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# Laboratory Session 8

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① Floating object tutorial – 2D

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# Floating object tutorial – 2D

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- Recall the floating object tutorial from last week's lab
- Suppose we want to investigate the effect of certain parameters on the result
  - The mesh resolution around the floating object and the free surface interface
  - Whether waves radiation from the floating object reflect off the side walls and influence the floating object motion
- The computational requirements/runtimes, of the numerous simulations required to investigate the effect of these parameters on the results, can be reduced by performing a "2D" simulation, where the domain is only 1 cell thick.



# Tasks

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- ① Make a copy of last week's free decay floatingObject case setup, run ./Allclean and then modify the case to make a 2D simulation
  - 1.1 *system/blockMeshDict*:
    - Change the width of the tank from 1m to 0.01m : (Lines 23,24,27,28)
    - Set the number of cells in the  $y$ -direction to be 1 : (Line 33)
    - Change the boundary condition on the front and back walls to *empty* : (Lines 42-60)
  - 1.2 *constant/topoSetDict*
    - Change the  $y$  position of the floating object : (Line 24)
  - 1.3 *constant/dynamicMeshDict*
    - Change the width of the floating object : (Line 43)
  - 1.4 *0/\**
    - Change the boundary conditions for the front and back walls to *empty* : (Line 33)



# 1.1 system/blockMeshDict

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```
19vertices
20(
21  (0 0 0)
22  (1 0 0)
23  (1 1 0)
24  (0 1 0)
25  (0 0 1)
26  (1 0 1)
27  (1 1 1)
28  (0 1 1)
29);
30
31blocks
32(
33  hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 30) simpleGrading (1 1 1)
34);
35
36edges
37(
38);
39
40boundary
41(
42  stationaryWalls
43  {
44    type wall;
45    faces
46    (
47      (0 3 2 1)
48      (2 6 5 1)
49      (1 5 4 0)
50      (3 7 6 2)
51      (0 4 7 3)
52    );
53  }
54  atmosphere
55  {
```

## Modified

```
19vertices
20(
21  (0 0 0)
22  (1 0 0)
23  (1 0.01 0)
24  (0 0.01 0)
25  (0 0 1)
26  (1 0 1)
27  (1 0.01 1)
28  (0 0.01 1)
29);
30
31blocks
32(
33  hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 1 30) simpleGrading (1 1 1)
34);
35
36edges
37(
38);
39
40boundary
41(
42  frontAndBack
43  {
44    type empty;
45    faces
46    (
47      (1 5 4 0)
48      (3 7 6 2)
49    );
50  }
51  stationaryWalls
52  {
53    type wall;
54    faces
55    (
56      (0 3 2 1)
57      (2 6 5 1)
58      (0 4 7 3)
59    );
60  }
61  atmosphere
62  {
```



## 1.2 system/topoSetDict

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### Original

```
18actions
19(
20  {
21    name    c0;
22    type    cellSet;
23    action  new;
24    source  boxToCell;
25    sourceInfo
26    {
27      box (0.35 0.35 0.1) (0.65 0.55 0.6);
28    }
29  }
```

### Modified

```
18actions
19(
20  {
21    name    c0;
22    type    cellSet;
23    action  new;
24    source  boxToCell;
25    sourceInfo
26    {
27      box (0.35 0 0.1) (0.65 0.01 0.6);
28    }
29  }
```

# 1.3 constant/dynamicMeshDict

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### Original

```
27 solver
28 {
29     type Newmark;
30 }
31
32 accelerationRelaxation 0.7;
33
34 bodies
35 {
36     floatingObject
37     {
38         type          cuboid;
39         parent        root;
40
41         // Cuboid dimensions
42         Lx             0.3;
43         Ly             0.2;
44         Lz             0.5;
45
46         // Density of the cuboid
47         rho            800;
48
49         // Cuboid mass
50         mass           #calc "$rho*$Lx*$Ly*$Lz";
```

### Modified

```
27 solver
28 {
29     type Newmark;
30 }
31
32 accelerationRelaxation 0.7;
33
34 bodies
35 {
36     floatingObject
37     {
38         type          cuboid;
39         parent        root;
40
41         // Cuboid dimensions
42         Lx             0.3;
43         Ly             0.01;
44         Lz             0.5;
45
46         // Density of the cuboid
47         rho            800;
48
49         // Cuboid mass
50         mass           #calc "$rho*$Lx*$Ly*$Lz";
```



1.4 0/\*

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Add the boundary conditions for *frontAndBack* to all of the variables in the *0* folder

```
frontAndBack
{
    type          empty;
}
```

You can either do this one-by-one for each file, or use the following command to do every file automatically at once:

```
OpenFOAM/Lab_Week8/floatingObject2$ cd 0
OpenFOAM/Lab_Week8/floatingObject2/0$ sed -i s/"stationaryWalls"/"frontAndBack{ type empty; } stationaryWalls"/g *
```





# Results

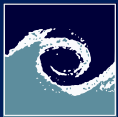
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- 2.1 **Bonus mark** - How much faster does the 2D simulation run than the 3D simulation in last week's lab session?
- 2.2 **Bonus mark** - Reproduce the figures in the next two slides



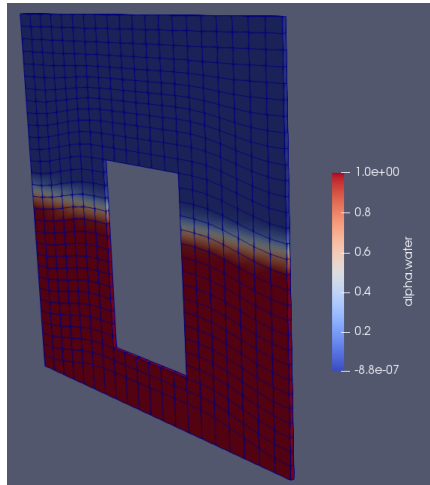
# alpha.water at time = 5s

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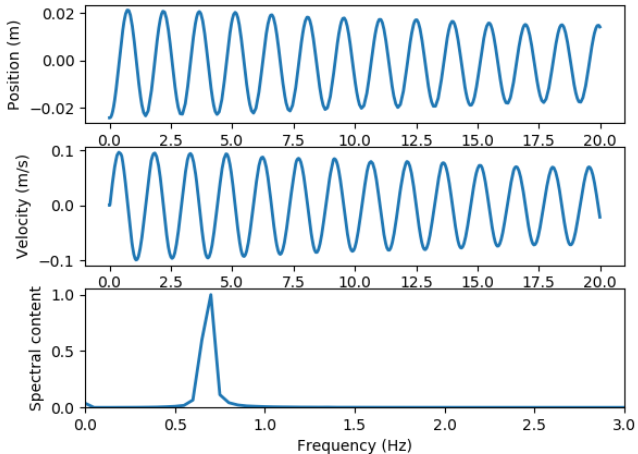
# Free decay results

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## ② Modify the tank geometry - *system/blockMeshDict*

- Increase the width of the tank to 4m :*(Lines 21-28)*
- Increase the depth of the tank to 2m :*(Lines 21-24)*
- Double the mesh density :*(Line 33)*

## ③ Increase the mesh resolution around the body and the free surface interface

- 3.1 *system/topoSetDict*
  - Rename *topoSetDict* to *topoSetDict.1*
  - Make 3 more copies of *topoSetDict.1*, rename them to *topoSetDict.2*, *topoSetDict.3* and *topoSetDict.4* and then modify them :*(Line 27)*
- 3.2 *system/refineMeshDict*
  - Make the *refineMeshDict* file
- 3.3 *./Allrun*
  - Modify the *Allrun* file



# 2 system/blockMeshDict

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## Original

```
19vertices
20(
21  (0 0 0)
22  (1 0 0)
23  (1 0.01 0)
24  (0 0.01 0)
25  (0 0 1)
26  (1 0 1)
27  (1 0.01 1)
28  (0 0.01 1)
29);
30
31blocks
32(
33  hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 1 30) simpleGrading (1 1 1)
34);
35
36edges
37(
38);
39
```

## Modified

```
19vertices
20(
21  (-1.5 0 -1)
22  (2.5 0 -1)
23  (2.5 0.01 -1)
24  (-1.5 0.01 -1)
25  (-1.5 0 1)
26  (2.5 0 1)
27  (2.5 0.01 1)
28  (-1.5 0.01 1)
29);
30
31blocks
32(
33  hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (10 1 120) simpleGrading (1 1 1)
34);
35
36edges
37(
38);
39
```



## 3.1 *system/topoSetDict.1*

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```
18 actions
19 (
20   {
21     name    c0;
22     type    cellSet;
23     action  new;
24     source  boxToCell;
25     sourceInfo
26     {
27       box (0.35 0 0.1) (0.65 0.01 0.6);
28     }
29   }
30
31   {
32     name    c0;
33     type    cellSet;
34     action  invert;
35   }
36 );
```



## 3.1 system/topoSetDict.2

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```
8FoamFile
9{
10  version      2.0;
11  format       ascii;
12  class        dictionary;
13  object       topoSetDict;
14}
15// *****
16
17actions
18(
19  {
20    name      c0;
21    type      cellSet;
22    action    new;
23    source    boxToCell;
24    box       (0.25 0 0) (0.75 0.01 0.7);
25  }
26
27  {
28    name      c0;
29    type      cellSet;
30    action    invert;
31  }
32);
~}
```



## 3.1 system/topoSetDict.3

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```
8 FoamFile
9 {
10     version      2.0;
11     format        ascii;
12     class          dictionary;
13     object         topoSetDict;
14 }
15 // *****
16
17 actions
18 (
19     {
20         name      c0;
21         type      cellSet;
22         action     new;
23         source     boxToCell;
24         box        (-100 -100 0.45) (0.25 100 0.6);
25     }
26
27     {
28         name      c0;
29         type      cellSet;
30         action     invert;
31     }
32 );
33
```





## 3.1 system/topoSetDict.4

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```
-----  
8 FoamFile  
9 {  
10     version      2.0;  
11     format       ascii;  
12     class        dictionary;  
13     object       topoSetDict;  
14 }  
15 // *****  
16  
17 actions  
18 {  
19     {  
20         name      c0;  
21         type      cellSet;  
22         action    new;  
23         source    boxToCell;  
24         box       (0.75 -100 0.45) (100 100 0.6);  
25     }  
26  
27     {  
28         name      c0;  
29         type      cellSet;  
30         action    invert;  
31     }  
32 };  
33
```



## 3.2 *system/refineMeshDict*

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```
8 FoamFile
9 {
10  version      2.0;
11  format       ascii;
12  class        dictionary;
13  location     "system";
14  object       refineMeshDict;
15 }
16 // * * * * *
17
18 set           c0;
19
20 coordinateSystem global;
21
22 globalCoeffs
23 {
24  tan1         (0 0 1);
25  tan2         (1 0 0);
26 }
27
28
29 directions
30 (
31  tan1
32  tan2
33 );
34
35 useHexTopology no;
36
37 geometricCut  yes;
38
39 writeMesh     no;
```

## 3.3 ./Allrun

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```
1#!/bin/sh
2cd ${0%/*} || exit 1 # Run from this directory
3
4# Source tutorial run functions
5. $WM_PROJECT_DIR/bin/tools/RunFunctions
6
7# Set application name
8application=$(getApplication)
9
10#Create the background mesh for tank and floating object
11runApplication blockMesh
12cp system/topoSetDict.1 system/topoSetDict
13topoSet > log.topoSet1
14runApplication subsetMesh -overwrite c0 -patch floatingObject -noFields
15#Refine the mesh around the body and the free surface interface
16cp system/topoSetDict.2 system/topoSetDict
17topoSet > log.topoSet2
18refineMesh -overwrite > log.refineMesh1
19cp system/topoSetDict.3 system/topoSetDict
20topoSet > log.topoSet3
21refineMesh -overwrite > log.refineMesh2
22cp system/topoSetDict.4 system/topoSetDict
23topoSet > log.topoSet4
24refineMesh -overwrite > log.refineMesh3
25#Set the fields and run the simulation
26runApplication setFields
27runApplication $application
--
```



# Results

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- Bonus mark - How many cells are used in this simulation?
- Bonus mark - Reproduce the figures in the next two slides



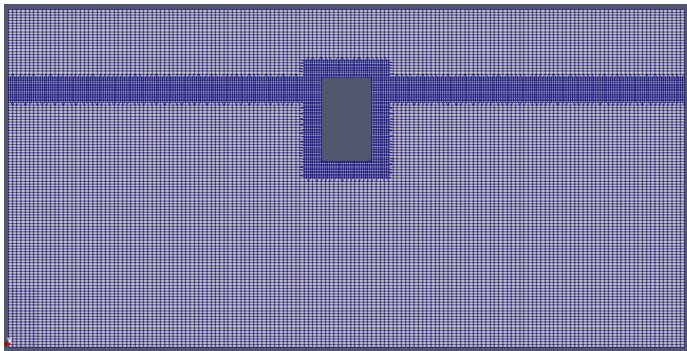
# Mesh at time = 0s

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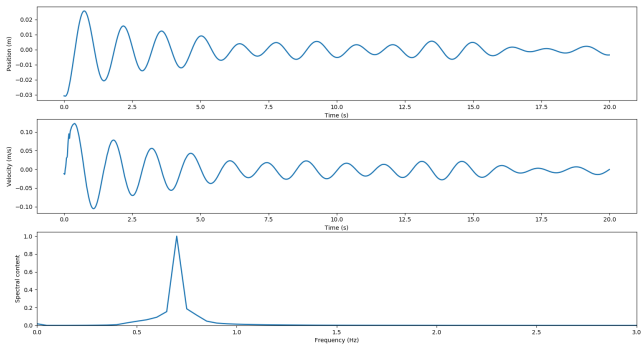
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**3 Bonus marks** - Using the files and boundary conditions from the tutorial *multiphase/interFoam/laminar/waves/stokesI*, further modify the *floatingObject* case from this lab session, to drive the motion of the floating object with waves created from the boundary