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PLUTO solves mass, momentum and energy conservation equations with induction equation (for MHD module). Equations are given in userguide.pdf (page-50/51).

evince \$PLUTO_DIR/Doc/userguide.pdf

Rayleigh Taylor Instability (RTI) ::
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We will study Rayleigh Taylor Instability (RTI) using PLUTO.

The initial condition consists of an interface separating two fluids with different densities in hydrostatic balance:

density condition: i) $\rho = \eta$ for $y \geq 0$ ii) $\rho = 1$ for $y < 0$ [here ρ = mass density, y = vertical height]

Pressure : $P = P_0 + \rho * y * g$ [here, P_0 = value of the pressure at the interface, g = (constant) gravity pointing in the negative y direction]

The value of P_0 is chosen in such a way that the sound speed in the light fluid is 1. The horizontal extent of the computational domain defines the unit length: $L_x=1$.

For magnetized setups, the magnetic field is purely horizontal:

$B = (\chi * B_c, 0, 0)$ here $B_c = ((\eta - 1) * L_x * |g|)^{0.5}$

where B_c is the critical magnetic field above which perturbations parallel to the magnetic field are suppressed.

Task 1 :- Hydro RTI

STEP :: 0a ==> STEP :: 1A.Ia. ==> STEP :: 1A.II. ==>
STEP :: 2 ==> STEP :: 3 ==> STEP :: 4

Task 2 :- MHD RTI

(STEP :: 0a ==>) STEP :: 1A.Ib. ==> STEP :: 1A.II. ==>
STEP :: 2 ==> STEP :: 3 ==> STEP :: 4

Task 3 :- OWN RTI


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python $PLUTO_DIR/setup.py  
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[Change makefile : Linux.mpicc.defs      (for non-mpirun---->  
Linux.gcc.defs)]
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STEP :: 1B. OWN setup  
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modify a) definitions.h, b) pluto.ini, and c) init.c to create your own setup. [***use PLUTO User's Guide for better description]

a) definitions.h: This header file is created by Python script setup.py by selecting "Setup problem" option. If this header file is already there python will read given options/values which can be modified. Here one can setup the problem from different options as i) PHYSICS (HD/MHD/RHD/RMHD) ii) DIMENSIONS & COMPONENTS (1D/2D/3D) iii) GEOMETRY (CARTESIAN/CYLINDRICAL/POLAR/SPHERICAL) iv) BODY_FORCE (VECTOR/POTENTIAL) v) INTERPOLATION (FLAT/LINEAR/PARABOLIC/...) vi) TIME_EVOLUTION (EULER/RK2/RK3/...) vii) USER_DEF_PARAMETERS (number of parameters and names) and others.

Three user define parameters are i) ETA : density ratio, ii) GRAV : gravitational acceleration and iii) CHI : magnetic field strength compared to critical field strength.

b) pluto.ini : This initialization file contains different blocks associated with different fields as i) [Grid] ii) [Chombo Refinement] iii) [Time] iv) [Solver] v) [Boundary] vi) [Static Grid Output] vii) [Chombo HDF5 output] viii) [Parameters].

RTI setup will be studied for ETA=2.0 and GRAV=-1.0.

We will mainly modify following parts in 'pluto.ini'

- i) for magnetic RTI the value of 'CHI' (magnetic field strength compared to critical field) in [Parameters]
- ii) time interval between consecutive outputs in [Static Grid Output]. e.g. for "dbl 15.0 -1 single_file", time interval is 15.0 unit.
- iii) evolution time 'tstop' in [Time], e.g. "tstop 15.0" sets the termination of the evolution at t=15.0 unit.

c) init.c : The Init() function is used to assign the initial condition as a function of the spatial coordinates.

For this problem initial values of i) mass density ii) velocity and iii) magnetic field (for MHD) are specified. Initial mass density is calculated from the value of 'ETA' and static condition is perturbed using perpendicular (to the interface) velocity component. For magnetic condition with field components (BX1,0,0), x-component of field i.e. uniform BX1 is calculated from the given 'CHI' value.

