

# Finite Element Methods for the Simulation of Incompressible Flows

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#### **Outline of the Lectures**

- 1 The Navier–Stokes Equations as Model for Incompressible Flows
- 2 Function Spaces For Linear Saddle Point Problems
- 3 The Stokes Equations
- 4 The Oseen Equations
- 5 The Stationary Navier-Stokes Equations
- 6 The Time-Dependent Navier-Stokes Equations Laminar Flows



# **1 A Model for Incompressible Flows**

- conservation laws
  - conservation of linear momentum
  - conservation of mass
- flow variables
  - $\circ$   $\rho(t, \mathbf{x})$ : density  $[kg/m^3]$   $\circ$   $\mathbf{v}(t, \mathbf{x})$ : velocity [m/s]  $\circ$   $P(t, \mathbf{x})$ : pressure  $[N/m^2]$ assumed to be sufficiently smooth in
- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$
- [0, T]

#### 1 Conservation of Mass

change of fluid in arbitrary volume V

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{V} \rho \ d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\partial V} \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} \ d\mathbf{s} = \int_{V} \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) \ d\mathbf{x}$$
transport through bdry

ullet V arbitrary  $\Longrightarrow$  continuity equation

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_t + \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\rho} \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

• incompressibility ( $\rho = \text{const}$ )

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



Newton's second law of motion

net force = mass  $\times$  acceleration

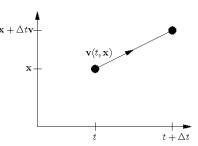


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acceleration: using first order Taylor series expansion in time (board)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt}(t,\mathbf{x}) = \partial_t \mathbf{v}(t,\mathbf{x}) + (\mathbf{v}(t,\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}(t,\mathbf{x})$$



movement of a particle



- acting forces on an arbitrary volume V: sum of external (body) forces
  - gravity

and internal (molecular) forces

- o pressure
- viscous drag that a 'fluid element' exerts on the 'adjacent element'
- o contact forces: act only on surface of 'fluid element'

$$\int_{V} \mathbf{F}(t, \mathbf{x}) \ d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{t}(t, \mathbf{s}) \ d\mathbf{s}$$

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 principle of Cauchy: internal contact forces depend (geometrically) only on the orientation of the surface

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{n})$$

 ${\bf n}$  – unit normal vector of the surface pointing outwards of V



 it can be shown: conservation of linear momentum results in linear dependency on n

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbb{S}\mathbf{n}$$

 $\mathbb{S}(t,\mathbf{x}) [N/m^2]$  – stress tensor, dimension  $3 \times 3$ 

• divergence theorem

$$\int_{\partial V} \mathbf{t}(t, \mathbf{s}) \ d\mathbf{s} = \int_{V} \nabla \cdot \mathbb{S}(t, \mathbf{x}) \ d\mathbf{x}$$

· momentum equation

$$\rho(\mathbf{v}_t + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbb{S} + \mathbf{F} \quad \forall t \in (0, T], \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$



- model for the stress tensor
  - o torque

$$\mathbf{M_0} = \int_V \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F} \ d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{r} \times (\mathbb{S}\mathbf{n}) \ d\mathbf{s} \quad [Nm]$$

at equilibrium is zero  $\Longrightarrow$  symmetry  $\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{S}^T$ 

decomposition

$$\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{V} + P\mathbb{I}$$

 $\mathbb{V}[N/m^2]$  – viscous stress tensor

o pressure P acts only normal to the surface, directed into V

$$-\int_{\partial V} P\mathbf{n} \ d\mathbf{s} = -\int_{V} \nabla P \ d\mathbf{x} = -\int_{V} \nabla \cdot (P\mathbb{I}) \ d\mathbf{x}$$



- model for the stress tensor (cont.)
  - viscous stress tensor
    - friction between fluid particles can only occur if the particles move with different velocities
    - viscous stress tensor depends on gradient of velocity
    - because of symmetry: on symmetric part of the gradient: velocity deformation tensor

$$\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T}{2}$$

velocity not too large: dependency is linear (Newtonian fluids)

$$\mathbb{V} = 2\mu \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{v}) + \left(\zeta - \frac{2\mu}{3}\right) (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbb{I}$$

$$\mu \left[ kg/(m \, s) \right]$$
 – dynamic or shear viscosity  $\zeta \left[ kg/(m \, s) \right]$  – second order viscosity



#### 1 Navier-Stokes Equations

general Navier–Stokes equations

$$\rho \left( \partial_t \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right) \\ -2\nabla \cdot \left( \mu \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{v}) \right) - \nabla \cdot \left( \left( \zeta - \frac{2\mu}{3} \right) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \mathbb{I} \right) + \nabla P &= \mathbf{F} \quad \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega, \\ \rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \quad \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega.$$

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• incompressible flows: incompressible Navier-Stokes equations

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} - 2 \mathbf{v} \nabla \cdot \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \nabla \frac{P}{\rho_0} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{\rho_0} \quad \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega,$$

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## 1 Navier-Stokes Equations

Claude Louis Marie Henri Navier (1785 – 1836)
 George Gabriel Stokes (1819 – 1903)





- dimensionless equations needed for (numerical) analysis and numerical simulations
- · reference quantities of flow problem
  - $\circ L[m]$  a characteristic length scale
  - o U[m/s] a characteristic velocity scale
  - $\circ$   $T^*$  [s] a characteristic time scale
- transform of variables

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{x}'}{L}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{U}, \quad t = \frac{t'}{T^*}$$

rescaling

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{L}{UT^*} \partial_t \mathbf{u} - \frac{2v}{UL} \nabla \cdot \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla \frac{P}{\rho_0 U^2} & = & \frac{L}{\rho_0 U^2} \mathbf{F} & \text{ in } (0, T] \times \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} & = & 0 & \text{ in } (0, T] \times \Omega, \end{array}$$



defining

$$p = \frac{P}{\rho_0 U^2}, \quad Re = \frac{UL}{v}, \quad St = \frac{L}{UT^*}, \quad \mathbf{f} = \frac{L}{\rho_0 U^2} \mathbf{F}$$

p – new pressure

Re - Reynolds number

St - Strouhal number

f - new right hand side

result

$$St \partial_t \mathbf{u} - \frac{2}{Re} \nabla \cdot \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega$$

• generally  $T^* = L/U \implies St = 1$ 



- dimensionless Navier–Stokes equations
  - conservation of linear momentum
  - conservation of mass

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathbf{u}_t - 2 R e^{-1} \nabla \cdot \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T) + \nabla p & = & \mathbf{f} & \text{in } (0,T] \times \Omega \\ & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} & = & 0 & \text{in } [0,T] \times \Omega \\ & \mathbf{u}(0,\mathbf{x}) & = & \mathbf{u}_0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ & + \text{boundary conditions} \end{array}$$

- given:
- $\circ \ \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, d \in \{2,3\}$ : domain
- ∘ T: final time
- o **u**<sub>0</sub>: initial velocity
- boundary conditions

- to compute:
- o velocity u, with

$$\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T}{2},$$

velocity deformation tensor

pressure p

• parameter: Reynolds number Re



#### 1 The Reynolds Number

#### Reynolds number

$$Re = \frac{LU}{v}$$

$$= \frac{\text{convective forces}}{\text{viscous forces}}$$



Osborne Reynolds (1842 – 1912)

- rough classification of flows:
  - Re small: steady-state flow field (if data do not depend on time)
  - o Re larger: laminar time-dependent flow field
  - Re very large: turbulent flows



• simplified form (for mathematics)

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• alternative expression of viscous term (due to  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ )

$$2\nabla \cdot \mathbb{D}\left(\mathbf{u}\right) = \Delta\mathbf{u}$$

• alternative expression of convective term (due to  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ )

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)$$



- special cases
  - steady-state Navier-Stokes equations: stationary flow fields

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Oseen equations: convection field known (only for analysis)

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Stokes equations: no convection

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\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} & = & 0 & \text{in } \Omega
\end{array}$$



- boundary conditions
  - Dirichlet boundary conditions (inflows)

$$\mathbf{u}(t,\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{g}(t,\mathbf{x})$$
 in  $(0,T] \times \Gamma_{\mathsf{diri}} \subset \Gamma$ 

 $\mathbf{g}(t,\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  – no slip boundary condition (walls)

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free slip boundary condition (e.g. symmetry planes)

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} & = & g & \text{ in } (0,T] \times \Gamma_{\text{slip}} \subset \Gamma, \\ \mathbf{n}^T \mathbb{S} \mathbf{t}_k & = & 0 & \text{ in } (0,T] \times \Gamma_{\text{slip}}, & 1 \leq k \leq d-1 \end{array}$$



- boundary conditions (cont.)
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 $\circ$  periodic boundary conditions (only for analysis,  $\Omega = (0, l)^d$ )

$$\mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x} + l\mathbf{e}_i) = \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \ (t, \mathbf{x}) \in (0, T] \times \Gamma$$

- difficulties for mathematical analysis and numerical simulations
  - coupling of velocity and pressure
  - o nonlinearity of the convective term
  - $\circ$  the convective term dominates the viscous term, i.e. v is small



#### 2 Linear Saddle Point Problems

#### motivation

- iterative solution of Navier–Stokes equations leads to linear system of equations
- linear system have special form: saddle point problem
- sufficient and necessary condition on unique solvability needed
- can be derived in abstract form, see [1]



#### 2 Linear Saddle Point Problems

- spaces: V, Q real Hilbert spaces
- bilinear forms:

$$a(\cdot,\cdot): V \times V \to \mathbb{R}, \quad b(\cdot,\cdot): V \times Q \to \mathbb{R}$$

• linear problem: Find  $(u,p) \in V \times Q$  such that for given  $(f,r) \in V' \times Q'$ 

$$a(u,v) + b(v,p) = \langle f, v \rangle_{V',V} \quad \forall v \in V,$$
  
$$b(u,q) = \langle r, q \rangle_{Q',Q} \quad \forall q \in Q$$

· conditions on the spaces and bilinear forms necessary



#### 2 Linear Saddle Point Problems

associated linear operators

$$\begin{split} &A \in \mathscr{L}\left(V,V'\right) \quad \text{ defined by } \quad \langle Au,v \rangle_{V',V} = a(u,v) \quad \forall \ u,v \in V \\ &B \in \mathscr{L}\left(V,Q'\right) \quad \text{ defined by } \quad \langle Bu,q \rangle_{Q',Q} = b(u,q) \quad \forall \ u \in V, \ \forall \ q \in Q \end{split}$$

• dual operator:  $B' \in \mathcal{L}(Q, V')$  defined by

$$\langle B'q, v \rangle_{V', V} = \langle Bv, q \rangle_{Q', Q} = b(v, q) \quad \forall v \in V, \ \forall \ q \in Q$$

• linear problem in operator form: Find  $(u, p) \in V \times Q$  such that

$$Au +B'p = f \quad \text{in } V'$$

$$Bu = r \quad \text{in } Q'$$



# **2** The Inf-Sup Condition – Bilinear Form $b(\cdot,\cdot)$

spaces

$$\circ V_0 := V(0) = \ker(B), \quad V = V_0^{\perp} \oplus V_0$$

$$\circ \tilde{V}' = \{ \phi \in V' : \langle \phi, v \rangle_{V'V} = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0 \} \subset V'$$

- inf-sup condition: The three following properties are equivalent:
  - i) There exists a constant  $\beta_{is} > 0$  such that

$$\inf_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \sup_{v \in V} \frac{b(v,q)}{\|v\|_V \|q\|_Q} \ge \beta_{\text{is}}.$$

ii) The operator B' is an isomorphism from Q onto  $\tilde{V}'$  and

$$||B'q||_{V'} \ge \beta_{is} ||q||_{Q} \quad \forall q \in Q.$$

iii) The operator B is an isomorphism from  $V_0^\perp$  onto  $\mathcal{Q}'$  and

$$||Bv||_{Q'} \ge \beta_{is} ||v||_V \quad \forall v \in V_0^{\perp}.$$



## **2** The Inf-Sup Condition – Bilinear Form $b(\cdot, \cdot)$

- independently derived in [1,2]: Babuška–Brezzi condition
- sometimes: Ladyzhenskaya-Babuška-Brezzi condition, LBB condition
- it follows:

$$V(r) = \{ v \in V : Bv = r \}$$

is not empty for all  $r \in Q'$ 



<sup>[1]</sup> Babuška: Numer. Math. 20, 179-192, 1973

<sup>[2]</sup> Brezzi: Rev. Française Automat. Informat. Recherche Opérationnelle Sér. Rouge 8, 129–151, 1974

#### 2 Unique Solution of Linear Saddle Point Problem

- sufficient and necessary conditions for unique solution of saddle point problem can be formulated with projection operator, see literature
- sufficient conditions
  - o  $a(\cdot,\cdot)$  is  $V_0$ -elliptic, i.e., there is a constant  $\alpha>0$  such that

$$a(v,v) \ge \alpha \|v\|_V^2 \quad \forall v \in V_0$$

 $\circ$   $b(\cdot,\cdot)$  satisfies inf-sup condition



#### **2 Continuous Incompressible Flow Problems**

- for simplicity: Dirichlet boundary conditions on whole boundary
- velocity space

$$V=H_0^1\left(\Omega\right)=\left\{\mathbf{v}\ :\ \mathbf{v}\in H^1(\Omega) \text{ with } \mathbf{v}=\mathbf{0} \text{ on } \partial\Omega\right\}$$

with

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pressure space

$$Q = L_0^2(\Omega) = \left\{ q : q \in L^2(\Omega) \text{ with } \int_{\Omega} q(\mathbf{x}) \ d\mathbf{x} = 0 \right\}$$

with

$$(q,r) = \int_{\Omega} (qr)(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}, \quad \|q\|_{Q} = \|q\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}$$

• dual space: Q' = Q



bilinear form for coupling velocity and pressure

$$b(\mathbf{v},q) = -\int_{\Omega} q \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \ d\mathbf{x} = -(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, q) \quad \mathbf{v} \in V, \ q \in Q$$



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• divergence operator

$$\operatorname{div}: V \to \operatorname{range}(\operatorname{div}), \quad \mathbf{v} \mapsto \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

- it can be shown: range(div) = Q'
- associated linear operator: negative divergence operator

$$B \in \mathscr{L}(V, Q'), \quad B = -\mathsf{div}$$



• dual operator: gradient operator

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kernel of B: space of weakly divergence-free functions

$$V_0 = V_{\text{div}} = \{ \mathbf{v} \in V : (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, q) = 0 \ \forall \ q \in Q \}$$



· estimating divergence by gradient

$$\left\|\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}\leq\sqrt{d}\left\|\nabla\mathbf{v}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}\quad\forall\;\mathbf{v}\in H^{1}(\Omega)$$

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- o estimate is sharp
- boundedness and continuity of  $b(\cdot, \cdot)$

$$|b(\mathbf{v},q)| \leq \sqrt{d} \, \|\mathbf{v}\|_V \, \|q\|_Q$$

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- ullet one can show: div is an isomorphism from  $V_{
  m div}^\perp$  onto Q
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- o proof: board
- V and Q fulfill the inf-sup condition, i.e. there is a  $\beta_{is} > 0$  such that

$$\inf_{q \in Q} \sup_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \frac{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, q)}{\|\mathbf{v}\|_{V}} \ge \beta_{\text{is}}$$

o proof: board



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- bilinear form  $b^h: V^h \times Q^h \to \mathbb{R}$

$$b^h\left(\mathbf{v}^h,q^h\right):=-\sum_{K\in\mathcal{T}^h}\left(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v}^h,q^h\right)_K$$

- ∘  $\mathscr{T}^h$  triangulation of  $\Omega$
- ∘  $K \in \mathcal{T}^h$  mesh cells
- $\circ$  norm in  $V^h$

$$\left\| \mathbf{v}^h \right\|_{V^h} = \sum_{K \in \mathscr{T}^h} \left( \nabla \mathbf{v}^h, \nabla \mathbf{v}^h \right)_K$$



space of discretely divergence-free functions

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- · discrete inf-sup condition

$$\inf_{q^h \in \mathcal{Q}^h} \sup_{\mathbf{v}^h \in \mathcal{V}^h} \frac{b^h\left(\mathbf{v}^h, q^h\right)}{\|\mathbf{v}^h\|_{V^h} \|q^h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}} \ge \beta_{\text{is}}^h > 0$$

- not inherited from inf-sup condition fulfilled by V and Q
- o discussion: board



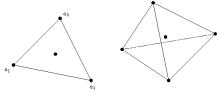
• Interpolation estimate for  $V_{
m div}^h$ . Let  ${f v}\in V_{
m div}$  and let the discrete inf-sup condition hold. Then

$$\inf_{\mathbf{v}^h \in V_{\mathrm{div}}^h} \left\| \nabla \left( \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^h \right) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \left( 1 + \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\beta_{\mathrm{is}}^h} \right) \inf_{\mathbf{w}^h \in V^h} \left\| \nabla \left( \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^h \right) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

proof: board

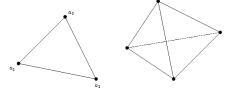


• piecewise constant finite elements  $P_0$ ,  $(Q_0)$ 



one degree of freedom (d.o.f.) per mesh cell

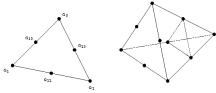
• continuous piecewise linear finite elements P<sub>1</sub>



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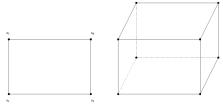


continuous piecewise quadratic finite elements P<sub>2</sub>



(d+1)(d+2)/2 d.o.f. per mesh cell

ullet continuous piecewise bilinear finite elements  $Q_1$ 

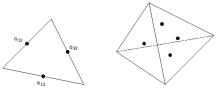


 $2^d$  d.o.f. per mesh cell

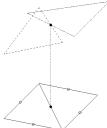
and so on for continuous finite elements of higher order



• nonconforming linear finite elements  $P_1^{\rm nc}$ , Crouzeix, Raviart (1973)



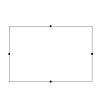
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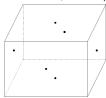


d+1 d.o.f. per mesh cell



• rotated bilinear finite element  $Q_1^{\text{rot}}$ , Rannacher, Turek (1992)





- continuous only in barycenters of faces
- 2d d.o.f. per mesh cell
- discontinuous linear finite element  $P_1^{
  m disc}$ 
  - o defined by integral nodal functionals
    - e.g.  $\varphi^h \in P_1^{\mathrm{disc}}$  if  $\varphi^h$  is linear on a mesh cell K (2d) and

$$\int_{K} \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{h}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 0, \int_{K} x \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{h}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 1, \int_{K} y \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{h}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 0$$

 $\circ d+1$  d.o.f. per mesh cell



• criterion for violation of discrete inf-sup condition: there is non-trivial  $q^h \in Q^h$  such that

$$b^{h}\left(\mathbf{v}^{h}, q^{h}\right) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v}^{h} \in V^{h}$$

$$\Longrightarrow \sup_{\mathbf{v}^{h} \in V^{h}} \frac{b^{h}\left(\mathbf{v}^{h}, q^{h}\right)}{\|\mathbf{v}^{h}\|_{V^{h}}} = 0$$



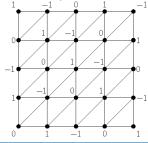
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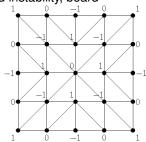
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 $\Longrightarrow$ 

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- $P_1/P_1$  pair of finite element spaces violates discrete inf-sup condition
  - o counter example: checkerboard instability, board





- other pairs which violated discrete inf-sup condition
  - $\circ P_1/P_0$
  - $\circ Q_1/Q_0$
  - $P_k/P_k, k \ge 1$
  - $\circ Q_k/Q_k, k \geq 1$
  - $P_k/P_{k-1}^{\rm disc}$ ,  $k \ge 2$ , on a special macro cell
- summary:
  - many easy to implement pairs violate discrete inf-sup condition
  - different finite element spaces for velocity and pressure necessary

pairs which fulfill discrete inf-sup condition

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 \begin{array}{l} \circ \ P_k/P_{k-1}, \ Q_k/Q_{k-1} \colon \text{Taylor-Hood finite elements [1]} \\ - \ \text{proofs: 2D, } k=2 \ [2] \\ \circ \ Q_k/Q_{k-1}^{\text{disc}} \\ \circ \ P_k/P_{k-1}^{\text{disc}}, \ k \geq d, \text{ on very special meshes (Scott-Vogelius element)} \\ \circ \ P_1^{\text{bubble}}/P_1, \ \text{mini element} \\ \circ \ P_1^{\text{bubble}}/P_{k-1}^{\text{disc}} \ [3] \\ \circ \ P_1^{\text{nc}}/P_0, \ \text{Crouzeix-Raviart element [4]} \\ \circ \ Q_1^{\text{rot}}/Q_0, \ \text{Rannacher-Turek element [5]} \\ \circ \ \vdots \\ \end{array}
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- techniques for proving the discrete inf-sup condition
  - construction of Fortin operator [1]
  - o using projection to piecewise constant pressure [2]
  - macroelement technique [3]
  - o survey in [4]

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continuous equation

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
-\Delta \mathbf{u} + \nabla p & = & \mathbf{f} & \text{in } \Omega, \\
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} & = & 0 & \text{in } \Omega
\end{array} \tag{1}$$

for simplicity: homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions

- · difficulty: coupling of velocity and pressure
- properties
  - o linear
  - o form

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\end{aligned}$$

becomes (1) by rescaling with new pressure, right hand side



• weak form: Find  $(\mathbf{u}, p) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times L_0^2(\Omega)$  such that

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, p) & = & \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v} \rangle_{H^{-1}(\Omega), H^1_0(\Omega)} & \forall \ \mathbf{v} \in H^1_0(\Omega), \\ - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, q) & = & 0 & \forall \ q \in L^2_0(\Omega) \end{array}$$

- · casting into abstract framework
  - spaces

$$V = H^1_0(\Omega), \ \|\cdot\|_V = |\cdot|_{H^1(\Omega)}\,, \quad Q = L^2_0(\Omega), \ \|\cdot\|_Q = \|\cdot\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

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$$\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}, \quad \|p\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \leq \frac{2}{\beta_{is}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}$$

proof and discussion: board



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only conforming inf-sup stable finite element spaces

$$\circ \ V^h \subset V \ \text{and} \ Q^h \subset Q$$

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$$\inf_{q^h \in \mathcal{Q}^h} \sup_{\mathbf{v}^h \in \mathcal{V}^h} \frac{b^h\left(\mathbf{v}^h, q^h\right)}{\|\mathbf{v}^h\|_{V^h} \|q^h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}} \ge \beta_{\mathrm{is}}^h > 0$$



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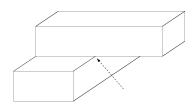
proof: board



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- o proof: board
- polyhedral domain in three dimensions which is not Lipschitz-continuous





- finite element error estimate for the  $L^2(\Omega)$  norm of the pressure
  - o same assumptions as for previous estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| p - p^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} & \leq & \frac{2}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \left( 1 + \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \right) \inf_{\mathbf{v}^h \in V^h} \left\| \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}^h) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & + \left( 1 + \frac{2\sqrt{d}}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \right) \inf_{q^h \in Q^h} \left\| p - q^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

o proof: board



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• regular dual Stokes problem: For given  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} \in L^2(\Omega)$ , find  $(\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}, \xi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}) \in V \times Q$  such that

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -\Delta\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}} + \nabla\xi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}} & = & \hat{\mathbf{f}} & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla\cdot\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}} & = & 0 & \text{in } \Omega \end{array}$$

regular if mapping

$$\left(\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}, \xi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}\right) \mapsto -\Delta\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}} + \nabla\xi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}$$

is an isomorphism from  $(H^2(\Omega) \cap V) \times (H^1(\Omega) \cap Q)$  onto  $L^2(\Omega)$ 

- $\circ$   $\Gamma$  of class  $C^2$
- bounded, convex polygons in two dimensions



- finite element error estimate for the  $L^2(\Omega)$  norm of the velocity
  - same assumptions as for previous estimates
  - o dual Stokes problem regular with solution  $(\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}, \xi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}})$

$$\begin{split} \left\| \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \\ & \leq \sqrt{d} \left( \left\| \nabla \left( \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{h} \right) \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} + \inf_{q^{h} \in \mathcal{Q}^{h}} \left\| p - q^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \right) \\ & \times \sup_{\hat{\mathbf{f}} \in L^{2}(\Omega)} \frac{1}{\left\| \hat{\mathbf{f}} \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\beta_{\text{lis}}^{h}} \right) \inf_{\phi^{h} \in V^{h}} \left\| \nabla \left( \phi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}} - \phi^{h} \right) \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \\ & + \inf_{r^{h} \in \mathcal{Q}^{h}} \left\| \xi_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}} - r^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \right] \end{split}$$

proof: board (if time admits)



- finite element error estimates for conforming pairs of finite element spaces
  - o same assumptions on domain as for previous estimates
  - o solution sufficiently regular
  - *h* − mesh width of triangulation
  - spaces
    - $-P_k^{\text{bubble}}/P_k$ , k=1 (mini element),
    - $P_k/P_{k-1}$ ,  $Q_k/Q_{k-1}$ , k ≥ 2 (Taylor–Hood element),
    - $P_k^{\text{bubble}}/P_{k-1}^{\text{disc}}, Q_k/P_{k-1}^{\text{disc}}, k \geq 2$

$$\begin{split} \left\| \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} & \leq Ch^k \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)} + \|p\|_{H^k(\Omega)} \right) \\ \left\| p - p^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} & \leq Ch^k \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)} + \|p\|_{H^k(\Omega)} \right) \end{split}$$



- finite element error estimates for conforming pairs of finite element spaces (cont.)
  - o in addition: dual Stokes problem regular

$$\left\|\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{u}^{h}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \leq Ch^{k+1}\left(\left\|\mathbf{u}\right\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)}+\left\|p\right\|_{H^{k}(\Omega)}\right)$$

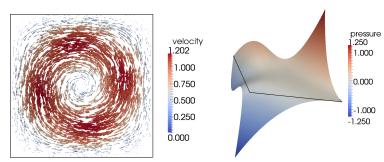
 $\circ$  all C depend on the discrete inf-sup constant  $eta_{
m is}^h$ 



- analytical example which supports the error estimates
- · prescribed solution

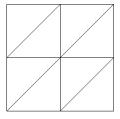
$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y \psi \\ -\partial_x \psi \end{pmatrix} = 200 \begin{pmatrix} x^2 (1-x)^2 y (1-y) (1-2y) \\ -x (1-x) (1-2x) y^2 (1-y)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

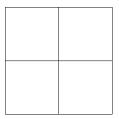
$$p = 10 \left( \left( x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 y^2 + (1-x)^3 \left( y - \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 \right)$$





• initial grids (level 0)

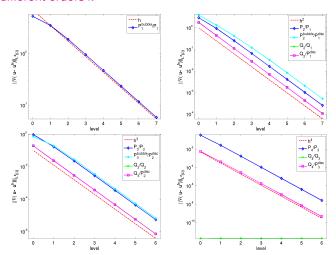




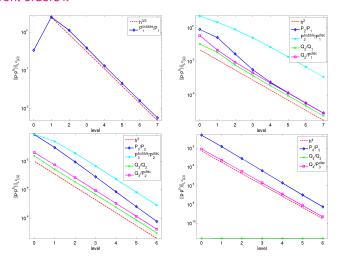
red refinement



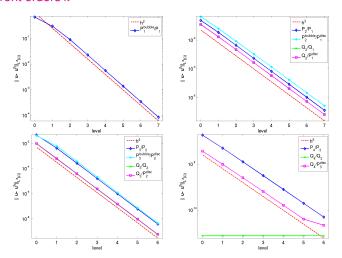
• convergence of the errors  $\left\| \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$  for different discretizations with different orders k



• convergence of the errors  $\|p-p^h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$  for different discretizations with different orders k



• convergence of the errors  $\|\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{u}^h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$  for different discretizations with different orders k



- implementation
  - vector-valued velocity space

$$\begin{array}{rcl} V^h & = & \operatorname{span}\{\phi_i^h\}_{i=1}^{3N_v} \\ & = & \operatorname{span}\left\{\left\{\begin{pmatrix} \phi_i^h \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}_{i=1}^{N_v} \cup \left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi_i^h \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}_{i=1}^{N_v} \cup \left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \phi_i^h \end{pmatrix}\right\}_{i=1}^{N_v} \end{array}\right.$$

pressure space

$$Q^h = \mathsf{span}\{\psi_i^h\}_{i=1}^{N_p}$$

representation of unknown solution

$$\mathbf{u}^h = \sum_{i=1}^{3N_v} u^h_j \phi^h_j, \quad p^h = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} p^h_j \psi^h_j$$



- pressure finite element space
  - $\circ$  standard basis functions not in  $L_0^2(\Omega)$
  - it can be shown under mild assumptions that standard basis functions can be used as ansatz and test functions
  - o computed pressure with standard basis functions has to be projected into  $L_0^2(\Omega)$  at the end



• linear saddle point problem

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \underline{u} \\ \underline{p} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \underline{f} \\ \underline{0} \end{array}\right)$$

with

$$(A)_{ij} = a_{ij} = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}^h} \left( \nabla \phi_j^h, \nabla \phi_i^h \right)_K, i, j = 1, \dots, 3N_v,$$

$$(B)_{ij} = b_{ij} = -\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}^h} \left( \nabla \cdot \phi_j^h, \psi_i^h \right)_K, i = 1, \dots, N_p, j = 1, \dots, 3N_v,$$

$$(\underline{f})_i = f_i = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}^h} \left( \mathbf{f}, \phi_i^h \right)_K, i = 1, \dots, 3N_v$$

• dimension (3d):  $(3N_v + N_p) \times (3N_v + N_p)$ 



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- $(\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{u}^h), \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{v}^h))$  instead of  $(\nabla \mathbf{u}^h, \nabla \mathbf{v}^h)$ 
  - equivalent only if u<sup>h</sup> weakly divergence-free
  - o generally not given for finite element velocities
  - not longer block-diagonal matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{12}^T & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{13}^T & A_{23}^T & A_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



continuous equation

$$-\nu\Delta\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{b}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

for simplicity: homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions

- · difficulties:
  - coupling of velocity and pressure
  - dominating convection
- properties
  - linear



Carl Wilhelm Oseen (1879 – 1944)



- coefficients
  - $\circ v > 0$

$$\circ \ \ \mathbf{b} \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega), \ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$

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- interesting cases
  - $\circ$  *v* of moderate size, c = 0 in numerical solution of steady-state Navier–Stokes equations
  - v of arbitrary size,  $c = \mathcal{O}\left((\Delta t)^{-1}\right)$  in numerical solution of time-dependent Navier–Stokes equations

weak form

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{v}(\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) + ((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + c \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, p) &= \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v} \rangle_{V', V} & \forall \ \mathbf{v} \in V, \\ -(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, q) &= 0 & \forall \ q \in Q \end{aligned}$$

bilinear forms

$$\begin{array}{lcl} a \ : \ V \times V \to \mathbb{R}, & a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) & = & \nu(\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) + ((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}), \\ b \ : \ V \times Q \to \mathbb{R}, & b(\mathbf{v}, q) & = & -(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, q) \end{array}$$



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- existence and uniqueness of solution
  - o proof: board
  - essential condition

$$((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad \forall \ \mathbf{v} \in V$$

can be proved is  ${\bf b}$  is weakly divergence-free and has zero trace on  $\Gamma$ 



- stability of solution
  - dependency of bounds on coefficients is important
  - o depending on regularity of data, different estimates possible
    - most general

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{v}}{2} \left\| \nabla \mathbf{u} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \left\| c^{1/2} \mathbf{u} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2 \boldsymbol{v}} \left\| \mathbf{f} \right\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}^2$$

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- proof: board
- estimates for pressure with inf-sup condition
- discussion: board



Galerkin finite element method

$$a(\mathbf{u}^h, \mathbf{v}^h) + b(\mathbf{v}^h, p^h) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}^h) \quad \forall \mathbf{v}^h \in V^h,$$
  
 $b(\mathbf{u}^h, q^h) = 0 \quad \forall q^h \in Q^h$ 

- homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions
- o conforming, inf-sup stable finite element spaces
- existence, uniqueness, stability like for continuous problem

- finite element error estimate for the  $L^2(\Omega)$  norm of the gradient of the velocity
  - $\circ \ \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , bounded, polyhedral, Lipschitz-continuous boundary
  - o regularity of coefficients like stated above

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^{1/2} \left\| \nabla \left( \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h \right) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \left\| c^{1/2} \left( \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h \right) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &\leq C \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \right) C_{\text{os}} \inf_{\mathbf{v}^h \in V^h} \left\| \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}^h) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{v}^{1/2}} \inf_{q^h \in Q^h} \left\| p - q^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{\text{os}} = \mathbf{v}^{1/2} + \|c\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{1/2} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} \min\left\{\frac{1}{\mathbf{v}^{1/2}}, \frac{1}{c_0^{1/2}}\right\}$$

 $\circ$  *C* does not depend on coefficients and triangulation, but on  $\Omega$  (Poincaré–Friedrichs inequality)



- finite element error estimate for the  $L^2(\Omega)$  norm of the gradient of the velocity (cont.)
  - o proof: principally same as for Stokes equations
  - estimates for convective term

$$\begin{split} \left| \left( \left( \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \right) \boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\phi}^h \right) \right| &= \left| - \left( \left( \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}^h, \boldsymbol{\eta} \right) \right| \leq \| \mathbf{b} \|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} \left\| \nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}^h \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \| \boldsymbol{\eta} \|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\nu} \left\| \mathbf{b} \right\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{2} \left\| \boldsymbol{\eta} \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \frac{\nu}{8} \left\| \nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}^h \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} \end{split}$$

or if 
$$c_0 > 0$$

$$\begin{split} \left| \left( \left( \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \right) \boldsymbol{\eta}, \phi^h \right) \right| & \leq & \left\| \mathbf{b} \right\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} \left\| \nabla \boldsymbol{\eta} \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \left\| \phi^h \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \\ & \leq & \frac{\left\| \mathbf{b} \right\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{2} \left\| \nabla \boldsymbol{\eta} \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2}}{c_{\Omega}} + \frac{\left\| c^{1/2} \phi^h \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2}}{4} \end{split}$$



- finite element error estimate for the  $L^2(\Omega)$  norm of the pressure
  - same assumptions as for previous estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| p - p^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} & \leq C \left[ \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \right) C_{\text{os}}^2 \inf_{\mathbf{v}^h \in V^h} \left\| \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}^h) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right. \\ & + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} + \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \frac{C_{\text{os}}}{\mathbf{v}^{1/2}} \right) \inf_{q^h \in Q^h} \left\| p - q^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

o proof: as for Stokes equations, with discrete inf-sup condition

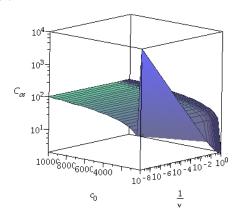


- finite element error estimates for conforming pairs of finite element spaces
  - o same assumptions on domain as for previous estimates
  - o solution sufficiently regular
  - *h* − mesh width of triangulation
  - spaces
    - $-P_k^{\text{bubble}}/P_k$ , k=1 (mini element),
    - $-P_k/P_{k-1}$ ,  $Q_k/Q_{k-1}$ , k ≥ 2 (Taylor–Hood element),
    - $P_k^{\text{bubble}}/P_{k-1}^{\text{disc}}, Q_k/P_{k-1}^{\text{disc}}, k \ge 2$

$$\begin{split} \left\| \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} & \leq & \frac{C}{\nu^{1/2}} h^k \left( C_{\text{os}} \left\| \mathbf{u} \right\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)} + \frac{1}{\nu^{1/2}} \left\| p \right\|_{H^k(\Omega)} \right), \\ \left\| p - p^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} & \leq & C h^k \left( C_{\text{os}}^2 \left\| \mathbf{u} \right\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)} + \left( 1 + \frac{C_{\text{os}}}{\nu^{1/2}} \right) \|p\|_{H^k(\Omega)} \right) \end{split}$$



•  $C_{os}$  for  $\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} = 1$ 



discussion: board

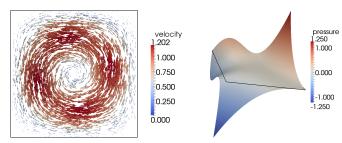
• error bounds not uniform for small v or small time steps



- analytical example which supports the error estimates
- · prescribed solution

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y \psi \\ -\partial_x \psi \end{pmatrix} = 200 \begin{pmatrix} x^2 (1-x)^2 y (1-y) (1-2y) \\ -x (1-x) (1-2x) y^2 (1-y)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

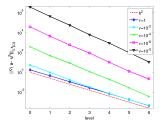
$$p = 10 \left( \left( x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 y^2 + (1-x)^3 \left( y - \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 \right)$$

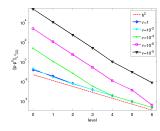


 $\bullet$  b = 11



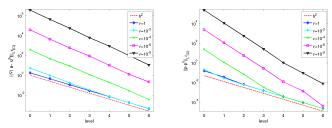
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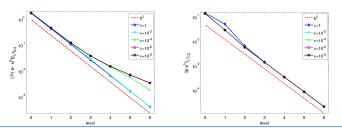




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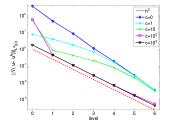


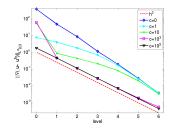
•  $Q_2/Q_1$ , convergence of errors for c = 100 and different values of v





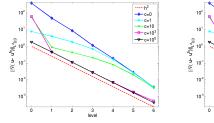
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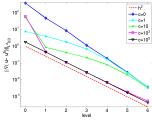






•  $Q_2/Q_1$ , convergence of errors for  $v = 10^{-4}$  and different values of c





- summary
  - Galerkin discretization in some cases unstable



# 4 The Oseen Equations – Residual-Based Stabilizations

- principal idea
- given: linear partial differential equation in strong form

$$A_{\rm str}u_{\rm str}=f, \quad f\in L^2(\Omega)$$

Galerkin discretization

$$a^{h}\left(u^{h},v^{h}\right)=\left(f,v^{h}\right)\quad\forall\ v^{h}\in V^{h}$$

- needed: modification of strong operator  $A^h_{\rm str}: V^h \to L^2(\Omega)$
- residual

$$r^h\left(u^h\right) = A_{\rm str}^h u^h - f \in L^2(\Omega)$$

• generally  $r^h(u^h) \neq 0$ 



- principal idea (cont.)
- consider optimization problem

$$\mathop{\arg\min}_{\boldsymbol{u}^h \in \boldsymbol{V}^h} \left\| \boldsymbol{r}^h \left( \boldsymbol{u}^h \right) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 = \mathop{\arg\min}_{\boldsymbol{u}^h \in \boldsymbol{V}^h} \left( \boldsymbol{r}^h \left( \boldsymbol{u}^h \right), \boldsymbol{r}^h \left( \boldsymbol{u}^h \right) \right)$$

necessary condition for solution (board)

$$\left(r^{h}\left(u^{h}\right),A_{\mathrm{str}}^{h}v^{h}\right)=0$$



- principal idea (cont.)
- consider optimization problem

$$\underset{u^{h} \in V^{h}}{\arg\min} \left\| r^{h} \left( u^{h} \right) \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} = \underset{u^{h} \in V^{h}}{\arg\min} \left( r^{h} \left( u^{h} \right), r^{h} \left( u^{h} \right) \right)$$

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• generalization  $\delta(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ 

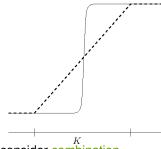
$$\underset{u^{h} \in V^{h}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \left\| \delta^{1/2} r^{h} \left( u^{h} \right) \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} = \underset{u^{h} \in V^{h}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \left( \delta r^{h} \left( u^{h} \right), r^{h} \left( u^{h} \right) \right)$$

with necessary condition

$$\left(\delta r^{h}\left(u^{h}\right), A_{\mathrm{str}}^{h} v^{h}\right) = 0$$



- principal idea (cont.)
- minimizing residual alone: not good



- o solid line function with laver
- o dashed line optimal piecewise linear approximation

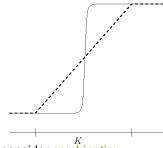
consider combination

$$a^{h}\left(u^{h},v^{h}\right)+\left(\delta r^{h}\left(u^{h}\right),A_{\mathrm{str}}^{h}v^{h}\right)=\left(f,v^{h}\right)\quad\forall\,v^{h}\in V^{h}$$

optimal choice of weighting function  $\delta(\mathbf{x})$  by numerical analysis



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• example: Oseen equations, board



- SUPG/PSPG/grad-div stabilization
- find  $(\mathbf{u}^h, p^h) \in V^h \times Q^h$  such that

$$\begin{split} A_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{u}^{h},p^{h}\right),\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\right) &= L_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\right) \quad \forall \ \left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right) \in V^{h} \times Q^{h}, \\ \text{with } A_{\mathrm{spg}} \ : \ \left(V \times \tilde{Q}\right) \times \left(V \times \tilde{Q}\right) \to \mathbb{R} \\ A_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{u},p\right),\left(\mathbf{v},q\right)\right) &= \quad v \left(\nabla \mathbf{u},\nabla \mathbf{v}\right) + \left(\left(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla\right)\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}\right) - \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v},p\right) + \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u},q\right) \\ &+ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{F}^{h}} \mu_{K} \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u},\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}\right)_{K} + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}^{h}} \delta_{E} \left(\left[|p|\right]_{E},\left[|q|\right]_{E}\right)_{E} \\ &+ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{F}^{h}} \left(-v\Delta \mathbf{u} + \left(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla\right)\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{u} + \nabla p, \delta_{K}^{v} \left(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla\right)\mathbf{v} + \delta_{K}^{p} \nabla q\right)_{K} \\ \text{and } L_{\mathrm{spg}} \ : \ \left(V \times \tilde{Q}\right) \to \mathbb{R} \\ L_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{v},q\right)\right) &= \left(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{v}\right) + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{F}^{h}} \left(\mathbf{f},\delta_{K}^{v} \left(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla\right)\mathbf{v} + \delta_{K}^{p} \nabla q\right)_{K} \end{split}$$



- SUPG/PSPG/grad-div stabilization (cont.)
- finite element error analysis in [1]
- $\delta_K = \delta_K^{v} = \delta_K^{p}$  for all  $K \in \mathscr{T}^h$

$$\delta = \max_{K \in \mathscr{T}^h} \delta_K, \quad \mu = \max_{K \in \mathscr{T}^h} \mu_K$$



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no saddle point problem because of

$$-\sum_{E\in\mathscr{E}^h} \delta_E \left( \left[ \left| p^h \right| \right]_E, \left[ \left| q^h \right| \right]_E \right)_E - \sum_{K\in\mathscr{T}^h} \delta_K \left( \nabla p^h, \nabla q^h \right)_K$$

- analysis for elliptic partial differential equations applicable
- inf-sup stable spaces not necessary
- choice of stabilization parameters affected by choice of finite element spaces



- properties
  - consistency

$$A_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{u},p\right),\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\right)=L_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\right),\quad\forall\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\in V^{h}\times Q^{h}$$

Galerkin orthogonality

$$A_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{u}^h,p-p^h\right),\left(\mathbf{v}^h,q^h\right)\right)=0,\quad\forall\left(\mathbf{v}^h,q^h\right)\in V^h\times Q^h$$



mesh-dependent norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathbf{v},q)\|_{\text{spg}} &= \left\{ \mathbf{v} \|\nabla \mathbf{v}\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \left\| c^{1/2} \mathbf{v} \right\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \sum_{K \in \mathscr{T}^{h}} \mu_{K} \|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}\|_{L^{2}(K)}^{2} \right. \\ &\left. + \sum_{E \in \mathscr{E}^{h}} \delta_{E} \|[|q|]_{E}\|_{L^{2}(E)}^{2} + \sum_{K \in \mathscr{T}^{h}} \delta_{K} \|(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \nabla q\|_{L^{2}(K)}^{2} \right\}^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

- o proof: board
- additional control on error of
  - divergence
  - pressure jumps
  - streamline derivative + gradient of pressure
- norm with pressure: later



- existence and uniqueness of a solution
  - assumptions

$$\mu_K \ge 0, \quad 0 < \delta_K \le \min \left\{ \frac{h_K^2}{3\nu C_{\text{inv}}^2}, \frac{1}{3\|c\|_{L^{\infty}(K)}} \right\}$$

$$\delta_E > 0$$
 if  $Q^h \not\subset C(\overline{\Omega})$ 

- o proof: application of Lax-Milgram lemma
  - coercivity (board if time admits),  $\forall \ \left(\mathbf{v}^h,q^h\right) \in V^h imes Q^h$

$$A_{\text{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{v}^{h}, q^{h}\right), \left(\mathbf{v}^{h}, q^{h}\right)\right) \ge \frac{1}{2} \left\|\left(\mathbf{v}^{h}, q^{h}\right)\right\|_{\text{spg}}^{2}$$

- boundedness,  $\forall \ \left(\mathbf{u}^{h},p^{h}\right),\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\in V^{h}\times Q^{h}$ 

$$A_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{u}^{h},p^{h}\right),\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\right)\leq C\left\|\left(\mathbf{u}^{h},p^{h}\right)\right\|_{\mathrm{spg}}\left\|\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\right\|_{\mathrm{spg}}$$

using: all norms are equivalent in finite-dimensional spaces



stability

$$\left\| \left( \mathbf{u}^h, p^h \right) \right\|_{\text{spg}}^2 \leq \frac{12}{5} \min \left\{ \frac{\left\| \mathbf{f} \right\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}^2}{\nu}, \frac{\left\| \mathbf{f} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2}{c_0} \right\} + 4 \sum_{K \in \mathscr{T}^h} \delta_K \left\| \mathbf{f} \right\|_{L^2(K)}^2$$

- o proof: as usual
- estimate in stronger norm than for Galerkin finite element method
- o estimate for pressure with inf-sup condition possible



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• first step: inf-sup conditions for  $A_{\rm spg}$ 

$$\inf_{\substack{\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\in V^{h}\times Q^{h}\\ \left(\left(\mathbf{u}^{h},r^{h}\right)\in V^{h}\times Q^{h}}}\sup_{\substack{\left(\mathbf{w}^{h},r^{h}\right)\in V^{h}\times Q^{h}\\ \left(\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right)\right|_{\mathrm{spg,p}}=1}}A_{\mathrm{spg}}\left(\left(\mathbf{v}^{h},q^{h}\right),\left(\mathbf{w}^{h},r^{h}\right)\right)\geq\beta_{\mathrm{spg}}$$

- o some conditions on stabilization parameters, e.g.,  $\delta_0 h_K^2 \leq \delta_K$
- proof very technical
- $\circ$   $\beta_{\text{spg}} = \mathscr{O}(\delta_0)$



finite element error estimate

$$\begin{split} & \left\| \left( \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h, p - p^h \right) \right\|_{\text{spg}} + v^{1/2} \left\| p - p^h \right\|_{L^2\Omega} \\ & \leq & C \left[ h^k \left( v^{1/2} + \frac{v \delta^{1/2}}{h} + \frac{h}{\delta^{1/2}} + \delta^{1/2} + \frac{\mu \delta^{1/2}}{h} + \|c\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}^{1/2} h + \delta \|c\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} h \right) \\ & + h^{l+1} \left( v^{1/2} + \frac{\delta^{1/2}}{h} + \frac{1}{v^{1/2}} \left( \max \left\{ 1, \frac{\mu}{v} \right\} \right)^{-1/2} \right) \|p\|_{H^{l+1}(\Omega)} \right] \end{split}$$

- $\circ$   $k \ge 1, l \ge 0$
- C independent of the coefficients of the problem
- o proof: based on inf-sup condition



- ullet optimal asymptotics for stabilization parameters, v < h (board)
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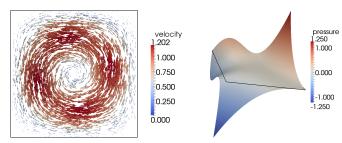
$$\delta = \mathscr{O}\left(h^2\right), \quad \mu \text{ arbitrary } \implies \text{ order of convergence: } k$$



- analytical example which supports the error estimates
- prescribed solution

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y \psi \\ -\partial_x \psi \end{pmatrix} = 200 \begin{pmatrix} x^2 (1-x)^2 y (1-y) (1-2y) \\ -x (1-x) (1-2x) y^2 (1-y)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p = 10 \left( \left( x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 y^2 + (1-x)^3 \left( y - \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 \right)$$



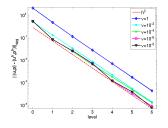
• b = u

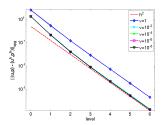


- $Q_2/Q_1$  finite element
- stabilization parameters (based on numerical simulations from [1])

$$\mu_K = 0.2, \quad \delta_K = 0.1 h_K^2$$

• convergence of errors for c = 0 and c = 100, different values of v

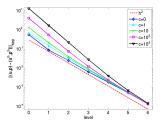




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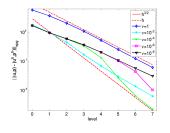
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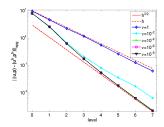


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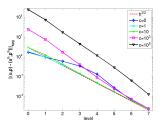
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- implementation: same approach as for Stokes equations
- grad-div term leads to matrix block

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{12}^T & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{13}^T & A_{23}^T & A_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{instead of} \quad \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

- PSPG term introduces pressure-pressure couplings
- SUPG term influences velocity-velocity coupling and the pressure (ansatz) - velocity (test) coupling
- final system

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} A & D \\ B & C \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \underline{u} \\ \underline{p} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \underline{f} \\ \underline{f_p} \end{array}\right)$$

much more matrix blocks to store than for Galerkin FEM



- Summary and remarks
  - $\circ \;\; \operatorname{errors} \, \left\| (\mathbf{u},p) (\mathbf{u}^h,p^h) 
    ight\|_{\operatorname{spg}} \; \operatorname{independent} \; \operatorname{of} \; v$
  - versions without pressure couplings available
    - only for inf-sup stable pairs of finite elements
    - easier to implement than SUPG/PSPG/grad-div stabilization
  - o numerical analysis in [1,2,3]



<sup>[1]</sup> Tobiska, Verfürth, SINUM 33, 107-127, 1996

<sup>[2]</sup> Lube, Rapin, M3AS 16, 949-966, 2006

<sup>[3]</sup> Matthies, Lube, Röhe, Comput. Methods Appl. Math. 9, 368-390, 2009

continuous equation

$$-\nu\Delta\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$
$$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

for simplicity: homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions

- · difficulties:
  - o coupling of velocity and pressure
  - dominating convection
  - o nonlinear



· different forms of the convective term

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}$$
 : convective form,  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)$  : divergence form,  $(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u}$  : rotational form

- o convective form and divergence form equivalent if  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$  (board, if time permits)
- o convective form and rotational form

$$(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla (\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$$

definition of new pressure (Bernoulli pressure) in rotational form

$$p_{\text{Bern}} = p + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}$$



• variational form of the steady-state Navier–Stokes equations: Find  $(\mathbf{u}, p) \in V \times Q$  such that

$$(\nu \nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) + ((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, p) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v})$$
$$-(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, q) = 0$$

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- properties of convective term
  - o linear in each component (trilinear)
  - $\circ$  **u**, **v**, **w**  $\in$   $H^1(\Omega)$ , product rule

$$((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = (\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} \mathbf{u}^T), \mathbf{w}) - ((\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$$

 $\circ \ \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in H^1(\Omega)$ , product rule

$$\left(\left(\mathbf{u}\cdot\nabla\right)\mathbf{v},\mathbf{w}\right)=\left(\mathbf{u},\nabla\left(\mathbf{v}\cdot\mathbf{w}\right)\right)-\left(\left(\mathbf{u}\cdot\nabla\right)\mathbf{w},\mathbf{v}\right)$$



- convective terms in the variational formulation
  - convective form

$$n_{\text{conv}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = ((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$$

o divergence form

$$n_{\text{div}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = n_{\text{conv}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) + ((\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$$

rotational form

$$n_{\rm rot}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = ((\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$$

with momentum equation

$$(\mathbf{v}\nabla\mathbf{u}, \nabla\mathbf{v}) + n_{\text{rot}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, p_{\text{Bern}}) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \ \mathbf{v} \in V,$$

 $\circ\,$  skew-symmetric form (for  ${\bf u}$  weakly divergence-free,  ${\bf u}\cdot{\bf n}=0$  on  $\Gamma,$  board)

$$n_{\text{skew}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} (n_{\text{conv}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) - n_{\text{conv}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}))$$



- further properties of convective term
- vanishing
  - o rotational and skew-symmetric form

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• estimates:  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in H^1(\Omega)$ 

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o proof: board



- existence and uniqueness of a solution
  - $\circ \ \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \in \{2,3\}$ , bounded domain with Lipschitz boundary
  - $\circ$  **f**  $\in H^{-1}(\Omega)$
  - o then: existence
- main ideas of the proof
  - o equivalent problem in the divergence-free subspace, only velocity
  - o consider problem in finite dimensional spaces (Galerkin method)
  - fixed point equation, existence of a solution of the finite dimensional problems: fixed point theorem of Brouwer
  - o dimension of the spaces  $\rightarrow \infty$ : show subsequence of the solutions tends to a solution of the problem in the divergence-free subspace
  - o existence of the pressure: inf-sup condition



- existence and uniqueness of a solution (cont.)
  - v sufficiently large, i.e.

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- numerical simulations
  - o case of unique solution is of interest
  - steady-state solutions unstable in non-unique case, solve time-dependent solution



stability

$$\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \leq \frac{1}{\nu} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)},$$
  
$$\|p\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \leq \frac{1}{\beta_{is}} \left( 2 \|\mathbf{f}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} + \frac{C}{\nu^{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right)$$

o proof: as usual, using

$$n(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}) = 0$$



#### 5 The Stationary Navier-Stokes Equations - Galerkin FEM

Galerkin finite element method

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \boldsymbol{v}\left(\nabla\mathbf{u}^h,\nabla\mathbf{v}^h\right) + n\left(\mathbf{u}^h,\mathbf{u}^h,\mathbf{v}^h\right) - \left(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v}^h,p^h\right) & = & \left(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{v}^h\right) & \forall \; \mathbf{v}^h \in V^h, \\ - & \left(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u}^h,q^h\right) & = & 0 & \forall \; q^h \in Q^h, \end{array}$$

• inf-sup stable pair of finite element spaces



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- · same as for continuous problem:
  - o existence, uniqueness
  - stability



- Finite element error estimate for the  $L^2(\Omega)$  norm of the gradient of the velocity
  - $\circ \ \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  bounded domain with polyhedral boundary
  - $\circ \ v^{-2} \| \mathbf{f} \|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}$  be sufficiently small such that unique solution
  - $\circ$  inf-sup stable finite element spaces  $V^h \times Q^h$

$$\begin{split} \left\| \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C \left( \left( 1 + \frac{1}{v^2} \left\| \mathbf{f} \right\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \right) \inf_{\mathbf{v}^h \in V^h} \left\| \nabla \left( \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}^h \right) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & + \frac{1}{v} \inf_{q^h \in \mathcal{Q}^h} \left\| p - q^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right) \end{split}$$

o proof: main ideas and treatment of nonlinear term: board



• Finite element error estimate for the  $L^2(\Omega)$  norm of the pressure

$$\begin{split} \left\| p - p^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C \frac{v}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \left( \left( 1 + \frac{1}{v^2} \left\| \mathbf{f} \right\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} \right)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \right) \inf_{\mathbf{v}^h \in V^h} \left\| \nabla \left( \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}^h \right) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & + C \frac{v}{\beta_{\text{is}}^h} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{v^2} \left\| \mathbf{f} \right\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} \right) \inf_{q^h \in Q^h} \left\| p - q^h \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right) \end{split}$$

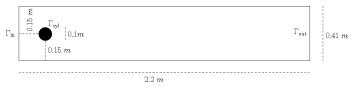
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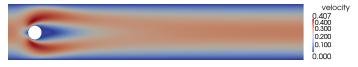
 analytical results can be supported numerically by analytical test examples



- Example: steady-state flow around a cylinder at Re = 20
  - domain



#### o velocity

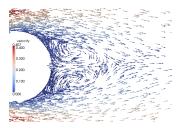


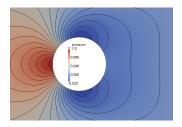
#### pressure





- Example: steady-state flow around a cylinder at Re = 20
  - o at the cylinder





• important: drag and lift coefficient at the cylinder

$$\begin{split} c_{\text{drag}} &= \frac{2}{\rho dU_{\text{mean}}^2} \int_{\Gamma_{\text{cyl}}} \left( \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{v_t}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} n_y - P n_x \right) \, ds, \\ c_{\text{lift}} &= -\frac{2}{\rho dU_{\text{mean}}^2} \int_{\Gamma_{\text{cyl}}} \left( \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{v_t}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} n_x + P n_y \right) \, ds \end{split}$$

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 reformulation with volume integrals possible, long but elementary derivation, e.g.

$$c_{\text{drag}} = -\frac{2U^2}{dU_{\text{mean}}^2} \left( (\boldsymbol{v} \nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{w}_d) + n(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}_d) - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_d, p) - (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{w}_d) \right)$$

for any function  $\mathbf{w}_d \in H^1(\Omega)$  with  $\mathbf{w}_d = \mathbf{0}$  on  $\Gamma \setminus \Gamma_{\text{cyl}}$  and  $\mathbf{w}_d|_{\Gamma_{\text{cyl}}} = (1,0)^T$ 



- reference values
  - [1]: compiled from simulations of different groups

$$c_{\text{drag,ref}} \in [5.57, 5.59], \quad c_{\text{lift,ref}} \in [0.104, 0.110]$$

o [2]: do-nothing conditions at outlet

$$c_{\text{drag,ref}} = 5.57953523384, \quad c_{\text{lift,ref}} = 0.010618948146$$

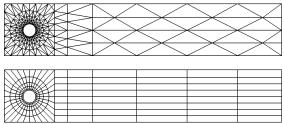
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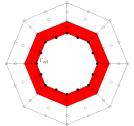
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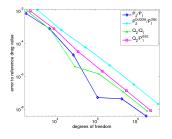
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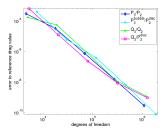


ullet patch for test function in computation of coefficients,  $\mathcal{Q}_2$ 



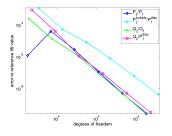
- · convective form of convective term
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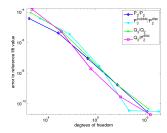




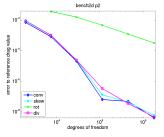


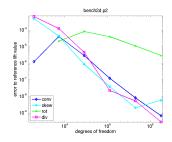
#### · convergence of lift coefficient





• preliminary results: different forms of the convective term,  $P_2/P_1$ 





- rotational form
  - o reconstructed pressure has boundary layers, inaccurate results



- schemes for solving the nonlinearity
- fixed point iteration

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{(m+1)} \\ p^{(m+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{(m)} \\ p^{(m)} \end{pmatrix} - \vartheta \mathbf{N}_{\text{lin}}^{-1} \left( \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{N} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{(m)}; \mathbf{u}^{(m)}, p^{(m)} \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

with

$$\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{u}, p) = \begin{pmatrix} a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + n(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b(\mathbf{v}, p) \\ b(\mathbf{u}, q) \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{lin}}$  – linear operator  $\vartheta \in (0,1]$  – damping factor



- fixed point iteration
  - o linear system to be solved

$$\mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{lin}} \begin{pmatrix} \delta \mathbf{u}^{(m+1)} \\ \delta p^{(m+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \left( \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{N} \left( \mathbf{u}^{(m)}; \mathbf{u}^{(m)}, p^{(m)} \right) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

setting

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta \mathbf{u}^{(m+1)} \\ \delta p^{(m+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)} - \mathbf{u}^{(m)} \\ \tilde{p}^{(m+1)} - p^{(m)} \end{pmatrix},$$

then

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iteration with Stokes equations

$$\mathbf{N}_{\text{lin}} = \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{0}; \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \tilde{p}^{(m+1)}\right)$$

then

$$\begin{pmatrix} a(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}) + b(\mathbf{v}, \tilde{p}^{(m+1)}) \\ b(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, q) \end{pmatrix}$$

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- converges only if v is sufficiently large
- not recommended



iteration with Oseen-type equations, Picard iteration

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- iteration with Oseen-type equations, Picard iteration (cont.)
- different forms of nonlinear term

$$n_{\text{conv}}\left(\mathbf{u}^{(m)}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right) = \left(\left(\mathbf{u}^{(m)} \cdot \nabla\right) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right),$$

$$n_{\text{div}}\left(\mathbf{u}^{(m)}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right) = \left(\left(\mathbf{u}^{(m)} \cdot \nabla\right) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right) + \left(\left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(m)}\right) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right),$$

$$n_{\text{rot}}\left(\mathbf{u}^{(m)}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right) = \left(\left(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}^{(m)}\right) \times \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right),$$

$$n_{\text{skew}}\left(\mathbf{u}^{(m)}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\left(\mathbf{u}^{(m)} \cdot \nabla\right) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}\right) - \left(\left(\mathbf{u}^{(m)} \cdot \nabla\right) \mathbf{v}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}\right)\right]$$

- discussion: board
- widely used



- Newton's method
- linear operator is derivative of the nonlinear operator at the current position

$$\mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{lin}} = D\mathbf{N} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{(m)} \\ p^{(m)} \end{pmatrix}$$

o with Gâteaux derivative at  $(\mathbf{u}, p)^T$ 

$$D\mathbf{N} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u} + \varepsilon \phi; \mathbf{u} + \varepsilon \phi, p + \varepsilon \psi) - \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u}; \mathbf{u}, p)}{\varepsilon}$$
$$= \mathbf{N}(\phi; \mathbf{u}, p) + \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u}; \phi, p) + \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}, \psi)$$

o inserting and collecting terms (board)

$$\begin{pmatrix} a(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}) + n(\mathbf{u}^{(m)}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{v}) + n(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, \mathbf{u}^{(m)}, \mathbf{v}) + b(\mathbf{v}, \tilde{p}^{(m+1)}) \\ b(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)}, q) \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Newton's method (cont.)
  - order of convergence of Newton's method expected to be better than of the Picard iteration if
    - the solution  $(\mathbf{u}, p)$  is sufficiently smooth
    - the linear systems are solved sufficiently accurately
  - o properties of term  $n(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(m+1)},\mathbf{u}^{(m)},\mathbf{v})$  not clear
  - sometimes used in practice



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Newton iteration

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{array}\right)$$



- residual-based (and other) stabilizations possible
  - better: solve time-dependent problem



continuous equation

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \partial_t \mathbf{u} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla p & = & \mathbf{f} & \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} & = & 0 & \text{in } [0, T] \times \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u}(0, \cdot) & = & \mathbf{u}_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{array}$$

with

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \text{ in } [0, T] \times \Gamma$$



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- properties
  - no time derivative with respect to u
  - $\circ$  no second order space derivative with respect to  ${f u}$
  - the pressure vanished because

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla p \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi} \ d\mathbf{x} = (\nabla p, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) = \int_{\Gamma} p(\mathbf{s}) \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{s})}_{=\mathbf{0}} \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{s}) \ d\mathbf{s} - (p, \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{=\mathbf{0}}) = 0$$



- mathematical analysis
  - 2d: existence and uniqueness of weak solution, Leary (1933), Hopf (1951)
  - 3d: existence of weak solution, Leary (1933), Hopf (1951)
- Jean Leray (1906 1998) Eberhard Hopf (1902 1983)





Uniqueness of weak solution of 3d Navier–Stokes equations is open problem!



different form of the variational formulation

$$(\partial_t \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + v (\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) + n (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, p) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V, \\ - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, q) = 0 \quad \forall q \in Q,$$

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• stability of velocity (board)

$$\|\mathbf{u}(T)\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \nu \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^{2}\left(0,T;L^{2}(\Omega)\right)}^{2} \leq \|\mathbf{u}(0)\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \frac{1}{\nu} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^{2}\left(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega)\right)}^{2}$$



• implicit  $\theta$ -schemes as semi discretization in time

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• one-step  $\theta$ -schemes: n = k

	$\theta_1$	$\theta_2$	$\theta_3$	$\theta_4$	$t_k$	$t_{k+1}$	$\Delta t_{k+1}$	order
forward Euler scheme	0	1	1	0	$t_n$	$t_{n+1}$	$\Delta t_{n+1}$	
backward Euler scheme (BWE)	1	0	0	1	$t_n$	$t_{n+1}$	$\Delta t_{n+1}$	1
Crank-Nicolson scheme (CN)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	$t_n$	$t_{n+1}$	$\Delta t_{n+1}$	2



- fractional-step  $\theta$ -scheme [1]
  - o three-step scheme
  - two variants

$$\theta = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad \tilde{\theta} = 1 - 2\theta, \quad \tau = \frac{\tilde{\theta}}{1 - \theta}, \quad \eta = 1 - \tau$$

	$\theta_1$	$\theta_2$	$\theta_3$	$\theta_4$	$t_k$	$t_{k+1}$	$\Delta t_{k+1}$	order
FS0	$\tau\theta$	$\eta \theta$	$\eta \theta$	au heta	$t_n$	$t_n + \theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	$\theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	-
	$\eta ilde{ heta}$	$ au ilde{ heta}$	$ au ilde{ heta}$	$\eta ilde{ heta}$	$t_n + \theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	$t_{n+1} - \theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	$\tilde{\theta} \Delta t_{n+1}$	2
	au  heta	$\eta\theta$	$\eta\theta$	au heta	$t_{n+1} - \theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	$t_{n+1}$	$\theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	
FS1	τθ	ηθ	θ	0	$t_n$	$t_n + \theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	$\theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	
	$\eta   ilde{ heta}$	$ au ilde{ heta}$	0	$ ilde{m{ heta}}$	$t_n + \theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	$t_{n+1} - \theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	$\tilde{\theta} \Delta t_{n+1}$	2
	au heta	$\eta\theta$	$\boldsymbol{ heta}$	0	$t_{n+1} - \theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	$t_{n+1}$	$\theta \Delta t_{n+1}$	



<sup>[1]</sup> Bristeau, Glowinski, Periaux: Finite elements in physics, North-Holland, 73-187, 1986

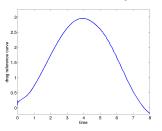
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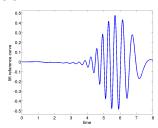


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- number of papers with finite element error estimates available
  - proofs become long
  - same techniques as for steady-state problems + Gronwall's lemma



- flow around a cylinder
  - o reference curves for drag and lift [1]







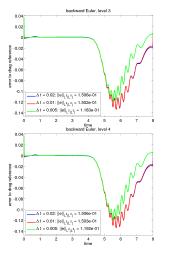
• refinement in space with  $Q_2/P_1^{
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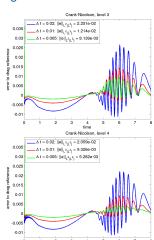
		$P_{2}/P_{1}$			$Q_2/P_1^{ m disc}$	
level	velocity	pressure	all	velocity	pressure	all
3	25 408	3248	28 656	27 232	9984	37 216
4	100 480	12 704	113 184	107 712	39 936	147 648
5	399 616	50 240	449 856	428 416	159 744	588 160

• refinement in time:  $\Delta t \in \{0.02, 0.01, 0.005\}$ 



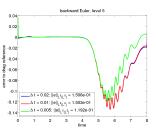
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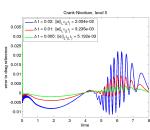


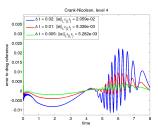


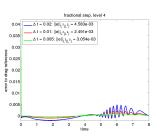


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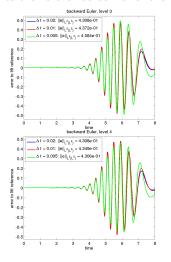


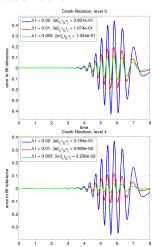






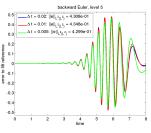
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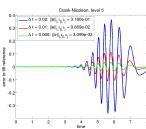


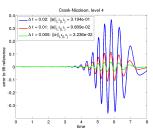


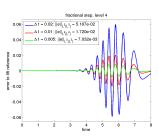


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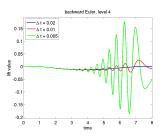


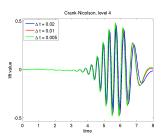




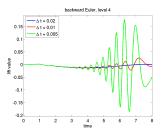


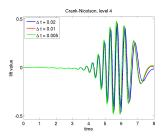
#### temporal evolution of lift coefficient





temporal evolution of lift coefficient





• BWE much to inaccurate (dissipative)



- projection method
  - motivation: schemes without need to solve (nonlinear) saddle point problems
  - o survey in [1]



- idea: decoupled NSE to obtain separate equations for velocity and pressure
  - approximation of time derivative given (q-step scheme)

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u}(t_{n+1}) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \tau_q \mathbf{u}_{n+1} + \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \tau_j \mathbf{u}_{n-j} \right), \quad \sum_{i=0}^q \tau_j = 0$$

 $\circ$  equation for intermediate velocity: given  $\hat{p}$  or  $\nabla \hat{p}$ 

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \tau_q \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} + \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \tau_j \mathbf{u}_{n-j} \right) - \nu \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}} + (\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{f} - \nabla \hat{p} \quad \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega$$

correction step for divergence-free velocity

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} (\tau_q \mathbf{u}_{n+1} - \tau_q \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}) + \nabla \varphi (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}) + \nabla p = \nabla \hat{p} \quad \text{in } (0, T] \times \Omega,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } [0, T] \times \Omega$$

 $\varphi(\cdot)$  – given function



• velocity computed in projection step is  $L^2(\Omega)$  projection of  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}$  into

$$H_{\mathrm{div}}(\Omega) = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in L^2(\Omega), \ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \in L^2(\Omega) \ : \ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \ \text{and} \ \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \ \text{on} \ \Gamma \right\}$$

non-incremental pressure-correction scheme

$$\circ \quad \hat{p} = 0, \ \varphi(\cdot) = 0$$

- o proposed in [1,2]
- with backward Euler
- intermediate velocity

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} + \Delta t_{n+1} \left( -\nu \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} + (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_n \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \right) = \mathbf{u}_n + \Delta t_{n+1} \mathbf{f}_{n+1} \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

with 
$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$$
 on  $\Gamma$ 

projection step

$$\begin{array}{rclrcl} \mathbf{u}_{n+1} + \Delta t_{n+1} \nabla p_{n+1} & = & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{n+1} & = & 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u}_{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{n} & = & 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \end{array}$$



<sup>[1]</sup> Chorin, Math. Comp. 22, 745-762, 1968

<sup>[2]</sup> Temam, Arch. Rational Mech. Anal. 33, 377-385, 1969

- non-incremental pressure-correction scheme (cont.)
- taking divergence of projection step

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla p_{n+1} = \Delta p_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\Delta t_{n+1}} \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}$$

- Poisson equation for the pressure
- boundary condition

$$\nabla p_{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\frac{1}{\Delta t_{n+1}} \left( \mathbf{u}_{n+1} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$



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• error estimates:  $(\overline{\mathbf{u}}, \overline{p})$  result of projection step

$$\|p - \overline{p}\|_{l^{\infty}(0,T;L^{2}(\Omega))} + \|\mathbf{u} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^{\infty}(0,T;H^{1}(\Omega))} \le C(\mathbf{u}, p, T) \Delta t^{1/2}$$

if in addition domain has regularity property

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \overline{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^{\infty}(0,T;L^{2}(\Omega))} + \|\mathbf{u} - \widetilde{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^{\infty}(0,T;L^{2}(\Omega))} \le C(\mathbf{u}, p, T) \Delta t$$



- non-incremental pressure-correction scheme (cont.)
  - inf-sup stable finite elements not necessary
  - however, spurious oscillations may appear if the time step becomes too small
  - low orders of convergence
  - o splitting error is  $\mathscr{O}(\Delta t) \Longrightarrow$  first order time stepping scheme sufficient
  - artificial Neumann boundary condition for the pressure induces a numerical boundary layer



standard incremental pressure-correction scheme

$$\circ \hat{p} = p_n, \, \varphi(\cdot) = 0$$

$$\circ \text{ with BDF2}$$

intermediate velocity

$$\begin{split} 3\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} + 2\Delta t \left( -\nu \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} + (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_n \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \right) \\ &= 4\mathbf{u}_n - \mathbf{u}_{n-1} + 2\Delta t \left( \mathbf{f}_{n+1} - \nabla p_n \right) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{split}$$

with 
$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$$
 on  $\Gamma$ 

projection step

$$3\mathbf{u}_{n+1} + 2\Delta t \nabla (p_{n+1} - p_n) = 3\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$
  
 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$   
 $\mathbf{u}_{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma$ 



- standard incremental pressure-correction scheme (cont.)
- taking divergence of projection step

$$\Delta(p_{n+1}-p_n) = \frac{3}{2\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}$$
 in  $\Omega$ 

- Poisson equation for the pressure update
- boundary condition

$$\nabla (p_{n+1}-p_n)\cdot \mathbf{n}=0$$
 on  $\Gamma$ 



- standard incremental pressure-correction scheme (cont.)
- taking divergence of projection step

$$\Delta(p_{n+1}-p_n) = \frac{3}{2\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}$$
 in  $\Omega$ 

- Poisson equation for the pressure update
- boundary condition

$$\nabla (p_{n+1}-p_n)\cdot \mathbf{n}=0$$
 on  $\Gamma$ 

• error estimates, with appropriate initial step,  $(\overline{\mathbf{u}},\overline{p})$  result of projection step

$$\|p-\overline{p}\|_{l^{\infty}(0,T;L^{2}(\Omega))}+\|\mathbf{u}-\tilde{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^{\infty}(0,T;H^{1}(\Omega))}\leq C(\mathbf{u},p,T)\Delta t$$

if in addition domain has regularity property

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \overline{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^{\infty}(0,T;L^{2}(\Omega))} + \|\mathbf{u} - \widetilde{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^{2}(0,T;L^{2}(\Omega))} \le C(\mathbf{u}, p, T) \Delta t^{2}$$



- standard incremental pressure-correction scheme (cont.)
  - similar estimates for Crank–Nicolson scheme
  - $\circ$  splitting error is  $\mathscr{O}\left(\Delta t^2\right)$   $\Longrightarrow$  second order time stepping scheme sufficient
  - artificial Neumann boundary condition for the pressure induces a numerical boundary layer



rotational incremental pressure-correction scheme

$$\circ \hat{p} = p_n, \, \varphi(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}) = \nu \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \\
\circ \text{ with BDF2}$$

intermediate velocity

$$\begin{split} 3\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} + 2\Delta t \left( -\nu \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} + (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_n \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \right) \\ &= 4\mathbf{u}_n - \mathbf{u}_{n-1} + 2\Delta t \left( \mathbf{f}_{n+1} - \nabla p_n \right) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{split}$$

with  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$  on  $\Gamma$ 

• projection step

$$3\mathbf{u}_{n+1} + 2\Delta t \nabla (p_{n+1} - p_n) = 3\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} - 2v\Delta t \nabla (\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}) \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$
  
 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$   
 $\mathbf{u}_{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma$ 



- rotational incremental pressure-correction scheme (cont.)
- taking divergence of projection step

$$\Delta \tilde{p}_n = \frac{3}{2\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \quad with \quad \tilde{p}_n = p_{n+1} - p_n + v \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}$$

- Poisson equation for the modified pressure
- boundary condition

$$abla p_{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{f}_{n+1} - \mathbf{v} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u}_{n+1}) \cdot \mathbf{n}$$
 on  $\Gamma$ 



- rotational incremental pressure-correction scheme (cont.)
- taking divergence of projection step

$$\Delta \tilde{p}_n = \frac{3}{2\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} \quad with \quad \tilde{p}_n = p_{n+1} - p_n + v \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}$$

- Poisson equation for the modified pressure
- boundary condition

$$\nabla p_{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{f}_{n+1} - \nu \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u}_{n+1}) \cdot \mathbf{n}$$
 on  $\Gamma$ 

 $\bullet$  error estimates, with appropriate initial step,  $(\overline{\mathbf{u}},\overline{p})$  result of projection step

$$\|p - \overline{p}\|_{l^2\left(0,T;L^2(\Omega)\right)} + \|\mathbf{u} - \widetilde{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^2\left(0,T;H^1(\Omega)\right)} + \|\mathbf{u} - \overline{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^2\left(0,T;H^1(\Omega)\right)} \le C\left(\mathbf{u},p,T\right)\Delta t^{3/2}$$

if in addition domain has regularity property

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \overline{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} + \|\mathbf{u} - \widetilde{\mathbf{u}}\|_{l^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} \le C(\mathbf{u}, p, T) \Delta t^2$$



- rotational incremental pressure-correction scheme (cont.)
  - equivalent formulation of velocity step

$$\begin{array}{ll} 3\mathbf{u}_{n+1} + 2\Delta t \left( \mathbf{v} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u}_{n+1} + (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_n \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1} + \nabla p_{n+1} \right) \\ &= 4\mathbf{u}_n - \mathbf{u}_{n-1} + 2\Delta t \mathbf{f}_{n+1} & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{n+1} &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \end{array}$$

 boundary condition for the pressure is consistent, can be derived from the Navier–Stokes equations



- only  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{n+1}$  needed in implementation
- first experience with non-incremental and standard incremental scheme: very inaccurate at boundaries (bad drag and lift coefficients)



# Thank you for your attention!

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