Mathematical modeling and numerical simulation of gas flow through a one-way valve

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SUMMARY

We consider an isothermal flow through two pipes; at the junction, the flow is modified by some devices, for instance a valve. We first provide a general framework to model the coupling conditions for the flow at both sides of the junction. A key feature in the modeling is the *coherence*; it is related to the chattering, i.e., the rapid switch on and off of a valve, which in turn is linked to the stability of the numerical schemes to approximate the solutions. We discuss the coherence of some models and present numerical simulations showing the chattering. We present an example of a modified model that is able to remove the chattering.

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