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# Simulation of Fluid Flow in a 2-D Lid Driven Cavity

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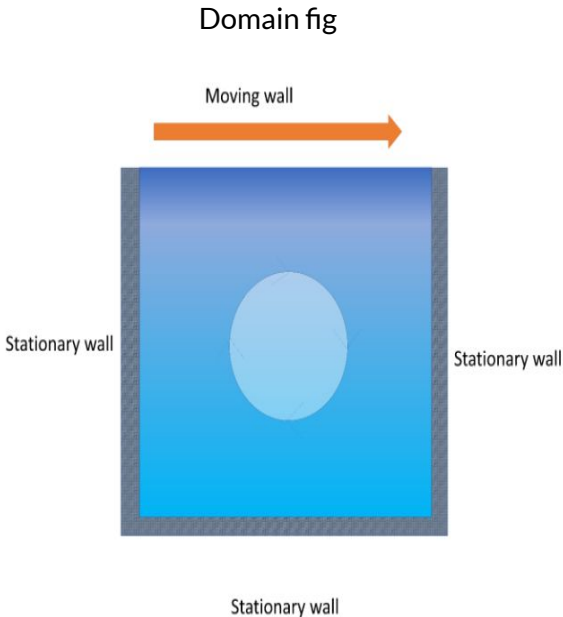


Figure 1

We will analyze the Velocity /  
Vorticity and Stream  
Function

# Definition of model & its significance

Fluid is contained in the 2-D Domain with walls as boundaries

The topmost wall is moving with a velocity  $U$  at time  $t=0$  and it imparts the velocity on the fluid

Due to No-slip conditions, the fluid layers start moving

Navier Stokes Equations

Control volumes - integral part of Fluid Mechanics

Such CV analyses can help predict the performance of complex systems

This project gives a fundamental idea about CFD

# Development of Mathematical Model

Navier Stokes

Continuity

Vorticity - Velocity - Stream- Function  
relations

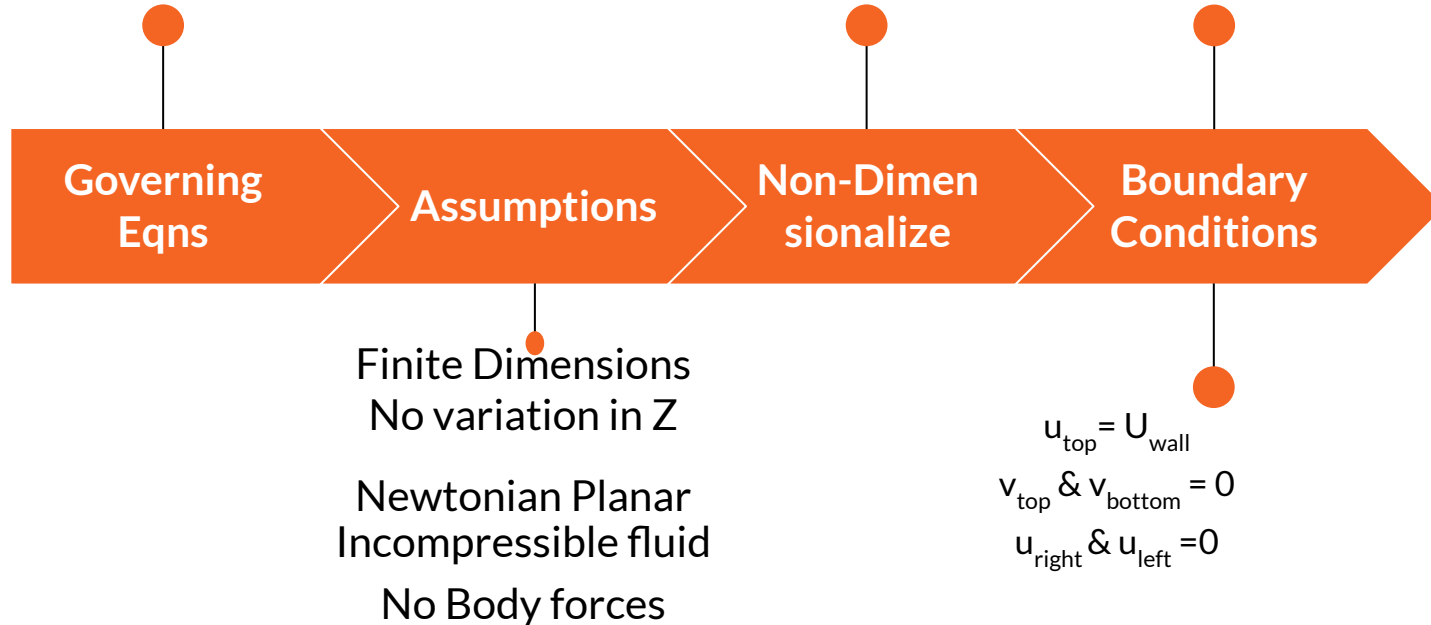
$$\dot{u} = u / U$$

$$\dot{x} = x / L$$

$$\dot{t} = t U / L \quad \dot{p} = p / \rho U^2$$

For right & left  $\omega = -\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2}$

For top & bottom  $\omega = -\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2}$



Parameters (  $\rho, \mu$  ) are constant

## Governing Equations

1. Navier stokes

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + (v \cdot \nabla)v = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \nu \nabla^2 v + g$$

2. Continuity

$$\nabla \cdot v = 0$$

3. Vorticity - velocity

$$\omega = \nabla \times v$$

4. Stream Function - Vorticity relations

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} = -w$$

## Specific Boundary Conditions

Using Taylor Series expansion for Stream function  $\Psi_{i,j=2} = \Psi_{i,j=1} + h \frac{\partial \Psi_{i,j=1}}{\partial y} + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_{i,j=1}}{\partial^2 y} + O(h^3)$

Using -  $\omega_{wall} = -\frac{\partial^2 \Psi_{i,j=1}}{\partial y^2}$  and  $U_{wall} = \frac{\partial \Psi_{i,j=1}}{\partial y}$

We get  $\Psi_{i,j=2} = \Psi_{i,j=1} + U_{wall}h - \omega_{wall} \frac{h^2}{2} + O(h^3)$

To get the equation in terms of vorticity,  $\omega_{wall} = (\Psi_{i,j=1} - \Psi_{i,j=2}) \frac{2}{h^2} + U_{wall} \frac{2}{h} + O(h)$

These conditions are written for all the respective walls

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# Numerical analysis methods

These are the main equations that we will solve to ultimately obtain the desired velocity of the grid points-

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (5.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial^2 x} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial^2 y} = -w \quad (5.2)$$

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We use discretization method:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} &= \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + \frac{\partial^3 f(x)}{\partial x^3} \frac{h^2}{6} + \dots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{2h^2} + \frac{\partial^4 f(x)}{\partial x^4} \frac{h^2}{12} + \dots \\ \frac{\partial f(t)}{\partial t} &= \frac{f(t+\Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t} + \frac{\partial^2 f(t)}{\partial t^2} \frac{\Delta t}{2} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

to convert the equations 5.1 & 5.2 to 5.3 and 5.4

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$$\omega_{i,j}^{n+1} = \omega_{i,j}^n - \Delta t \left[ \frac{(\Psi_{i,j+1}^n - \Psi_{i,j-1}^n)(\omega_{i+1,j}^n - \omega_{i-1,j}^n)}{2h} + \frac{(\Psi_{i+1,j}^n - \Psi_{i-1,j}^n)(\omega_{i,j+1}^n - \omega_{i,j-1}^n)}{2h} + \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\omega_{i+1,j}^n + \omega_{i,j+1}^n - 4\omega_{i,j}^n + \omega_{i-1,j}^n + \omega_{i,j-1}^n}{h^2} \right) \right] \quad (5.3)$$

( Where Re is the Reynolds no , 100 here )

$$\Psi_{i,j} = \frac{\omega_{i,j} h^2 + \omega_{i,j+1} + \omega_{i,j-1} + \omega_{i-1,j}}{4} \quad (5.4)$$


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Now we have Equation 5.3 & 5.4 to calculate the 2D matrix of  $\omega$  and  $\psi$  which iterate to change the value until the error condition is justified using Gauss-Seidel Method.  
Finally we have met the error condition, we have our matrix of  $\omega$  and  $\psi$ .

Our task was to evaluate the Velocity of the fluid at each point of the described grid and is given by

$$u = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}$$

Using Central difference method to find X and Y components in the Velocity - Stream Function Relations -

$$u = \frac{\Psi_{i,j+1} - \Psi_{i,j-1}}{2h} \quad (5.5)$$

$$v = \frac{-\Psi_{i+1,j} + \Psi_{i-1,j}}{2h} \quad (5.6)$$

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We implement discretization on the boundary condition to obtain:

Top wall

$$\omega(1 : N, N) = \frac{-2\Psi(1 : N, N - 1)}{\partial y^2} - \frac{2 * U_{wall}}{\partial y}$$

Left wall

$$\omega(1, 1 : N) = \frac{-2\Psi(2, 1 : N)}{\partial x^2}$$

Bottom wall

$$\omega(1 : N, 1) = \frac{-2\Psi(1 : N, 2)}{\partial y^2}$$

Right wall

$$\omega(N, 1 : N) = \frac{-2\Psi(N - 1, 1 : N)}{\partial x^2}$$

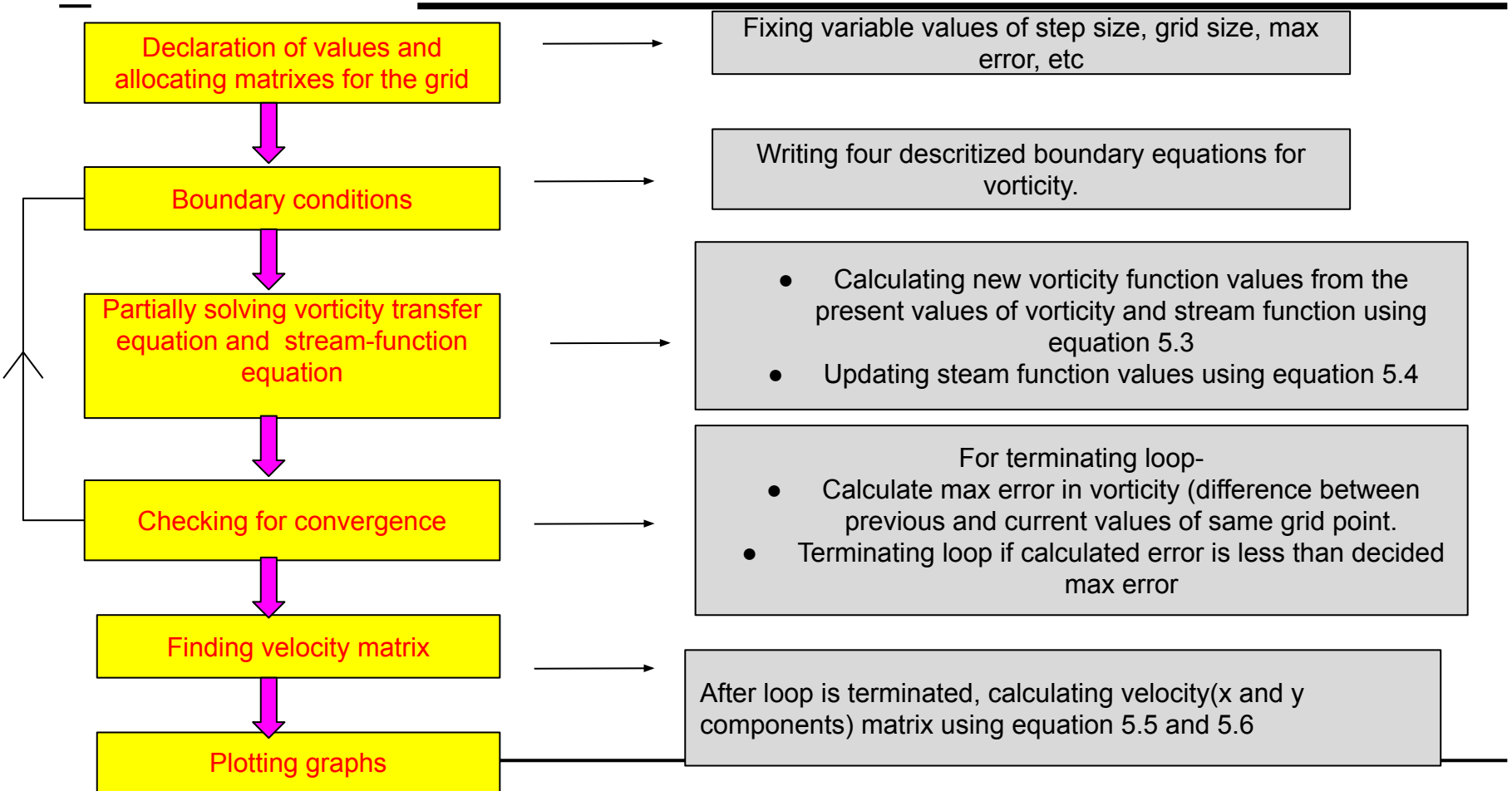
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# Description of algorithm

The algorithm is implemented in Matlab software

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%%Solving vorticity/stream function and velocity function
%%for lid driven cavity
clear;
close all
%declaration of terms
N = 30;
l = 1; %length of grid
U_wall = 1; %Velocity of moving wall
rho = 1; mu = 0.01; % Density; Dynamic Viscosity;
dt = 0.001; % Time Step
maxIt = 50000; maxe = 1e-7; % Max iter; Max error
% SETUP 2D GRID
h=l/(N-1); %step size of grid
i = 2:N-1;
j = 2:N-1;
% allocating MATRIXES
w = zeros(N,N);
psi = zeros(N,N);
wp = zeros(N,N);
u = zeros(N,N);
v = zeros(N,N);

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## SOLVING LOOP SIMILAR TO GAUSS-SIEDEL METHOD

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for iter = 1:maxIt
%BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
w(1:N,N) = -2*psi(1:N,N-1)/(h^2) - U_wall*2/h; % Top
w(1:N,1) = -2*psi(1:N,2)/(h^2); % Bottom
w(1,1:N) = -2*psi(2,1:N)/(h^2); % Left
w(N,1:N) = -2*psi(N-1,1:N)/(h^2); % Right

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## SINGLE STEP OF SOLVING VORTICITY TRANSPORT EQUATION

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wp = w;
w(i,j) = wp(i,j) + ...
    (-1*(psi(i,j+1)-psi(i,j-1))/(2*h)...
    .* (wp(i+1,i)-wp(i-1,j))/(2*h)+(psi(i+1,j)-psi(i-1,j))/(2*h) .* (wp(i,j+1)-wp(i,j-1))/(2*h)+...
    mu/rho*(wp(i+1,j)+wp(i-1,j)-4*wp(i,j)+wp(i,j+1)+wp(i,j-1))/(h^2))*dt ;

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## SINGLE STEP OF SOLVING VORTICITY - STREAM FUNCTION EQUATION

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psi(i,j) = (w(i,j)*h^2 + psi(i+1,j) + psi(i,j+1) + psi(i,j-1) + psi(i-1,j))/4;
% CHECKING FOR CONVERGENCE

if iter > 40
    error = max(max(w - wp)) ;
    if error < maxe
        break;
    end
end
end

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## CREATE VELOCITY FROM STREAM FUNCTION

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u(2:N-1,N) = U_wall;
u(i,j) = (psi(i,j+1)-psi(i,j-1))/(2*h); % X-COMPONENT OF VELOCITY
v(i,j) = (-psi(i+1,j)+psi(i-1,j))/(2*h); % Y-COMPONENT OF VELOCITY

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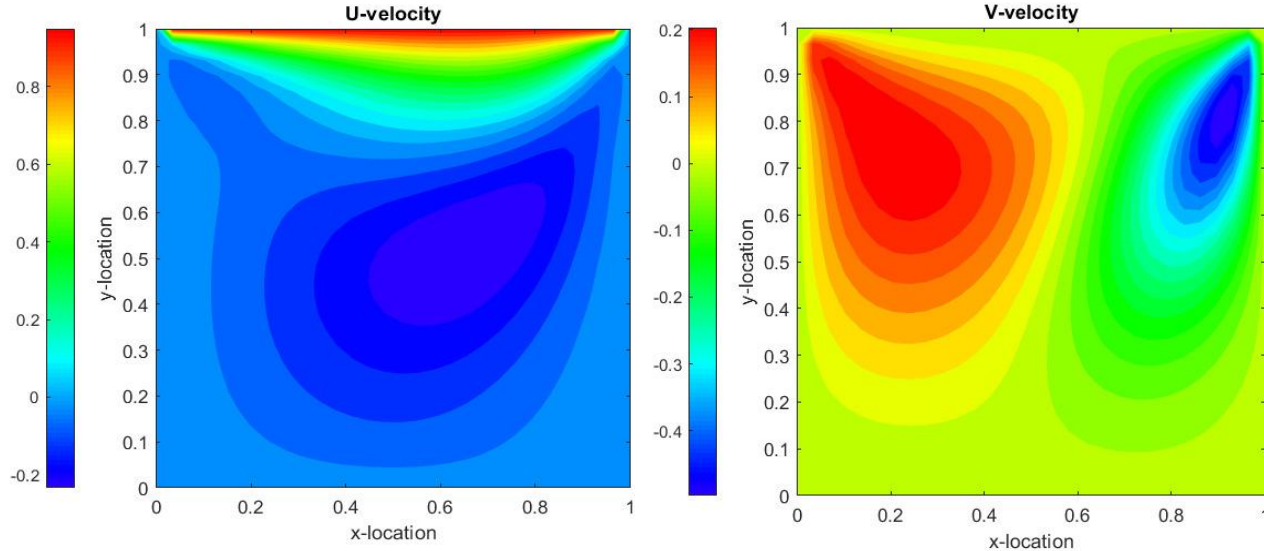
# Results and Discussion

For a grid size of 30X30, we got the following results.

Figures here show the x-component (u) and y-component (v) of velocity.

Horizontal velocity is decreasing in downward direction. It means fluid nearer to the moving wall is moving faster along the same direction.

If we have moved left or right wall instead of upper, u and v will exchange the graph with 90 degree rotation accordingly.



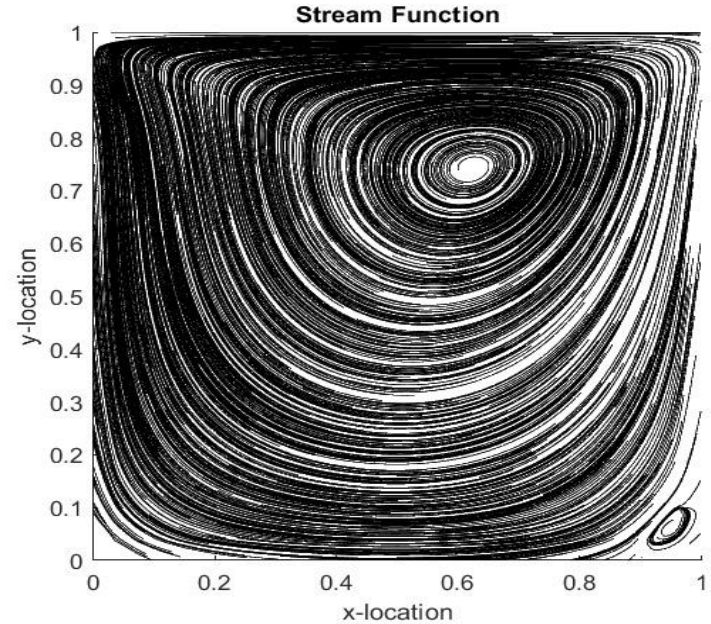
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The graph in the right side represent stream function in the grid.

We can compare the magnitude and direction of fluid flow from this graph. The density of black lines denotes the magnitude of fluid flow.

We observed that stream function and vorticity are converging after some iterations. It suggests that this fluid is slowly moving toward a steady state flow.

Our numerical approach is  $O(\Delta t^2 \Delta h^2)$  consistent. Also it is convergent as the solution approaches the true solution on more iterations. The error is attenuating as computation progress suggesting it is stable.





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