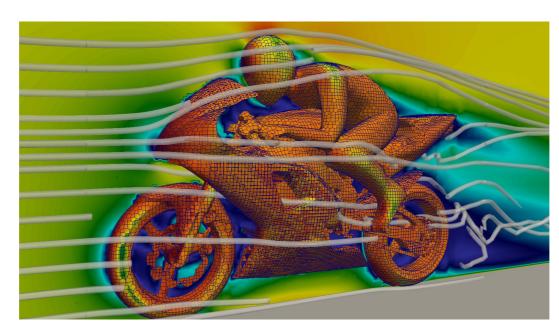


Open Source Computational Fluid Dynamics



An MSc course to gain extended knowledge in Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) using open source software.

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Course description

- Introduction to OpenFOAM simulations (and linux, gnuplot, paraview).
- Installation on several Linux distributions and virtual systems.
- Solution of simple fluid dynamics problems using OpenFOAM.
- Detailed introduction to OpenFOAM software components:
 - pre-processing (meshing tools and utilities)
 - solving (standard applications, user applications)
 - post-processing (ParaView).
- Single phase stationary and transient flows, turbulence, compressible flows.
- Multiphase and reactive flows.
- Extension of OpenFOAM capabilities by program code development in C++.
- Individual projects using OpenFOAM.
- Further open source CFD tools.

Course website

http://www.ara.bme.hu/~hernadi/OpenFOAM



Planned schedule

- week 1: introduction to OpenFOAM, installing
- week 2: solving simple fluid flow problems
- week 3: studying software components
- week 4: stationary and transient flows
- week 5: turbulent and compressible flows
- week 6: multiphase and reactive flows, individual project proposals
- week 7: OpenFOAM programming (C++), individual project declarations
- week 8: mid-term exam
- week 9-11: further open source software (e.g. Palabos, Octave, Git)
- week 12-14: presentations of individual projects

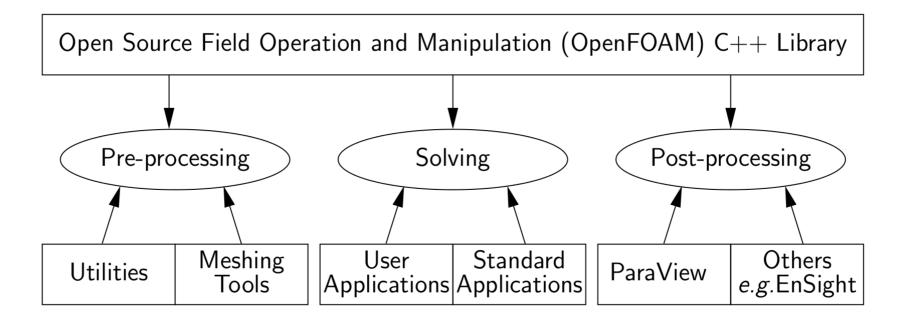
Final grade

The grading is based on 1 mid-term exam (50% in final grade) and an individual project (50% in final grade). In-class activity will be rewarded by bonus points.



Introduction to OpenFOAM

- Open source Field Operation And Manipulation
- C++ toolbox, mainly designed for Computational Fluid Dynamics
- Linux is fully supported by OpenFOAM.





Linux operating system

- Linux comes in different flavours: distributions.
- Most popular Linux distributions are e.g. Arch Linux, CentOS, Debian, Fedora, Mageia, Linux Mint, openSUSE, PCLinuxOS, Slackware, Ubuntu.
- Different distributions have different desktop environments, but the linux command-line in very similar.
- The *command-line* can be accessed through a **terminal emulator**, e.g. gnome-terminal, LXTerminal, rxvt, xterm.



Commands for navigating in file system

Is	list directory contents
ls -l	(use a long listing format)
ls -ltr	(long listing, sort by time, reverse order)
Ishelp	(to see other options)
man Is	manual of Is command (to exit press q)
cd	change directory to parent (relative to \$PWD)
cd /bin	change directory to /bin (absolute position)
cd ~/OpenFOAM	change directory to \$HOME/OpenFOAM
pwd	print name of current/working directory
echo HOME	display a line of text: HOME
echo \$HOME	display a variable: \$HOME
cd	change directory to \$HOME
find -name OpenFOAM	find files or directories named OpenFOAM
man find	manual of find command (to exit press q)
which Is	locate a command



Commands for texts in files

cd \$WM_PROJECT_DIR	change directory to OpenFOAM installation
cat Allwmake	print file content
less Allwmake	print file content and scroll (exit: q)
	(type /sys to search "sys")
	(type n for next, N for previous)
wc Allwmake	print newline, word, and byte counts
wc -w Allwmake	print word counts
man wc	manual for wc command
head Allwmake	output first part of file
tail Allwmake	output last part of file
grep echo Allwmake	print lines matching a pattern
sort Allwmake	sort lines of text
sort -r Allwmake	sort lines of text, reverse order
tac Allwmake	print file content, reverse order
grep -ri piso src	find files with content (-i: ignore case)
sort Allwmake uniq	omit reported lines in sorted output
man sed; man awk	manuals of more advanced text processing



Commands for manipulating files

cp Allwmake ~/test1	copy file
mv ~/test1 ~/test2	rename file
mv ~/test2 ~/OpenFOAM/	move file
rm ~/OpenFOAM/test2	remove file
mkdir ~/test	make directory
rmdir ~/test	remove empty directory
man rm	manual for rm command (see -r option!)
sort Allwmake >~/test	create file by redirecting
sort Allwmake >~/test	overwrite file by redirecting
sort <~/test >>~/sorted	sort redirected input and save output
sort <~/test >>~/sorted	sort redirected input and add output
chmod 000 ~/test	change file mode (check with ls -1)
chmod u+rw ~/test	change file mode (check with ls -1)

Note

Read (4), write (2), execute (1). E.g. rwxr-xr-x = 755, rw-r--r-- = 644.



Job control and performance monitoring

ps	list current processes
ps aux less	list all processes
top	interactive display of processes
kill	kill/terminate process
free -h	report free memory
df -h	report disk space usage
du -sh	estimate file space usage

Tip

Use TAB button for auto-completion of commands!

Visit http://linuxcommand.org for learning more commands.

Note

Recommended text editor GUI: gedit



Installing OpenFOAM

- Linux is fully supported by OpenFOAM.
- •On non-Linux systems, you can use a virtualization platform, e.g. VirtualBox. You can download a VirtualBox image file from the course website:

http://www.ara.bme.hu/~hernadi/OpenFOAM/virtualbox.html

• If you have Linux installed, you can install OpenFOAM from

http://www.openfoam.org/download/

- Easy installation is possible on Ubuntu, SuSE or Fedora. For these systems, you don't need to compile OpenFOAM source code.
- Source pack distribution can be downloaded and compiled.
- If you use Git version control system, you can compile OpenFOAM source code with the latest fixes.

Warning

Compiling OpenFOAM from source usually take several hours! Be patient!



Testing OpenFOAM installation

If OpenFOAM is installed, several Linux environment variables are available, e.g.

\$WM_PROJECT_DIR	OpenFOAM installation directory
\$FOAM_RUN	OpenFOAM user directory
\$FOAM_TUTORIALS	OpenFOAM tutorials directory

Note

You can list other environment variables by

```
echo $FOAM_<TAB><TAB>
env | grep 'WM\ | FOAM' | less
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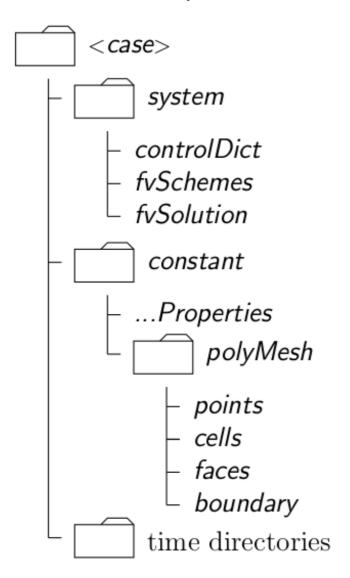
The usual way of testing OpenFOAM is to run a simple simulation:

```
mkdir -p $FOAM_RUN
cp -r $FOAM_TUTORIALS $FOAM_RUN
cd $FOAM_RUN/tutorials/incompressible/icoFoam/cavity
blockMesh
icoFoam
paraFoam
```



OpenFOAM cases

The basic directory structure:





How OpenFOAM solvers work

Partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \phi \mathbf{U} - \nabla \cdot \mu \nabla \mathbf{U} = -\nabla p$$

is represented using high-level C++ syntax inside the solver:

```
solve
(
    fvm::ddt(rho,U)
    + fvm::div(phi,U)
    - fvm::laplacian(mu,U)
    ==
    - fvc::grad(p)
);
```

Numerical treatment settings (discretization schemes and linear-solvers) are inside OpenFOAM cases (*fvSchemes*, *fvSolution*).