Numerical Modelling in formal day 9

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Today's Goals

1. Programming: Low Prandtl number convection (i.e., almost any fluid)



Ludwig Prandtl (1875-1953)

Project (optional, 1 KP)

- 1. Chosen topic, agreed upon with me (suggestions given, also ask the advisor of your MSc or PhD project).
 - Due end of Semesterprüfung (Friday 13th Feb 2015)
 - Start planning soon!

Project: general guidelines

- Choose something either
 - related to your research project and/or
 - that you are interested in
- Effort: 1 KP => 30 hours. About 4 days' work.
- I can supply information about needed equations and numerical methods that we have not covered

Some ideas for a project

- Involving solving partial differential equations on a grid (like the convection program)
 - Wave propagation
 - Porous flow (groundwater or partial melt)
 - Variable-viscosity Stokes flow
 - Shallow-water equations
 - 3-D version of convection code
- Involving other techniques
 - Spectral analysis and/or filtering
 - Principle component analysis (multivariate data)
 - Inversion of data for model parameters
 - N-body gravitational interaction (orbits, formation of solar system, ...)
 - Interpolation of irregularly-sampled data onto a regular grid

Values of the Prandt number Pr

$$\Pr = rac{\mathcal{V}}{-}$$
 Viscous diffusivity

Momentum compared heat

Thermal diffusivity

- Liquid metals: 0.004-0.03
- Air: 0.7
- Water: 1.7-12
- Rock: ~10²⁴!!! (effectively infinite)

can be regarded as infinity

Finite-Prandtl number convection

- Existing code assumes infinite Prandtl number
 - also known as Stokes flow
 - appropriate for highly-viscous fluids like rock, honey etc.
- Fluids like water, air, liquid metal have a lower Prandtl number so equations must be modified

Applications for finite Pr

- Outer core (geodynamo)
- Atmosphere
- Ocean
- Anything that's not solid like the mantle

Equations

- Conservation of mass (= 'continuity')
- Conservation of momentum ('Navier-Stokes' equation: F=ma for a fluid)
- Conservation of energy



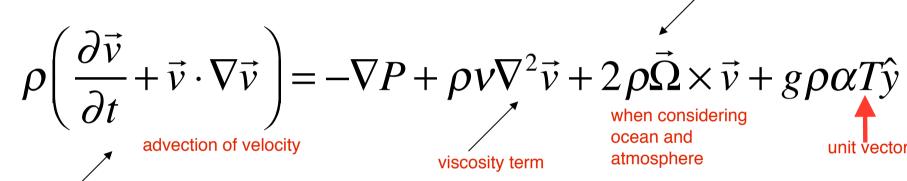
Claude Navier (1785-1836)



Sir George Stokes (1819-1903)

Finite Pr Equations

Navier-Stokes equation: F=ma for a fluid Coriolis force



Valid for constant viscosity only

continuity and energy equations same as before

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla T = \kappa \nabla^2 T + Q \qquad \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

ρ=density, v=kinematic viscosity, g=gravity, α=thermal expansivity

Non-dimensionalise the equations

- Reduces the number of parameters
- Makes it easier to identify the dynamical regime
- Facilitates comparison of systems with different scales but similar dynamics (e.g., analogue laboratory experiments compared to core or mantle)

Non-dimensionalise to thermal diffusion scales

- Lengthscale D (depth of domain)
- Temperature scale (T drop over domain)
- Time to D^2/κ thermal diffusion time, kappa=[m^2/s]
- Velocity to κ/D
- Stress to $ho v \kappa / D^2$

viscosity

Nondimensional equations

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \qquad \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla^2 T$$

Lower Ek, the more important of this term

$$\frac{1}{\Pr} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} \right) = -\nabla P + \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \frac{1}{Ek} \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} + RaT\hat{y}$$

$$\Pr = \frac{v}{\kappa}$$

$$Ek = \frac{v}{2\Omega D^2}$$

$$Ek = \frac{V}{2\Omega D^2} \qquad Ra = \frac{g\alpha \nabla TD^3}{V\kappa}$$

Prandtl number

Ekman number

Rayleigh number

As before, use streamfunction

$$v_{x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \qquad v_{y} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

Also simplify by assuming 1/Ek=0

Eliminating pressure

- Take curl of 2D momentum equation: curl of grad=0, so pressure disappears
- Replace velocity by vorticity: $\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{v}$
- in 2D only one component of vorticity is needed (the one perpendicular to the 2D plane), $\nabla^2 \psi = \omega_z$

$$\frac{1}{\Pr} \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} \right) = \nabla^2 \omega - Ra \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

=> the streamfunction-vorticity formulation

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$$\nabla^2 \psi = -\omega \qquad \left(v_x, v_y \right) = \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla^2 T + Q$$

Note: Effect of high Pr

$$\frac{1}{\Pr} \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} \right) = \nabla^2 \omega - Ra \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

If Pr->infinity, left-hand-side=>0 so equation becomes Poisson like before:

$$\nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega} = Ra \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

Taking a timestep

(i) Calculate ψ from ω using:

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \omega$$

(ii) Calculate v from ψ $\left(v_{x}, v_{y}\right) = \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}\right)$

(iii) Time-step ω and T using explicit finite differences:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -v_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - v_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \nabla^2 T$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} = -v_x \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} - v_y \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} + \Pr \nabla^2 \omega - Ra \Pr \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

T time step is the same as before

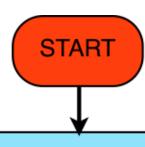
$$\frac{T_{new} - T_{old}}{\Delta t} = -v_x \frac{\partial T_{old}}{\partial x} - v_y \frac{\partial T_{old}}{\partial y} + \nabla^2 T_{old}$$

$$T_{new} = T_{old} + \Delta t \left(\nabla^2 T_{old} - v_x \frac{\partial T_{old}}{\partial x} - v_y \frac{\partial T_{old}}{\partial y} \right)$$

w must now be time stepped in a similar way

$$\frac{\omega_{new} - \omega_{old}}{\Delta t} = -v_x \frac{\partial \omega_{old}}{\partial x} - v_y \frac{\partial \omega_{old}}{\partial y} + \Pr \nabla^2 \omega_{old} - Ra \Pr \frac{\partial T_{old}}{\partial x}$$

$$\omega_{new} = \omega_{old} + \Delta t \left(\Pr \nabla^2 \omega_{old} - v_x \frac{\partial \omega_{old}}{\partial x} - v_y \frac{\partial \omega_{old}}{\partial y} - Ra \Pr \frac{\partial T_{old}}{\partial x} \right)$$



INPUT

number grid points: nx,ny

Parameters: Ra, Pr

time-step as: a_dif, a_adv integration time: total_time

Initial condition choice

TIME STEP

Calculate S (from w) -> v

Calculate dt_adv -> dt

Calculate del2(T), del2(w), dT/dx

Calculate v.grad(T) & v.grad(w)

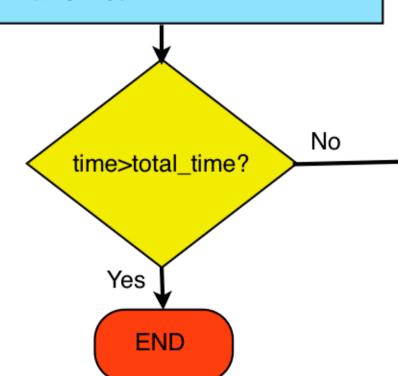
 $T = T + dt^*(d2T-vgradT)$

w = w+dt*(Pr.d2w-vgradw+RaPrdTdx)

time = time + dt

INITIALISE

h=1/(ny-1) dt_dif=a*h**2/max(1,Pr) Allocate T, w, S, vx, vy Initialise T & w fields S=v=0



Stability condition

Diffusion:
$$dt_{diff} = a_{diff} \frac{h^2}{\max(\Pr, 1)}$$

Advection:
$$dt_{adv} = a_{adv} \min \left(\frac{h}{\max val(abs(vx))}, \frac{h}{\max val(abs(vy))} \right)$$

Combined: $dt = \min(dt_{diff}, dt_{adv})$

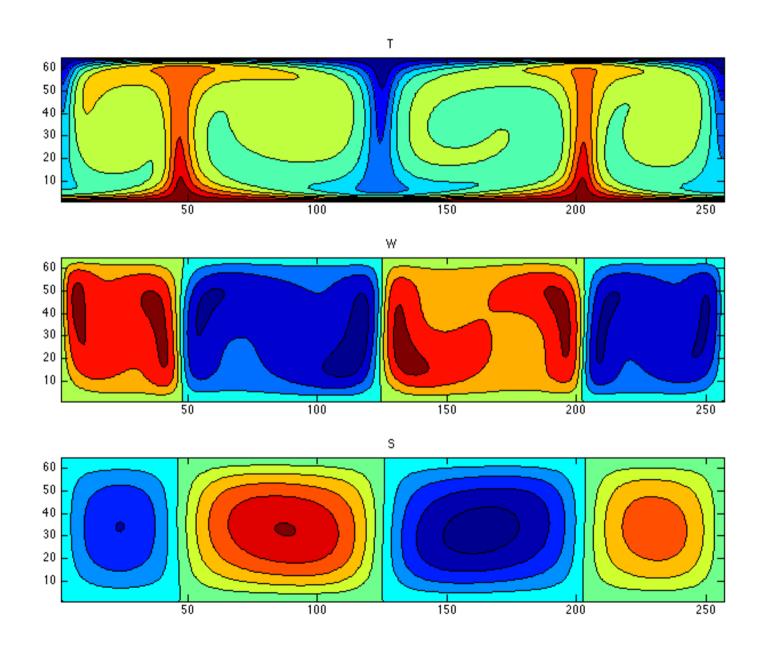
Modification of previous convection program

- Replace Poisson calculation of w with timestep, done at the same time as T time-step
- Get a compiling code!
- Make sure it is stable and convergent for values of Pr between 0.01 and 1e2
- Hand in your code, and your solutions to the test cases in the following slides
- Due date: 4 December (2 weeks)

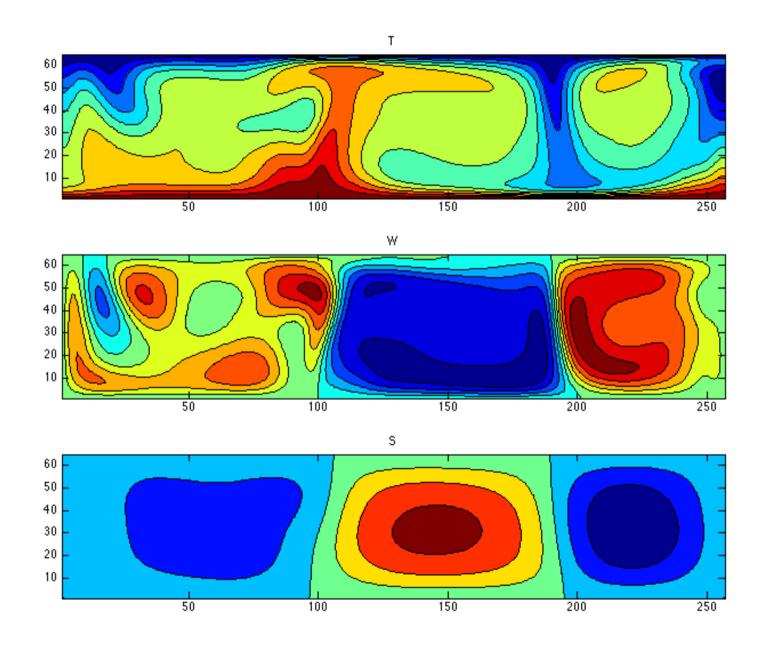
Test cases

 All have nx=257, ny=65, Ra=1e5, total_time=0.1, and random initial T and w fields, unless otherwise stated

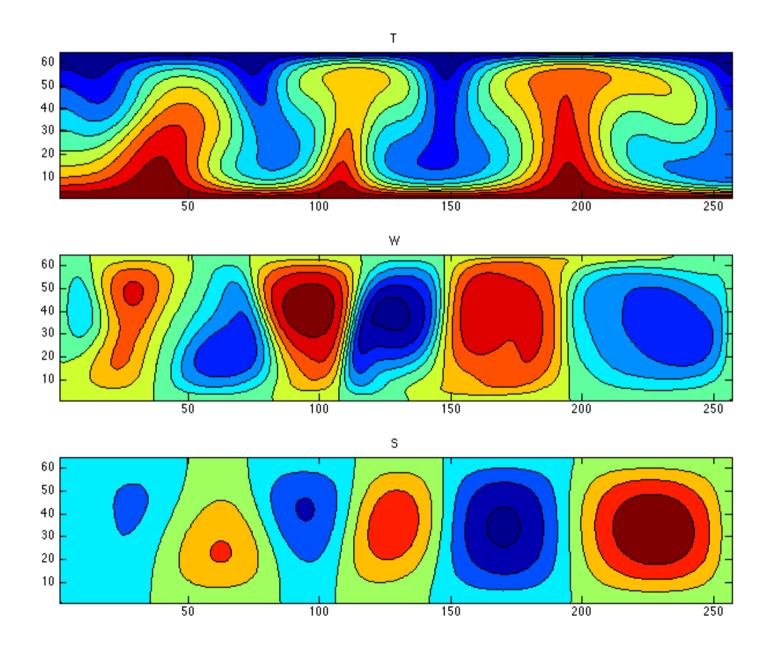
Pr=10



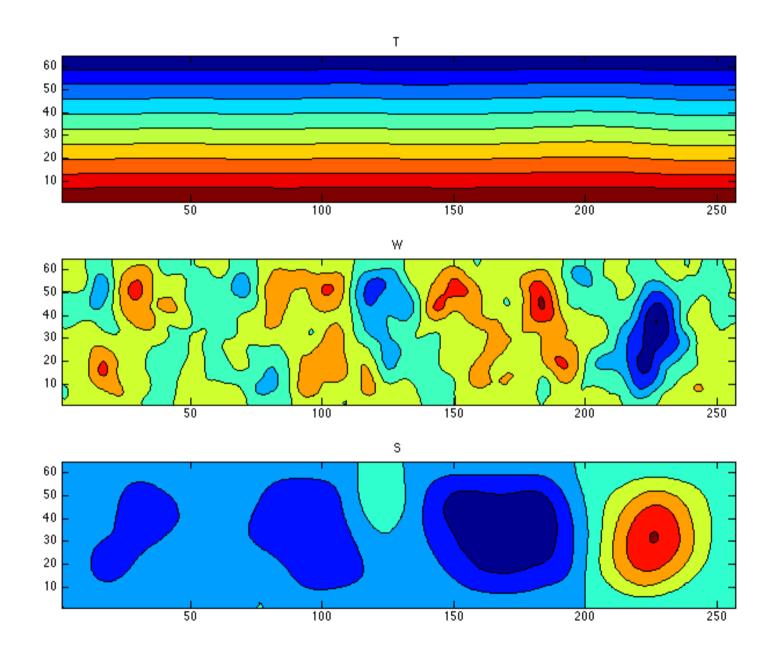
Pr=1



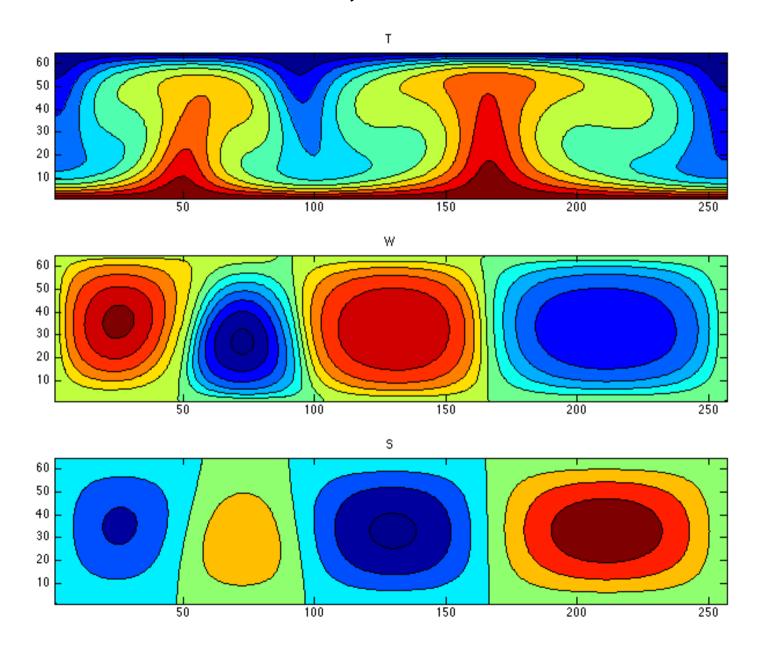
Pr=0.1



Pr=0.01



Pr=0.01, time=1.0



Pr=0.1, Ra=1e7

