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Solving the Navier-Stokes **Equations in Primitive Variables**

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Computational Fluid Dynamics Outline

The projection method-review Methods for the Navier-Stokes Equations Moin and Kim Bell, et al Colocated grids Boundary conditions



Computational Fluid Dynamics Discretization in time

Summary of discrete vector equations

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t} = -\mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{n} - \nabla_{h} P_{i,j} + \mathbf{D}_{i,j}^{n}$$
 Evolution of the velocity

$$\nabla_{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{u}^{n+1} = 0$$

Constraint on velocity

No explicit equation for the pressure!



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$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t} = -\mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{n} - \nabla_{h} P_{i,j} + \mathbf{D}_{i}^{n}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^t - \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} = -\mathbf{A}_{i,j}^n + \mathbf{D}_{i,j}^n \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^t = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n + \Delta t \left(-\mathbf{A}_{i,j}^n + \mathbf{D}_{i,j}^n \right)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^t}{\Delta t} = -\nabla_h P_{i,j} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^t - \Delta t \, \nabla_h P_{i,j}$$

by introducing the temporary velocity \mathbf{u}^t

Projection Method



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To derive an equation for the pressure we take the divergence of

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^t - \Delta t \nabla_h P_{i,j}$$

and use the mass conservation equation

$$\nabla_h \cdot \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = 0$$

The result is

$$\nabla_{h} \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{0} = \nabla_{h} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{t} - \Delta t \nabla_{h} \cdot \nabla_{h} P_{i,j}$$

$$\longrightarrow \nabla_h^2 P_{i,j} = \frac{1}{\Lambda t} \nabla_h \cdot \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^t$$



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1. Find a temporary velocity using the advection and the diffusion terms only:

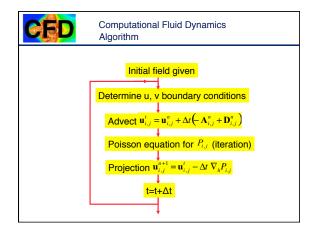
$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{t} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n} + \Delta t \left(-\mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{n} + \mathbf{D}_{i,j}^{n} \right)$$

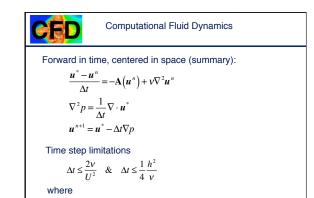
2. Find the pressure needed to make the velocity field incompressible

$$\nabla_h^2 P_{i,j} = \frac{1}{\Lambda t} \nabla_h \cdot \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^t$$

3. Correct the velocity by adding the pressure gradient:

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^t - \Delta t \ \nabla_h P_{i,j}$$





 $U^2 = \max(u^2 + v^2)$



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Forward in time, centered in space:

$$\Delta t_{adv} \le \frac{2v}{U^2}$$
 & $\Delta t_{diff} \le \frac{1}{4} \frac{h^2}{v}$

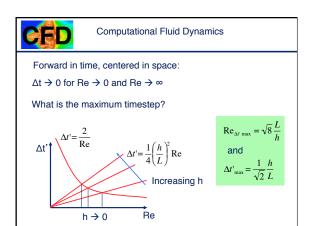
Define

$$\tau = \frac{L}{U}$$

Therefore the nondimensional time step is:

$$\Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} \le \frac{2v}{U^2} \frac{U}{L} = \frac{2}{\text{Re}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} \le \frac{1}{4} \frac{h^2}{v} \frac{U}{L} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{h}{L}\right)^2 \text{Re}$$

And $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ for Re $\rightarrow 0$ and Re $\rightarrow \infty$



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Advanced Solvers

For low Re, use implicit methods for diffusion term For high Re, use stable advection schemes

Combine both for schemes intended for all Re



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Fully Implicit

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n}}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\left(\mathbf{A} \left(\mathbf{u}^{n} \right) + \mathbf{A} \left(\mathbf{u}^{n+1} \right) \right) + \nu \left(\nabla_{h}^{2} \mathbf{u}^{n} + \nabla_{h}^{2} \mathbf{u}^{n+1} \right) \right] - \nabla p$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{n+1} = 0$$

Solve by iteration

Rarely used due to the complications of the nonlinear system that must be solved for the advection terms



Predictor-Corrector

A second order method can be developed by first taking a forward step, then a backward step and average the results:

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{u}^* - \boldsymbol{u}^n}{\Delta t} = -\nabla \boldsymbol{u}^n \boldsymbol{u}^n + v \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}^n$$
$$\nabla^2 \boldsymbol{p}^* = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^*$$

$$\nabla^{2} p^{*} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^{*}$$
$$\boldsymbol{u}^{1} = \boldsymbol{u}^{*} - \Delta t \nabla p^{*}$$

Backward step using the predicted velocity:

$$\frac{u^{**} - u^1}{\Delta t} = -\nabla u^1 u^1 + v \nabla^2 u^1$$

$$\nabla^2 p^{**} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^{**}$$
$$\boldsymbol{u}^2 = \boldsymbol{u}^{**} - \Delta t \nabla p^{**}$$

$$u^2 = u^{**} - \Delta t \nabla p^*$$

Then average the results
$$u^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(u^n + u^2)$$



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Adam-Bashford/Crank-Nicolson

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^n}{\Delta t} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}^n) - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}^{n-1})\right) + \frac{V}{2}\left(\nabla_h^2 \mathbf{u}^n + \nabla_h^2 \mathbf{u}^{n+1}\right) - \nabla p$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\frac{\tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u}^n}{\Delta t} = -\left(\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}^n) - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}^{n-1})\right) + \frac{v}{2}\nabla_h^2\mathbf{u}^n$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}}{\Delta t} = -\nabla p + \frac{v}{2} \nabla_h^2 \mathbf{u}^{n+1}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\nabla_h^2 p = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$$

The correction equation is implicit and must be solved by an iteration in the same way as the pressure equation



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Method of Kim and Moin (JCP 59 (1985), 8-23)

$$\begin{split} & \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u}^n}{\Delta t} = -\left(\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}^n) - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}^{n-1})\right) + \frac{\nu}{2}\left(\nabla_h^2\mathbf{u}^n + \nabla_h^2\tilde{\mathbf{u}}\right) \\ & \frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}}{\Delta t} = -\nabla\phi \\ & \nabla_h^2\phi = \frac{1}{\Delta t}\nabla\cdot\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \end{split}$$

The first equation is implicit and must be solved by an iteration in the same way as the pressure equation



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Notice that Φ is not exactly p. Adding the first two

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n}}{\Delta t} = -\left(\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}^{n}) - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}^{n-1})\right) + \frac{v}{2}\left(\nabla_{h}^{2}\mathbf{u}^{n} + \nabla_{h}^{2}\mathbf{u}^{n+1}\right) + \frac{v}{2}\left(\nabla_{h}^{2}\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \nabla_{h}^{2}\mathbf{u}^{n+1}\right) - \nabla\phi$$

Where we have added and subtracted an implicit diffusion term.

Using
$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}}{\Delta t} = -\nabla \phi$$

we can rewrite the last terms as:

$$\frac{v}{2} \left(\nabla_h^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \nabla_h^2 \mathbf{u}^{n+1} \right) - \nabla \phi = \frac{v}{2} \nabla_h^2 \phi - \nabla \phi = \nabla p$$



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Method of Bell, Colella and Glaz (JCP 85 (1989), 7-83)

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^{n}}{\Delta t} = -\mathbf{A} \left(\mathbf{u}^{n+1/2} \right) + \frac{v}{2} \left(\nabla_{h}^{2} \mathbf{u}^{n} + \nabla_{h}^{2} \mathbf{u}^{n+1} \right) - \nabla p$$

A Godunov method is used for the advection terms



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A complete Runge-Kutta time integration (Weinan E.)

First a half step:
$$\frac{u^* - u^n}{\frac{1}{2}\Delta t} = -\nabla u^n u^n + v \nabla^2 u^n$$

$$\nabla^2 p^* = \frac{2}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^*$$

$$\boldsymbol{u}^{\scriptscriptstyle 1} = \boldsymbol{u}^{\scriptscriptstyle *} - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \nabla p^{\scriptscriptstyle *}$$

continue for the second step:

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{**} - \mathbf{u}^n}{\frac{1}{2}\Delta t} = -\nabla \mathbf{u}^1 \mathbf{u}^1 + v \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}^1$$
$$\nabla^2 p^{**} = \frac{2}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{**}$$

$$u^2 = u^{**} - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \nabla p^2$$



A complete Runge-Kutta time integration (continued)

velocity

Take a full step using the predicted
$$\frac{u^{***} - u^n}{\Delta t} = -\nabla u^2 u^2 + v \nabla^2 u^2$$

$$\nabla^2 p^{***} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^{***}$$
$$\boldsymbol{u}^3 = \boldsymbol{u}^{***} - \Delta t \nabla p^{***}$$

 $k = \Delta t \left(-\nabla u^3 u^3 + v \nabla^2 u^3 \right)$ Then compute

And finally
$$u^+ = \frac{1}{3} (-u^n + u^1 + 2u^2 + u^3) + \frac{1}{6}k$$

$$\nabla^2 p^+ = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^+$$

$$\boldsymbol{u}^{n+1} = \boldsymbol{u}^+ - \Delta t \nabla p^+$$



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Simplified Fourth order method

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{u}^* - \boldsymbol{u}^n}{\frac{1}{2}\Delta t} = -\nabla \boldsymbol{u}^n \boldsymbol{u}^n + v \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}^n$$
$$\frac{\boldsymbol{u}^{**} - \boldsymbol{u}^*}{\frac{1}{2}\Delta t} = -\nabla \boldsymbol{u}^* \boldsymbol{u}^* + v \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}^*$$

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{u}^{***} - \boldsymbol{u}^n}{\Delta t} = -\nabla \boldsymbol{u}^* \boldsymbol{u}^* + v \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}^*$$

$$u^{+} = \frac{1}{3} \left(-u^{n} + u^{*} + 2u^{**} + u^{***} \right) + \frac{\Delta t}{6} \left(-\nabla u^{***} u^{***} + v \nabla^{2} u^{***} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 p^+ = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^+$$

$$u^{n+1} = u^+ - \Delta t \nabla p^+$$



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Colocated grids



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Although staggered grids have been very successful, in some cases it is desirable to use co-located (or colocated) grids where all variables are located at the same physical point.



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Staggered grids

Colocated grids



All variables are stored at the same location

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$$\begin{array}{c} u_{i,j}^* = u_{i,j} - \Delta t A(u_{i,j}^n) \\ \\ u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{h}(p_e - p_w) \\ \\ u_e^{n+1} - u_w^{n+1} + v_n^{n+1} - v_s^{n+1} = 0 \end{array}$$
 Split equations for the u velocity

First idea: use averaging for the variables on the edges:

$$p_e = \frac{1}{2} \Big(p_{i+1,j} + p_{i,j} \Big) \qquad u_e = \frac{1}{2} \Big(u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j} \Big)$$

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(p_{i+1,j} + p_{i,j}' \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(p_{i,j}' + p_{i-1,j} \right) \right)$$

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} (p_{i+1,j} - p_{i-1,j})$$



$$u_e = \frac{1}{2} \Big(u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j} \Big) \quad \text{and} \quad u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{2 \, h} \Big(\, p_{i+1,j} - p_{i,j-1} \Big)$$

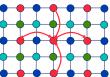
$$u_e^{n+1} - u_w^{n+1} + v_n^{n+1} - v_s^{n+1} = 0$$

$$p_{i+2,j} + p_{i-2,j} + p_{i,j+2} + p_{i,j+2} - 4p_{i,j} = \frac{2h}{\Delta t} \left(u_{i+1,j}^* - u_{i-1,j}^* + v_{i,j+1}^* - v_{i,j+1}^*\right)$$



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A straight forward application discretization on colocated grids results in a very wide stencil for the pressure



The pressure points are also uncoupled and the pressure field can develop oscillations



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The remedy is to find the pressures that make the edge velocities incompressible

Rhie and Chow. AIAA Journal. 21 (1983), 1525-1532.



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The Rhie and Chow method

Instead of interpolating (the final velocity)

$$u_e^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(u_{i+1,j}^{n+1} + u_{i,j}^{n+1} \right)$$

interpolate (the intermediate velocity)

$$u_e^* = \frac{1}{2} (u_{i+1,j}^* + u_{i,j}^*)$$

and then find

$$u_e^{n+1} = u_e^* - \frac{\Delta t}{h} (p_{i+1,j} - p_{i,j})$$

In effect, "pretend" we are using a staggered grid!





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$$u_{e}^{^{n+1}} = u_{e}^{^{*}} - \frac{\Delta t}{h} \Big(p_{^{i+1},j} - p_{i,j} \Big) \qquad \text{where} \quad u_{e}^{^{*}} = \frac{1}{2} \Big(u_{^{i+1},j}^{^{*}} + u_{i,j}^{^{*}} \Big)$$

$$u_e^{n+1} - u_w^{n+1} + v_n^{n+1} - v_s^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rearrange:} & p_{_{i+1,j}} + p_{_{i,j+1}} + p_{_{i,j+1}} + p_{_{i,j-1}} - 4 p_{_{i,j}} = \frac{h}{\Delta t} \left(u_e^* - u_w^* + v_n^* - v_s^*\right) \end{aligned}$$



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Substituting for the velocities:

$$p_{i+1,j} + p_{i-1,j} + p_{i,j+1} + p_{i,j+1} - 4p_{i,j} = \frac{h}{2\Delta t} \left(u^*_{i+1,j} - u^*_{i-1,j} + v^*_{i,j+1} - v^*_{i,j+1} \right)$$

For the correction of the momentum equation we still use the average of the pressures

$$p_e = \frac{1}{2} (p_{i+1,j} + p_{i,j})$$

giving

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} (p_{i+1,j} - p_{i-1,j})$$



The boundary conditions for the velocity are now very simple: The velocity at nodes on the wall is simply the wall velocity.

The pressure boundary is more complex:



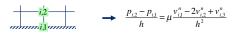
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Find the pressure gradient by applying the Navier-Stokes equations at a point at the boundary

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial y'}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial y'}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 y'}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

At the wall, most of the terms are zero

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \implies \frac{p_{i,2} - p_{i,1}}{h} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \Big|_{ij}$$
Evaluated by one-sided differences





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$$\frac{p_{i,2} - p_{i,1}}{h} = \mu \frac{v_{i,1}^n - 2v_{i,2}^n + v_{i,3}^n}{h^2}$$

Define:

$$p_{i,2} - p_{i,1} = \frac{h}{\Delta t} v_{i,1}^*$$

We can write:

$$v_{i,1}^* = \frac{\Delta t}{h} (p_{i,2} - p_{i,1}) = \frac{\mu \Delta t}{h^2} (v_{i,1}^n - 2v_{i,2}^n + v_{i,3}^n)$$





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Write the pressure equation for j=2

$$p_{i+1,2} + p_{i-1,2} + p_{i,3} + p_{i,1} - 4p_{i,2} = \frac{h}{2\Delta t} \left(u_{i+1,2}^* - u_{i-1,2}^* + v_{i,3}^* - v_{i,1}^* \right)$$

And use

$$p_{i,2} - p_{i,1} = \frac{h}{\Delta t} v_{i,1}^*$$

For the pressure at j=1



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The algorithm is therefore:

1. First find predicted velocities:
$$u_{i,j}^* = u_{i,j} - \Delta t A(\mathbf{u}^n)$$
 and $v_{i,j}^* = v_{i,j} - \Delta t A(\mathbf{v}^n)$

2. Find pressure by solving:

$$\begin{split} & p_{i+1,j} + p_{i-1,j} + p_{i,j+1} + p_{i,j-1} - 4 p_{i,j} = \frac{h}{2\Delta t} \Big(u_{i+1,j}^* - u_{i-1,j}^* + v_{i,j+1}^* - v_{i,j-1}^* \Big) \\ & \text{suitably modified at the boundaries} \end{split}$$

3. Correct the velocities:

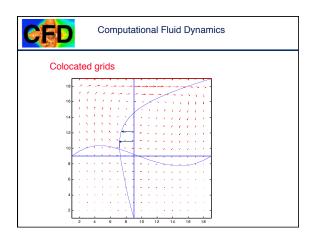
$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} \Big(p_{i+1,j} - p_{i-1,j} \Big) \text{ and } v_{i,j}^{n+1} = v_{i,j}^* - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} \Big(p_{i,j+1} - p_{i,j-1} \Big)$$

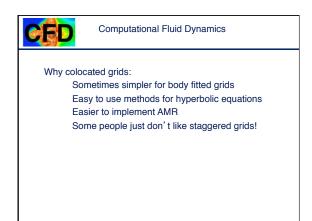


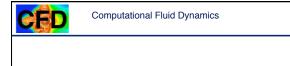
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p(floor(nx/2),floor(ny/2))=0.0; % set the pressure in the center. Needed since bc is not incorporated into eq

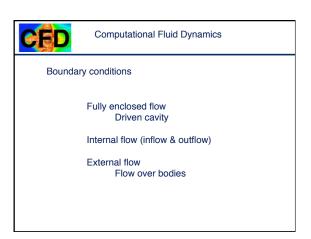
 $u(2:nx-1,2:ny-1)=u(2:nx-1,2:ny-1)-(0.5*dt/h)^*(p(3:nx,2:ny-1)-p(1:nx-2,2:ny-1)) v(2:nx-1,2:ny-1)=v(2:nx-1,2:ny-1)-(0.5*dt/h)^*(p(2:nx-1,3:ny)-p(2:nx-1,1:ny-2));$

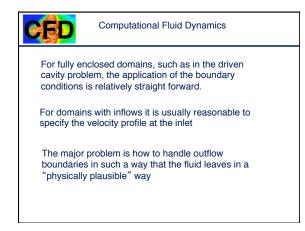


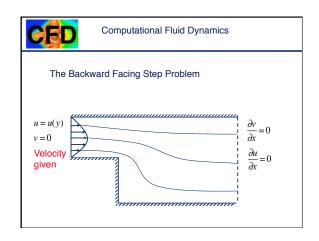


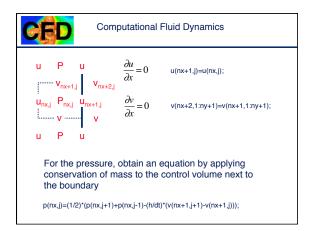


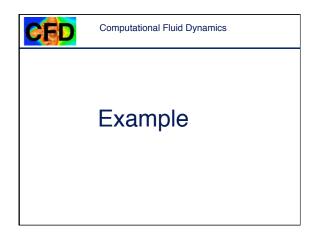
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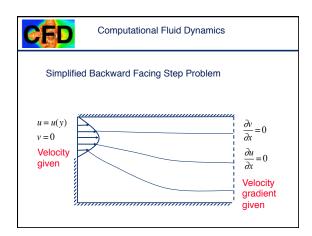


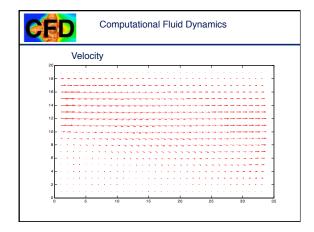


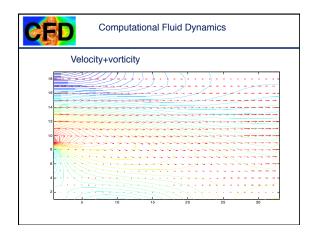


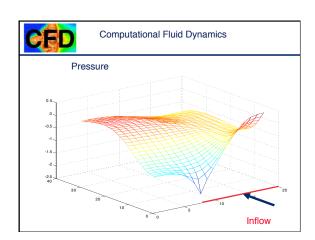








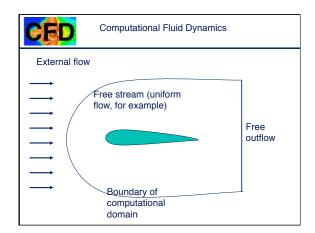






Periodic Boundary conditions

In many cases it is possible to use periodic boundary conditions, where what flows out through one boundary reappears flowing in through the opposite boundary. Such conditions are particularly suitable for theoretical studies of idealized flows. For such boundaries it is easiest to specify the pressure drop, but by adjusting the pressure gradient it is possible to specify the volume flux





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Other ways to deal with free-stream boundaries Include potential flow perturbation Compute flow from vorticity distribution Map the boundary at infinity to a finite distance

Fundamentally, the specification of the boundary conditions does not have a unique solution and is also faced by experimentalists. However, by taking the boundaries far away and checking the solution for the effect of moving the boundaries, good results can be obtained



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The two-dimensional programs developed in the project and shown here can be extended to fully three-dimensional flows in a relatively straight forward way, replacing u(i,j) by u(i,j,k), etc. The time required to run the code increases significantly and visualizing the output becomes more challenging.