

News on pre-processing tool and boundary conditions

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Main improvements in SPH formulation of DualSPHysics v5

✓ **Density Diffusion Term** by G. Fourtakas



G. Fourtakas, J.M. Domínguez, R. Vacondio, B.D. Rogers. 2019. Local Uniform Stencil (LUST) boundary condition for arbitrary 3-D boundaries in parallel smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH) models. Computers & Fluids, 190: 346-361. doi.org/10.1016/j.compfluid.2019.06.009.

✓ Modified Dynamic Boundary Conditions by A. English



A. English, J.M. Domínguez, R. Vacondio, A.J.C. Crespo, P.K. Stansby, S.J. Lind, L. Chiapponi, M. Gómez-Gesteira. 2021. **Modified dynamic boundary conditions (mDBC) for general purpose smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH): application to tank sloshing, dam break and fish pass problems.** Computational Particle Mechanics. **IN PRESS**

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Wrong density on boundaries generates noise density in fluid





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mDBC is a correction applied over DBC when

boundary particle has a non-zero normal. Thus it is possible to combine DBC with mDBC.

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Pressure measurements on the obstacle at positions: P1, P3 and P5

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mDBC REQUIREMENTS

mDBC presents several improvements regarding to DBC:

- Physical density/pressure values in boundary particles.
- Avoids the separation distance between boundary and fluid particles (GAP).

However, creating the initial condition for mDBC is more complicated since:

- Several boundary particles layers are necessary (three layers or more). It depends on the SPH smoothing length (h). Three layers are enough when $2h \le 3Dp$.
- Distance between boundary limit and boundary particles should be half the initial inter-particle distance (**Dp/2**).
- Vectors from boundary particles to actual boundary limit are necessary (**normals**).



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The error in the position of the particles depends on the resolution or distance between particles (Dp). It is necessary to use higher resolution to minimize this inaccuracy.

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<setfrdrawmode auto="true"></setfrdrawmode>			
<setmkbound mk="0"></setmkbound> Box			
<drawbox></drawbox>			
<boxfill>all</boxfill>			
<point x="2" y="-1" z="1.5"></point>			
<size x="1.4" y="2" z="2"></size>			
	Circle		
<drawcylinder mask="1 </td><td>2" radius="0.5"></drawcylinder>			
<point x="7" y="-1" z="2.5"></point>			
<point x="7" y="1" z="2.5"></point>			
<drawextrude closed="false"></drawextrude>	Bottom		
<point x="0" y="0" z="3"></point>	Dottom		
<point x="2" y="0" z="0"></point>			
<point x="8" y="0" z="0"></point>			
<point x="9" y="0" z="1"></point>			
<point x="10" y="0" z="1"></point>			
<point x="10" y="0" z="2.5"></point>			
<point <="" td="" x="11.1" y="0" z="2.5"><td>></td></point>	>		
<point x="12" y="0" z="3"></point>			
<extrude x="0" y="1" z="0"></extrude>			
<shapeout file=""></shapeout>			

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The improvements are: 1) no stair effect, 2) particles match the dimension of the shape, 3) the circle is a circle. Provides good results with low resolution.

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Examples of **3-D Revolution objects using FrDraw mode:**



Example 2: Central axis outside the object

AUTOMATIC MULTI-LAYER DRAWING

The new option <layers> allows you to create shapes with multiple layers in an easy way.

Each value creates an inner or outer layer using negative and positive values respectively according to Dp.

The asterisk defines the shapes saved by <shapeout>.



```
<mainlist>
```

```
<setshapemode>actual | bound</setshapemode>
   <setfrdrawmode auto="true" />
   <setmkbound mk="0" />
   <drawbox>
        <boxfill>all</boxfill>
       <point x="2" y="-1" z="1.5" />
       <size x="1.4" y="2" z="2" />
       <layers vdp="0*,-1" />
   </drawbox>
    <drawcylinder radius="0.5" mask="2">
        <point x="7" y="-1" z="2.5" />
       <point x="7" y="1" z="2.5" />
       <layers vdp="0,1,3,4*" />
   </drawcylinder>
   <drawextrude closed="false">
       <point x="0" y="0" z="3" />
       <point x="2" y="0" z="0" />
       <point x="8" y="0" z="0" />
       <point x="9" v="0" z="1" />
       <point x="10" y="0" z="1" />
       <point x="10" y="0" z="2" />
       <point x="11" y="0" z="2" />
       <point x="12" y="0" z="3" />
       <extrude x="0" y="1" z="0" />
       <layers vdp="0*,-1,-2" />
   </drawextrude>
   <shapeout file="" reset="true" />
</mainlist>
```

XML can be used as a programming language with variables, conditionals, loops, subroutines and input/output functions. The execution of this code creates the initial simulation case for DualSPHysics.

The new version of GenCase allows the definition of variables in the XML and complex numerical expressions, where these variables and different functions (mathematical, statistical, logical...) are used to calculate the required value at runtime.

The commands to define **user variables** are:

```
<newvar size="0.4" _rem="Defines size" _print="1" />
<newvar var1="10" var2="25.5" var3="var1+var2" var4="true" />
<newvarcte cte1="1.0" cte2="var1+var2/size" cte3="(var1>=cte2)!=var3" />
<newvarstr file1="cube.stl" file2="sphere.stl" />
<newvarstrcte text="The file is [file1]." />
```

<newvar>: creates one or several numerical variables (using double precision).

Values *true* and *false* are stored as 1 and 0.

The variables are created in order so previous variables can be used in the following ones.

```
E.g.: var1=10, var2=25.5, var3=var1+var2, var4=true
```

<newvarstr>: creates one or several text variables.

<newvarcte> and <newvarstrcte>: creates variables (numerical and text) as constants, so these variables cannot be changed.

_rem attribute is used for comments and _print equal to true (or not zero) shows the values stored in the variables on the screen.

Access to the general case constants such as gravity, dp or h for use in programming.

GenCase creates some variables automatically (as constants) according to values in the XML file, so the user-defined variables can be created from the previous ones. The available constants are:

- Gravity_x, Gravity_y, Gravity_z, Rhop0

Gravity values and reference density of the fluid are loaded at the beginning, before evaluating <predefinition> section.

- Dp

Initial inter-particle distance loaded from XML and after evaluating <predefinition> section. Dp value can be modified using variables in <predefinition>.

PosMin_x, PosMin_y, PosMin_z
 PosMax_x, PosMax_y, PosMax_z
 Domain limits loaded or calculated from XML file.

- CaseName

Data2D, Data2DPosy

H, MassBound, MassFluid

Constant variables calculated automatically starting from previous constants and configuration in XML file. These constants are created before evaluating the drawing command lists.

The user-defined variables can be used in most of the drawing commands and the **different sections** of the XML for **GenCase and DualSPHysics** programs.

```
<mainlist>
    <newvarstr filestl="cube.stl"/>
    <newvar inix="0.2" iniz="0.1"/>
    <move x="#inix" y="0" z="#iniz" />
    <drawbox>
        <boxfill>bottom</boxfill>
        <point x="#PosMin x" y="0" z="#PosMin z" />
        <size x="#Dp*20" v="1" z="#Dp*8" />
    </drawbox>
    <drawfilestl file="$[filestl]" if="Dp<=0.1" />
    <runlist name="DrawShape" times="#10/inix" />
</mainlist>
. . .
<initials>
   <velocity mkfluid="1" x="0" y="0" z="#-Gravity z*2"/>
</initials>
. . .
<floatings>
   <floating mkbound="2">
        <center x="#inix" y="0" z="#iniz" />
   </floating>
</floatings>
```

The use of **numerical variables or expressions** must start with **#** in order to be recognized and evaluated.

Numerical or logical expressions can be used in the attribute **if** recognized by all drawing commands.

The use of **text variables** or expressions must start with **\$** and the name of the variable **in square brackets**.

User-defined variables can be used in the following sections of XML: <geometry>, <initials>, <floatings>, <properties>, <motion>, <normals>, <special> and <parameters>

The numerical or logical expressions can use: values, variables, mathematical operators, comparison operators, logical operators, parenthesis and functions.

- Mathematical operators: +, -, *, /
- Comparison operators: == (equal), != (not equal), <, >, <=, >=
- Logical operators: ! (not), | | (or), @@ (and)
- Functions:

```
pi(), e(),
```

int(a), float(a), abs(a), floor(a), ceil(a), round(a), fmod(a,b), fmodr(a,b)=round(fmod(a,b)), min(a,b), min(a,b,c), min(a,b,c,d), max(a,b), max(a,b,c), max(a,b,c,d), sqrt(a), exp(a), log(a), log10(a), pow(a,b), sin(radians), cos(radians), tan(radians), sindg(degrees), cosdg(degrees), tandg(degrees), sinh(a), cosh(a), tanh(a), asin(a), acos(a), atan(a), randinit(seed), random(), //to initialise the random generator and to obtain random numbers. eval(condition, v1, v2), //returns v1 when condition is true or v2 in the other case. wavelength(gravity, depth, waveperiod) //returns wave length.

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<newvarcte wh="0.22" rem="Water level"/>
<!-- Tank particles -->
<setmkbound mk="0" />
<drawbox>
    <boxfill>all^top</boxfill>
    <point x="0" v="-0.1" z="0" />
    <size x="#tankw" y="0.2" z="#tankh" />
</drawbox>
<!-- Fluid particles-->
<setmkfluid mk="0" />
<fillbox x="0" y="0" z="#Dp*2">
    <modefill>void</modefill>
    <point x="0" v="-0.1" z="0" />
    <size x="#tankw" y="0.2" z="#wh"/>
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Boundary particles





The same technique is valid for **complex 3-D objects** such as Tetrapods.



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New reference paper for DualSPHysics v5



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 - Provides physical density/pressure values in boundary particles.
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- New options in pre-processing simplify the initial configuration for mDBC.
- New free drawing mode without cubic lattice and programming functions in XML open up a world of possibilities.



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On mDBC:

- Free-slip condition for mDBC (only no-slip is now available).
- Floating bodies with mDBC.
- New technique to avoid minor penetration issues.

On pre-processing:

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- Free drawing mode for fluid filling operations.



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