



# 2.29 Numerical Fluid Mechanics

## Spring 2015 – Lecture 19

### REVIEW Lecture 18:

### • Solution of the Navier-Stokes Equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v} \vec{v}) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \rho \vec{g}$$

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

– Discretization of the convective and viscous terms

– Discretization of the pressure term  $\tilde{p} = p - \rho \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \mu \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$   $(p \vec{e}_i - \rho g_i x_i \vec{e}_i + \frac{2}{3} \mu \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_j} \vec{e}_i)$

– Conservation principles

$$\int_S -\tilde{p} \vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{n} dS$$

- Momentum and Mass

- Energy

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho \frac{\|\vec{v}\|^2}{2} dV = - \int_{CS} \rho \frac{\|\vec{v}\|^2}{2} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}) dA - \int_{CS} p \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} dA + \int_{CS} (\vec{\varepsilon} \cdot \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{n} dA + \int_{CV} (-\vec{\varepsilon} : \nabla \vec{v} + p \nabla \cdot \vec{v} + \rho \vec{g} \cdot \vec{v}) dV$$

– Choice of Variable Arrangement on the Grid

- Collocated and Staggered

– Calculation of the Pressure

$$\underline{\underline{\nabla \cdot \nabla p = \nabla^2 p = -\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \rho \vec{v}}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v} \vec{v})) + \nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla^2 \vec{v}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{g}) = -\nabla \cdot (\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v} \vec{v}))}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \right) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{\partial (\rho u_i u_j)}{\partial x_j} \right)$$



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### REVIEW Lecture 18, Cont'd:

- Solution of the Navier-Stokes Equations

- Pressure Correction Methods:

- i) Solve momentum for a known pressure leading to new velocity, then
- ii) Solve Poisson to obtain a corrected pressure and
- iii) Correct velocity (and possibly pressure), go to i) for next time-step.
- A Forward-Euler Explicit (Poisson for  $p$  at  $t_n$ , then mom. for velocity at  $t_{n+1}$ )
- A Backward-Euler Implicit

$$(\rho u_i)^{n+1} - (\rho u_i)^n = \Delta t \left( -\frac{\delta(\rho u_i u_j)^{n+1}}{\delta x_j} + \frac{\delta \tau_{ij}^{n+1}}{\delta x_j} - \frac{\delta p^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} \right) \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( \frac{\delta p^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} \right) = \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( -\frac{\delta(\rho u_i u_j)^{n+1}}{\delta x_j} + \frac{\delta \tau_{ij}^{n+1}}{\delta x_j} \right)$$

- Nonlinear solvers, Linearized solvers and ADI solvers

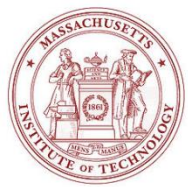
- Steady state solvers, implicit pressure correction schemes: iterate using

- Outer iterations:

$$\mathbf{A}^{u_i^{m*}} \mathbf{u}_i^{m*} = \mathbf{b}_{u_i^{m*}}^{m-1} - \frac{\delta p^{m-1}}{\delta x_i} \quad \text{but require } \mathbf{A}^{u_i^m} \mathbf{u}_i^m = \mathbf{b}_{u_i^m}^m - \frac{\delta p^m}{\delta x_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\delta \mathbf{u}_i^m}{\delta x_i} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 \approx \frac{\delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_i^{m*}}{\delta x_i} - \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( \left( \mathbf{A}^{u_i^{m*}} \right)^{-1} \frac{\delta p^m}{\delta x_i} \right)$$

- Inner iterations:

$$\mathbf{A}^{u_i^{m*}} \mathbf{u}_i^m = \mathbf{b}_{u_i^{m*}}^m - \frac{\delta p^m}{\delta x_i}$$



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### REVIEW Lecture 18, Cont'd:

- Solution of the Navier-Stokes Equations

- Projection Correction Methods:

- Construct predictor velocity field that does not satisfy continuity, then correct it using a pressure gradient
- Divergence producing part of the predictor velocity is “projected out”

- Non-Incremental:

- No pressure term used in predictor momentum eq.

- Incremental:

- Old pressure term used in predictor momentum eq.

- Rotational Incremental:

- Old pressure term used in predictor momentum eq.

- Pressure update has a rotational correction:  $p^{n+1} = p^n + p' = p^n + \delta p^{n+1} + f(u')$



# TODAY (Lecture 19)

- Solution of the Navier-Stokes Equations
  - Pressure Correction Methods
    - Projection Methods
      - Non-Incremental, Incremental and Rotational-incremental Schemes
  - Fractional Step Methods:
    - Example using Crank-Nicholson
  - Streamfunction-Vorticity Methods: scheme and boundary conditions
  - Artificial Compressibility Methods: scheme definitions and example
  - Boundary Conditions: Wall/Symmetry and Open boundary conditions
- Time-Time-Marching Methods and ODEs. – Initial Value Problems
  - Euler's method
  - Taylor Series Methods
    - Error analysis
  - Simple 2nd order methods
    - Heun's Predictor-Corrector and Midpoint Method (belong to Runge-Kutta's methods)



# References and Reading Assignments

- Chapter 7 on “Incompressible Navier-Stokes equations” of “J. H. Ferziger and M. Peric, *Computational Methods for Fluid Dynamics*. Springer, NY, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2002”
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- Chapter 17 on “Incompressible Viscous Flows” of Fletcher, *Computational Techniques for Fluid Dynamics*. Springer, 2003.



# Projection Methods: Example Scheme 3

## Guermond et al, CM-AME-2006

### Rotational Incremental (Timmermans et al, 1996):

- Old pressure term used in predictor momentum equation
- Correct pressure based on continuity:  $p^{n+1} = p^n + p' = p^n + \delta p^{n+1} + f(u')$
- Update velocity using pressure increment in momentum equation

$$(\rho u_i^*)^{n+1} = (\rho u_i)^n + \Delta t \left( -\frac{\delta(\rho u_i u_j)^{n+1}}{\delta x_j} + \frac{\delta \tau_{ij}^{n+1}}{\delta x_j} - \frac{\delta p^n}{\delta x_i} \right); \quad (\rho u_i^*)^{n+1} \Big|_{\partial D} = (\text{bc}) \quad \tau_{ij}^{n+1} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\rho u_i)^{n+1} &= (\rho u_i^*)^{n+1} - \Delta t \frac{\delta(\delta p^{n+1})}{\delta x_i} \\ \frac{\delta(\rho u_i)^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( \frac{\delta(\delta p^{n+1})}{\delta x_i} \right) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( (\rho u_i^*)^{n+1} \right); \quad \frac{\delta(\delta p^{n+1})}{\delta n} \Big|_{\partial D} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho u_i)^{n+1} &= (\rho u_i^*)^{n+1} - \Delta t \frac{\delta(\delta p^{n+1})}{\delta x_i} \\ p^{n+1} &= p^n + \delta p^{n+1} - \mu \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( (u_i^*)^{n+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Notes:

- this scheme accounts for  $u'$  in the pressure eqn.
- It can be made into a SIMPLE-like method, if iterations are added
- Again, the advection term can be explicit or implicit. The rotational correction to the left assumes explicit advection



# Other Methods: Fractional Step Methods

- In the previous methods, pressure is used to:
  - Enforce continuity: it is more a mathematical variable than a physical one
  - Fill the RHS of the momentum eqns. explicitly (predictor step for velocity)
- The fractional step methods (Kim and Moin, 1985) generalize ADI
  - But works on term-by-term (instead of dimension-by-dimension). Hence, does not necessarily use pressure in the predictor step
  - Let's write the NS equations in symbolic form:

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n + (C_i + D_i + P_i) \Delta t$$

where  $C_i$ ,  $D_i$  and  $P_i$  represent the convective, diffusive and pressure terms

- The equation is readily split into a three-steps method:

$$\begin{aligned} u_i^* &= u_i^n + C_i \Delta t \\ u_i^{**} &= u_i^* + D_i \Delta t \\ u_i^{n+1} &= u_i^{**} + P_i \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> step, the pressure gradient ensures  $u_i^{n+1}$  satisfy the continuity eq.



# Fractional Step Methods, Cont'd

- Many variations of Fractional step methods exists
  - Pressure can be a pseudo-pressure (depends on the specific steps, i.e. what is in  $u_i^{**}, P_i$ )
  - Terms can be split further (one coordinate at a time, etc.)
  - For the time-marching, Runge-Kutta explicit, direct 2<sup>nd</sup> order implicit or Crank-Nicholson scheme are often used
  - Linearization and ADI are also used
  - Used by Choi and Moin (1994) with central difference in space for direct simulations of turbulence (Direct Navier Stokes, DNS)
- Next, we describe a scheme similar to that of Choi and Moin, but using Crank-Nicholson





# Fractional Step Methods: Example based on Crank-Nicolson

- In the first step, velocity is advanced using:

$$(\rho u_i)^* - (\rho u_i)^n = \Delta t \left( \frac{H(u_i^n) + H(u_i^*)}{2} - \frac{\delta p^n}{\delta x_i} \right)$$

- Pressure from the previous time-step
- Convective, viscous and body forces are represented as an average of old and new values (Crank-Nicolson)
- Nonlinear equations  $\Rightarrow$  iterate, e.g. Newton's scheme used by Choi et al (1994)
- Second-step: Half the pressure gradient term is removed from  $u_i^*$ , to lead  $u_i^{**}$

$$(\rho u_i)^{**} - (\rho u_i)^* = -\Delta t \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta p^n}{\delta x_i} \right)$$

- Final step: use half of the gradient of the still unknown new pressure

$$(\rho u_i)^{n+1} - (\rho u_i)^{**} = -\Delta t \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta p^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} \right)$$

- New velocity must satisfy the continuity equation (is divergence free):

- Taking the divergence of final step:

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( \frac{\delta p^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} \right) = \frac{2}{\Delta t} \frac{\delta (\rho u_i)^{**}}{\delta x_i}$$

- Once  $p^{n+1}$  is solved for, the final step above gives the new velocities



# Fractional Step Methods: Example based on Crank-Nicholson

- Putting all steps together:

$$(\rho u_i)^{n+1} - (\rho u_i)^n = \Delta t \left[ \frac{H(u_i^n) + H(u_i^*)}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\delta p^n}{\delta x_i} + \frac{\delta p^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} \right) \right]$$

- To represent Crank-Nicolson correctly,  $H(u_i^*)$  should be  $H(u_i^{n+1})$
- However, we can show that the splitting error,  $u_i^{n+1} - u_i^*$ , is 2<sup>nd</sup> order in time and thus consistent with C-N's truncation error: indeed, subtract the first step from the complete scheme, to obtain,

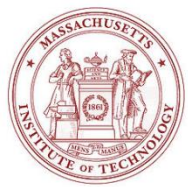
$$(\rho u_i)^{n+1} - (\rho u_i)^* = -\frac{\Delta t}{2} \left( \frac{\delta p^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} - \frac{\delta p^n}{\delta x_i} \right) \approx -\frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( \frac{\delta p}{\delta t} \right)$$

- With this, one also obtains:

$$(\rho u_i)^{n+1} - (\rho u_i)^* = -\frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\delta(p^{n+1} - p^n)}{\delta x_i} = -\frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\delta(p')}{\delta x_i}$$

which is similar to the final step, but has the form of a pressure-correction on  $u_i^*$ . This later eq. can be used to obtain a Poisson eq. for  $p'$  and replace that for  $p^{n+1}$

- Fractional steps methods have become rather popular
  - Many variations, but all are based on the same principles (illustrated by C-N here)
  - Main difference with SIMPLE-type time-marching schemes: SIMPLE schemes solve the nonlinear pressure and momentum equations several times per time-step in outer iterations (iterative nonlinear solve)



# Incompressible Fluid

## Vorticity Equation

Vorticity

$$\tilde{\omega} \equiv \text{curl} \mathbf{V} \equiv \nabla \times \mathbf{V}$$

Navier-Stokes Equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{V}$$

**curl** of Navier-Stokes Equation

$$\frac{D\tilde{\omega}}{Dt} = (\tilde{\omega} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V} + \nu \nabla^2 \tilde{\omega}$$



# Streamfunction-Vorticity Methods

- For incompressible, 2D flows with constant fluid properties, NS can be simplified by introducing the streamfunction  $\psi$  and vorticity  $\omega$  as dependent variables

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (\boldsymbol{\omega} = \nabla \times \mathbf{v})$$

- Streamlines (lines tangent to velocity): constant  $\psi$
- Vorticity vector is orthogonal to plane of the 2D flow
- 2D continuity is automatically satisfied:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$  !

- In 2D, substituting  $u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$  and  $v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$  in  $\omega = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  leads to the kinematic condition:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = -\omega$$

- The vertical component of the vorticity dynamical equation leads:

$$\rho \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + \rho u \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} + \rho v \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial y^2} \right)$$



# Streamfunction-Vorticity Methods, Cont'd

- Main advantages:
  - Pressure does not appear in either of these equations!
  - 2D-NS has been replaced by a set of 2 coupled PDEs
    - Instead of 2 velocities and 1 pressure, we have only two dependent variables
- Explicit solution scheme
  - Given initial velocity field, compute vorticity by differentiation
  - Use this vorticity  $\omega^n$  in the RHS of the dynamical equation for vorticity, to obtain  $\omega^{n+1}$
  - With  $\omega^{n+1}$  the streamfunction  $\psi^{n+1}$  can be obtained from the Poisson equation
    - With  $\psi^{n+1}$ , we can differentiate to obtain the velocity
  - Continue to time  $n+2$ , and so on
- One issue with this scheme: boundary conditions



# Streamfunction-Vorticity Methods, Cont'd

## Boundary conditions

- Boundary conditions for  $\psi$ 
  - Solid boundaries are streamlines and require:  $\psi = \text{constant}$
  - However, values of  $\psi$  at these boundaries can be computed only if velocity field is known
- Boundary conditions for  $\omega$ 
  - Neither vorticity nor its derivatives at the boundaries are known in advance
  - For example, at the wall: “ $\omega_{\text{wall}} = -\tau_{\text{wall}} / \mu$ ” since  $\tau_{\text{wall}} = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{\text{wall}}$ 
    - Vorticity at the wall is proportional to the shear stress, but the shear stress is often what one is trying to compute
  - Boundary values for  $\omega$  can be obtained from  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = -\omega$  ,
    - i.e. one-sided differences at the wall:  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial n^2} = -\omega$but this usually converges slowly and can require refinement
  - Discontinuities also occur at corners



# Streamfunction-Vorticity Methods, Cont'd

– Discontinuities also occur at corners for vorticity

- The derivatives  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  are not continuous at A and B
- This means special treatment for

$$\omega = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

e.g. refine the grid at corners

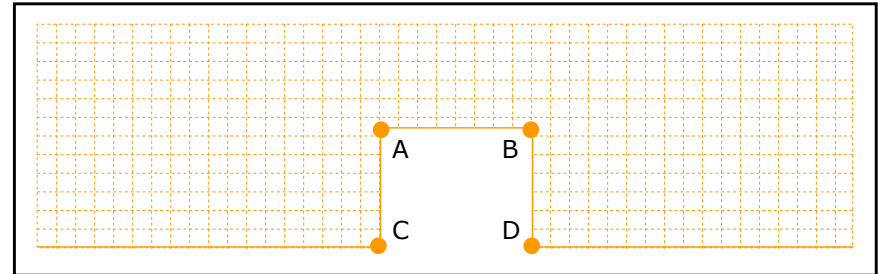


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- Vorticity-streamfunction approach useful in 2D, but is now less popular because extension to 3D difficult
  - In 3D, vorticity has 3 components, hence problem becomes as/more expensive as NS
  - Streamfunction is still used in quasi-2D problems
    - for example, in the ocean or in the atmosphere, but even there, it has been replaced by level-based models with a free-surface (no steady 2D continuity)



# Artificial Compressibility Methods

- Compressible flow is of great importance (e.g. aerodynamics and turbine engine design)
- Many methods have been developed (e.g. MacCormack, Beam-Warming, etc)
- Can they be used for incompressible flows?
- Main difference between incompressible and compressible NS is the mathematical character of the equations
  - Incompressible eqs.: no time derivative in the continuity eqn:  $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ 
    - They have a mixed parabolic-elliptic character in time-space
  - Compressible eqs.: there is a time-derivative in the continuity equation:
    - They have a direct hyperbolic character:  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$
    - Allow pressure/sound waves
  - How to use methods for compressible flows in incompressible flows?





# Artificial Compressibility Methods, Cont'd

- Most straightforward: Append a time derivative to the continuity equation
  - Since density is constant, adding a time-rate-of-change for  $\rho$  not possible
  - Use pressure instead (linked to  $\rho$  via an eqn. of state in the general case):

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

- where  $\beta$  is an artificial compressibility parameter (dimension of velocity<sup>2</sup>)
- Its value is key to the performance of such methods:
  - The larger/smaller  $\beta$  is, the more/less incompressible the scheme is
  - Large  $\beta$  makes the equation stiff (not well conditioned for time-integration)
- Methods most useful for solving steady flow problem (at convergence:  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = 0$ ) or inner-iterations in dual-time schemes.
- To solve this new problem, many methods can be used, especially
  - Time-marching schemes: what we have seen & will see (R-K, multi-steps, etc)
  - Finite differences or finite volumes in space
  - Alternating direction method is attractive: one spatial direction at a time



# Artificial Compressibility Methods, Cont'd

- Connecting these methods with the previous ones:
  - Consider the intermediate velocity field  $(\rho u_i^*)^{n+1}$  obtained from solving momentum with the old pressure
  - It does not satisfy the incompressible continuity equation:  $\frac{\delta(\rho u_i^*)^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} \equiv \frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial t}$ 
    - There remains an erroneous time rate of change of mass flux  
⇒ method needs to correct for it
- Example of an artificial compressibility scheme
  - Instead of explicit in time, let's use implicit Euler (larger time steps for stiff term with large  $\beta$ )
$$\frac{p^{n+1} - p^n}{\beta \Delta t} + \left[ \frac{\delta(\rho u_i)}{\delta x_i} \right]^{n+1} = 0$$
  - Issue: velocity field at  $n+1$  not known ⇒ coupled  $u_i$  and  $p$  system solve
  - To decouple the system, one could linearize about the old (intermediate) state and transform the above equation into a Poisson equation for the pressure or pressure correction!



# Artificial Compressibility Methods: Example Scheme, Cont'd

- Idea 1: expand unknown  $u_i$  using Taylor series in pressure derivatives

$$(\rho u_i)^{n+1} \approx (\rho u_i^*)^{n+1} + \left[ \frac{\delta(\rho u_i^*)}{\delta p} \right]^{n+1} (p^{n+1} - p^n) \quad (p^{*n+1} = p^n)$$

- Inserting  $(\rho u_i)^{n+1}$  in the continuity equation leads an equation for  $p^{n+1}$

$$\frac{p^{n+1} - p^n}{\beta \Delta t} + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left[ (\rho u_i^*)^{n+1} + \left[ \frac{\delta(\rho u_i^*)}{\delta p} \right]^{n+1} (p^{n+1} - p^n) \right] = 0$$

- Expressing  $\left[ \frac{\delta(\rho u_i^*)}{\delta p} \right]^{n+1}$  in terms of  $\frac{\delta p^{n+1}}{\delta x_i}$  using N-S, this is a Poisson-like eq. for  $p^{n+1} - p^n$ !

- Idea 2: utilize directly  $(\rho u_i)^{n+1} \approx (\rho u_i^*)^{n+1} + \left[ \frac{\delta(\rho u_i^*)}{\delta \left( \frac{\delta p}{\delta x_i} \right)} \right]^{n+1} \left( \frac{\delta p^{n+1}}{\delta x_i} - \frac{\delta p^n}{\delta x_i} \right)$

- Then, still take divergence of  $(\rho u_i^*)^{n+1}$  and derive Poisson-like equation

- Ideal value of  $\beta$  is problem dependent

- The larger the  $\beta$ , the more incompressible. Lowest values of  $\beta$  can be computed by requiring that pressure waves propagate much faster than the flow velocity or vorticity speeds



# Numerical Boundary Conditions for N-S eqns.: Velocity

- At a wall, the no-slip boundary condition applies:

- Velocity at the wall is the wall velocity (Dirichlet)
- In some cases (e.g. fully-developed flow), the tangential velocity is constant along the wall. By continuity, this implies no normal viscous stress:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{\text{wall}} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \Big|_{\text{wall}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_{yy} = 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \Big|_{\text{wall}} = 0$$

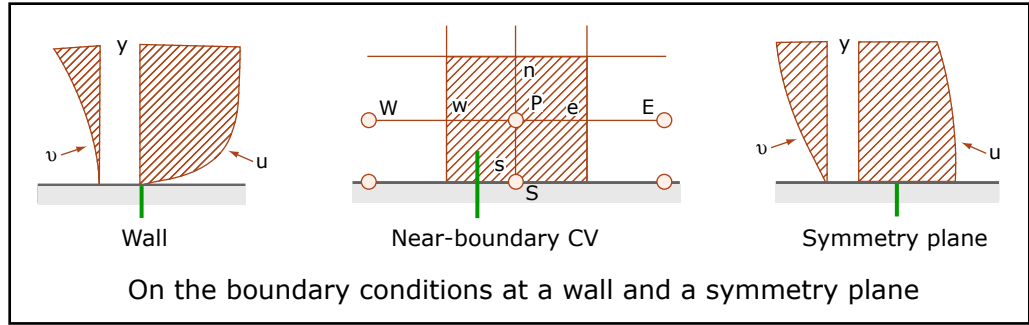


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- For the shear stress:  $F_S^{shear} = \int_{S_S} \tau_{xy} dS = \int_{S_S} \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dS \approx \mu_S S_S \frac{u_P - u_S}{y_P - y_S}$

- At a symmetry plane, it is the opposite:

- Shear stress is null:  $\tau_{xy} = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{\text{sym}} = 0 \Rightarrow F_S^{shear} = 0$

- Normal stress is non-zero:

$$\tau_{yy} = 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \Big|_{\text{sym}} \neq 0 \Rightarrow F_S^{normal} = \int_{S_S} \tau_{yy} dS = \int_{S_S} 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dS \approx 2\mu_S S_S \frac{v_P - v_S}{y_P - y_S}$$



# Numerical Boundary Conditions for N-S eqns.: Pressure

## • Wall/Symmetry Pressure BCs for the Momentum equations

- For the momentum equations with staggered grids, the pressure is not required at boundaries (pressure is computed in the interior in the middle of the CV or FD cell)
- With collocated arrangements, values at the boundary for  $p$  are needed. They can be extrapolated from the interior (may require grid refinement)

## • Wall/Symmetry Pressure BCs for the Poisson equation

- When the mass flux (velocity) is specified at a boundary, this means that:
  - Correction to the mass flux (velocity) at the boundary is also zero
  - This affects the continuity eq., hence the  $p$  eq.: zero normal-velocity-correction  $\Rightarrow$  often means gradient of the pressure-correction at the boundary is then also zero

(take the dot product of the velocity correction equation with the normal at the bnd)

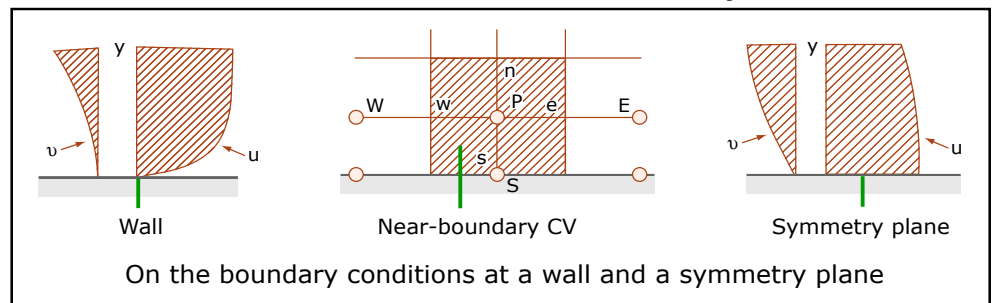


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# Numerical BCs for N-S eqns: Outflow/Outlet Conditions

- Outlet often most problematic since information is advected from the interior to the (open) boundary
- If velocity is extrapolated to the far-away boundary,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0$  e.g.,  $u_E = u_P$  ,
  - It may need to be corrected so as to ensure that the mass flux is conserved (same as the flux at the inlet)
  - These corrected BC velocities are then kept fixed for the next iteration. This implies no corrections to the mass flux BC, thus a von Neumann condition for the pressure correction (note that  $p$  itself is linear along the flow if fully developed).
  - The new interior velocity is then extrapolated to the boundary, etc.
  - To avoid singularities for  $p$  (von Neumann at all boundaries for  $p$ ), one needs to specify  $p$  at a one point to be fixed (or impose a fixed mean  $p$ )
- If flow is not fully developed:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial p'}{\partial n} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  e.g.  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial n^2} = 0$  or  $\frac{\partial^2 p'}{\partial n^2} = 0$
- If the pressure difference between the inlet and outlet is specified, then the velocities at these boundaries can not be specified.
  - They have to be computed so that the pressure loss is the specified value
  - Can be done again by extrapolation of the boundary velocities from the interior: these extrapolated velocities can be corrected to keep a constant mass flux.
- Much research in OBC in ocean modeling

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