Navier-Stokes & Flow Simulation



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- Flow Simulations in Computer Graphics – water, smoke, viscous fluids
- Navier-Stokes Equations

 incompressibility, conservation of mass
 conservation of momentum & energy
- Fluid Representations
- Basic Algorithm
- Data Representation

Flow Simulations in Graphics

- Random velocity fields - with averaging to get simple background motion
- Shallow water equations - height field only, can't represent crashing waves, etc.
- Full Navier-Stokes
- note: typically we ignore surface tension and focus on macroscopic behavior





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Comparing Representations

- How do we render the resulting surface?
- Are we guaranteed not to lose mass/volume? (is the simulation incompressible?)
- How is each affected by the grid resolution and timestep?
- Can we guarantee stability?





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Initialization

- Choose a voxel resolution
- Choose a particle density
- Create grid & place the particles
- Initialize pressure & velocity of each cell
- Set the viscosity & gravity
- Choose a timestep & go!

At each Timestep:

- Identify which cells are Empty, Full, or on the Surface
- · Compute new velocities
- Adjust the velocities to maintain an incompressible flow
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Compute New Velocities

- $\tilde{u}_{i+1/2,j,k} = u_{i+1/2,j,k} + \delta t \{ (1/\delta x) [(u_{i,j,k})^2 (u_{i+1,j,k})^2] \}$
 - $+(1/\delta y)[(uv)_{i+1/2,j-1/2,k}-(uv)_{i+1/2,j+1/2,k}]$
 - $+(1/\delta z)[(uw)_{i+1/2,j,k-1/2}-(uw)_{i+1/2,j,k+1/2}]+g_x$
 - $+(1/\delta x)(p_{i,j,k}-p_{i+1,j,k})+(\nu/\delta x^2)(u_{i+3/2,j,k})$
 - $-2u_{i+1/2,j,k}+u_{i-1/2,j,k})+(\nu/\delta y^2)(u_{i+1/2,j+1,k}$
 - $-2u_{i+1/2,j,k}+u_{i+1/2,j-1,k})+(\nu/\delta z^2)(u_{i+1/2,j,k+1}$
 - $-2u_{i+1/2,j,k}+u_{i+1/2,j,k-1})\},$

Note: some of these values are the *average velocity* within the cell rather than the velocity at a cell face

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Adjusting the Velocities Calculate the *divergence* of the cell (the extra in/out flow) The divergence is used to update the *pressure* within the cell

- Adjust each face velocity uniformly to bring the divergence to zero
- Iterate across the entire grid until divergence is < ε

Image from Foster & Mataxas, 1996

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