

# Steady-State Stokes Equations For Incompressible Flow

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## 1 Algorithm

### 1.1 Continuous Equations

2D steady-state Stokes equations for incompressible flow are

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \vec{u} + \nabla p &= \vec{F} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} &= 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\vec{u} = [u, v]^T, \vec{F} = [f, g]^T$ . Sometimes, it's preferable to rewrite the above equations as

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + \partial_x p &= f \\ -\Delta v + \partial_y p &= g \\ \partial_x u + \partial_y v &= 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

### 1.2 Finite Difference Equations

Discretize (2), we get

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta)_h u_h + (\partial_x)_h p_h &= f_h \\ (-\Delta)_h v_h + (\partial_y)_h p_h &= g_h \\ (\partial_x)_h u_h + (\partial_y)_h v_h &= 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $(\cdot)_h$  denotes the discretization on the uniform grid whose grid size is  $h$ . We can rewrite (3) in matrix form, so we'll see it's actually a saddle points problem.

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_h & B_h \\ B_h^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_h \\ p_h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_h \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

where

$$A_h = \begin{bmatrix} (-\Delta)_h & 0 \\ 0 & (-\Delta)_h \end{bmatrix} \quad B_h = \begin{bmatrix} (\partial_x)_h \\ (\partial_y)_h \end{bmatrix} \quad U_h = \begin{bmatrix} u_h \\ v_h \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

Here we discretize (2) on an uniform staggered grid. In 2D case, the grid define cells, and each cell has 4 face. The discretion of x-component velocity  $u$  is defined at the center of x-faces of cells, i.e., faces perpendicular to the x-coordinate. The discretion of y-component velocity  $v$  is defined at the y-faces. Discretion of pressure  $p$  is located at the cell centers.

On such a staggered grid, we discretize the x/y-component momentum equation in x/y-face centers, and incompressible condition  $\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$  at cell centers. Laplacian operator is approximated by five points scheme, while partial derivative is approximated by center difference.

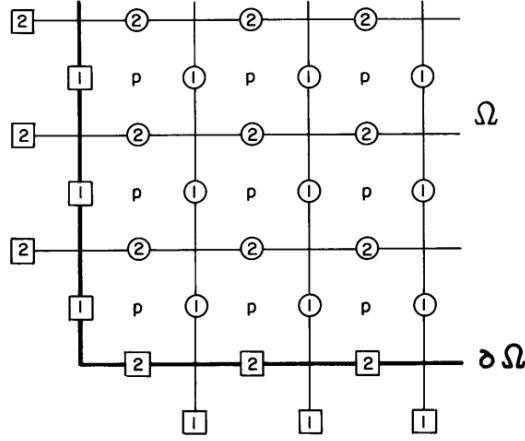


Figure 1: Staggered Grid in 2D (Location 1 store  $u$ , Location 2 store  $v$ )

### 1.3 Distributive Gauss-Seidal Method

Conventional Gauss-Seidal Method is not applicable for solving finite difference equation (4), for its coefficient matrix has zero diagonal elements. So, here we use the so-called DGS method. DGS method firstly conducts Gauss-Seidal procedure for components  $u_h$  and  $v_h$ . Then, for each cell,

1. Compute current residual

$$r_{ij} = F_{ij}^p - [(\partial_x)_h u_{ij} + (\partial_y)_h v_{ij}]$$

Although here  $F_{ij}^p = 0$  actually, we don't omit it for the multigrid method <sup>1</sup>.

2. Eliminate current residual

$$\begin{aligned} u_{i+1/2,j} &= u_{i+1/2,j} + \delta; \\ u_{i-1/2,j} &= u_{i-1/2,j} - \delta; \\ v_{i+1/2,j} &= v_{i+1/2,j} + \delta; \\ v_{i-1/2,j} &= v_{i-1/2,j} - \delta; \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where  $\delta = r_{ij}h/4$

3. Update pressure  $p$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{i,j} &= p_{i,j} + 4\delta/h; \\ p_{i+1,j} &= p_{i+1,j} - \delta/h; \\ p_{i-1,j} &= p_{i-1,j} - \delta/h; \\ p_{i,j+1} &= p_{i,j+1} - \delta/h; \\ p_{i,j-1} &= p_{i,j-1} - \delta/h; \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The pressure changes are in the way such that momentum-equations residuals at all points remain unchange. If the cell is located near the boundary, the above procedure has some tiny modifications. All situations are graphically presented as Figure 2.

<sup>1</sup>In multigrid method, we have to solve the residual equations on the coarser grid, and now the right hand side on the  $p$  component is not zero probably.

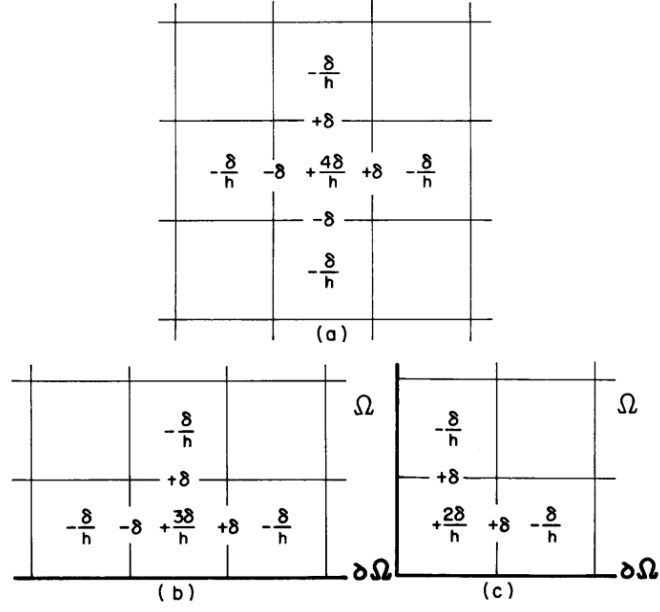


Figure 2: DGS Update Cases

## 1.4 Multigrid Technique

Just as conventional Gauss-Seidal method, DGS has the same limits:

1. Converge speed is slow;
2. Converge speed declines when grid gets finer.

Multigrid Method overcome such limits, get a much better result. See the results.

## 2 Numerical Test

Set problem region  $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= -4\pi^2(2 \cos(2\pi x) - 1) \sin(2\pi y) + x^2 \\ g(x, y) &= 4\pi^2(2 \cos(2\pi y) - 1) \sin(2\pi x) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

So the true solution for (2) is

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= (1 - \cos(2\pi x)) \sin(2\pi y) \\ v(x, y) &= -(1 - \cos(2\pi y)) \sin(2\pi x) \\ p(x, y) &= x^3/3 - 1/12 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The boundary condition is given accordingly. Numerical test results are listed as followed,

	DGS V-Cycle Results		
Num	n=128	n=256	n=512
1	8.31191e+00	1.04701e+01	1.37668e+01
2	5.14701e-01	5.93665e-01	7.21926e-01
3	3.79273e-02	4.12965e-02	4.67891e-02
4	3.02427e-03	3.18206e-03	3.42251e-03
5	2.53225e-04	2.61750e-04	2.72443e-04
6	2.18033e-05	2.23540e-05	2.28567e-05
7	1.90423e-06	1.94612e-06	1.97266e-06
8	1.67320e-07	1.70904e-07	1.72546e-07
9	1.47222e-08	1.50547e-08	1.51765e-08
10	1.29381e-09	1.32663e-09	1.34501e-09
L2 Error	4.07741e-04	1.01930e-04	2.54820e-05
Time/s	1.02915e-01	3.85292e-01	1.69065e+00

The L2 errors confirm second order convergence. And compare results from case  $n = 128, 256, 512$ , we'll see multigrid method has a rapid convergence rate which is irrelevant with the problem size.