# Solving PDEs by Pseudo Spectral Method Basic Principle and Examples

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# Basic Principle

$$u\approx U=\sum_{k}a_{k}\phi_{k}$$

 $u \to \text{exact}, \ U \to \text{approximate}.$ 

 $a_k = \text{Degrees of Freedom (dof) (Galerkin, Collocation, Continuous Galerkin (CG), Discontinuous Galerkin (DG), Penalty, Staggered Grid, Tau)}$ 

 $\phi_k = \text{Orthogonal Polynomial (Fourier, Legender, Chebyshev)}$ 

# Why, Where

#### WHY

- 1 Higher accuracy, fast convergence
- 2 Low # of dof for given accuracy
- 3 Low phase / dispersion error
- 4 Low dissipation error
- **5** Easy implementation of Boundary Condition (BC)
- 6 Efficient Parallalisation

#### **WHERE**

- 1 Detailed physics is needed (e.g. Turbulence)
- Long time integration (dispersion and dissipation)

## Model Problem

$$u_t + cu_x = 0, \quad x \in [0, 2\pi], \quad t > 0$$

Def:

Inner Product:

$$(u,v)=\int_{0}^{2\pi}uv^{*}dx$$

# Fourier Galerkin (FG)

RK4 / Leap Frog

$$u = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}_k e^{ikx} \approx U = \sum_{k=-N/2}^{N/2} a_k e^{ikx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=-N/2}^{N/2} (\dot{a}_k + ikca_k) e^{ikx} = R$$

$$Project$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum_{k=-N/2}^{N/2} (\dot{a}_k + ikca_k) e^{ikx}, e^{imx}\right) = (R, e^{imx})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\dot{a}_m + imca_m) 2\pi = (R, e^{imx}) = 0, \quad m = -N/2, ..., N/2 \quad (Galerkin)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{a}_k + ikca_k = 0 \quad \& \quad a_k(0) = \hat{u}_k(0)$$

# Accuracy

Example:  $u_0(x) = sin(\pi(cos(x)))$ 

N	FD-2	FD-4	FG
8	1.11	$9.62 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.87 \times 10^{-2}$
16	$6.13 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.36 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.55 \times 10^{-4}$
32	$1.99 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.67 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-11}$
64	$5.42 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.85 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.22 \times 10^{-13}$

#### Galerkin

#### **Basis**

$$\phi = \sum_{k=-N/2}^{N/2} c_k e^{ikx} \in \mathcal{P}_p^{N/2}$$

 $\mathcal{P}_p^{N/2}$ : Fourier Polynomial of Degree N/2

#### Galerkin

$$(U_t + cU_x, \phi) = 0; \quad \forall \ \phi \in \mathcal{P}_p^{N/2}$$

Non-Linear Problems are tricky!

#### Variable Coefficient PDE

$$u_t + uu_x = \nu u_{xx}$$

- Will mix modes.
- Aliasing Error appears.
- Use Pseudospectral Method (Derivative in spectral space & multiplication in real space)
- For de-aliasing use  $\frac{3}{2}$  padding instead of  $\frac{2}{3}$  truncation.
- In fully developed turbulence, high frequencies; pump energy into low frequencies. Hence aliasing error changes physics.
- For smooth looking solution, use of cosmetic filtering is permitted.

# Navier-Stokes Equation

## **Burgers Equation**

$$\frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} + u(x,t)\frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} + f(x,t)$$

- Initial Condition :  $u(x,0) = \sin(x), \ \nu = 0 = f$
- $\nu \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  No Gibbs Oscillation
- $f \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  Intermittency

Simulation Method: Pseudo-Spectral

$$\begin{array}{c} u(x,t) \\ \downarrow FFT \\ \hline \widehat{u_k}(k,t) & \underline{\textit{Multiply}} & ik * \widehat{u_k}(k,t) & \underline{\textit{IFFT}} & \underline{\textit{du}(x,t)} \\ & \underline{\textit{Multiply}} & u(x,t) * \underline{\textit{du}(x,t)} & \underline{\textit{RK4}} & u(x,t+1) \end{array}$$

# Burgers Equation with $\nu = 0$

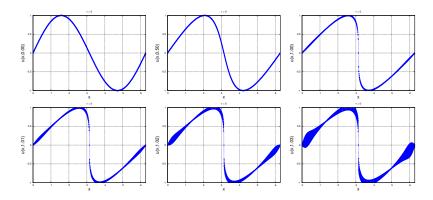


Figure: Compare with: Fig 1, PRE, 84, 016301, Fig 1, PNAS, 97, 12413

- Can be simulated better with WENO schemes!
- "Tygers" are the artificial effect of Galerkin truncation. Hence will not appear in any FD based scheme!

# Burgers Equation with $\nu = 0$

Parameters: 
$$N = 2^{14}$$
,  $L = 2\pi$ ,  $dt = 10^{-6}$ ,  $\nu = 0$ 

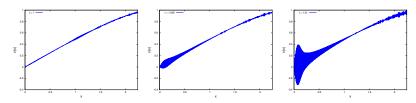


Figure: The occurrance of "tyger" after the generation of shock at time (a)  $t=t^\star=\frac{1}{\max|\frac{du_{\rm K}}{dx}|_{t=0}}=1$ , (b) t=1.005 and at (c) t=1.01.

# Burgers Equation with $\nu \neq 0$

Compare with: Fig 11, Pramana, 73, 1, 2009

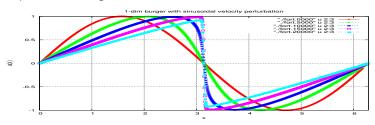


Figure: Parameters:  $N = 2^{10}$ ,  $L = 2\pi$ ,  $dt = 10^{-3}$ ,  $\nu = 10^{-2}$ 

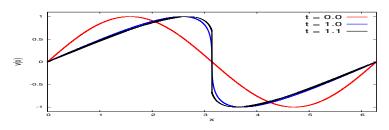


Figure: Parameters:  $N=2^{14}$ ,  $L=2\pi$ ,  $dt=10^{-6}$ ,  $u=10^{-6}$ 

# Burgers Equation with $\nu \neq 0$

ullet Energy Spectra should follow a power law with slope  $\frac{1}{k^2}$ 

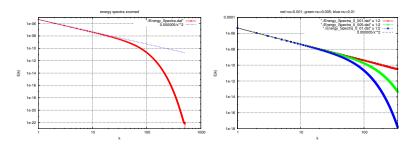


Figure: a. with zero viscosity, b. with different viscosity, Fig 12, Pramana, 73, 1, 2009

• Viscosity acts on higher modes of wavenumber i.e. in small scales.

# Homework - 1 [Structure Factor]

#### Order-P Velocity Correlation Function

$$S_p(\ell) = \langle [v(x+\ell) - v(x)]^p \rangle$$

where v(x) is the velocity at the point x and the angular brackets denote and average over the statistical steady state of the turbulent fluid.

For  $\ell$  in inertial range,  $S_p(\ell) \sim \ell^{\xi_p}$  for small  $\Delta x$ ,

$$S_p(\Delta x, t) \sim C_p |\Delta x|^p + C'_p |\Delta x|$$

For p<1, the first term dominates and for p>1 the second term.

Reference: "Burgulence", Uriel Frisch, Jeremie Bec, arXiv: nlin/0012033v2 (2001)

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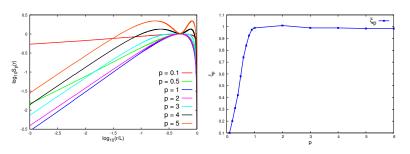
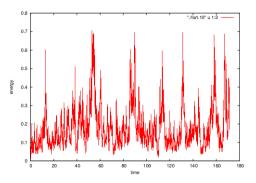


Figure: Compare with: Fig 1(b), 2(a), PRL, 94, 194501

# Homework - 2 [Burgers Equation with $f \neq 0$ ]

- ullet Forcing :: Gaussian random noise with zero mean and Fourier-space Spectrum  $\sim \frac{1}{k}$
- One should observe intermittency.



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The order-p velocity structure function looks like, (Parameters:  $N=2^{10}$ ,  $L=2\pi$ ,  $\nu=10^{-2}$ )

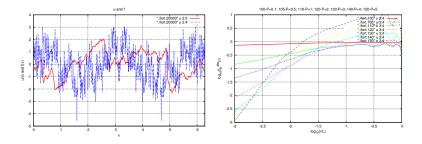


Figure: Compare with: Fig 1(a), (c), PRL, 94, 194501

A nuclear fusion meme by Shawn Zamperini.

# 1D modellers when they're forced to use 2D codes



# Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equation

## **Basic Equations**

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \vec{\omega} = \nu \nabla^2 \vec{\omega}$$
$$\vec{\omega} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u}$$

#### In Two dimensions

$$\vec{\omega} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \times (u_x, u_y, 0) = \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right) \vec{z}$$

#### Simulation Method

### Pseudocode: Pseudo-Spectral Method

$$\omega(x,y) \xrightarrow{FFT} \hat{\omega}(k_x, k_y) \text{ [at time = t]}$$

$$\hat{\psi} = \frac{\hat{\omega}}{k_x^2 + k_y^2}$$

$$\hat{u}_x = ik_y \hat{\psi}, \hat{u}_y = -ik_x \hat{\psi}$$

$$ik_x \hat{\omega}, ik_y \hat{\omega}$$

$$\downarrow \text{ IFFT}$$

$$u_x, u_y$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} = \mathcal{IF}[ik_x \hat{\omega}]$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} = \mathcal{IF}[ik_y \hat{\omega}]$$

$$\downarrow u_x \cdot \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x}, u_y \cdot \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y}$$

$$\downarrow \text{ FFT}$$

#### Simulation Method cont.

## Pseudocode: Pseudo-Spectral Method

$$NLkx = \overbrace{u_x \cdot \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x}}^{\text{$\psi$}}, \, NLky = \overbrace{u_y \cdot \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y}}^{\text{$\psi$}}$$

$$\downarrow \text{De-Aliazed (2/3 rule)}$$

$$NLk = NLkx + NLky + \nu \cdot (k_x^2 + k_y^2) \hat{\omega}$$

$$\downarrow \text{$\psi$}$$

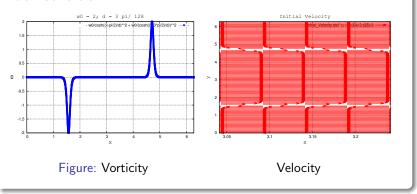
$$\frac{\partial \hat{\omega}}{\partial t} = -NLk$$

$$\downarrow \text{RK}(4)$$

$$\hat{\omega}(k_x, k_y) \text{ [at time = t+dt]}$$

# A quick visual

#### **Initial Condition**



•  $\nu = 0.0001$ 

## Movie in the weekend?

# KH Instability

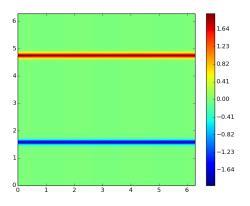
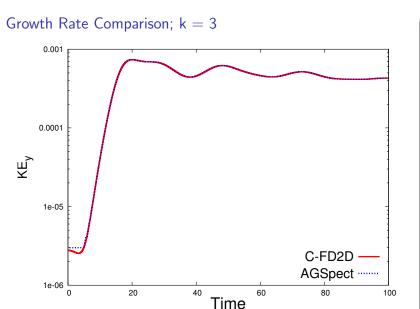


Figure: KH Instability for Incompressible Flow

# KH Instability and its nonlinear saturation



#### Homework - 3

#### Analytical Growth Rate for a Broken Jet

P G Drazin, Journal of Fluid Mechanics, 10, 579 (1961): Eqn: 43

$$\gamma = \frac{k_x U_0}{3} \left[ \sqrt{3} - 2\frac{k_x}{R_E} - 2\left\{ \left(\frac{k_x}{R_E}\right)^2 + 2\sqrt{3}\frac{k_x}{R_E} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

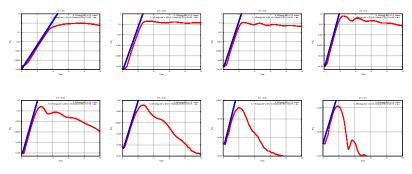
$$R_E = \frac{U_0 d}{\nu}$$

$$d = \text{Shearing Length}$$

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## Homework - 3

# Numerical Growth Rate - How do you fit these curves?



•  $L_x = L_y = 2\pi$ ;  $\omega_0 = 25$ ;  $d = \frac{3\pi}{128}$ ;  $\nu = 0.0015$ 

# Homework - 3

#### Compare the Growth Rates!

