

CS 247 – Scientific Visualization

Lecture 28: Vector / Flow Visualization, Pt. 7

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Reading Assignment #15++ (1)



Reading suggestions:

- Data Visualization book, Chapter 6.7
- J. van Wijk: *Image-Based Flow Visualization*, ACM SIGGRAPH 2002
<http://www.win.tue.nl/~vanwijk/ibfv/ibfv.pdf>
- T. Günther, A. Horvath, W. Bresky, J. Daniels, S. A. Buehler:
Lagrangian Coherent Structures and Vortex Formation in High Spatiotemporal-Resolution Satellite Winds of an Atmospheric Karman Vortex Street, 2021
<https://www.essoar.org/doi/10.1002/essoar.10506682.2>
- H. Bhatia, G. Norgard, V. Pascucci, P.-T. Bremer:
The Helmholtz-Hodge Decomposition – A Survey, TVCG 19(8), 2013
<https://doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2012.316>
- Work through online tutorials of multi-variable partial derivatives, grad, div, curl, Laplacian:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/multivariable-calculus/multivariable-derivatives>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB83DpBJQsE> (3Blue1Brown)
- Matrix exponentials:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O85OWBJ2ayo> (3Blue1Brown)

Reading Assignment #15++ (2)



Reading suggestions:

- Tobias Günther, Irene Baeza Rojo:
Introduction to Vector Field Topology
<https://cgl.ethz.ch/Downloads/Publications/Papers/2020/Gun20b/Gun20b.pdf>
- Roxana Bujack, Lin Yan, Ingrid Hotz, Christoph Garth, Bei Wang:
State of the Art in Time-Dependent Flow Topology: Interpreting Physical Meaningfulness Through Mathematical Properties
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/cgf.14037>
- B. Jobard, G. Erlebacher, M. Y. Hussaini:
Lagrangian-Eulerian Advection of Noise and Dye Textures for Unsteady Flow Visualization
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2002.1021575>
- Anna Vilanova, S. Zhang, Gordon Kindlmann, David Laidlaw:
An Introduction to Visualization of Diffusion Tensor Imaging and Its Applications
<http://vis.cs.brown.edu/docs/pdf/Vilanova-2005-IVD.pdf>

Lagrangian vs. Eulerian

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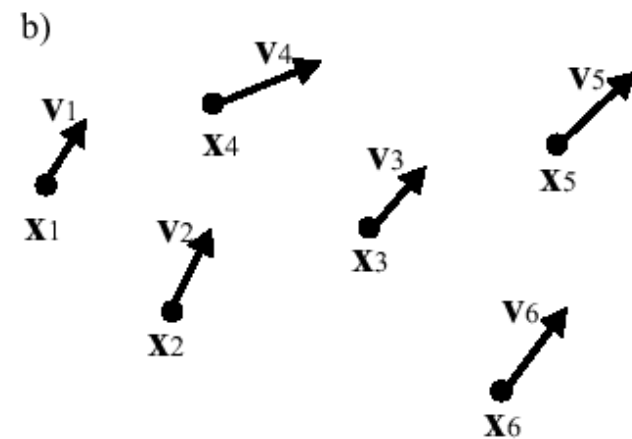
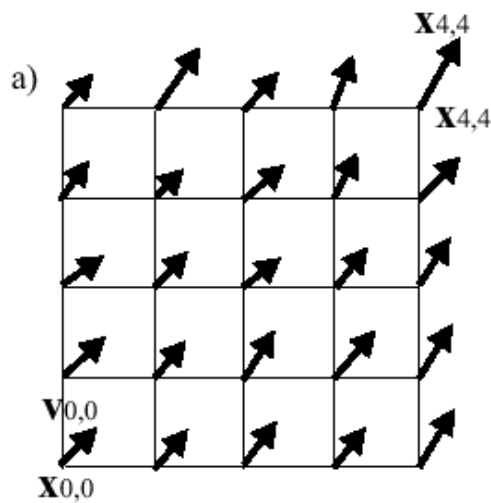


Eulerian

- Flow properties given at fixed spatial positions (grid points)
- Partial time derivative

Lagrangian

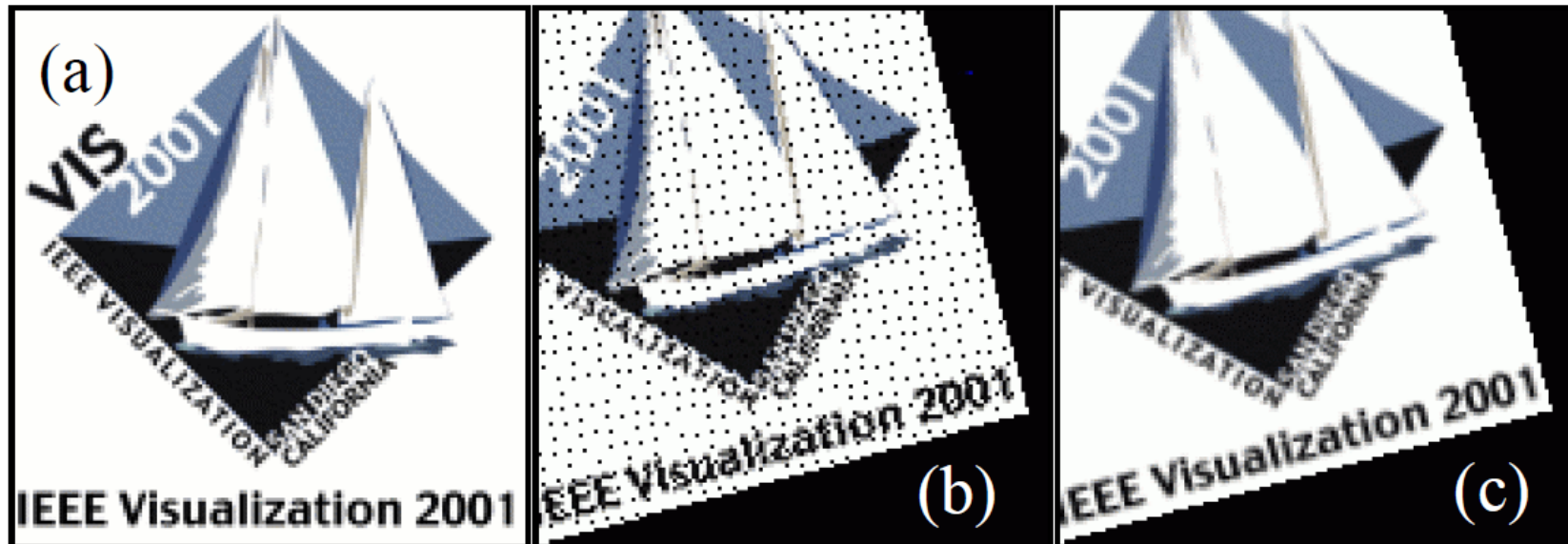
- Flow properties given for each particle (particles are moving)
- Material time derivative



Lagrangian vs. Eulerian



- Lagrangian: move along with the particle
- Eulerian: consider fixed point in space, look at particles moving through



- Example for pixels: rotate image (a),
Lagrangian: move pixels forward (b),
Eulerian: fetch pixels from backward direction (c)

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We are given $T(x, y, z, t)$ with four independent variables;

But now we want to go along a parameterized path with parameter t ,
so x, y, z become dependent variables: $x(t), y(t), z(t)$

Along this path, our goal is now to compute the derivative of the function

$T(x(t), y(t), z(t), t)$ with t as only independent variable:

$$\frac{d}{dt}T(x(t), y(t), z(t), t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}T(x, y, z, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}T(x, y, z, t) \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}T(x, y, z, t) \frac{d}{dt}y(t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}T(x, y, z, t) \frac{d}{dt}z(t)$$

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Advection



Advection equation; velocity field $\mathbf{u}(x, y, z, t)$,
no change following particle, just advection:
set material derivative = 0:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) T = 0$$

In the Navier-Stokes equations: “self-advection” of velocity

- Advect scalar components of velocity field individually
(actually two equations in 2D, three equations in 3D)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$$

this is equivalent to
saying that the
acceleration is zero!

Fluid Simulation Basics

Fluid Simulation and Rendering

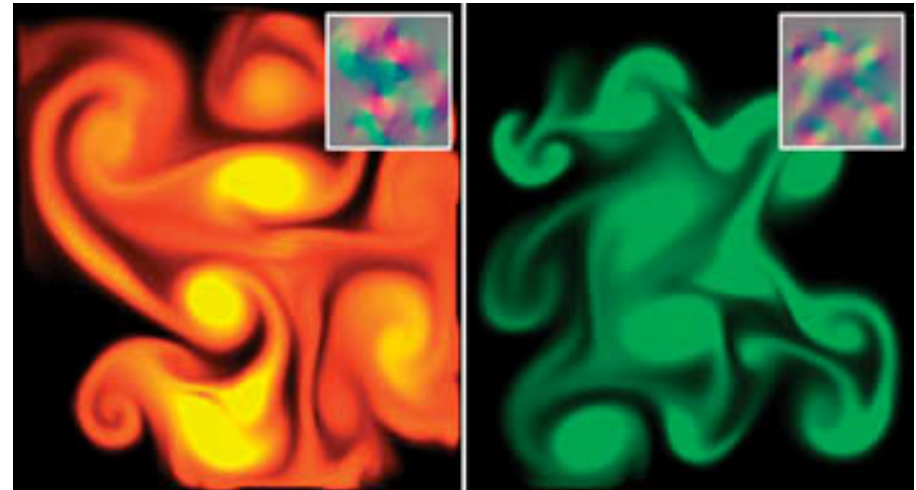


Compute advection of fluid

- (Incompressible or compressible) Navier-Stokes solvers
- Lattice Boltzmann Method (LBM)

Discretized domain

- Velocity, pressure
- Dye, smoke density, vorticity, ...



Courtesy Mark Harris

Fluid Simulation: Navier Stokes (1)



Incompressible (divergence-free) Navier Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{F},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0,$$

Components:

- Self-advection of velocity (i.e., advection of velocity according to velocity)
- Pressure gradient (force due to pressure differences)
- Diffusion of velocity due to viscosity (for viscous fluids, i.e., not inviscid)
- Application of (arbitrary) external forces, e.g., gravity, user input, etc.

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this is the velocity gradient tensor!

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Fluid Simulation: Navier Stokes (2)



Given a (Cartesian) coordinate system, the momentum equation can be seen as a system of equations (2 equations in 2D, 3 equations in 3D)

For 2D (Cartesian):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) u - \frac{1}{\rho}(\nabla p)_x + \nu \nabla^2 u + f_x,$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) v - \frac{1}{\rho}(\nabla p)_y + \nu \nabla^2 v + f_y.$$

these are PDEs!

Vector Fields, Vector Calculus, and Dynamical Systems

Some Vector Calculus (1)



Gradient (scalar field \rightarrow vector field)

- Direction of steepest ascent; magnitude = rate
- *Conservative* vector field: gradient of some scalar (potential) function

$$\nabla p = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right)$$

Divergence (vector field \rightarrow scalar field)

- Volume density of outward flux:
“exit rate: source? sink?”

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

- *Incompressible/solenoidal/divergence-free vector field*: $\text{div } \mathbf{u} = 0$
can express as curl (next slide) of some vector (potential) function

Laplacian (scalar field \rightarrow scalar field)

- Divergence of gradient

$$\nabla^2 p = \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2}$$

- Measure for difference between point and its neighborhood

Some Vector Calculus (2)



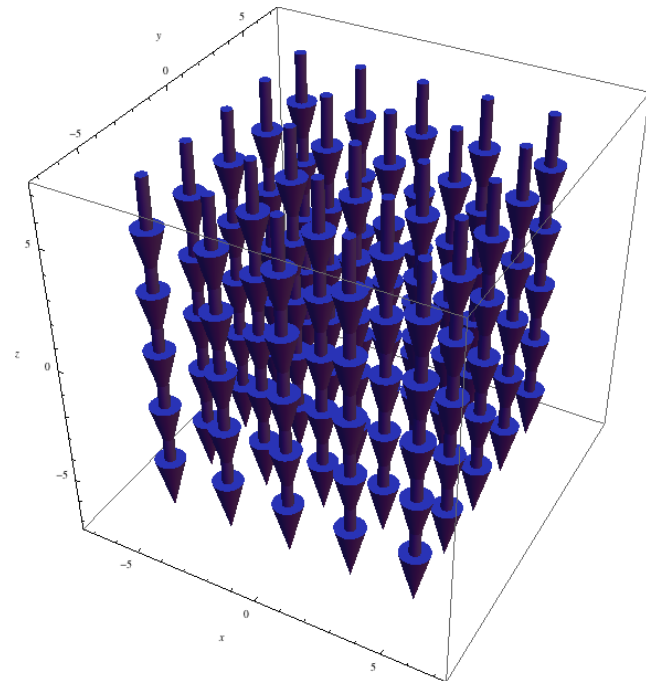
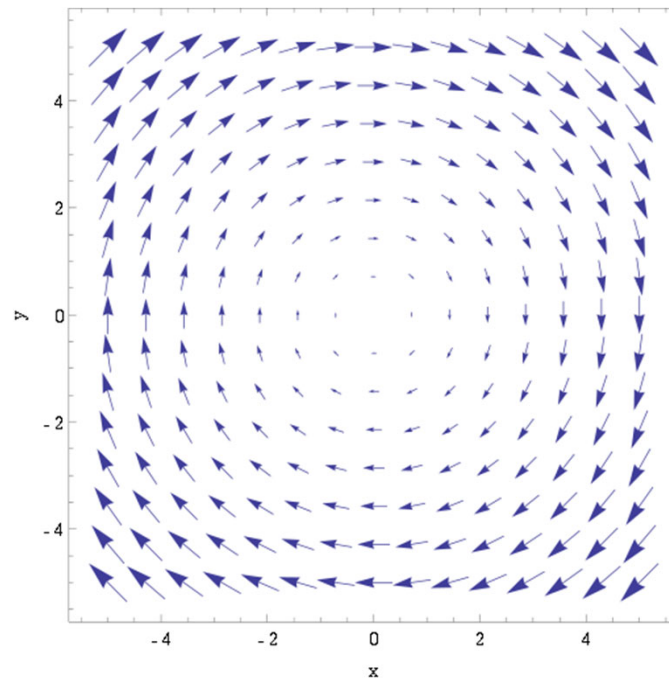
Curl (vector field \rightarrow vector field)

- Circulation density at a point (*vorticity*)
- If curl vanishes everywhere: irrotational/curl-free field
- Every conservative (path-independent) field is irrotational (and vice versa if domain is simply connected)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} w_y - v_z \\ u_z - w_x \\ v_x - u_y \end{pmatrix}$$

these are partial derivatives!

Example:
curl = const
everywhere



Some Vector Calculus (3)



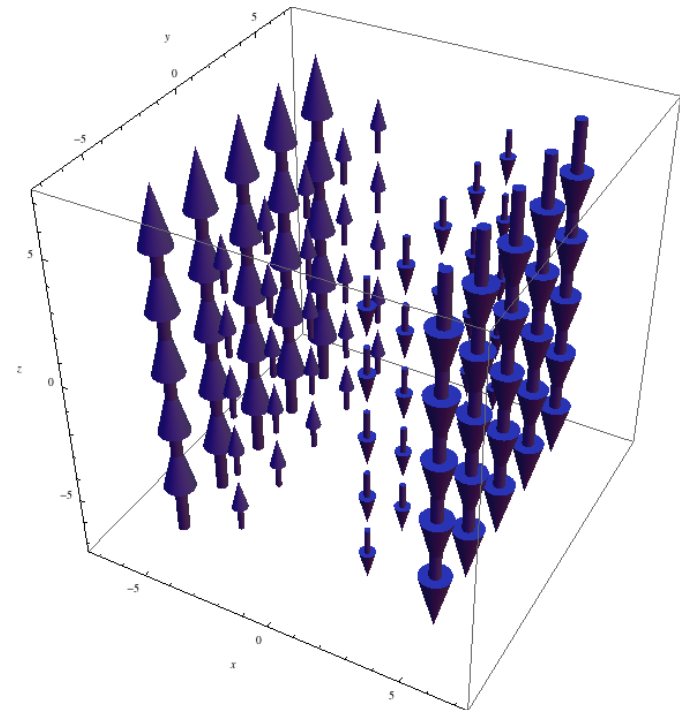
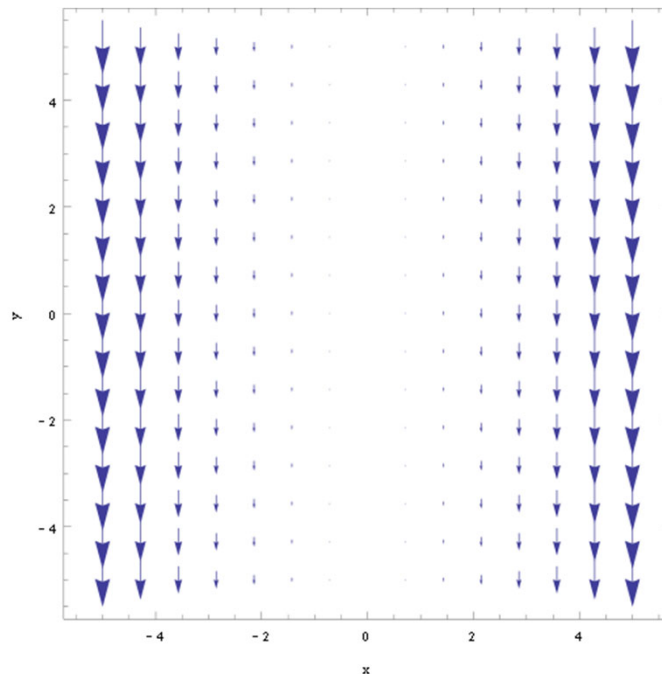
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Example:
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rotational”



Some Vector Calculus (4)



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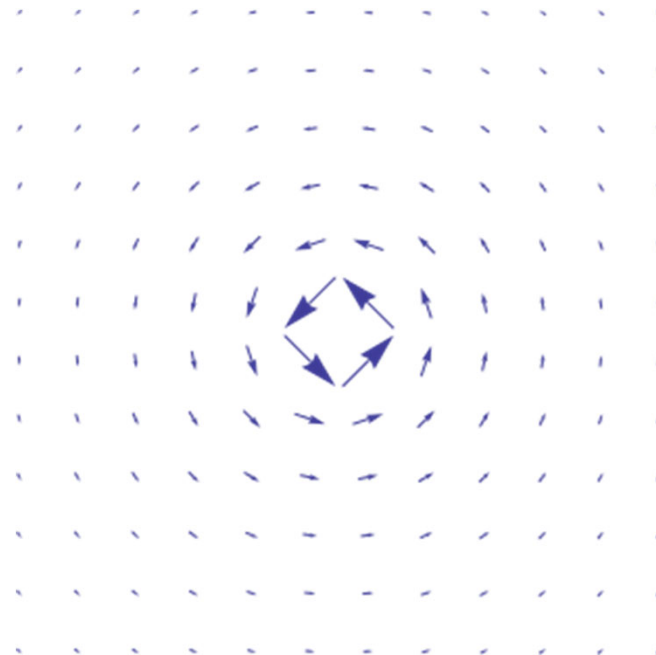
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Example:
non-obvious
curl-free field

[this domain is **not** simply connected! it is the “punctured plane”, i.e., the point (0,0) is not in the domain]



$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = \frac{(-y, x, 0)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

not defined at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$

$$v_x = u_y \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

velocity gradient $\nabla \mathbf{v}$ is symmetric (see later)

Some Vector Calculus (5)



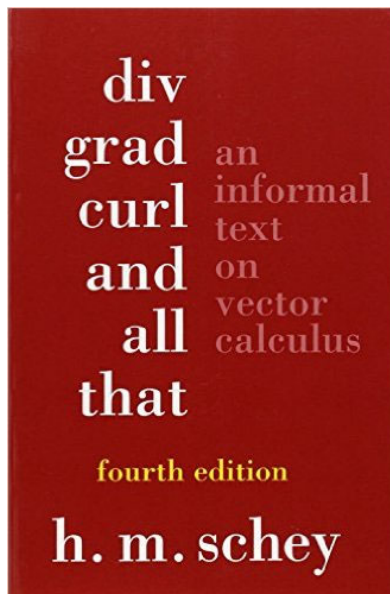
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Book:



Interactive tutorial on curl:

http://mathinsight.org/curl_idea

Fundamental theorem of vector calculus:

Helmholtz decomposition: Any vector field can be expressed as the sum of a solenoidal (*divergence-free*) vector field and an irrotational (*curl-free*) vector field (Helmholtz-Hodge: plus *harmonic* vector field)

Vector Fields and Dynamical Systems (1)



Velocity gradient tensor, (vector field \rightarrow tensor field)

- Gradient of vector field: how does the vector field change?
- In Cartesian coordinates: *spatial partial derivatives (Jacobian matrix)*

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{these are partial derivatives!}$$

- Can be decomposed into *symmetric* part + *anti-symmetric* part

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{S} \quad \text{velocity gradient tensor}$$

$$\text{sym.:} \quad \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T) \quad \text{deform.:} \quad \textit{rate-of-strain tensor}$$

$$\text{skew-sym.:} \quad \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T) \quad \text{rotation:} \quad \textit{vorticity/spin tensor}$$

Vector Fields and Dynamical Systems (2)



Vorticity/spin/angular velocity tensor

- Antisymmetric part of velocity gradient tensor
- Corresponds to vorticity/curl/angular velocity (beware of factor $\frac{1}{2}$)

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T)$$

these are
partial
derivatives!

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} = \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} w_y - v_z \\ u_z - w_x \\ v_x - u_y \end{pmatrix}$$

\mathbf{S} acts on vector like cross product with $\boldsymbol{\omega}$: $\mathbf{S} \cdot = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \times$

$$\mathbf{v}^{(r)} = \mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T] \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \times d\mathbf{r}$$

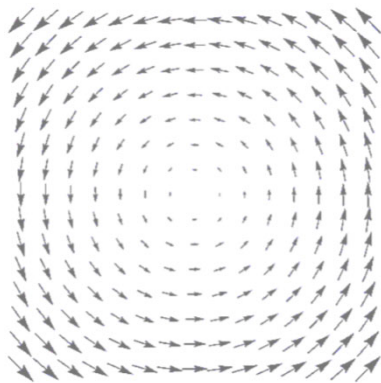
Angular Velocity of Rigid Body Rotation



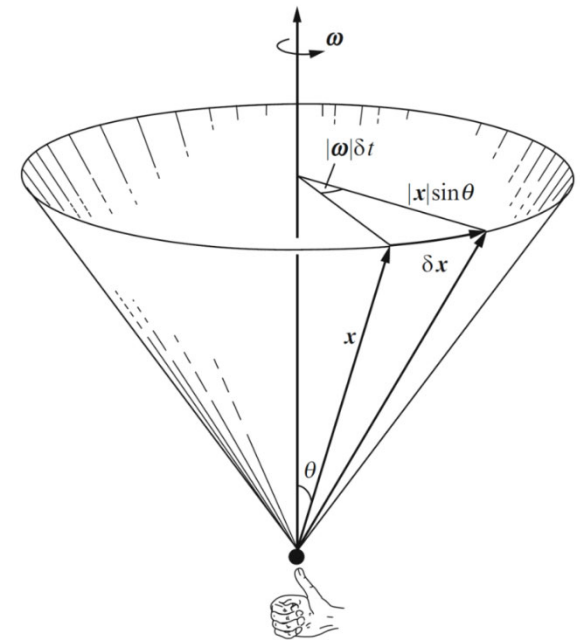
Rate of rotation

- Scalar ω : angular displacement per unit time (rad s^{-1})
 - Angle θ at time t is $\theta(t) = \omega t$; $\omega = 2\pi f$ where f is the frequency ($f = 1/T$; s^{-1})
- Vector $\boldsymbol{\omega}$: axis of rotation; magnitude is angular speed (if $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is curl: speed $\times 2$)
 - Beware of different conventions that differ by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$!

Cross product of $\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\omega}$ with vector to center of rotation (\mathbf{r}) gives linear velocity vector \mathbf{v} (tangent)



$$\mathbf{v}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \times d\mathbf{r}$$



Velocity Gradient Tensor and Components (1)



Velocity gradient tensor

(here: in Cartesian coordinates)

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^x \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^y \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^z & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^z & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^z \end{bmatrix}$$

these are the same
partial derivatives
as before!

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T \right)$$

Velocity Gradient Tensor and Components (2)



Rate-of-strain (rate-of-deformation) tensor

(symmetric part; here: in Cartesian coordinates)

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^x & 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^y & 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$tr(\mathbf{D}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

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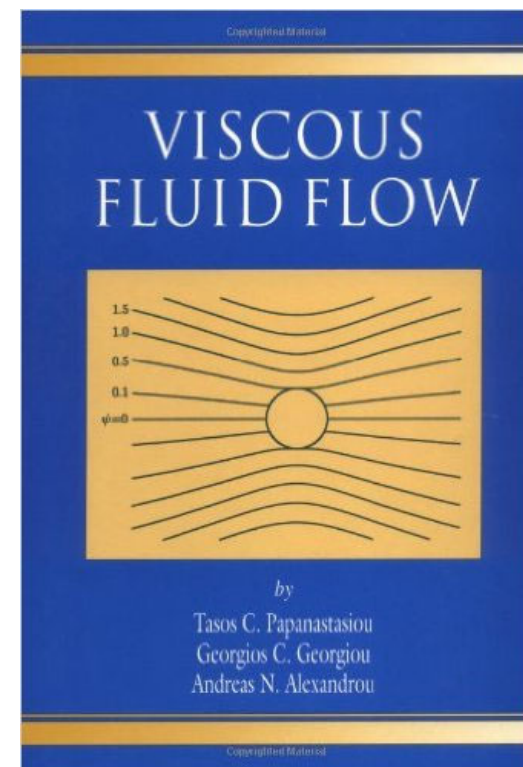
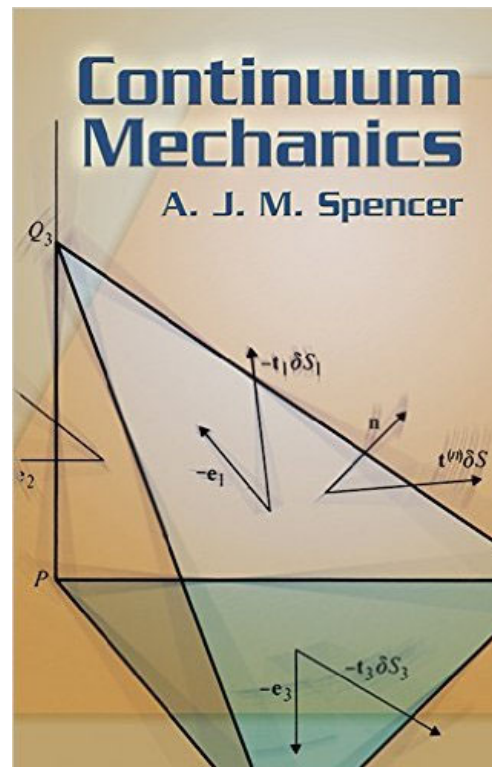
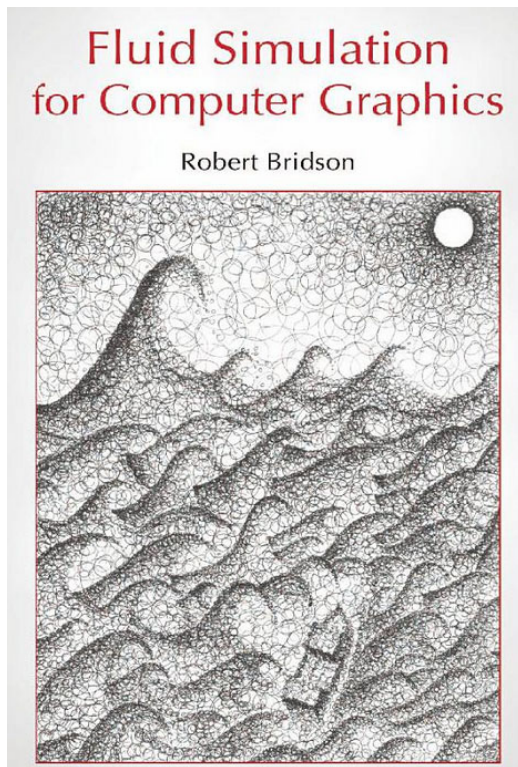
Vorticity tensor (spin tensor)

(skew-symmetric part; here: in Cartesian coordinates)

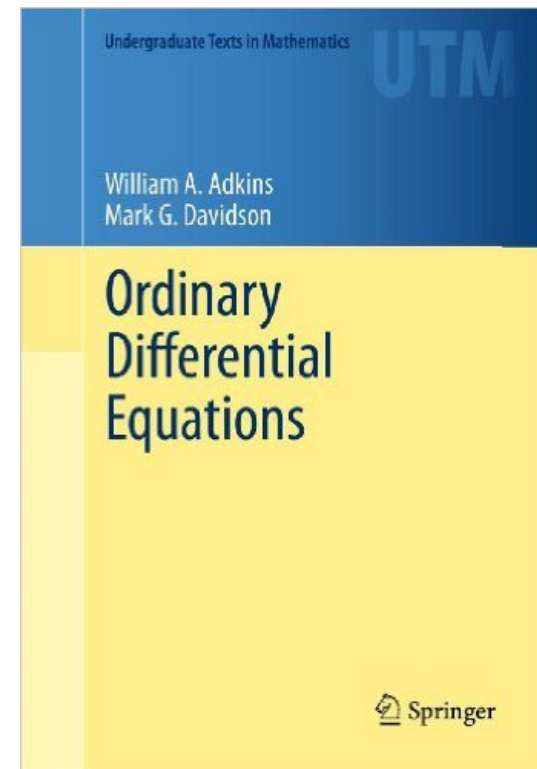
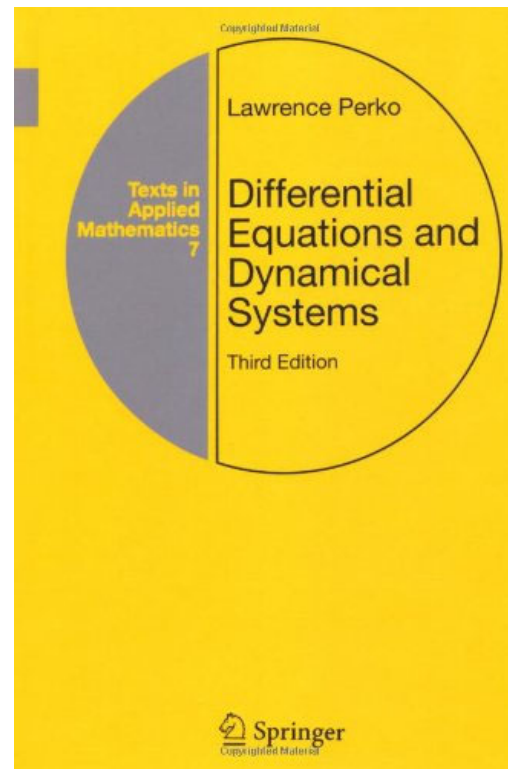
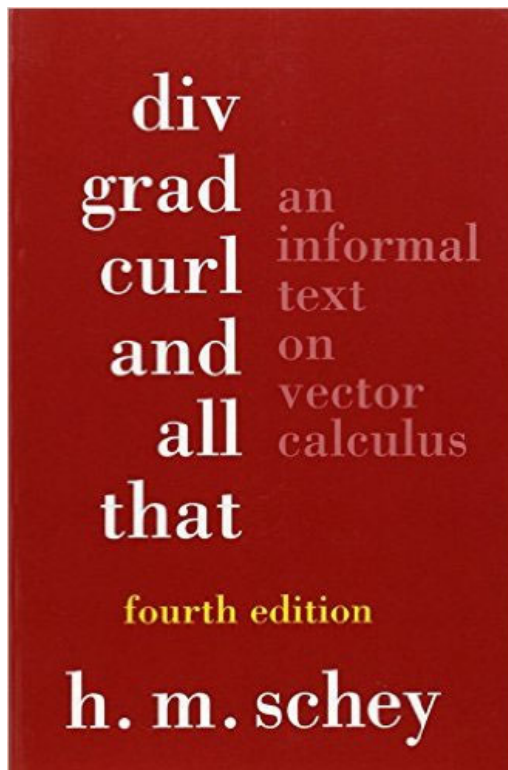
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Recommended Books (1)



Recommended Books (2)



Thank you.

Thanks for material

- Helwig Hauser
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