

ACCELERATED COMPUTATION OF VISCOUS INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOWS WITH HEAT TRANSFER

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A new method for enhancing the convergence rates of iterative schemes for the numerical integration of systems of partial differential equations has been developed. It is termed the distributed minimal residual (DMR) method. The DMR method has been applied to incompressible Navier-Stokes equations with heat transfer. All numerical test cases were obtained using explicit four-stage Runge-Kutta or Euler implicit time integration. The DMR method was found to reduce computation time by 20-60%, depending on the test case. The formulation for the DMR method is general in nature and can be applied to explicit and implicit iterative algorithms for arbitrary systems of partial differential equations.

INTRODUCTION

A free convection flow is produced by buoyancy forces. Temperature gradients in the fluid are introduced, for example, through boundaries maintained at different temperatures. The resulting fluid density differences induce the motion: hot fluid tends to rise, while cold fluid tends to descend. One of the classical problems of free convection is the Benard convection problem [1]. Two infinite horizontal plates are maintained at different uniform temperatures. The temperature of the bottom wall is higher than that of the upper wall. The basic solution to the problem is no flow with light fluid below heavy fluid. However, when a nondimensional parameter known as Rayleigh number, $Ra = g\alpha L^3 \Delta T_c / \kappa \nu$, exceeds a certain critical value, that is, when the temperature difference is so large that the density difference overcomes the stabilizing effect of viscosity and thermal conductivity, an instability occurs, resulting in fluid motion. Here, g is the gravitational acceleration, α the coefficient of thermal expansion, $\Delta T_c = T_0 - T_c$ the characteristic temperature difference, L the characteristic length (in our example, the distance between the two plates), and κ and ν the thermal diffusivity and the kinematic viscosity of the fluid, respectively.

Numerical studies of the free convection problems are challenging. The strong source terms of buoyancy forces usually cause numerical instability and often make numerical schemes fail to converge. In this paper, formulation of two-dimensional heat-conducting viscous flow under the action of buoyancy force will be described. Effectiveness of the distributed minimal residual (DMR) method [2-7] in the presence of strong source terms will be examined.

NOMENCLATURE

A, B	Jacobian matrices	ΔT_c	characteristic temperature difference
c	equivalent speed of sound	ϵ	coefficient of fourth order artificial dissipation
CFL	Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy number	θ	normalized temperature
D	artificial dissipation operator	Θ	weighted correction vector
D	Jacobian matrix of source vector H	ϑ	inclination angle of the gravity force
D^2	diffusion operator in the transformed coordinates	κ	thermal diffusivity
E, F	generalized flux vectors	Λ	diagonal matrix similar to Jacobian matrix
\mathbf{g}	gravitational acceleration vector	ν	kinematic viscosity coefficient
g_{ij}	contravariant metric tensor	ξ, η	transformed curvilinear coordinates
Gr	Grashof number	$\xi_i, \xi_j, \eta_i, \eta_j$	metric derivatives
H	heat source vector	σ	von Neumann number
J	Jacobian determinant	ω	DMR acceleration factor
K	Jacobian matrix of the transformed coordinates	$\hat{\Omega}$	boundary condition vector
M	number of combined steps in the DMR method	∇	gradient operator
n	normal direction	Σ	summation
p	pressure		
Pr	Prandtl number		
q	component of the solution vector Q		
Q	generalized solution vector		
R	generalized residual vector		
Ra	Rayleigh number		
Re	Reynolds number		
t	time		
T	temperature		
u, v	Cartesian velocity vector components		
U, V	contravariant velocity vector components		
x, y	Cartesian coordinates		
α	coefficient of thermal expansion		
α_k	Runge-Kutta coefficients		
β	artificial compressibility coefficient		
Δ	correction vector		
Δt	time increment		
		Subscripts	
		c	critical value
		i	first interior grid point off a wall
		i, j	indices of grid points
		q, r	numbering of solution vectors
		w	wall
		Superscripts	
		k	stage level in the Runge-Kutta scheme
		m, n	level of solution to be combined
		t	iteration level in time
		^	designator showing that artificial dissipation is added
		-	variables expressed in terms of transformed coordinate variables
		*	transpose of a matrix

INCOMPRESSIBLE NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS WITH HEAT TRANSFER

The governing equations of motion for a heat-conducting viscous fluid under the action of gravity can be written with the aid of the Boussinesq approximation [1, 8], resulting in

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial y} = \mathbf{S} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{Q}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{Q}}{\partial y^2} \right\} + \mathbf{H} \quad (1)$$

Here, the generalized vectors for nondimensional variables are

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u \\ v \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ u^2 + p \\ uv \\ u\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ vu \\ v^2 + p \\ v\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{Gr^{1/2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1/Pr \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ n_x\theta \\ n_y\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where u , v are the velocity vector components, p is the sum of hydrostatic pressure and hydrodynamic pressure, $\theta = (T - T_c)/\Delta T_c$ is the nondimensional temperature, and the vector $\hat{n} = \hat{e}_x n_x + \hat{e}_y n_y$ is the upward unit vector assuming that the gravitational force is acting downward. Here, Pr is the Prandtl number and Gr is the Grashof number $g\alpha L^3 \Delta T_c / \nu^2$. Notice that the Boussinesq approximation neglects viscous dissipation in the energy equations. Equations (2) must be considered simultaneously, unlike incompressible Navier-Stokes equations, which are decoupled from the energy equation when $\nu \neq \nu(T)$.

To solve the system of equations, the solution vector \mathbf{Q} was modified by adding the artificial compressibility term $\partial(p/\beta)/\partial t$, where β is the artificial compressibility coefficient [9, 10].

For completeness, consider the mixed convection problem. The solution vector and the flux vectors for the mixed convection problem remain the same as for the natural convection problem. The only changes in Eq. (2) are [11]

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{Re} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1/Pr \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{Gr}{Re^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ n_x\theta \\ n_y\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Equation (1) is transformed to a general curvilinear ξ , η nonorthogonal coordinate system:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{Q}}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial \eta} = D^2(J\bar{\mathbf{Q}}) + \bar{\mathbf{H}} \quad (4)$$

where

$$\bar{\mathbf{Q}} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} p/\beta \\ u \\ v \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} U \\ Uu + \xi_x p \\ Uv + \xi_y p \\ U\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} V \\ Vu + \eta_x p \\ Vv + \eta_y p \\ V\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{\mathbf{H}} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ n_x\theta \\ n_y\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For a mixed convection problem, the source vector is modified to

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \frac{\text{Gr}}{J \text{Re}^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ n_x \theta \\ n_y \theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Here, J is the Jacobian determinant, while U and V are the contravariant velocity vector components normal to constant ξ and η grid lines, respectively.

The physical viscous terms are contained in

$$D^2(J\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}) = \left[\frac{\mathbf{S}}{J} g_{ij} (J\tilde{\mathbf{Q}})_{,j} \right]_{,i} \quad (7)$$

where g_{ij} is the contravariant metric tensor, $g_{ij} = \nabla x'_i \nabla x'_j$.

EIGENVALUE ANALYSIS

The Jacobians of the inviscid part of the modified Navier-Stokes equations in Cartesian coordinates are given as

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta & 2u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & u & 0 \\ 0 & \theta & 0 & u \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & v & u & 0 \\ \beta & 0 & 2v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \theta & v \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

The Jacobians in the generalized curvilinear coordinates are easily obtained from those defined in Cartesian coordinates. Thus

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial \bar{\mathbf{Q}}} = \mathbf{K}(U, \xi_x, \xi_y) \quad \bar{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial \bar{\mathbf{Q}}} = \mathbf{K}(V, \eta_x, \eta_y) \quad (9)$$

where

$$\mathbf{K}(k, k_1, k_2) = k_1 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} + k_2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k_1 & k_2 & 0 \\ \beta k_1 & k + k_1 u & k_2 u & 0 \\ \beta k_2 & k_1 v & k + k_2 v & 0 \\ 0 & k_1 \theta & k_2 \theta & k \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

where k_1 and k_2 can be either ξ_x and ξ_y or η_x and η_y , depending on the direction to be considered. Also, k is defined as

$$k = k_1 u + k_2 v \quad (11)$$

The eigenvalues of the matrix \mathbf{K} are given by

$$\Lambda = \text{diag} (k - c, k + c, k, k) \quad (12)$$

where the equivalent speed of sound c is given as

$$c = \sqrt{k^2 + \beta(k_1^2 + k_2^2)} \quad (13)$$

NUMERICAL ALGORITHMS

In this section, the numerical algorithms used for incompressible Navier-Stokes equations with the energy equation will be discussed. Two time integration schemes (explicit four-stage Runge-Kutta time stepping method and Euler implicit method) were used in conjunction with the central difference spatial discretization scheme.

The fourth-order artificial dissipation of Ref. [12],

$$D(J\bar{\mathbf{Q}}) = \frac{\epsilon}{8J \Delta t} \nabla^4 [J\bar{\mathbf{Q}}] \quad (14)$$

was added to the residual vector \mathbf{R} , resulting in the complete residual:

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}} = \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial \eta} - D^2(J\bar{\mathbf{Q}}) - \bar{\mathbf{H}} + D(J\bar{\mathbf{Q}}) \quad (15)$$

The Runge-Kutta time stepping method [13] can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{Q}}^0 &= \bar{\mathbf{Q}}^t & \Delta \bar{\mathbf{Q}}^k &= -\alpha_k \Delta t \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{k-1} & k &= 1, 2, \dots, K \\ \bar{\mathbf{Q}}^{t+1} &= \bar{\mathbf{Q}}^t + \Delta \bar{\mathbf{Q}}^K \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where α_k are the coefficients for each of the K stages of the Runge-Kutta scheme required to advance the solution from iteration level t to iteration level $t + 1$. For example, $\alpha_k = 1/4, 1/3, 1/2$, and 1 for the four-stage Runge-Kutta scheme. To reduce the computational effort, the artificial dissipation and the viscous part of the residual are calculated only at the beginning of the first stage of each application of the Runge-Kutta scheme and are kept unchanged during the four stages of the Runge-Kutta scheme.

The Euler implicit scheme for incompressible Navier-Stokes equations with the energy equation is

$$\bar{\mathbf{Q}}^{t+1} = \bar{\mathbf{Q}}^t + \Delta t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\mathbf{Q}}^{t+1} + O(\Delta t^2) \quad (17)$$

or

$$\Delta \bar{\mathbf{Q}} = -\Delta t \left[\frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial \eta} - D^2(J\bar{\mathbf{Q}}) - \bar{\mathbf{H}} \right]^{t+1} \quad (18)$$

where $\Delta\bar{Q} = \bar{Q}'^{+1} - \bar{Q}'$. The flux vectors and source terms are linearized by expanding in Taylor series and truncating terms higher than second order in time, that is,

$$\bar{E}'^{+1} = \bar{E}' + \bar{A} \Delta\bar{Q} \quad \bar{F}'^{+1} = \bar{F}' + \bar{B} \Delta\bar{Q} \quad \bar{H}'^{+1} = \bar{H}' + \bar{D} \Delta\bar{Q} \quad (19)$$

where

$$\bar{D} = \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial \bar{Q}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & n_x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & n_y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

The mixed second-order derivatives, however, are treated explicitly in order to use the factorization technique. Equation (18) then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\bar{Q} = & -\Delta t \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \bar{A} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \bar{B} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{Sg_{11}}{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} J \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{Sg_{22}}{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} J \right) - \bar{D} \right\} \Delta\bar{Q} \\ & - \Delta t \left[\frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial \eta} - D^2(J\bar{Q}) - \bar{H} \right]' \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

By applying the factorization scheme and adding the artificial dissipation to the righthand side, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \mathbf{P} + \Delta t \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \bar{A} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{Sg_{11}}{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} J \right) \right] \right\} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \left\{ \mathbf{P} + \Delta t \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \bar{B} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{Sg_{22}}{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} J \right) \right] \right\} \Delta\bar{Q} = -\Delta t \hat{\mathbf{R}}' \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} - \Delta t \bar{D}$.

BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

At the solid wall, the normal momentum equation is used instead of the zero-order boundary layer approximation, $\partial p / \partial n = 0$. It can easily be shown that in the presence of buoyancy force, the boundary layer approximation gives erroneous results, since the momentum equations contain the buoyancy terms. The normal momentum equation for $\xi = \text{constant}$ line is found to be

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} [\beta J \bar{q}_1] = \eta_y [D^2(J\bar{q}_2) + \bar{h}_2] - \eta_x [D^2(J\bar{q}_3) + \bar{h}_3] \quad (23)$$

where \bar{q} are the terms of \bar{Q} and \bar{h} are the terms of \bar{H} .

Now we discuss the implementation of Eq. (23). For the explicit scheme, $(\beta J \bar{q}_1)_\xi$ is computed at the first grid point off the wall. Then \bar{q}_1 at the vertical wall is extrapolated

from $(\beta J \bar{q}_1)_\xi$ and the value of \bar{q}_1 one grid point off the wall. Nonslip boundary conditions ($u = v = 0$) are imposed at the wall. The wall temperature is set to a given value for the thermal Dirichlet boundary condition, while the temperature is extrapolated from the interior point for the thermal Neumann boundary condition.

For the Euler implicit method, Eq. (23) is written in delta form as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} [\beta J \Delta \bar{q}_1] = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} [\beta J \bar{q}_1] + \eta_v [D^2(J \bar{q}_2) + \bar{h}_2] - \eta_\tau [D^2(J \bar{q}_3) + \bar{h}_3] \quad (24)$$

If the wall is insulated, then the boundary condition vector is $\bar{\Omega} = (0, u, v, \theta_w - \theta_i)^T$, where the subscripts w and i denote grid indices at the wall and at the first grid layer off the wall, respectively. Then

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\Omega}}{\partial \bar{Q}_w} \Delta \bar{Q}_w - \frac{\partial \bar{\Omega}}{\partial \bar{Q}_i} \Delta \bar{Q}_i = 0 \quad (25)$$

Upon adding Eqs. (24) and (25), it follows that $\hat{A} \Delta \bar{Q}_w - \hat{B} \Delta \bar{Q}_i = \hat{C}$, where $\hat{A} = \text{diag}(\beta J_w, J_w, J_w, J_w)$, and $\hat{B} = \text{diag}(\beta J_i, 0, 0, J_i)$, and

$$\hat{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{righthand side of Eq. (24)} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

For a mixed convection problem, we encounter inflow and exit boundaries. The boundary treatment utilizes the characteristic boundary condition treatment [14]. At the inflow boundary, we have three positive eigenvalues and one negative eigenvalue. Thus u and v components of the velocity vector were specified with the temperature profile. At the exit, three positive eigenvalues and one negative eigenvalue indicate that one boundary condition (back pressure) was imposed.

DISTRIBUTED MINIMAL RESIDUAL METHOD

The local residual at iteration level $t + 1$ is given by

$$\hat{R}^{t+1} = \frac{\partial \bar{E}^{t+1}}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \bar{F}^{t+1}}{\partial \eta} - D^2(J \bar{Q}^{t+1}) - \bar{H}(\bar{Q}^{t+1}) + D(J \bar{Q}^{t+1}) \quad (27)$$

Assume that the solution at iteration level $t + 1$ is extrapolated from the previous M consecutive iteration levels. Then one can say that

$$\bar{Q}^{t+1} = \bar{Q}^t + \sum_{m=1}^M \Theta^m \quad (28)$$

where

$$\Theta^m = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^m \Delta_1^m \\ \omega_2^m \Delta_2^m \\ \omega_3^m \Delta_3^m \\ \omega_4^m \Delta_4^m \end{bmatrix} \quad (29)$$

Here ω are the acceleration factors to be calculated, Δ are the corrections computed with the original scheme, and M denotes the total number of consecutive iteration steps combined.

Using Taylor series expansion in time and truncating the terms that are higher than second order in Δt , Eq. (27) becomes approximately

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}^{l+1} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}^l + \sum_{m=1}^M \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \bar{\mathbf{A}}^l + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \bar{\mathbf{B}}^l - D^2 \mathbf{J} - \bar{\mathbf{D}} + D \mathbf{J} \right] \Theta^m \quad (30)$$

The global domain residual can be defined as

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}^l = \sum_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{l*} \hat{\mathbf{R}}^l \quad (31)$$

In order to minimize the $\hat{\mathbf{R}}^{l+1}$, the ω are chosen from the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{l+1}}{\partial \omega_r^m} = 0 \quad (32)$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} & - \sum_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{l*} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \bar{\mathbf{A}}^l + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \bar{\mathbf{B}}^l - D^2 \mathbf{J} - \bar{\mathbf{D}} + D \mathbf{J} \right] \frac{\partial \Theta^m}{\partial \omega_r^m} \\ & = \sum_{i,j} \sum_n^M \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \bar{\mathbf{A}}^l + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \bar{\mathbf{B}}^l - D^2 \mathbf{J} - \bar{\mathbf{D}} + D \mathbf{J} \right] \Theta^n \right\}^* \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \bar{\mathbf{A}}^l + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \bar{\mathbf{B}}^l - D^2 \mathbf{J} - \bar{\mathbf{D}} + D \mathbf{J} \right] \frac{\partial \Theta^m}{\partial \omega_r^m} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where

$$\frac{\partial \Theta^m}{\partial \omega_r^m} = [\Delta_p^m \delta_{pr}] \quad (34)$$

δ_{pr} is the Kronecker delta and a superscript asterisk denotes transpose of a matrix. Notice the following identity:

$$\Theta^n = \sum_q^4 \omega_q^n \frac{\partial \Theta^n}{\partial \omega_q^n} \quad (35)$$

Also notice $\partial \Theta^n / \partial \omega_q^n$ is not a function of ω . Let

$$\mathbf{a}_q^m = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \bar{\mathbf{A}}' + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \bar{\mathbf{B}}' - D^2 \mathbf{J} - \bar{\mathbf{D}} + D \mathbf{J} \right] \frac{\partial \Theta^m}{\partial \omega_q^m} \quad (36)$$

Then Eq. (33) becomes

$$-\sum_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{i*} \mathbf{a}_r^m = \sum_n^M \sum_q^4 \sum_{i,j} \omega_q^n \mathbf{a}_q^{n*} \mathbf{a}_r^m \quad (37)$$

For simplicity, let

$$d_{qr}^{nm} = \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{a}_q^{n*} \mathbf{a}_r^m \quad b_r^m = -\sum_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{i*} \mathbf{a}_r^m \quad (38)$$

so that Eq. (37) can be written as

$$\sum_n^M \sum_q^4 \omega_q^n d_{qr}^{nm} = b_r^m \quad (39)$$

representing the system of $4 \times M$ linear algebraic equations for the $4 \times M$ optimum acceleration factors ω . For example, if we are to combine $M = 2$ consecutive iteration steps to extrapolate the solution, we periodically need to solve eight equations for eight values of ω .

COMPUTATIONAL RESULTS

It is known that for the case of a natural convection between two infinite parallel plates the critical Rayleigh number [1] is approximately $Ra = 1708$. When the Rayleigh number is larger than the critical value, a fluid motion occurs, driven by the buoyancy force. Due to the difficulty associated with numerically simulating infinite parallel plates, a finite computational domain surrounded by solid walls was considered in this study. The aspect ratio of the computational domain was chosen to be 3. The bottom wall is uniformly heated, while the upper wall is uniformly cooled. Both sidewalls are thermally insulated. The wall boundary condition on pressure was obtained from the normal momentum equation. A mildly clustered grid of 60×30 cells was used (Fig. 1). Two different cases were computed with both the Runge-Kutta (RK) time stepping method and the Euler implicit method.

First, the flow with the Grashof number $Gr = 3000$ and the Prandtl number $Pr = 1$ (that is, $Ra = 3000$) was computed. $CFL = 2.8$ and von Neumann number $\sigma = 0.4$ were used in this computation for the Runge-Kutta (RK) method, while $CFL = 10$ was used for the Euler implicit method. The artificial compressibility coefficient β providing the fastest convergence was found to be $\beta = 5$ for the RK method, while it was $\beta =$

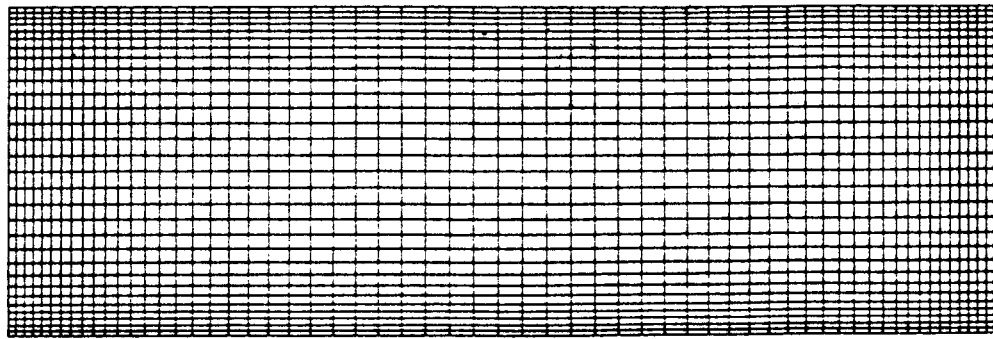


Fig. 1 An H-type computational grid of 60×30 cells used for a Benard convection problem.

1 for the Euler implicit method. No artificial dissipation has been added for these computations. The convergence histories (Fig. 2) show that the DMR accelerated the basic RK method, resulting in 20% reduction in CPU time. Figure 3 shows that the computational savings of 60% in terms of both number of iterations and CPU time were achieved by using the DMR method with the Euler implicit method. Figure 4 presents the computed solutions, which agree well with the solution from the RK method. It is noticeable that the isobar contours are not normal to the wall, which implies that the boundary condition of $\partial p / \partial n = 0$ would have given erroneous results.

In another example, the computational domain was tilted by 30° . The Grashof number in this test case was $Gr = 3000$. The Prandtl number was $Pr = 1$, which corresponds to $Ra = 3000$. The same computational grid was used as in the previous test case. The maximum allowable CFL number of 2.8 and the von Neumann number $\sigma = 0.4$ were used for the RK method, while $CFL = 10$ was used for the Euler implicit method. Every 30 iterations, the DMR method was applied with two solutions combined for the RK method. On the other hand, the DMR method was applied every 10 iterations, while combining two solutions in the Euler implicit method. The DMR method was able to accelerate both basic schemes (the explicit RK method and the Euler implicit method). The reduction in CPU time was 40% for the RK method (Fig. 5) and 50% for the Euler implicit method (Fig. 6). As a result of the tilt in gravitational direction, only one circulatory motion was generated (Fig. 7) with practically identical flow results obtained when using either method.

Finally, one example of a mixed convection problem was considered where cool fluid enters a U-shaped channel whose top and bottom walls were heated at a constant temperature. A computational grid of 129×30 cells was used (Fig. 8). Only the explicit RK method was used for this test case along with the DMR method. CFL number of 2.8 and von Neumann number of 0.4 were employed in this computation with a fourth-order artificial dissipation ($\epsilon = 0.25$). The Grashof number of 3000 was imposed, which denotes the temperature difference between the fluid and the wall. Note that the buoyancy effects for this case are negligible. Effectively, the energy equation is decoupled from the continuity and the momentum equations. Nevertheless, all equations including the energy equation were solved simultaneously in this example. The artificial compressibility coefficient was $\beta = 10$. Figure 9 presents the convergence histories in terms of the number of iterations and the CPU time. With the RK method, reduction of 5 orders of magnitude in initial residual was achieved in 6000 iterations, while 10 orders of magnitude reduction was achieved with the same number of iterations when the DMR was applied, resulting in 60% savings in CPU time. The isobar contours and the velocity vector plot (Fig. 10)

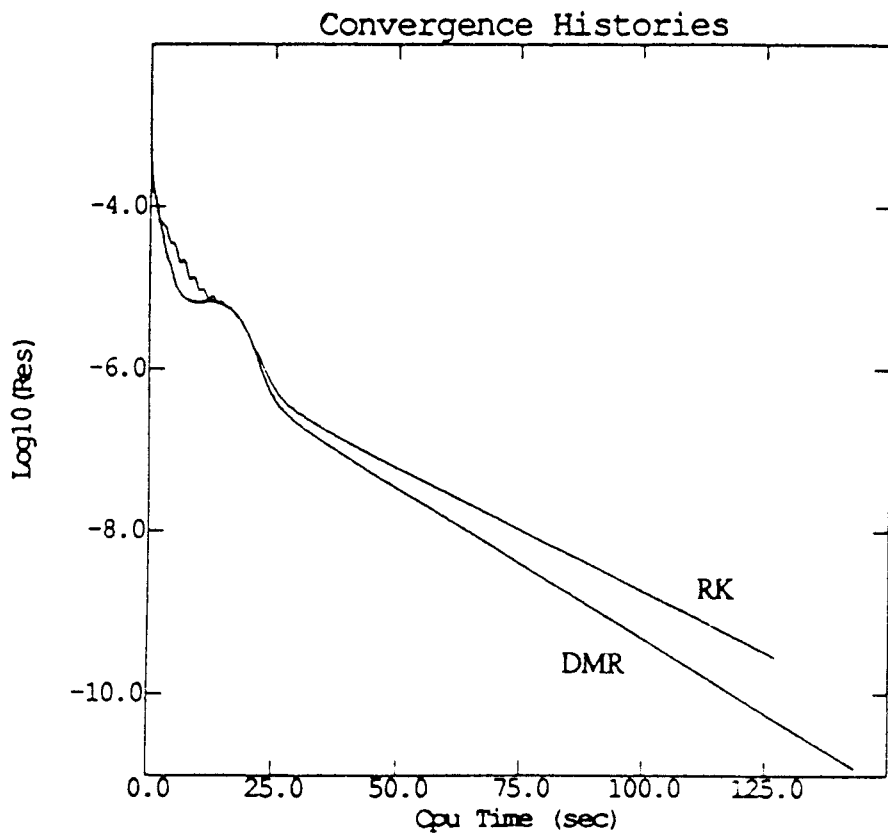
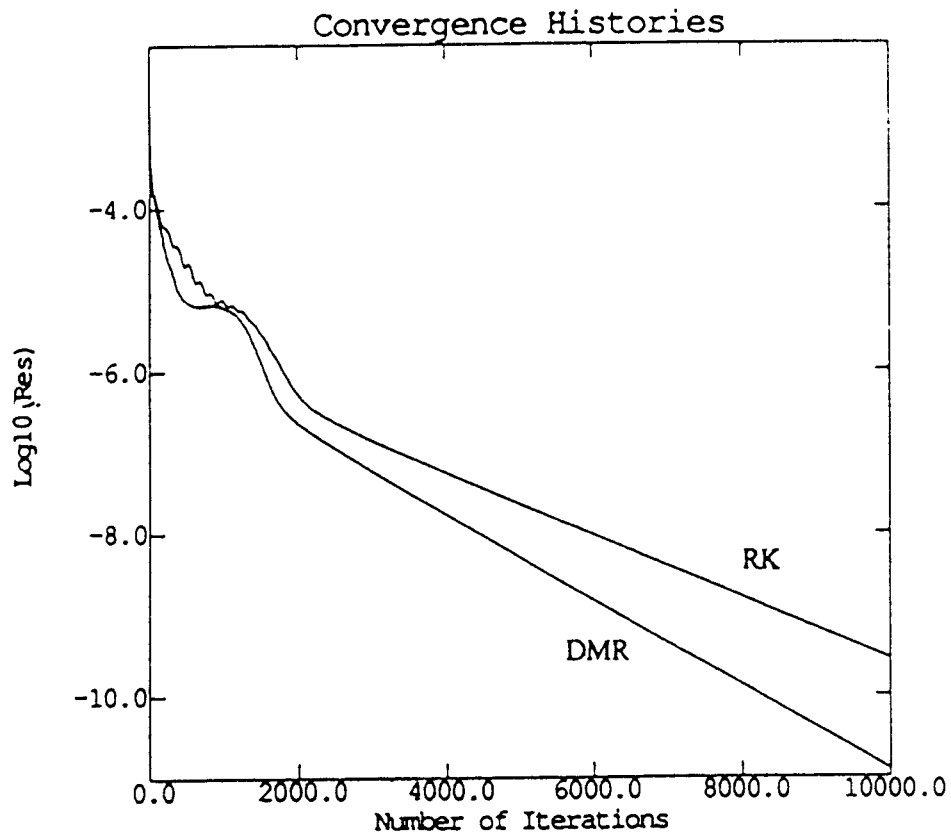


Fig. 2 Convergence histories for Benard convection problem with $Gr = 3000$ (RK).

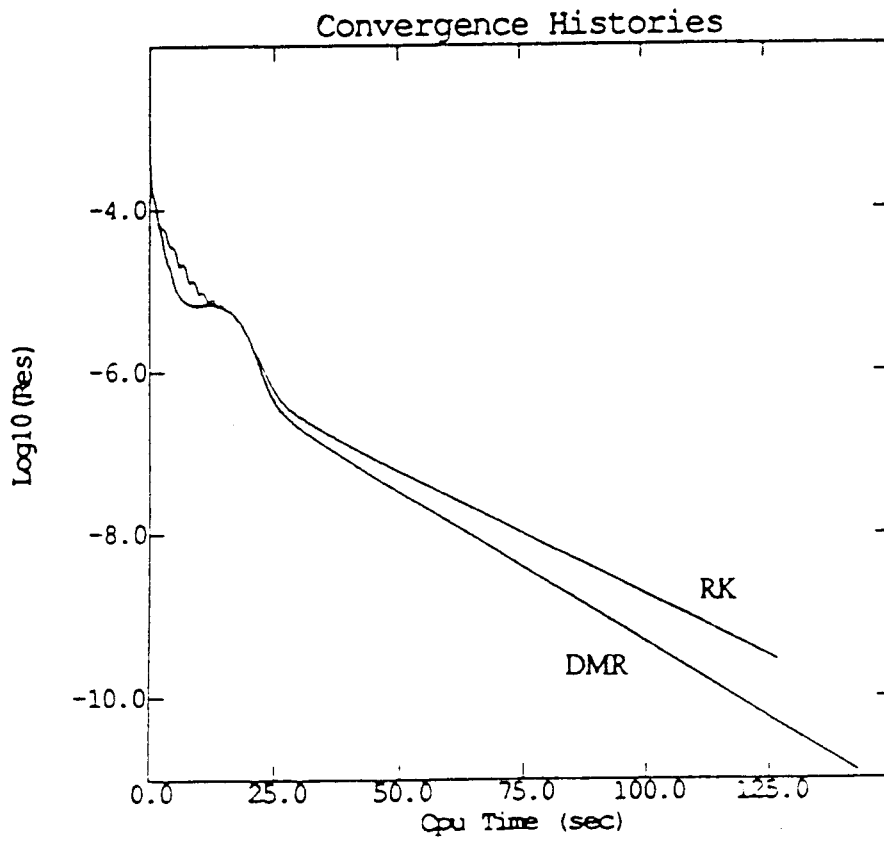
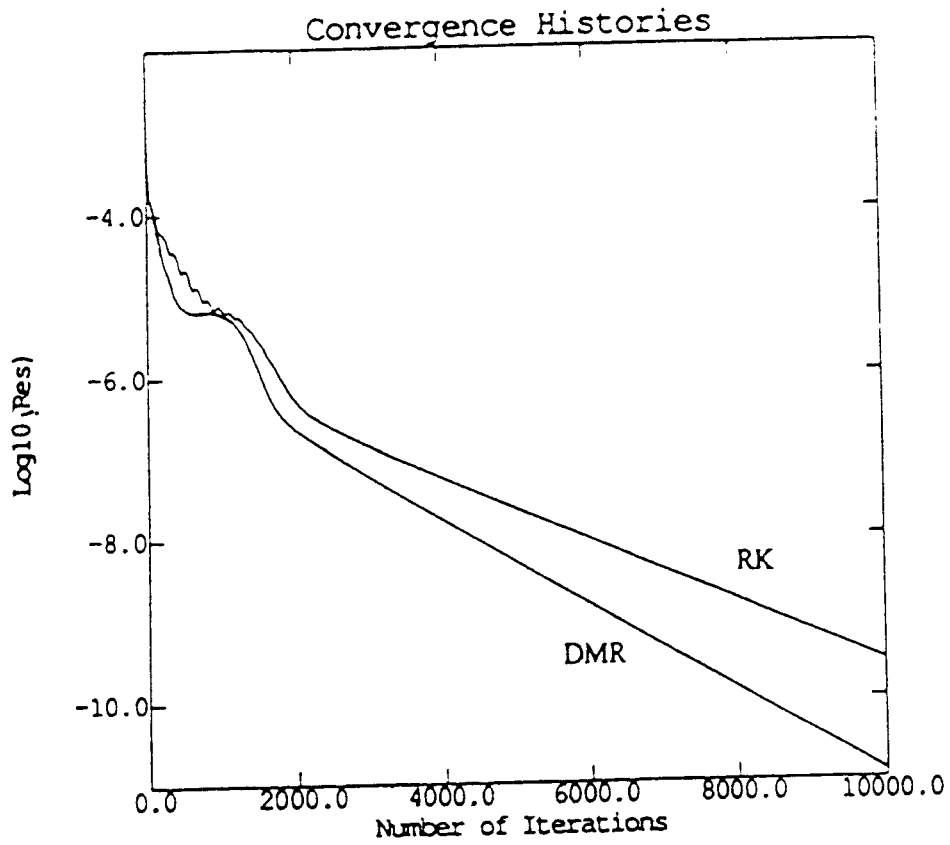


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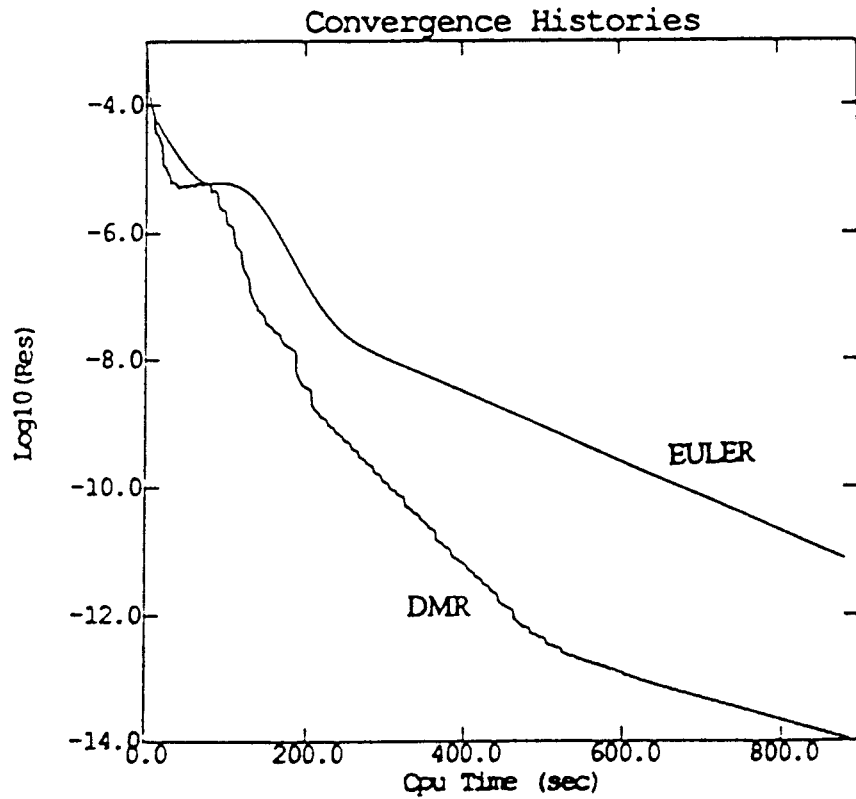
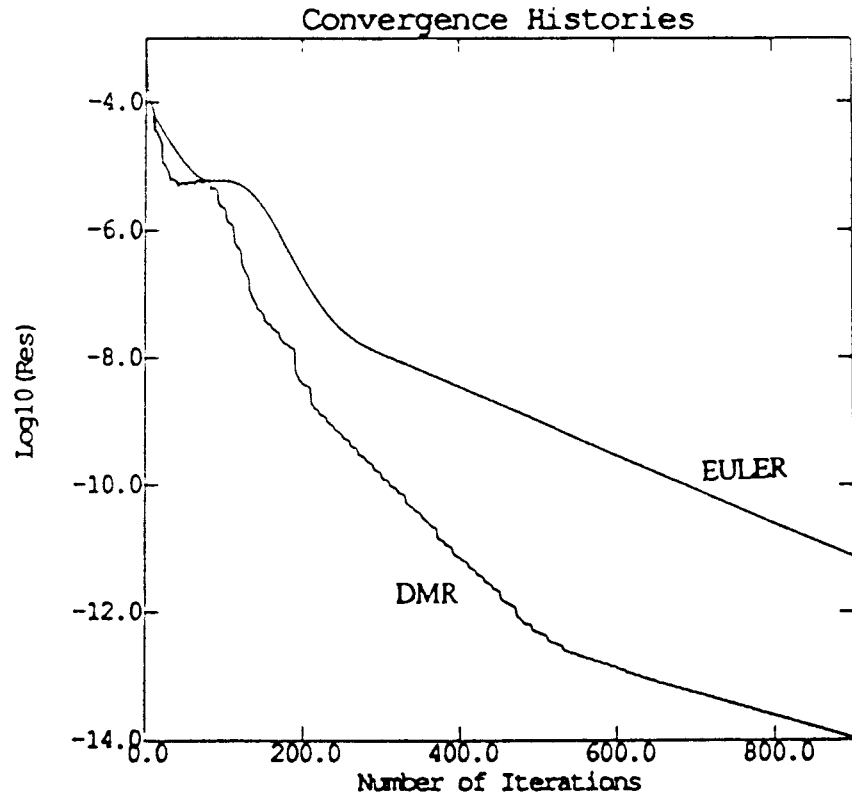
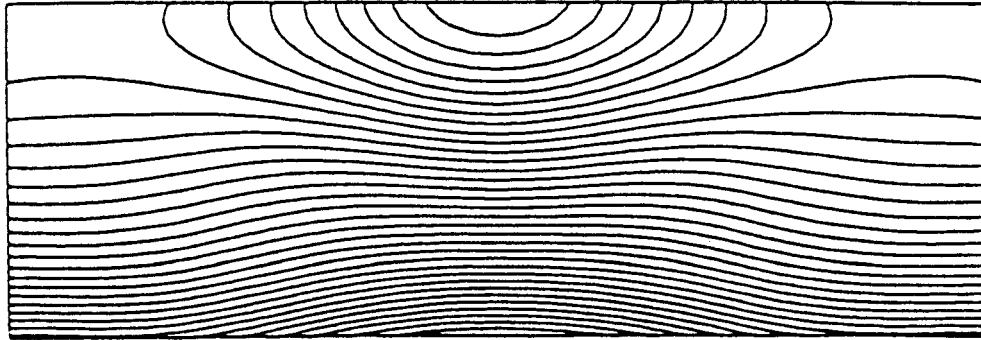
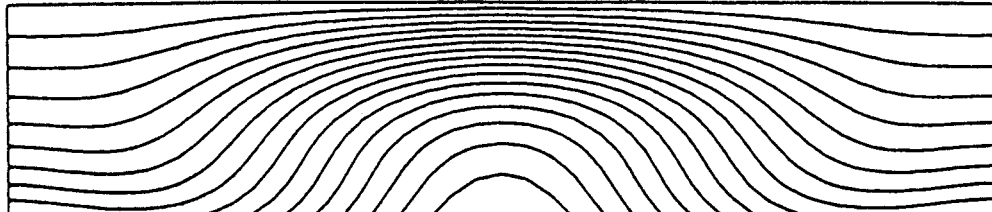


Fig. 3 Convergence histories for Benard convection problem with $Gr = 3000$ (Euler implicit).

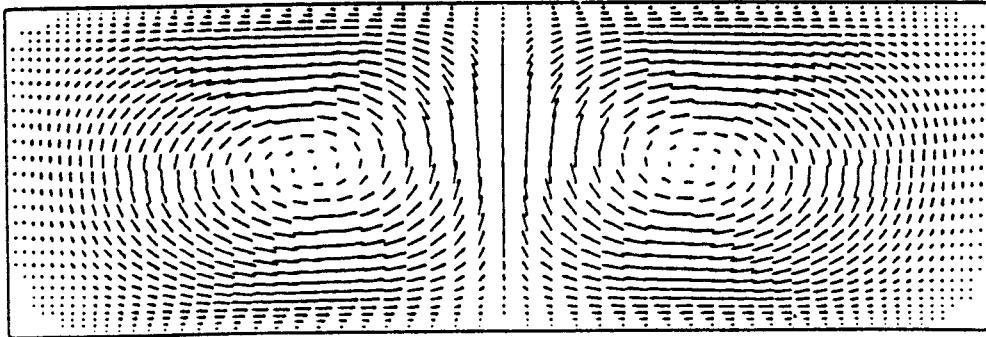


(a) Isobar contours





(b) Isotherm contours



(c) Velocity vectors

Fig. 4 Isobar contours, isotherm contours, and velocity vectors for $Gr = 3000$ (Euler implicit).

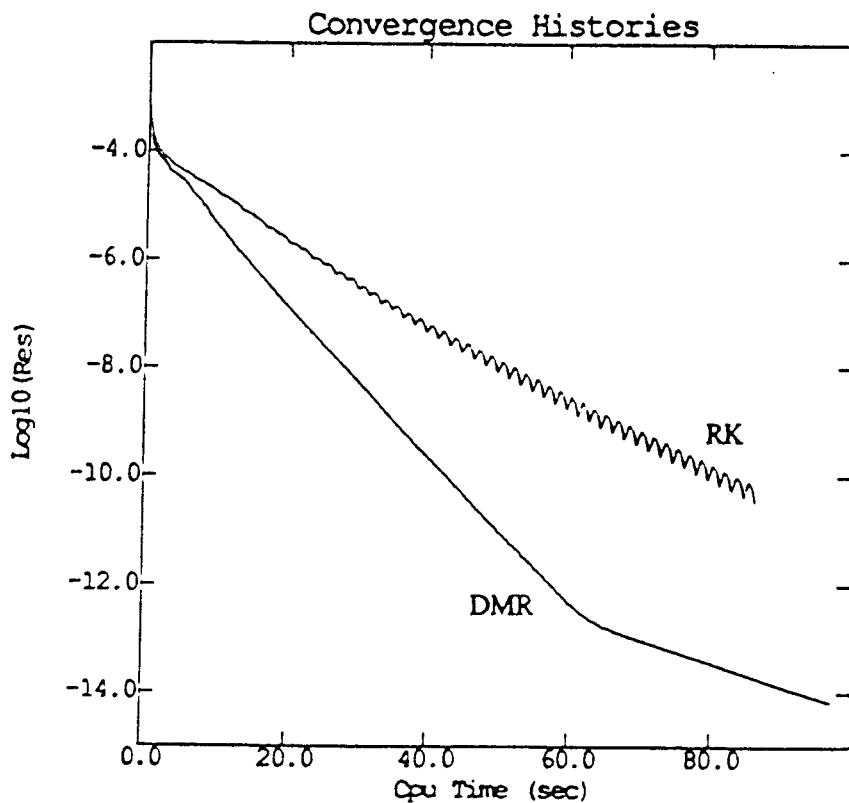
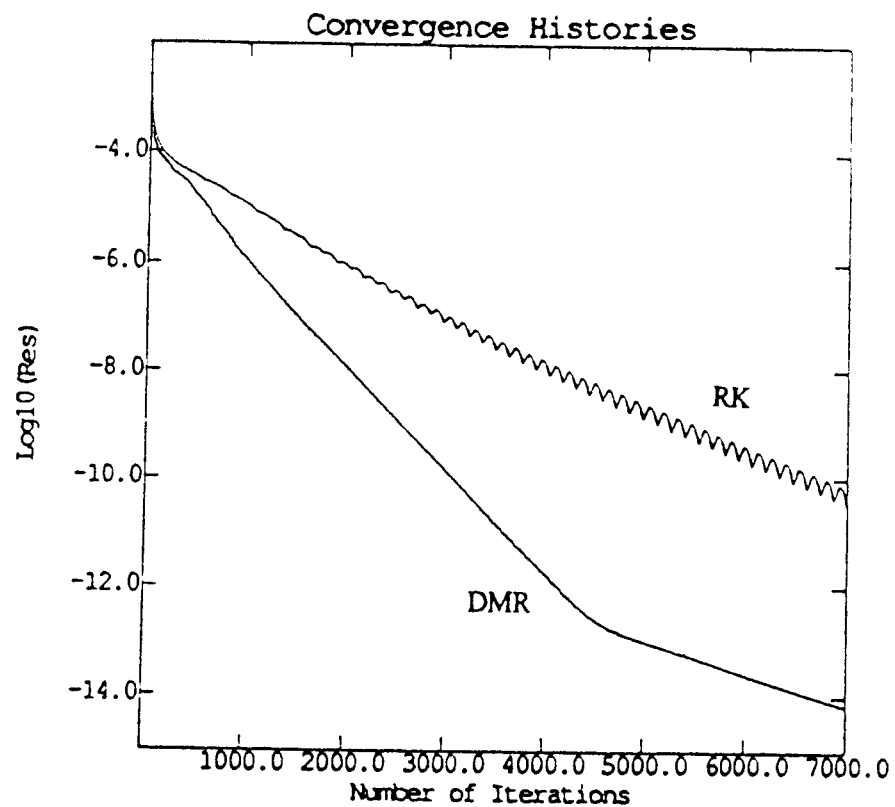


Fig. 5 Convergence histories for Benard convection problem with $Gr = 3000$ and $\vartheta = 30^\circ$ (RK).

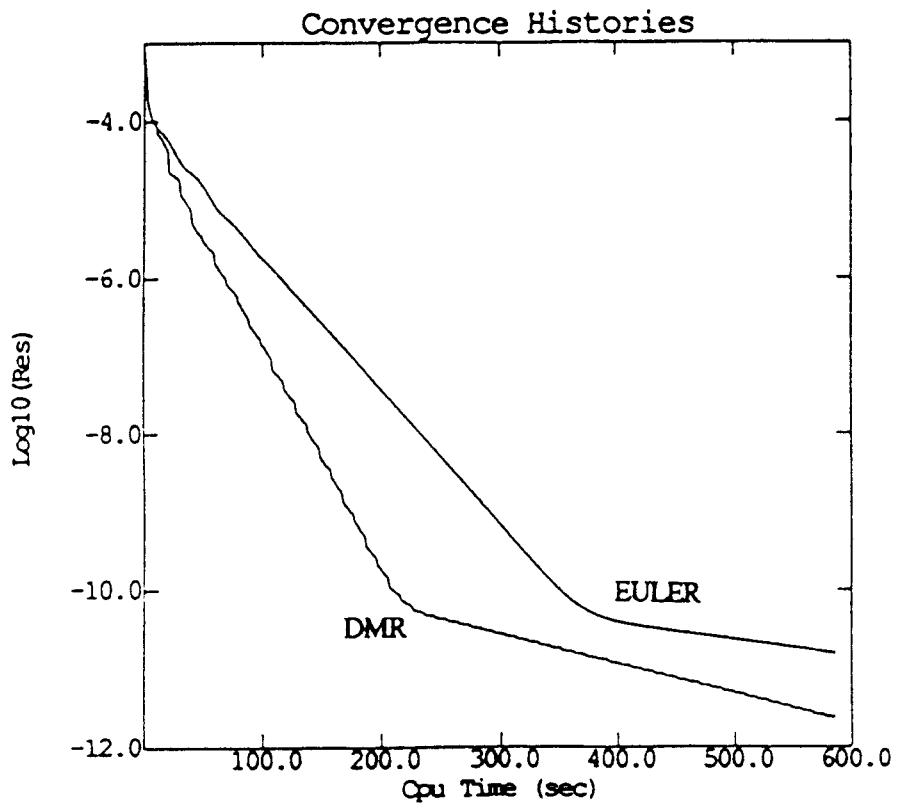
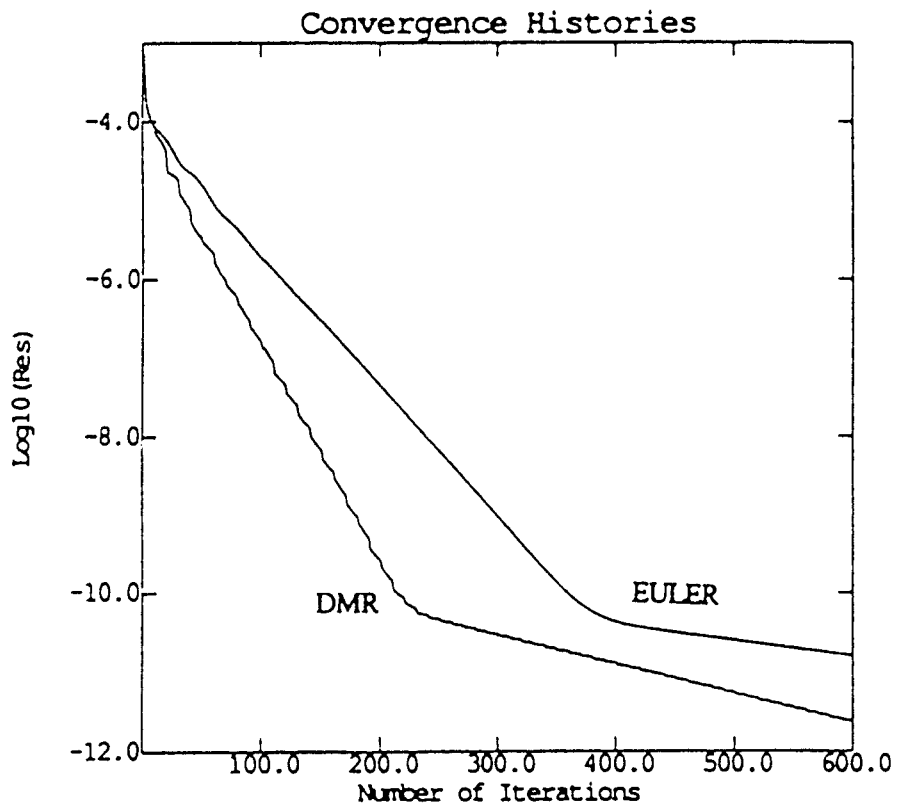
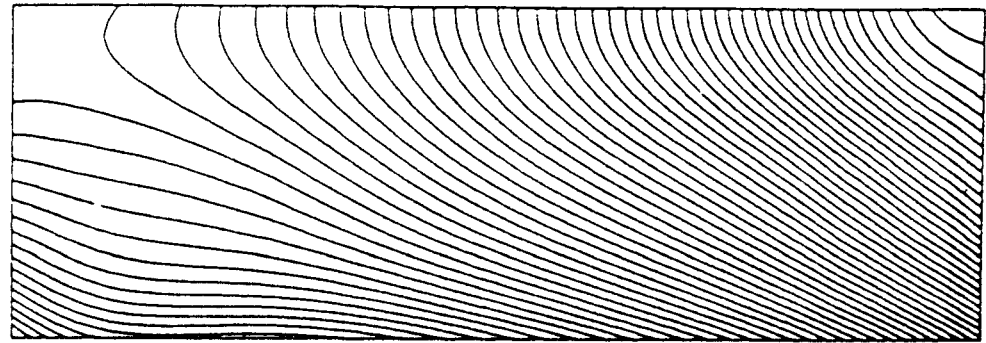
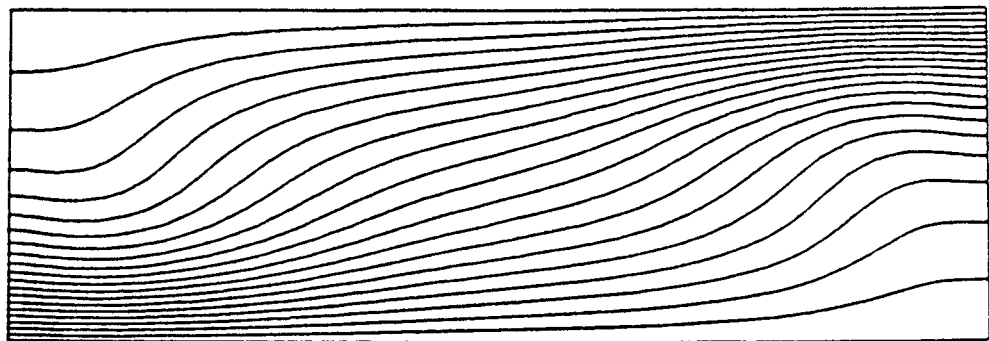


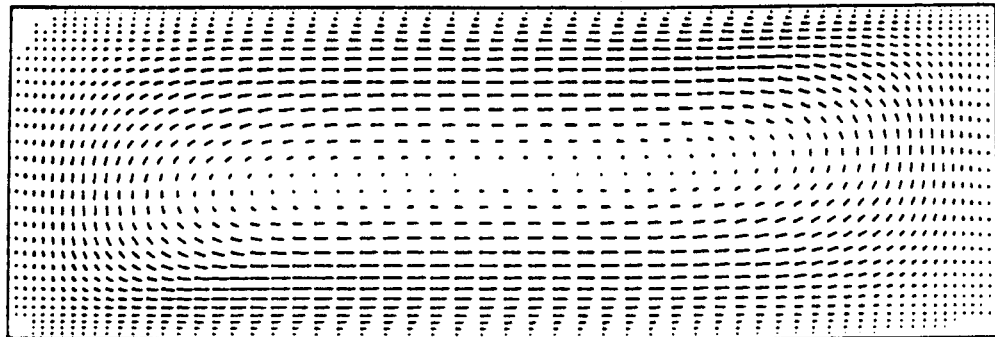
Fig. 6 Convergence histories for Benard convection problem with $Gr = 3000$ and $\vartheta = 30^\circ$ (Euler implicit).



(a) Isobar contours



(b) Isotherm contours



(c) Velocity vectors

Fig. 7 Isobar contours, isotherm contours, and velocity vectors for $Gr = 3000$ and $\vartheta = 30^\circ$ (Euler implicit).

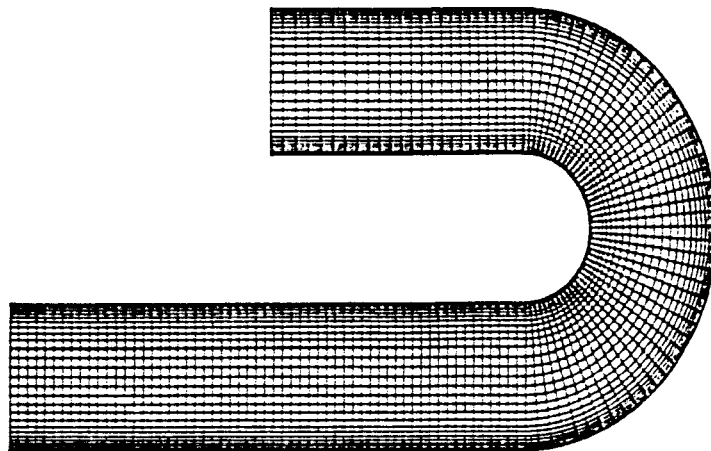


Fig. 8 An H-type computational grid of 129×30 cells used for

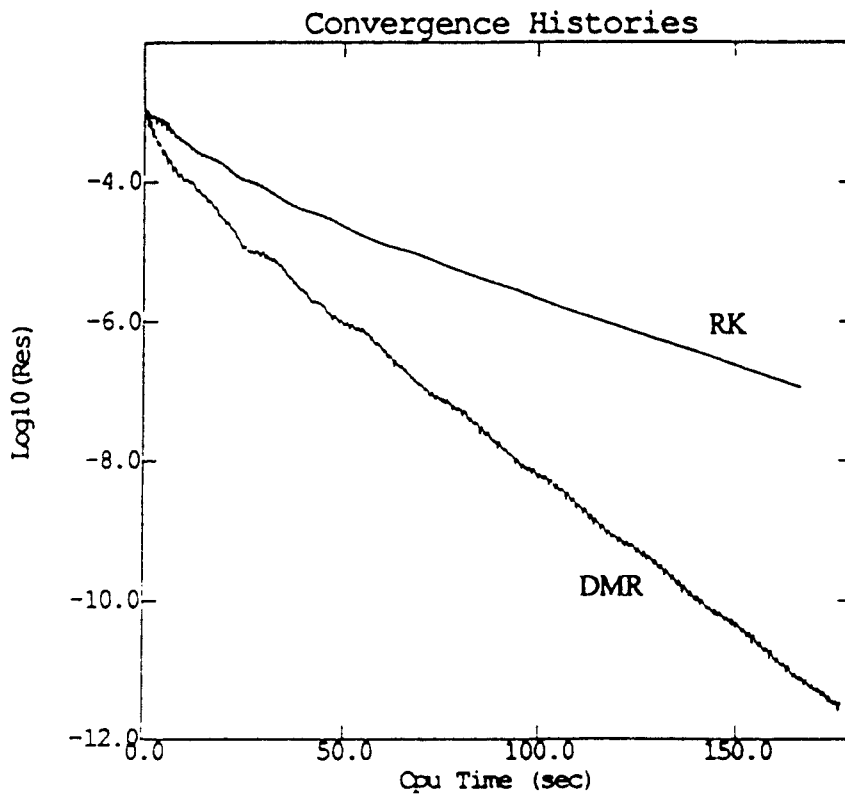
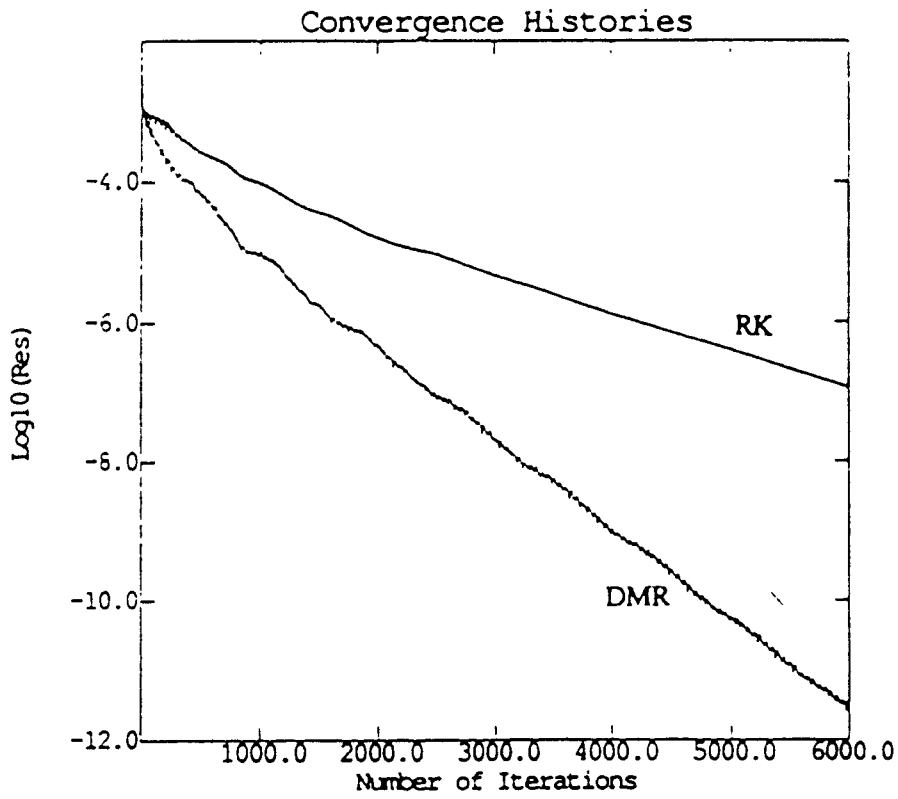
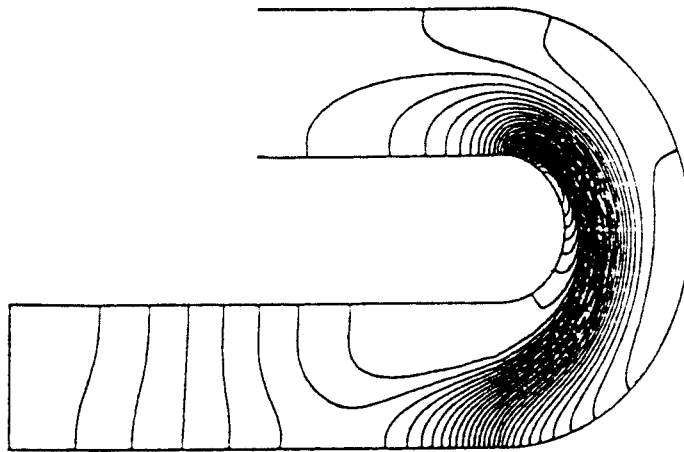


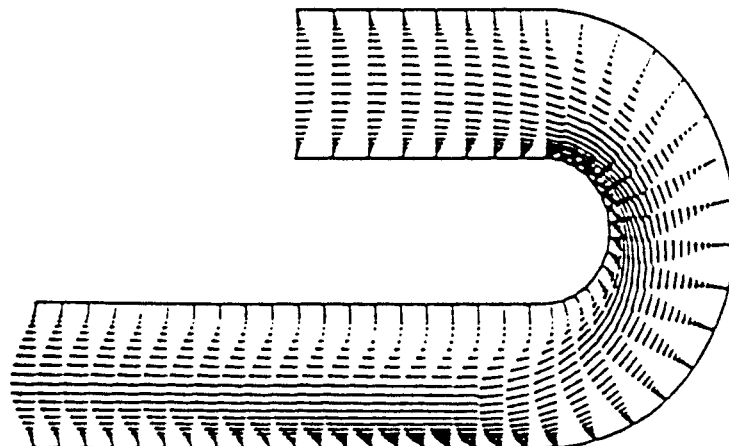
Fig. 9 Convergence histories for the flow inside U-shaped channel.



(a) Isobar contours



(b) Isotherm contours



(c) Velocity vectors

Fig. 10 Isobar contours, isotherm contours, and velocity vectors for the U-shaped channel.

indicate that a large separation occurs in the curved duct. Isotherm contours show thermal boundary layers on both walls of the channel.

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