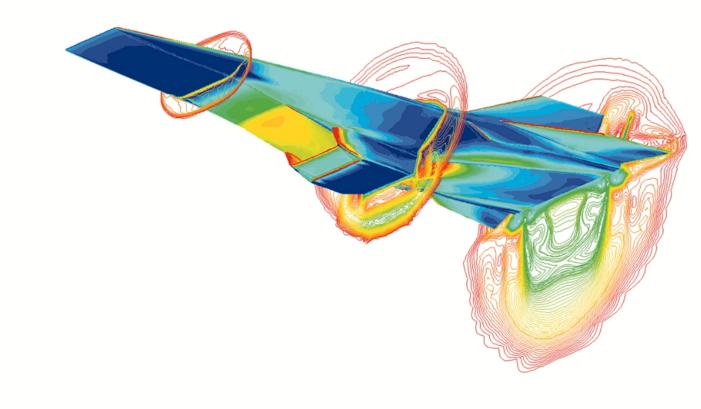
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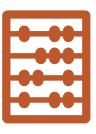
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Pre-requisites



Newton's Laws of Motion

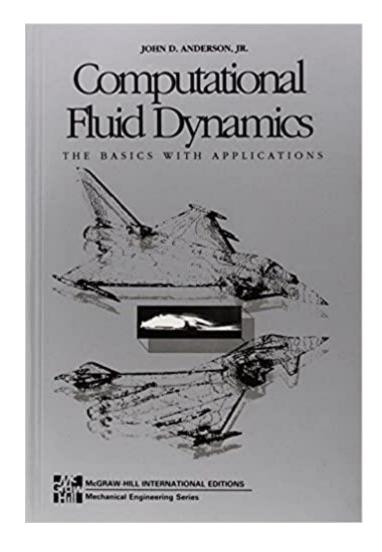


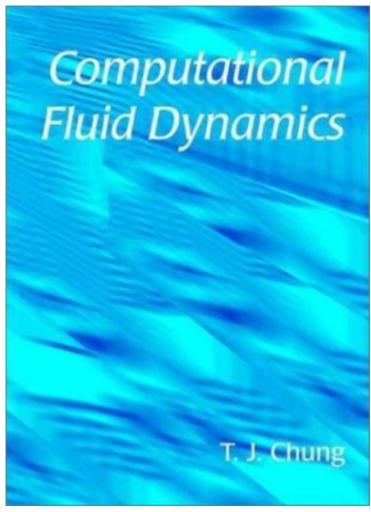
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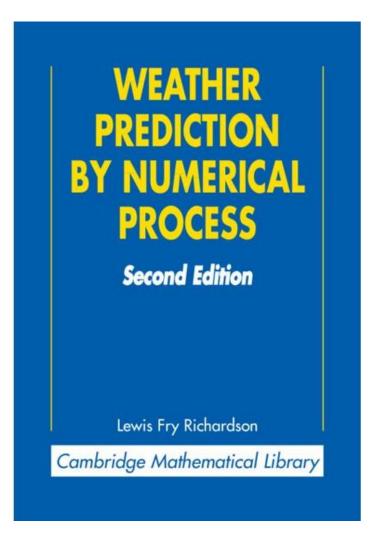


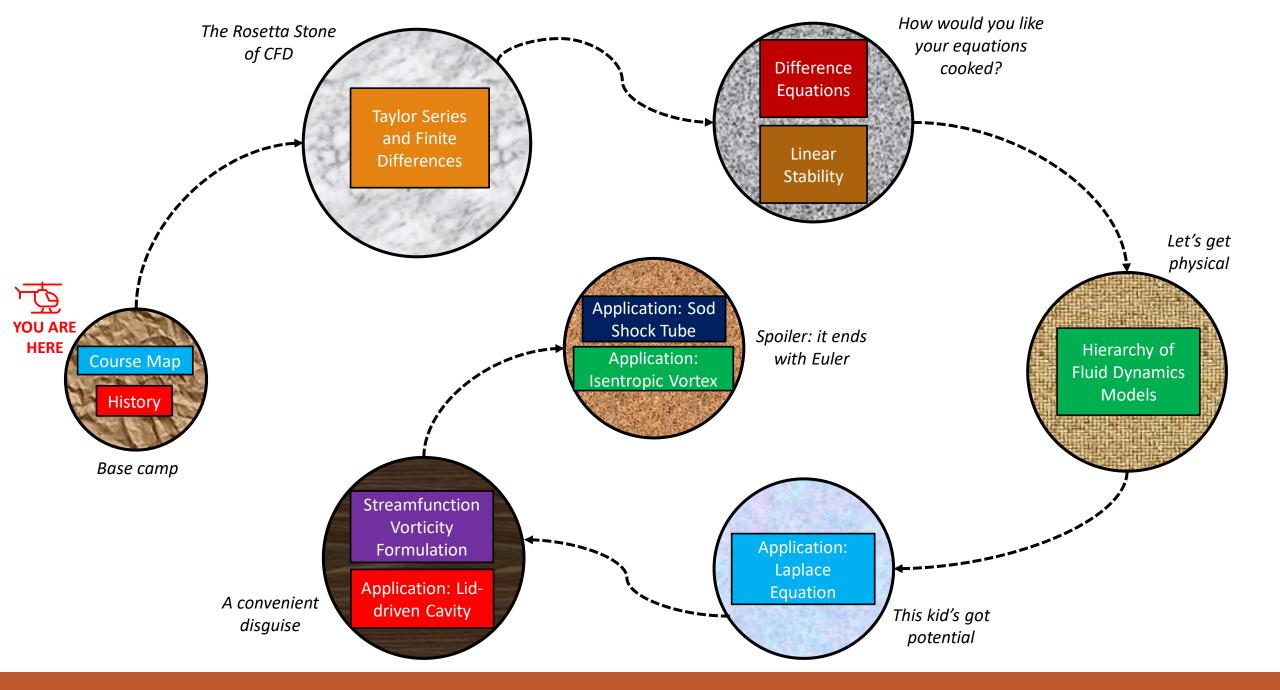
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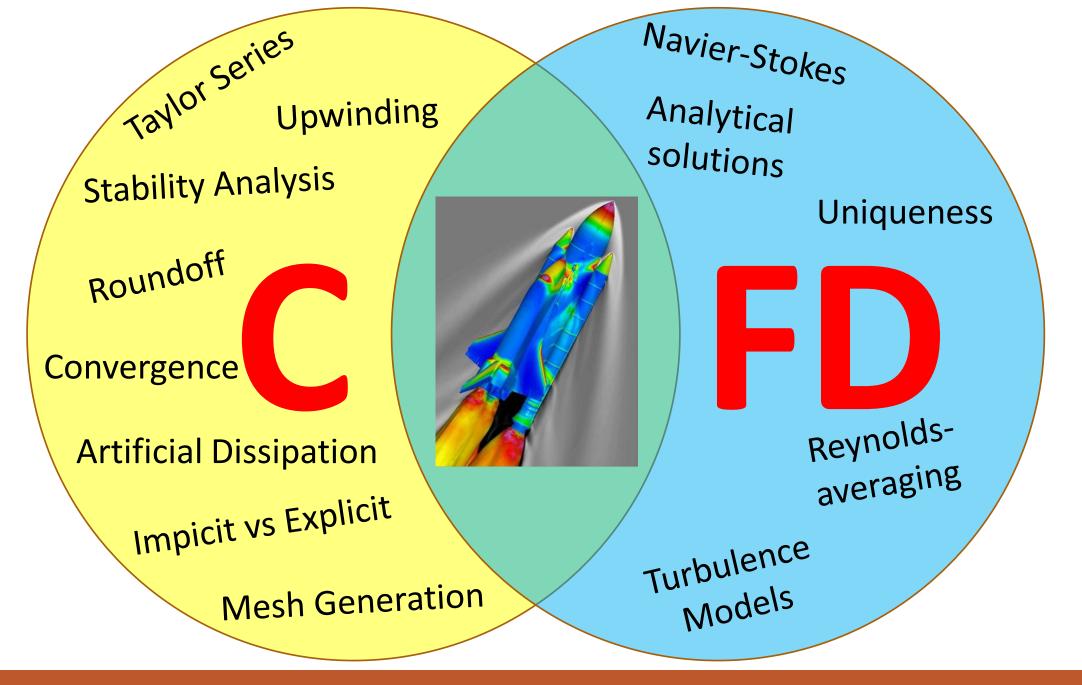
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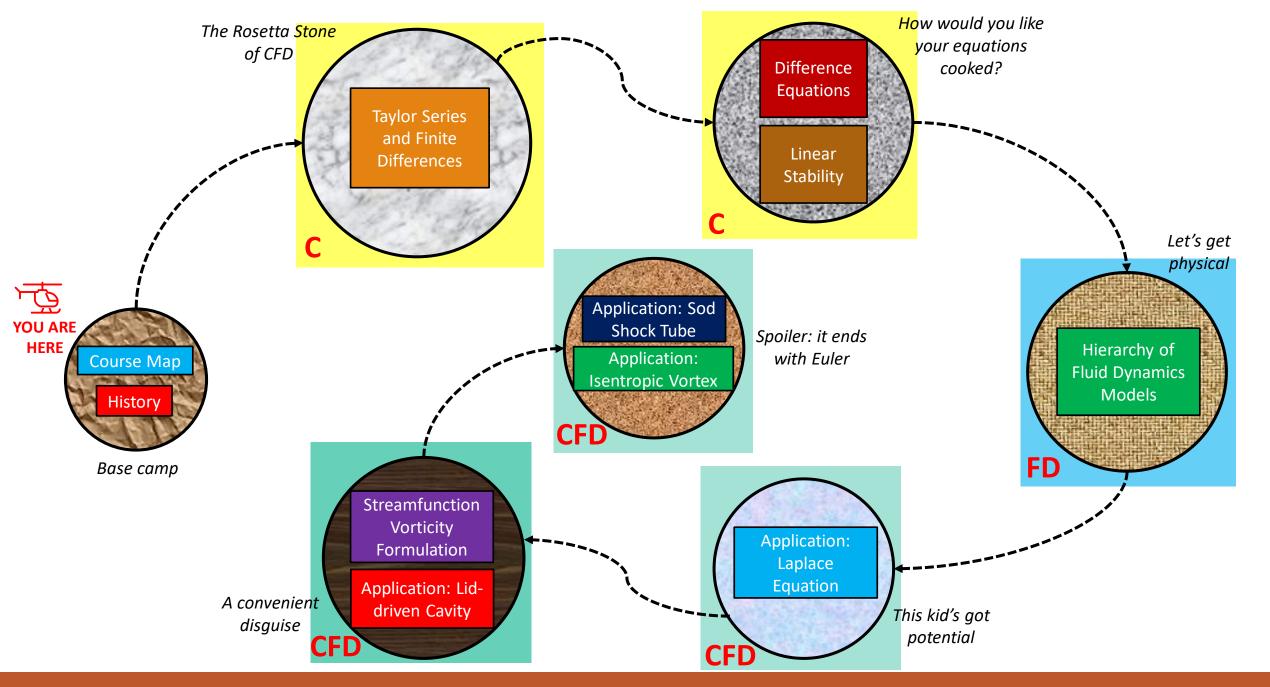












What this Course DOES NOT Have

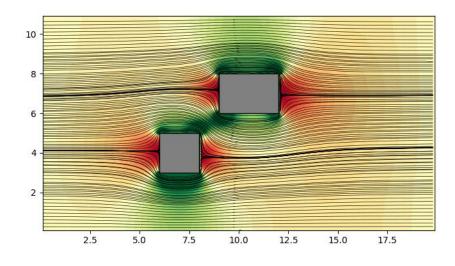
- Exhaustive Intro to Fluid Dynamics/Thermodynamics
- Grid generation
- RANS / Turbulence modeling
- LES / DES

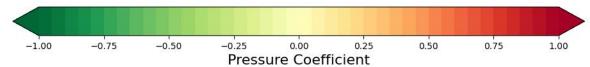
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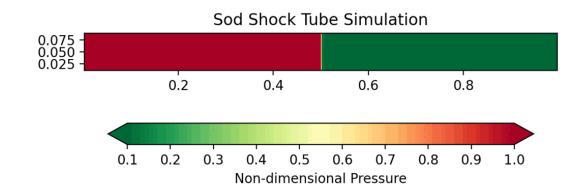
Equip the student with the means to:

- (1) Navigate the "fidelity-ladder" of the Navier-Stokes equations to find a suitable model
- (2) Tailor a *finite-difference* scheme with a desired level of *accuracy* and *stability* (and be able to predict how it will behave before writing a single line of code)
- (3) Write/extend/run/validate a CFD solver in two spatial dimensions or more

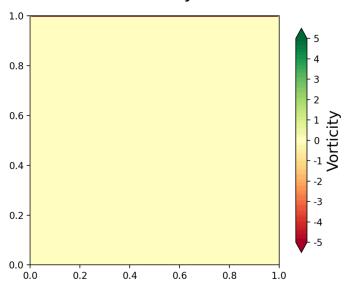
Streamlines and Pressure Contours



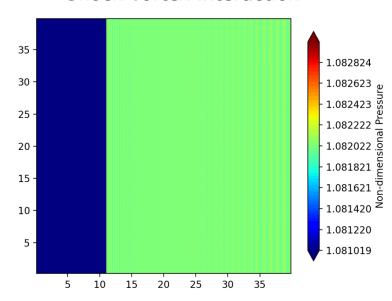




Lid Driven Cavity at Re = 400



Shock Vortex Interaction



Alternatives

'Computational Fluid Dynamics Fundamentals Course' – Dr. Aidan Wimshurst (Udemy)

MIT OpenCourseWare

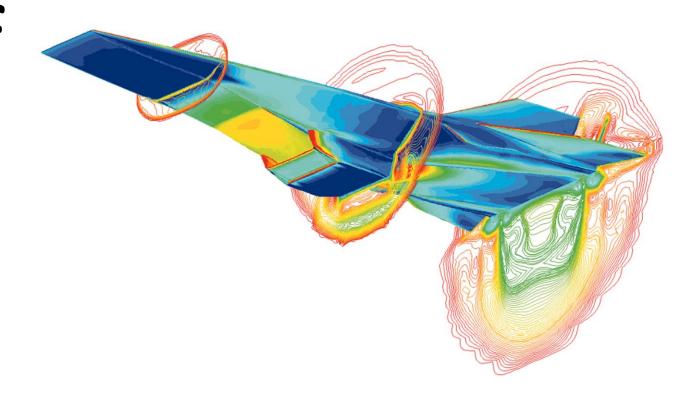
Youtube

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A (very) Brief History of CFD

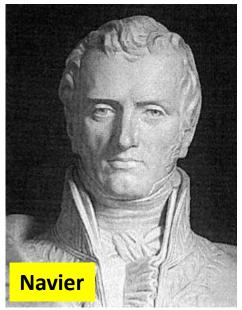
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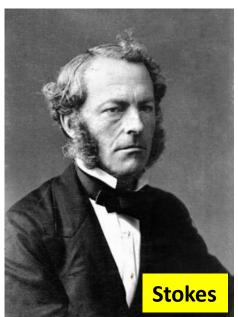
The "FD"

- Fluid dynamical equations assembled over two centuries
- Euler applied Newton's conservation of momentum law to "perfect" fluids
- Navier, Stokes extend Euler's equation to "viscous" fluids







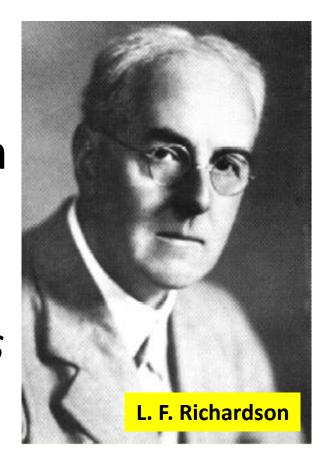


The "C"

The Approximate Arithmetical Solution by Finite Differences of Physical Problems involving Differential Equations, with an Application to the Stresses in a Masonry Dam.

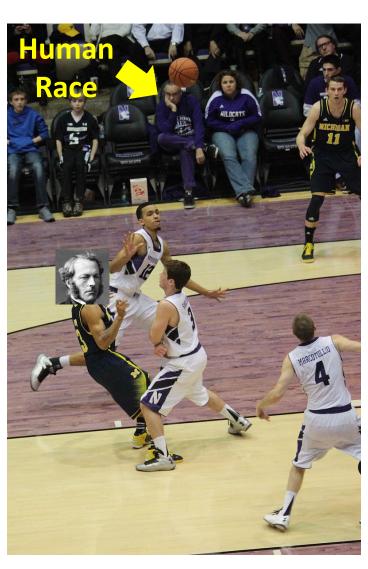
By L. F. RICHARDSON, King's College, Cambridge.

- Richardson used 'finite differences' to compute stresses in a masonry dam (1910)
- Realized that this technique could work in meteorology too
- Completed calculation of a single day's weather while transporting injured soldiers during the Battle of Champagne





Stokes completes assembly of fluid dynamical equations

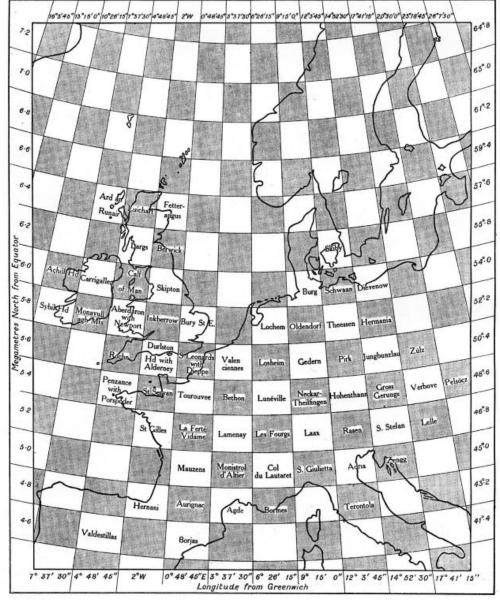


Seventy years go by



Richardson attempts the first weather forecast using a finite-difference approximation of the equations

- Richardson divided the global atmosphere into 12000 cells
- Each cell spanned 200 km in northsouth direction, 3° in east-west direction and 1/5th the vertical span of the atmosphere
- He initialized his atmosphere to conditions observed on May 10th 1910
- He advanced the state of his atmosphere 6 hours at a time, by solving his finite-difference approximation of the fluid dynamical equations
- His computational result was... UNDERWHELMING



Richardson's grid

"The rate of rise of surface pressure, is found [...] as 145 millibars in 6 hours, whereas observations show that the barometer was nearly steady. This glaring error is examined in detail below [...] and is traced to errors in the representation of the initial wind."

- L.F.Richardson (Weather Prediction by Numerical Process)

The Juggernaut Rolls On

- By the 1940s, Richardson's slide rule and paper was replaced by vacuum tubes and punch cards
- First computer-based weather prediction performed in 1950 (Charney, Von Neumann)
- As compute power grows over the next fifty years, increasingly complicated solution methodologies are introduced and tested on increasingly complex applications

