

# Fluid dynamical aspects

## Eq<sup>n</sup>s of horizontal motion

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - f v = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - k u$$

$$\textcircled{2} \underbrace{\frac{\partial v}{\partial t}}_{\text{local change}} + \underbrace{u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}}_{\text{advective terms}} + \underbrace{f u}_{\text{Coriolis}} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}}_{\text{press. gradient}} - \underbrace{k v}_{\text{friction } (k > 0)}$$

How to solve?

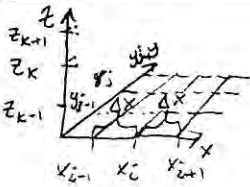
exact methods (possible only if we linearize eq<sup>n</sup>s)

- non linear: unknown mult/div by another  
simplify adv. terms

approx. methods

- \* 1) finite difference method
  - 2) spectral method
  - 3) finite element method
- } Galerkin approx.

Finite difference method: discretize space, time



discretize time into intervals,  $\Delta t$  ( $t^n = n \Delta t$ )

- use finite difference quotients (FDQ) to transform continuous derivatives

$$\text{e.g. } \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)_{ijk}^n \Rightarrow \frac{u(x_i, y_j, z_k, t^{n+1}) - u(x_i, y_j, z_k, t^{n-1})}{2 \Delta t}$$

$$\updownarrow$$

$$\frac{u_{ijk}^{n+1} - u_{ijk}^{n-1}}{2 \Delta t}$$

Similarly,  $u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{ijk}^n \Rightarrow u_{ijk}^n \frac{u_{i+1,j,k}^n - u_{i-1,j,k}^n}{2 \Delta x}$

notice  $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{u_{ijk}^{n+1} - u_{ijk}^{n-1}}{2 \Delta t} \equiv \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ ;  $\therefore$  this approx is consistent

many approximations are consistent! e.g.  $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{u_{ijk}^{n+1} - u_{ijk}^n}{\Delta t} \equiv \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$

Which approximations are:

- a) most accurate
- b) ~ economical
- c) should never be used

Eq<sup>n</sup> (1) in infinite difference form:

$$\frac{U_{ijk}^{n+1} - U_{ijk}^{n-1}}{2 \Delta t} + U_{ijk}^n \frac{U_{i+1jk}^n - U_{i-1jk}^n}{2 \Delta x} + U_{ijk}^n \frac{U_{ij+1k}^n - U_{ij-1k}^n}{2 \Delta y} + U_{ijk}^n \frac{U_{ijk+1}^n - U_{ijk-1}^n}{2 \Delta z} - f_j U_{ijk}^n = -\frac{1}{\rho_{ijk}} \frac{P_{i+1jk}^n - P_{i-1jk}^n}{2 \Delta x}$$

→ Order 20 operations per eq<sup>n</sup> per grid point per time step  
 $\Delta t \sim 5 \text{ min} \Rightarrow 288 \text{ time steps per day!}$

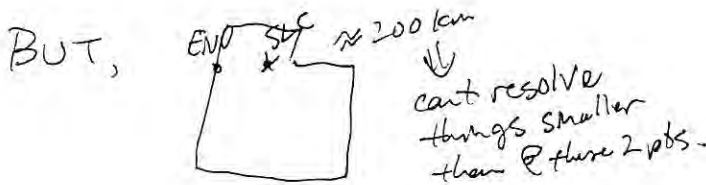
Eq<sup>n</sup>s:  $u, v, w, p, \rho \Rightarrow 5 \text{ variables minimum}$

grid points: latitude, longitude coordinates -  $\Delta \phi, \Delta \lambda \sim 2^\circ \Rightarrow 100 \text{ lat} \times 200 \text{ lon}$

10 vertical levels

∴ 200,000 grid points!

⇒  $20 \times 288 \times 200,000 \times 10 \times 5$   
 ⇒  $5 \times 10^9 \text{ operations for 1 day prog.}$   
 ~ 1.5 hrs to run.



for 10 km:  
 $20 \times 20 \times 5 \times 20 \text{ (x } 5 \times 10^9 \text{ oper)}$   
 $\Rightarrow 40,000 \text{ hrs}$   
 (or 40,000 processors)

Simplify ① + ② by neglecting the advection, pressure & friction terms.

① → ③  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - f v = 0$  } inertial  
 ② → ④  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - f u = 0$  } oscillation

③ + i④:  $\frac{\partial (u + iv)}{\partial t} - f v - f u = 0$   
 $\frac{\partial (u + iv)}{\partial t} + i \cdot i f v + i f u = 0$   
 $\frac{\partial (u + iv)}{\partial t} + i f (u + iv) = 0$

(5)  $\frac{d}{dt} (u + iv) = -i f (u + iv) \Leftarrow \text{ODE w/const. coeffs.}$   
 all such equations have a solution of form  
 (6)  $(u + iv) = A e^{\gamma t}$  where  $A + \gamma$  are const.,  $t$  to be determined  
 A: substitute initial conditions  $(u + iv)(t=0) = u_0$   
 $u_0 = A e^{\gamma(0)} = A \Rightarrow A = u_0$   
 $\gamma$ : substitute (6) into (5)  
 $\frac{d}{dt} (u + iv) = A \gamma e^{\gamma t} = -i f A e^{\gamma t} \Rightarrow \gamma = -i f$

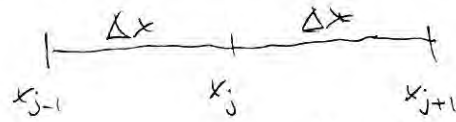
# Truncation Error (TE)

Suppose

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\xi_{j+1} - \xi_j}{\Delta x} &: \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j \\ \frac{\xi_{j+1} - \xi_{j-1}}{2\Delta x} &: \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j \end{aligned} \right\} \text{which FDQA is better?}$$

to answer: evaluate the TE.

to obtain TE, expand all variables appearing in the FDQA in a Taylor Series about the point of approximation.



$$1) \frac{\xi_{j+1} - \xi_j}{\Delta x} : \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j \quad (a) \xi_{j+1} = \xi_j + \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j \left(\frac{\Delta x}{1!}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2}\right)_j \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$(b) \xi_j = \xi_{j-1} + \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j \left(\frac{\Delta x}{1!}\right) + \dots$$

R (Remainder)

$$\frac{(a) - (b)}{\Delta x} = \frac{\xi_{j+1} - \xi_j}{\Delta x} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j}_{\text{approx}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2}\right)_j \frac{\Delta x}{2!} + \dots}_{\text{TE (error of approx.)}}$$

(CBS)

$$|R| \leq \max \text{value of } \left| \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2!} \right| \text{ on } (x_j, x_{j+1})$$

consider TSE w/ Remainder, we conclude  $|TE| \leq \max \left| \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} \frac{\Delta x}{2} \right| \text{ on } (x_j, x_{j+1})$

This is a 1<sup>st</sup> order approx (i.e.  $TE \sim O(\Delta x)$ ) [decreases proportionally to size]

e.g. (2)  $\frac{\xi_{j+1} - \xi_{j-1}}{2\Delta x} : \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j$

$$(a) \xi_{j+1} = \xi_j + \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j \Delta x + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2}\right)_j \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$(b) \xi_{j-1} = \xi_j + \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_j (-\Delta x) + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2}\right)_j \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\frac{x_{j-1} - x_j}{1!}$

$$\frac{(a) - (b)}{2\Delta x} : \left[ \frac{\xi_{j+1} - \xi_{j-1}}{2\Delta x} \right]_{\text{approx}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} + \left(\frac{\partial^3 \xi}{\partial x^3}\right)_j \frac{\Delta x^2}{3!} + \dots$$

CBS, TE

$$|T.E.| = \max \left| \frac{\partial^3 \xi}{\partial x^3} \frac{\Delta x^2}{3!} \right|$$

$\Rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> order, smaller TE (higher order)  $\rightarrow$