# The Continuum

# Multi-Scale Modelling IMSE

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# Introduction

# Plan for the Continuum Part of the Course

- Where we are in the wider modelling hierarchy Session 1
- Understand the Continuum assumption
- Partial differential equations and numerical solutions •
- Link to the molecular dynamics equations •
- The Navier-Stokes Equation
  - Assumptions that lead to it
  - Key terms and their meaning (with some extensions)
  - Simplifications and solutions
- More partial differential equations and numerical solutions
- Assessed exercise numerical solutions to the Navier-Session 3 Stokes equation

Session 2

# Aims

- By the end of the 3 part course you should be able to:
  - State the Continuum assumption, specifically for continuous fields and how this underpins fluid dynamics
  - Understand three dimensional fields, vector calculus and partial differential equations
  - Be able to solve basic differential equations numerically
  - State the Navier-Stokes Equation, key assumptions, the meaning of the terms and how to simplify and solve.
  - Understand how to treat the various terms in a numerical solutions to the Navier-Stokes equation
  - Understand where the continuum modelling fits into the hierarchy and links to the molecular and plant scales<sub>4</sub>

# Aims



- By the end of today's session you will have:
  - Been reminded of vector and tensor fields with a review of vector notation
  - Seen the derivation of the Navier-Stokes equation
  - Understand the link to discrete systems and the impact of the choice of reference frame
  - Have an idea of the assumptions made to get the continuum fluid dynamics equations of motion
  - Seen the physical interpretation of the various terms and how to simplify the equation
  - A review of solving differential equations numerically applied to a simplified Navier-Stokes equation



# Review

### Scale Hierarchy



### **Definition of a Continuous Function**



Note the continuum is a definition; essentially an assumption that works very well in most cases (and underpins the majority of applied mathematics)

Also  $\epsilon-\delta$  definition which is more formal.

### Definition of a Derivative



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# Continuum Fields

- MD uses Newton's law assuming continuity in time and position in a discrete molecular system
- The Continuum hypothesis therefore refers to the continuous fields in space. These are 2D or 3D continuous functions evolving in time
- Assumes that we have so many particles it is a continuum.
- In practice, one meter cube of air has 10<sup>25</sup> molecules so works very well
- The largest molecular simulations are of order 10<sup>9</sup> which is still only micrometers. System size is prohibitive





# The Navier-Stokes Equation

• Describes the flow of single phase Newtonian fluids



- Lots of complexity here
- Velocity vector equation so actually three simultaneous equations connected by scalar pressure P 13

### **Two Dimensions and Partial Derivatives**



 A 2D field is a function of two variables

$$f = f(x, y)$$

- Show here in 3D for visualisation
- Assumed to be a continuous function

# Get MATLAB Plots Working

- x = linspace(-5, 5., 100);y = linspace(-5, 5., 100); [X, Y] = meshgrid(x, y);
- a = -0.2; b = 0.5; c=0.1; d=0.5; e=0.; f=3.
- $u = a*X.^2 + b*X + c*Y.^2 + d*Y + e*X.*Y + f;$

contourf(X, Y, u) %surf(X, Y, u) colorbar

# Two Dimensions Fields (2D plot)

• Contour plot



- Limit is a continuous function
- Here a function of two variables

$$f = f(x, y)$$

 As we move in either x or y direction the value of f changes

### **Two Dimensions and Partial Derivatives**



• Note we have dropped the half Delta terms for simplicity

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{y \text{ constant}} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x}$$
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# **Two Dimensions and Partial Derivatives**

### **Two Dimensions and Partial Derivatives**



 Consider a function of two variables

$$f = f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{y \text{ constant}}$$
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{x \text{ constant}}$$



# **Vector Fields**



# Scalar, Vector and Tensor Fields

- Note that the fields can also be scalar, vector or even tensor fields. Examples include:
  - Pressure, Concentration of chemical species

$$P = P(x, y, z, t) \qquad C = C(x, y, z, t)$$

• Velocity (3 values at every space and time)

$$\underline{u} = \underline{u}(x, y, z, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

• Stress tensor (9+ values)

$$\underline{\underline{\Pi}} = \underline{\underline{\Pi}}(x, y, z, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{xx} & \Pi_{xy} & \Pi_{xz} \\ \Pi_{yx} & \Pi_{yy} & \Pi_{yz} \\ \Pi_{zx} & \Pi_{zy} & \Pi_{zz2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Scalar, Vector and Tensor Fields

• 2D Velocity Fields example (2 values at every space)

$$\underline{u} = \underline{u}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$



# Example of a Vector Field

 We combine our two examples from last week The example 2D field described by an x-y polynomial in u and sine and cosine function in v

$$u(x,y) = ax^2 + bx + cy^2 + dy + exy + f$$

 $v(x, y) = \sin(2\pi x)\cos(2\pi y)$  0 < x < 1 and 0 < y < 1



### MATLAB quiver Plots

$$x = linspace(0, 1., 20);$$
  
y = linspace(0, 1., 20);  
[X, Y] = meshgrid(x, y);

$$a = 0.01; b = 0.02; c = 0.01;$$
  
 $d = 0.01; e = 0.1; f = 0;$ 

quiver(X, Y, u, v, 1., 'k')

# **Vector Calculus**

• The upside-down triangle (Nabla) in the Navier-Stokes equation is a vector operator defined as follows,

$$\underline{\nabla} = \underline{i}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \underline{j}\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \underline{k}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

• So dotting this with a vector (divergence) would give a scalar,

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

• While applying to a scalar gives a vector (gradient)

$$\underline{\nabla}C = \underline{i}\frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + \underline{j}\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} + \underline{k}\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$$

## **Vector Calculus**

• The upside-down triangle (Nabla) in the Navier-Stokes equation is a vector operator defined as follows,

$$\underline{\nabla} = \underline{i}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \underline{j}\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \underline{k}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

• There is also the dyadic or tensor product

$$\underline{\nabla} \ \underline{u} = \underline{\nabla} \otimes \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$
Other notation

# Index notation

• A useful notation is to express dimensionality as indices

$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = u_i = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\underline{\underline{\Pi}} = \Pi_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{11} & \Pi_{12} & \Pi_{13} \\ \Pi_{21} & \Pi_{22} & \Pi_{23} \\ \Pi_{31} & \Pi_{32} & \Pi_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

• We can then express vector operations concisely

$$\underline{\nabla}P = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Index notation

- Three rules of index notation
  - 1)Each unique index is a dimension, the number of unique indices on each side of the equation must agree
  - 2)Summation convention (Einstein) repeated indices are summed over

$$u_i v_i = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3 = \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}$$
  
Note, no need for  $\sum_{i=1}^3$ 

3)No indices ever appears more than twice on the same symbol groupings

Navier-Stokes in Index notation

• We can express the Navier-Stokes equations as follows



## Questions 1

1) Identify if the following expressions are scalars, vectors or tensors

$$\underline{\nabla} C \qquad \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{u} \qquad \underline{\nabla} \underline{u} \qquad \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} \qquad \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\Pi}$$

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2) Write the expressions from 1) in index notation ( $u_1$ ,  $u_2$ ,  $u_3$ ,  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ , Pi<sub>11</sub>, Pi<sub>12</sub>, etc).

3) Expand the vector form of the Navier-Stokes Equations to write in terms of u,v and w and x,y and z.

$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\nabla} \, \underline{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \underline{\nabla} P + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{u}$$





$$m\frac{d^2\boldsymbol{r}}{dt^2} = \mathbf{F}$$









### **Reference Frame**

#### Lagrangian

# Moves with the fluid parcel

$$u = u(t)$$

#### **Eulerian**

Stays in one place and observes flow past

$$u = u(\underline{r}, t)$$



# Reference Frame

### 1) Reynold's Transport Theorem Relates the two frameworks

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{V(t)} \rho \underline{u} dV = \int_{V(t)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho \underline{u} dV + \oint_{S} \rho \underline{u} \underline{u} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Because volume is a function of time in a Lagrangian framework, differentiation with respect to time gives an extra term using chain rule

This term measures how much momentum flows over the suface of a fixed volume (convection)





### Newton's Second Law



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### **Irving and Kirkwood (1950)**



# The link to the Molecular System

Ensemble average and Dirac delta

1) Density

$$\rho(\mathbf{r},t) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\langle m_i \delta(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}); f \right\rangle.$$

2) Momentum

$$\rho(\boldsymbol{r},t)\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{r},t) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\langle m_{i} \frac{d\boldsymbol{r}_{i}}{dt} \delta(\boldsymbol{r}_{i}-\boldsymbol{r}); f \right\rangle,$$

3) Temperature

$$T(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \frac{1}{3k_B(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\langle \left(\frac{d\boldsymbol{r}_i}{dt} - \boldsymbol{u}\right)^2 \delta(\boldsymbol{r}_i - \boldsymbol{r}); f \right\rangle.$$



The Dirac delta infinitely high, infinitely thin peak formally equivalent to the continuum differential formulation

### Newton's Second Law



From Irving Kirkwood (1950)



### **Molecular Pressure**

- Pressure in dense molecular systems have a long history
  - Virial form given by Rudolf Clausius in 1870
  - Irving and Kirkwood (1950) gave a full localised description,



# Simplifying The Pressure Term

• In the continuum, we do not have a way to get the pressure tensor. So we need to make some assumptions. First, split into thermodynamic pressure and a shear stress

$$\underline{\underline{\Pi}} = -P\underline{\underline{I}} + \underline{\underline{\tau}} = -P\delta_{ij} + \tau_{ij}$$

Assume Linear stress strain-rate relationship (Newtonian fluid/no shear thinning)

$$\tau_{ij} \approx C_{ijkl} \epsilon_{kl}$$
  
where  $\epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \underline{\nabla} \, \underline{u} + \underline{\nabla} \, \underline{u}^T \right]$ 

# Simplifying The Pressure Term

• Assume an Isotropic fluid (81 components reduced to 2)

$$\tau_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \epsilon_{kl} = \lambda \epsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij}$$

 Two coefficients reduced to one using Stokes' hypothesis (note viscosity coefficient is assumed to be homogeneous so constant in all domain)

$$3\lambda + 2\mu = 0 \qquad \tau_{ij} = -\frac{2}{3}\mu\epsilon_{kk}\delta_{ij} + 2\mu\epsilon_{ij}$$

• Incompressible assumption allows further simplification

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{u} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \qquad \tau_{ij} = 2\mu\epsilon_{ij} \quad \frac{\partial\tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = \mu\nabla^2 u_i$$

# Simplifying The Pressure Term

 So the final form the pressure tensor used in the Navier Stokes Equations is,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \Pi_{ij} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} = -\underline{\nabla}P + \mu \nabla^2 \underline{u}$$

• We have a single coefficient of viscosity. This is the coefficient obtain from molecular dynamics using auto-correlation functions (Green-Kubo)

$$\mu = \frac{V}{k_b T} \int_0^\infty \left\langle \tau_{xy}(t) \tau_{xy}(0) \right\rangle dt$$

# The Navier-Stokes Equation

• Describes the flow of single phase Newtonian fluids



Note, left hand side has been expanded by assuming incompressibility and both sides divided by density

# Summary of Assumptions

- Newtonian framework (non-relatavistic and classical)
- Fields are continuous (continuum hypothesis)
- For constitutive laws
  - Stress is a linear function of Strain rate
  - Isotropy of fluid
  - Stoke's hypothesis
  - Viscosity coefficient is homogeneous
  - Usually Incompressiblity as well
- Structure of the molecules replaced with a mean field approach
- Viscosity models how quickly flow occurs, autocorrelation in an MD system can get viscosity - a model parameter in the continuum assumed constant as MD on much shorter times.
- A continuum system will reproduce the behaviour of billions of molecules over long times for relatively little computation effort

# Limitations and Extensions

- Only considered single phase flows, we need to model an interface; nucleation, contact lines and phase change are also very difficult to model
- No model for energy, a separate equation solved if required
- High speed flows (high Mach number) require compressibility to be modelled
- Turbulence requires very large scale simulations and possibility additional models
- Flow through porous or granular material more complex
- Non-Newtonian fluid require complex visco-elastic behaviour through additional models
- Even simple models are often too expensive and complex to be used as as part of a general plant scale optimisation



# Break

# Summary of the Origin of Terms



Acceleration in Eulerian Reference Frame

Force, written as divergence of pressure tensor and then split into scalar pressure and strain times viscosity coefficient

# Simplifying the Navier-Stokes Equation

• Often we don't need all the terms, for example consider pressure driven flow between wide parallel plates





## Simplifying the Navier-Stokes Equation



Assume wide channel so 2D

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

Simplifying the Navier-Stokes Equation

Taking only the x component of velocity





# **Review of Numerical Methods**

# Numerical Solution to Differential Equations

• Instead we solve numerically, consider the definition of the derivative

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

If we make delta x small we can approximate the derivative by taking two points which are arbitrarily close

$$\frac{df}{dx} \approx \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{f_{i+1} - f_i}{\Delta x}$$
$$f_i \quad f_{i+1}$$
$$\overleftarrow{\Delta x}$$

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# Numerical Solution to Differential Equations

• First order derivatives

$$\frac{df}{dx} \approx \frac{f_{i+1} - f_i}{\Delta x}$$

Second order derivatives

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \approx \frac{f_{i+1} - 2f_i + f_{i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

• How to write this as code (rearranged to get i+1 value)

$$\frac{df}{dx} = a \qquad f[i+1] = f[i] + a*dx$$
$$\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = b \qquad f[i+1] = 2*f[i] - f[i-1] + a*dx$$

b\*dx\*\*2

Numerical Solution to Differential Equations

So if we know the value at f<sub>i</sub>, we can get the value at f<sub>i+1</sub> a small distance, delta x, away



- Once we know the value at  $f_{i+1}$ , we can get the value at at  $f_{i+2}$ , and so on  $f_i$   $f_{i+1}$   $f_{i+2}$ 

# Solving Partial Equations Numerically

• The same concept can be applied in two dimensions

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - 2f(x, y) + f(x - \Delta x, y)}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

Using cell indices, derivatives in each direction can be seen to use what is called a five point "stencil"
 *i i* + 1

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{f_{i+1,j} - 2f_{i,j} + f_{i-1,j}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \approx \frac{f_{i,j+1} - 2f_{i,j} + f_{i,j-1}}{(\Delta y)^2}$$

$$i - 1, j$$

$$i - 1, j$$

$$i - 1, j$$

$$i, j - 1$$

$$i, j - 1$$

### Solve this Equation



## Solve this Equation

• The only new term is the time evolution, which is evaluated as follows

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \approx \frac{u(t + \Delta t) - u(t)}{\Delta t} = \frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t}$$

• The evolution in time is denoted by superscripts where the spatial location is still denoted by subscripts

$$\frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} = \nu \left[ \frac{u_{i+1,j}^n - 2u_{i,j}^n + u_{i-1,j}^n}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1}^n - 2u_{i,j}^n + u_{i,j-1}^n}{(\Delta y)^2} \right] - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$$

# Solve this Equation

• Starting from this equation

$$\frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^{n}}{\Delta t} = \nu \left[ \frac{u_{i+1,j}^{n} - 2u_{i,j}^{n} + u_{i-1,j}^{n}}{(\Delta x)^{2}} + \frac{u_{i,j+1}^{n} - 2u_{i,j}^{n} + u_{i,j-1}^{n}}{(\Delta y)^{2}} \right] - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$$

• We rearrange to get the next time step as follows

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^{n} + \Delta t \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left[ \frac{u_{i+1,j}^{n} - 2u_{i,j}^{n} + u_{i-1,j}^{n}}{(\Delta x)^{2}} + \frac{u_{i,j+1}^{n} - 2u_{i,j}^{n} + u_{i,j-1}^{n}}{(\Delta y)^{2}} \right] - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$$

# Example MATLAB Script

#### %problem definition

mu = 10e-3; rho = 1000.0; nu = mu/rho;

#### %Constants

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Npoints = 10;

Lx = 1.0;

Ly = 1.0;

dx = Lx/(Npoints-1);

dy = Ly/(Npoints-1);

dt = 10.0;

dPdx = 1.0;

u = zeros(Npoints,Npoints);

un = zeros(Npoints,Npoints);
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#### %Analytical solution

y = linspace(0.0, Ly, Npoints); uanaly = 0.5\*(dPdx/mu)\*(y.^2-Ly\*y);

#### for it =1:10000 %Loop over all points for j=2:Npoints-1 for i=2:Npoints-1 $un(i,j) = u(i,j) + dt^{*}nu^{*} \dots$ $((u(i+1,j)-2.0*u(i,j)+u(i-1,j))/dx^2 ...$ +(u(i,j+1)-2.0\*u(i,j)+u(i,j-1))/dy^2) ... -dt\*dPdx/rho; end end u = un;%Enforce Boundary Condition u(:,1) = 0.0; %Bottom Wall Boundary u(1,:) = u(end-1,:); %Left periodic BC u(end,:) = u(2,:); %Right periodic BC u(:,end) = 0.0; %Top Wall Boundary %Plotting plot(y, u(5,:), '-o'); hold allplot(y, uanaly, 'r-'); hold off pause(0.001) 65

end

## **Boundary Conditions**



# **Further Reading**

- Differential Equations
  - Engineering Mathematics by K. A. Stroud
- Fluid Dynamics and CFD
  - Hirsch (2007) "Numerical Computation of Internal and External Flows" Elsevier
  - 12 Step Navier Stokes (http://lorenabarba.com/blog/cfdpython-12-steps-to-navier-stokes/)
- Introduction to links to other scales (next week)
  - Mohamed Gad-El-Hak (2006) Gas and Liquid Transport at the Microscale, Heat Transfer Eng., 27:4, 13-29,
  - Irving and Kirkwood (1950) The Statistical Mechanics
     Theory of Transport Process IV, J. Chem Phys

