

Suggar++ Capabilities and Introduction on Usage

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- Brief Overview of Capabilities
- Introduction to Suggar++ inputs
 - Body Hierarchy
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 - Boundary Surfaces
- Overview of DiRTlib and LibSuggar

OVERVIEW OF SUGGAR++ CAPABILITIES





- Built upon experience with SUGGAR
 - Complete rewrite
 - Improved algorithms
- Significantly better than SUGGAR
 - Performance: memory and speed
 - New capabilities
- Integrated with new Pointwise OGA capability



- Structured
 - Curvilinear
 - Analytic
 - Cartesian, Sphere, Cylinder
 - Uniform and stretched
 - Faster, less storage
- Unstructured
 - Tetrahedral, Mixed element, Octree
 - General polyhedral currently in development



- Node- and/or cell-centered assembly
 - Has been used to couple different solvers
 - Overflow (node-centered) & Octree (cell-centered)
- Support for arbitrary structured solver stencil
 - Mark fringes required by flow solver spatial discretization
- High-order discretization support
 - Arbitrary number of fringes
 - High-order interpolation for structured grids



- Hole cutting
 - Direct cut, analytic, octree, manual
- Overlap minimization using general Donor Suitability Function
 - DSF: is this donor suitable for the fringe?
 - Element volume, diagonal, min edge length
 - Element size (bounding box diagonal)
 - New: distance-to-wall
 - Switch to d-to-wall near surfaces



- Integrated surface assembly
 - "Project" on fringe grid onto donor grid
 - Structured and/or mixed element grids
- Integrated USURP to support F&M integration
 - Integration weights available via file, API to transfer without file I/O



- Threads for shared memory machines
 Future: dynamically adjust number of threads
- MPI for distributed memory machines
- Hybrid parallel execution
 - Use MPI to distribute memory across nodes
 - Use threads within a node



Improve work distribution

 Use more processors than original composite of grids

- Pre-processing step

 Writes decomposed grids and input file
- Structured or unstructured grids
- DCI is combined back to original composite grids



- Suggar++ is designed for moving body simulations
- Link into flow solver for integrated dynamic OGA
- libSuggar++ API
 - Control execution
 - Provide moving body transformations
 - Transfer DCI
 - With or without DiRTlib



- Suggar++ Dynamic Groups
 - Parallel execution in time
 - One group assigned to T, another to T+1,...
- Overlap OGA execution with flow solution
 Hide OGA execution time



Turbomachinery simulations

 Solve 1 blade with periodic boundary conditions instead of full wheel

- Suggar++ donor stencil reaches across periodic boundary to other side of passage
- "Virtual" grid index used to tell solver velocities need transformation

Periodic passage







- Tetrahedral grids
- Mixed element grids
 - Tet, Hex, Prism, Pyramid
- Refine orphans and candidate donors
- List of elements
 - Could be provided by flow solutions
 - Refine a volume



- New component grid
 - Copy elements to be refined
 - Adds overlap boundaries
 - Need more overlap
- Altered connectivity
 - Modifies original grid
 - No new overlap boundaries



- Structured grids
 - Plot3d
- Unstructured grids
 - Some restrictions depending upon input grids
 - VGRID
 - AFLR/UGRID
 - Cobalt
 - Fieldview Unstructured
 - OpenFOAM



- Deforming Grids
 - Grid point locations are transferred
 - File
 - API to transfer from flow solver
 - Recompute appropriate quantities
- Bodies in Close Proximity
 - Orphans result from insufficient overlap
 - Suggar++ will flag appropriate locations as Immersed
 - Solver must impose solid boundary on internal face
 - Immersed boundary condition



- Numerous bug fixes and speed improvements
- Improved robustness of direct cut
- Improved performance/consistency for parallel execution
- PEGASUS 5 interpolated donor quality
- Direct DCI transfer for structured grids
 Eliminates DCI gather to master rank



- Additional analytic grids
 - Sphere, cylinder
- Offbody Cartesian grid generation
 - Octree Organized Collection of Cartesian grids
 - Meakin's Offbody Bricks
 - Berger AMR



SUGGAR++ INPUT FILE: XML



- XML stands for eXtensible Markup Language
 - Subset of SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language)
- Text-based language used to "mark up" data
 - Add metadata (data about the data)
 - Self-describing
 - Not really a language but a set of syntax rules that let you create your own "language"



- HTML is designed for a specific application: Document display
 - Specific set of markup constructs
- XML has no specific application

 It is designed for whatever you use it for.
- HTML syntax rules are sloppy
 Some end tags can be omitted
- XML has very precise syntax rules



- An XML tag is enclosed in "< >" – <start>
- Must have an associated end tag
 - Same as start tag but with / after <
 - </start>
 - <name>
 - <first>John</first>
 - <last>Doe</last>
 - </name>
- Empty elements can have implicit end tag

 <name></name> can be written as <name/>



- Each XML tag defines an item or **element**
- Elements can be embedded inside start/end pair of another element
 - Creates a parent/child and sibling/sibling relationship
 - Children define element content
 - Child element must be closed before a parent can be closed
- Only one root element allowed



Hierarchy for <name> example

<name> <first>John</first> <last>Doe</last> </name>





Attributes

- are name/value pairs associated with an element
- are always attached to the start tag
- must have a value enclosed in quotes (either single or double quotes)
- Place inside of start tag before closing ">"

<body name="store">



- Comments in XML
 - start with <!-- and end with ->
 - cannot use -- in the comment string
 - <!-- cannot embed double dashes -- \rightarrow
 - cannot be within a tag
 - <start <!-- this is illegal--> />



Input Sections



- Global parameter
 Content of <global>
- Body Hierarchy

 <body>
- Grid/Surface definition
 - <volume_grid>
 - <boundary_surface>



- All input values are specified by element attributes
 - <body name="root">
 - Data between elements (PCDATA) is ignored
 - Can use as comments, some restricted characters
- Some attributes are required
 Will abort if not present
- Other attributes are optional



Body Hierarchy

Body Hierarchy Controls Hole Cut

- A hierarchical grouping of grids/bodies minimizes user inputs and controls which grids are cut by which surfaces
- Siblings cut each other
 - Geometry in one body (including all children) cuts all grids in a sibling body (including all children)





XML for Wing/Pylon/Store Hierarchy

<body name="Root">

<body name="Aircraft"> <body name="Wing"/> <body name="Pylon"/> </body>

<body name="Store"> <body name="Body"/> <body name="Fin1"/> <body name="Fin2"/> <body name="Fin3"/> <body name="Fin4"/> </body>



</body>



Transformations



- Transformations are associated with a body
- Suggar++ has two different types of transformations
 - Static transformations
 - Applied to the grid coordinates on input
 - Original coordinates are replaced by transformed coordinates
 - Dynamic transformations
 - Flags the body as moving
 - Grid coordinates are left in original coordinates
 - Transformations are always from original coordinate system
 - Not cumulative
 - Transformations are used internally during execution
 - Output grids are transformed
- Transformations are hierarchical
 - Child body transformations are relative to the parent






Wing/Pylon With 3 Stores Input using includes

<body name="center-store"> <include filename="Input/store.xml"/> </body>

<body name="inboard-store">
 <transform> <translate axis="y" value="-2"/> </transform>
 <include name_suffix="-inboard" filename="Input/store.xml"/>
</body>

```
<body name="outboard-store">
    <transform> <translate axis="y" value="2"/> </transform>
    <include name_suffix="-outboard" filename="Input/store.xml"/>
</body>
```



Component Grid Input



- Structured
 - Curvilinear
 - Analytic
 - Cartesian (uniform and non-uniform)
 - Uniform can be defined in input file
 - Cylindrical
 - Spherical
- Unstructured
 - Tetrahedron
 - Mixed element
 - Tet, Hex, Prism, Pyramid
 - Octree-based Cartesian



- Parent element is <body>
- Associates a grid with a body
 - Actual grid to be used is specified with the filename attribute.
- A body can have more than one <volume_grid> child
 Cannot have child <body> and child grids!
- Required attribute is name="grid name"

```
<body name="Wing">
<volume_grid name="wing grid">
</volume_grid>
```

```
</body>
```



- Grid file is specified with the attributes...
 - filename="file"
 - style="style"
- Both are required

<volume_grid name="wing" filename="Grids/wing.g" style="p3d"/>



Boundary Surfaces



- Suggar++ boundary conditions do not need to "match" flow solver boundary conditions
- Some cases where there may be a loose mapping
 - Flow solver "wall" ~ Suggar++ "solid"
 - Flow solver "farfield" ~ Suggar++ "farfield"
 - Block-to-Block, etc.



- Many cases where they must be different than solver boundary conditions
 - Hole cutting geometry must be closed/"water tight"!!!
 - Surface is not solid geometry but must be used as hole cutting geometry
 - Inlet/Exhaust surface
 - Solver has solid surface but is not needed as cutting surface
 - Tunnel walls but no grids extend past tunnel walls
 - Suggar++ has a limited set of BCs



- Boundary surfaces are automatically created for unstructured surface patches
 - Boundary conditions are automatically set for VGRID files
 - Internal mapping between USM3D BCs and Suggar++ BCs
- Must be explicitly defined for structured grids
 - If not defined surface is created with a boundary condition of "overlap"
- Multiply defining a surface is allowed
 - But is not recommended
 - Useful in limited circumstances

Specifying Boundary Conditions for Unstructured Grids

- Boundary surfaces are created automatically
- Boundary conditions can be specified
 - in the input XML file
 - in auxiliary files
 - for Vgrid file sets
 - projectName.suggarbc
 - for other unstructured grid files
 - gridFilename.suggar_surface_bc
 - gridFilename.suggar_mapbc
- An auxiliary file can also be used to specify solver BCs in the output composite grid
 - filename.solver_bc



- Parent element is <volume_grid>, <cartesian_grid>,....
- It is a container element for content
- Specifies the surface and boundary condition type for boundary surfaces in the parent grid
- Required attribute is *name="surface name"*



- Parent element is <boundary_surface>
- Specifies the boundary surface in a **structured** grid.
- Required attributes
 - range1="start:end"
 - Index range in the first index (I for IJK, J for JKL)
 - range2="start:end"
 - Index range in the second index (J for IJK, K for JKL)
 - range3="start:end"
 - Index range in the third index (K for IJK, L for JKL)
 - Negative number counts backwards from the end:
 - -1 is the same as max value, -2 is same as max-1 value, etc.
 - Can also use min, max, all

<boundary_surface name='wing'>

<region range1='21:-21' range2='1:-1' range3='1:1'/> </boundary_surface>



- Parent element is <boundary_surface>
- Specifies the boundary condition to be applied at the boundary surface
- These are <u>SUGGAR BCs</u> and don't necessarily match the <u>flow solver BCs</u>
- Required attribute type="boundary type"

```
<boundary_surface name='wing'>
<region range1='21:-21' range2='1:-1' range3='1:1'/>
<boundary_condition type='solid'/></boundary_surface>
```



"overlap" An overset or overlap boundary surface.

"solid" A solid boundary and will be used to define the hole cutting geometry.

- "symmetry" A symmetry non-overset boundary surface. The grid points on the symmetry boundary will be used to determine the value of the symmetry plane.
- "axis" A singular axis where all the grid points in one of the computational coordinates are collapsed to a point.
- "periodic" A periodic boundary in the structured grid. Both the min and max boundary surfaces should be specified.
- "cut" The surface is a cut boundary in the structured grid. Both the min and max boundary surfaces should be specified.
- "block-to-block", "block-block", "block2block" The surface is a block-toblock interface to another grid. Requires additional attributes.
- "freestream" or "farfield" A freestream non-overset boundary surface
- "non-overlap", "non_overlap", "nonoverlap", "non-solid", "non-*" The surface is an unspecified non-overset boundary.



- <boundary condition> has an optional attribute solver_bc="bc string"
- Allows the user to specify a boundary condition for the surface to be output to a cobalt.bc file
- If solver_bc is not included, the SUGGAR BC is output.

```
<body>

        <boundary_condition</td>

        type='solid'

        solver_bc="viscous_wall"/>
```



- Suggar++ will write selected solver boundary condition files for the composite grid
 - Vgrid

project.mapbc file

– Cobalt

composite_grid_filename_cobalt_bc

Other unstructured grid formats
 composite_grid_filename.suggar_mapbc



- Solver BCs can be set from auxiliary files associated with each component grid
 - Vgrid

project.mapbc file

- Cobalt
 - grid_filename_cobalt_bc
 - basename.cobalt_bc
 - Where basename = grid_filename with trailing suffix removed
- Other formats
 - grid_filename.solver_bc
 - grid_filename.suggar_mapbc



- Overlapping surface grids present several additional complexities
 - Surfaces in a grid can be associated with different geometry components
 - Overlapping surfaces will have different discrete representations
 - Overlapping surfaces require special treatment to eliminate double counting in Force and Moment integration



- Surfaces that overlap on geometry with curvature will have different discrete representations
- Difficulties arise when the tangential spacing is "large" relative to the curvature and the normal spacing
- Special procedures are required to properly find appropriate donors



- "Projection" of one surface onto the other is required to properly locate donors
- Orphans result without "projection"





- Grids are not actually projected
 - Grid points are not changed
- Fringe points will be shifted appropriately during the donor search
- Surface Assembly procedure is use to find the shift for each fringe point
 - Relative to overlapping surface in each donor grid
 - A fringe point will have different shifts/offsets for each donor grid



- For each surface grid point (nodecentered) or face center (cell-centered)
 - Location appropriate donor faces in overlapping grid
 - Find normal distance from surface location to the surface donor face
 - Save deviation and the surface normal
 - Adjacent element is the volume donor for node-centered surface points



- Volume fringes will be shifted using the surface assembly deviation
 - Shift will decay for points away from the surface
 - Interpolation deviation will be computed using the shifted fringe point
 - Flow solver will not have the shift so computing the interpolation deviation in the flow solver will not give the same result



- SUGGAR uses a separate "surfasm" utility to obtain the deviation between surfaces
 - donors.xml contains surface donors and displacement
- Suggar++ performs the surface assembly internally
 - Enabled with <surface_assembly/> element



- Parent element is <global>
- Required attribute
 - max_deviation_allowed="value in grid units"
 - Ignore surface overlap if deviation is larger than the specified value
- Optional attribute
 - max_angle_deviation_allowed="angle in degrees"
 - Ignore surface overlap if angle between donor face and normal at surface fringe point is larger than the specified value
- <surface_assembly max_deviation_allowed="0.0001"/>



- Work/max_surface_assembly_deviation.txt
 - Surface deviation for each surface in all grids
- Work/SurfaceDeviation/Grid-#-name/surfname
 - # is the composite grid index
 - name is the grid name
 - surfname is surface name
 - Directory contains PLOT3D grid and Q file to visualize the deviation:
 - Grid is multi-block PLOT3D, with iblank, single precision, unformatted
 - DonorGrid-#-name.p3dwibu
 - Q is multi-block PLOT3D Overflow Q file, with iblank, single precision, unformatted, one dependent variable: surface deviation
 - DonorGrid-#-name.p3dqou







- Special treatment to eliminate double counting in force and moment integration
 - Panel weights
 - Weight factor between 0 & 1 for each integration surface face/panel
 - Single valued (water tight) integration surface
 - Remove overlap, glue remaining portions of original surfaces together using new triangles
- Tools
 - FOMOCO
 - USURP/PolyMixsur



- Similar but not identical to the USURP utility
 - Different coding
 - Uses CLIPPER for polygon clipping
 - more robust than GPG used in USURP
 - Triangulation routines are different than USURP
- Panel weights
 - Included in DCI file: Can be retrieved via DiRTlib
 - Written to files
- Can create zipper grid
 - Not sufficiently robust



Parent element is <global>

No required attributes

Lots of optional attributes

<global> <usurp/>



panels_weights.txt

 List of panel index, area_ratio, area, ratio*area, is_clipped, number_contours

- Surface panels and triangles
 - Tecplot file: usurp-surfaces.dat
 - Flex file for gviz: usurp-surfaces.flex
- Panels and clipped polygons
 Flex file for gviz: usurp_panels.flex



- If create_watertight_surfaces="yes"
- Zipper grid:
 - Quads and zipper triangles
 - zipper_surface_faces.flex
 - Zipper triangles with quads replaced by triangles
 - zipper_surface_faces_all_tris.flex
 - usurp-triangles.dat (Tecplot file)







Zipper grid: Triangle contain only points in the original grid



- polygon_ranking_basis='panel|patch'
 - Select the approach for prioritizing the choice of panels. Default value is 'panel'.




- polygon_ranking_basis='panel'
 - Priority is local: panel/face with smallest area





- polygon_ranking_basis='patch'
 - Priority is based upon the surface with the most surface fringes





More Complex Example





Utilities Provided With Suggar++



RefineGrids

Refine structured grids by factor of 2

DerefineGrids

Derefine structured grids by factor of 2

 Scripts to generate a sequence of derefined grids



- Convert
 - Convert between different unstructured grid formats
- Mirror
 - Mirror a set of structured grids and Input.xml
- report_number_grids
 - Output the number of component grids
- cmp_dci
 - Compare the DCI in two files



Suggested Work Process



- Build input in pieces
 - Or use <skip> </skip> to hide complete subtrees
- Check and Indent XML file
 - xmllint -format
 - xmlformat.pl
 - Emacs
- Visualize surfaces
 - Especially solid surfaces
 - Color collar surfaces differently
 - Put "collar" in surface name
 - <boundary_surface name="kmin-solid-collar-with-sting">



- <boundary_surface const_coord="">
 - Make sure have right value on right surface
 - Look at composite grid
- Reorientation of grid blocks without appropriate changes to input
- Manual cutting and symmetry planes
 Can cut wrong direction



- Redirect the Suggar++ output
 - suggar++ -reopen
- During initial testing reduce wall clock time
 - suggar++ -ignore-composite-grid
 - suggar++ -ignore-minimize-overlap
- Check suggar++progress during execution

 One line added at start of each stage of
 execution



- We suggest putting critical input files in directories to minimize the chance of accidental removal
 - Put all your component grid files in Grids/
 - Put your input files in Input/
 - Suggar++ will default to read Input/Input.xml
 - "suggar++ Input/Input.xml" is same as "suggar++"



- We suggest using standard scripts
 - Run
 - Execute Suggar++ and check for errors
 - Clean
 - Remove (LOTS) of files that Suggar++ can write



#!/bin/bash

```
STDERR=out.stderr++
```

```
$SUGGARPP OPT EXE -reopen $*
```

EXIT STATUS=\$?

```
if [[ $EXIT_STATUS != 0 ]];
```

then

echo "FAILURE: suggar++ has failed with exit status \$EXIT_STATUS"
grep "Error:" \$STDERR

exit \$EXIT STATUS

fi

```
if [[ -e summary_zipper.log ]]; then
    cat summary_zipper.log >> summary.log
fi
```



rm -f allgrids.p3dudl* *.dci* out* *log *gress rm -f panels_weights.txt Suggar++Error.backtrace rm -f usurp* zipper_*.flex cut_elements* rm -rf Work rm -rf *_trace_*



- Look at
 - summary.log
 - Standard error output file
 - -reopen will write to out.stderr++
- Visualize the DCI
 - Look at orphans
 - All blanked points
 - May have flood fill leak if entire grid is blanked out



Suggar++ and The New Pointwise Release



- Currently supports PEGASUS 5 and Suggar++
- Within pointwise
 - Allows user to define inputs via GUI
 - Input definition is via XML file
 - Run OGA
 - Visualize results
 - Modify grid system
 - And more...



- Some Suggar++ input elements are not visible in pointwise GUI
 - Handled internally in pointwise
 - volume_grids>
 - <boundary_surface> and content
 - Not supported in pointwise
 - Analytic grids
 - <cartesian_grid>, <cylindrical_grid>, <spherical_grid>



- New input definition file can be provided with Suggar++ release
- Replace installed file or set an environment file



Overview of DiRTlib and LibSuggar



- DiRTlib is: Donor interpolation Receptor Transaction library
- It is a solver neutral library to provide the required capability for using overset composite grids
 - Work with most ANY flow solver
 - Knows nothing of solver connectivity
 - Does not depend upon a specific solver storage



- Goal is to minimize modifications required to flow solver
 - Provide a few functions to DiRTlib
 - Interface to solver data
 - Insert a few function calls
- Most solvers utilize an IBLANK array

Not required but in most cases easiest approach



- Supports variable number of Dependent Variables
- Segregated Solvers
- Single Unstructured Grid
 - Unstructured grid solver sees a single composite grid.
 - Domain connectivity is based upon set of component grids
- Parallel Execution
 - Decomposition
 - Defined by solver
 - Can decompose structured grids



- Domain Connectivity Information
 - Files: SUGGAR/Suggar++, Pegasus 5
 - LibSuggar/libSuggar++
- Donor Details
 - Some solvers need to build interpolation into linear solution
- Relative Motion
 - What cells are moving
 - What is transformation to position body



- Solver interface functions
 - DiRTlib does not (or rarely) directly access solver storage
 - Solver provides interface functions that DiRTlib calls to get/put values in solver storage
- Add a few calls to control execution
 - Initialize library
 - Perform interpolation/apply fringe values



- Library is written in C
 - Functions names start with drt_
- FORTRAN interface written in C
 - Functions names start with drtf_
 - Supports names with 0,1,2 appended underscores
 - Long function names are abbreviated
 - drt_fortran_interface.c provides FORTRAN wrappers
 - libdirt_interface.f90 can be compiled to provide module that provides function prototypes



- Domain Connectivity (DC) API (libSuggar) to allow integrated overset grid assembly process
- Flow solver calls DC API (libSuggar) to control execution
 - libSuggar can be called from dedicated rank
 - Required splitting MPI communicator
 - Modify solver to execute DC only on dedicated rank
 - Distributes SUGGAR memory usage
 - Can still write/read DCI file
- Domain Connectivity Exchange (DCX) calls allow DCI to be transferred via calls without writing/reading DCI file



- Library is written in C or C++
 - Functions names start with dc_ or dcx_
- FORTRAN interface written in C
 - Functions names start with dcf_ or dcxf_
 - Supports names with 0,1,2 appended underscores
 - Long function names are abbreviated
 - F90 module can be compiled to provide function prototypes



- Will present a set of DiRTlib and LibSuggar++ function calls
- Illustrative of how few calls are required
 Not necessarily all that are required or correct order
- Parallel execution requires conditionals so some calls are only executed on specific processors



- drt_set_num_data_values_all_grids(N)
- drt_Init(PutDataValue,GetDataValue,...)
- dcx_set_dci_master_rank_in_group_comm(0)
- drt_rank_dci_only()
- drt_rank_flow_only()
- drt_pll_init(0,0)
- dc_init()



Example DiRTlib and LibSuggar++ Calls Provide DiRTlib with Solver Decomposition

- drt_init_str_subgrid_decomposition_map()
- drt_map_str_subgrid_to_rank(...)
- drt_end_str_subgrid_decomposition_map()
- Other calls for unstructured grids



- dc_begin_motion_input()
- dc_add_motion_input(...)
- dc_end_motion_input()
- dc_parse_motion()



- dc_compute_dci()
- drt_get_dci()
- drt_generate_transmit_apply()
- dc_release_dci()



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