

The Orchestra of Partial Differential Equations

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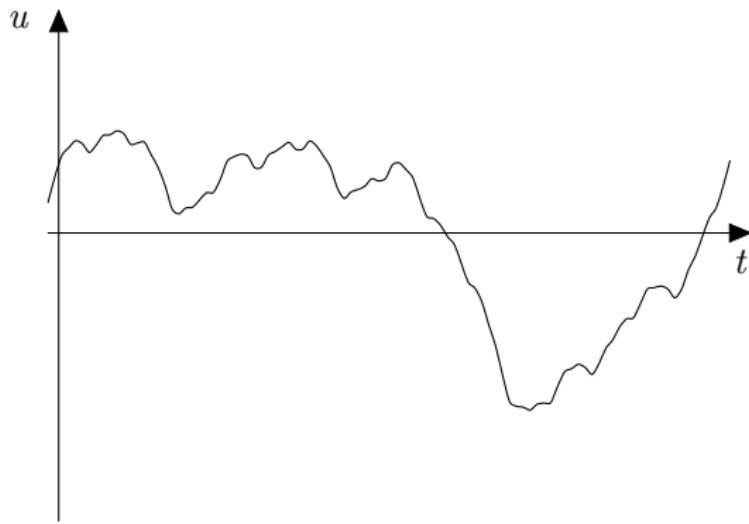
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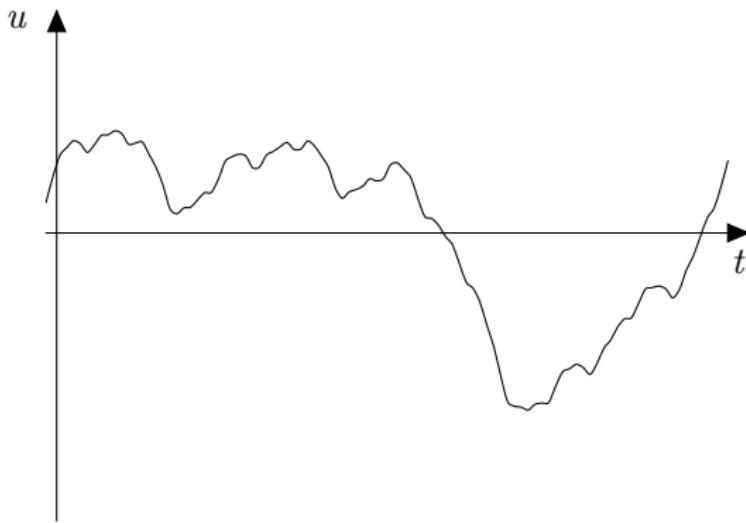
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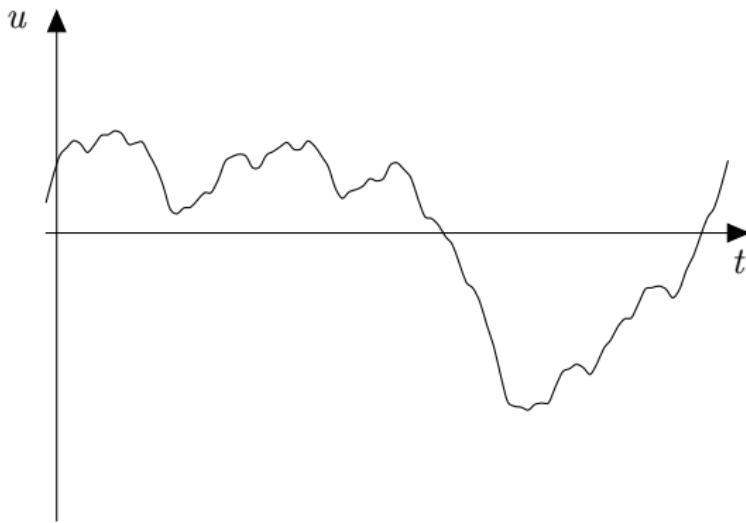


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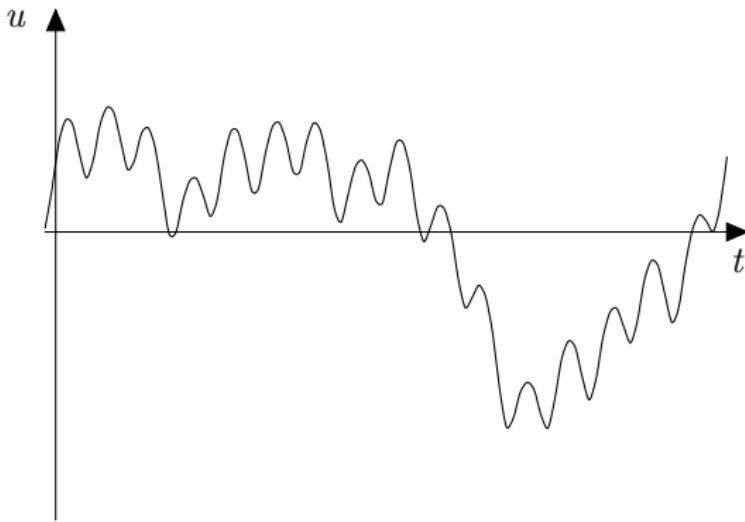
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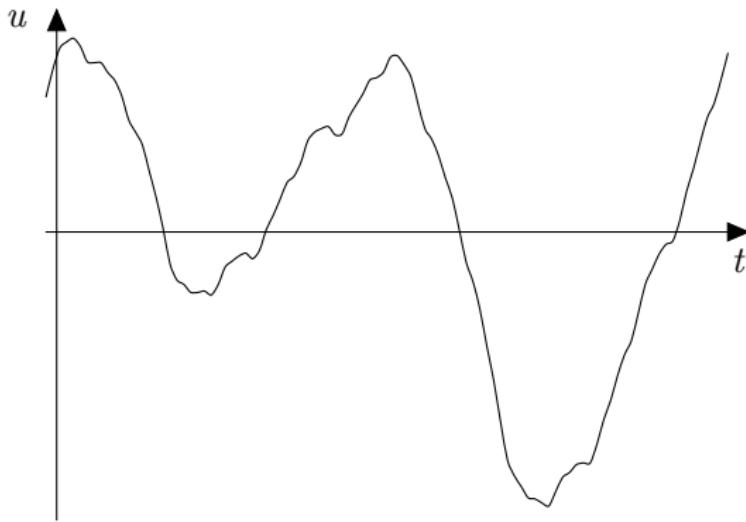
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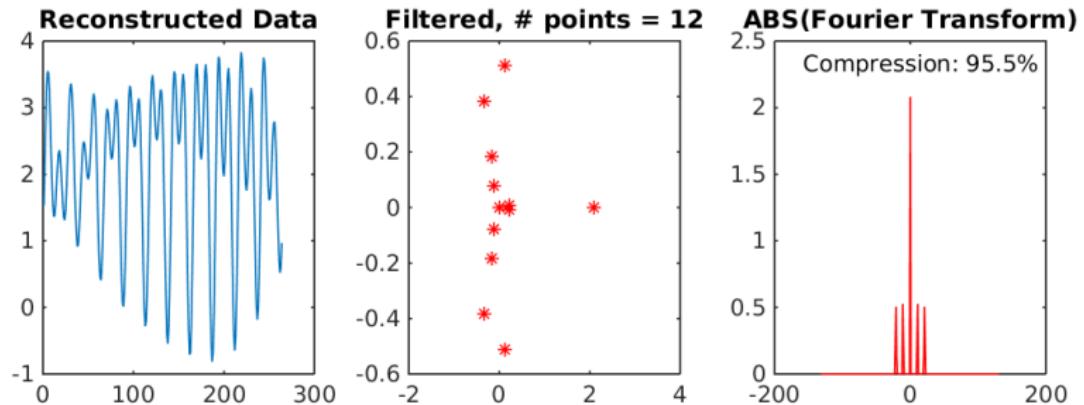
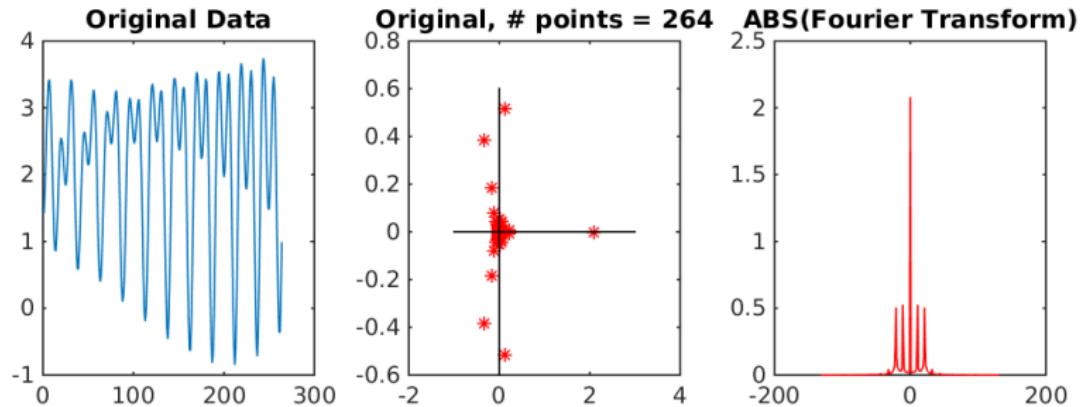
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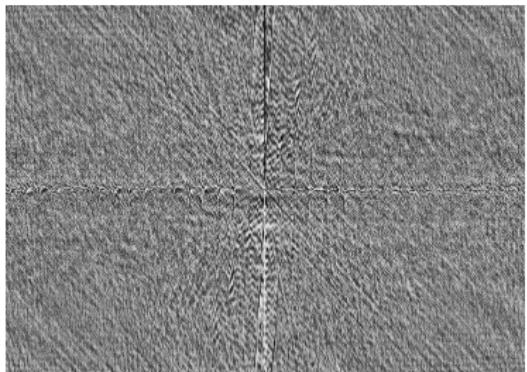
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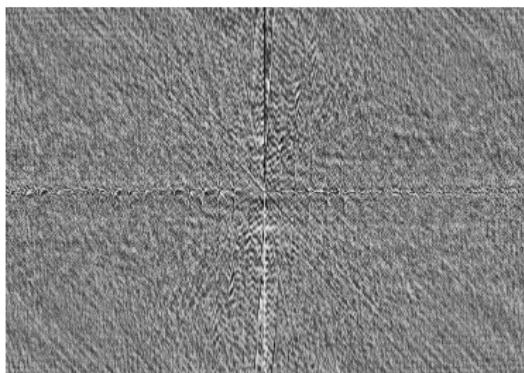
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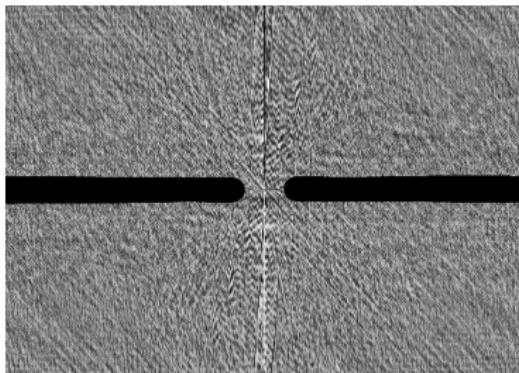
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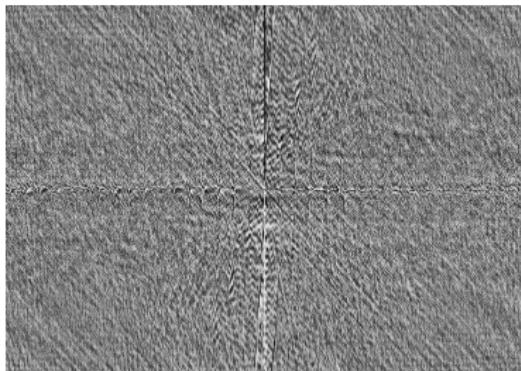
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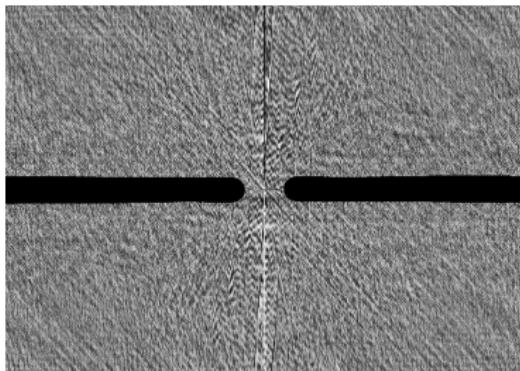
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Computer Time!

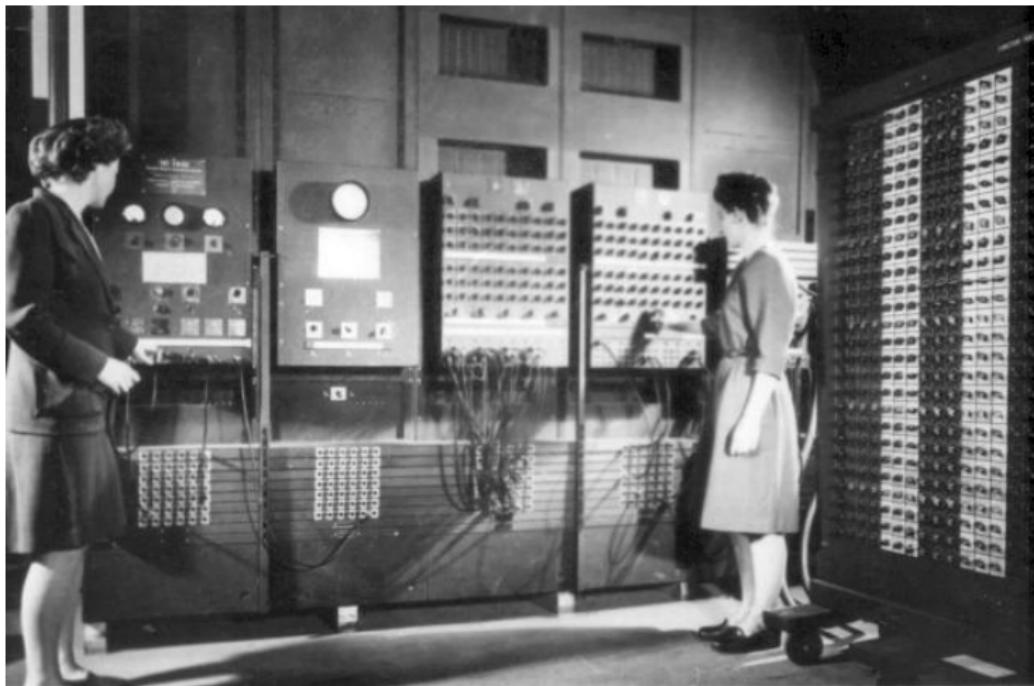


Figure : Programmers working on ENIAC, one of the first computers (c. 1946)

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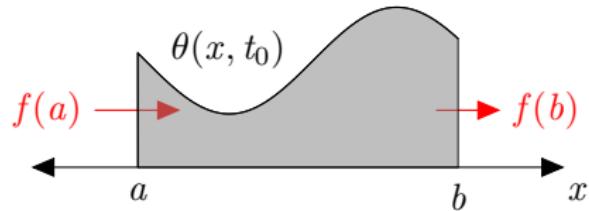
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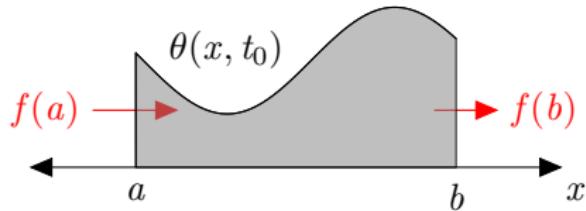


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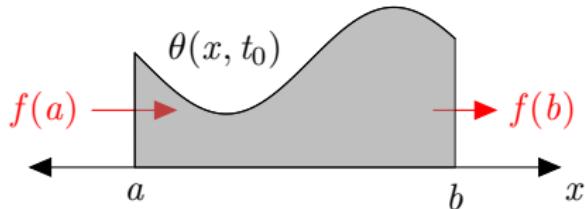


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Diffusion Equation in \mathbb{R}^3

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Figure : Woman working on a Cray supercomputer. (c. 1986)

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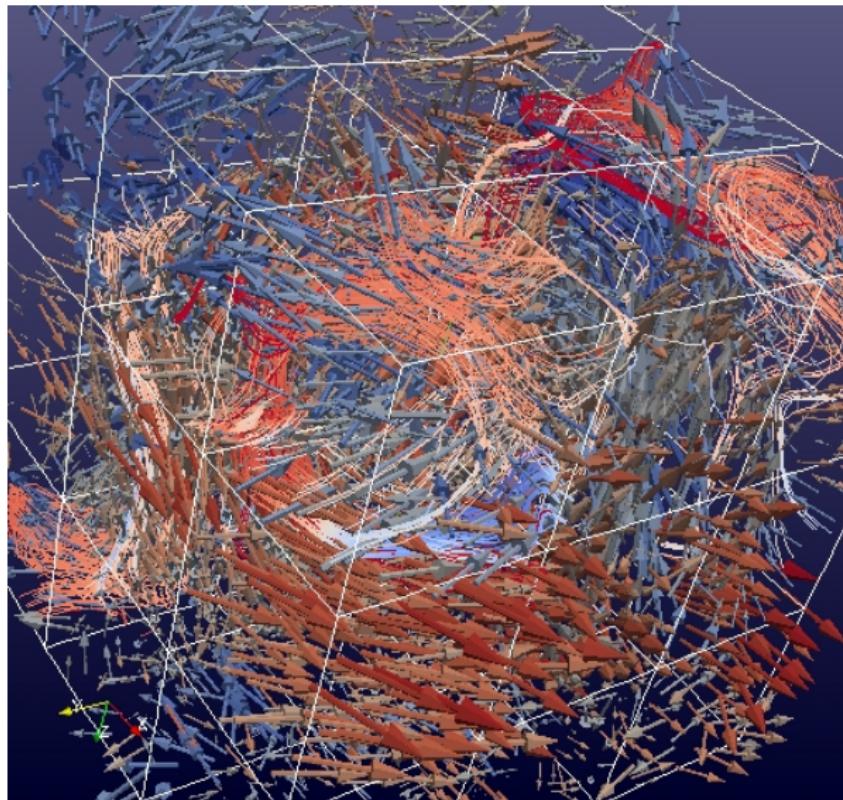


Figure : Simulation of a solution to the 3D Navier-Stokes equations.

The Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equations



Claude L.M.H. Navier

Momentum Equation

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t}}_{\text{Acceleration}} + \underbrace{(\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u}}_{\text{Advection}} = \underbrace{-\nabla p}_{\text{Pressure Gradient}} + \underbrace{\nu \Delta \vec{u}}_{\text{Viscous Diffusion}}$$

Continuity Equation (Divergence-Free Condition)

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$



George G. Stokes

Unknowns

\vec{u} := Velocity (vector)

p := Pressure (scalar)

Parameter

ν := Kinematic Viscosity

Problem (Leray 1933)

Existence and uniqueness of strong solutions in 3D for all time. (\$1,000,000 Clay Millennium Prize Problem)

Thank you!