

Review:

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Euler's equations after splitting:

A. ADVECTION:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} = 0$$

Solution via Semi-Lagrangian method:

$$\vec{u}(\vec{x}, t^{n+1}) = \vec{u}(\vec{x} - \Delta t \vec{u}(\vec{x}, t^n), t^n)$$

subject to boundary conditions:

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\eta} = \vec{u}_{\text{solid}} \cdot \vec{\eta} \quad \text{at any solid interface}$$

Result of this step $\hat{u}(\vec{x}) := \vec{u}(\vec{x}, t^n)$

B. BODY FORCES (e.g. gravity)

$$\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \vec{g}$$

Solution via Forward Euler:

$$\tilde{u}(\vec{x}) = \hat{u}(\vec{x}) + \Delta t \vec{g}$$

C. PRESSURE & INCOMPRESSIBILITY

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = 0$$

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

Solution:

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→ Discretize time derivative $\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t}$ using forward difference

$$\frac{\vec{u}^{(n+1)} - \tilde{\vec{u}}}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = 0$$

→ Take the divergence of these quantities

$$\frac{\nabla \cdot \vec{u}^{(n+1)} - \nabla \cdot \tilde{\vec{u}}}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot (\nabla p) = 0$$

→ By the incompressibility condition, we dictate $\nabla \cdot \vec{u}^{(n+1)} = 0$, thus:

$$-\frac{\nabla \cdot \tilde{\vec{u}}}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot (\nabla p) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta p = \frac{\rho}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \tilde{\vec{u}}} \quad (1)$$

(where $\nabla \cdot (\nabla p) = \Delta p$, the Laplacian).

Discretization

Every discrete equation stemming from (1) "lives naturally" at cell centers (indexed by whole integers i, j, k), i.e.

$$(\Delta p)_{ijk} = \frac{\rho}{\Delta t} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{\vec{u}})_{ijk} \quad \forall i, j, k \text{ st. } \vec{x}_{ijk} \in \Omega.$$

→ For the right-hand side we have:

$$(\nabla \cdot \tilde{u})_{ijk} = \frac{\tilde{u}_{i+1/2,j,k} - \tilde{u}_{i-1/2,j,k}}{\Delta x} + \frac{\tilde{u}_{i,j+1/2,k} - \tilde{u}_{i,j-1/2,k}}{\Delta y} + \frac{\tilde{u}_{i,j,k+1/2} - \tilde{u}_{i,j,k-1/2}}{\Delta z}$$

(for square cells, $\Delta x = \Delta y = \Delta z = h$)

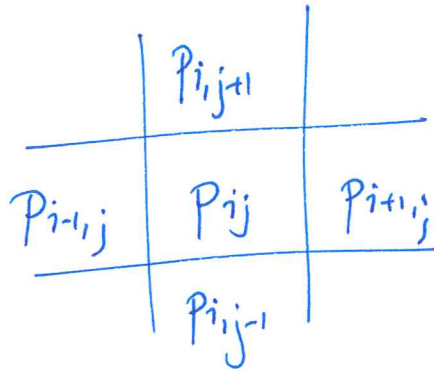
Discretization of the Laplacian

(We demonstrate in 2D, first)

$$(\Delta p)_{ij} = f_{ij} \quad (f_{ij} = \frac{p}{\Delta t} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{u})_{ij})$$

→ For cells deeply interior

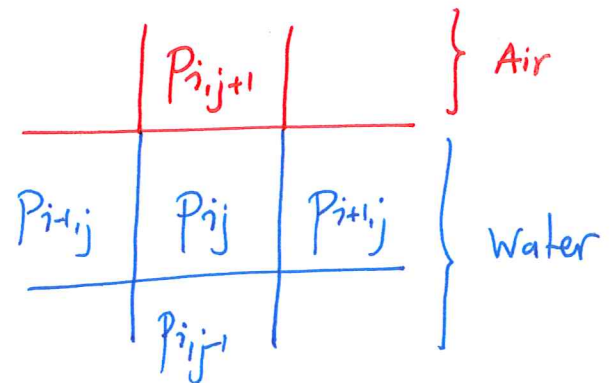
$$(\Delta p)_{ij} = \frac{p_{i+1,j} + p_{i-1,j} + p_{i,j+1} + p_{i,j-1} - 4p_{ij}}{h^2}$$



→ For cells near the air-fluid interface

We implement the boundary condition $p=0$ "Dirichlet" condition:

$$\frac{p_{i-1,j} + p_{i+1,j} + p_{i,j-1} + p_{i,j+1} - 4p_{ij}}{h^2} = f_{ij}$$



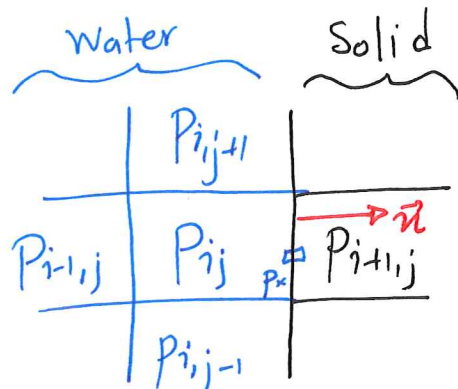
$$\frac{p_{i-1,j} + p_{i+1,j} + p_{i,j-1} - 4p_{ij}}{h^2} = f_{ij}$$

→ For cells near solid boundaries

We implement the boundary condition

$$\nabla p \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \quad \text{"Neumann" condition}$$

Here, $\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.e.g $\nabla p \cdot \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = p_x$



The condition $p_x = 0$ is discretized as:

$$\frac{p_{i+1,j} - p_{i,j}}{h} = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{p_{i+1,j} - p_{i,j} = 0}$$

The discrete equation becomes

$$\frac{p_{i-1,j} + p_{i,j-1} + p_{i,j+1} - 3p_{i,j} + \overbrace{(p_{i+1,j} - p_{i,j})}^{=0}}{h^2} = f_{ij}$$

Similarly, we handle the following cases:

$$\rightarrow 3D : (\Delta p)_{ijk} = \frac{p_{i-1,j,k} + p_{i+1,j,k} + p_{i,j-1,k} + p_{i,j+1,k} + p_{i,j,k-1} + p_{i,j,k+1} - 6p_{i,j,k}}{h^2}$$

\rightarrow cells neighboring more than 1 solid-water, or air-water interfaces (or mixtures of the 2).

Ultimately we arrive at a system of equations

$$L \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{f}$$

\mathbf{p} = vector of all pressures

\mathbf{f} = vector of all right-hand-side values

We can show that:

\rightarrow L is symmetric

\rightarrow L is negative definite

\Rightarrow Thus, we can use CG to solve $(-L)\mathbf{p} = (-\mathbf{f})$ which is symmetric and POSITIVE definite

(In fact, we can use CG unmodified; it works for either purely positive

or purely negative definite symmetric systems)

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Notes:

→ When simulating Smoke, all Boundary conditions are Neumann; in this case 2 things happen:

* p is only computable up to a constant, i.e. if $p_0(\vec{x})$ is a solution, $p_0(\vec{x}) + c$ is also a solution

* $Lp = f$ is a singular system: It has a 1-dimensional nullspace, the vector of all-constant pressures i.e. if $p^0 = (c, c, c, \dots, c)$, then $Lp^0 = 0$

CG can be minimally modified to handle this issue, by

imposing a pre-determined average pressure $\bar{p} = \frac{1}{N} \sum p_{ijk} = \text{const.}$

→ CG can require several iterations to converge, even to elementary accuracy. As a rule of thumb if the fluid grid is of size $N \times N \times N$, at the bare minimum $2N - 3N$ iterations are essential, and possibly $\sim 10N - 20N$ may be required for somewhat acceptable convergence.

* CG can be accelerated with "preconditioning": If P is a good approximation of A^{-1} (but, cheaper to compute), preconditioning instead attempts to solve

$$Ax = b \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{PA}_{\tilde{A}} x = \underbrace{Pb}_{\tilde{b}} \rightsquigarrow \tilde{A}x = \tilde{b}$$

If $P \approx A^{-1}$, then $\tilde{A} \approx I$, and CG is significantly accelerated.

Popular preconditioner: Incomplete Cholesky

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General Idea:

LU factorization $A = L \cdot U$ (L, U are lower/upper triangular).

Problem: Even if A is sparse, L, U can be dense

Incomplete factorization:

$$A \approx \tilde{L} \cdot \tilde{U} \quad (\tilde{L}, \tilde{U} \text{ also triangular})$$

\tilde{L} & \tilde{U} are only allowed to have non-zeros, where A had non-zeros in the first place

\Rightarrow Trade-off between storage-complexity-accuracy.

Typical costs:

- \rightarrow Construction of I.C. factorization $\approx 20x-200x$ un-preconditioned CG iterations.
- \rightarrow Cost of preconditioned CG iteration $\approx 1.5x-5x$ un-preconditioned iterations
- \rightarrow Reduction in # required iterations $\approx 5x-20x$

Smoke simulation

\rightarrow 2 additional physical properties:

T : temperature

s : concentration of smoke particles

\Rightarrow Stored at cell centers, averaged when necessary.

⇒ Buoyancy effects

→ Presence of smoke particles makes air "heavier"

→ Hot air rises, cold air moves down wards

⇒ Replace \vec{g} (gravity) with Buoyancy term

$$f_b = (0, -\alpha s + \beta (T - T_{amb}), 0)$$

T = ambient temperature

α, β = constants (tune manually)

⇒ Temperature / Concentration Advection

Assumption: Temperature & concentration only move around, instead of explicitly diminishing (only approximate)

$$\frac{DT}{Dt} = 0 \quad \frac{Ds}{Dt} = 0$$

Use e.g. Semi-Lagrangian advection.

⇒ Boundary Conditions

⇒ $\nabla \vec{p} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$ at any solid boundaries

$p=0$ at any container openings (allowing smoke to escape and vanish).

⇒ $T = T_{object}$ at objects (can be hot!)

⇒ $\vec{u} = \vec{u}_{source}$ at smoke sources

⇒ $s = s_{source}$ at smoke sources ($s=0$ inside non-source objects).

"Advanced" issues with smoke

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The combined effects of averaging / semi-Lagrangian / Large time steps / Large h may lead to smoke appearing

⇒ Blurred, smeared out

⇒ Less energetic than expected (less turbulent)

⇒ Vortices disappearing too fast

Remedies:

* Vorticity confinement: We start by measuring the vorticity: $\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{u} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix}$

* Determine "direction of closest vortex"

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\nabla \|\omega\|}{\|\nabla \|\omega\|\|}$$

* Add back a "rotation force" to increase the amplitude of the twirling effect

$$\vec{f}_{\text{conf}} = \epsilon \cdot h \cdot (\vec{N} \times \vec{\omega})$$

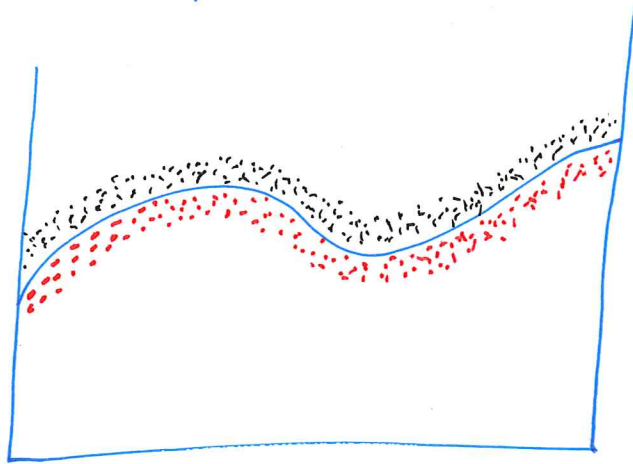
⇒ As $h \rightarrow 0$, this extra "push" vanishes, and we get vorticity by means of better resolution.

* Semi-Lagrangian often not accurate enough

⇒ Copy/Advect quantities by following curved flow lines.

Where is the water?

A. Use marker particles



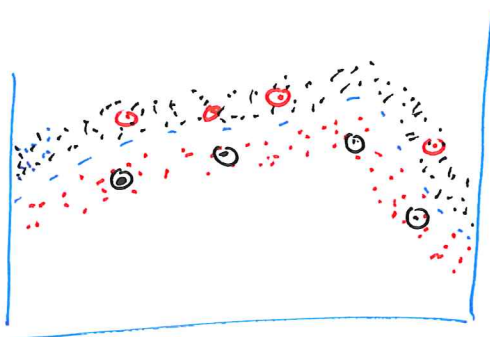
• = Air particles

• = Water particles

Particles are moved around with the velocity field, i.e.

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{u}(\vec{x})$$

(Note: Use at least trapezoidal rule, or another 2+ order accurate method). May need to take smaller Δt for particle advection, than water simulation. Afterwards, reconstruct surface by finding interface between air/water particles

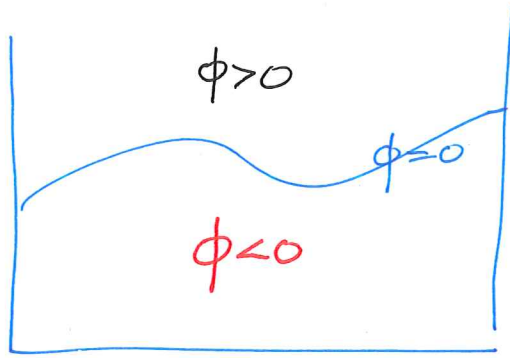


Red outliers in the air region can be rendered as spray droplets! (and then, removed)

Black outliers in the water region can be rendered as foam/micro-bubbles

Resample as necessary!

B. Use level-sets



Levelset values can be advected, too!
(Ideally, we want to move the zero levelset values, to find the new interface location, but we can advect the entire ϕ field with it!)

Advection equation $\frac{D\phi}{Dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \phi = 0}$

Issues:

→ Even if $\phi^{(n)}(\vec{x})$ is a signed distance function, this property may be invalidated after advection!

The Fast Marching Method re-initializes the ϕ function, without moving the interface $\mathcal{I}_0 = \{x : \phi(x) = 0\}$, such that the signed distance property is restored. (cost = $O(N \log N)$).

→ For advection algorithms, we may need \vec{u} values where it is not normally present! (i.e. in the air region). If \vec{x} is an air location we can extrapolate $\vec{u}_\alpha(\vec{x}) = u(\vec{x}_{closest})$ where $\vec{x}_{closest}$ is the closest point on surface.

This extrapolation can be integrated into the fast marching method.