

Computational Fluid Dynamics

Part 1: from high-school maths to CFD

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Computational Fluid Dynamics

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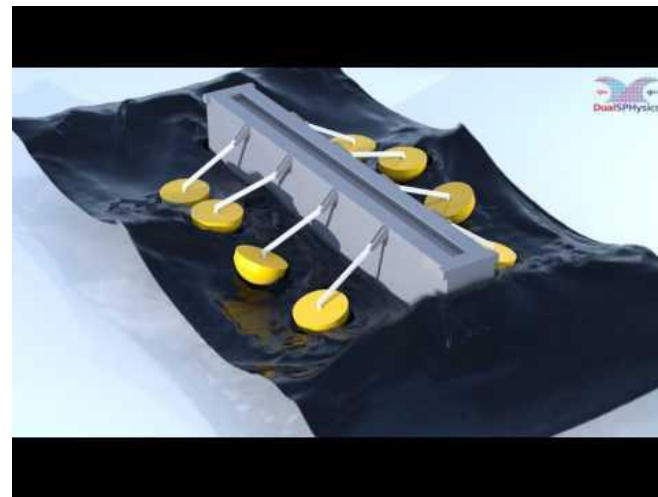
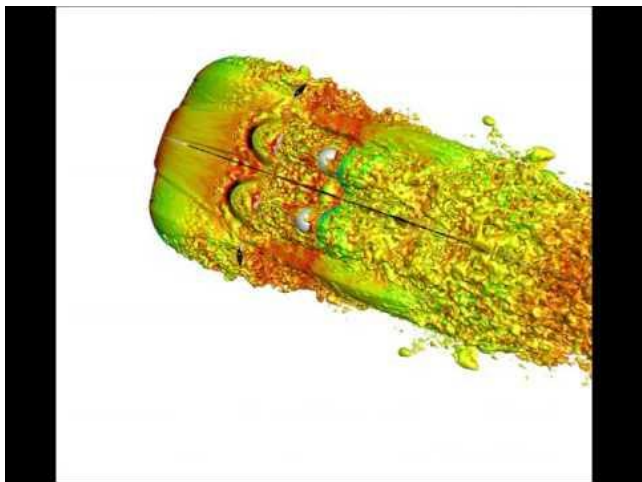
Computer Science

Numerical Analysis

Physics

Mathematical
Modeling

Engineering



Layout

- Basics of differential equation
- Numerical differential equations
- Computational fluid dynamics

Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

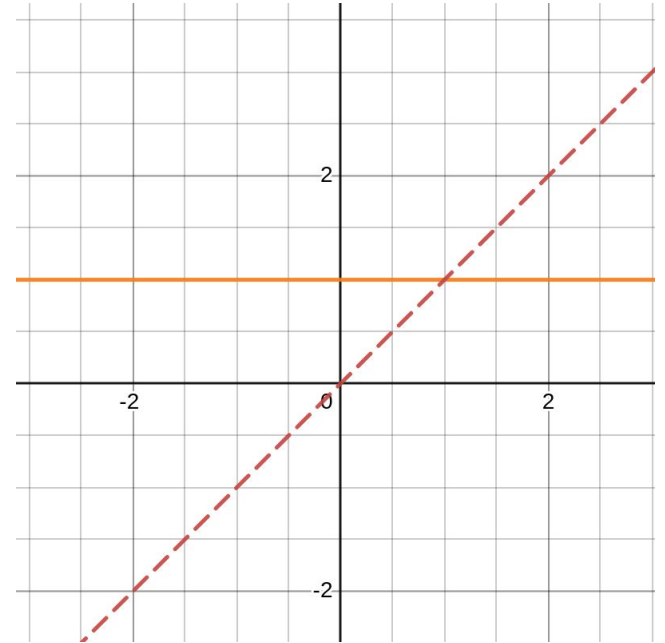
$$y = ?$$

Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a$$

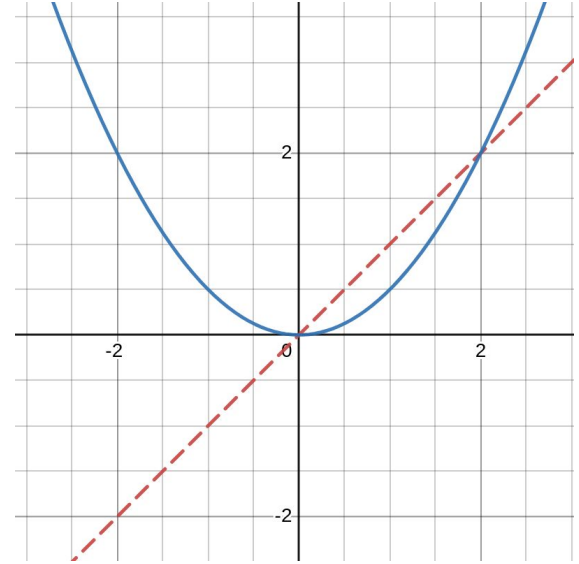
$$y = \int a \, dx = ax + c$$

$$y(0) = c \quad \text{Initial value}$$



Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = ax + b$$



$$y = \int (ax + b) dx = \frac{1}{2}ax^2 + bx + c$$

Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(x)$$

$$y = \int \cos(x) \, dx = \sin(x) + c$$

Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -ay$$

$$y = \int -ay \, dx = e^{-ay} + c$$

Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \equiv \text{CHANGE}$$

Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = u \quad \text{Velocity}$$

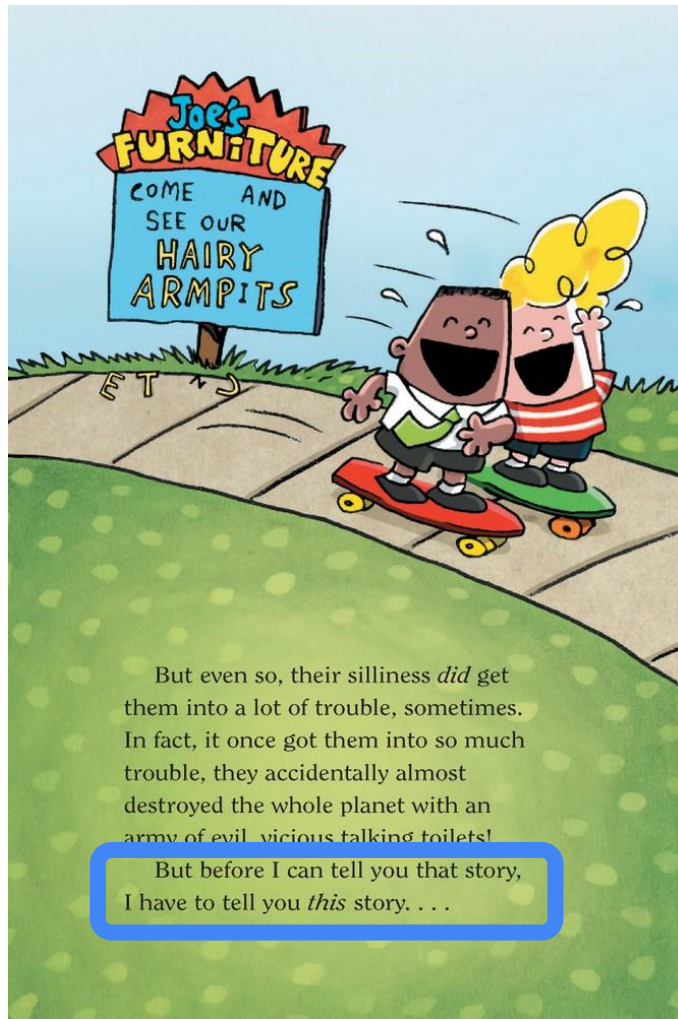
Basics of differential equations

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = u \quad \text{Velocity}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{d \frac{dx(t)}{dt}}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a \quad \text{Acceleration}$$

Basics of differential equations

$$\mathbf{\textit{F}} = m\mathbf{\textit{a}}$$



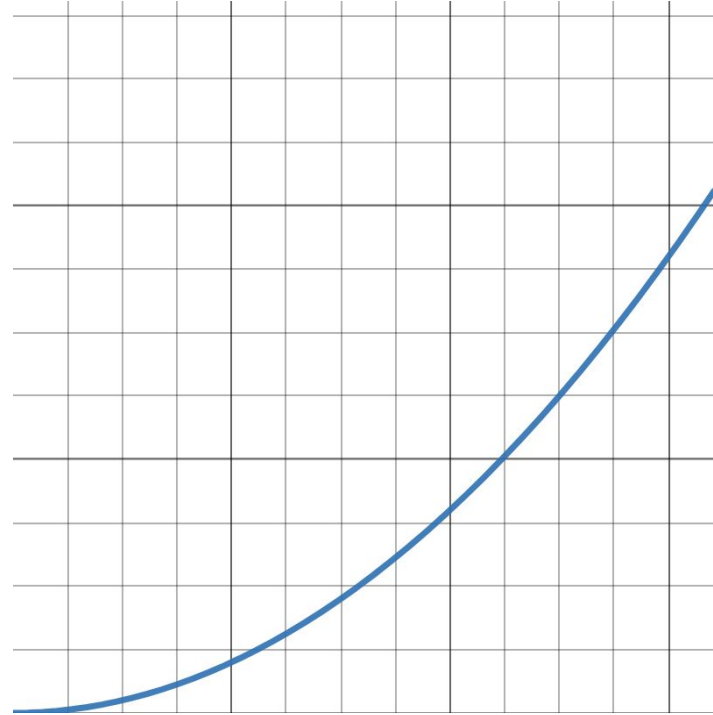
But even so, their silliness *did* get them into a lot of trouble, sometimes. In fact, it once got them into so much trouble, they accidentally almost destroyed the whole planet with an army of evil, vicious talking toilets!

But before I can tell you that story, I have to tell you *this* story. . . .

Numerical differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

$$y = ?$$



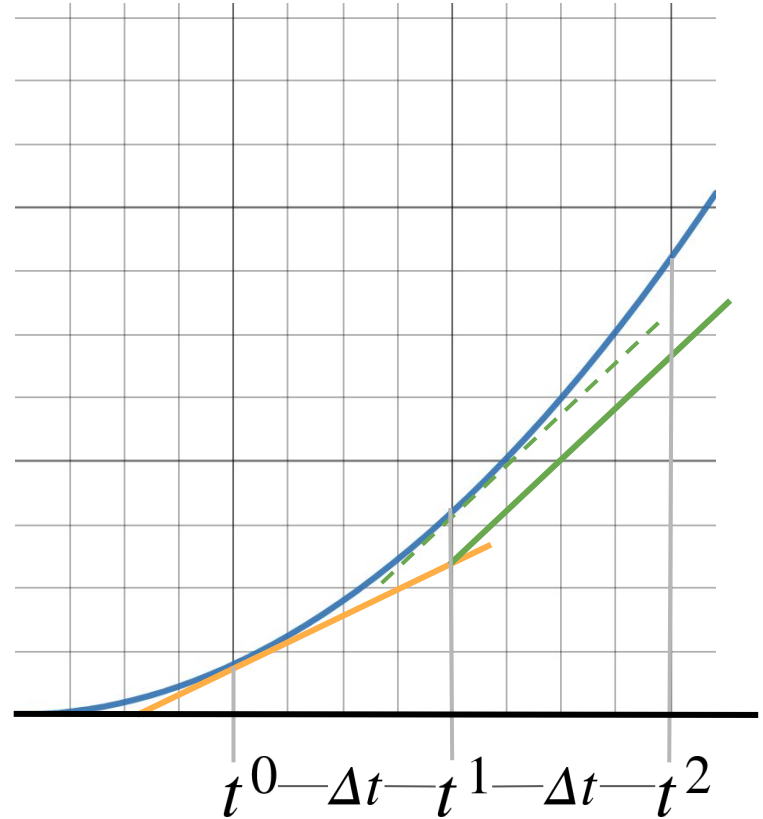
Numerical differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

Euler Method

$$y^{n+1} = y^n + \Delta t f(t^n, y^n)$$

$$y(t^0) = c$$



Numerical differential equations

To org-mode for some examples

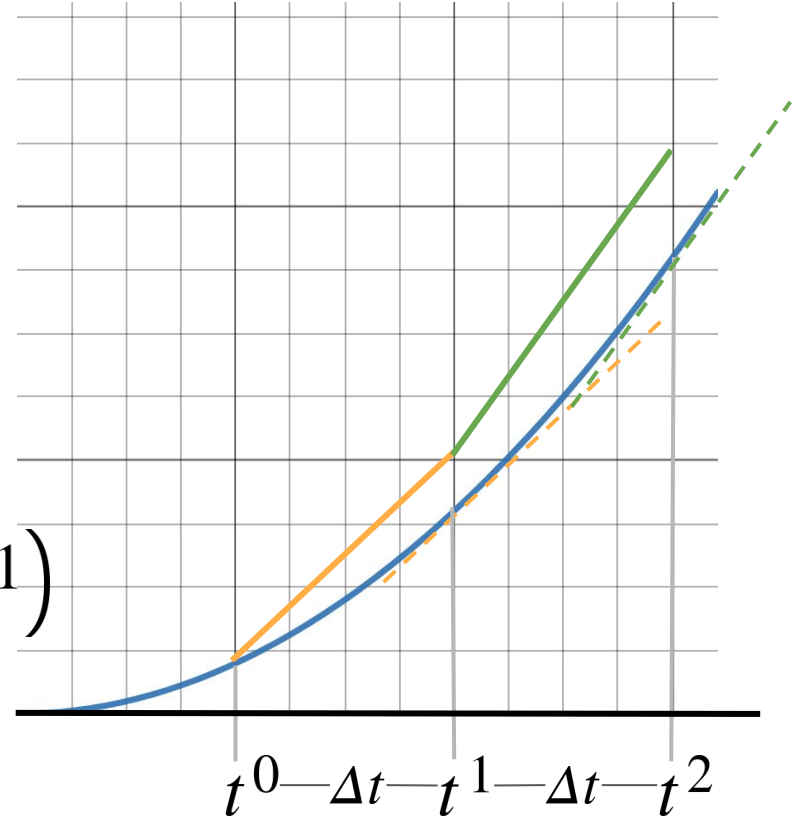
Numerical differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

Backwards Euler Method

$$y^{n+1} = y^n + \Delta t f(t^{n+1}, y^{n+1})$$

$$y(t^0) = c$$



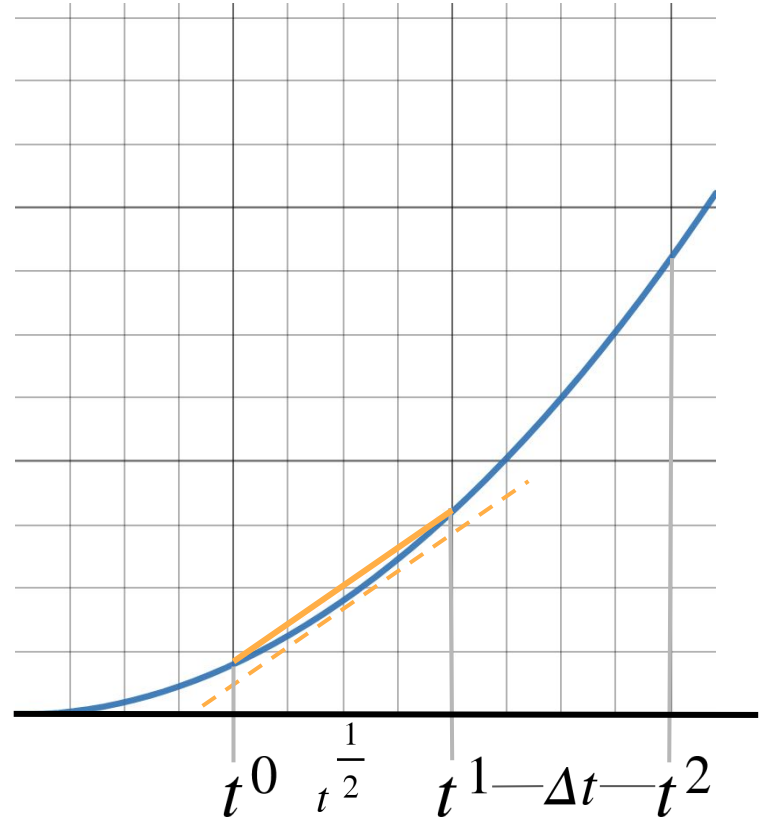
Numerical differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

Midpoint Method

$$y^{n+1} = y^n + \Delta t f\left(t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, y^{n+\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$y(t^0) = c$$



Numerical differential equations


To org-mode for some examples


‘computational’ fluid dynamics

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

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


$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$


$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \mathbf{a}$$

‘computational’ fluid dynamics

$$\rho \frac{Du}{Dt} = F$$

‘computational’ fluid dynamics

$$\rho \frac{Du}{Dt} = \boxed{F}$$

‘computational’ fluid dynamics

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla P + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbf{f}$$



Pressure **gradient**

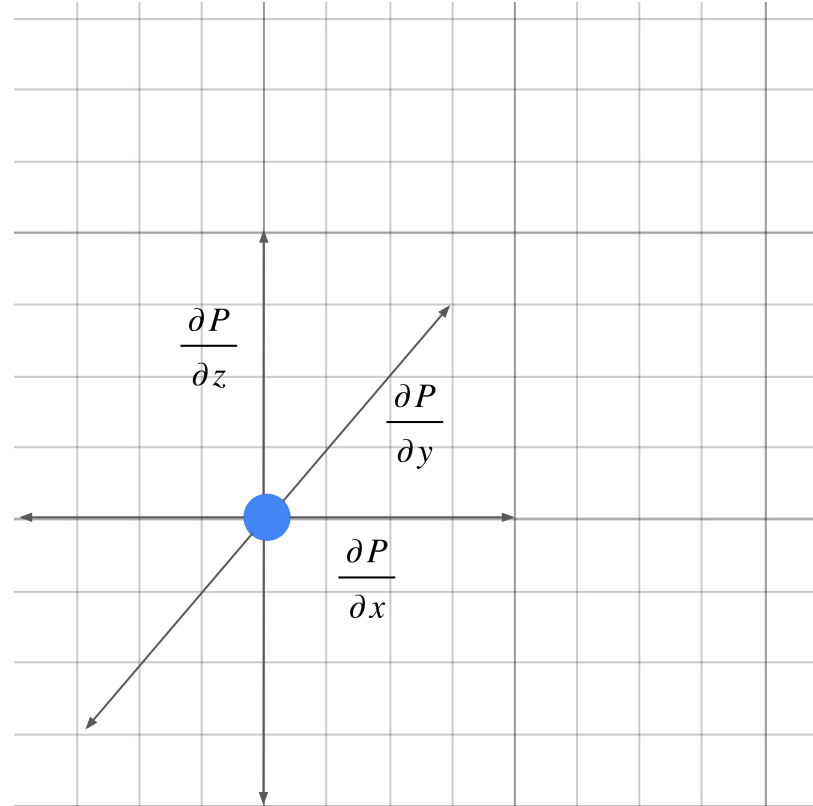
Dissipative force
due to *viscosity*

External **forces**:
Gravity;
Surface tension;
Magnetic;
etc.

'computational' fluid dynamics

$$\nabla P = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$P|_{\Omega} = c$$



‘computational’ fluid dynamics

$$\frac{D\boldsymbol{u}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial t} + (\boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{u}$$

'computational' fluid dynamics

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = - \left((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P \right) + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

Advection term

Pressure term

Dissipative term

External **forces**

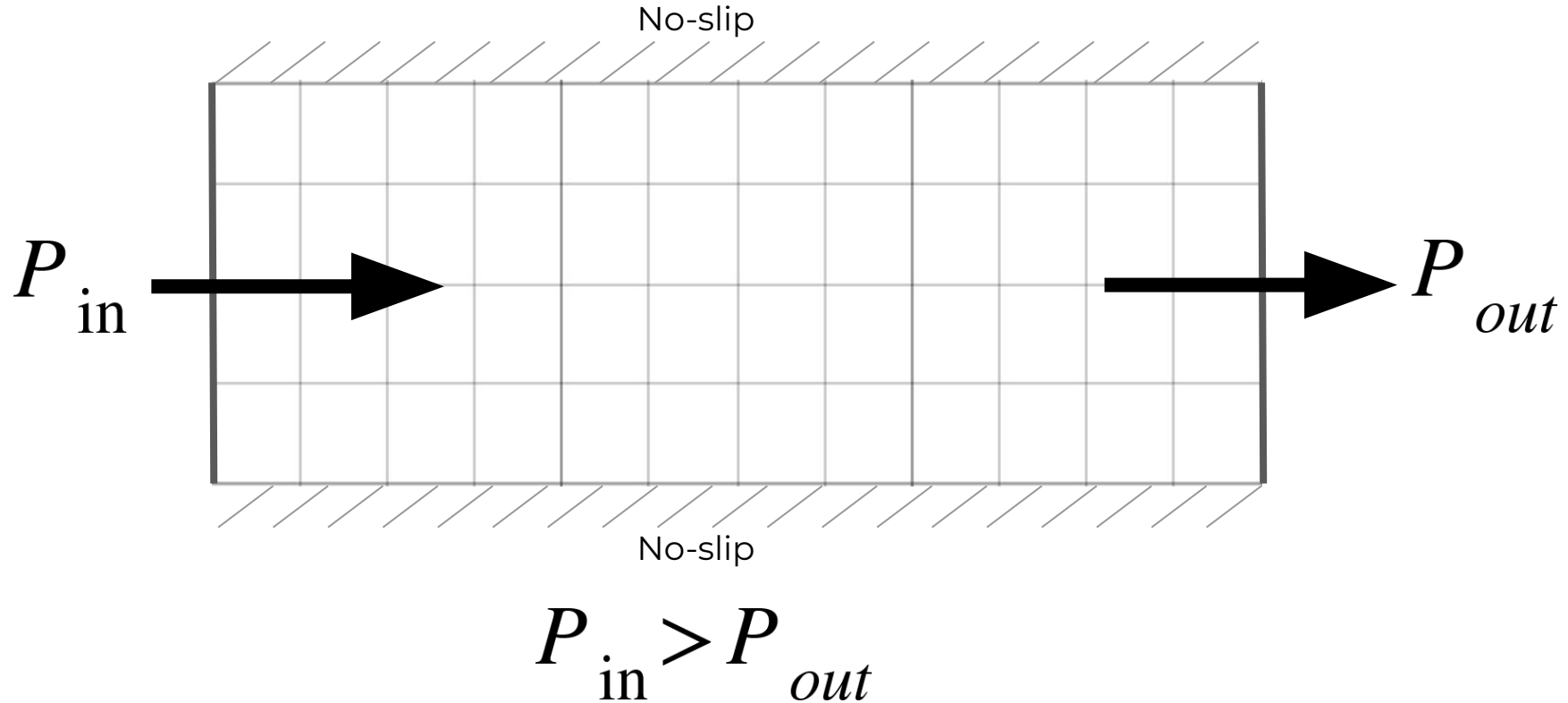
‘computational’ fluid dynamics

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = - \left((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P \right) + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = - \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

Velocity **divergence**

Basics of 'computational' fluid dynamics



Computational Fluid Dynamics: part2

- Eulerian and Lagrangian forms
- Basic spatial discretisation methods
- Viscosity
- Pipe-flow (Poiseuille flow)
- Advance spatial discretisation: mesh generation and particle methods

