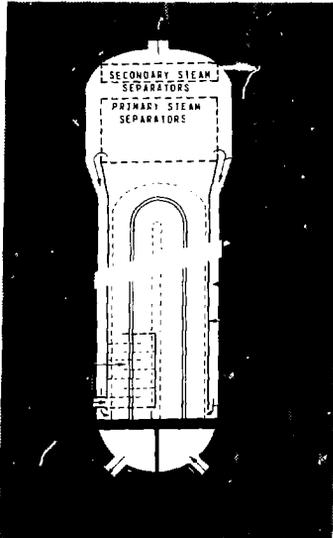


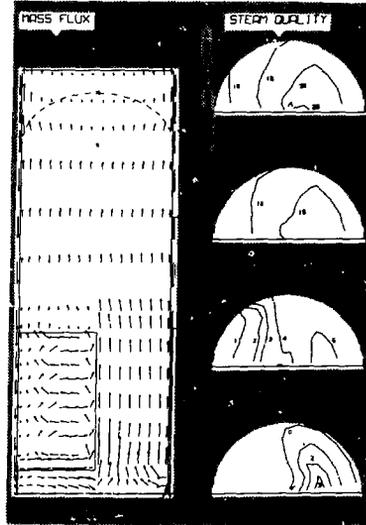
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Résumé

Ce manuel décrit le code THIRST et son utilisation pour calculer les écoulements tridimensionnels en deux phases et les transferts de chaleur dans un générateur de vapeur fonctionnant à l'état constant. Ce manuel a principalement pour but de faciliter l'application du code à l'analyse des générateurs de vapeur typiques des centrales nucléaires CANDU. Son application à d'autres concepts de générateurs de vapeur fait l'objet de commentaires. On donne le détail des hypothèses employées pour formuler le modèle et pour appliquer la solution numérique.

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ABSTRACT

This manual describes the THIRST code and its use in computing three-dimensional two-phase flow and heat transfer in a steam generator under steady state operation. The manual is intended primarily to facilitate the application of the code to the analysis of steam generators typical of CANDU nuclear stations. Application to other steam generator designs is also discussed. Details of the assumptions used to formulate the model and to implement the numerical solution are also included.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The THIRST* computer code is the latest in a series of three-dimensional steady state computer codes developed at CRNL for the detailed analysis of steam generator thermal-hydraulics. The original code, designated BOSS**, arose from the DRIP*** program of Spalding and Patankar [1], and was adapted for application to CANDU**** type steam generators [2]. Although the equations to be solved remain the same, extensive changes have been made to the program structure, the numerical computation sequence, the empirical relationships involved, the treatment of the U-bend, and the numerical and graphical presentation of results. The code has therefore been renamed THIRST.

In conjunction with these developments, the program has been used to successfully analyse the thermal-hydraulic performance of a number of different steam generator designs, from CANDU to American PWR nuclear plants. The program has also been used for extensive design parameter surveys. Some results of these analyses have been released in publications [3-7]. Steam generator designs already analysed are summarized in Table 1.1.

As the structure of the THIRST code is now well established, and its flexibility and reliability have been illustrated by extensive application, the time is now appropriate to present the code in a formal manner. It is our intent in this manual to present sufficient details of the THIRST code to permit a new user to run the code, and to obtain parameter survey studies based on variations of a reference hypothetical steam generator design. Suggested approaches to other basic designs are also included.

* THIRST: Thermal-Hydraulics In Recirculating Steam Generators
** BOSS: Boiler Secondary Side
*** DRIP: Distributed Resistance In Porous Media
**** CANDU: CANada Deuterium Uranium

Before presenting details of the code implementation, and discussing the input data required, some background knowledge of the nature and function of steam generators must be established.

1.1 Steam Generator Thermal-Hydraulics

The steam generator is a critical component in a nuclear power plant because it provides the interface for heat exchange between the high pressure reactor primary coolant circuit and the secondary turbine circuit. The integrity of this interface must be maintained to prevent mixing of fluids from the two circuits, while thermal interaction must be maximized for efficient transfer of energy to the turbine from the reactor.

Figure 1.1 is a cutaway view showing the salient features of a typical CANDU steam generator. The hot primary fluid from the reactor circulates through the network of tubes, heating the secondary flow which evaporates as it rises inside the shell. Failure of any one of the tubes would lead to expensive downtime for the station. The most likely causes of such tube failure are corrosion and fretting of the tube material. Corrosion can be minimized by regulating secondary fluid chemistry and by optimizing secondary side flow to minimize flow stagnation areas where corrosion tends to be highest. Fretting of tube surfaces due to flow-induced vibrational contact can also be analysed and local flow conditions can be computed with sufficient accuracy. The location of tube supports which minimize vibration can then be specified. In either case, a detailed picture of the flow patterns under operating conditions is required. The THIRST code provides such a picture.

TABLE 1.1

STEAM GENERATOR DESIGNS ANALYSED

<u>Manufacturer</u>		<u>Nuclear Plant</u>	<u>Thermal Power Rating (MW)</u>
1 Babcock & Wilcox	Pickering	CANDU-PWR	140
2 Babcock & Wilcox	G-2	CANDU-PWR	515
3 Babcock & Wilcox	Pt. Lepreau	CANDU-PWR	515
4 Babcock & Wilcox	Cordoba	CANDU-PWR	510
5 Babcock & Wilcox	Darlington	CANDU-PWR	660
6 Foster-Wheeler	Darlington	CANDU-PWR	670
7 Foster-Wheeler	Wolsung	CANDU-PWR	515
8 Combustion Eng.	Maine Yankee	US-PWR	845
9 Combustion Eng.	System 80	US-PWR	1910
10 Combustion Eng.	Series 67	US-PWR	1260
11 Westinghouse	Model 51	US-PWR	850

TABLE 1.2

PARAMETERS OF A TYPICAL CANDU STEAM GENERATOR

Thermal Rating	600 MW
Primary Inlet Temperature	315°C
Primary Inlet Pressure	10.7 MPa
Primary Inlet Quality	0.034
Primary Flow Rate	2500 kg/s
Feedwater Temperature	180°C
Steam Pressure	5 MPa
Steam Flow Rate	310 kg/s
Recirculation Ratio	5.5
Downcomer Water Level	15 m
Number of Tubes	4850
Tube Bundle Radius	1.3 m
Tube Diameter	0.0125 m

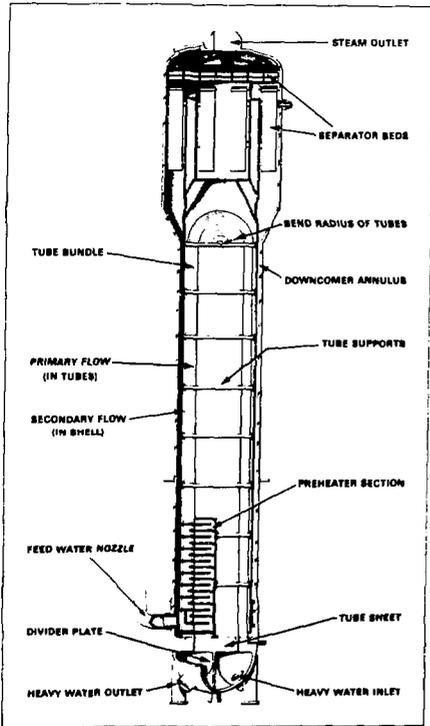


Figure 1.1

Cutaway View of a Steam Generator

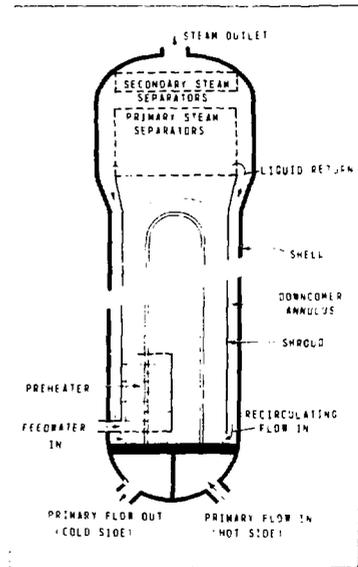


Figure 1.2

Simplified Model of the Steam Generator

1.2 The Hypothetical Prototype Steam Generator

Although steam generators developed by different manufacturers share a number of common features, it would be a prohibitive task to attempt to write a computer code which would comprehensively include all possible designs. The bulk of this manual, therefore, describes the standard version of the THIRST code which has been written for analysis of a hypothetical steam generator containing many features common to CANDU designs (Figure 1.1).

In particular, it is a natural circulation steam generator with the following features

- integral preheater
- tube matrix with round U-bends
- annular downcomer with re-entry through specified windows in the circumference

Geometrical specifications and nominal operating conditions of such a hypothetical design are listed in Table 1.2 for a typical 600 MW thermal steam generator.

A simplified diagram of a natural circulation steam generator with integral preheater is given in Figure 1.2. The area inside the shroud is completely filled with tubes except for the central tube free lane between the hot and cold legs and the annulus between the outer tube limit of the bundle and the shroud. The surface of the outer limit of the bundle in the U-bend is spherical.

The primary fluid enters the right side of the sketch flowing up inside the 'hot side' tubes, transferring heat to the secondary fluid en route. The tubes turn through 180° in the U-bend region, and the fluid returns down the cold side. The secondary fluid enters as subcooled water through the integral preheater, where baffles force the flow to cross the tube bank in a zig-zag pattern to enhance heat transfer. At the preheater exit this flow, now raised to saturation temperature, mixes with flow recirculated from the hot side. The resulting mixture undergoes partial evaporation and rises as a two-phase mixture through the remaining bundle section, into the riser, and up into the separator bank. Here the two phases are separated. The steam leaves the vessel to enter the turbines, while the remaining saturated liquid flows through the annular downcomer to the bottom of the vessel. Here it re-enters the heat transfer zone through windows around the shroud circumference.

The downcomer flow entering through the windows on the hot side partially penetrates the tube bundle before turning axially to flow parallel to the tubes. On the cold side, the downcomer flow must pass under the preheater to the hot side before it can turn axially. Thus the downcomer flow converges on the center of the hot side tube bundle.

As this fluid rises through the hot leg it absorbs heat from the tube side fluid. Quality develops very rapidly because the downcomer flow is very close to saturation. Above the top of the preheater, this mixture mixes with the fluid from the preheater.

The tubes are supported by broached plates located along straight portions at the U-tubes. Further lattice supports are located in the U-bend. The baffles in the preheater are drilled plates.

In this design, no feedwater leakage through the thermal plate (floor of the preheater) or the partition plate is allowed. All the feedwater must exit at the top of the preheater.

The primary fluid, heavy water, enters the tube bundle from the reactor circuit as a low quality two-phase mixture. The primary mass flow distribution is determined by the code, although the quality distribution is assumed to be uniform at entry. The secondary fluid is light water. It enters the preheater at subcooled conditions. It is assumed to enter the preheater at a uniform velocity. The driving force for natural circulation is provided by the height of water in the downcomer annulus.

1.3 The THIRST Standard Code and its Intended Application

The THIRST computer code, as evidenced by Table 1.1, can be readily adapted to a number of steam generator designs as the numerical method is extremely robust. The standard THIRST package, however, pertains to a hypothetical steam generator.

The program models a region extending from the face of the tubesheet in Figure 1.2, up to the separator deck, including the downcomer annulus. Symmetry permits analysis of only one half of the vessel.

1.4 The Use of This Manual

The THIRST package is designed to make numerical modelling of steam generator thermal-hydraulics as straightforward as possible. Thus a seasoned user of the code will normally consult only chapters 4 and 5 of this report, which outline in detail the procedures required to layout the computation grid and prepare the input data.

However, to properly accomplish these tasks, the user must first understand the fundamental principles of the relevant mathematical formulation and numerical solution techniques. These are summarized in chapters 2 and 3 which follow.

2. FOUNDATIONS OF THE MODEL

The THIRST code computes the steady state thermal-hydraulics of a steam generator by solving the well-known conservation equations in three-dimensional cylindrical coordinates.

This chapter states the equations involved, outlines the overall solution procedure, and lists the assumptions used to formulate the model and the thermal-hydraulic data required.

2.1 The Governing Equations

The THIRST code solves secondary side transport equations having the following general form:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\beta r \rho v \phi) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\beta r \rho w \phi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\beta \rho u \phi) = \beta S_{\phi} \quad (2.1)$$

Here v , w , and u are the velocity components in the r , θ and z directions, respectively, β is the volume-based porosity, ρ is the mixture density, S_{ϕ} is the source term corresponding to the transport parameter ϕ . The latter two, for each of the five transport equations, are listed in Table 2.1.

In the table, P is the pressure; R_r , R_{θ} and R_z are the flow resistances per unit volume offered by the tubes, baffles and other obstacles; h is the secondary fluid enthalpy; S_h is the rate of heat transferred per unit volume from the primary to the secondary; and g is the acceleration due to gravity.

TABLE 2.1

Transport Equation	ϕ	S_ϕ	Equation Number
Continuity	1	0	2.2
Radial momentum	v	$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + \frac{\rho w^2}{r} - R_r$	2.3
Angular momentum	w	$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\rho v w}{r} - R_\theta$	2.4
Axial momentum	u	$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \rho g - R_z$	2.5
Energy (secondary)	h	S_h	2.6

THIRST also solves the primary side energy equation which for a differential length of tube δl is given by:

$$G_p \frac{\delta h_p}{\delta l} = - \frac{4 d \psi}{d_i} \quad (2.7)$$

where G_p and h_p are the primary fluid mass flux and enthalpy, respectively, l is the distance along the tube, d is the tube outer diameter, d_i is the tube inside diameter, and ψ is the heat flux at the outer tube surface. The heat flux is calculated from:

$$\psi = U(T_p - T_s) \quad (2.8)$$

where T_p is the primary temperature, T_s is the secondary temperature and U is the overall heat transfer coefficient based on the tube outer area, given by:

$$U = \left(\frac{d}{d_i} \frac{1}{h_p} + \frac{d \ln(d/d_i)}{2k_w} + \frac{1}{h} \right)^{-1} \quad (2.9)$$

Here, h_p and h are the primary and secondary heat transfer coefficients, respectively, and k_w is the thermal conductivity of the tube wall material. The source term in equation 2.6 is related to the heat flux by:

$$S_h = \lambda \psi \quad (2.10)$$

where λ is the tube surface area per unit volume.

2.2 Modelling Assumptions

The governing equations are based on the following assumptions and simplifications:

- (1) The flow is steady, incompressible and homogeneous.
- (2) The shell and shroud walls are adiabatic.
- (3) The inside shroud wall is frictionless.
- (4) Laminar and turbulent diffusion are negligible in comparison to the frictional resistances and heat source.
- (5) The distributed resistances due to the presence of tubes and other solid obstacles are calculated using standard friction factor correlations. Similarly, primary to secondary side heat transfer rates are calculated using empirical heat transfer correlations.

- (6) Reductions of flow due to the presence of tubes and other obstacles are accounted for by defining a volume-based porosity.
- (7) The primary temperature distribution is calculated from the enthalpy distribution by using a polynomial curve fit (see Chapter 7).
- (8) Secondary subcooled values of temperature, viscosity, etc., are calculated by using polynomial curve fits of each parameter expressed as a function of the secondary enthalpy (see Chapter 7).

2.3 Boundary Conditions

Boundary and start-up conditions such as primary flow and temperature, secondary feedwater flow and temperature, downcomer water level, etc., are described in detail in Chapter 4.

2.4 Overview of the Solution Sequence

The numerical solution sequence, apart from some variations discussed later, follows the techniques outlined by Patankar and Spalding in reference [8]. A fair understanding of the mechanics of the technique is required for advanced use of the THIRST code, and Appendix A contains details of the overall formulation.

At this point, however, we present a brief exposition of the philosophy of the method, including only a minimum of mathematics.

THIRST solves the five secondary side transport equations (2.1) in three dimensions to compute distributions of the dependent variables u , v , w , h , and P . The mixture density ρ is calculated from the equation of state $\rho = \rho(h,P)$. The variables are

stored in three-dimensional arrays of up to 5000 grid points. This generates about 30,000 simultaneous non-linear differential equations. Obviously, this requires some form of technique which permits the solution to concentrate on portions of the equation set rather than attempting a simultaneous solution. This is accomplished by considering each of the transport equations separately, and then iterating through the full set of equations.

The solution of any given transport equation itself involves developing a finite difference statement of the equation and solving it in an inner iteration, but we will delay considering this until later. Suffice it to say that the transport equations can be reduced to a set of linear matrix equations and written as follows:

$$\text{Continuity} \quad A_F U + B_F V + C_F W = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

$$\text{Momentum} \quad D_U U + E_U + F_U P = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

$$D_V V + E_V + F_V P = 0 \quad (2.13)$$

$$D_W W + E_W + F_W P = 0 \quad (2.14)$$

$$\text{Energy} \quad Hh + G = 0 \quad (2.15)$$

$$\text{State} \quad \rho = f(P, h) \quad (2.16)$$

The coefficient matrices A to G are functions involving first estimates of the dependent variables u , v , w , ρ , h , P . We wish to solve equations 2.11 to 2.16 in a sequence that will eventually lead to all six equations being satisfied.

This is accomplished as follows:

i) solve equation 2.12 to get new estimates of U

$$\begin{aligned} U &= -D_U^{-1} \left[E_U + F_{UP} \right] \\ &= E_U^* + F_{U^*} P \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

ii) and iii) operate similarly on equations 2.15 and 2.14 to give

$$V = E_V^* + F_{V^*} P \quad (2.18)$$

$$W = E_W^* + F_{W^*} P \quad (2.19)$$

The new values of the U,V,W matrices have thus been computed from the initial estimates using the momentum equations. If the original estimates of all the variables were correct, the values would satisfy the continuity equation (2.11). Invariably, however, they will not satisfy (2.11) but will generate a mass imbalance residual R. As pressure is the dominant variable in the momentum equations, it is logical to adjust the pressure matrix in a direction that will reduce R to zero.

A logical method of adjusting pressure is to assess its effect on the velocity components by differentiating equation 2.17 with respect to pressure.

$$\frac{dU}{dP} = F_U^*$$

Thus we can write

$$\begin{aligned} dU &= F_U^* dP \\ dV &= F_V^* dP \\ dW &= F_W^* dP \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

Now if the pressure adjustment matrix dP in (2.20) is correct, the new velocity matrix

$$U_{NEW} = U_{OLD} + dU \quad (2.21)$$

will satisfy the continuity equation 2.11. Substituting 2.21 and similar equations for V_{NEW} and W_{NEW} in 2.11, then gives rise to the equation

$$\begin{aligned} AU_{OLD} + BV_{OLD} + CW_{OLD} \\ + (AF_U^* + BF_V^* + CF_W^*) dP = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

Or more simply:

$$R + (F)dP = 0 \quad (2.23)$$

Equation 2.23 thus illustrates the pressure correction matrix dP required to eliminate the mass imbalance generated by the old velocity values.

Thus the relevant steps are:

- iv) compute dP from 2.23
- v) compute U, V, W from 2.20 and 2.21

If the equation set were linear, steps iv) and v) would complete the solution. However, the linearized equations contain some remnants of the initial estimate, so steps iv) and v) must be repeated several times.

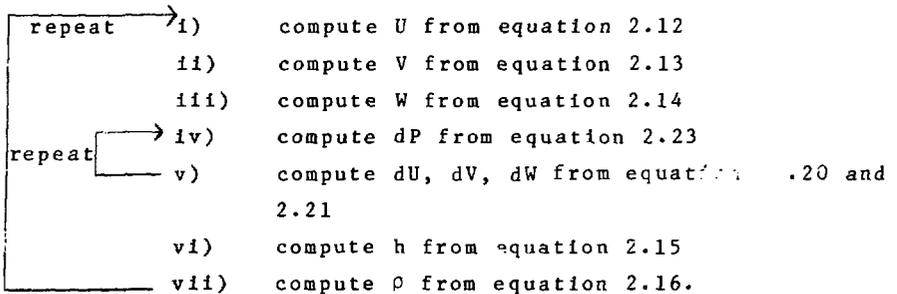
Finally, the energy equation must also be incorporated:

vi) compute h from equation 2.15

vii) compute ρ from equation 2.16.

The sequence i) to vii) is now repeated to convergence.

The iteration sequence may be summarized as follows:



In the THIRST program, the outer iteration sequence is orchestrated by the executive routine, which calls a separate routine to perform each of the above steps.

2.5 Thermal-Hydraulic Data

2.5.1 Fluid Properties and Parameters

As mentioned in Section 2.2, equations of state for both the primary (heavy water) and secondary (light water) fluids are required in the analysis. These are incorporated in the THIRST code using relationships derived from standard tables. Full details of these are given in Chapter 7.

2.5.2 Empirical Relationships

In assembling the terms of the differential equations, any thermal-hydraulic code must rely on empirical correlations to approximate a number of phenomena which cannot be prescribed analytically. These empiricisms include correlations for single and two-phase heat transfer and pressure drop in rod bundle arrays and for void fraction.

All correlations used in the THIRST code are summarized in Chapter 7.

3. IMPLEMENTATION FUNDAMENTALS

The previous chapter has discussed the governing equations, developed a suitable solution philosophy, and mentioned the thermal-hydraulic data required to complete the specification of the model. This chapter is concerned with the manner in which these general principles are implemented in the THIRST code. This involves the establishment of the computational grid, the conversion of the partial differential equations to discrete node equations by means of control volume integration, and the technique used to perform the 'inner' solution of individual equations.

The control volume integration and equation solution are of course built into THIRST, but in order to choose an effective grid layout, the user needs some feeling of these procedures.

3.1 The Coordinate Grid

A three-dimensional cylindrical coordinate system is used for obvious reasons. The entire flow domain between the tubesheet and the separator bank is subdivided by planes of constant r , z and θ . The grid arrangement is chosen to suit the geometry and expected flow patterns of the steam generator. Thus it is usually not uniform, but is arranged to provide finer division in the region where steep gradients are expected, for example near the tubesheet.

Following the now classical grid arrangement introduced by Harlow, et al, [9], scalar variables, such as pressure, density and enthalpy are centered at the points of intersection of the grid lines, or nodes. As pressure is the driving force, pressure differences generate velocities between nodes, thus velocities are centered between nodes. The resulting grid arrangement is shown in Figures 3.1 to 3.4. Velocities are considered positive in the direction of the coordinate vector.

3.2 The Control Volumes

Finite difference approximations to the partial differential equations may be derived in many ways. However, the control volume integral approach has proved particularly successful in fluid modelling. This is principally because it easily incorporates variable mesh size, yet rigorously enforces continuity. It does, however, introduce additional complexities, as the finite difference form of each equation must be integrated using a control volume centered on the primary variable concerned. Thus scalars are considered to be constant over control volumes centered at grid points, while the axial momentum equation is integrated over a control volume centered on the U velocity, and the radial and azimuthal momentum equations are centered on V and W , respectively. Typical control volumes for each of these four cases are also shown in Figures 3.1 to 3.4.

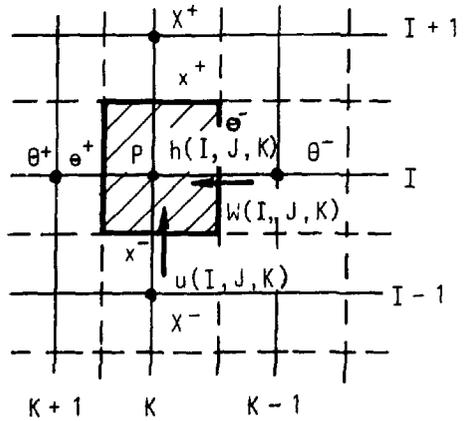
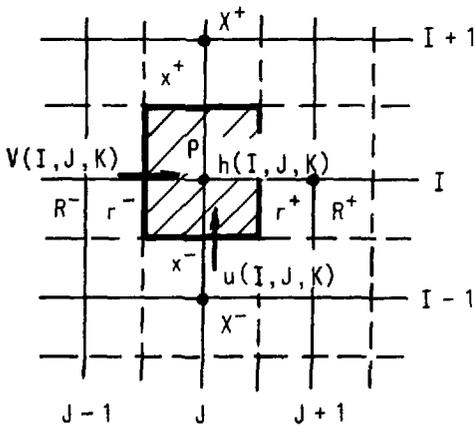
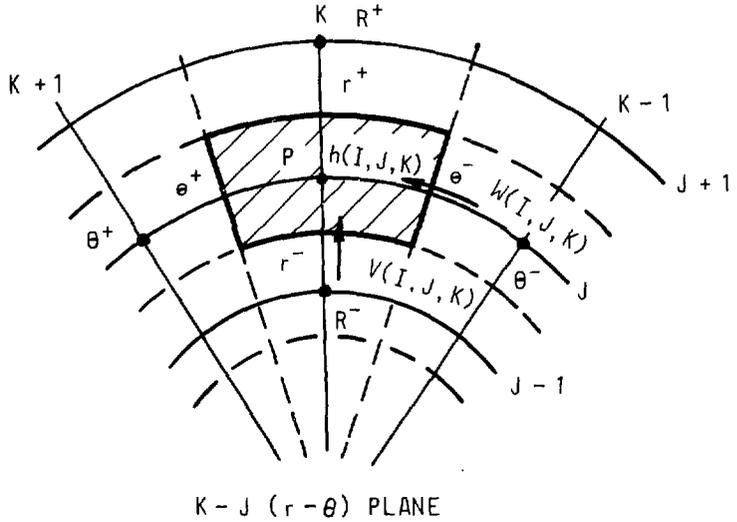
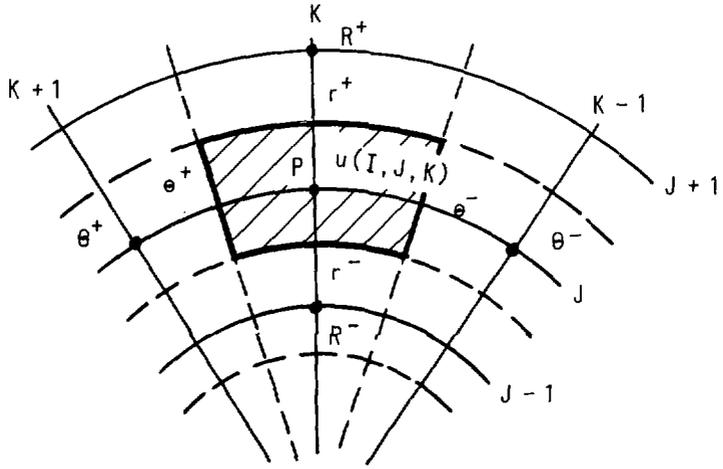
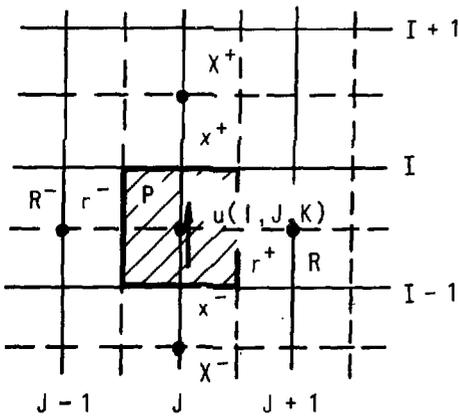


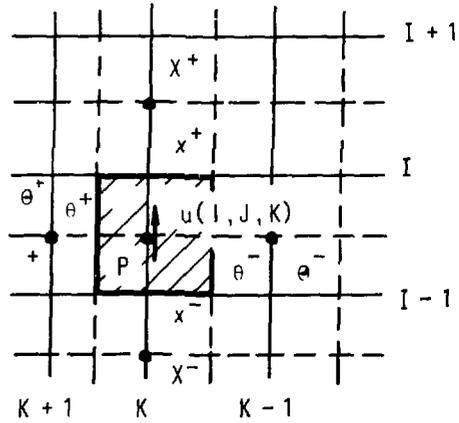
Figure 3.1: Grid Layout showing Scalar and Vector Locations



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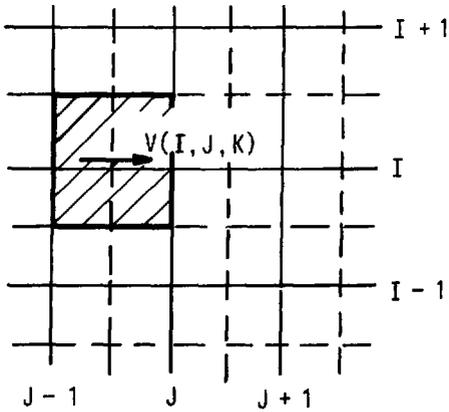
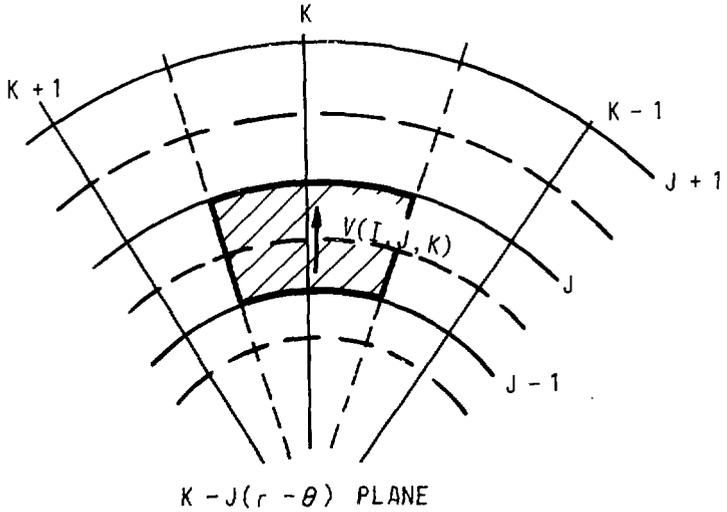


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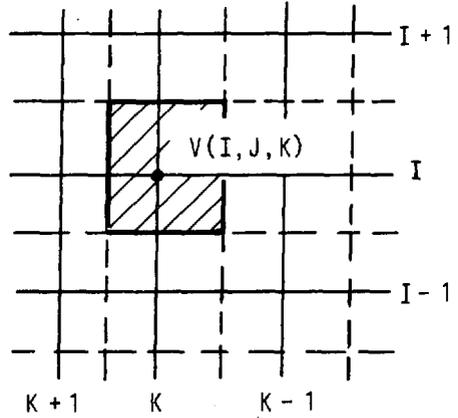


$I - K(x - \theta)$ PLANE

Figure 3.2: Control Volumes for Scalar Quantities

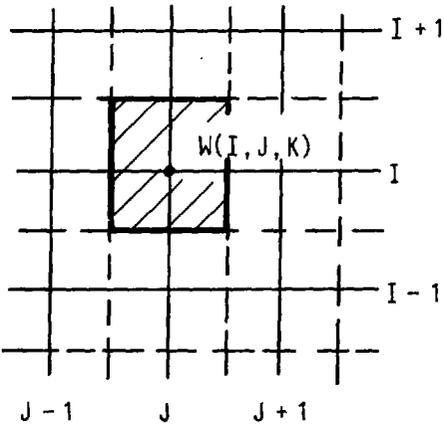
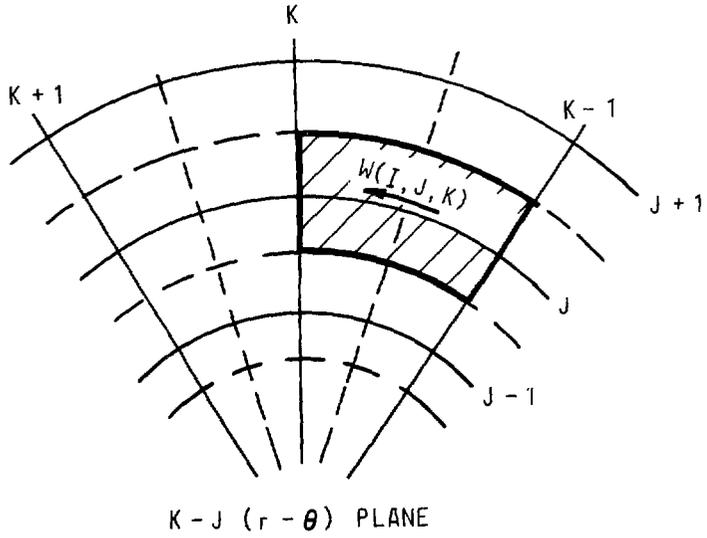


$I-J(x-r)$ PLANE

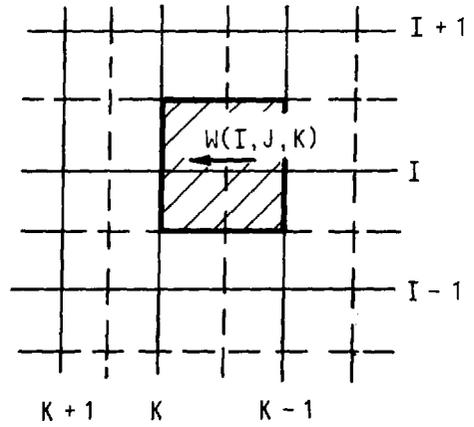


$I-K(x-\theta)$ PLANE

Figure 3.3: Control Volumes for Radial Velocity Vectors



$I-J (x-r)$ PLANE



$I-K (x-\theta)$ PLANE

Figure 3.4: Control Volumes for Circumferential Velocity Vectors

3.3 The Control Volume Integral Approach

Although the equations to be solved are integrated over different control volumes, the procedure in each case is completely the same. Thus, each equation may be written in the form of equation 2.1 and integrated

$$\iiint_V \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\beta r \rho v \phi) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\beta \rho w \phi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\beta \rho u \phi) - \beta S_\phi \right] r dr d\theta dz = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

Although the integration is done formally by use of Gauss theorem,

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \phi \, dv = \iint_S (\hat{n} \cdot \phi) \, ds \quad (3.2)$$

the result is intuitively obvious from first principles.

It is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[(\beta r \rho v \phi)_n - (\beta r \rho v \phi)_s \right] \Delta \theta \Delta z + \left[(\beta \rho w \phi)_e - (\beta \rho w \phi)_w \right] \Delta r \Delta z \\ & + \left[(\beta \rho u \phi)_h - (\beta \rho u \phi)_l \right] r \Delta \phi \Delta z = \iiint \beta S_\phi \, dv \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

The (quantities) obviously represent the flux through the appropriate control volume face, and the [quantities] represent the flux imbalance in each coordinate direction.

3.3.1 Integration of the Source Terms

The source terms are frequently non-linear in ϕ . Integration of these terms is accomplished term by term. The result can be

linearized with respect to ϕ and stated in general form as

$$S v \equiv S_U + S_P \phi_P \quad (3.4)$$

Here the term S_P normally contains all coefficients of ϕ_P , and S_U contains remaining terms which are generally (but not always) unrelated to ϕ_P .

Reexamining the equations in Table 2.1, it is apparent that the greater part of the programming in the THIRST code is involved with formulating and integrating the resistance components of the source terms, using the appropriate empirical correlations. This is done in subroutines with the generic name SOURC.

3.3.2 Integration of the Flux Terms

It is apparent from equation 3.3 and figure 3.2 that values at, for example, control volume face n can be obtained to first order accuracy by upwind approximation for any variable A, which assumes that the velocity vector convects scalars from upwind only. Thus if all velocities are positive, inlet flows convect neighbouring scalars, outlet flows convect the control volume scalar. Denoting the coefficients of ϕ by C, and using the upwind approximation, equation 3.3 is reduced to the form

$$C_n \phi_P - C_s \phi_s + C_e \phi_P - C_w \phi_w = S_u + S_P \phi_P \quad (3.5)$$

where C_i is the flux evaluated at control volume face i.

Collecting terms gives

$$A_p \phi_p = \sum A_i \phi_i + S_U$$

$$i = n, s, e, w, h, \ell$$

(3.6)

$$A_n = C_n \quad A_s = C_s \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$A_p = \sum A_i - S_p$$

Once the coefficients A have been computed, equation 3.6 is the standard linear equation set

$$A \phi = B \quad (3.7)$$

which can be readily solved

$$\phi = A^{-1}B \quad (3.8)$$

Actually, the size of the matrices prohibits direct solution, so iterative methods are used, and equation 3.8 is solved by an 'inner' iteration.

3.4 The 'Inner' Iteration

The matrices of equation (3.7) are too large to permit direct solution of the equation set by means of (3.8) even when sparse matrix techniques are considered, so an iterative technique is used. It is well known that the solution of equation sets in which the matrix A is tridiagonal can be performed extremely quickly as the algorithm reduces to recursive form.

Equation 3.7 can be converted to tridiagonal form by including, for example, only the coefficients along the r direction on the left-hand side.

$$A_n \phi_n + A_p \phi_p + A_s \phi_s = -(\sum A_j \phi_j + S_U) \quad (3.9)$$
$$j = e, w, \ell, h$$

Similar expressions can be written for the θ and z directions.

$$A_e \phi_e + A_p \phi_p + A_w \phi_w = -(\sum A_j \phi_j + S_U) \quad (3.10)$$
$$j = n, s, \ell, h$$

$$A_h \phi_h + A_p \phi_p + A_l \phi_l = -(\sum A_j \phi_j + S_U) \quad (3.11)$$
$$j = n, s, e, w$$

A one-dimensional problem can be solved directly by (3.9). A two-dimensional problem is solved by an alternating direction iteration ADI method. This involves solving 3.9 and 3.10 alternately until the solutions converge. A three-dimensional solution requires the solution of 3.11 in addition. This creates several possibilities. For example, 3.9 and 3.10 could be solved for a number of iterations for each time 3.11 is solved. The most suitable strategy depends on the nature of the flow problem. The THIRST code has a number of different strategies designed to promote convergence in three dimensions. These are discussed in Appendix A.

3.5 Stability of the Solution Scheme

The outer iteration scheme discussed in Chapter 2 normally proceeds to convergence in a stable manner, and converges rapidly, providing each inner iteration is stable.

To promote stability of the iterations, three principal devices are incorporated in THIRST. The first, that of under-relaxation, is common to most iteration schemes. The second, upwind weighted differencing, is frequently used to stabilize both steady state and transient thermal-hydraulic calculations [10]. The third concerns the formulation of the source terms to ensure stability.

3.5.1 Under-Relaxation

Because the solution is obtained by iteration, there is a strong likelihood that variable values may fluctuate unduly during the initial stages. It is common practice to stabilize these fluctuations using under-relaxation. Thus if ϕ^N is calculated from 3.9 to 3.11 using previous values ϕ^{N-1} , it is then replaced by

$$\phi_{P \text{ Relax}}^N = \alpha \phi_{P \text{ Calc.}}^N + (1-\alpha) \phi_{P \text{ old}}^{N-1} \quad (3.12)$$

Relaxation factors α for each equation solution are supplied with the THIRST code, but may be changed by data input if necessary.

In practice, it is possible to impose under-relaxation before attempting the linear equation solution instead of after its completion. This is preferable as it minimizes the chances that the linear equation solution itself may generate unlikely values.

Recall that the equation to be solved is 3.6, or

$$\phi_P = -(\sum A_i \phi_i + S_U)/A_P \quad (3.13)$$

Substitution of 3.13 into 3.14 gives

$$\phi_{P_{\text{Relax}}}^N = -(\sum A_i \phi_i + S_U)(\alpha/A_P) + (1-\alpha)\phi_P^{N-1}$$

or

$$\phi_{P_{\text{Relax}}}^N = -(\sum A_i \phi_i + \bar{S}_U)/\bar{A}_P$$

when

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{S}_U &= S_U + (1-\alpha)\bar{A}_P\phi_P^{N-1} \\ \bar{A}_P &= A_P/\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

This pre-relaxed equation can obviously be solved using the identical techniques already discussed.

In THIRST, all equations are pre-relaxed in this manner, except for the pressure corrections and density calculation. Equation 2.23 returns a pressure correction rather than the pressure itself. Pressures arising from this correction may be relaxed according to 3.12, but this is not usually necessary. Density may also be relaxed by 3.12.

3.5.2 Upwind Biased Differencing

It is well known that symmetric central difference representation of first derivative terms in transient equations leads to unstable numeric behaviour [10,11]. Stability is usually ensured by incorporating one of two devices in the numeric scheme. The first, artificial dissipation, adds an artificially

large viscous term to the equations. The second, upwind differencing uses difference formulae which are asymmetrically weighted towards the upwind or approaching flow direction. Both devices stabilize the computation and, in fact, it can be shown that they are numerically equivalent [11].

Central differencing has the same destabilizing effect in steady state, and computations can be stabilized by the same devices.

Consider, for example, a one-dimensional central difference statement of equation 3.5.

$$C_n \frac{(\phi_N + \phi_P)}{2} - C_s \frac{(\phi_P + \phi_S)}{2} + S_\phi = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

This can be reduced to

$$\phi_P = \frac{C_s \phi_S - C_n \phi_N - 2S_\phi}{C_n - C_s} \quad (3.16)$$

As C_s approaches C_n , the denominator becomes very small, generating undue excursions in ϕ values. In particular if C_s exceeds C_n very slightly, a small increase in ϕ_s gives a large decrease in ϕ_P - an impossible situation.

However, if we add diffusion terms which involve the second derivative, the resulting equation can be shown [13] to be

$$\phi_P = \frac{(D_s + C_s)\phi_S + (D_n - C_n)\phi_N - 2S_\phi}{D_n + D_s + C_n - C_s} \quad (3.17)$$

Note that 3.17 will always be stable providing the diffusion influence $D_n + D_s$ is large enough.

Similarly on physical reasoning alone, one may consider that ϕ is swept primarily in the direction of flux. The simple upwind statement of 3.16 already introduced in section 3.5 is

$$C_n \phi_P - C_s \phi_S + S_\phi = 0$$

This reduces to

$$\phi_P = \frac{C_s \phi_S - S_\phi}{C_n} \quad (3.18)$$

which will always be stable.

Equation 3.18 is the simplest possible upwind formulation and is equivalent to adding excess viscosity. Its use has been criticized because it can lead to diffusion of the solution, particularly when the flow direction is not normal to the grid axes [14,15]. A number of higher order difference schemes which can be used to give more accuracy may be developed [10,12] and some of these may be implemented in schemes similar to that used in THIRST [15].

In the THIRST code, the simple formulation is retained, however. The large flow resistances and heat sources due to the closely packed tube bundles in the steam generators dominate the computation to such an extent that the differences which would be caused by higher order methods are believed to be minor.

3.6 Notation used in THIRST

Finally, we have up to here been using single subscripts n , s , etc. for simplicity. The code, however, is written in cylindrical coordinates and uses terms such as AXM to denote A_{x-} . On this basis, equation 3.6 becomes

$$A_p \phi_p = \sum A_i \phi_i + S_U \quad (3.19)$$

where:

$$A_p = A_{r+} + A_{r-} + A_{\theta+} + A_{\theta-} + A_{x+} + A_{x-} + \text{DIVG} - \text{SP}$$

The upwind formulation can be implemented to consider flow direction automatically in the following manner:

$$A_{r+} = \left| \frac{C_{r+}}{2} \right| - \frac{C_{r-}}{2} ; C_{r+} = (\beta \rho a v)_{r+}^+ ; a = \text{face area}$$

$$A_{r-} = \left| \frac{C_{r-}}{2} \right| + \frac{C_{r-}}{2} ; C_{r-} = (\beta \rho a v)_{r-} \quad (3.20)$$

$$A_{\theta+} = \left| \frac{C_{\theta+}}{2} \right| - \frac{C_{\theta+}}{2} ; C_{\theta+} = (\beta \rho a v)_{\theta+}$$

etc.,

† C_{r+} = mass flow through control volume face r_+ ; depending on the transport parameter ϕ ; β , ρ , v are either defined at that face or interpolated to that face.

$$DIVG = C_{r+} - C_{r-} + C_{\theta+} - C_{\theta-} + C_{x+} - C_{x-}$$

≡ net accumulation of mass in the control volume

The table below defines A_i and ϕ_i for each i :

i	A_i	ϕ_i
r+	A_{r+}	ϕ_{R+}
r-	A_{r-}	ϕ_{R-}
$\theta+$	$A_{\theta+}$	$\phi_{\theta+}$
$\theta-$	$A_{\theta-}$	$\phi_{\theta-}$
x+	A_{x+}	ϕ_{X+}
x-	A_{x-}	ϕ_{X-}

Note that this formulation also automatically handles possible extreme cases in which all flow directions but one are in towards (or out away from) a control volume.

3.7 Formulation of the Source Terms

For stability of the inner iteration, it is essential that the coefficients remain positive after the source terms are incorporated. Thus, in 3.20, SP must be negative. Cases in which SP tends to be positive are catered for by artificially augmenting SU. For example, if $S = -K\rho V^2$, one may write $SP_v = -2K\rho|V|$, $SU = +K\rho V^2$; SU will then incorporate the old value of V, and SP will ensure the formulation is both stable and implicit.

This section completes the overall description of the model implementation. The following chapters contain detailed instructions on how to use the code.

4. APPLICATION OF THIRST TO ANALYSE THE PROTOTYPE DESIGN

Specification of the three-dimensional model must include details of all relevant geometrical, fluid flow and heat transfer parameters. It is emphasized that the process of modelling a steam generator relies heavily on diligent assembly of the specifications, optimal choice of grid layout, and of course correct preparation of the input data. This chapter is intended to guide the user step by step through the considerable effort required.

By means of a detailed example, we illustrate the entire procedure required to prepare a THIRST analysis of a particular steam generator design. We assume the user is familiar with the fundamentals discussed in Chapters 2 and 3, and now discuss

Design Specification - the hypothetical steam generator

Grid Selection - arrangement of optimal grid layout

Preliminary Data Specification - procedure for assembling
the data specification sheets

Preparation of Input Data Cards

Sample Input Deck

Execution Deck - assembly of a THIRST job and submission
to the CDC computer

4.1 Design Specification

The particular case chosen for this example is the hypothetical steam generator discussed in Chapter 1 and shown in Figure 1.2. Design parameters used in the current example are summarized in Table 1.2.

A large number of variations of this design can be investigated using the standard THIRST code by specifying parameter variation through input data.

Designs which deviate from the hypothetical model in major aspects may require code modifications. These are considered in Chapter 5.

4.2 Grid Selection

The first task is to describe the geometry of the design to the computer. This is accomplished by superimposing a cylindrical coordinate grid onto the design, and by specifying the location of flow obstacles in terms of this grid. THIRST accepts a maximum of 40 axial planes, 20 radial planes and 20 circumferential planes; however, due to a storage limitation, the maximum number of nodes must not exceed 4900.

In order to appreciate the selection of grid locations, the user should understand the staggered grid arrangement used in THIRST described in Chapter 3. Essentially, velocities are centered between grid lines in their corresponding direction and centered on grid lines in the other two directions, as shown in Figure 3.1. An axial velocity, for example, has a control element with

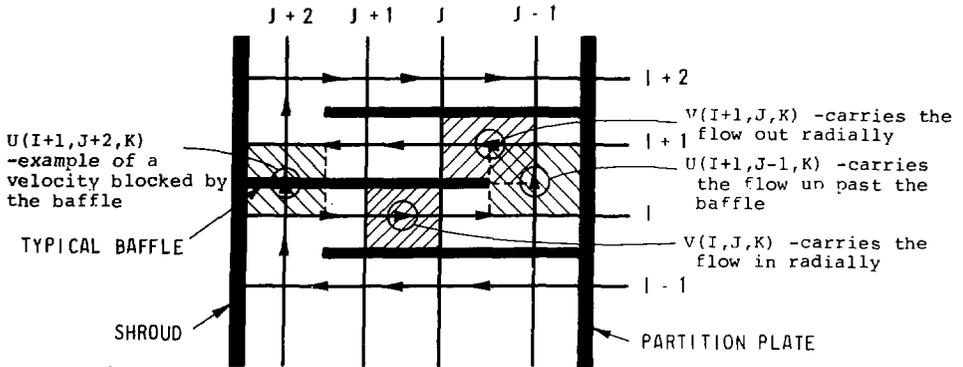
boundaries as shown in Figure 3.2. The top boundary corresponds to the I plane, the bottom to the I-1 plane. The left side boundary is located midway between the J and J-1 planes. The radial velocity has a control element that extends between J planes and straddles I and K planes. And similarly, the circumferential velocity extends between K-planes and straddles the I and J planes.

4.2.2 Baffles

Figure 4.1 shows how the code handles flow around a typical baffle. We observe a radial flow to the left under the baffle, an axial flow around the baffle followed by a radial flow to the right above the baffle. Note that the baffle lies in the middle of the U velocity control element and the radial control elements lie on either side of the baffle. We can see that axial grid lines must be located such that the baffle plates lie midway between them.

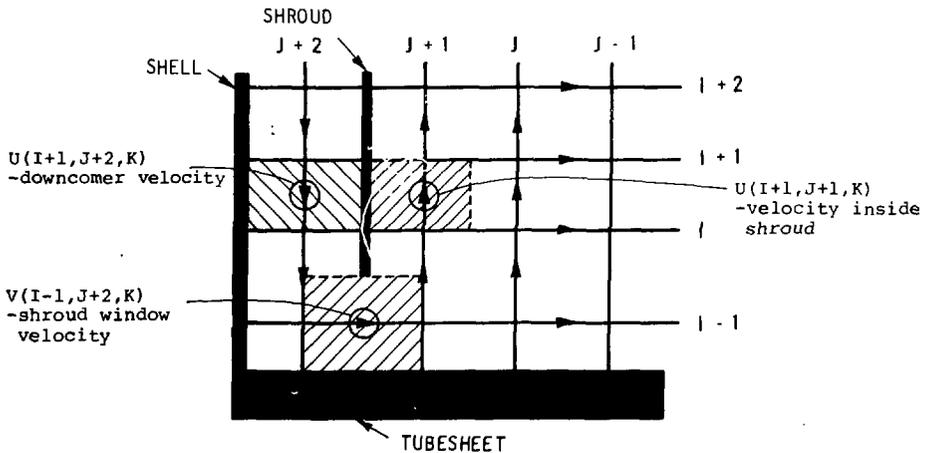
4.2.3 Partition Plate

Figure 4.1 also shows the code treatment of the partition plate. The circumferential velocity W corresponding to the K plane is blocked by this partition plate which is centered between the K and K-1 planes.



The I-planes are located so that baffles lie midway between them. The location of the J-planes matches the baffle cuts for this particular K-plane; however, the cut will not match other K-planes and the program is set up to handle this.

Figure 4.1: Grid Layout at a Baffle Plate



The I and I-1 planes are located so that the top of the window lies halfway between them. The J+1 and J+2 planes center the shroud. Generally, more grid would be located in the shroud window to handle the sudden change in flow direction.

Figure 4.2: Grid Layout at a Shroud Window

4.2.4 Windows

A third example (Figure 4.2) shows the grid layout required near the shroud window opening. The radial grid lines J+2 and J+1 are located to center the shroud. The axial velocity at (I+1, J+2, K) corresponds to the downcomer flow. The radial velocity at (I-1, J+2, K) corresponds to the window flow where the downcomer flow enters the heat transfer area. Thus the location of the shroud and the location of the top of the window governs the I-1, I, J+1 and J+2 grid selections.

4.2.5 Axial Layout (I Plane)

When allocating the grid, the user is advised to start with the axial planes.

Figure 4.3 shows the axial grid layout on the vertical cut of the hypothetical model. One can see the appropriate selection of the axial grid location around the preheater baffles. The tube support plates cannot always be located midway between planes because of the limit on the number of axial grid lines available. In such cases, support plates will be effectively seen at lower or higher elevation than their actual location. However, this will not unduly influence the model because the tube support plates do not redirect the flow but simply add to the pressure drop.

Two axial grid planes I=7 and I=8 are positioned so that the top of the shroud window on the hot side is located midway between them. The top of the shroud window on the cold side is lower and thus the I=6 plane is located such that the I=6 and I=7 staggers the top of the cold side shroud window.

AXIAL GRID LAYOUT

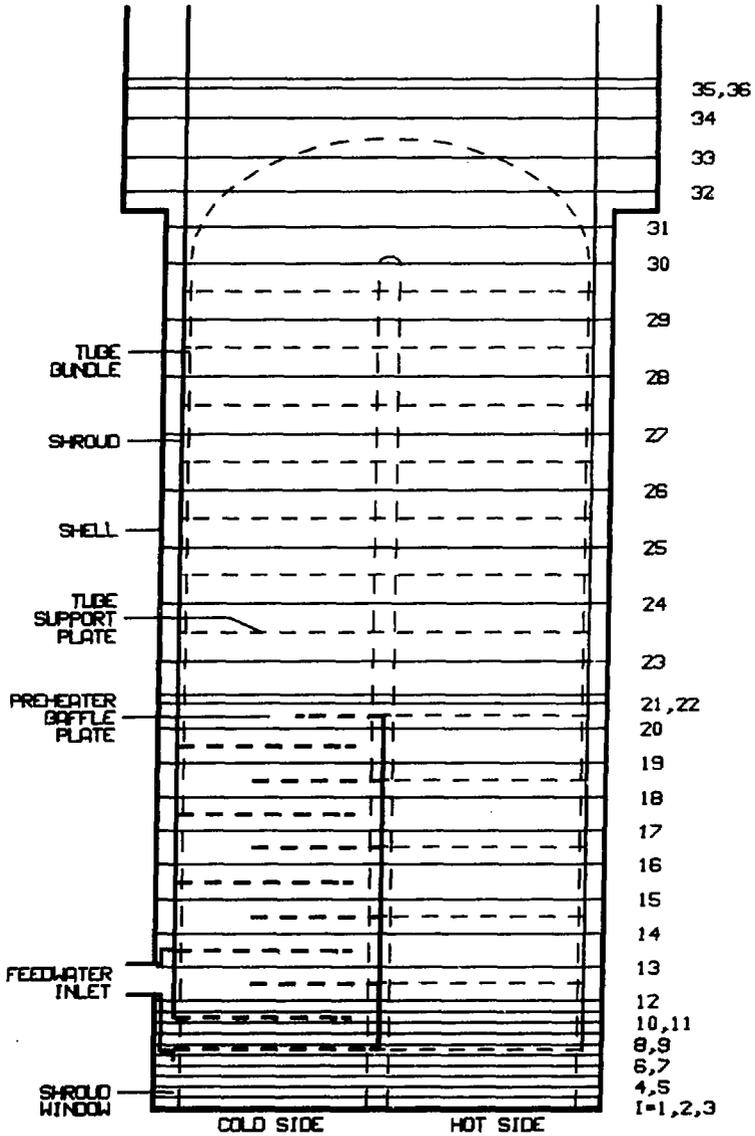


Figure 4.3: Axial Grid Layout

When the axial planes have been allocated to satisfy the axial flow obstacles such as baffles, tube support plates, window openings, etc., the user should then examine areas which are critical to the analysis and ensure that a sufficient number of grid planes are located in these areas. For instance, the region just above the tubesheet at the shroud window is particularly important. The I=2 plane is located just above the tubesheet. The I=3 to I=5 are added to this region to provide more detail. The I=22 plane is added above the preheater to handle the migration of hot side flow to the cold side.

To enable the tracing routine used to calculate the heat transfer in the U-bend, an axial plane must be located at the start of the U-bend curvature. At least 3 additional axial planes should be located in the U-bend to ensure the accuracy of the routine which calculates the pressure drop and heat transfer in the U-bend. Finally the last plane should be located very close to the second last plane so that the axial boundary values which are based on the last internal values can be calculated.

4.2.6 Radial Division (J Planes)

In our example, we have used 36 axial planes. We have now $4900/36 = 136$ more nodes available to share between the radial and circumferential directions. Figure 4.4 shows a horizontal cross-sectional cut of our design. Note that only one half of the steam generator is modelled as the design is symmetric about a line dividing the hot and cold sides. The bundle boundaries and baffle plate edges are marked as dashed lines. The shroud and shell locations are shown as solid lines.

RADIAL AND CIRCUMFERENTIAL GRID

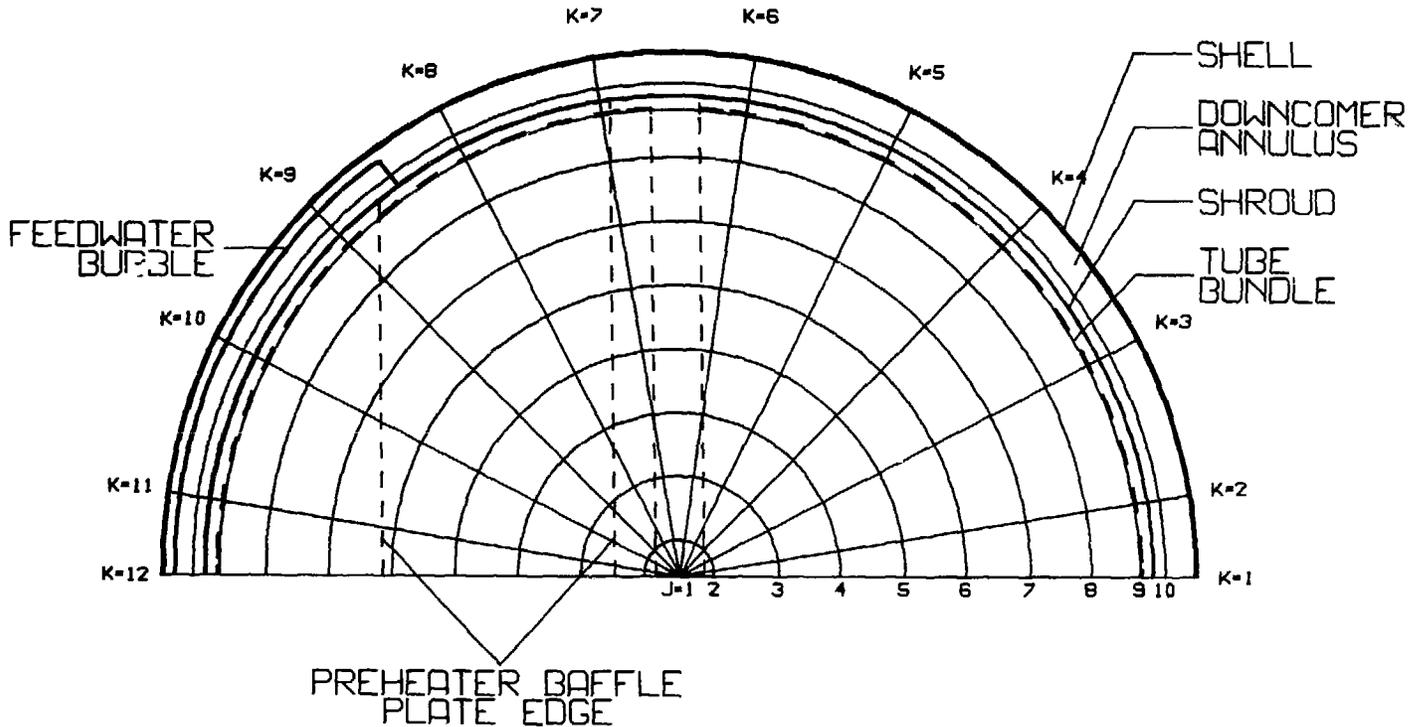


Figure 4.4: Radial and Circumferential Grid

Figure 4.4 also shows the radial grid layout. $J=1$ corresponds to the center point. The second radial position, $J=2$, is located very close to the $J=1$ point because it is the first active point in the radial grid pattern. The $J=9$ and $J=10$ points are located so as to center the shroud inner radius, as discussed previously. The $J=3$ to $J=8$ points are positioned at equal intervals as specific locations are not dictated by special geometrical features.

4.2.7 Circumferential Division (K Planes)

We have now used $36 \times 10 = 360$ grid planes and we have $4900/360 \approx 13$ grid planes left to be allocated in the circumferential direction. To simplify the layout, we will only use 12, with equal numbers on the hot and cold side. The code can accept unequal numbers of grid planes on the cold and hot side if the geometry requires it. The $K=6$ and $K=7$ planes are located such that they straddle the partition plate. The $K=2$ and $K=11$ planes, the first and last internal planes are located fairly close to the boundary points as they are the first active points inside the boundary. The remaining points are spaced equally; however, this is not a requirement, and spacing may be adjusted to fit particular geometrical features.

4.2.8 Final Assessment

This then completes the grid layout. One may find that the number of planes in each direction could be juggled to better model the design. Once the grid layout has been finalized and the geometry of the design described to the code relative to

this grid, it is a major undertaking to alter the grid location. Thus it is important at this stage to review the grid selection carefully.

4.3 Preliminary Data Specification

Having examined the design layout and selected the optimum grid location, we must now provide the code with the information required to model the design. This section describes the contents of data sheets. The specification sheets are included in chart form to emphasize that specification must be completed and verified before any actual input data cards are prepared.

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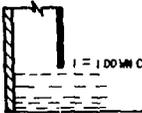
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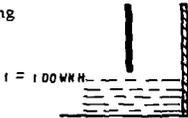
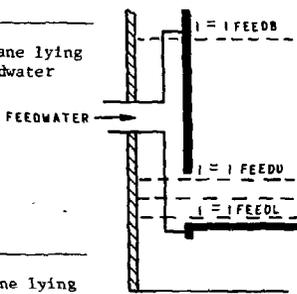
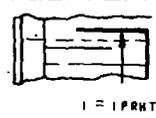
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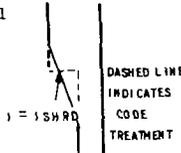
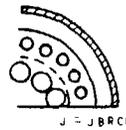
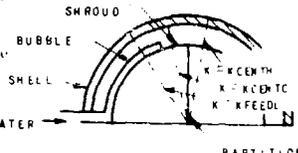
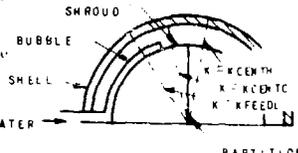
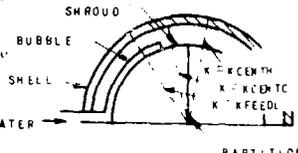
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GROUP 2:	Geometric Data Entered by Grid Indices (Items 8 - 21)
GROUP 3:	Geometric Data Entered by Value (Items 22 - 41)
GROUP 4:	Correlations and Resistances (Items 42 - 60)
GROUP 5:	Operating Conditions (Items 61 - 69)
GROUP 6:	Utility Features (Items 70 - 85)

Items within each group are arranged alphabetically for ready reference.

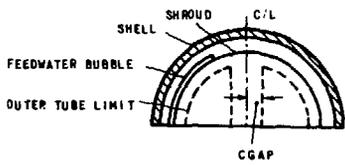
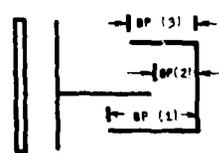
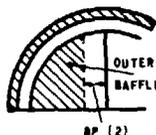
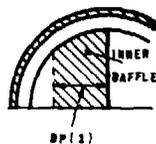
DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
ITEMS 1 - 7 PRELIMINARY DATA					
1	Controls the use of the restart option (see Section 5.1)	--	RESTART = 1.0 - new run, no RESTART tape used as input RESTART = 2.0 - continue executing from a point reached in a previous run RESTART = 3.0 - attach the data stored on tape from a previous run and print and/or plot the data RESTART = -(1 or 2 or 3) - proceed as above but write the final results on a restart tape	RESTART	
2	Number of axial planes	--	Must be an integer number	NI	
3	Number of radial planes	--	Must be an integer number	NJ	
4	Number of circumferential planes	--	Must be an integer number	NK	
5	Location of axial planes	--	Distance from the secondary side of the tube-sheet surface to each axial plane - in meters	X	
6	Location of radial planes	--	Distance from the center point to each radial plane - in metres	Y	
7	Location of circumferential grid planes	--	The angle (in degrees) from a line passing through the center of the hot side to each circumferential plane	Z	

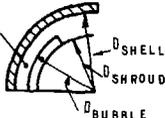
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ITEMS 8 - 21 ARE GEOMETRIC DATA ENTERED ACCORDING TO GRID LOCATION USING GRID INDICES					
8	Location of all baffles, tube support plates and thermal plates on the cold side	See layout	<p>This array is set up to indicate which axial velocities are passing through a plate resistance. Each axial plane, I, must be specified as follows:</p> <p>If ICOLD (I) = 1 + no plates ICOLD (I) = 2 + normal tube support ICOLD (I) = 3 + outer baffle plate, see data no. 23 ICOLD (I) = 4 + inner baffle plate, see data no. 22 ICOLD (I) = 5 + thermal plate ICOLD (I) = 6 + differentially broached plate (usually first plate on hot side)</p>	ICOLD	
9	Location of all baffles, tube support plates, etc. on the hot side	See layout	This array is the same as data no. 8 except that it applies on the hot side.	IHOT	
10	Shroud window height on the cold side		<p>The last axial plane lying inside the window on the cold side</p> 	IDOWNC	

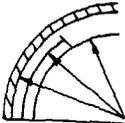
DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
11	Shroud window height on the hot side		The last axial plane lying inside the window on the hot side 	IDOWNH	
12	Top of the feedwater distribution bubble		Last axial plane passing through the distribution bubble	IFEEDB	
13	Feedwater inlet window lower limit		First axial plane lying inside the feedwater window 	IFEEDL	
14	Feedwater inlet window upper limit		Last axial plane lying inside the feedwater window	IFEEDU	
15	Height of the preheater		Last axial plane inside the preheater 	IPRHT	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
16	Effective elevation where the downcomer annulus expands		The code treats the conical section as a change in porosity halfway through the expansion. 	ISHRD	
17	Starting elevation of the U-bend		The I-plane located at the start of the curvature of the U-bend	IUBEND	
18	The radial distance from the center to the effective line dividing the reduced broached side from the normal broached size for differentially broached plates		In some designs the first tube support plate on the hot side is differentially broached to induce flow into the center of the steam generator. The last radial grid line corresponding to the larger diameter holes is used to identify this point. 	JBRCH	
19	K-plane on the cold side next to the 90° angle	--	K-plane near the center of the reboiled region on the cold side 	KCENTR	
20	K-plane on the hot side next to the 90° angle	--	As 19 but on hot side 	KFEEDL	
21	Angle at which the feedwater distribution bubble starts		K-plane that lies just inside the feedwater distribution bubble 	KFEEDL	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
	ITEMS 22 - 41 ARE GEOMETRIC DATA ENTERED AS ACTUAL NUMBERS				
22	Distance from the partition plate to the edge of the inner baffle (m)		Used to determine which control volumes contain the baffle plate. Control volumes which are partially exposed to the baffle (partly filled) have a weighed impedance.	BP(1)	
23	Distance from the partition plate to the edge of the outer baffle (m)		Used as above	BP(2)	
24	Distance from the partition plate to the edge of the inner baffle at the exit of the preheater (m)			BP(3)	
25	One half of the width of tube free lane between the hot and cold side (m)			CGAP	



DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
26	Outer diameter of the tubes (m)			DIA	
27	Inner diameter of the tubes (m)			DIAIN	
28	Hydraulic equivalent diameter in the downcomer annulus at the feed-water bubble (m)	Shell inner diam. = Outer bubble diam. =	$EDFEED = D_{SHELL} - D_{BUBBLE}$ $EDFEED = D_{SHELL} - D_{BUBBLE}$ 	EDFEED	
29	Hydraulic equivalent diameter for the normal downcomer annulus below the conical section (m)	Shell inner diam. = D_{SHELL} Shroud outer diam. = D_{SHROUD}	$EDNORM = D_{SHELL} - D_{SHROUD}$	EDNORM	
30	Hydraulic equivalent diameter for the downcomer annulus above the conical expansion zone applies at I planes greater than ISHRD (see data no. 14) (m)	Upper shell inner diam. = D_{USHELL} Upper shroud outer diam. = $D_{USHROUD}$	$EDSHRDX =$ $D_{USHELL} - D_{USHROUD}$	EDSHRDX	
31	Total heat transfer area (m ²)			HTAR	
32	Distance between the outermost tube and the shroud inner surface (m)			OGAP	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
33	Porosity in the downcomer at the feedwater bubble	Shell inner radius = R_{SHELL} Bubble outer radius = R_{BUBBLE} Shroud outer radius = R_{SHROUD}	Normally the downcomer porosity is equal to 1 indicating that the area is entirely open. For the region around the bubble, one has to calculate a porosity which when multiplied times the regular downcomer area will give the reduced area $PFWB = \frac{(R_{SHELL}^2 - R_{BUBBLE}^2)}{(R_{SHELL}^2 - R_{SHROUD}^2)}$	 PFWB	
34	Distance between tubes (PITCH)			PITCH	
35	Porosity in the downcomer annulus above the expansion region	Inner radius of the upper shell section = R_{SHELL_UP} Outer radius of upper shroud = R_{SHROUD_UP} Lower shell inner rad. = R_{SHELL_LO} Lower shroud outer rad. = R_{SHROUD_LO}	As with data no. 28, porosity is used to correct the flow area $PSHRD = \frac{(R_{SHELL_UP}^2 - R_{SHROUD_UP}^2)}{(R_{SHELL_LO}^2 - R_{SHROUD_LO}^2)}$	PSHRD	
36	Inner radius of the shroud			RADIUS	

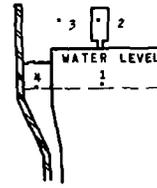
DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
37	Calculated inner radius of the shell (m)	Inner radius shell = R_{SHELL} Outer radius shroud = R_{OUT_SHRD} Inner radius shroud = RADIUS	The code ignores the thickness of the shroud. To maintain the correct downcomer area, the inner radius of the shell has to be reduced to compensate for the added area contributed by the shroud thickness. $(R_{SHELL}^2 - RADIUS^2)\pi = (R_{SHELL}^2 - R_{OUT_SHRD}^2)\pi$	RSHELL	
38	Height of thermal plate above level tubesheet (m)			TPLATE	
39	Tubesheet thickness (m)			TUBSHEET	
40	Height of the downcomer water above the tubesheet (m)			XDOWN	
41	Height at which the two-phase mixture can be assumed to be separated (relative to tubesheet)		This is used to calculate the gravity head inside the shroud. Generally, one could take the elevation halfway along the separator.	XVANE	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
ITEMS 42 - 60 CORRELATIONS AND RESISTANCES					
42	k loss factor for the centerline between the hot and cold side, AKDIV(I)	See layout	This array is used to indicate the location of the partition plate AKDIV(I) = 1.0 E+15, the U-bend supports AKDIV(I) = k, or indicate where no obstacles occur AKDIV(I) = 0. These loss factors are used to calculate the pressure loss relationship for the circumferential velocity between the hot and cold sides use to plates or supports; the tubes are handled independently.	AKDIV(I)	
43	Parameter for selecting two-phase multipliers	--	If ITPPD = 1-THOM used for parallel, cross and area change If ITPPD = 2-BAROCZY-CHISHOLM used for parallel, cross and area change If ITPPD = 3 - Separate correlations used See Section 7.3	ITPPD	
44	Parameter for selecting void fraction correlation	--	If IVF = 1, homogeneous correlation If IVF = 2, Chisholm correlation If IVF = 3, Smith correlation	IVF	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
45	k shock loss factor for the baffle plate resulting from area change (contraction and expansion)	Approach Area Device Area Device Loss Factor	The loss for the baffle plate $= (AKBL + f \frac{L}{D}) \frac{\rho v^2}{2}$ This data is the AKBL portion which is the pressure drop due to the contraction into the annulus between the drilled plate and the tube. It is based on the approach area. $AKBL = k_{DEVICE} * \left(\frac{A_{APPROACH}}{A_{DEVICE}} \right)^2$ (Also see data no. 58)	AKBL	
46	k loss factor for the tube support broached plate - based on shock loss due to area change	Same as data no. 45	The tube support plates result in a pressure drop due to an area change. This value is based on the approach area.	AKBR	
47	k loss factor for the larger broached holes in a differentially broached plate	Same as data no. 45	In some designs, the first plate on the hot side has smaller broached holes near the shroud and larger broached holes near the center to encourage flow penetration. This factor is for the area change in the central larger holes.	AKBRL	
48	k loss factor for the smaller broached holes in a differentially broached plate	Same as data no. 45	Shock loss for the outer small broached holes. See data no. 18 for the radial position where the hole size changes.	AKBRS	
49	Shock loss k factor for the THERMAL plate	Same as data no. 45	For some designs the tubes are not rolled into the thermal plate and leakage through the plate may occur. The pressure loss relationship is $\left(AKTP + f \frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{\rho v^2}{2}$ a shock loss and a friction loss. This data no. deals with the shock loss. Again it is based on the approach area	AKTP	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
50	Shock loss k factor for the shroud window on the cold side	Window area = A_w Annular Area = A_{an} 90° Elbow Loss = k_{90} Expansion Loss = k_{exp}	This pressure loss relationship is based on a 90° flow direction change and an expansion from the downcomer annulus into the shroud window. Both k_{90} and k_{exp} are based on A_{an} : $AKWINDC = (k_{90} + k_{exp}) \left(\frac{A_w}{A_{an}} \right)^2$	AKWINDC	
51	Shock loss k factor for the shroud window on the hot side	Same as data no. 50	Because the shroud window height may differ between the hot and cold side, a second loss factor may be required.	AKWINDH	
52	Area ratio multiplier to determine Reynold's number in gap in baffles. (See also data no. 58)	Approach area = A_{ap} Gap area = A_g Diametrical clearance = c	The local Reynolds number is: $R = \frac{\rho * v_{loc} * c}{\mu} = \frac{\rho * ARATB * v_{app} * c}{\mu}$ where: $ARATB = (A_{ap} / A_g) * c$	ARATB	
53	Area ratio multiplier to determine Reynold's number in gap in thermal plate	See data no. 52	$ARATTP = (A_{ap} / A_g) * c$	ARATTP	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
.54	Loss factor calculated for the two-phase flow from the last modelled plane inside the shroud to the separator exit, k_{sep} is normally given by the manufacturer. k_c (based on V_{sep}) is calculated by user, and is generally much less than k_{sep} .	Separator Loss Factor = k_{sep} Contraction Factor = k_c A_{pp} = total flow area before entering separator A_{sep} = total separator area	<p>To calculate the recirculation ratio the flow from the last modelled plane inside the shroud to the last modelled plane outside the shroud is modelled one-dimensionally. CON1 is a combination of the loss factors for the two-phase mixture. It is based on the total flow as shown below. CON2 (data no. 55) is the loss factor for the saturated liquid flowing out of the separators.</p> <p>From (1) to (2) - area contraction into separators.</p> $\Delta P = k_c \frac{\bar{\rho} V_{SEP}^2}{2} \text{ where } V_{SEP} = \text{velocity in separator}$ $FLOW = \bar{\rho} A_{SEP} V_{SEP}$ $\Delta P = k_c \frac{\bar{\rho}}{2} * \frac{FLOW^2}{\bar{\rho}^2 A_{SEP}^2} = \frac{k_c}{2} * \frac{FLOW^2}{\bar{\rho} A_{SEP}^2}$ <p>From (2) to (3) - separator loss</p> $\Delta P = k_{SEP} \frac{\bar{\rho} V_{SEP}^2}{2} = \frac{k_{SEP}}{2} * \frac{FLOW^2}{A_{SEP}^2}$ $CON1 = \frac{k_c}{A_{SEP}^2} + \frac{k_{SEP}}{A_{SEP}^2}$ $V_{SEP} = \frac{A_{APP}}{A_{SEP}} * V_{APP}$	CON1	



DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
55	Loss factor calculated for the separated liquid flowing from the water level to the last modelled plane in the downcomer.	--	<p>This loss is assumed to be a frictional loss and treated as flow in a pipe.</p> $\therefore \Delta P = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\rho v^2}{2} = f \frac{L}{D} * \frac{1}{2} \frac{FLOW^2}{2\rho A_{DC}^2} = \frac{CON2 * FLOW^2}{2\rho}$ <p>where $CON2 = f \frac{L}{D} \left(\frac{1}{A_{DC}} \right)^2$</p> <p>L = XDOWN-X(L) → see data no. 39 D = Hydraulic Diam. = Diam. Clearance A_{DC} = Downcomer Area ρ = Saturation Density of Water</p> $f = \frac{0.316}{R_e}$ <p>R_e is based on an estimate at the velocity calculated from a recirculation ratio estimate.</p> $R_e = \frac{D_H \rho v}{\mu} + v = \frac{RECIR * FLOW}{\rho * A_{DC}} = \frac{FLOW}{\rho * A_{DC}}$	CON2	
56	Parameter used to optimize the estimate of the recirculation ratio.	--	<p>This ratio provides the code with an estimate of how the pressure drop through the modelled region changes with recirculation ratio (i.e., total flow). The code uses this value to estimate the recirculation ratio needed to balance the pressure loss against the driving head. CON4 is set at 2000. If severe convergence problems are encountered, other estimates (i.e., 2000 ± 1000) should be tried.</p>	CON4	

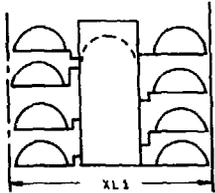
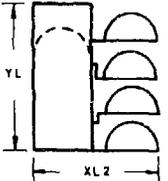
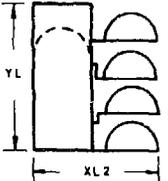
DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
57	Thermal conductivity of the tube wall material (W/(m·°C))		Obtain from material property data.	CWALL	
58	Friction pressure loss for the baffle plate	Baffle thickness = L Diametrical clearance = D Area approach = A_{APP} Area gap = A_{GAP}	Also see data no. 45 and 52. $\Delta P = [AKBL + \frac{fL}{D}] \frac{\rho V^2}{2}$ The variable is concerned with the second term - the frictional loss. $f = .316/R_e^{.25}$ L = thickness of baffle D = diametrical clearance Because this loss is based on approach velocities, the area correction is included. Thus $FLDB = .316 * \frac{L}{D} * \left(\frac{A_{APP}}{A_{GAP}}\right)^2$ $\therefore \Delta P = [AKBL + FLDB * R_e^{-.25}] * \frac{\rho V_{APP}^2}{2}$	FLDB	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
59	Friction pressure loss for the thermal plate	See data no. 58	<p>This variable stored the friction coefficients mentioned in data no. 49 and 53.</p> $\Delta p = \left[AKTP + \frac{fL}{D} * \left(\frac{A_{APP}}{A_{GAP}} \right)^2 \right] \frac{\bar{D}V_{APP}}{2}$ $FLDT = \frac{fL}{D} * \left(\frac{A_{APP}}{A_{GAP}} \right)^2$ $\Delta \Delta P = [AKTP * FLDT * R_e^{-.25}] \frac{\bar{D}V_{APP}}{2}$	FLDT	
60	Resistance due to fouling on the external surface of the tube		Fouling is assumed to act uniformly over the tube surface	RFOUL	
ITEMS 61 - 69 ARE OPERATING CONDITIONS					
61	Feedwater flow rate (kg/s)		This is the total steam generator feedwater flow rate.	FLOWC	
62	Reheater flow rate (kg/s)		Some designs include a reheater circuit. The flow returning from the reheater is assumed by the code to enter the steam generator at the top of the downcomer. If there is no reheater circuit, set this value to zero.	FLOWRH	
63	Primary flow rate (kg/s)		Flow rate for the whole unit	FLOWTU	
64	Saturation pressure of the primary (MPa)		Used to calculate primary properties	PPRI	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
65	Saturation pressure of the secondary (MPa)		Used to calculate secondary properties. Take the value at the normal water level.	PSEC	
66	Inlet quality of the primary fluid		For a two-phase mixture, it is the actual quality. For a subcooled primary flow this value is calculated using $QLTU = \frac{\text{Enthalpy of Liquid-Saturation Enthalpy}}{\text{Latent Heat}}$	QLTU	
67	Initial estimate of recirculation ratio (°C)		The recirculation ratio is not adjusted for the first 9 steps to allow the flow to settle out. This value serves as an initial condition.	RECIR	
68	Temperature of the feedwater (°C)			TINC	
69	Temperature of the reheater return flow			TRH	
ITEMS 70 - 85 ARE UTILITY FEATURES AVAILABLE TO THE USER					
70	The horizontal lines of data which are to be included on the vertical cut plots	--	In areas where I planes are concentrated, one may decide to leave out some I lines from vertical plots so that the plotted arrows do not overlap. Normally all the lines would be plotted. IF IIPLOT(I) = 1 - plot the line IF IIPLOT(I) = 0 - skip the line Note: IIPLOT(I) must have NI entries	IIPLOT	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
71	Selection of the I position for which the hot side and cold side mass flow will be calculated and printed out	--	A subroutine MASSFLO has been set up to calculate the mass flow in the axial direction for selected planes. This information is printed out any time the axial velocities or densities are adjusted. Any number of I planes may be specified up to NI.	IMASSF	
72	Selection of the K-planes to be plotted.	--	This variable allows the user to select any number of the circumferential planes for plotting. Note the K=2 and K=N planes are automatically plotted to give the first frame and should not be requested again.	IPLOTK	
73	Selection of the I axial planes to be plotted	--	<p>The plotting routine is set up to plot up to a maximum of 8 horizontal cuts. This variable is used to specify the I planes of interest. For example,</p> <p>If IPLOTI = +10, the 10th plane will be plotted to the right of the vertical cuts - see Section 6.3 for more details</p> <p>If IPLOTI = -10, the 10th plane will be plotted on the left of the vertical plot. Note there must be only 4 specified for the left side (negative number) and 4 specified for the right side (positive number).</p>	IPLOTI	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
74	Select the variables to be printed out	--	<p>This parameter allows the user to trim the output down to variables of specific interest.</p> <p>If IPRINT = 1, the variable is printed. If IPRINT = 0, the variable is skipped.</p> <p>The order of variable storage:</p> <p>IPRINT(1) = axial velocity IPRINT(2) = radial velocity IPRINT(3) = circumferential velocity IPRINT(4) = mass flux IPRINT(5) = steam quality IPRINT(6) = primary temperature IPRINT(7) = tube wall temperature IPRINT(8) = static pressure IPRINT(9) = density of mixture IPRINT(10) = local heat flux IPRINT(11) = porosity</p>	IPRINT	
75	Relaxation factors	--	<p>The order of variable storage:</p> <p>RELAX(1) = axial velocity RELAX(2) = radial velocity RELAX(3) = circumferential velocity RELAX(4) = pressure correction RELAX(5) = enthalpy RELAX(6) = (inactive) RELAX(7) = tube wall temperature RELAX(8) = pressure RELAX(9) = density RELAX(10) = wedges and rings RELAX(11) = (inactive)</p>	RELAX	
76	Contour intervals for the plotting routines	--	<p>Allows the user to specify the quality contours of interest. Can have up to 15 values. Zero values at the end of the array are ignored.</p>	TCON	
77	Last execution step	--	<p>Sets the last execution step. On completion of LASTEP iterations, the computation ceases and detailed printing and plotting starts.</p>	LASTEP	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
78	Parameter to specify when, during the execution, plots are to be made	--	<p>IF PLOT0 = 0, plots are never made IF PLOT0 = 1, plots are made at the end of the job IF PLOT0 = 2, plots are made after each iteration</p> <p>Note: If PLOT0 = 2, a very long plot file will be produced. Careful selection of values for IPLOT1 and IPLOT2 are necessary. (data no. 72 and 73)</p>	PLOT0	
79	Parameter to specify when, during the execution, the variables specified in IPRINT will be printed out	--	PRINTO is set up the same as PLOT0 in data no. 78. Note that PRINTO and PLOT0 may be reset in the logic to turn the PLOTTING and PRINTING routines on or off.	PRINTO	
80	Parameter for overriding the time limit routine	--	THIRST has been set up to print out all the variables, make plots and write a RESTART tape if the execution or INPUT/OUTPUT time has been reached. To suppress this feature, set TIMELT to zero.	TIMELT	
81	Width of the plotting frame when I-planes are to be plotted both on the left and on the right of the vertical cut (see data no. 73)	--		XL1	
82	Width of the plotting frame when only I-planes are plotted on the right side of the vertical cut	--		XL2	
83	Height of the plotting frame	--		YL	

DATA No.	DESCRIPTION	DATA VALUE	REMARKS	VARIABLE NAME	VALUE
84			Extra integer input locations. Data put into these variables is common to all subroutines	IEXTRA(I) I=1,9	
85			Extra real input locations.	REXTRA(I) I=1,9	

4.4 Preparation of the Input Data Cards

Once the data specification sheets have been completed, it is a straightforward matter to transpose the requisite information into data card form.

In THIRST, the data is all processed through a routine called READIN. READIN not only reads the data into core, but also performs a detailed check on the completeness and precision of the data supplied.

The course of execution of the program is directed by the RESTART feature which is described in Section 5.2.

The input cards are assembled from the variable names and values already detailed in the last two columns of the charts in Section 4.3, immediately preceding.

The cards must adhere to the following rules:

- (1) The first card must contain the title (1 to 40 columns) and the RESTART value (word RESTART in columns 50 to 59 and value in 60 to 69). If the RESTART name and value are not included, READIN assumes a RESTART value of 1.
- (2) All succeeding cards are read with the following format statement

FORMAT (A9, 6 (A9, 1X), A9)

The input cards for data arrays or single variables are,

	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
ARRYN	NN 1	-1.	6.2	8750.5	1.0E+20	-.0068	-6.8E-4	
NAML	1	NAM2	-1	ANAM3	1.3456789	ANAM3	180040.7	

(NN is the number of entries in the array called ARRYN. It is only required for arrays IMASSF, IPLOTI and IPLOTK.)

- (3) The second card must contain the number of grid points NI, NJ, NK, selected for each direction to provide READIN with the counters for checking array data.
- (4) From this point onwards, the data may appear in any order since the variable name is always included with the data. READIN treats each variable name and the corresponding data as a variable set.
- (5) It is possible that after a data deck is prepared, some temporary changes are found necessary. In this case, a data item may be changed in situ in the deck, or a single card with the changed variable may be inserted immediately after the NINJNK card. In such cases of multiple definition the definition encountered earliest in the deck takes precedence, so the new value will be used.

4.5 Sample Input Data Deck

The data deck sheets in Table 4.2 have been prepared from the specification sheets of Section 4.3 according to rules outlined in Section 4.4.

THIRST INPUT DATA SHEET

		PAGE 2																			
11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2
2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8
3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6
2	-6	1.4	-12.1	2.5	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9
1 PLOT R																					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RELAX																					
.5	.5	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
TCON																					
0.0	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21
0.22	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.55	0.6	0.65	0.7	0.75	0.8	0.85	0.9	0.95	1.0	1.05	1.1	1.15	1.2	1.25
X																					
0.0	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21
0.79	0.99	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9
2.86	3.21	3.56	3.91	4.26	4.61	4.96	5.31	5.66	6.01	6.36	6.71	7.06	7.41	7.76	8.11	8.46	8.81	9.16	9.51	9.86	10.21
5.79	6.36	6.93	7.50	8.07	8.64	9.21	9.78	10.35	10.92	11.49	12.06	12.63	13.20	13.77	14.34	14.91	15.48	16.05	16.62	17.19	17.76
9.81	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.6	13.0	13.4	13.8	14.2	14.6	15.0	15.4	15.8	16.2	16.6	17.0	17.4	17.8	18.2
Y																					
0.0	0.11	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1
1.2845	1.3575	1.4305	1.5035	1.5765	1.6495	1.7225	1.7955	1.8685	1.9415	2.0145	2.0875	2.1605	2.2335	2.3065	2.3795	2.4525	2.5255	2.5985	2.6715	2.7445	2.8175
7																					
0.0	9.0	27.0	45.0	63.0	81.0	99.0	117.0	135.0	153.0	171.0	189.0	207.0	225.0	243.0	261.0	279.0	297.0	315.0	333.0	351.0	369.0

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11	20	30	40	50	60	70
135	153	1.71E+02	1.8E+02			
AKB1	1600	AKBR	15	AKBRL	10	AKBRS
AKTP	1600	AKWINDC	10	AKWINDH	13	ARATB
ARATTP	0.0	CGAP	0.07	CON1	0.9495	CON2
CON4	2000	CWALL	16.7	DIA	0.015875	DIAIN
EDFEED	0.065	EDNORM	0.22	EDSHRDX	0.8	FLDB
FLDT	1600	FLOWC	306.18	FLOWRH	23.7	FLDWTU
HTAR	4550	IDOWNC	6	IDOWNH	7	IFEEDEB
IFEEEDL	8	JFEEEDU	10	IPRHT	20	ISHRD
ITPPD	1	IUBEND	30	IVF	1	JBRCCH
KCENTC	7	KCENTH	6	KFEEEDL	9	LACTEP
OGAP	0.03	PFWB	0.3125	PITCH	0.024511	PLNTOT
PPRI	9.879	PRINTO	1	PSFC	5.1	PSHRD
QLTU	0.044	RADIUS	1.321	RECIR	5.3	RFOUL
RSHELL	1.44	TINC	176.67	TPLATE	0.615	TRH
TUBSHET	0.419	XDOWN	15.0	X11	9	X12
XVAF	16.0	YLL	6			

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4.6 The Standard Execution Deck

At this point, the major effort of preparing the data deck is complete. It is now necessary to enter the THIRST job into the computer system.

Execution control cards can vary between CDC computer installations. However, the following decks are included as examples, and operate satisfactorily on the CRNL system. For a full explanation of CDC control cards, see references 13 and 14.

The decks consist of the following:

JOB CARD containing job name and account information
CONTROL CARDS directing execution
7/8/9 END OF RECORD CARD
DATA DECK
7/8/9 END OF RECORD CARD
6/7/8/9 END OF JOB CARD

<u>Card</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
1	JOBNAME, BXXX-YYY, Tttt, IOiii.	JOBNAME - 7 character job name
2	ATTACH, THIRST, ID=THIRST, CY=1.	Attach THIRST object code
3	THIRST.	Execute THIRST code

<u>Card</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
4	7/8/9 END OF RECORD CARD	
5 to N	COMPUTER DATA DECK	
N+1	7/8/9 END OF RECORD CARD	
N+2	6/7/8/9 END OF JOB CARD	

The above simple execution deck will execute the standard THIRST code without reading or saving any RESTART data. Advanced Execution Decks are discussed in Section 5.5.

4.7 Job Submission

A complete listing of the entire deck is given in Figure 4.5. This may now be submitted to the CRNL system.

As turnaround time for a large job is not particularly fast, we discuss in Chapter 5 some additional features of the code. Our output will appear in Chapter 6.

```

THIRST,B652-EXAMPL,7500,I0100.
ATTACH(CLDPL,THIRSTPL,IC=THIRST)
UPDATE(C=DISC)
FTN(I=DISC,8=THIRMOD)
ATTACH(THIRST,ID=THIRST)
COPYL(THIRST,THIRMOD,THIRST2)
ATTACH(TAPE60,THIRSTDATA,ID=THIRST)
ATTACH(PLOTLI8)
LDSET(LI8=PLOTLI8,SU8ST=PLDT-PLT)
THIRST2(PL=3000)
IFE,RI,NE,0,JUMP,
COMMENT,CATALOG RESTART TAPE
CATALOG(TAPE60,THIRSTDATA,ID=THIRST)
ENDIF(JUMP)
7/8/9
*IDENT HYPOTH
*0 KOMON.1
COMMON F(4320,13)
7/8/9
HYPOTHETICAL ECO M STEAM GENERATOR RESTART -1
NI 36 NJ 10 NK 12
AK:IV
1.0E-10 1.0E-10 1.0E-10 1.0E-10 1.0E-10 1.0E-10 1.0E15 1.0E15
1.0E15 1.0E15 1.0E15 1.0E15 1.0E15 1.0E15 1.0E15 1.0E15
1.0E15 1.0E15 1.0E15 1.0E15
1.8
8P
0.83 0.18 0.56
ICOLD
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 3 4 4 3 4 3
4 3 4 3 7 1 1 1
2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1
1 1 1 1
IHDT
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2
2 1 2 2 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1
IIPLOT
0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1
0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0
IMASSF
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
35
IPLITI 8
2 -6 14 -21 25 -32 33 -35
IPLITK 8
4 5 6 7 8 9 10
IIPRINT
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
RELAX
.5 .5 1. 1. 1. .25 .5
.5 .2 1.
TCON
0.0 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2
0.22 0.25 .3 0.35 0.4 0.5
X
0.0 0.01 0.12 0.23 0.34 0.45 0.56 0.67
0.78 0.89 1.0 1.11 1.46 1.81 2.16 2.51
2.86 3.21 3.56 3.91 4.17 4.61 5.19 5.84
5.78 6.16 6.94 7.53 8.12 8.7 9.07 9.44
9.8 10.2 10.5 10.6
Y
0.0 0.1 0.27565 0.4513 0.6269 0.8026 0.978 1.1539
1.2845 1.3575
Z
0.0 9.0 27.0 45.0 63.0 8.1E1 9.9E1 117.
135 153
AKBL 1600 AKBR 1.71E+02 AKGRL 1.0 AKERS 0.0
AKPL 1600 AKWINDC 1.5 AKWINDH 13 ARATD 1.270E-2
ARATTP 0.0 CGAP 0.07 CON1 0.9495 CCN2 .1156
CON4 2000 CWall 0.67 DIA 3.015E75 DIAIN .0136009
EDFEED 0.065 EDNDRM 0.22 EDSDRDX 0.8 FLOWR 21000
FLDT 1600 FLOWC 306.18 FLOWRH 23.7 FLOWTU 2484.93
HTAR 4550 IDOWNC 6 IDOWNH 7 IFEE09 13
IFEE0L 8 IFEEU 10 IPRHT 20 ISHRD 31
ITPPO 1 IUREN 30 IWF 1 JBRCH 4
KCENTC 7 KCENTH 6 KFEE0L 9 LASTEP 60
DGAP 0.03 PF#B 0.3125 PITCH 0.024511 PLOTO 1
PPRI 9.879 PRINTO 1 PSEC 5.1 PSHKO 10.1
QLTU 0.044 RADIUS 1.321 RECIR 5.3 XFOUL 2.642E-5
RSHLL 1.44 TINC 176.67 TPLATE 0.615 TRP 251.67
TUBSHET 0.419 XDOWNN 15.0 XL1 9 KL2 6.25
XVAME 16.0 YL 6
7/8/9

```

Figure 4.5: Execution Deck

5. SOME FEATURES OF THE THIRST CODE

While the instructions included in the previous chapter are sufficient to prepare an input deck, an understanding of some additional features of THIRST is required for advanced use of the code. This chapter describes some of the THIRST input and output options.

5.1 The RESTART Feature

RESTART has been introduced very briefly in chapter 4. This feature was included in THIRST to reduce the repetition required in making several runs with only slight data modification, and to enable results to be stored so that later printouts and plots can be made without re-executing.

In THIRST, all the variables are initialized in START with, at best, a rough guess. Using RESTART, the variables can be initialized with results saved from a previous run, resulting in improved convergence.

RESTART has been set up so that a user can stop, at say the twentieth step, examine the results and then proceed further if desired. The user can also run the code, examine the results, make logic or input changes and continue running the program, or merely change the plotting or numbering parameters, and produce new output without executing the program.

The RESTART variable can have six values, three positive and three negative.

RESTART=1 is used for a new run in which all variables and arrays are initialized with rough guesses by the program. All routines are executed to attain a solution. RESTART must always be set to 1 if the number of grids or the grid layout is changed.

RESTART=2 is used to continue an old run. All the variables in common blocks are set to values calculated in a previous run, which has been stored on a RESTART tape. New values for selected variables can be entered by including these in the input deck, they then replace any stored values. Variables which are not to be changed are omitted from the input deck. The new run is then executed until a total of LASTEP iterations have been completed.

RESTART=3 is used mainly to obtain new output from a previously completed run. With this option, all parameters except those read in to specify the type of output required are set to their values from the RESTART tape. The EXEC routine then passes the control directly to the OUTPUT routine for the summary of the last step, and a printout of all arrays requested through the IPRINT(NN) parameter. Finally, if PLOT0 \neq 0, the plot routine generates the plots requested by IPLOT1 and IPLOTK. After this output, the program terminates; no further execution is attempted.

RESTART=-n writes a RESTART tape on completion of a run. The absolute value of n (i.e., $|n| = 1,2,3$) determines the initial conditions for the run. On completion, a tape is written through the WSTART routine ready for subsequent reading with $|RESTART| > 1$.

Saving and Accessing a RESTART Tape

In WSTART a special global parameter "R1" is set to 0 when the tape is written. A set of statements can be included in the execution control cards to catalog the tape if this global parameter is set.

```
IFE(R1.NE.0)JUMP
CATALOG(TAPE50, THIRSTDATA, ID=THIRST)
ENDIF(JUMP)
```

If R1=0, control jumps past the CATALOG card to the ENDI (JUMP) card. If WSTART has set R1=0, the CATALOG card is executed and the RESTART tape is stored under the name THIRSTDATA, ID=THIRST and CY=n, the lowest available number. Thus each time a RESTART tape is made, a new THIRSTDATA file is created. The user will have to exercise strict management of these files to avoid confusion and the creation of unnecessary files.

To RESTART from this tape, the user includes the card

```
ATTACH(TAPE50, THIRSTDATA, ID=THIRST, CY=n)
```

before the execution card in the JOB control statements. The information stored on this file will then be used in the RESTART routine to initialize the arrays and the variables providing RESTART is set at 2 or 3 in the input deck.

5.2 The READIN Feature

To assist the user with the entry of data into the code, a subroutine called READIN has been written. READIN extracts the variable name and its value from the data cards. As each piece of data is associated with the computer variable name, READIN can:

- (a) ensure that all the data required are provided and determine which data are missing
- (b) allow the user flexibility in choosing the order of the data
- (c) initialize the variables with values on the restart tape.

READIN is set up to accept the title card with the RESTART value as the first card. The title can be set up to 40 characters in columns 1 - 40. The word RESTART should be located in columns 50 - 58 and the RESTART value in columns 60 - 68. If the RESTART name and value are left off, READIN assumes a value of 1.

If RESTART is set to 1, the second card must specify NI, NJ and NK. These variables specify the array sizes for all the variable arrays except IMASSF, IPLOTI and IPLOTK. If NI, NJ and NK are not specified, an error message is sent and the run terminates.

If the RESTART is set at +2 or +3, the run will continue from a point reached in an earlier execution. Because the values are stored in matrix arrays, the number of grids in each direction must remain fixed. Therefore, any attempt at re-specifying the number of grids, i.e., changing the value of NI, NJ or NK, is ignored.

All the remaining data can be introduced in any order. In our examples, we have elected to group the data according to its usage, i.e., geometric, correlation-related, operating conditions and input/output parameter selection.

READIN contains lists of all the variables required by the code. As the data cards are read, READIN searches through the list to match input variable names with the ones on its list. If the subroutine can make the match, it stores the data in the variable and removes the variable name from the list.

If READIN cannot match an input variable to one on its list, it issues the following message:

*** X CANNOT MATCH X VARNAME DATA ***

This message contains the input variable name and its value so the user can trace the nature of the error. This error could result from a misspelling of the variable name, from reading the same variable twice, or using improper data. This error does not result in a termination of the run. If a variable appears twice, READIN stores the first value and disregards the second. If a variable is misspelled, READIN ignores the variable and its value, and thus the intended variable name will not be removed from the list.

When the end of the input deck (END OF FILE) is encountered, READIN checks that all the variables on its list have been initialized. Some variables may not be stroked off because they are either misspelled or simply left out. If a variable name remains, but has not been initialized, READIN issues one of the following messages:

* THE FOLLOWING VARIABLE(S) HAVE NO INPUT DATA: VARNAME *

or * THE FOLLOWING ARRAY(S) HAVE NO INPUT DATA: VARNAME *

READIN then checks the value of RESTART and:

If (RESTART=+1) - READIN terminates the run

If (RESTART=+2 or +3) - READIN uses the values stored on the tape made from a previous run and continues executing, thus only variables to be changed are required as input data.

5.3 Time Limit Feature

If the code senses that insufficient time remains to complete another iteration step and to print and plot the output, it will automatically call FPRINT for a printout, and call the WSTART routine to write a RESTART tape. The user can subsequently attach the RESTART tape and continue executing with additional time.

Both execution time and input/output time are monitored, but the time limit feature can be suppressed by setting the

parameter TIMELT to zero. If TIMELT is not set in input or is set to 1 in the input deck, time remaining is checked at the end of each iteration.

```
The statements:      IFE(R1.NE.0)JUMP
                    CATALOG ( ----
                    ENDIF(JUMP)
```

should be included in the job control deck to catalog a RESTART tape when a time limit is encountered.

5.4 Advanced Execution Deck

The simple execution deck introduced in Chapter 4 is sufficient to run a standard THIRST job in which no RESTART tape is read or saved. For more advanced use, we now include an execution deck which will permit the use of a RESTART tape, and also permit certain code changes to be made, using the CDC program library editor, UPDATE.

This "advanced use" deck contains three major segments:

- (i) job control statements
- (ii) update correction set
- (iii) input data

Because the function of each section in the execution deck is different, they will be explained separately. It is assumed that the reader has a basic understanding of the job card sequence and the update routines available through the computing system. A listing of the execution deck without explanations is shown in Appendix C.

5.4.1 Job Control Statements

<u>Card No.</u>		<u>Explanation</u>
1	THIRST, B652-EXAMPLE,T500,I0100	
2	ATTACH(OLDPL, THIRSTPL, ID=THIRST)	Attach the code stored on file name THIRST
3	UPDATE(C=DISC)	Update the file THIRST with any code changes in the associated correction set and list on disc
4	FTN(I=DISC, B=THIRMOD)	Compile the file THIRST from DISC. Store compiled file on THIRMOD
5	ATTACH(THIRST, ID=THIRST)	Access standard THIRST code
6	COPYL(THIRST, THIRMOD, THIRST2)	Merge modifications and standard code to create new program THIRST 2
7	ATTACH(PLOTLIB)	Attach library plotting package
8	COMMENT.	
9	LDSET(LIB=PLOTLIB, SUBST=PLOT-PLT)	

<u>Card No.</u>		<u>Explanation</u>
10	ATTACH(TAPE60, THIRSTDATA, ID=THIRST)	This card is required only when the RE-START option is used (ABS(RESTART). GT.1) The data catalogue from a previous run under file name THIRSTDATA with ID=THIRST and for CY=1 will be attached and used to initialize the variables. If RESTART is 1, this card will have no useful purpose and should be omitted.
11	THIRST2(PL=30000)	Execute the job and set the printing limit at 30000 print lines
12	IFE(R1.NE.0)JUMP,	If a RESTART tape has been written either through a time limit or a negative value of RESTART then R1 is set to one. If the program has not written a data RESTART tape then R1 = 0 and the execution jumps to ENDIF (JUMP). Thus this card controls the sequence to CATALOG only when the data RESTART tape exists.

<u>Card No.</u>		<u>Explanation</u>
13	CATALOG(TAPE60, THIRSTDATA, ID=THIRST)	Catalog the RESTART tape
14	ENDIF(JUMP)	Point to which the IFE() card directs control
15	7/8/9	End of record card

To enable the computer to allocate storage, the size of the grid layout must be specified in the EXEC routine. The following update correction may be used to change this allocation and is included for example purposes.

<u>Card No.</u>		<u>Explanation</u>
16	*D EXEC.4	Delete the fourth card in EXEC
17	COMMON F(4320,13)	Reserve 13 arrays (11 variables plus 2 work- ing spaces). Each array contains NI*NJ *NK = 36*10*12 = 4320 storage places
18	7/8/9	END OF RECORD

5.4.2 Input Deck

Unless the changes made above incorporate new input data, no form changes in the deck of Chapter 4 are required.

6. THIRST OUTPUT

In this chapter, we present the basic output obtained from the THIRST code. Possible variations of output are also discussed. Output from THIRST is in both printed and graphical form. The following paragraphs refer to sample output which appears consecutively at the end of this section starting on page 99.

6.1 Printed Output Features

6.1.1 Preliminary Output

After the program logo, THIRST prints out the values in the input deck. The arrays are printed first, the single integer values second and the single real values last. All the error messages related to the input are printed out in this section, Figure 6.1.

The next section of the printed output contains a summary of all the input received by the code for this run and a summary of the properties which THIRST has calculated from curve fits.

Figures 6.2.1 to 6.2.3 contain:

(a) Operating Conditions

- Primary
- Secondary

(b) Properties as Calculated by THIRST (using Curve Fits)

- Primary Saturation Values
- Secondary Saturation Values
- Secondary Subcooled Inlet Properties

(c) Output Selection and Control Parameters

(d) Geometrical Parameters

Figure 6.3 contains:

- (a) The Grid Locations for Scalar and Vector Components
 - The Axial Positions in Metres
 - The Radial Positions in Metres
 - The Circumferential Positions in Degrees

- (b) Primary Fluid Flow Distribution per Typical Tube in kg/s

All the above output is generated in START before the iteration procedure begins. The user has no control over the format without altering the program logic.

6.1.2 Individual Iteration Summary (Figures 6.4.1 to 6.4.5)

During the progression of the solution to convergence, the following information is summarized on one page for each outer iteration.

- (a) Iteration: At the beginning of each iteration prior to any further calculation, the EXEC routine prints the outer iteration number.

- (b) New Estimate of RECI_R (only after the ninth step): After the ninth iteration, the program begins to calculate the RECI_R circulation ratio. Because the solution technique is iterative, the value will change until the solution approaches convergence.

- (c) Mass Flows at Planes of Interest: The mass flows are calculated at I-planes selected by the user. The user can choose any or all of the I-planes by using the IMASSF

parameter (see data no. 71, Table 4.1). The mass flow information is preceded by a line indicating the point within the iteration step at which these calculations were performed. The mass flows at designated I-planes are plotted in five columns of eight entries each for a maximum of forty positions, if required. The mass flows are given for both the hot and cold side. The calculations are made in MASSFLO. MASSFLO is called whenever the axial velocity or local density is changed.

- (d) Summary of Overall Performance Variables and the Convergence Indicators: At the end of an iteration step, a summary of the overall performance variables and the convergence indicators are printed. The user has no direct control over this format. The information provided includes:

RECIR Recirculation ratio used for this iteration

PRESS DROP } is the pressure drop between the average
in Pa } pressure at the last I-plane (L-plane)
 } inside the shroud and the average
 } pressure at the last I plane (L-plane)
 } outside the shroud in the downcomer.

PRIM H.T. } is the net amount of heat given up by the
in MW } primary fluid

SEC H.T. } is the amount of heat picked up by the
in MW } secondary. This includes the heat required to
raise the feedwater and reheater drain flows
to saturation, plus the heat absorbed in
evaporating the secondary liquid.

NOTE PRIM H.T. should equal SEC H.T. when convergence
has been achieved.

AVG/OUTLET/QUAL average outlet quality

SUMSOURCE is the summation of the absolute value of the
mass imbalance for each control volume
normalized by dividing by the total flow. This
indicator should approach zero with conver-
gence.

MAXSOURCE (2,7,11) is the largest mass imbalance
normalized by dividing by the total
flow in the modelled region. The
location is given in the brackets as
I=2, J=7, K=11. If the location
remains fixed, and the imbalance is
significant, the use should examine
the region for a possible error in
that area.

- (e) Summary of Local Values: The last section of the iteration
by iteration printout summarizes local values at strategic
locations in the model. The locations are fixed in the
code at such points as window inlets, above the preheater,
in the downcomer, etc.

Three sets of variables - AXIAL VELOCITY, CROSS FLOW VELOCITIES and THERMAL VALUE are printed. The location of each variable is described including its (I,J,K) coordinates. If the user wishes to change the locations to be printed, the OUTPUT subroutine must be altered.

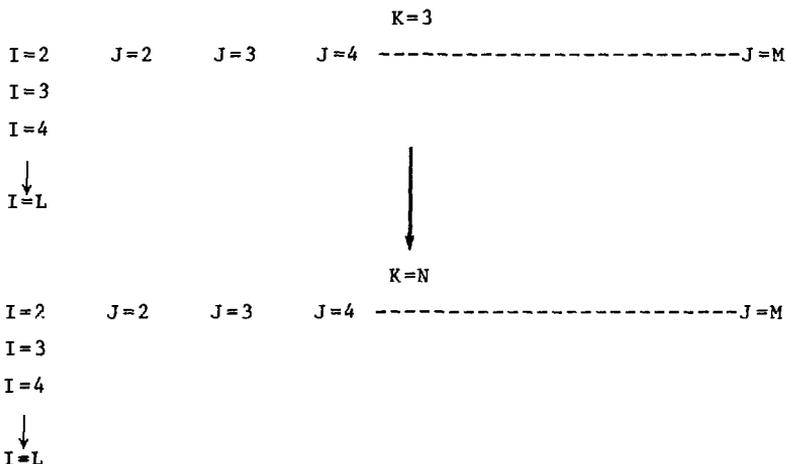
The overall values (d) and local values (e) are printed out in OUTPUT. OUTPUT can be called at any point in the execution if the user desires to. At present it is called at the end of each iteration step.

6.1.3 Detailed Array Printout (Figure 6.5)

The last type of printed output, again under user control, is the complete printout of selected variables at every active node in the model. The format for the printout is

```
XXXXXXXXXX VARIABLE NAME (1) XXXXXXXXXXXX

                                     K=2
I=2      J=2      J=3      J=4 -----J=M
I=3
I=4
↓
I=L
```



XXXXXXXXXX VARIABLE NAME (2) XXXXXXXXXXXX
etc.

This printout can be very long depending on how many variables are specified for printout. Figure 6.5 shows the first page of a detailed array printout of axial velocity obtained by setting IPRINT(I) to 1. Each selected variable takes a similar format and each generates five pages of output for K=12, so the feature should be used with caution. Variables to be printed may be selected by the input variable IPRINT.

If IPRINT(NV) is entered non zero, the array of values for variable NV is printed, where NV is selected as follows:

NV = 1 - axial velocity
NV = 2 - radial velocity
NV = 3 - circumferential velocity
NV = 4 - mass flux
NV = 5 - steam quality
NV = 6 - primary temperature
NV = 7 - tube wall temperature
NV = 8 - static pressure
NV = 9 - density
NV = 10 - heat flux
NV = 11 - porosity

This printout is generated by the FPRINT subroutine. The PRINTO parameter calls FPRINT as follows:

If PRINTO = 0 - the FPRINT array is never called
- this would be used where the user is interested
in the plots only

If PRINTO = 1 - the FPRINT array is called after exit from the
iteration loop at the end of the run

If PRINTO = N - the FPRINT array is called every (N-1) iteration
steps. This tends to create large output files
and thus is only used for debugging purposes.
Careful selection of the IPRINT (NV) parameter
is suggested.

6.2 Graphical Output Features

The plot routines have been set up to produce:

- (a) quality contours
- (b) velocity vectors
- (c) mass flux vectors

for any planes of interest.

Quality contour values are specified by TCON in the input deck. Up to 15 contour intervals are allowed. If less than 15 contours are desired, then set the remaining position of the TCON array to zero and the plotting subroutine ignores them. Velocity vectors are determined by first interpolating each velocity component to the grid nodes. The two velocity components lying in the plane of interest are added vectorially. The resultant vector is printed as an arrow with its length indicating magnitude and angle indicating direction. Mass flux contours are determined by multiplying the velocity vector calculated earlier by the local density.

Two plotting formats are available to the user:

- (a) Full Diameter/Horizontal Cut Composite
- (b) Vertical Cut Composite

Full Diameter/Horizontal Cut Composite

This composite includes plots of values of the K=2 and K=N planes which lie next to the line of symmetry. These are put out by the plot routine automatically. Included on this frame

are up to eight horizontal cuts through the modelled region corresponding to eight axial lines specified by the IPL0TI parameter. The selection of horizontal cuts is made by the user in the input deck, by specifying the number of desired I-planes (maximum of eight). A negative sign in front of the specified I-plane positions the plot on the left of the Full Diameter Plot, otherwise the plot appears on the right of the Full Diameter Plot. No more than four I-plots for the left and four for the right may be specified. If only four I-planes are specified, all the plots should appear on the right as the plotting routine will reduce the frame size. Examples of this composite are given in Figure 6.6, which depicts quality, velocity and mass flux profiles consecutively.

Vertical Cut Composite

The second plot format is a composite of four vertical cuts corresponding to circumferential planes. The number and indices of K-planes to be plotted are specified by the parameter IPL0TK. There is no limit on the number of K-planes to be selected. Examples of this composite for quality, velocity and mass flux profiles are given in Figure 6.7.

In some grid layouts, axial planes are grouped together to provide greater detail. Unfortunately, when velocity or mass flux vectors are plotted, they tend to overlap. To ensure clarity of the plots, an additional plot parameter called IIPLOT has been introduced. If IIPLOT (I) = 1, the values on that I-plane are included on the vertical cut plots. If IIPLOT (I) = 0, the corresponding I-plane values are left off the plot.

The user has control over the plotting frame size. For the first composite, the width is specified by "XL1" and "XL2". If horizontal plots are made on the left and on the right of the vertical cut, the routine uses the wider plotting frame specified in XL1. If other horizontal plots appear only on the right, the routine uses the narrow plot XL2. The height for all plots is YL. The length to width ratios of the plots may not be in proportion to the actual design, as the width may be increased to add clarity. Scaling factors are determined by the code.

The plotting routines can be called at any point in the code by the statement CALL CONTOUR. The parameter PLOT0 has been introduced to control the calling of the plot routines.

If PLOT0 = 0 - the plot routine is never called. This may be used where the user wants only a printout.

If PLOT0 = 1 - the plot routine is called at the end of the program.

If PLOT0 = 2 - the plot routine is called at the end of each iteration. This leads to a very long plot life.

PLOT0 is set in the input deck. PLOT0 and PRINT0 can be reset in the program to initiate the plotting and printing function.

6.3 Interpretation of the Output

Having discussed the layout of printed output we now turn again to the printed output, Figures 6.1 to 6.5, to examine its content and its significance.

The first page of printout, Figure 6.1, contains a summary of all the data introduced through the input deck. No error messages of consequence were issued and a comparison with the data sheets indicates that the data has been introduced correctly.

The second, third and fourth pages (Figure 6.2) contain input values and calculations made with the input. The operating conditions should be checked against the information sheets. Property values generated by the code should be checked against values in standard tables. Correlation data should be verified. The input/output parameters are simply informative. Finally, the geometric data should be verified against drawings or data sheets. The modelled heat transfer area should be examined to ensure that it is not radically different than the prescribed value. Although the correction factor will correct the modelled tube surface, a large discrepancy may indicate an error in treating the tube-free lanes or in the location at the start of the U-bend (IUBEND).

The main grid location (Figure 6.2) and particularly the displaced grid locations should be checked to ensure proper modelling of flow obstacles. For instance, the displaced grid

at I=13 for the axial velocity should in this case correspond to the elevation of the first inner baffle. The primary fluid flow, also included on this page, is distributed to reflect the different tube lengths. Scanning the distribution, one should see a drop in primary flow along the K=2 plane with increasing J.

When satisfied with the validity of the input, one can proceed to examine the iteration by iteration output (Figure 6.4). Of prime importance is the line bounded by asterisks. Part of this line contains the overall parameters which must converge on single values - RECIR, PRESS DROP, PRIM and SEC HEAT TRANSFER and QUAL. The last two terms are the sum of the absolute value of the mass imbalance over all control volumes and the maximum mass imbalance at an indicated control volume. These should approach zero at convergence. By examining the line of printout as the solution proceeds, one can assess whether the solution is converging to a single solution or oscillating slowly about the solution.

Assuming that the run has completed normally without any execution errors, we will concentrate on the last several iterations to verify that a converged solution has been obtained. Later in this section we will discuss handling runs that terminate in execution errors.

Comparing iterations 58, 59 and 60, Figures 6.4.3, 4 and 5, we observe that RECIR has converged to the fourth significant figure, which indicates that the pressure distribution has also converged.

Examining the mass flows at various stages in the iteration step, we see that the values are basically stable. Minor changes can be expected due to the nature of the finite difference technique; however, a swinging from one value to another would indicate an inconsistency in the modelling between stages. If the swinging is significant, further debugging of the logic should take place.

In the middle of the mass flow printout is the SUM OF RING (WEDGE) MASS IMBALANCE. As explained in earlier sections, continuity is enforced simultaneously over groups of control volumes. Control volumes are grouped alternatively into wedge and ring geometries. The MASS IMBALANCE should approach zero at convergence; however, the level indicated is considered acceptable.

At the end of the run we also should be satisfied that the pressure drop value is stable, that the heat transferred out of the primary (PRIM H.T.) is equal to that absorbed by the secondary (SEC H.T.) and that the source terms are sufficiently small. The location of the maximum imbalance is given in brackets after the MAX SOURCE. This information can be useful during debugging to indicate trouble areas. If the location remains fixed and the imbalance fairly high, one should examine the region for a modelling error.

The last three lines on Figure 6.4.5 contain local values of thermal and hydraulic variables. These values should be compared with earlier iterations to ensure that they have converged. The positions shown in brackets have been selected to monitor variables because they are particularly sensitive areas.

When we are content that the solution has converged, we should examine the printouts to check numbers against intuition and then examine the plots to verify that flow and quality patterns are consistent. These outputs will not provide additional evidence of convergence but will enable the user to intuitively verify the results. For instance, the quality profiles on the I=2 plane could be superimposed over the velocity vectors to verify that the velocities are concentrating near the point of highest quality. The velocity vectors in the U-bend should indicate an outwards radial flow to the lower resistance regions. The flow around the baffles should be well defined. Having examined the output, we conclude that, for this example, the solution has converged.

6.4 Treatment of Diverging Solutions

If the solution has not converged, we should either restart the program and continue for more iteration or examine the modelling for errors. It may be necessary to use lower relaxation factor to promote convergence.

If the solution terminates on an execution error or will not converge, the user will be required to debug the model. The efficiency of the user's debugging methods will improve only with experience. To assist in debugging, the following potpourri of examples is included:

- (a) If the program has terminated before completing one iteration, it is likely that insufficient input data has been given or that the array sizing doesn't match the arrays referenced. One can identify the line in which the error occurred and generally find the error using an "OPT=0" on the FTN card.

- (b) If the program fails after the eighth iteration, examine the RECIR subroutine because it is called after the eighth iteration.

- (c) If the program terminates with an error message "ARGUMENT LESS THAN ZERO", this is most likely generated by quality values greater than 1 arising from a very high pressure gradient (the user should refer to DENS to see how pressure affects quality). The high pressure gradient generally occurs when a gross inconsistency in the treatment of flow obstacles occurs between various stages of the iteration procedure. Large pressure corrections are required to maintain continuity. The stage within the iteration that contains the inconsistency can be determined by examining the mass flows printout.

- (d) Large swings in thermal values generally indicate a problem in the heat transfer subroutine source terms, especially if a new correlation has been introduced. Reduce the relaxation factor for T_w to promote stability.

- (e) If the solution is not converging and the reason is not clear, it may prove useful to call for plots for several succeeding iterations. The plots should then be superimposed to identify regions that are oscillating. In this way, the region(s) of possible modelling errors can be pinpointed. One could also call for FPRINT output for several succeeding iterations.

- (f) If the FPRINT array is called and columns of zeros appear in the output or if a mode error occurs, check that the common card in EXEC which sets the size of the F-array has been dimensioned correctly.
- (g) If the PRIM H.T. is different than the SEC H.T., the problem is most likely located in the SOURCH routine where the heat transfer source terms are calculated. Check that the no-tube regions are handled correctly and that any new correlations are used correctly.
- (h) If the results seem to oscillate between two sets of values, check the wedge and ring routines to ensure consistency of treatment. These routines are used on alternate steps.
- (i) If the flow oscillates between the hot and cold side shroud windows, examine the treatment of flow obstacles in the downcomer.
- (j) If resistances appear to be incorrect, one can print out the DU, DV and DW arrays after the CALCW subroutine. These arrays can be printed using the logic in FPRINT. They contain all the resistances in the model and can be checked to see if any resistances are out of line.
- (k) The pressure correction generated in RINGS1 and WEDGES1 can be printed out to identify trouble spots. Printing out the pressure corrections for the CALCPK and CALCPIJ is more involved since the control volumes are not grouped.

- (1) When RESTART is set to -1, there should be no control card that attaches a RESTART tape to the program. An ATTACH statement is necessary when RESTART is set to +2 and +3. If an ATTACH statement is present when RESTART equals -1, the program will run and output will be printed, including any plots, but the RESTART tape requested by negative value of RESTART will not be made and you will get a DMPX. The dayfile will indicate "ILLEGAL I/O REQUEST", the "FILENAME ..." and "FET ADDRESS..." as well as "WRITE NOT AT EOI ON PERMANENT FILE".

- (m) Finally, the user should document convergence problems and their solution so that future problems will be easier to track down.

..... HYPOTHETICAL 604 MW STEAM GENERATOR

OPERATING CONDITIONS:

PRIMARY							
PPRI	9.8790000	N/M2	FLOWTU	2484.9300	KG/S	QLTU	4.40000000E-02
SECONDARY							
PSEC	5.1000000	N/M2	FLOWC	306.18000	KG/S	YINC	176.67000
FLOWRH	23.700000	KG/S	TFM	251.60000	CEL	RECIR	5.3000000
							CSL

PROPERTY VALUES CALCULATED BY THIRST

PRIMARY SATURATION VALUES

TSATU	349.20115	CEL	ENPS	1348548.5	J/KG	ALATU	1177907.6	J/KG
VFU	1.3206299E-03	M3/KG	VGU	1.59764798E-02	M3/KG			

SECONDARY SATURATION VALUES

TSAT	265.17748	CEL	QEN	175.79814	KG/M3	DENSM	25.903825	KG/M3
ALAT	1631948.1	J/KG	ENSS	1160741.1	J/KG	AMUC	1.80500000E-05	KG/M-S
AMUS	1.0108952E-04	KG/M-S	CPMS	505.18885	J/KG-CEL	PRMS	85645920	
STEN	2.26241818E-02	N/M	DTDP	1.23595+00E-05	CEL/(N/M2)	DMPS	6.2219564E-02	(J/KG)/(N/M2)

SECONDARY SUBCOOLED INLET PROPERTIES

ENFM	749868.28	J/KG	DENC	893.52101	KG/M3	ENHM	1094156.3	J/KG
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** OTHER SUBCOOLED PROPERTIES ARE CALCULATED AS NEEDED **

CONTROL VARIABLES ITPMU 1 IVF 1

INPUT VARIABLES

AKBR	1.5000000	AKBRL	1.0000000	AKBRS	0.0000000	AKTP	1800.0000
ARB	1800.0000	AKWINDC	10.000000	AKWINDH	13.000000	ARATB	1.27050000E-02
ARATTP	0.	CON1	94950000	CON2	11560000	CONA	2500.0000
CWALL	16.700000	FLDB	21000.000	FLDT	1600.0000	KFOUL	2.64200000E-05

AKDIV

AT	1	1.0E-10	I=	2	1.0E-10	I=	3	1.0E-10	I=	4	1.0E-10	I=	5	1.0E-10
	6	1.0E-10		7	1.0E+15		8	1.0E+15		9	1.0E+15		10	1.0E+15
	11	1.0E+15		12	1.0E+15		13	1.0E+15		14	1.0E+15		15	1.0E+15
	16	1.0E+15		17	0.		18	0.		19	0.		20	0.
	21	0.		22	0.		23	0.		24	0.		25	0.
	26	0.		27	0.		28	0.		29	0.		30	1.8E+00
	31	1.8E+00		32	1.8E+00		33	1.8E+00		34	0.		35	0.
	36	0.												

Figure 6.2.1: THIRST OUTPUT - Interpreted Data (Summary of Operating Conditions)

INPUT/OUTPUT AND CONTROL FEATURES

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LASTEF  EN  ISTEP  S  PLCTC  1.0000000  6.250000J  1.0000000  YL  FSTART  1.0000000
PRINTO  1.0000000  INCHES  XL2  INCHES  PL  5.0000000  INCHES
XL1  9.0000000

TCOON(X)
0.  1.  2.  3.  5.  10.  15.  20.  22.  25.  30.  35.  40.  50.  6.

RELAX
NV( 1) .500  NV( 2) .500  NV( 3) .500  NV( 4) 1.000  NV( 5) 1.000
NV( 6) 1.000  NV( 7) .250  NV( 8) .500  NV( 9) 1.500  NV(10) 1.200
NV(11) 1.000

IPRINT
NV( 1) 1  NV( 2) 0  NV( 3) 0  NV( 4) 0  NV( 5) 0
NV( 6) 0  NV( 7) 0  NV( 8) 0  NV( 9) 0  NV(10) 0
NV(11) 0

IIPLCT
IIPLCT( 1) 0  IIPLCT( 2) 1  IIPLCT( 3) 0  IIPLCT( 4) 1  IIPLCT( 5) 0
IIPLCT( 6) 1  IIPLCT( 7) 0  IIPLCT( 8) 1  IIPLCT( 9) 0  IIPLCT(10) 1
IIPLCT(11) 1  IIPLCT(12) 0  IIPLCT(13) 1  IIPLCT(14) 1  IIPLCT(15) 1
IIPLCT(16) 1  IIPLCT(17) 1  IIPLCT(18) 1  IIPLCT(19) 1  IIPLCT(20) 1
IIPLCT(21) 1  IIPLCT(22) 1  IIPLCT(23) 1  IIPLCT(24) 1  IIPLCT(25) 1
IIPLCT(26) 1  IIPLCT(27) 1  IIPLCT(28) 1  IIPLCT(29) 1  IIPLCT(30) 0
IIPLCT(31) 1  IIPLCT(32) 0  IIPLCT(33) 1  IIPLCT(34) 1  IIPLCT(35) 1
IIPLCT(36) 0

IPASSF
3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35

IPLCTK
3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

IPLCTI
2  -6  14  -21  25  -32  33  -35

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Figure 6.2.2: THIRST OUTPUT - Interpreted Data (Summary of Output Parameters)

GEOMETRY

LOCATIONS

ICMNC	6	ICMNH	7	KCENTC	7	KCENTH	8
IFEDB	13	IFEEDL	8	IFEEDJ	13	KFEEDL	3
IPRFT	20	ISHRD	31	IUBENJ	33	JBRCH	4

INPUT SIZES AND LOCATIONS

RADIUS	1.321000	M	CGAP	7.0000000E-02	M	CGAP	3.0166000E-02	M
DIA	1.5975000E-02	M	OIAIN	1.3600000E-02	M	PIJCH	2.4411600E-02	M
ESMRC	18.100000	M	RSHELL	1.4466000	M	TUESMET	4.1900000	M
DFMB	4.350000	M	PLATE	8.500000	M	HBR	4.551600	M2
EDCRM	2.2000000	M	EDFEED	6.5000000E-02	M	ELSHPD	8.0000000	M2
XVANE	16.000000	M	XDOWN	15.800000	M			
BF(1)	8.000000	M	BF(2)	1.000000	M	BF(3)	5.6000000	M

CALCULATED SIZES AND LOCATIONS

XUBEND	8.700000	M	XPREHT	4.040000	M	AINC	2.217000	M2
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HEAT TRANSFER AREA AS MODELLED BY THIRST = 4631.761961186 M2

CORRECTION FACTOR REQUIRED TO FORCE MODELLED AREA TO ACTUAL HEAT TRANSFER AREA = 1.004024451791

LOCATION OF TUBE SUPPORTS ON HOT SIDE

IMOT(1)	1	IMOT(2)	1	IMOT(3)	1	IMOT(4)	1	IMOT(5)	1
IMOT(6)	1	IMOT(7)	1	IMOT(8)	2	IMOT(9)	1	IMOT(10)	1
IMOT(11)	1	IMOT(12)	1	IMOT(13)	2	IMOT(14)	1	IMOT(15)	1
IMOT(16)	1	IMOT(17)	2	IMOT(18)	1	IMOT(19)	2	IMOT(20)	1
IMOT(21)	2	IMOT(22)	2	IMOT(23)	1	IMOT(24)	2	IMOT(25)	1
IMOT(26)	2	IMOT(27)	2	IMOT(28)	2	IMOT(29)	1	IMOT(30)	1
IMOT(31)	1	IMOT(32)	1	IMOT(33)	1	IMOT(34)	1	IMOT(35)	1
IMOT(36)	1								

LOCATION OF PAFFLES, TUBE SUPPORTS, AND THERMAL PLATE ON COLD SIDE

ICOLD(1)	1	ICOLD(2)	1	ICOLD(3)	1	ICOLD(4)	1	ICOLD(5)	1
ICOLD(6)	1	ICOLD(7)	1	ICOLD(8)	2	ICOLD(9)	1	ICOLD(10)	1
ICOLD(11)	1	ICOLD(12)	1	ICOLD(13)	4	ICOLD(14)	1	ICOLD(15)	4
ICOLD(16)	2	ICOLD(17)	4	ICOLD(18)	1	ICOLD(19)	2	ICOLD(20)	1
ICOLD(21)	2	ICOLD(22)	1	ICOLD(23)	1	ICOLD(24)	2	ICOLD(25)	1
ICOLD(26)	2	ICOLD(27)	2	ICOLD(28)	2	ICOLD(29)	2	ICOLD(30)	1
ICOLD(31)	2	ICOLD(32)	1	ICOLD(33)	1	ICOLD(34)	1	ICOLD(35)	1
ICOLD(36)	1								

Figure 6.2.3: THIRST OUTPUT - Interpreted Data
(Summary of Geometric Parameters)

THE MAIN GRID LOCATIONS

THE AXIAL DISTANCES IN METERS

I=1	0	I=2	1.096E-02	I=3	1.200E-01	I=4	2.706E-01	I=5	3.400E-01
I=16	4.500E+01	I=17	9.600E-01	I=18	6.700E+01	I=19	7.800E+01	I=20	8.900E+01
I=31	1.000E+00	I=32	1.115E+00	I=33	1.460E+00	I=34	1.810E+00	I=35	2.160E+00
I=46	2.510E+00	I=47	2.866E+00	I=48	3.210E+00	I=49	3.560E+00	I=50	3.910E+00
I=61	4.170E+00	I=62	4.260E+00	I=63	4.610E+00	I=64	5.194E+00	I=65	5.780E+00
I=76	6.360E+00	I=77	6.945E+00	I=78	7.530E+00	I=79	8.124E+00	I=80	8.708E+00
I=91	9.070E+00	I=92	9.440E+00	I=93	9.800E+00	I=94	1.020E+01	I=95	1.060E+01

THE RADIAL DISTANCES IN METERS

J=1	0	J=2	1.000E-01	J=3	2.757E-01	J=4	4.513E-01	J=5	6.269E-01
J=6	8.026E-01	J=7	9.780E-01	J=8	1.154E+00	J=9	1.285E+00	J=10	1.358E+00

THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL POSITIONS IN DEGREES

K=1	0	K=2	9.000E+00	K=3	2.700E+01	K=4	4.500E+01	K=5	6.300E+01
K=6	8.100E+01	K=7	9.900E+01	K=8	1.170E+02	K=9	1.350E+02	K=10	1.530E+02
K=11	1.710E+02	K=12	1.800E+02						

THE DISPLACED GRID LOCATIONS FOR THE VELOCITY COMPONENTS

THE AXIAL DISTANCE IN METERS FOR THE AXIAL VELOCITY

I=2	0	I=3	5.900E-02	I=4	1.750E-01	I=5	2.650E-01	I=6	3.900E-01
I=7	5.653E-01	I=8	6.350E-01	I=9	7.250E-01	I=10	8.350E-01	I=11	9.450E-01
I=12	1.105E+00	I=13	1.288E+00	I=14	1.635E+00	I=15	1.980E+00	I=16	2.337E+00
I=17	2.405E+00	I=18	3.035E+00	I=19	3.385E+00	I=20	3.735E+00	I=21	4.087E+00
I=22	4.225E+00	I=23	4.735E+00	I=24	4.985E+00	I=25	5.487E+00	I=26	5.989E+00
I=27	6.680E+00	I=28	7.335E+00	I=29	8.085E+00	I=30	8.840E+00	I=31	9.594E+00
I=32	9.255E+00	I=33	9.620E+00	I=34	1.000E+01	I=35	1.035E+01	I=36	1.070E+01

THE RADIAL DISTANCES IN METERS FOR THE RADIAL VELOCITY

J=2	0	J=3	1.487E-01	J=4	3.635E-01	J=5	5.391E-01	J=6	7.148E-01
J=7	8.903E-01	J=8	1.060E+00	J=9	1.219E+00	J=10	1.321E+00		

THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL POSITIONS IN DEGREES FOR THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL VELOCITY

K=2	0	K=3	1.000E+01	K=4	3.600E+01	K=5	6.400E+01	K=6	7.200E+01
K=7	9.000E+01	K=8	1.080E+02	K=9	1.260E+02	K=10	1.440E+02	K=11	1.620E+02
K=12	1.800E+02								

PRIMARY FLUID FLOW DISTRIBUTION IN KG/S

J =	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
K = 2	.55008	.54130	.53290	.52486	.51714	.50975	.50263	.49751
K = 3	.55058	.54262	.53498	.52763	.52055	.51375	.50717	.50243
K = 4	.55153	.54516	.53899	.53302	.52722	.52160	.51614	.51218
K = 5	.55286	.54872	.54466	.54069	.53679	.53298	.52923	.52650
K = 6	.55442	.55298	.55154	.55011	.54870	.54729	.54589	.54486
K = 7	.55442	.55298	.55154	.55011	.54870	.54729	.54589	.54486
K = 8	.55244	.54872	.54466	.54069	.53679	.53298	.52923	.52650
K = 9	.55193	.54516	.53899	.53302	.52722	.52160	.51614	.51218
K = 10	.55058	.54262	.53498	.52763	.52055	.51375	.50717	.50243
K = 11	.55008	.54130	.53290	.52486	.51714	.50975	.50263	.49751

Figure 6.3: THIRST OUTPUT - Summary of Grid Locations

ITERATION NUMBER = 60

NEW ESTIMATE OF RECIRCULATION RATIO = 5.39756

MASS FLOWS AFTER SOLUTION OF MOMENTUM EQUATION FOR U VELOCITY

I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE									
3	94.9833	3.8772	11	913.132	130.364	19	913.016	130.669	27	521.544	521.994
4	249.9322	12.0152	12	913.011	130.642	20	913.115	130.378	28	508.263	535.228
5	408.8311	17.5477	13	913.043	130.680	21	913.012	130.399	29	511.546	541.540
6	571.8311	15.232	14	913.129	130.351	22	673.364	170.245	30	457.653	457.273
7	777.104	-21.696	15	913.047	130.518	23	601.626	241.949	31	494.626	548.693
8	913.108	-22.819	16	913.121	130.84	24	675.658	367.71	32	453.462	501.066
9	913.078	26.723	17	913.038	131.619	25	592.872	450.644	33	495.330	548.253
10	912.940	79.218	18	913.108	130.853	26	546.746	496.760	34	522.655	540.703

MASS FLOW AFTER K-PLANE SOLUTION OF CONTINUITY EQUATION FOR F ANG CORRECTION OF U VELOCITY

I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE									
3	95.054	3.840	11	913.060	130.308	19	913.025	130.467	27	521.504	521.994
4	249.948	11.788	12	913.055	130.301	20	913.055	130.423	28	508.263	535.228
5	408.8310	17.547	13	913.085	130.295	21	913.453	130.432	29	501.563	541.986
6	571.8311	14.431	14	913.106	130.275	22	673.363	170.191	30	457.653	457.273
7	777.1015	-22.646	15	913.060	130.255	23	601.624	241.929	31	494.624	548.687
8	913.080	-22.819	16	913.088	130.303	24	675.658	367.874	32	453.462	501.059
9	913.062	26.747	17	913.043	130.342	25	592.870	450.647	33	495.330	548.238
10	913.051	79.201	18	913.071	130.391	26	546.745	496.762	34	522.666	540.692

MASS FLOW AFTER J-PLANE SOLUTION OF CONTINUITY EQUATION FOR F ANG CORRECTION OF U VELOCITY

I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE									
3	95.103	3.847	11	913.016	130.210	19	912.982	129.994	27	521.354	521.777
4	249.930	11.705	12	913.016	130.291	20	912.780	130.276	28	508.493	535.020
5	408.8309	17.360	13	913.033	130.275	21	673.469	129.990	29	501.363	541.746
6	571.8310	14.431	14	913.079	130.255	22	601.624	241.929	30	457.653	457.273
7	777.1012	-23.132	15	913.037	130.034	23	601.445	241.393	31	494.444	548.708
8	913.115	-22.821	16	912.886	130.186	24	675.534	367.575	32	453.349	501.923
9	913.052	26.747	17	913.043	130.342	25	592.870	450.647	33	495.330	548.238
10	913.044	79.196	18	912.806	130.235	26	546.580	496.595	34	522.715	540.516

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MASS FLOW AFTER EXACT SOLUTION OF CONTINUITY EQUATION USING WEDGES AND RING GEOMETRIES

I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE									
3	95.026	3.797	11	913.077	130.287	19	913.047	130.346	27	521.444	521.919
4	249.8624	11.093	12	913.059	130.284	20	912.336	130.427	28	508.236	535.158
5	408.8305	16.859	13	913.076	130.287	21	913.005	130.399	29	511.490	541.673
6	571.791	13.911	14	913.105	130.258	22	673.337	170.026	30	457.653	457.273
7	777.020	-21.822	15	913.042	130.282	23	601.592	241.729	31	494.551	548.600
8	913.084	-22.818	16	913.076	130.319	24	675.511	367.611	32	453.349	501.923
9	913.057	26.246	17	913.052	130.311	25	592.812	450.552	33	495.333	548.101
10	913.054	79.201	18	912.983	130.374	26	546.664	496.650	34	522.732	540.631

MASS FLOW AFTER SOLUTION OF ENERGY EQUATION AND CORRECTION OF DENSITY

I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE									
3	95.055	3.797	11	913.132	130.288	19	913.173	130.342	27	521.544	521.933
4	249.863	11.093	12	913.104	130.306	20	913.083	130.421	28	508.264	535.168
5	408.8305	16.858	13	913.116	130.289	21	913.145	130.399	29	511.507	541.681
6	571.7905	13.911	14	913.128	130.257	22	673.367	170.033	30	457.653	457.273
7	777.021	-23.024	15	913.093	130.281	23	601.702	241.785	31	494.610	548.610
8	913.083	-22.809	16	913.174	130.289	24	675.695	367.711	32	453.377	501.937
9	913.034	26.243	17	913.074	130.308	25	592.883	450.571	33	495.326	548.141
10	913.319	79.201	18	913.158	130.371	26	546.746	496.697	34	522.771	540.633

**** PRESS DPFC PRIM H.T. SEC H.T. AVG OUTLET QUAL SUM SOURCE ****
 5.3976 11720.64 663.26 661.34 1.5736 1.8233 300.2

AXIAL VEL VALUES *** ON HOT SIDE (23 5 5) ON COLD SIDE (23 5 9) IN UBEND (32 5 5) IN DOWNCOMER (23 10 5)
 4.44723 .98733 2.74979 -2.36408

RADIAL VEL VALUES *** IN SHROUD WINDOW (6 10 5) ABOVE DIV PLATE (21 5 7) IN PREHEATER (1 5 8) IN U-BEND SECT (32 5 4)
 -.83373 .81795 .29235 .66502

TEMPERAL VALUES AT 1 2 5 6 *** SEC ENTHALPY WALL TEMP PRIMARY TEMP HEAT FLUX
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Figure 6.4.5: THIRST OUTPUT - Iteration Summaries (Iteration 60)

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AXIAL VELOCITY - M/SEC

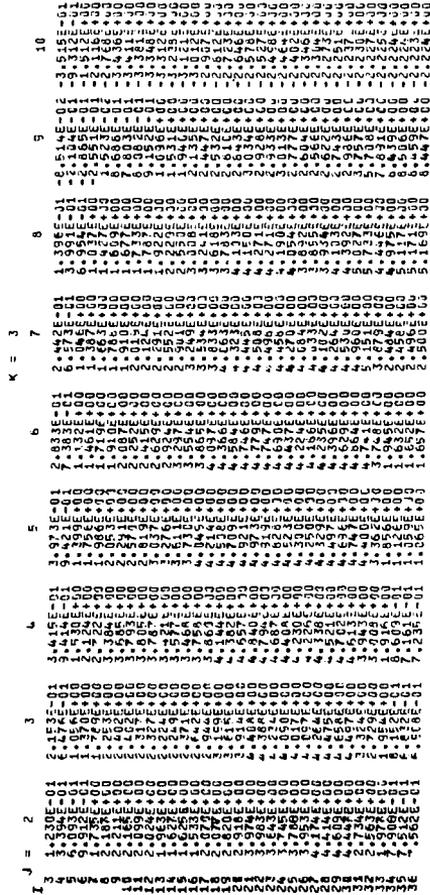
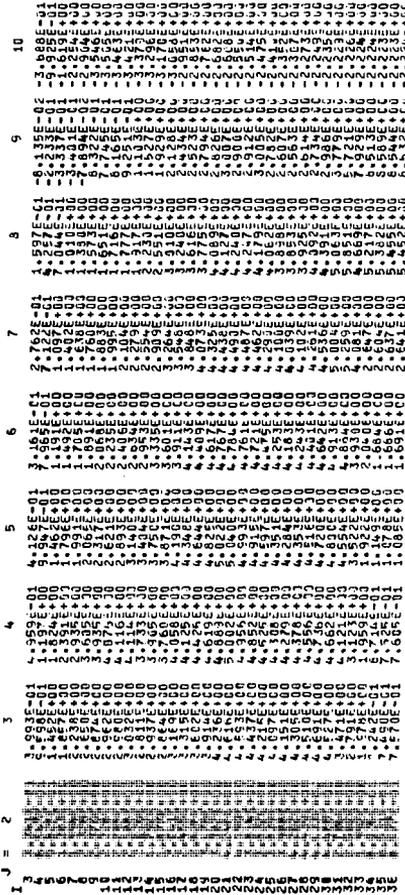


Figure 6.5: THIRST OUTPUT - Detailed Output (Velocity Field)

STEAM QUALITY CONTOURS

COLD SIDE HOT SIDE

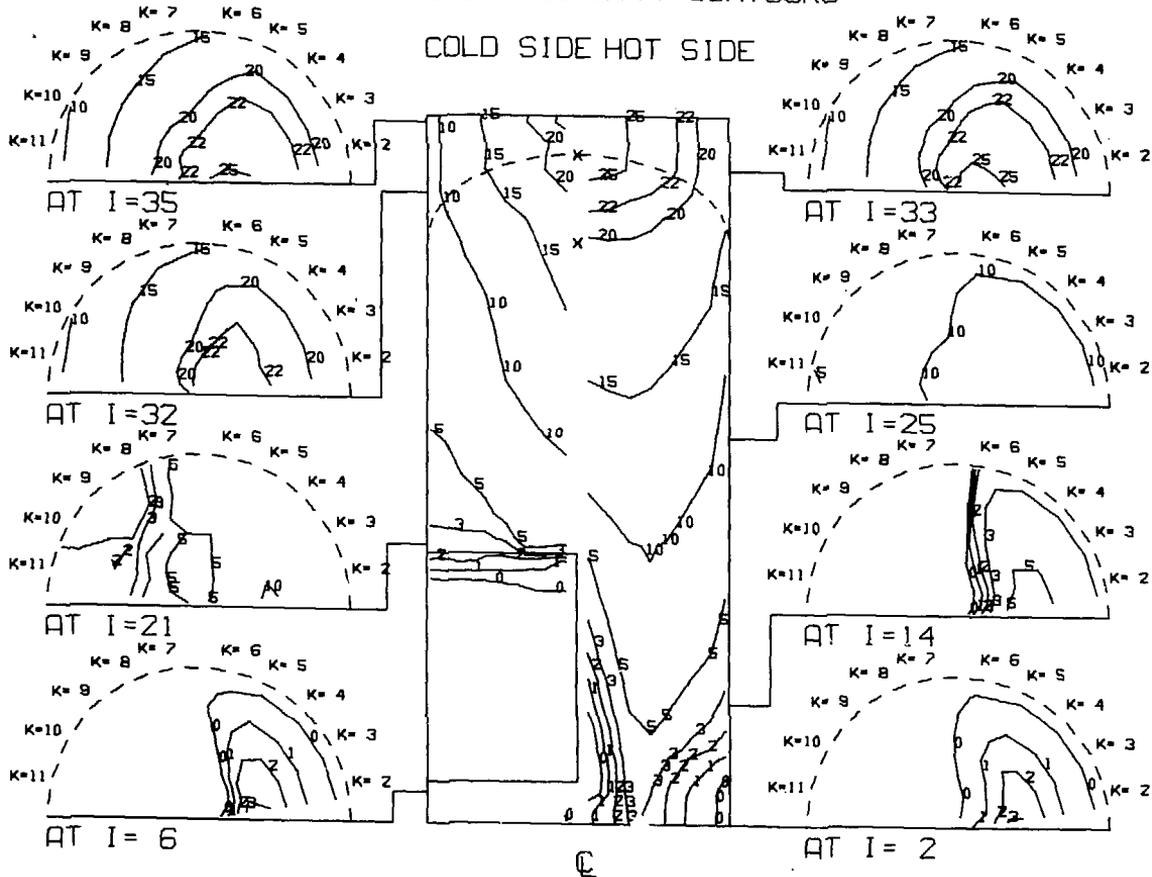


Figure 6.6.1: THIRST OUTPUT - Composite Plots (Quality Distribution)

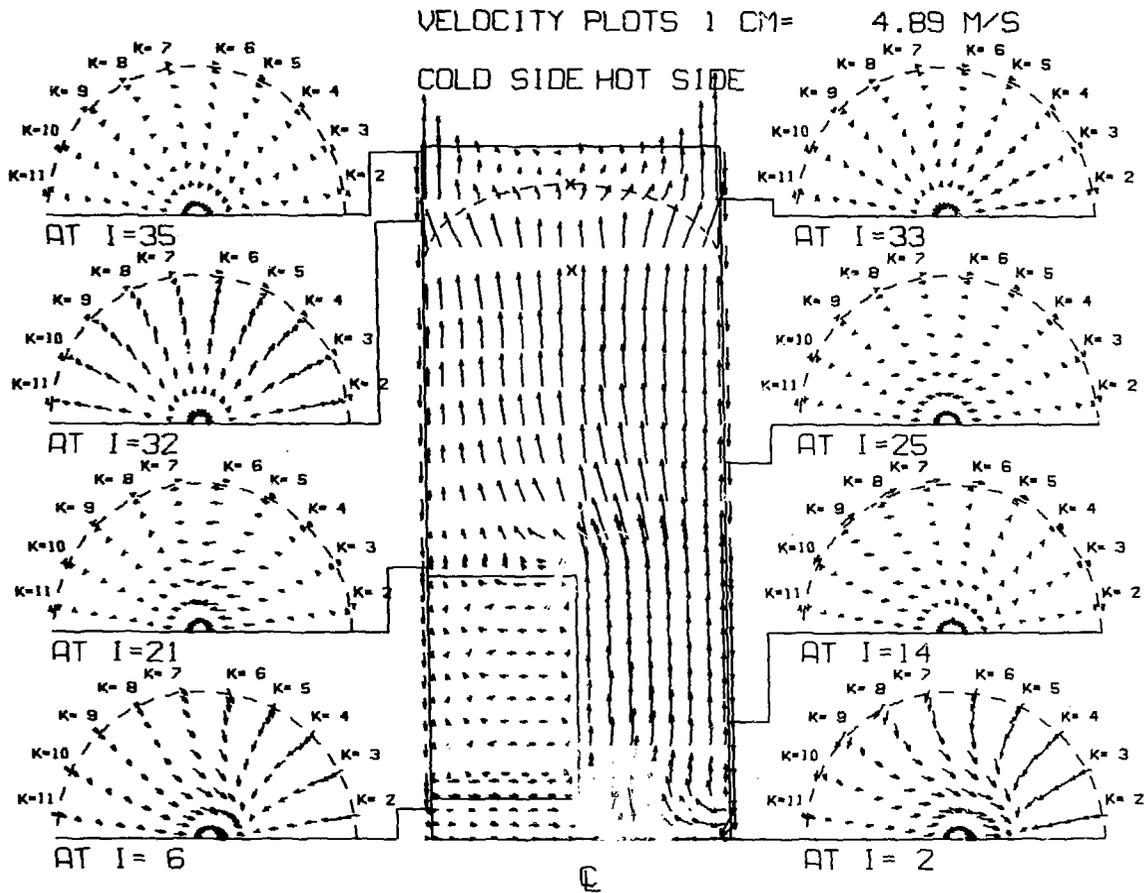


Figure 6.6.2: THIRST OUTPUT - Composite Plots
(Velocity Distribution)

MASS FLUX

1 CM= 1905.1 KG/M**2-S

COLD SIDE HOT SIDE

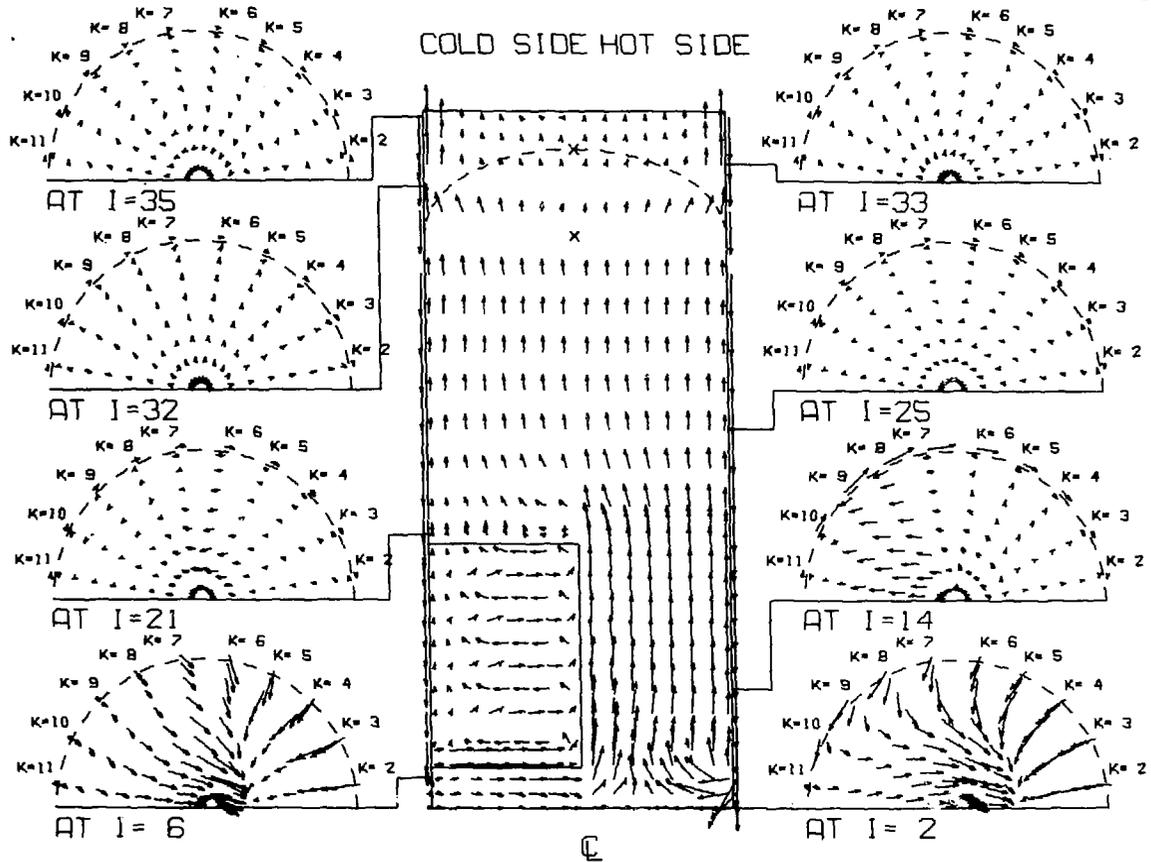


Figure 6.6.3: THIRST OUTPUT - Composite Plots (Mass Flux Distribution)

STEAM QUALITY CONTOURS

AT K= 3

AT K= 4

AT K= 5

AT K= 6

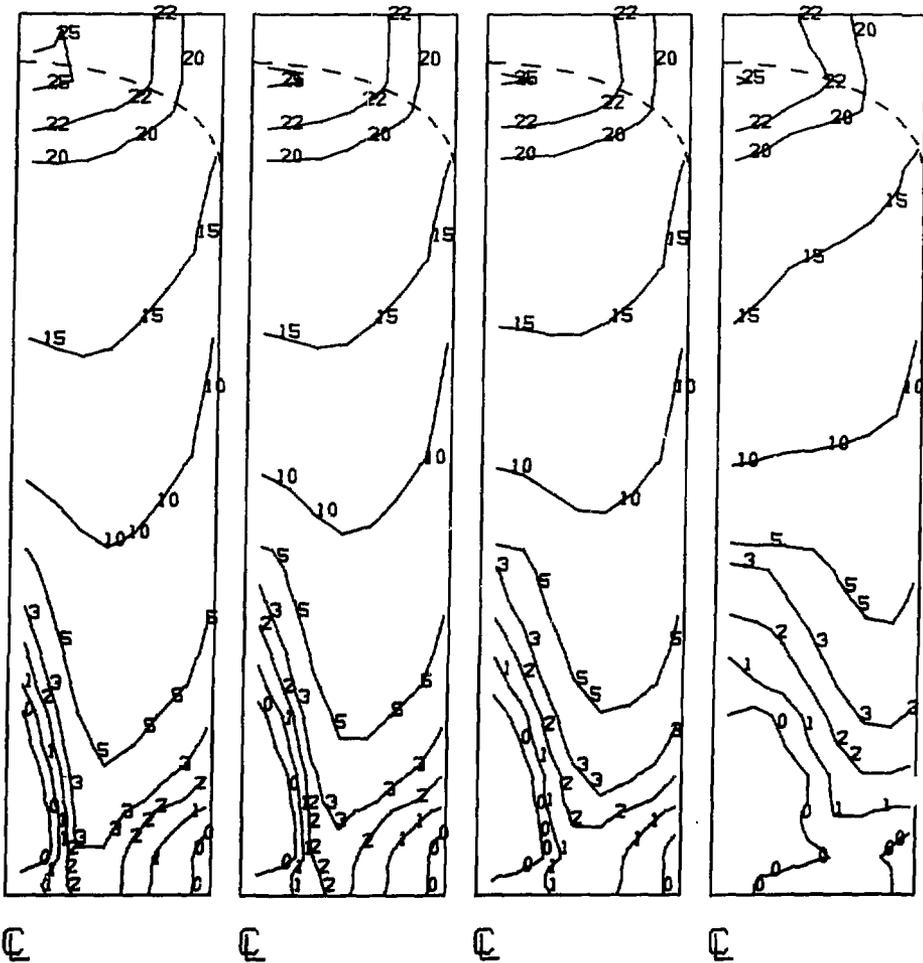


Figure 6.7.1: THIRST OUTPUT - Radial Plane Plots (Quality Distribution)

VELOCITY PLOTS

AT K= 3

AT K= 4

AT K= 5

AT K= 6

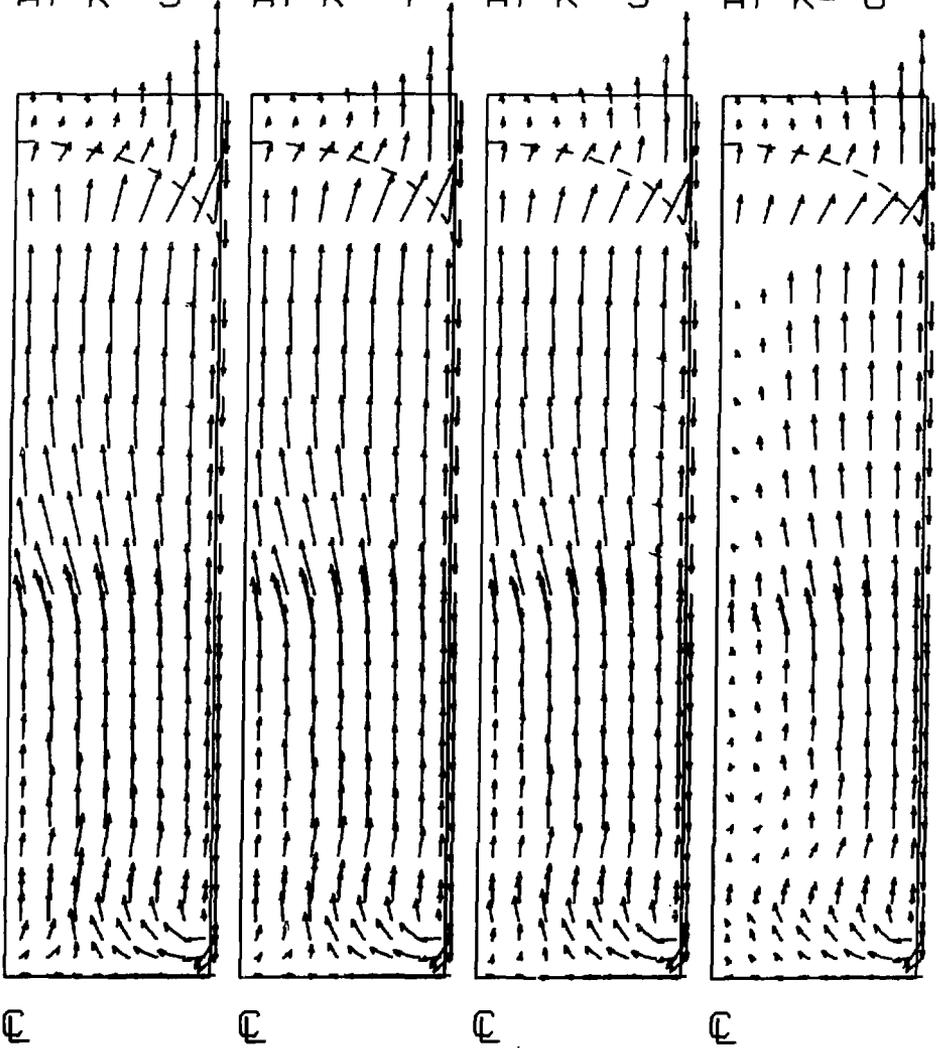


Figure 6.7.2: THIRST OUTPUT - Radial Plane Plots (Velocity Distribution)

MASS FLUX

AT K= 3

AT K= 4

AT K= 5

AT K= 6

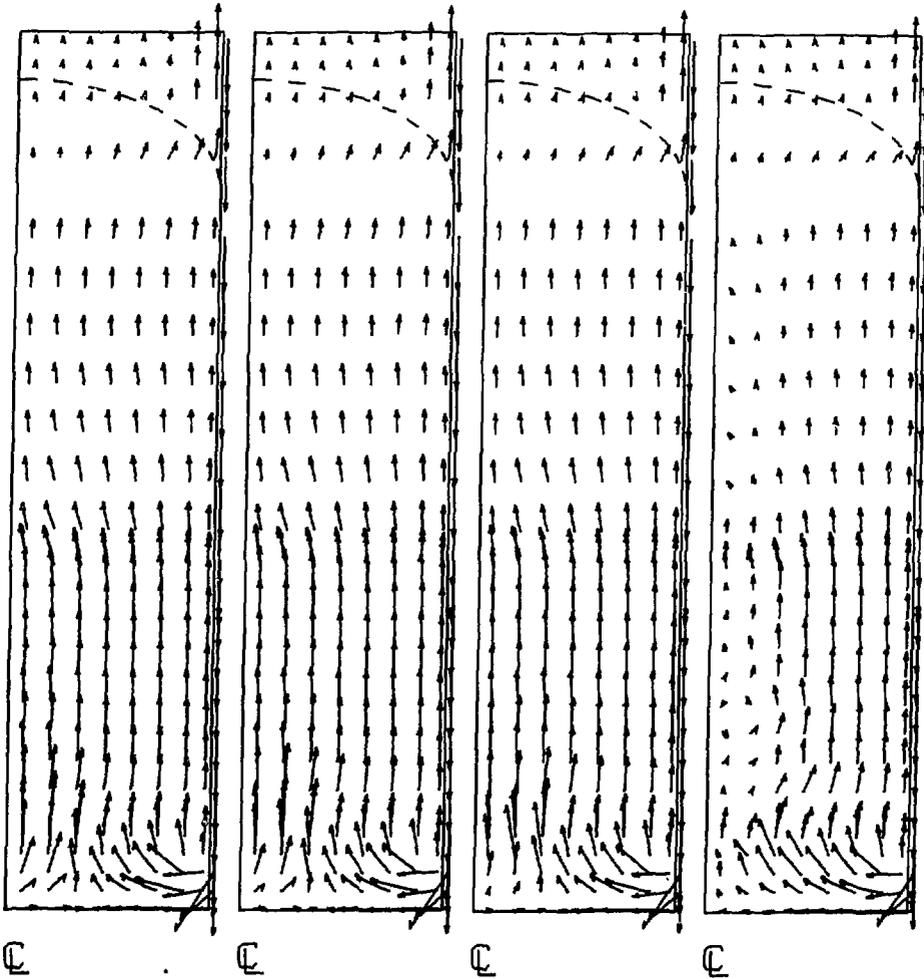


Figure 6.7.3: THIRST OUTPUT - Radial Plane Plots
(Mass Flux Distribution)

7. THERMAL-HYDRAULIC DATA

This chapter details the content and sources of (i) the thermodynamic property data for light and heavy water, and (ii) the empirical correlations used in the THIRST code. Normally the user will not change these. However, if it is desired to investigate the possible effect of introducing different correlations, this may be accomplished by simple coding changes to the routines mentioned below.

The user can easily insert his own property functions to cover different temperature and pressure ranges or different fluids. Pertinent information related to each property or parameter calculated in PROPRTY is listed in Table 7.1.

7.1 Thermodynamic Properties

Heavy water and light water saturation and subcooled properties* as well as property-related parameters are calculated in the function subprogram PROPRTY. Saturation properties are computed from polynomial functions of user-specified saturation pressures** whereas subcooled properties are calculated from polynomial functions of temperature and/or enthalpy.

The user can easily insert his own property functions to cover different temperature and pressure ranges or different fluids. Pertinent information related to each property or parameter calculated in PROPRTY is listed in Table 7.1.

* Heavy water primary properties are based on an AECL proprietary program. Light water secondary properties are based on the ASME steam tables.

** THIRST is set up to handle a two-phase primary fluid. For steam generators which have a subcooled primary fluid entering the tube bundle, the primary inlet pressure is specified rather than a saturation pressure. The subcooling is specified by defining a negative thermodynamic quality.

TABLE 7.1: Fluid Properties and Parameters

PROPERTY OR PARAMETER	FORTRAN NAME IN PROPERTY	ACCURACY OF POLYNOMIAL EXPRESSION (%)	COMMENTS
<u>Secondary Fluid Saturation Properties:</u>			<p>- Secondary Fluid Saturation Properties are expressed as polynomial functions of the user-specified secondary saturation pressure PSEC. Each function is valid over the pressure range of 4 MPa to 6 MPa. The properties are calculated in the function subprogram PROPRTY, ENTRY PROPl.</p> <p>- DTDP is the derivative of the TSAT versus PSEC expression.</p> <p>- DHDP is the derivative of the ENSS versus PSEC expression.</p>
Pressure (MPa)	PSEC	specified by user	
Liquid Density (kg/m^3)	DEN	0.00	
Steam Density (kg/m^3)	DENS	0.01	
Saturation Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	TSAT	0.03	
Enthalpy of Vaporization (J/kg)	ALAT	0.01	
Liquid Saturation Enthalpy (J/kg)	ENSS	0.01	
Liquid Viscosity ($\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	AMUS	0.05	
Liquid Specific Heat ($\text{J}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$)	CPWS	0.00	
Liquid Prandtl Number	PRWS	0.02	
Steam Viscosity ($\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	AMUG	0.00	
Surface Tension (N/m)	STEN	0.02	
Change in Saturation Temperature per Unit Change in Pressure ($^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{Pa}$)	DTDP	--	

TABLE 7.1: Fluid Properties and Parameters (Cont'd)

PROPERTY OR PARAMETER	FORTRAN NAME IN PROPERTY	ACCURACY OF POLYNOMIAL EXPRESSION (%)	COMMENTS
Change in Saturation Liquid Enthalpy per Unit Change in Pressure Chen Correlation Parameters:	DHDP AKBO XTKK		- The Chen correlation parameters are defined in Section 7.3. The two parameters are expressed as functions of various saturation properties.
<u>Primary Fluid Saturation Properties (Heavy Water):</u> Pressure (MPa) Saturation Temperature (°C) Liquid Saturation Enthalpy (J/kg) Enthalpy of Vaporization (J/kg) Liquid Specific Volume (m ³ /kg) Steam Specific Volume (m ³ /kg)	PPRI TSATU ENPS ALATU VFU VGI'	user-specified 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.07 0.47	- Primary Fluid Saturation Properties are expressed as polynomial functions of the user-specified primary saturation pressure, PPRI. Each function is valid for heavy water over the pressure range of 7 MPa to 11 MPa. The properties are calculated in PROPRTY, ENTRY PROPI.

TABLE 7.1: Fluid Properties and Parameters (Cont'd)

PROPERTY OR PARAMETER	FORTRAN NAME IN PROPERTY	ACCURACY OF POLYNOMIAL EXPRESSION (%)	COMMENTS
<u>Feedwater Subcooled Properties:</u>			
Feedwater Temperature (°C)	TINC	user-specified	- The subcooled feedwater properties are calculated from the user-specified temperatures TINC and TRH. The properties are calculated in PROPRTY, ENTRY PROP1 and are valid for the temperature range of 150°C to saturation.
Reheater Drains Temperature (°C)	TRH	user-specified	
Feedwater Enthalpy (J/kg)	ENFW	0.1 at 5 MPa 0.2 at 4 to 6 MPa	
Reheater Drains Enthalpy (J/kg)	ENRH	0.1 at 5 MPa 0.2 at 4 to 6 MPa	
Feedwater Density (kg/m ³)	DENC	0.1 at 5 MPa 0.2 at 4 to 6 MPa	

TABLE 7.1: Fluid Properties and Parameters (Cont'd)

PROPERTY OR PARAMETER	FORTRAN NAME IN PROPERTY	ACCURACY OF POLYNOMIAL EXPRESSION (%)	COMMENTS
<u>Primary Subcooled Properties</u>			
<u>(Heavy Water):</u>			
Temperature (°C)	PROP (ENTRY PROP2)	0.01 at 9 MPa 0.30 at 7 to 11 MPa	- The primary temperature and the heat transfer coefficient parameter are calculated from polynomial functions of enthalpy. They are valid over the temperature range of 245°C to saturation.
Heat Transfer Coefficient Parameter, RCONVA $\left[\begin{array}{l} (W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot ^\circ C^{-1})^{0.67} \\ (kg \cdot m^{-1} \cdot s^{-1})^{-0.47} \\ (J \cdot kg^{-1} \cdot ^\circ C^{-1})^{0.33} \end{array} \right]$	PROP (ENTRY PROP3)	0.12 at 9 MPa 0.50 at 7 to 11 MPa	
<u>Secondary Subcooled Properties</u>			
<u>(Light Water):</u>			
Liquid Viscosity ($kg \cdot m^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$)	PROP (ENTRY PROP4)	0.96 at 5 MPa 2.5 at 4 to 6 MPa	- All subcooled properties (ENTRY PROP4 to PROP8 inclusive) are calculated as polynomial functions of enthalpy and are valid over the temperature range of 150°C to saturation.

TABLE 7.1: Fluid Properties and Parameters (Cont'd)

PROPERTY OR PARAMETER	FORTRAN NAME IN PROPERTY	ACCURACY OF POLYNOMIAL EXPRESSION (%)	COMMENTS
Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	PROP (ENTRY PROP5)	0.1 at 5 MPa 0.1 at 4 to 6 MPa	
Liquid Specific Heat ($\text{J}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$)	PROP (ENTRY PROP6)	0.3 at 5 MPa 0.6 at 4 to 6 MPa	
Liquid Prandtl Number	PROP (ENTRY PROP7)	0.5 at 5 MPa 1.1 at 4 to 6 MPa	
Liquid Density (kg/m^3)	PROP (ENTRY PROP8)	0.1 at 5 MPa 0.2 at 4 to 6 MPa	
Derivative of Saturation Pressure with Respect to Temperature for Chen Correlation ($\text{Pa}\cdot^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$), (Section 7.3).	PROP (ENTRY PROP9)		

7.2 Range of Application

The thermal-hydraulic data in the THIRST code is limited to the following range of operating conditions:

Primary - heavy water; 7 MPa to 11 MPa inlet pressure; subcooled to two-phase inlet (the overall temperature drop should be such that the outlet temperature is not less than 245°C

Secondary - light water; 4 MPa to 6 MPa mean pressure; feedwater temperature range of 150°C to saturation

If it becomes necessary to investigate different fluids or conditions outside of the above ranges, the user must redefine the appropriate property polynomial functions in the PROPRTY subprogram.

7.3 Empirical Correlations for Flow and Heat Transfer

All the fluid flow and heat transfer correlations used in THIRST are given in Tables 7.2 to 7.6.

The secondary side smooth bundle friction factors and heat transfer coefficients are calculated in the function subprograms FRIC and HTF, respectively. These relationships are valid for equilateral triangle tube bundle arrays with pitch-to-diameter ratios ranging from 1.3 to 1.7. The user can easily insert his own correlations if those coded are unsuitable for his application.

Tube support plates and baffle plates are assumed to resist the flow only in the axial direction. The tube support plate pressure loss is assumed to result entirely from the sudden area

change through the plate; friction resistance is ignored. The baffle plate pressure loss is a combination of shock loss plus frictional loss in the reduced area. The value of the loss factors are determined by the user. The method for calculating these factors is shown in the data sheets.

Two-phase pressure drop correlations, in the form of multipliers, are coded in the subroutine TWOPH. The user can choose various combinations of these multipliers by setting the appropriate value for the index IPPD.

The mixture density distribution is calculated in the subroutine DENS. The user has the option of calculating density using the homogeneous, the Smith*, or the Chisholm* void fraction relationships by setting the appropriate value of the index IVF.

The Chen* correlation is the only two-phase heat transfer relationship used in THIRST. Because of their non-linear nature, boiling heat transfer correlations require considerable coding work to ensure convergence and stability. In view of this, it is recommended that the user consult with the authors if he wishes to insert another boiling heat transfer relationship.

* These correlations are discussed in detail in reference 5.

TABLE 7.2: Single Phase Pressure Drop Correlations*

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$f = \begin{cases} (-3.3 + 22.8 p/d)/R_e; \\ \quad \text{for } R_e < (-25 + 172.2 p/d)^{1.416} \\ 0.132 R_e^{-0.294}; R_e < 25000 \\ 0.066 R_e^{-0.227}; R_e > 25000 \end{cases}$ $\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta l} = 2 \frac{f}{d_e} \frac{G^2}{\rho_f}$	<p><u>Smooth Bundle Parallel Flow Pressure Drop:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calculated in the function subprogram FRIC. - ENTRY FRIC1: calculates the p/d-dependent coefficient PDA(1). This is done from START, once per program run. - ENTRY FRIC11: calculates the friction factor as a function of Reynolds number. This is done as required from SOURCU, SOURCV, and SOURCW.
$f_c = 28.1 (p/d)^{-6.8} R_c^m$ $m = 0.62 [\ln (p/d)^{-0.92}]$ $\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta l} = 2 \frac{f_c}{0.866p} \frac{G_{\max}^2}{\rho_f}$	<p><u>Smooth Bundle Cross-Flow Pressure Drop:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calculated in the function subprogram FRIC. - ENTRY FRIC2: calculates the p/d-dependent coefficient PDA(2). This is done from START, once per program run. - ENTRY FRIC3: calculates the p/d-dependent exponent PDA(3). This is done from START, once per program run. - ENTRY FRIC12: calculates the friction factor as a function of Reynolds number. This is done as required from SOURCU, SOURCV, and SOURCW.

* The pressure gradient is related to the source term by $S = -\Delta P/\Delta l$.

TABLE 7.2: Single Phase Pressure Drop Correlations (Cont'd)

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$f = \begin{cases} 64/R_e; & R_e < 2000 \\ 0.316 R_e^{-0.25}; & R_e \geq 2000 \end{cases}$ $\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta l} = \left(\frac{f}{2d_e} \right) \frac{G^2}{\rho_f}$	<p><u>Downcomer Annulus Pressure Drop:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calculated in the function subprogram FRIC. - ENTRY FRIC13: calculates the friction factor as a function of Reynolds number. This is done as required from SOURCU, and SOURCW.
$\Delta P = \frac{K_t G^2}{2\rho_f}$ <p>K_t = tube support loss factor based on approach area</p>	<p><u>Tube Support or Broach Plate Pressure Drop:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the loss factor is stored as AKBR in code. - K_t based on the contraction into the support plate and the expansion out of the plate. It is based on the approach area before the contraction.

TABLE 7.2: Single Phase Pressure Drop Correlations (Cont'd)

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$\Delta P = \left[K_b + \left(\frac{A_2}{A_1} \right)^2 \frac{f_1 t}{c} \right] \frac{G^2}{2\rho_f}$ <p> K_b = baffle loss factor based on approach area A_2 = approach area A_1 = local area t = baffle thickness c = diametral clearance $f_1 = 0.316 \left(\frac{G_1 c}{\mu} \right)^{-0.25}$, local friction factor G_1 = local mass flux </p>	<p><u>Baffle Pressure Drop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - K_b is the shock loss factor based on a contraction into the baffle and expansion out of the baffle. It is based on the approach area. - f_1 is the friction factor which varies with Reynolds number. The constant portion is stored in FLD (see data sheets for discussion of FLD calculation).

TABLE 7.2: Single Phase Pressure Drop Correlations (Cont'd)

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$\Delta P = \frac{K_w G^2}{2\rho_f}$ <p>K_w = downcomer window loss factor</p>	<p><u>Downcomer Window Loss Factor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - K_w is determined by the user and is stored as AKWINDH for the hot side and AKWINDC for the cold side. - It includes the downcomer-to-window contraction shock loss plus the 90° elbow (due to change in flow direction) shock loss. K_w is based on the window area.

TABLE 7.3: Separator Pressure Loss

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$\Delta P = \frac{C_1 W^2}{2\rho_h}$ $C_1 = K_s / A_s^2$ <p> K_s = separator loss factor A_s = total separator throat area W = total mass flow through separators ρ_h = homogeneous mixture density </p>	<p> $C_1 = \text{CON1}$. CON1 is calculated by the user and read in as input. The separator loss factor K_s and the total separator area A_s should be available as design specifications for the steam generator of interest. </p>

TABLE 7.4: Two-Phase Pressure Drop Correlations

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$\left(\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta l}\right)_{tp} = \phi^2 \left(\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta l}\right)_{lo}$ <p>homogeneous:</p> $\phi^2 = 1 + x\rho_f \left[\frac{1}{\rho_g} - \frac{1}{\rho_l} \right]$ <p>Thom:</p> $\phi^2 = (1-x)^{1.8} \left[1 + \frac{C}{X} + \frac{1}{X^2} \right]$ $C = 1.1 \left[\left(\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_g}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\frac{\rho_g}{\rho_f}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] - 0.2$ $X^2 = \left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right)^{1.8} \left(\frac{\rho_g}{\rho_f}\right) \left(\frac{u_f}{u_g}\right)^{0.2}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All two-phase pressure drop multipliers are calculated in the subroutine TWOPH, and called from the SOURCU, SOURCV and SOURCW subroutines. - Three types of pressure drop are calculated in the program: area change (i.e., expansion and contraction losses), cross flow, and parallel flow. The corresponding two-phase multipliers are TWOA, TWOC and TWOP. - The user can use the listed correlations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITPPD = 1 - use Thom's correlation for all three pressure drops ITPPD = 2 - use Baroczy's correlation for all three pressure drops ITPPD = 3 - use the homogeneous expression for area change, Baroczy's for parallel flow, and Ishihara's for cross flow - Note that each multiplier is multiplied by DR (=RHOM/DEN). This is necessary because all pressure drop calculations in SOURCU, SOURCV and SOURCW are based on the mixture density RHOM instead of the liquid density DEN.

TABLE 7.4: Two-Phase Pressure Drop Correlations (Cont'd)

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
<p>Baroczy:</p> $\phi^2 = 1 + (\epsilon^2 - 1) \left[Bx^{0.9} (1-x)^{0.9} + x^{1.8} \right]$ $B = 55/\sqrt{G} \quad ; \quad G > 500$ $= 2.45 \quad ; \quad G \leq 500$ $\epsilon^2 = \left(\frac{\mu_g}{\mu_f} \right)^{0.2} \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_g}$ <p>Ishihara:</p> $\phi^2 = (1-x)^{1.8} \left[1 + \frac{8}{X} + \frac{1}{X^2} \right]$	

TABLE 7.5: Void Fraction Relationships

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$\rho_m = \alpha \rho_g + (1-\alpha) \rho_f$ $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta + S(1-\beta)}$ $\beta = \frac{x}{x + \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_f} (1-x)}$ <p>homogeneous:</p> $S = 1$ <p>Chisholm:</p> $S = \left[1 + x \left(\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_g} - 1 \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ <p>Smith:</p> $S = 0.4 + 0.6 \left[\frac{\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_g} + 0.4 \left(\frac{1-x}{x} \right)}{1 + 0.4 \left(\frac{1-x}{x} \right)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$	<p>- The mixture density, based on one of three different void fraction relationships, is calculated in the sub-routine DENS.</p> <p>- The user can choose one of the three relationships by setting IVF as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">IVF = 1 - homogeneous expression</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">IVF = 2 - Chisholm correlation</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">IVF = 3 - Smith correlation</p>

TABLE 7.6: Heat Transfer Correlations

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
<p>parallel flow:</p> $\frac{hd}{k} = (0.023) (C) R_e^{0.8} P_r^{0.4}$ $C = 0.58 + 0.4 (p/d)$ <p>cross flow:</p> $\frac{hd}{k} = 0.36 R_c^{0.6} P_r^{0.36}$	<p><u>Single Phase Secondary Side:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calculated in the function subprogram HTF. - ENTRY HTF1: calculates the parallel flow p/d-dependent coefficient, HTPL. This is done from START, once per program run. - ENTRY HTF2: calculates the parallel flow Reynolds-number-dependent portion of the Nusselt number. This is done from SOURCH as required. - ENTRY HTF3: calculates the cross-flow Reynolds-number-dependent portion of the Nusselt number. This is done from SOURCH, as required.
<p>Chen Correlation:</p> $h_{tp} = h_g + h_{nb}$	<p><u>Saturated Boiling Heat Transfer, Secondary Side:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calculated in the subroutine SOURCH. The saturation pressure and temperature-dependent terms are calculated in the function PROP. These terms are valid for light water in the range of 4 MPa to 6 MPa saturation pressure.

TABLE 7.6: Heat Transfer Correlations (Cont'd)

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
<p>Chen Correlation Cont'd:</p> $h_g = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{k_f}{d_e}\right) (0.023) \left[\frac{(1-x)Gd_e}{\mu_f}\right]^{0.8} Pr^{0.4} F_c; \text{ parallel flow} \\ \left(\frac{k_f}{d}\right) (0.36) \left[\frac{(1-x)G_{\max}d}{\mu_f}\right]^{0.6} Pr^{0.36} F_c; \text{ cross-flow} \end{cases}$	<p>- ENTRY PROP1: AKBO and XTK are calculated:</p> $AKBO = 0.00122 \left[\frac{k_f^{0.79} \left(\frac{c_p}{\rho_f}\right)^{0.45} \rho_f^{0.49}}{0.5 \mu_f^{0.29} H_{fg}^{0.24} \rho_g^{0.24}} \right]$ $XTK = \left(\frac{\rho_g}{\rho_f}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\mu_f}{\mu_g}\right)^{0.1}$
$F_c = \begin{cases} 0.35 + 2.43 \left(\frac{1}{X_{tt}}\right)^{0.73} + \frac{0.199}{\exp\left[\frac{10}{X_{tt}} - 1\right]}; \frac{1}{X_{tt}} > 0.1 \\ 1.0; \frac{1}{X_{tt}} < 0.1 \end{cases}$	<p>- ENTRY PROP9: calculates $(dP/dT)_{SAT}$ so that ΔP_{SAT} can be calculated. $(dP/dT)_{SAT}$ is the derivative of the saturation pressure versus saturation temperature relationship.</p>

TABLE 7.6: Heat Transfer Correlations (Cont'd)

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$x_{tt} = \left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right)^{0.9} \left(\frac{\rho_g}{\rho_f}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\mu_f}{\mu_g}\right)^{0.1}$ $h_{nb} = 0.00122 \left[\frac{k_f^{0.79} (c_p)_f^{0.45} \rho_f^{0.49}}{\mu_f^{0.5} H_{fg}^{0.29} \rho_g^{0.24}} \right]^B$ $B = \Delta T_{SAT}^{0.24} \Delta P_{SAT}^{0.75} S_c$ $S_c = \begin{cases} 1.0; & (Re)_l < 2000 \\ 1.121 \left[10^{-4} F_c^{1.25} (Re)_l \right]^{1.17} & \\ & ; (Re)_l \geq 2000 \end{cases}$	

TABLE 7.6: Heat Transfer Correlations (Cont'd)

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$\frac{hd}{k_f} = 0.023 \left(\frac{Gd_i}{\mu_f} \right)^{0.8} \left(\frac{C_p \mu}{k} \right)_f^{0.33} \lambda$ $\lambda = \left[1 + x(v_{fg}/v_f) \right]^{1/2}$	<p><u>Primary (tube-side) Heat Transfer Correlation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The parameter λ is a two-phase heat transfer coefficient multiplier. It is activated when the primary flow is two-phase. - The temperature-dependent parameters k_f, μ_f and $(C_p)_f$ are calculated in the function subprogram PROP (ENTRY PROP3) as: $RCONVA = k_f^{0.67} \mu_f^{-0.47} (C_p)_f^{0.33}$ $= F (\text{primary enthalpy})$ <p>RCONVA is based on heavy water properties over the temperature range of 245°C to 315°C. It is valid in the pressure range of 7 MPa to 11 MPa to an accuracy of 0.5%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note that h is the primary-side heat transfer coefficient referred to the tube outside surface.

TABLE 7.6: Heat Transfer Correlations (Cont'd)

CORRELATION	COMMENTS
$h_w = \frac{2k_w}{d \ln(d/d_i)}$ $R_{FOUL} = \frac{1}{h_{foul}}$	<p><u>Wall Heat Transfer Coefficient:</u></p> <p>- The wall resistance referred to the tube outside diameter, $R_{WALL} = \frac{1}{h_w}$ is calculated in START. $C_{WALL} = k_w$, the thermal conductivity of the tube wall material is specified by the user in READIN.</p> <p><u>Fouling Resistance:</u></p> <p>- R_{FOUL} is specified by the user in READIN.</p>

8. GEOMETRICAL RESTRICTIONS AND POSSIBLE VARIATIONS

The basic steam generator geometry as illustrated in Figure 1.1 has obvious geometric restrictions. Foremost is the restriction to cylindrical coordinate geometry. However, a number of minor geometrical changes can be made quite readily, enabling the code to accept a wider variety of designs.

8.1 Tube Bundles

The tube bundle is U-shaped with a spherical U-bend. Porosities and control volume centroids for the U-bend region are calculated in the subroutine VOLL. If the design of interest has a non-spherical U-bend geometry (i.e., square - elliptic) major modifications of NEW as well as some changes in SOURCU to SOURCH will be necessary. The user is advised to consult the authors before such modifications are undertaken.

The user can specify any tube bundle outer diameter and tube-free lane width. There are no provisions in the code to handle cylindrical tube-free areas in the centre region, however.

Porosities and single-phase fluid flow correlations are based on an equilateral triangle pitch arrangement. The user should modify the correlations in FRIC and HTF if other arrangements are of interest. If the arrangement is square, ATR in the subroutine START must be redefined as $ATR = 0.5 * PITCH ** 2$.

8.2 Preheater

The preheater geometry is defined by specifying the following: thermal-plate elevation, top of preheater, elevation, feedwater inlet opening and baffle plate cuts. The feedwater inlet

opening can extend over the full 90° circumferential arc on the cold side*. Baffle cuts must be parallel to the divider plate. Code modifications are required if other types of cuts (i.e., normal to divider plate) or other baffles (i.e., triple segmental) are considered.

8.3 Tube Supports

The user can specify any number of horizontal tube supports up to the start of the U-bend. The code can handle a vertical U-bend tube support if it is located midway between the hot and cold sides.

8.4 Downcomer Windows

The downcomer window heights on the hot and cold sides can be specified independently. Once specified, each window extends over the full 90° circumferential arcs on the hot and cold sides.

8.5 Separators

The three-dimensional modelled region can be extended to just below the separator deck. The separators are treated as a one-dimensional resistance.

* Remembering that only $\frac{1}{2}$ of the steam generator is modelled.

9. ADAPTATION OF THIRST TO A NEW DESIGN

As discussed in earlier chapters, THIRST has been generalized to accept minor geometric changes and most sizing changes. As the user becomes more familiar with the code, alterations to handle radically different designs will become easier to make. Initially, the user is advised to return to the authors for advice on preparation of modification decks to handle radically new designs. An example of such modification is now considered.

In order to eliminate problems that can arise with a preheater, several steam generator designs introduce the feedwater through a distribution ring located at the top of the downcomer annulus, below the liquid free surface. The colder relatively dense feedwater mixes with the saturation liquid coming from the separators and flows down the annulus to the shroud windows. The average density in the downcomer is increased thus the recirculation ratio increases. The log-mean temperature difference (LMTD) of the units is reduced, however, and thus we would expect a drop in overall heat transfer without the preheater.

This section considers a design which does not contain a preheater but introduces the feedwater at the top of the downcomer. All dimensions remain the same as the original values. All operating conditions remain the same. This unit may not be well designed since the basic layout normally would be altered when feedwater is introduced at the top. However, it will serve to illustrate the extent of code modifications.

Altering the code to handle new geometries requires both data and code logic changes. To simplify the logic changes we will locate the last I-plane just below the feedwater distribution

ring. The downcomer flow rate is thus increased by the amount of the feedwater flow. The downcomer enthalpy is also reduced because the feedwater is subcooled. Both of these parameters serve as boundary conditions to the model.

To illustrate the changes required, we must look at how the downcomer flow is determined. In the code, a subroutine called RECIR estimates the recirculation ratio which will balance the driving head against the flow-dependent pressure losses. Recirculation ratio is defined as

$$\text{RECIR} = \frac{\text{FLOW OF SATURATED LIQUID OUT OF THE SEPARATORS}}{\text{INLET FLOW}}$$

where the inlet flow is the sum of feedwater and reheater drain flows.

If we add the feedwater flow to this liquid separator flow, we have the flow in the downcomer annulus

$$\text{DOWNCOMER FLOW} = \text{RECIR} * (\text{INLET FLOW}) + \text{FEEDWATER FLOW}$$

In terms of code variables, we have

$$\text{FLOWH} = \text{RECIR} * (\text{FLOWC} + \text{FLOWRH}) + \text{FLOWC}$$

The code then determines the velocity at the boundary by dividing the new downcomer volumetric flow rate by the annulus area.

The downcomer enthalpy is calculated by summing the individual flows coming into the downcomer multiplied by their enthalpy values, and divided by the total downcomer flow

$$\text{ENTH. OF D.C.} = \frac{\text{FLOW FROM SEP} * \text{SAT. ENTH.} + \text{PREHEATER FLOW} * \text{PREH. ENTH.} + \text{FEEDWATER FLOW} * \text{FEEDWATER ENTH.}}{\text{TOTAL DOWNCOMER FLOW}}$$

In THIRST the liquid saturation enthalpy is set to zero and all other enthalpy values are relative to this zero level. Thus, the above expression reduces to the following form in terms of code variables

$$\text{SUBH} = \frac{\text{FLOWRH} * \text{SUBRH} + \text{FLOWC} * \text{ENC}}{\text{FLOWH}}$$

The enthalpy value at the I-plane is set to this value, and thus the boundary conditions handle the introduction of feedwater into the downcomer.

The code changes required to incorporate these changes are

In START - initializing subroutine

*D START.112

FLOWH = RECIR * (FLOWC + FLOWRH) + FLOWC

(this statement initializes the downcomer flow rate to include the feedwater flow)

*D START.114

FLOTOT = FLOWH

(this statement tells the program that the total flow is equal to the downcomer flow as all the inlet flows occur at the top of the downcomer)

*D START.159, also *D START.260

SUBH = -(FLOWRH * SUBRH + FLOWC * ENC)/FLOWH

(this statement initializes the downcomer enthalpy value)

In RECIR - calculating the recirculation ratio

*D RECIRC.65, RECIRC.66

FLOWH = RECIR * (FLOWC + FLOWR1) + FLOWC
FLOTOT = FLOWH

*D RECIRC.67

SUBH = -(FLOWRH * SUBRH + FLOW * ENC)/FLOWH

We now have introduced the feedwater in the top of the downcomer. Our next task is to eliminate the preheater and the feedwater inlet. For the most part, we will leave the data the same if it is not related to the preheater. The following chart contains the essential changes to remove the preheater.

<u>Data No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>New Values</u>
8	ICOLD	Set plate loss locations to the same as in IHOT.	7*1,6,3*1, 5*(1,2),2*1, 7*2,6*1
12	IFEEDB	Remove preheater bubble by reducing its height to I=1.	1
13	IFEEDU	Set upper limit of feedwater window to the I=2.	2
14	IFEEDL	Make the lower limit feedwater window greater than the upper limit so that no control volumes lie between the two.	10
15	IPRHT	Set the top of preheater to I=1 for the plotting routine.	1

Other data values that deal with the preheater could be altered; however, the changes made above ensure that these data values are never used. An example is AKBC, the baffle resistance, which is not used because ICOLD never equals 3 or 4.

These changes were inserted as illustrated in Figures 7.1 and 7.2. Results are summarized in Figures 7.3 and 7.4. Two major prediction changes are evident:

- (1) The recirculation climbed from 5.4 to 7.06.
- (2) The heat transfer dropped from 662 to 577.

The quality profiles undercut the larger subcooled region on the cold side. Mass flux plots indicate a uniform flow distribution across the bundle.

In concluding this chapter, it should be pointed out again that these changes were to illustrate the flexibility of the code and not to compare two design types. Each design could be altered to maximize its performance. Although the number of changes required to handle this new configuration were small, it required a good overall understanding of the code to identify them. We therefore stress that when faced with radically different designs, the user is advised to consult with the authors.

ITERATION NUMBER = 60

NEW ESTIMATE OF RECIRCULATION RATIO = 7.06239

MASS FLOWS AFTER SOLUTION OF MOMENTUM EQUATION FOR U VELOCITY

	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE
3	5	77.889	84.588	11	642.801	689.087	19	774.487	827.312	27	633.583	691.370	35	650.085	676.740
4	5	209.146	247.239	12	654.550	677.681	20	799.824	808.284	28	611.043	703.720			
5	5	327.278	342.957	13	623.286	654.532	21	761.600	780.348	29	611.953	712.474			
6	5	533.140	559.623	14	703.656	625.578	22	762.346	750.251	30	610.946	716.451			
7	5	581.727	605.774	15	727.218	603.645	23	776.607	722.083	31	610.946	723.244			
8	5	643.498	645.196	16	768.277	559.702	24	724.813	661.516	32	605.353	723.441			
9	5	635.153	645.873	17	749.705	565.427	25	681.807	643.364	33	605.353	722.338			
10	5	635.433	646.216	18	806.011	519.426	26	652.743	672.734	34	605.353	702.204			

MASS FLOW AFTER K-PLANE SOLUTION OF CONTINUITY EQUATION FOR P AND CORRECTION OF U VELOCITY

	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE
3	5	80.058	70.619	11	641.640	688.119	19	774.605	827.313	27	633.576	691.306	35	646.573	672.432
4	5	209.889	247.718	12	651.081	676.608	20	795.946	807.230	28	612.000	703.793			
5	5	326.889	342.813	13	671.546	654.781	21	765.831	782.883	29	612.000	712.374			
6	5	493.644	505.230	14	703.142	625.211	22	762.025	759.878	30	604.844	715.778			
7	5	532.771	547.444	15	745.933	604.043	23	776.135	721.938	31	605.353	723.236			
8	5	643.781	645.369	16	767.883	559.233	24	724.862	661.516	32	605.353	723.436			
9	5	634.433	644.828	17	760.843	555.576	25	681.810	644.014	33	605.353	723.337			
10	5	634.333	645.264	18	817.723	519.022	26	652.734	672.744	34	605.353	702.204			

MASS FLOW AFTER I-PLANE SOLUTION OF CONTINUITY EQUATION FOR P AND CORRECTION OF U VELOCITY

	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE
3	5	80.492	74.674	11	631.171	679.449	19	774.627	827.313	27	630.478	691.801	35	646.812	675.581
4	5	209.677	243.359	12	642.543	666.087	20	794.265	807.230	28	615.655	694.620			
5	5	325.851	338.129	13	656.057	645.646	21	765.865	782.443	29	615.655	704.128			
6	5	492.476	501.166	14	694.377	613.139	22	756.339	759.642	30	605.353	715.267			
7	5	530.238	543.839	15	717.078	603.238	23	770.623	723.769	31	605.353	722.855			
8	5	643.433	645.369	16	765.763	559.233	24	724.862	661.516	32	605.353	723.441			
9	5	634.433	644.828	17	760.843	555.576	25	681.810	644.014	33	605.353	723.337			
10	5	634.333	645.264	18	831.732	519.022	26	647.711	672.333	34	605.353	694.383			

SUM OF RING MASS IMBALANCE = .167

MASS FLOW AFTER EXACT SOLUTION OF CONTINUITY EQUATION USING WEDGES AND RING GEOMETRIES

	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE
3	5	76.534	69.283	11	634.561	682.403	19	774.693	827.313	27	630.478	690.893	35	645.219	672.742
4	5	199.534	188.743	12	647.143	670.618	20	797.268	807.230	28	614.847	695.414			
5	5	315.746	326.138	13	663.941	645.024	21	756.741	759.220	29	605.353	709.193			
6	5	431.327	429.949	14	708.743	599.220	22	755.374	758.367	30	605.353	715.991			
7	5	524.777	524.777	15	747.777	603.777	23	771.777	723.777	31	605.353	720.114			
8	5	638.188	638.188	16	764.768	553.173	24	722.815	655.146	32	605.353	720.114			
9	5	622.702	622.702	17	765.522	553.432	25	679.455	636.465	33	605.353	721.337			
10	5	624.272	624.272	18	805.217	512.774	26	659.264	677.676	34	605.353	697.181			

MASS FLOW AFTER SOLUTION OF ENERGY EQUATION AND CORRECTION OF DENSITY

	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE	I	HOT SIDE	COLD SIDE
3	5	76.535	69.449	11	635.622	682.274	19	772.835	824.617	27	631.371	694.512	35	645.273	671.578
4	5	199.534	188.743	12	647.143	670.618	20	797.268	807.230	28	614.847	695.414			
5	5	315.746	326.138	13	663.941	645.024	21	756.741	759.220	29	605.353	709.193			
6	5	431.327	429.949	14	708.743	599.220	22	755.374	758.367	30	605.353	715.991			
7	5	524.777	524.777	15	747.777	603.777	23	771.777	723.777	31	605.353	720.114			
8	5	638.188	638.188	16	764.768	553.173	24	722.815	655.146	32	605.353	720.114			
9	5	622.702	622.702	17	765.522	553.432	25	679.455	636.465	33	605.353	721.337			
10	5	624.272	624.272	18	805.217	512.774	26	659.264	677.676	34	605.353	697.181			

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AXIAL VEL VALUES *** ON HOT SIDE (3 5 5) ON COLD SIDE (3 5 3) IN UBEND (32 F 5) IN DOWNCOMER (3 10 5)

RADIAL VEL VALUES *** IN SHROUD WINDOW (6 10 5) ABOVE DIV PLATE (10 5 3) IN PREHEATER (7 5 8) IN U-BEND SECT (32 5 4)

THERMAL VALUES AT (F 5 6) *** SEC ENTHALPY WALL TEMP PRIMARY TEMP HEAT FLUX

FIGURE 7.3: THIRST OUTPUT MODIFIED DESIGN - Final Iteration Results Graphical Output

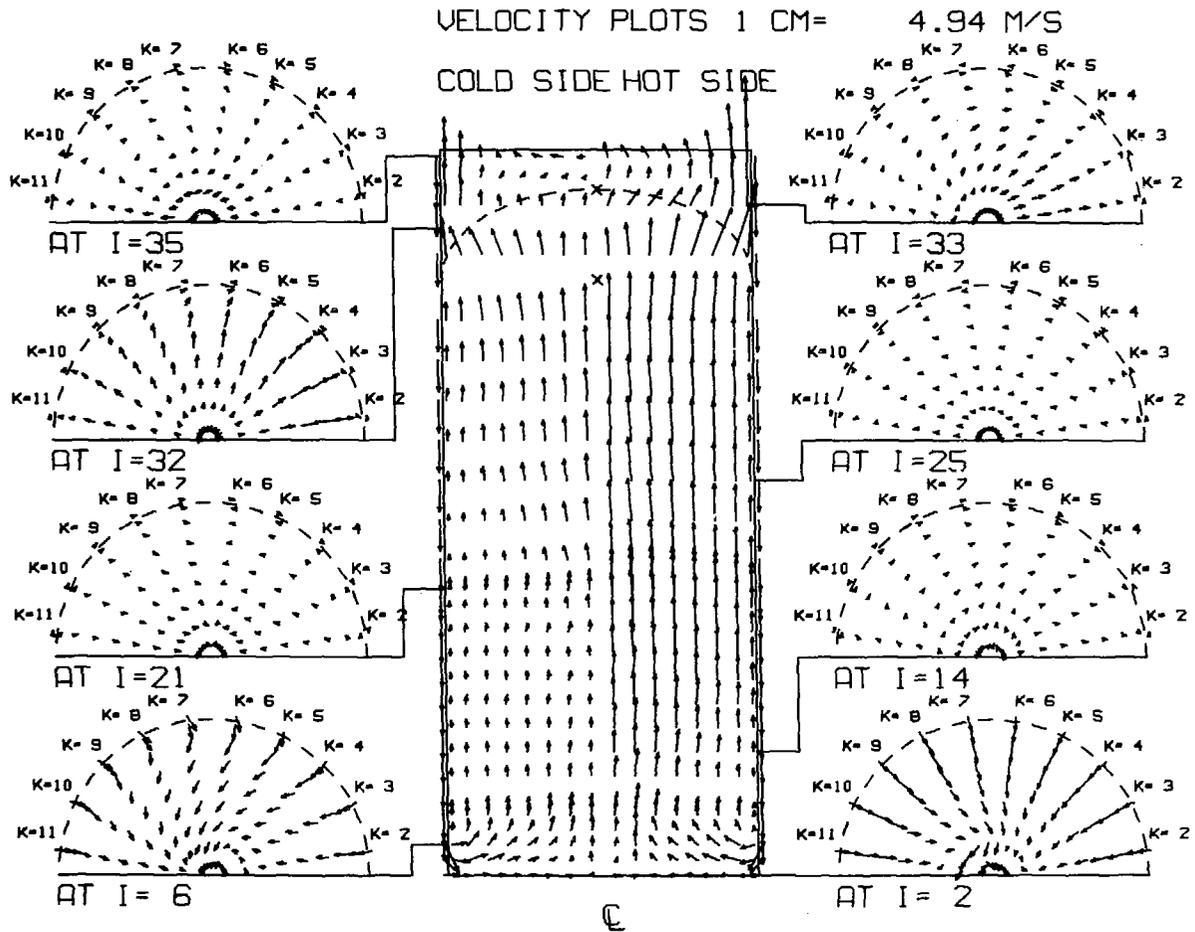


Figure 7.4.2: THIRST OUTPUT MODIFIED DESIGN - Final Iteration Results Graphical Output (Velocity Distribution)

MASS FLUX

1 CM=

1961.9 KG/M**2-S

COLD SIDE HOT SIDE

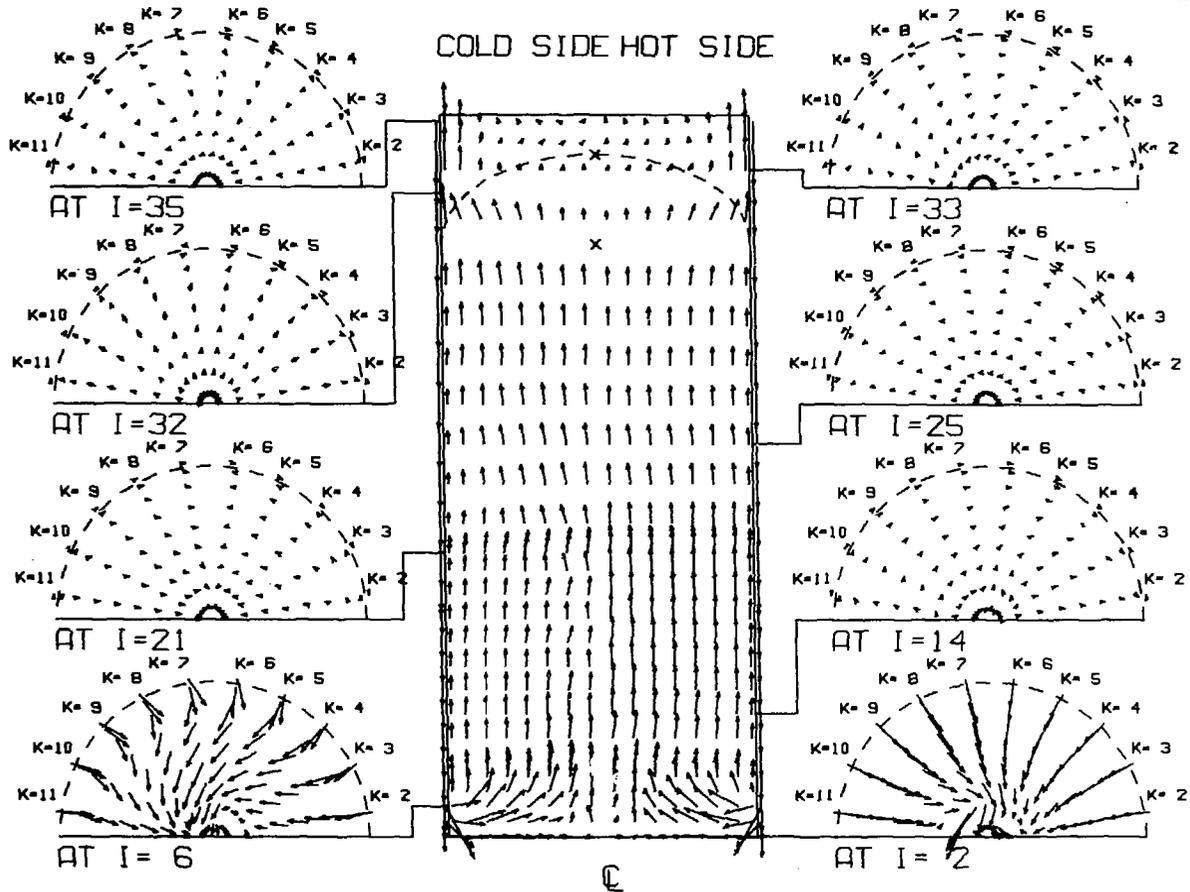


Figure 7.4.3: THIRST OUTPUT MODIFIED DESIGN - Final Iteration Results Graphical Output (Mass Flux Distribution)

APPENDIX A

LOGIC STRUCTURE OF THE THIRST CODE

This appendix discusses the logic structure of the code, including the outer and inner iteration sequences, the pressure correction, and the function of the subroutines.

A.1 The Outer Iteration Sequence

The executive subroutine orchestrates the outer iteration sequence, computing in turn each velocity component from the associated momentum equation to obtain velocity and pressure corrections as described in Section 3, computing the enthalpy from the energy equation and finally obtaining new densities from the equation of state.

A.2 The Inner Iteration Sequence used in CALCU, CALCV, CALCW and CALCH

Because it is possible to set up all the conservation equations in general transport form, the solution of each equation follows the same general sequence. The problem is to solve the matrix equation 3.6.

$$A_p \phi_p + \sum A_i \phi_i = SU$$

$$i = n, s, e, w, h, \ell$$

$$A_n = +C_n, \quad A_s = -C_s \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$A_p = \sum A_i + S_p$$

This is accomplished by setting up the alternating direction tridiagonal solution in a plane as described in Section 3.4.

The general sequence used in CALCU and CALCV is given in Table A-2. However, as W is a θ velocity, the K-planes must be incorporated more implicitly in CALCW. The sequence in CALCW is identical to Table A-2, except that it is done by I-planes and uses routines SOLVE3 and SOLVE4, which set up the tridiagonal systems in KJ and I, respectively.

The energy equation solution CALCH also uses the same sequence as Table A-2.

TABLE A-1
THIRST LOGIC STRUCTURE EXECUTIVE ROUTINE ITERATION SEQUENCE

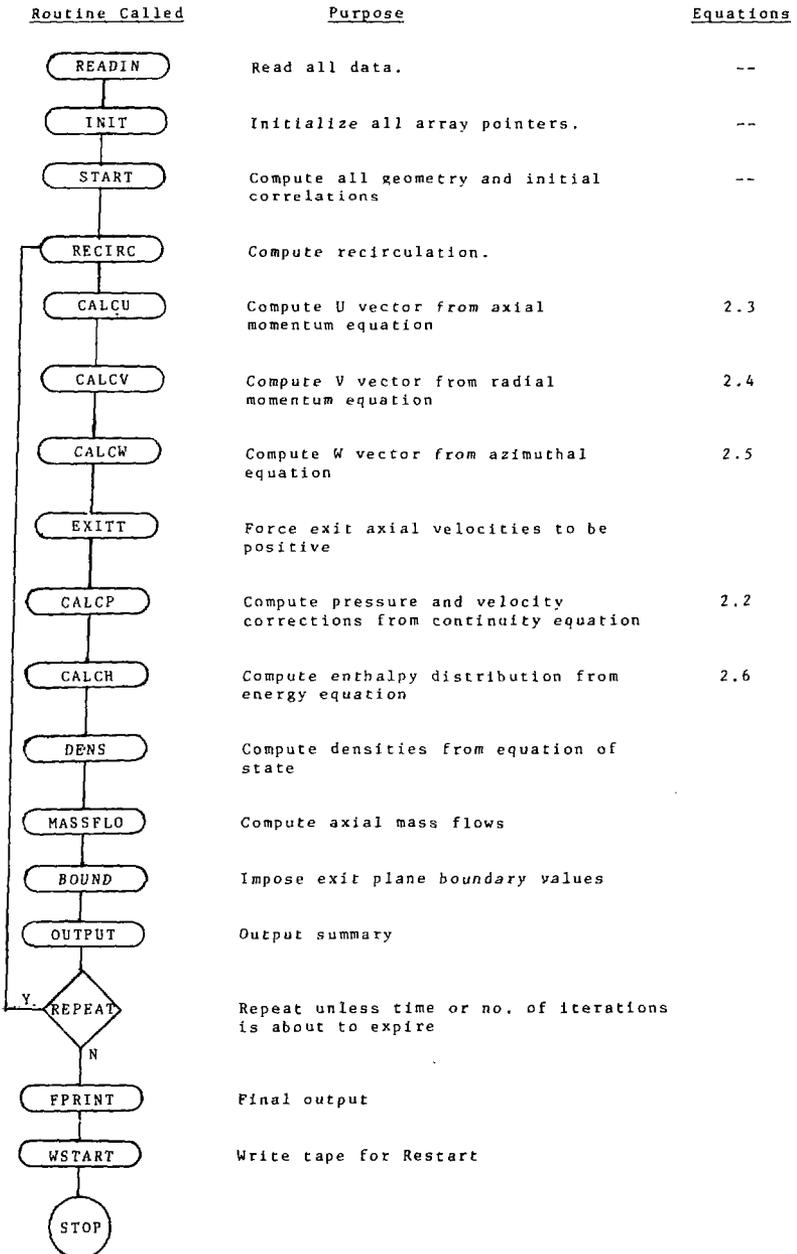


TABLE A-2
GENERAL SOLUTION OF TRANSPORT EQUATIONS

<u>Routine</u>	or	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
INITIAL			Compute $K = 1$ boundary flux.
INCREMENT			Start next K plane.
SOURCE			Call appropriate SOURCE routine to evaluate resistances and assemble S_U and S_P terms.
FLUX			Compute all flux terms to complete definition of Equation 3.6.
SOLVE 1			Incorporate under-relaxation. Set up the system $A\phi = B$ using tridiagonal in x and solve using forward and backward sweeps through r .
LAST K PLANE			Repeat tridiagonal in r and sweep in x . Assemble coefficients in the K plane preparatory for a K block solution.
SOLVE 2			Set up the system $A\phi = B$ using tridiagonal in θ . Perform one solution using coefficients assembled above thus correcting the above results for K variation.

A.3 The Pressure and Velocity Correction Routine CALCP

The pressure and velocity correction obtains pressure corrections by embedding the velocity corrections in the continuity equation as described in Chapter 2. The sequence is shown in Table A-3.

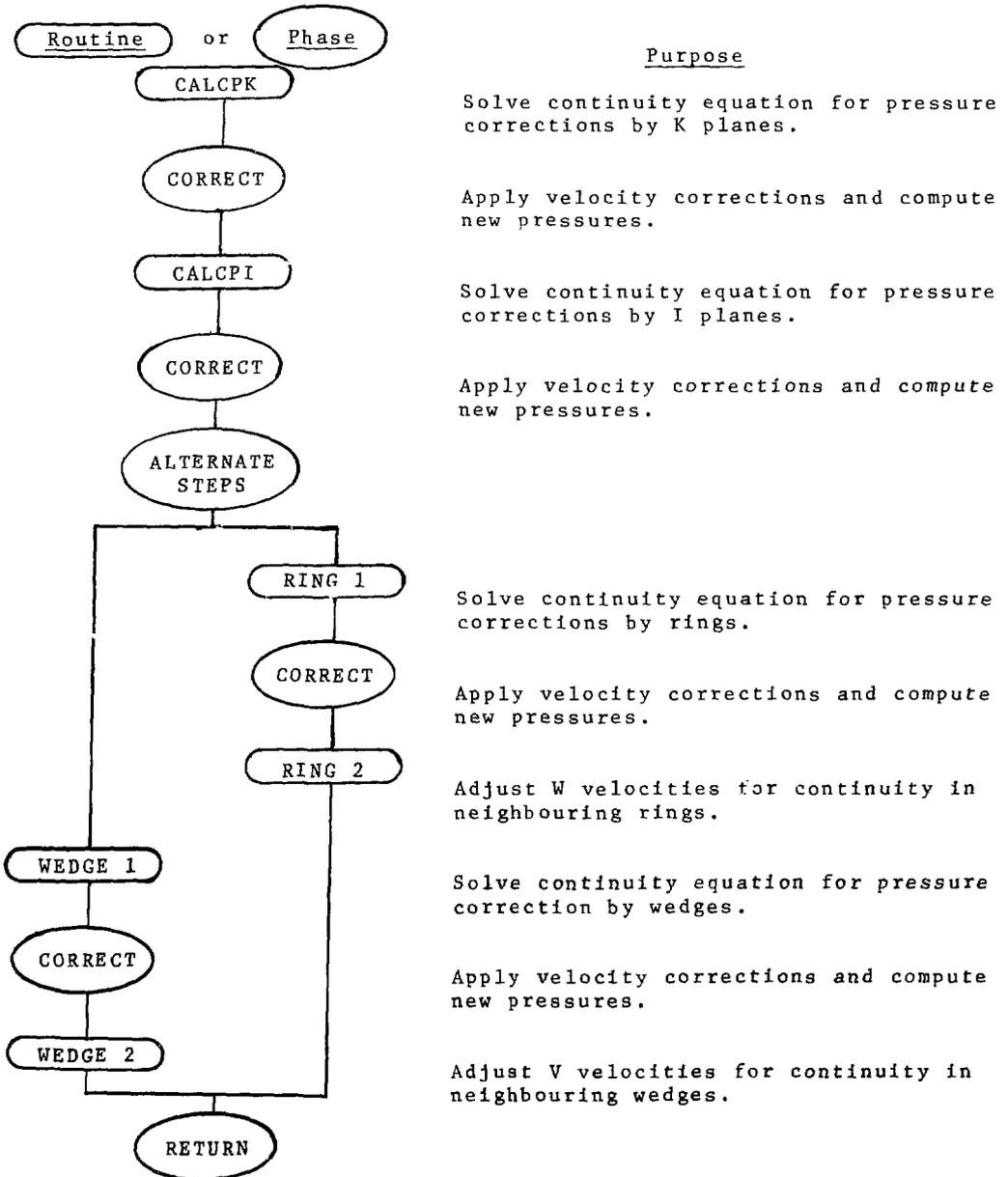
First, the continuity equation is solved for the embedded pressure corrections as in Section 2.4. Then, each velocity is corrected following equation 2.21, and finally, the new values of pressure are computed. As mentioned in Section 3, unlike the other variables, pressure is under-relaxed if necessary after the linear equation solution rather than before.

The solution of the embedded continuity equation in routine CALCPK is performed exactly in the sequence of Table A-2, except of course, there are no source terms to evaluate in the continuity equation.

In standard applications of the Spalding and Patankar technique, this pressure correction would be performed several times, and then the sequence would pass on to the energy equation as shown in Table A-1.

However, CRNL experience has shown that convergence can be promoted more rapidly if further pressure correction is done using an alternative iteration sequence. In this sequence, a further standard pressure correction is performed in CALCPI. This imposes continuity over the I-planes following the modified sequence used in CALCW.

TABLE A-3
THE PRESSURE AND VELOCITY CORRECTION SEQUENCE



Finally, continuity is imposed, on alternate iteration steps, over 'wedges' and 'rings'. In the latter two cases, the resulting equations are not solved by alternating direction tridiagonal iteration, but by direct solution of the banded linear equation set. This is done fully by Gaussian elimination using the decomposition and back substitution routines MATSET and SOLN.

A.4 Auxiliary Routines

The routines that form the inner and outer iteration sequences call a number of auxiliary routines, which have not yet been described. They are listed here:

<u>Routine</u>	<u>Function</u>
RSTART	Read Restart tape
SOMOD	Find maximum source term
FRIC	Multiple entry routine for all single-phase friction factors
HTF	Multiple entry routine for all single-phase heat transfer
PRPRTY	Multiple entry routine for all fluid thermodynamic properties
TWOPH	Multiple entry routine for all two-phase pressure drop correlations
VOLL	Compute control volume parameters in tube filled regions
BCUT	Compute fraction of control volume in the tube free lane, or occupied by a baffle

APPENDIX B
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