The evolution equation for the OTD modes which I want to solve is

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = L_{\text{NS}}(\mathbf{u}) - \langle L_{\text{NS}}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{u} \rangle \mathbf{u}$$

Where  $L_{
m NS}$  is the linearized Navier-Stokes operator, given by

$$L_{\text{NS}}(\mathbf{u}) = -(\mathbf{U}_b \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{U}_b + \frac{1}{\text{Re}}\nabla^2\mathbf{u} - \nabla p$$

and the inner product  $\langle .,. \rangle$  is the standard energy norm over the computational domain.

I know from the User Guide that Nektar++ solves the linearized NS equation:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = L_{\text{NS}}(\mathbf{u})$$

I think the additional inner product term  $\langle L_{\rm NS}(\mathbf{u}),\mathbf{u}\rangle\mathbf{u}$  can be introduced directly via the external forcing term.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = L_{\text{NS}}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{f}$$

where 
$$\mathbf{f} = -\langle L_{\mathrm{NS}}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{u} \rangle \mathbf{u}$$

Does Nektar++ accept this forcing term for the linearized NS? I know Nek5000 can do it.

The next issue is how to calculate this forcing term in each time step from the flow values in the previous time step.

Does Nektar++ have a tool to calculate this inner product term  $\langle L_{\rm NS}({\bf u}), {\bf u} \rangle {\bf u}$ ? How can I compute the action of the linearized NS operator on the perturbation field?