tilde{\gamma})\tilde{v} & (\tilde{\gamma}-1)\tilde{\chi} & 1-\tilde{\gamma} \\ ((\tilde{\gamma}-1)/2)\tilde{v}(\tilde{u}^2 + \tilde{v}^2) - \tilde{v}\tilde{H} & -(\tilde{\gamma}-1)\tilde{u}\tilde{v} & \tilde{H} - (\tilde{\gamma}-1)\tilde{v}^2 & \tilde{\gamma}\tilde{v} & \tilde{\chi}\tilde{v} & (1-\tilde{\gamma})\tilde{v} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \tilde{v} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

where the tilded variables denote the classical Roe averages.

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