

Real time fluid dynamics

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1. Notation

$$\nabla = (\partial_1, \partial_2, \dots, \partial_n) \quad (\text{Nabla operator})$$

$$u \cdot \nabla = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \partial_i$$

$$(u \cdot \nabla)u = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \partial_i u.$$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla u = \Delta u = \sum_{i=1}^n (\partial_i u)^2 \quad (\text{Laplace operator})$$

2. Equations of fluids

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{f}$$

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

- \mathbf{u} is the velocity vector field.
- \mathbf{f} is the external forces.
- ρ is the scalar density field.
- p is the pressure field.
- ν is the kinematic viscosity.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \overbrace{(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}}^{\text{Advection}} = \underbrace{\nu \Delta \mathbf{u}}_{\text{Diffusion}} \quad \overbrace{-\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p}^{\text{Internal source}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{f}}_{\text{External source}} .$$

1. Advection – How the velocity moves.
2. Diffusion – How the velocity spreads out.
3. Internal source – How the velocity points towards parts of lesser pressure.
4. External source – How the velocity is changed subject to external intervention, like a fan blowing air.

3. Equations for fluid simulations

3.1 Navier–Stokes equations 2

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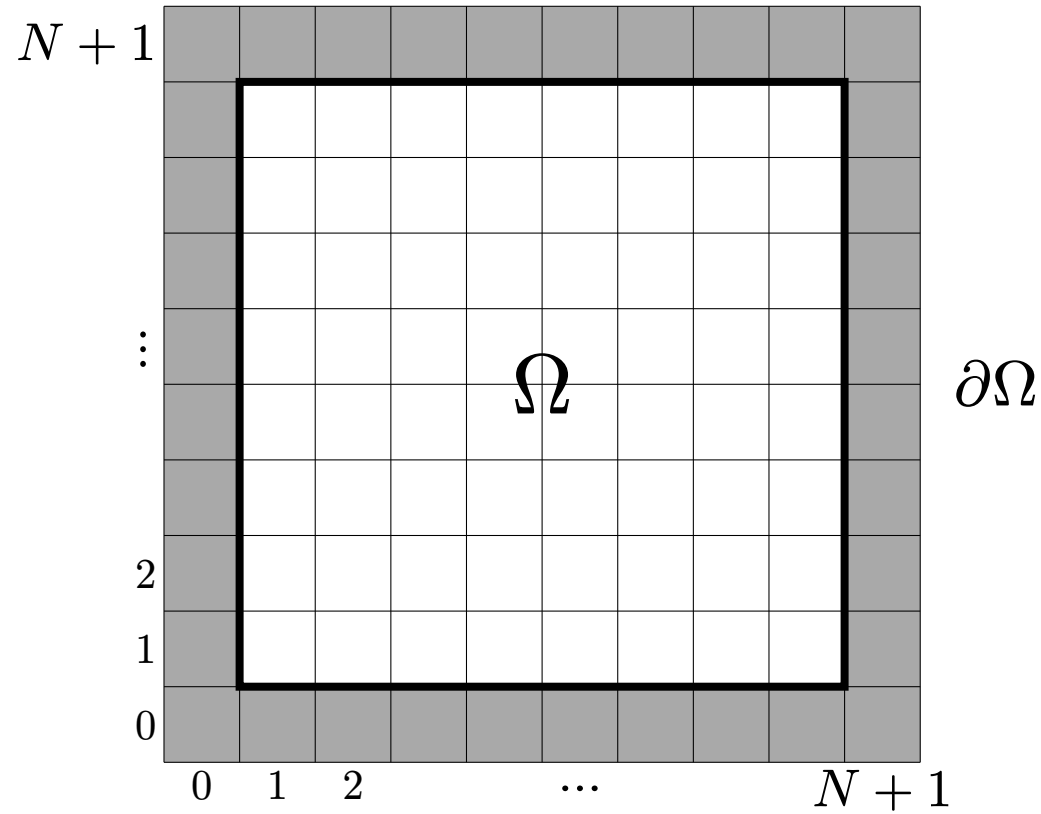
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{f}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \rho + \kappa \Delta \rho + S$$

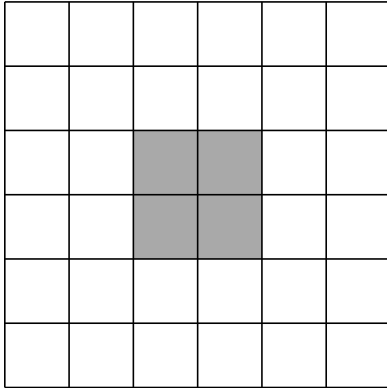
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\partial_\nu \mathbf{u}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

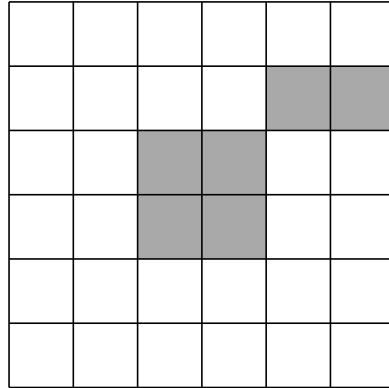
4. Simulating fluids



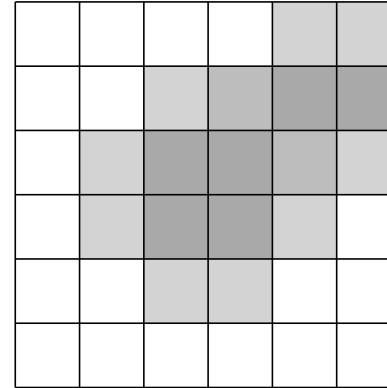
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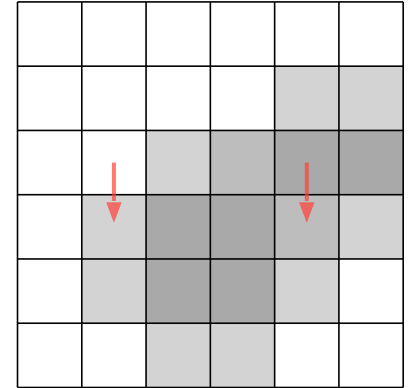
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Diffusion



Advection

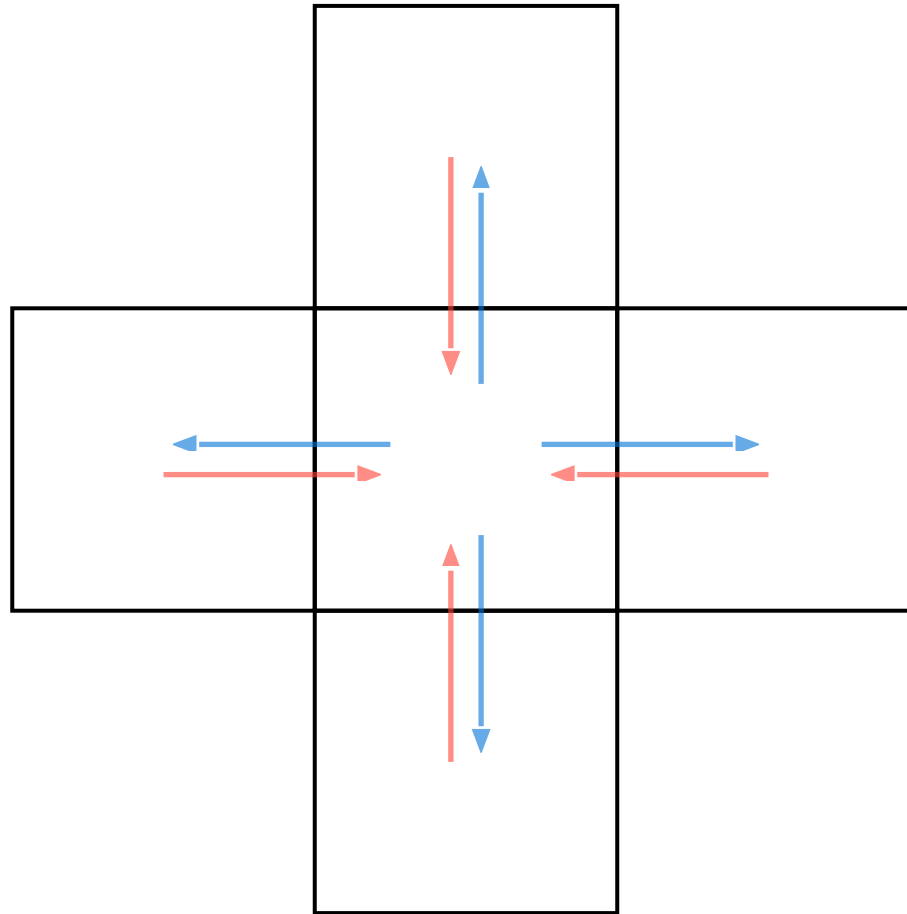


5. Diffusion

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \kappa \Delta \rho$$

$$\frac{\rho_{\text{next}} - \rho_{\text{prev}}}{\Delta t} = \kappa \Delta \rho_{\text{prev}} \quad (\text{Forward difference})$$

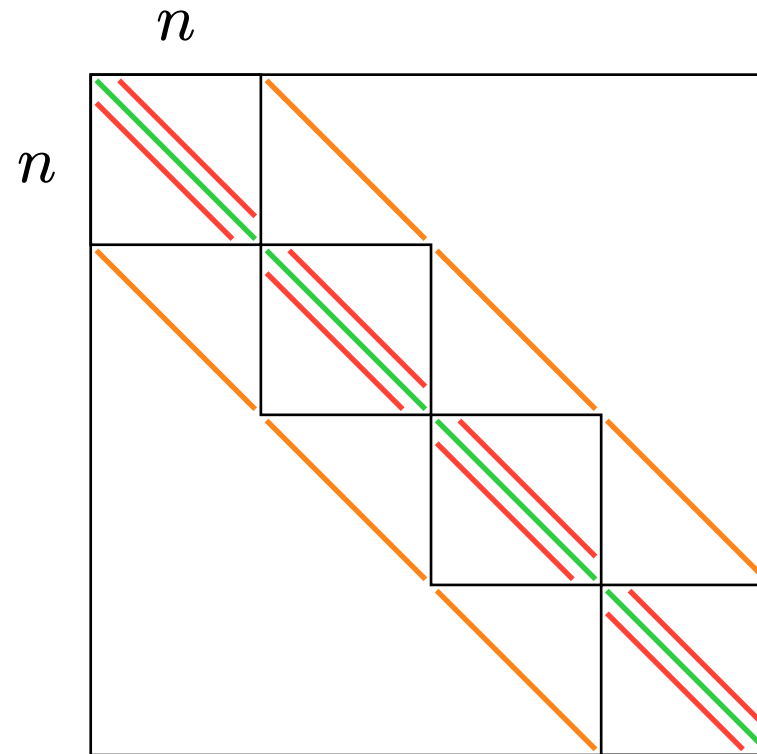
$$\rho_{\text{next}} = \rho_{\text{prev}} + (\Delta t) \kappa \Delta \rho_{\text{prev}} \quad (\text{Helmholtz eq.})$$



$$\partial_1^2 \rho \approx \frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{h^2}$$

$$\partial_2^2 \rho \approx \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{h^2}$$

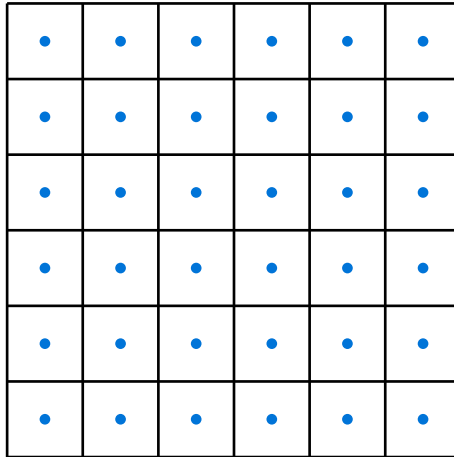
$$(\Delta_h \rho_h)_{i,j} = \frac{\rho_{i+1,j} + \rho_{i-1,j} + \rho_{i,j+1} + \rho_{i,j-1} - 4\rho_{i,j}}{h^2}$$



green = $4/h^2$, red = $-1/h^2$, orange = $-1/h^2$

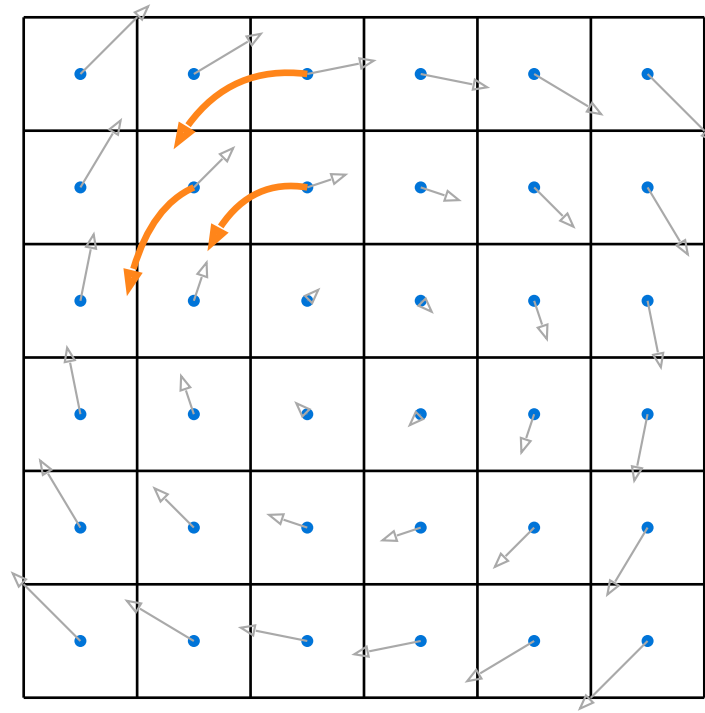
6. *Advection*

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



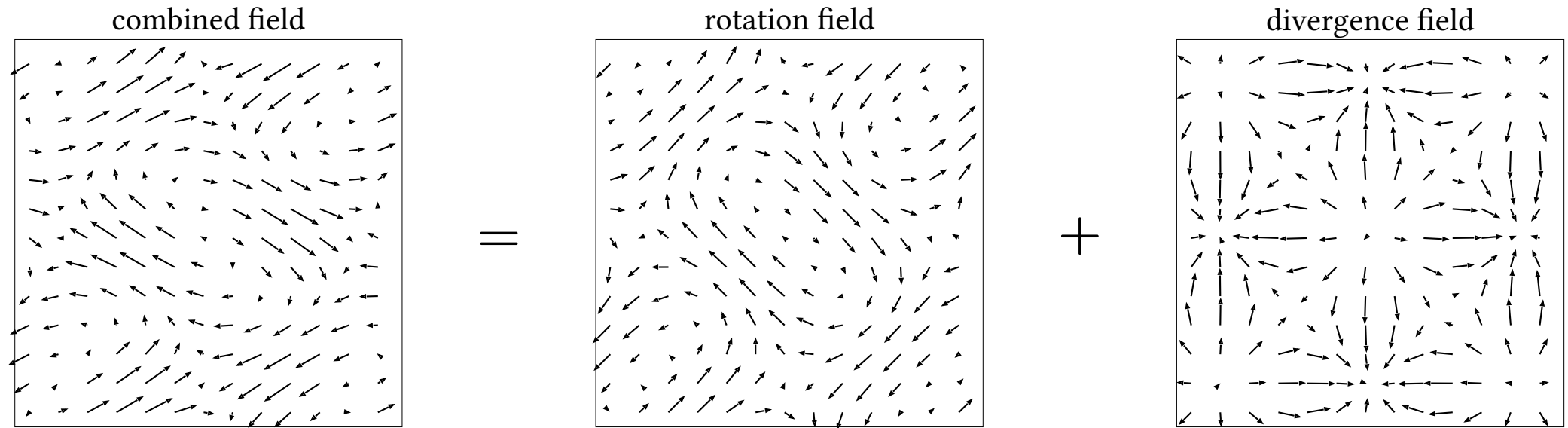
6.2 Semi-Lagrange

6. Advection



7. Evolving velocities

7.1 Helmholtz–Hodge decomposition



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$$\boldsymbol{w} = \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla q$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = 0, \quad q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{w} = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla \cdot \nabla q$$

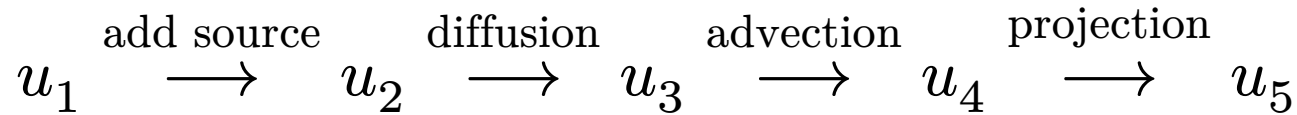
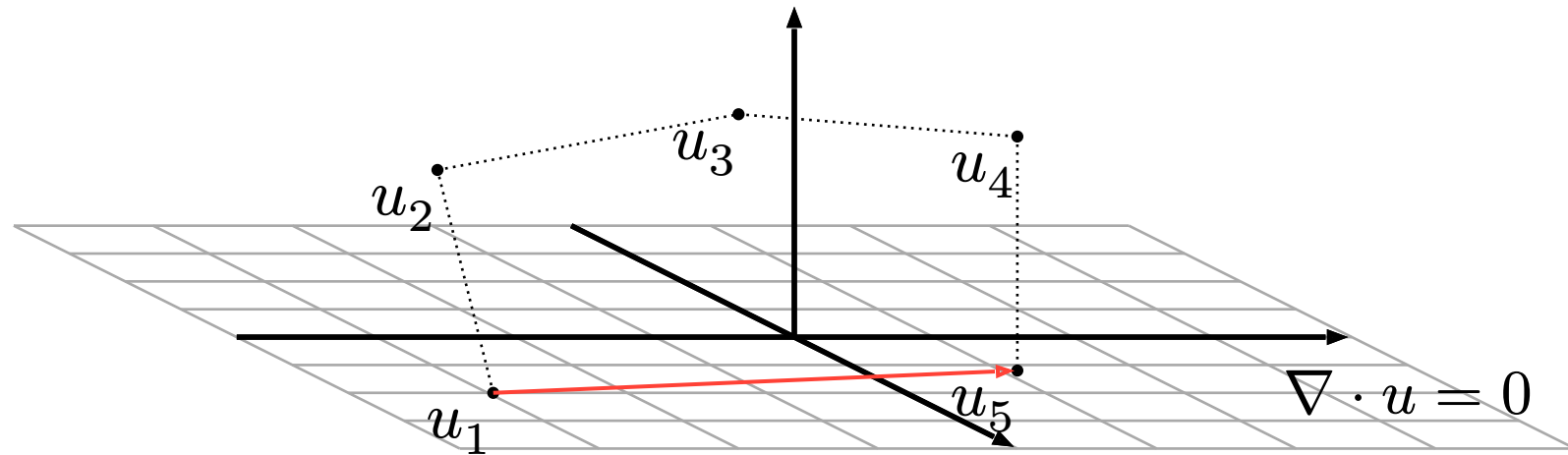
$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{w} = 0 + \nabla \cdot \nabla q$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{w} = \Delta q \quad (\text{Poisson eq.})$$

$$\boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{w} - \nabla q$$

7.2 Simulation steps

7. Evolving velocities



8. Appendix

- <https://github.com/leonardo-toffalini/viscous>
- <https://github.com/leonardo-toffalini/fishy>

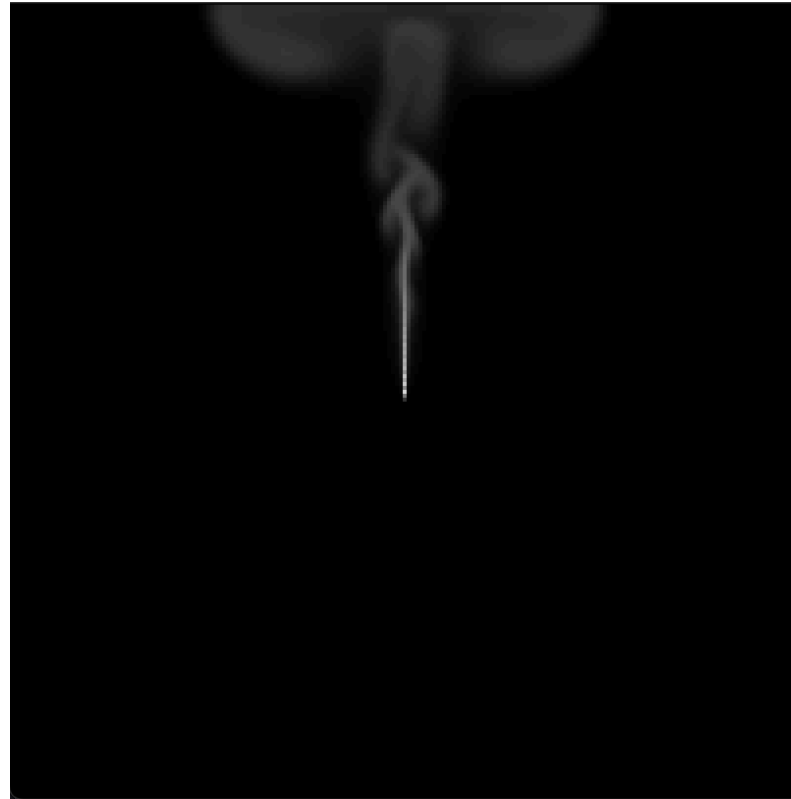


Figure 1: Smoke emitting from the tip of a cigarette

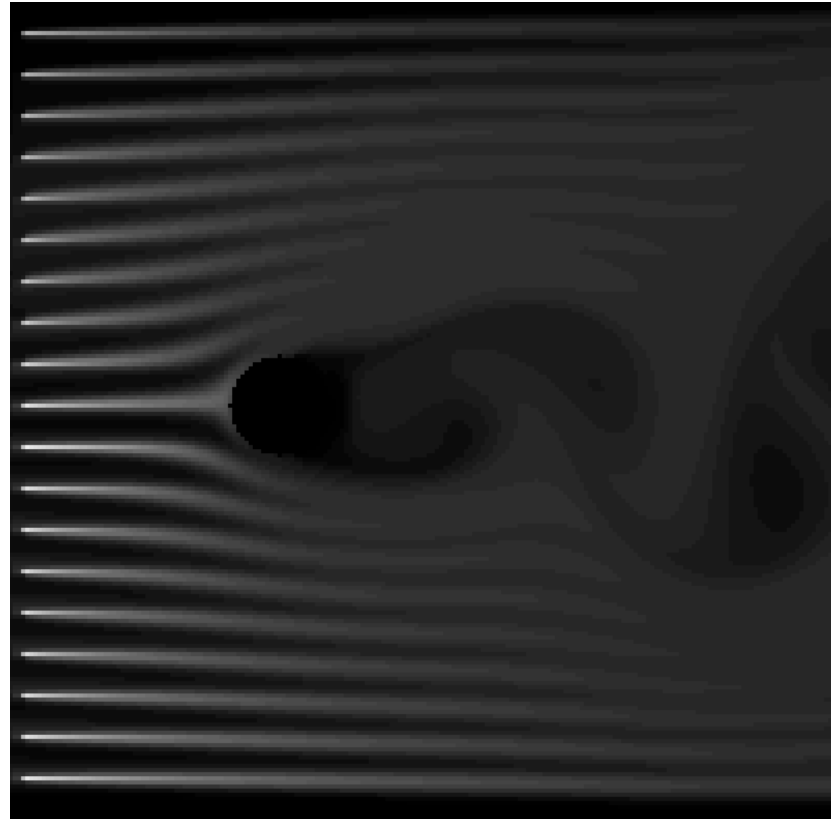


Figure 2: Vortex shedding

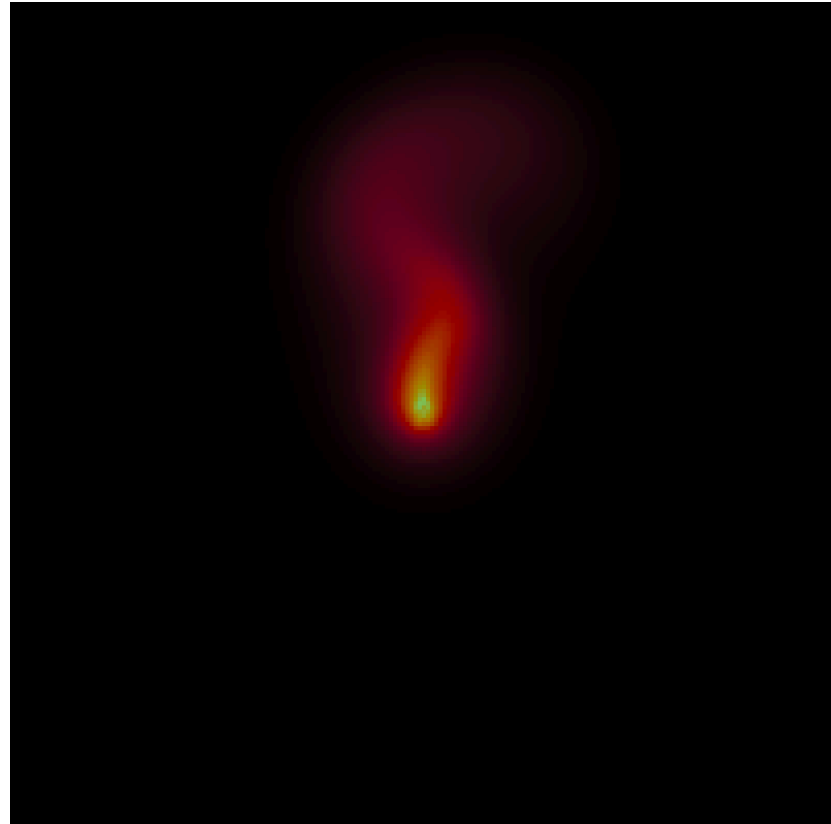


Figure 3: Flickering fire

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