Experiences using 2decomp&fft to solve Partial Differential Equations using Fourier Spectral Methods

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Project Aim

- Teaching tool for use in mathematics and computer science courses from 1st year undergraduate to postgraduate level
- Research tool: investigate partial differential equations, investigate computer performance
- Help paper reproducibility and verifiability
- Reduce coding time
- Rely on 2decomp&fft for MPI parallelization (http://2decomp.org)
- Material has been tested in a course on Multivariable calculus and on an introduction to partial differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y \qquad (1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = dt \qquad (2)$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int dt \qquad (3)$$

$$\ln y + a = t + b \qquad (4)$$

$$e^{\ln y + a} = e^{t + b} \qquad (5)$$

$$e^{\ln y} e^{a} = e^{t} e^{b} \qquad (6)$$

$$y = \frac{e^{b}}{e^{a}} e^{t} \qquad (7)$$

$$y(t) = c e^{t}. \qquad (8)$$

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$$u_t = u_{xx} \tag{9}$$

• Suppose
$$u = X(x)T(t)$$

$$\frac{\frac{\mathrm{d}T}{\mathrm{d}t}(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 X}{\mathrm{d}x^2}(x)}{X(x)} = -C, \tag{10}$$

 Solving each of these separately and then using linearity we get a general solution

$$\sum_{n} \alpha_{n} \exp(-C_{n}t) \sin(\sqrt{C_{n}}x) + \beta_{n} \exp(-C_{n}t) \cos(\sqrt{C_{n}}x)$$
(11)

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- How do we find a particular solution?
- Suppose *u*(*x*, *t* = 0) = *f*(*x*)
- Suppose $u(0, t) = u(2\pi, t)$ and $u_x(0, t) = u_x(2\pi, t)$ then recall

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$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) = \begin{cases} \pi & m = n \\ 0 & m \neq n \end{cases},$$
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 (13)
$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \cos(nx) \sin(mx) = 0.$$
 (14)

• So if $f(x) = \sum_{n} \alpha_n \sin(nx) + \beta_n \cos(nx).$ (15)

then

$$\alpha_{n} = \frac{\int_{0}^{2\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx}{\int_{0}^{2\pi} \sin^{2}(nx) dx}$$
(16)
$$\beta_{n} = \frac{\int_{0}^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx}{\int_{0}^{2\pi} \cos^{2}(nx) dx}.$$
(17)

and

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n} \exp(-n^2 t) \left[\alpha_n \sin(nx) + \beta_n \cos(nx) \right]$$
(18)

• The Fast Fourier Transform allows one to find good approximations to α_n and β_n when the solution is found at a finite number of evenly spaced grid points

The 1D Heat Equation: Finding derivatives and timestepping

Let

$$u(x) = \sum_{k} \hat{u}_k \exp(ikx)$$
(19)

then

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^{\nu}u}{\mathrm{d}x^{\nu}} = \sum (ik)^{\nu} \hat{u}_k.$$
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• Consider $u_t = u_{xx}$, which is approximated by

$$\frac{\partial \hat{u}_k}{\partial t} = \alpha (ik)^2 \hat{u}_k \tag{21}$$

$$\frac{\hat{u}_{k}^{n+1} - \hat{u}_{k}^{n}}{h} = \alpha(ik)^{2}\hat{u}_{k}^{n+1}$$
(22)

$$\hat{u}_{k}^{n+1}(1-\alpha h(ik)^{2}) = \hat{u}_{k}^{n}$$
 (23)

$$\hat{u}_{k}^{n+1} = \frac{u_{k}^{n}}{(1 - \alpha h(ik)^{2})}.$$
 (24)

• Consider $u_t = \epsilon(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) + u - u^3$, which is approximated by

$$\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial t} = \epsilon \left[(ik_x)^2 + (ik_y)^2 \right] \hat{u} + \hat{u} - \hat{u^3}$$
(25)
$$\frac{\hat{u}^{n+1} - \hat{u}^n}{h} = \epsilon \left[(ik_x)^2 + (ik_y)^2 \right] \hat{u^{n+1}} + \hat{u^n} - (\hat{u^n})^3$$
(26)

The 3D Gray-Scott Equations

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D_u \Delta u + \alpha (1 - u) - uv^2, \qquad (27)$ $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = D_v \Delta v - \beta v + uv^2. \qquad (28)$

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 Solved using a splitting method (More information on splitting for this at

http://arxiv.org/abs/1310.3901)

• http://web.student.tuwien.ac.at/~e1226394/

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$$i\psi_t + \psi_{xx} + \psi_{yy} = |\psi|^2 \psi$$

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Solved using Fast Fourier Transform and splitting

Table: Computation times in seconds for 20 time steps of 10^{-5} for a Fourier split step method for the cubic nonlinear Schrödinger equation on $[-5\pi, 5\pi]^2$.

Grid	GPU	GPU	GPU	Xeon Phi	CPU
Size	(Cuf)	(Cuda)	(OpenACC)	(61 cores)	(1 core)
256 ²	0.00802	0.0116	0.0130	0.0122	0.442
512 ²	0.0234	0.0315	0.0369	0.0291	1.94
1024 ²	0.0851	0.105	0.132	0.118	12.7
2048 ²	0.334	0.415	0.527	0.422	57.2
4096 ²	1.49	2.02	2.30	1.626	329

The Real Cubic Klein-Gordon Equation

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u + u = |u|^{2}u \qquad (29)$$

$$E(u, u_{t}) = \int \frac{1}{2}|u_{t}|^{2} + \frac{1}{2}|u|^{2} + \frac{1}{2}|\nabla u|^{2} - \frac{1}{4}|u|^{4} d\mathbf{x} \qquad (30)$$

$$\frac{u^{n+1} - 2u^{n} + u^{n-1}}{(\delta t)^{2}} - \Delta \frac{u^{n+1} + 2u^{n} + u^{n-1}}{4} + \frac{u^{n+1} + 2u^{n} + u^{n-1}}{4} \qquad (31)$$

$$= \pm |u^{n}|^{2} u^{n} \qquad (32)$$

- Parallelization done using 2decomp library for FFT and processing independent loops
- Other time stepping algorithms possible, including splitting

Simulations and Videos by Brian Leu, Albert Liu, and Parth Sheth



Figure: Strong scaling on Mira for a 4096³ discretization.

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- http://www-personal.umich.edu/~brianleu/
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The 2D and 3D Navier Stokes Equation

Consider incompressible case only

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$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} \quad (33)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (34)$$

- p pressure, μ viscosity, ρ , density
- 2D **u**(*x*, *y*) = (*u*(*x*, *y*), *v*(*x*, *y*))
- 3D $\mathbf{u}(x, y, z) = (u(x, y, z), v(x, y, z), w(x, y, z))$

2D Vorticity-Streamfunction Formulation

 $\omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{y}} = -\Delta \psi$

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial t} + u\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial y}\right) = \mu\Delta\omega$$
(35)

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$$\Delta \psi = -\omega. \tag{36}$$

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Time Discretization

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$$\rho \left[\frac{\omega^{n+1,k+1} - \omega^{n}}{\delta t} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left(u^{n+1,k} \frac{\partial \omega^{n+1,k}}{\partial x} + v^{n+1,k} \frac{\partial \omega^{n+1,k}}{\partial y} + u^{n} \frac{\partial \omega^{n}}{\partial x} + v^{n} \frac{\partial \omega^{n}}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\mu}{2} \Delta \left(\omega^{n+1,k+1} + \omega^{n} \right),$$
(37)

and

$$\Delta \psi^{n+1,k+1} = -\omega^{n+1,k+1}, \qquad (38)$$
$$u^{n+1,k+1} = \frac{\partial \psi^{n+1,k+1}}{\partial y}, \quad v^{n+1,k+1} = -\frac{\partial \psi^{n+1,k+1}}{\partial x}. \quad (39)$$

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Fixed point iteration used to obtain nonlinear terms

- http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cloutbra/
 research.html
- Simulations on a single NVIDIA Fermi GPU about 20 times faster than a 16 core CPU

3D Equivalent Formulation

 Simplification of equation with periodic boundary conditions

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}\right) = -\nabla \boldsymbol{p} + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u}$$
(40)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \tag{41}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \left[\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) \right] = \nabla \cdot \left[-\nabla \rho + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} \right]$$
(42)

$$\rho \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) = -\Delta \rho \tag{43}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\rho} = \Delta^{-1} \left[\nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) \right]$$
(44)

SO

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}\right) = -\rho \nabla \left(\Delta^{-1} \left[\nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}\right)\right]\right) + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} (45)$$

3D Equivalent Formulation - Implicit Midpoint Time Discretization

$$\begin{split} \rho \left[\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1,j+1} - \mathbf{u}^n}{\delta t} + \frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1,j} + \mathbf{u}^n}{2} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1,j} + \mathbf{u}^n}{2} \right) \right] \\ = \rho \frac{\nabla \left[\Delta^{-1} \left(\nabla \cdot \left[(\mathbf{u}^{n+1,j} + \mathbf{u}^n) \cdot \nabla (\mathbf{u}^{n+1,j} + \mathbf{u}^n) \right] \right) \right]}{4} \\ + \mu \Delta \frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1,j+1} + \mathbf{u}^n}{2}, \end{split}$$

• Video of Taylor Green Vortex http://vimeo.com/87981782

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3D Equivalent Formulation - Carpenter-Kennedy Discretization

- 1: procedure RUNGE-KUTTA(u)
 - 2: **h** = **0**
 - 3: **u** = **u**ⁿ

4: **for**
$$k = 1 \to 5$$
 do

5:
$$\mathbf{h} \leftarrow \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) + \beta_k \mathbf{h}$$

6:
$$\mu = 0.5\delta t(\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k)$$

7:
$$\mathbf{v} - \mu \mathbf{l}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u} + \gamma_k \delta t \mathbf{h} + \mu \mathbf{l}(\mathbf{u})$$

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8:
$$\mathbf{U} \leftarrow \mathbf{V}$$

9: end for

10:
$$u^{n+1} = u$$

11: end procedure

Performance

- $\delta t = 0.005$ for 512³ and $\delta t = 0.01$ for 256³ grid points.
- For IMR scheme, fixed point iteration procedure was stopped once the difference between two successive iterates was less than 10^{-10} in I^{∞} norm of velocity fields.

Method	Grid Size	Cores	Time Steps	Time (s)	Core Hours Timestep
IMR	256 ³	512	1000	4060	0.578
IMR	512 ³	1024	500	9899	5.68
СК	512 ³	4096	2000	7040	4.0

Table: Performance of Fourier pseudospectral code on Shaheen. IMR is an abbreviation for implicit midpoint rule and CK is an abbreviation for Carpenter–Kennedy.

Kinetic Energy Evolution



Figure: KE of solutions are so close they are almost indistinguishable

Kinetic Energy Dissipation Rate



Figure: Plot during the initial stage, where flow is essentially inviscid and laminar. Fully developed turbulent flow is observed around $t_{max} \approx 8$.

Kinetic Energy Dissipation Rate



Figure: Difference in kinetic energy dissipation rates between the current discretizations and the reference solution.

Vorticity



Figure: Square of the vorticity in the plane centered at $(\pi, 0, 0)$ with normal vector (1, 0, 0).

Discrete energy equality for midpoint rule

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$$\|u(t=T)\|_{l^{2}}^{2} - \|u(t=0)\|_{l^{2}}^{2} = -\mu \int_{0}^{T} \|\nabla u\|_{l^{2}}^{2} dt$$
$$\|u^{N}\|_{l^{2}}^{2} - \|u^{0}\|_{l^{2}}^{2} = -\frac{\mu}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left\|\nabla \left(U^{n} + U^{n+1}\right)\right\|_{l^{2}}^{2} \delta t.$$

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Conclusion on Navier Stokes Equations

- At almost the same computational cost, both 2nd-order accurate IMR and 4th-order Carpenter-Kennedy time stepping method, capture same amount of detail of the flow for 512³.
- Simulations with 256³ grid points resulted in poor spatial convergences.

The 3D Maxwell's Equations

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 with the relation between the electromagnetic components given by the constitutive relations:

 $\vec{D} = \varepsilon_0(x, y, z)\vec{E}$ $\vec{B} = \mu_0(x, y, z)\vec{H}$

• Maxwell Simulation http://vimeo.com/71822380

Further Work

- Integration with other codes or simple examples for other spatial discretizations (one other example https://code.google.com/p/incompact3d/)
- Uniform interface for users with no programming background
- "Use MPI" vs. "Include mpif.h"
- C/C++ examples
- Better archiving and documentation procedure currently wikibooks + github

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- Integration with accelerators
- Integration with visualization tools
- Magnetohydrodynamics

Conclusion

- Easy to program numerical method which can be used to study semilinear partial differential equations
- Method parallelizes well on hardware with good communications so a good tool to introduce parallel programming ideas
- Research tool to investigate and provide conjectures for behavior of solutions to partial differential equations
- Research tool to investigate computer hardware performance and correctness
- Better user interface and integration with visualization would help make it easier for those without strong programming backgrounds

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