

# Fluids & Solids graduate seminar

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(MATH 692, 1.0 credit, crn 35130)

- credit not required!
- if you want 1.0 credit, expect to give one talk ... please volunteer!

# Continuum mechanics through Navier-Stokes

plan:

- notation & product rules  $\rightsquigarrow$  just calc 3
- divergence theorem & integration by parts
- general (integral) conservation ... and its derivatives form  $\rightsquigarrow$  probably new to math grads?
- conservation of mass
- II      (i) momentum } actual physics
- Navier-Stokes for incompressible fluids }  
                a specific model

def. Suppose  $s: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , i.e. "general conservation law"  
 $s(t, x)$ , is a scalar source function, **RECALL**  
 $\vec{F}: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , i.e.  $\vec{F}(t, x)$ , is a vector-  
 valued flux function. We say  
the quantity of which  $\varphi$  is the density  
 $\varphi(t, x)$  is conserved,

where  $\varphi: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the scalar density, if

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} \varphi dx \right) = - \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds + \int_{\Omega} s dx}$$

for all  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

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" $\varphi$  is conserved" means we know how the amount of  $\varphi$  in  $\Omega$ , namely

RECALL

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi \, dx$$

changes in time, based on knowing how much leaves through the boundary  $(-\int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, dS)$

and how much is created inside  $(\int_{\Omega} s \, dx)$

## derivative form of (general) conservation

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- true over every  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Sigma} \varphi dx \right) \stackrel{*}{=} - \int_{\partial\Sigma} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds + \int_{\Sigma} s dx$$

- time derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Sigma} \varphi dx \right) \stackrel{LOC}{=} \int_{\Sigma} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} dx$$

- apply divergence theorem to flux surface integral:

$$\int_{\partial\Sigma} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds \stackrel{DT}{=} \int_{\Sigma} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dx$$

- thus rewrite  $\otimes$  as

$$\int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{F} - S \right) dx = 0$$

RECALL

- since this is true for every  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$
- we get a partial differential equation (PDE)  
form of conservation:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = S}$$

in real analysis:

$$\int f x_S dx = 0 \quad \forall S$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 0 \text{ a.e.}$$

## the Eulerian view

- in this (general) conservation view,  
the "control volume"  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$   
is fixed and does not move
- This view is also taken when you  
fix your coordinates (or numerical  
mesh) to the laboratory
- versus: Lagrangian view where  $\Omega = \Omega(t)$  moves

# mass conservation (a physics axiom)

$$\varphi(t, x) = \rho(t, x)$$

↑  
units: mass  
volume

fluid mass density  
(scalar)

$$s(t, x) = 0$$

no mass creation/annihilation

$$\vec{u}(t, x)$$

↖  
units: distance  
time

velocity of fluid,  
(vector)

$$\vec{F}(t, x) = \rho(t, x) \vec{u}(t, x)$$

↖  
units: mass  
area · time

mass flux  
(vector)

in other words, physicists assume

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} \rho dx \right) = - \int_{\partial\Omega} \rho \vec{u} \cdot \hat{n} dS + 0$$

for every (fixed)  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , as part of any fluid model

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in words: no mass is actually created or lost, so the change in mass in a given volume occurs only by moving mass across the boundary of the volume

## mass conservation in PDE form:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0$$

a.k.a.  
"continuity  
equation"

## constant density case:

if  $\rho(t, x) = \rho_0 > 0$  is constant then

$$0 + \nabla \cdot (\rho_0 \vec{u}) = 0$$

equivalent

$$\int_{\partial \Omega} \vec{u} \cdot \hat{n} dS = 0$$

ASL

so

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

incompressibility

def. Suppose  $\vec{S}: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector source function, and

$$F: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow (\text{3x3 matrices})$$

is a matrix-valued function.

$\vec{\varphi}(t, x)$  is conserved,

where  $\vec{\varphi}: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , if

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Sigma} \vec{\varphi} dx \right) = - \int_{\partial \Sigma} F \hat{n} ds + \int_{\Sigma} \vec{S} dx}$$

vector-valued  
General  
conservation  
law

## Conservation of momentum:

$$f = ma$$

$\therefore [f] = \frac{\text{mass} \cdot \cancel{\text{time}}}{\text{time}^2 \cancel{\text{distance}}}$

$$\vec{\varphi}(t, x) = \rho(t, x) \vec{u}(t, x)$$

↑ units:  $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}}$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

momentum density

"internal" stress in fluid

sometimes: " $\rho \vec{u} \otimes \vec{u}$ "

$$\mathbf{F}(t, x) = (\rho \vec{u}) \vec{u}^T - \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

↑ units:  $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}} \cdot \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$

[units same as:  $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$ ]

$$\vec{s}(t, x) = \rho \vec{g}$$

↑ units:  $\frac{\text{mass} \cdot \text{dist}}{\text{volume} \cdot \text{time}^2} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}^2}$ , gravity, an example)

body force (here

## Conservation of momentum

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} \bar{\varphi} dx \right) = - \int_{\partial\Omega} \bar{F} \hat{n} ds + \int_{\Omega} \bar{s} dx$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} \rho \bar{u} dx \right) = - \int_{\partial\Omega} (\rho \bar{u} \bar{u}^T - \sigma) \hat{n} ds + \int_{\Omega} \rho \bar{g} dx$$

stresses from inertia, as a momentum flux

stress density within material, as a momentum flux

weight density, as a momentum source

## Component-wise

if you work one component at a time then  
 $\vec{\varphi} = \rho \vec{u}$ ,  $F = \rho \vec{u} \vec{u}^T - \sigma$ ,  $\vec{s} = \rho \vec{g}$   
this is clearer:

$$\varphi = \rho u_i$$

$$\vec{F} = \rho u_i \vec{u} - \vec{\sigma}_i$$

$$s = \rho g_i$$

column i of  $\sigma$

thus:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} \rho u_i dx \right) = - \int_{\partial\Omega} \rho u_i \vec{u} \cdot \hat{n} dS + \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \hat{n} dS + \int_{\Omega} \rho g_i dx$$

component-wise PDE form, from divergence theorem:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho u_i) + \nabla \cdot (\rho u_i \vec{u}) = \nabla \cdot \vec{\sigma}_i + \rho g_i$$

expand by product rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} u_i + \rho \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t}} + \nabla u_i \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) + \underline{u_i \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u})} \\ = \nabla \cdot \vec{\sigma}_i + \rho g_i \end{aligned}$$

use mass conservation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla u_i \right) = \nabla \cdot \vec{\sigma}_i + \rho g_i$$

reassemble to full vector/matrix form:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} \right) = \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{g}$$

# general model for fluids

mass conservation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0$$

momentum (and mass) conservation:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} \right) = \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{g}$$

This is a very common place  
to start modeling a fluid!

$\rho$  = density

$\vec{u}$  = velocity

$\rho \vec{g}$  = body force

$\sigma$  = internal stresses

def: given a velocity field  $\vec{u}$ , for an abstract function  $\phi(t, x)$  we call

OBSERVATION

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \phi$$

the material time derivative of  $\phi$ , or  
the derivative following the fluid

Ex: ① mass

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \rho = -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{u}$$

so mass conservation can be written

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{u}$$

② momentum

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} \right) = \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{g}$$

so momentum conservation can be written

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{g}$$

which everyone associates to

$$m \vec{a} = F$$

$$= F_{\text{viscous}} + F_{\text{body}}$$

(Newton's 2nd law)

next:

- Navier - Stokes for incompressible and viscous fluids

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Volunteer possibility? :

conservation of energy, with application

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Later Bueler lecture:

- "reference configurations," and displacement, strain, velocity
- linear elasticity

# model for incompressible, viscous fluid $\leftarrow$ i.e. Navier-Stokes

axioms: ① mass ( $\rho$ ) is conserved

② momentum ( $\rho \vec{u}$ ) is conserved

③ angular momentum is conserved]

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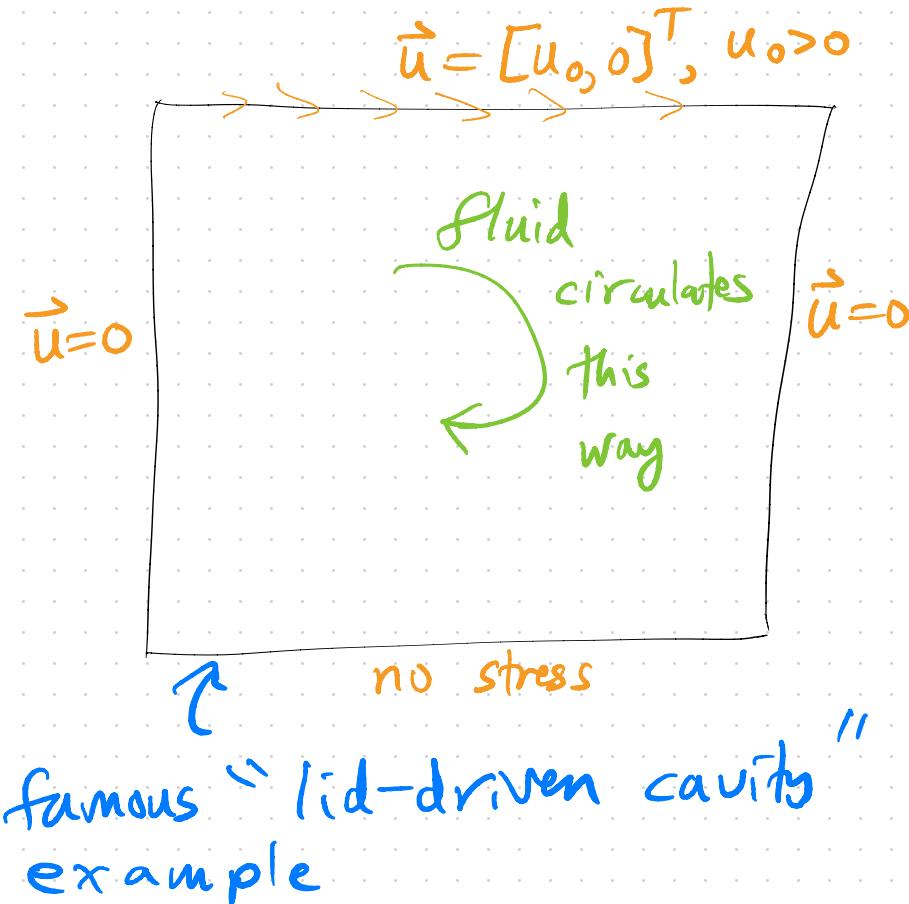
implies  
incompressibility

{ ④ mass density is constant

Newtonian  
viscous  
fluid

{ ⑤  $\sigma$  has a particular form

# Demo 2D Navier-Stokes



- Firedrake FE Solution
- code in [bueler.github.io/  
fluid-solid-seminar/  
py/bueler/cavity.py](https://bueler.github.io/fluid-solid-seminar/py/bueler/cavity.py)
- animated .gif generated from Paraview (via .png)

incompressibility: if  $\rho(t, x) = \rho_0 > 0$  is constant

then

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{mass conservation}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \rho_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0}$$

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Some people say " $\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ " as the axiom (assumption) of incompressibility, but from mass conservation that would seem to allow

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

so  $p$  is not constant, but it is (weirdly) preserved as it moves around...

## viscous fluid

- to understand viscosity we must consider the stress tensor  $\sigma$  ...
- the main equation we are headed for is

relation  
between  
 $3 \times 3$   
matrices

$$\{\sigma = -pI + 2\nu D\vec{u}$$

pressure      viscosity  
strain rate tensor

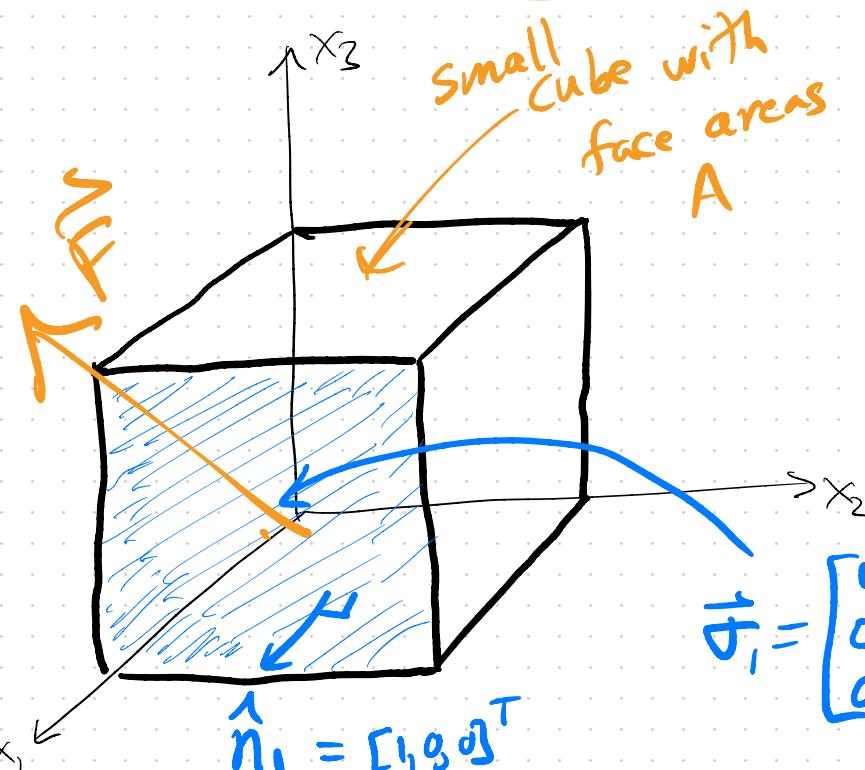
Newton's form (hypothesis) about fluids,  
in modern notation

# picture of stress tensor:

units:  $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 & \sigma_3 \end{array} \right]$$



$$\vec{\sigma}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{21} \\ \sigma_{31} \end{bmatrix}$$

gives force on this face:  
 $\vec{F}_1 = \vec{\sigma}_1 \hat{n}_1 A = \vec{\sigma}_1 A$

angular momentum is conserved

$$\sigma = \sigma^T$$

stress tensor is symmetric

derivation in (for example) section 4.3

of E.Tadmor, R.Miller & R.Elliott (2012) Continuum

Mechanics and Thermodynamics: From Fundamental

Concepts to Governing Equations, Cambridge U. Press

## strain rate tensor:

def: given velocity field  $\vec{u}$ , we have

Velocity gradient

$$\nabla \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_s = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$$

$$D\vec{u} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \vec{u} + \nabla \vec{u}^T) = \text{(symmetric part of } \nabla \vec{u})$$

strain rate tensor

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} \right) & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} \right) \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} \right) \\ \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Same      Same      Same

- $D\vec{u}$  (and  $\nabla \vec{u}$ ) measure the deformation rates of a small blob of fluid
- for an incompressible fluid, the trace of  $D\vec{u}$  is zero:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{tr}(D\vec{u}) &= (\partial \vec{u})_{11} + (D\vec{u})_{22} + (\partial \vec{u})_{33} \\
 &= \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} \\
 &= \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

## Newtonian fluid hypothesis (axiom):

there is a scalar field  $p$  and another scalar  $\nu > 0$  so that

$$\boxed{\sigma \stackrel{\otimes}{=} -pI + 2\nu D\vec{u}}$$

- $p$  is the pressure
- $\nu$  is the (dynamic) viscosity ... usually constant
- $\otimes$  is an axiom about how each small blob of fluid pushes on its neighbors, as it is deformed

- because  $\text{tr}(D\vec{u}) = \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ , for an incompressible fluid,  $\otimes$  also gives a formula for the pressure in terms of stress components:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \text{tr}(z_{22} D\vec{u}) = \text{tr}(\sigma + p I) \\ &= \text{tr}(\sigma) + p \text{tr}(I) = \text{tr}(\sigma) + 3p \end{aligned}$$

so

$$p = -\frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(\sigma) = -\frac{1}{3} (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22} + \sigma_{33})$$

$\uparrow$  which is interpretable in physical terms

## the derivation of Navier-Stokes:

- for an incompressible fluid,

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

mass conservation

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} \right) = \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{g}$$

momentum cons.

- substitute  $\sigma = -pI + 2\nu D\vec{u}$  into momentum equation:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} \right)$$

$$= -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (2\nu D\vec{u}) + \rho \vec{g}$$

- optional simplification: if  $\nu$  constant then  $\nabla \cdot (2\nu D\vec{u}) = \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u}$

# Navier-Stokes model for an incompressible, linearly-viscous (Newtonian) fluid:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} \right) - \nabla \cdot (2\eta D\vec{u}) + \nabla p = \rho \vec{g}$$

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

if  $\rho$  constant,  
 $= \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u}$

- This needs boundary and initial conditions!

Optional (but common) form when viscosity is constant

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{\vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u}} = \mu \nabla^2 \vec{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \vec{g}$$
$$\underline{\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0}$$

where  $\mu = \frac{\nu}{\rho}$  is kinematic viscosity

- often seen as a nonlinear, constrained, and vector form of the heat equation
- \$1 million prize to show this model is a good one, i.e. mathematically ...