

Numerical methods in Fluid Mechanics.



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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = -\nabla p + \rho \mathbf{f} + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$$

- ① Non linear $\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}$ second order ∇^2 partial differential equations.
- ② Momentum conservation Equation \Rightarrow 3 scalar equations
- ③ Mass conservation Equation \Rightarrow 1 scalar equation.
- ④ 4 Unknowns Velocity
 $\mathbf{v} = (u(x, y, z, t), v(x, y, z, t), w(x, y, z, t))$ and $p(x, y, z, t)$.

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- 1 Spatial operators: Divergence $\nabla \cdot$, Gradient ∇ and Laplacian ∇^2 .
- 2 Temporal derivatives $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t}$.

- ① From the continuum to the discrete world (space and time).
- ② Spatial and temporal derivatives are approximated by local values.

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y, z, t)}{\partial x} \approx \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y, z, t) - f(x, y, z, t)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} \approx \frac{f(x, y, z, t + \Delta t) - f(x, y, z, t)}{\Delta t}$$

Explicit and implicit time discretization. Example viscous term

Explicit

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{v}(x, y, z, t_{n+1}) = \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}(x, y, z, t_n)$$

Implicit

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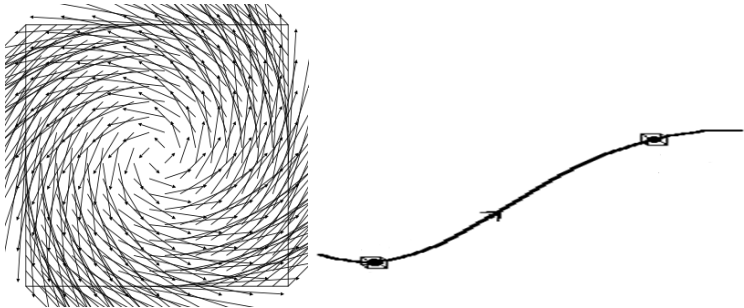
Semi – implicit

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{v}(x, y, z, t_{n+1}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla^2 \mathbf{v}(x, y, z, t_{n+1}) + \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}(x, y, z, t_n))$$

- 1 Matlab: numerical derivative.
- 2 Excel: Laplacian operator.
- 3 Electromagnetic problem.

Eulerian and Lagrangian description of a fluid.

- 1 Euler: All fluid variables are vector fields that depend on space and time. $\vec{v}(\vec{r}, t)$
- 2 Lagrangian: Fluids are considered as material moving particles. $\vec{v}_{particle}(t)$



Lagrangian version of the Navier-Stokes equations.

A velocity field is transported affected by pressure, viscosity and other forces.

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$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\nabla p + \rho \mathbf{f} + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$$

Let us understand the meaning of the transport operator...

$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = 0$$

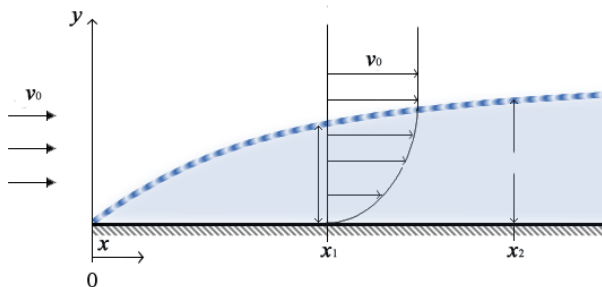
\mathbf{v} moves with constant value along its trajectory. Exercise Matlab.

We have to limit the space to solve a problem computationally \Rightarrow
Computational domain. Boundary types

- Walls.
- Inflows
- Outflows
- Periodic

Boundary layer.(Prandtl 1904)

- Layer of fluid in the immediate vicinity of a bounding surface where effects of viscosity are relevant.
- Boundary layer thickness δ (99% of the freestream velocity) grows or decreases depending on the pressure gradient.



If the boundary layer is taken into account in the computation no-slip Boundary Condition is used: $\mathbf{v}_{Wall} = \mathbf{0}$. If boundary layer is not considered $\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_{Wall} = \mathbf{v}_{Slip}$

Reynolds number.

- Non dimensional version of the Navier-Stokes equations.
- L reference length.
- U reference velocity.
- ρ and μ fluid density and viscosity.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = -\nabla p + \mathbf{f} + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$$
$$Re = \frac{\rho UL}{\mu}$$

- The Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy condition (CFL condition) is a necessary condition for convergence while solving the Navier-Stokes equations.
- Courant number $C = \frac{u_{max} \Delta t}{h}$
 - Δt time step used in the computation.
 - u_{max} Maximum local velocity
 - h Local mesh size.
- CFL condition $C \leq 1$