Solving Navier Stoke Equation 2D: Incompressibility

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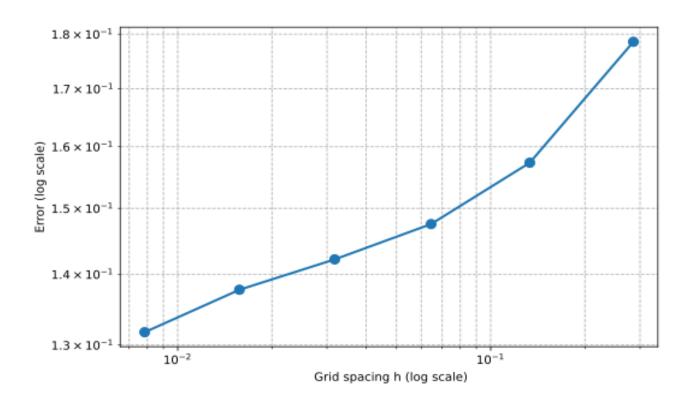
This project focuses on the two-dimensional, incompressible Navier–Stokes equations, which model the behavior of viscous Newtonian fluids with constant density and no external forces.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u}, & \text{(momentum equation)} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0, & \text{(continuity equation)} \end{cases}$$

Methodology for Solving the Two-Dimensional Incompressible Navier–Stokes Equations

- We discretize the spatial terms (RHS) of the momentum equations, including advection, diffusion, and pressure gradient.
- We update the velocity fields in time using a predictor step that computes tentative velocities without enforcing incompressibility.
- We solve a pressure Poisson equation to enforce the incompressibility constraint.
- We correct the velocity field using the computed pressure to ensure a divergence-free flow.

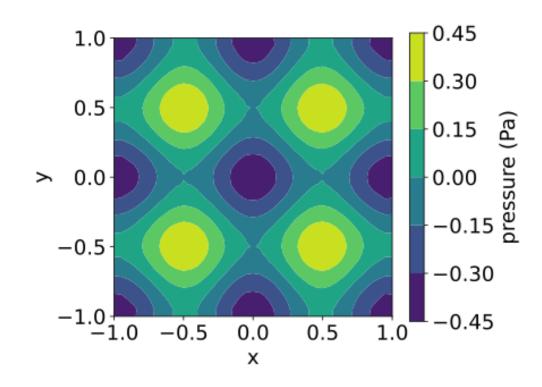
Performance Analysis

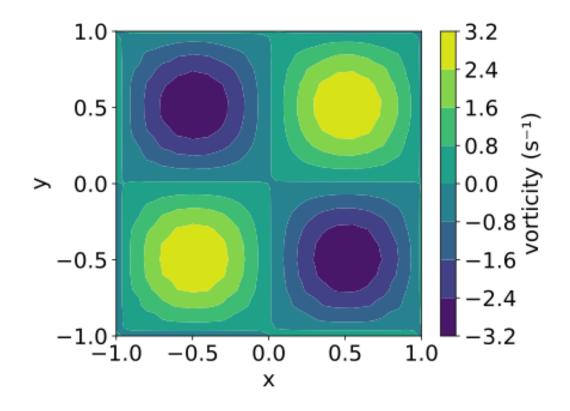


Temporal Accuracy Evaluation

- •Time step size ∆t varied
- •Grid size fixed
- •Semi-implicit predictor–corrector scheme used
- •Finite volume discretization for spatial terms
- •Simulated up to T=0.3s
- •Error recorded at final time

TGV Plots





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