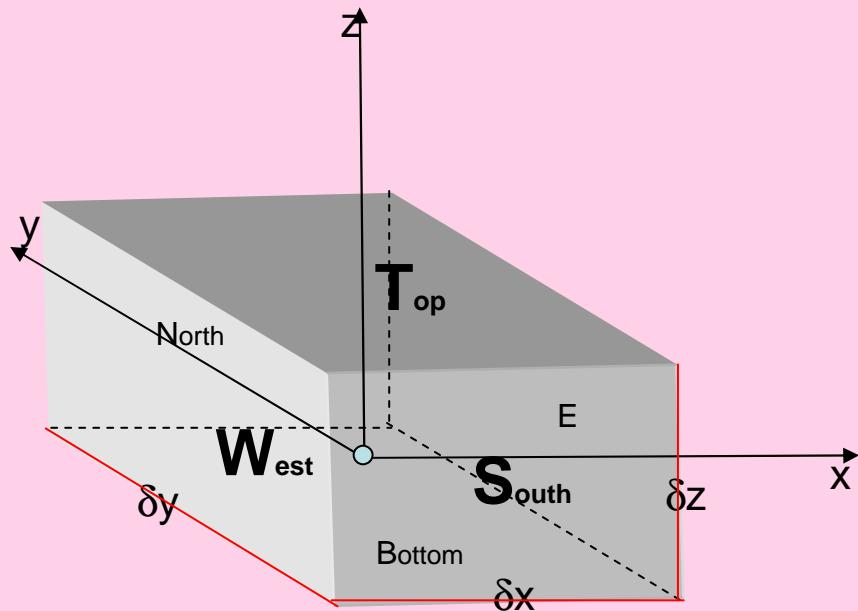


## Solvers, schemes SIMPLEX, upwind,...

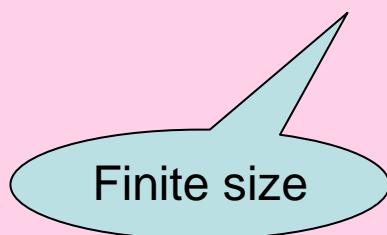
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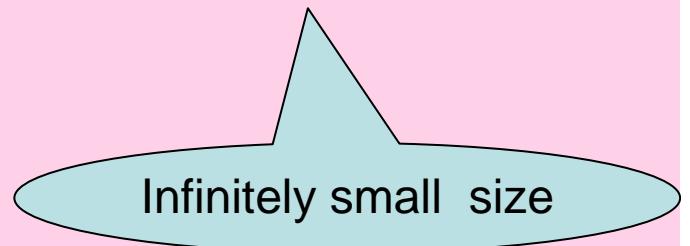
# FINITE VOLUME METHOD



**FINITE CONTROL VOLUME  $\delta x$  = Fluid element  $dx$**



Finite size



Infinitely small size

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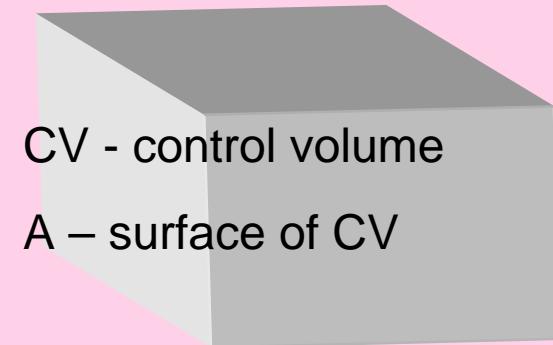
# FVM diffusion problem 1D

$$\int_{CV} [\nabla \cdot (\Gamma \nabla \Phi) + S_\Phi] dV = 0$$

Gauss theorem

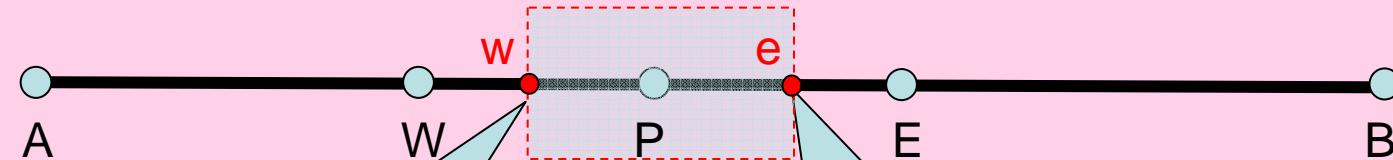
$$\int_A \vec{n} \cdot (\Gamma \nabla \Phi) dA + \int_{CV} S_\Phi dV = 0$$

Diffusive flux



1D case

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \Gamma \frac{d\Phi}{dx} \right) + S = 0 \quad \Phi(A) = \Phi_A \quad \Phi(B) = \Phi_B$$



$$\Gamma_w = \frac{\Gamma_p + \Gamma_w}{2} \quad \frac{d\Phi}{dx} \Big|_w = \frac{\Phi_p - \Phi_w}{\delta x_{WP}}$$

$$\Gamma_e = \frac{\Gamma_p + \Gamma_e}{2} \quad \frac{d\Phi}{dx} \Big|_e = \frac{\Phi_e - \Phi_p}{\delta x_{PE}}$$

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# FVM diffusion problem 1D

$$\int_A \vec{n} \cdot (\Gamma \nabla \Phi) dA + \int_{CV} S_\Phi dV = 0$$

*Overall flux from  
the west side*

$$(\Gamma A \frac{d\Phi}{dx})_e - (\Gamma A \frac{d\Phi}{dx})_w + \bar{S} \Delta V = 0$$

*Linearization of  
source term*

$$\Gamma_e A_e \frac{\Phi_E - \Phi_P}{\delta x_{PE}} - \Gamma_w A_w \frac{\Phi_P - \Phi_W}{\delta x_{WP}} + S_U + S_P \Phi_P = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\Gamma_e A_e}{\delta x_{PE}} + \frac{\Gamma_w A_w}{\delta x_{WP}} - S_P \right) \Phi_P = \left( \frac{\Gamma_w A_w}{\delta x_{WP}} \right) \Phi_W + \left( \frac{\Gamma_e A_e}{\delta x_{PE}} \right) \Phi_E + S_U$$

$a_P$

$a_W$

$a_E$

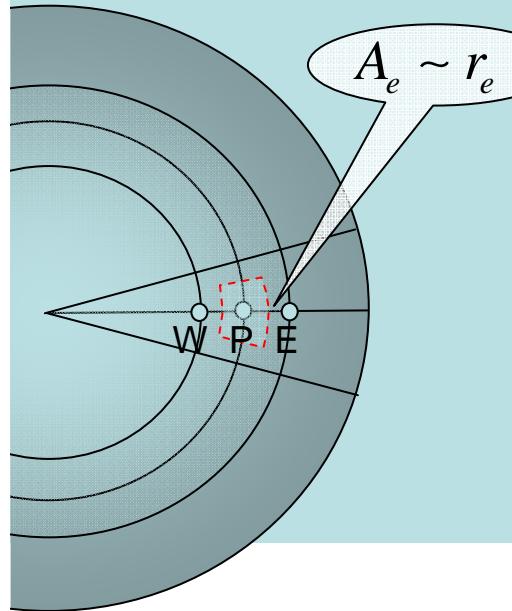
Check properties

➤  $a_P = a_W + a_E$  for  $S=0$  (without sources)

➤ All coefficients are positive

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# Tutorial – sphere drying



$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 k \frac{dT}{dr}) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 D \frac{d\omega_w}{dr}) = 0$$

Diffusion coefficient

Heat transfer from air at temperature  $T_o$ 

$$\frac{dT}{dr} \Big|_{r=0} = 0 \quad k \frac{dT}{dr} \Big|_{r=R} = \alpha(T_o - T(R)) + \Delta h D \frac{d\omega_w}{dr}$$

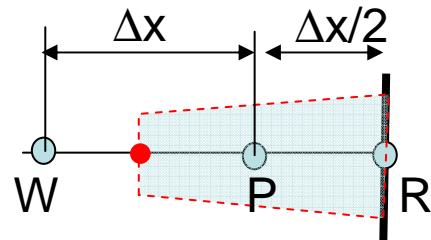
$$\frac{d\omega_w}{dr} \Big|_{r=0} = 0 \quad k \frac{d\omega_w}{dr} \Big|_{r=R} = \beta(\omega_e - \omega_w(R))$$

Enthalpy of evaporation

Mass transfer coefficient

$$r_e k_e \frac{T_E - T_P}{\delta x_{PE}} - r_w k_w \frac{T_P - T_W}{\delta x_{WP}} = 0$$

Internal control volumes

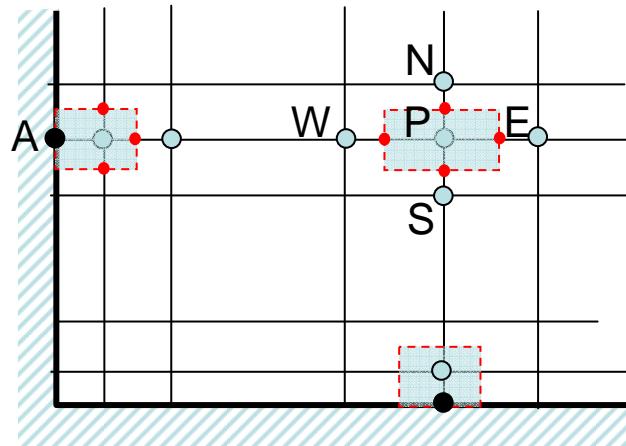
 $T_R$  temperature at surface of sphere must be extrapolated (using  $T_W$  and  $T_P$ )

$$-R\alpha(T_o - T_R) - r_w k_w \frac{T_P - T_W}{\delta x_{WP}} = 0$$

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# FVM diffusion problem 2D

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\Gamma \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\Gamma \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y}) + S = 0$$



$$a_P \Phi_P = a_W \Phi_W + a_E \Phi_E + a_N \Phi_N + a_S \Phi_S + S_U$$

$$a_W = \frac{\Gamma_w A_w}{\delta x_{WP}}, \quad a_E = \frac{\Gamma_e A_e}{\delta x_{PE}}, \dots$$

$$a_P = a_W + a_E + a_N + a_S - S_P$$

## Boundary conditions

- First kind (Dirichlet BC)
- Second kind (Neumann BC)
- Third kind (Newton's BC)

$$\Phi(A) = \Phi_A$$

Example: insulation  $q=0$

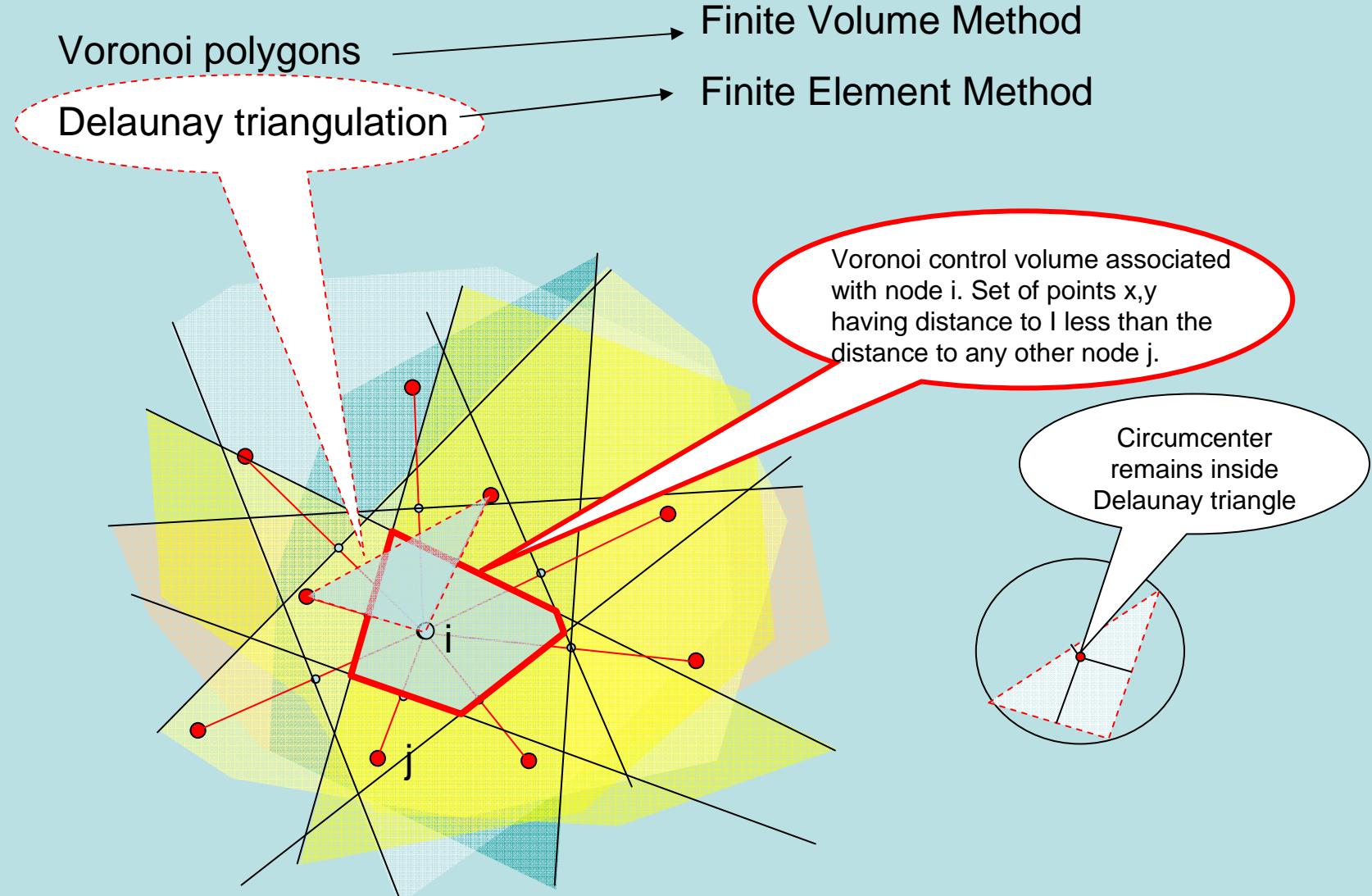
$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} |_A = q_A$$

Example: Finite thermal resistance (heat transfer coefficient  $\alpha$ )

$$k \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} |_A = \alpha(\Phi(A) - \Phi_e)$$

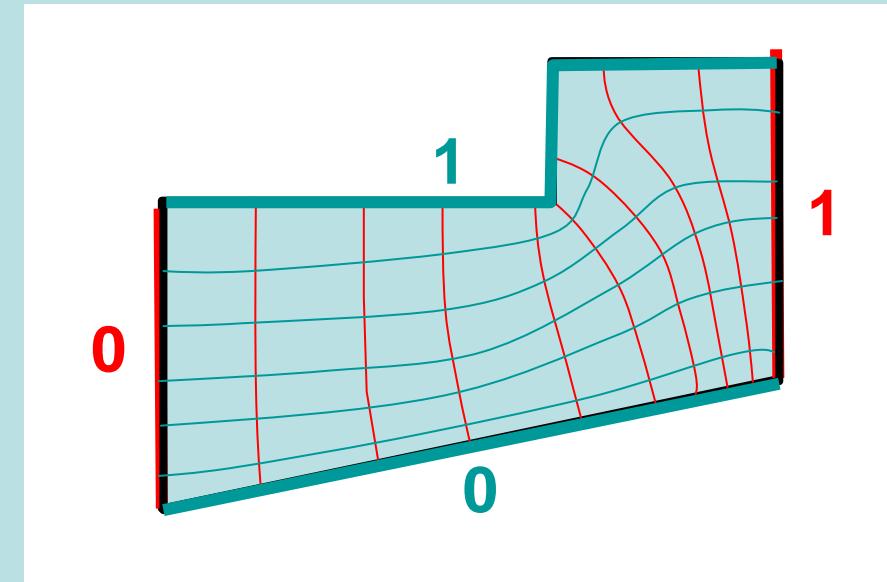
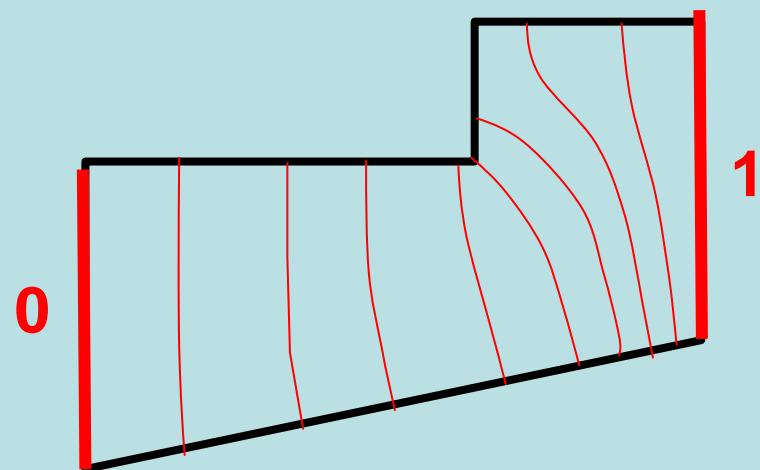
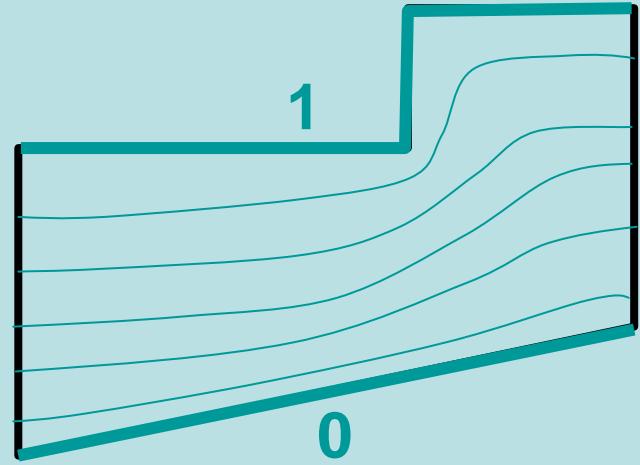
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# FVM unstructural mesh generation



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# FVM structural mesh generation



Laplace equation solvers

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla X = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla Y = 0$$

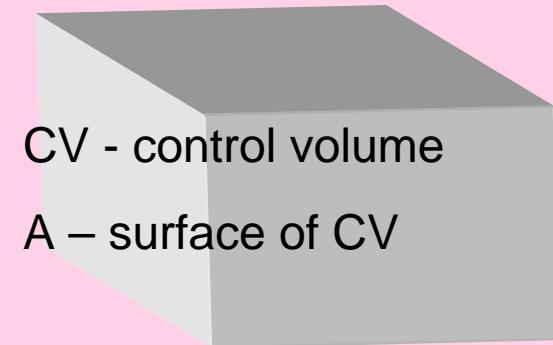
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# FVM convection diffusion 1D

$$\int_{CV} \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u} \Phi) dV = \int_{CV} [\nabla \cdot (\Gamma \nabla \Phi) + S_\Phi] dV$$

Gauss theorem

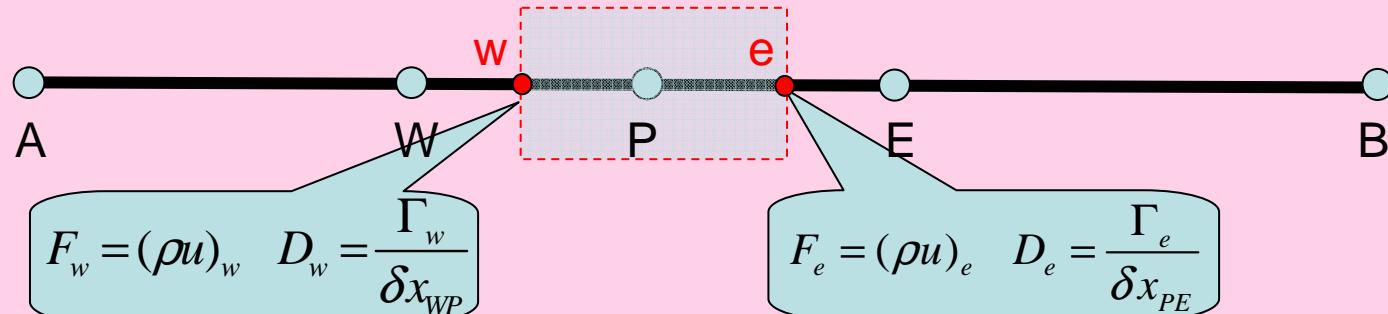
$$\int_A \vec{n} \cdot (\rho \vec{u} \Phi) dA = \int_A \vec{n} \cdot (\Gamma \nabla \Phi) dA + \int_{CV} S_\Phi dV$$



1D case

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\rho u \Phi) = \frac{d}{dx}(\Gamma \frac{d\Phi}{dx}) + S$$

$$F_e \Phi_e - F_w \Phi_w = D_e (\Phi_E - \Phi_P) - D_w (\Phi_P - \Phi_W) + S_U + S_P \Phi_P$$



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# FVM convection diffusion 1D

**F-mass flux** (through faces A)  $F_w = (\rho u)_w$   $F_e = (\rho u)_e$

**D-diffusion conductance**  $D_w = \frac{\Gamma_w}{\delta x_{WP}}$   $D_e = \frac{\Gamma_e}{\delta x_{PE}}$

Continuity equation  
(mass flowrate  
conservation)  $F_e = F_w$

Relative importance of convective transport is characterised by Peclet  
number of cell (of control volume, because Pe depends upon size of cell)

$$Pe = Re = \frac{\rho u \delta x}{\mu} = \frac{F}{D} \quad \Gamma = \mu \left[ Pa.s = \frac{kg}{m \cdot s} \right]$$

Prandtl

Thermal conductivity

$$Pe = \frac{\rho u \delta x}{k / c_p} = Re Pr \quad \Gamma = \frac{k}{c_p} \left[ \frac{W}{m \cdot K} \frac{kg \cdot K}{J} = \frac{kg}{m \cdot s} \right]$$

Schmidt

Binary diffusion coef

$$Pe_m = \frac{\rho u \delta x}{\rho D_{AB}} = Re Sc \quad \Gamma = \rho D_{AB} \left[ \frac{kg}{m^3} \frac{m^2}{s} = \frac{kg}{m \cdot s} \right]$$

$$Pe = \frac{F}{D}$$

# FVM convection diffusion 1D

Methods differ in the way how the unknown transported values at the control volume faces ( $\Phi_w$ ,  $\Phi_e$ ) are calculated (different interpolation techniques)

Result can be always expressed in the form

$$a_P \Phi_P = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb} \Phi_{nb}$$

Properties of resulting schemes should be evaluated

- Conservativeness
- Boundedness (positivity of coefficients)
- Transportivity (schemes should depend upon the Peclet number of cell)

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# FVM central scheme 1D

$$\Phi_e = \frac{1}{2}(\Phi_P + \Phi_E) \quad \Phi_w = \frac{1}{2}(\Phi_P + \Phi_W)$$

$$a_P \Phi_P = a_W \Phi_W + a_E \Phi_E$$

$$a_W = D_w + \frac{F_w}{2} \quad a_E = D_e - \frac{F_e}{2}$$

- Conservativeness (yes)
- Boundedness (positivity of coefficients)
- Transportivness (no)

$$Pe_e = \frac{|F_e|}{D_e} < 2$$

Very fine mesh is  
necessary

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# FVM upwind 1<sup>st</sup> order 1D

$\Phi_e = \Phi_P$  for flow direction to right  $F_e > 0$  else  $\Phi_e = \Phi_E$

$\Phi_w = \Phi_P$  for  $F_w < 0$  else  $\Phi_w = \Phi_W$

$$a_P \Phi_P = a_W \Phi_W + a_E \Phi_E$$

$$a_W = D_w + \max(F_w, 0) \quad a_E = D_e + \max(-F_e, 0)$$

- Conservativeness (yes)
- Boundedness (positivity of coefficients) YES for any Pe
- Transportivness (YES)

But at a prize of decreased  
order of accuracy (only 1<sup>st</sup>  
order!!)

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# FVM hybrid upwind 1D

Spalding 1972

- Central scheme for  $\text{Pe} < 2$
- Upwind with diffusion suppressed for  $\text{Pe} > 2$

$$a_P \Phi_P = a_W \Phi_W + a_E \Phi_E$$

$$a_W = \max\left(F_w, D_w + \frac{F_w}{2}, 0\right) \quad a_E = \max\left(-F_e, D_e - \frac{F_e}{2}, 0\right)$$

- Conservativeness (yes)
- Boundedness (positivity of coefficients) YES for any  $\text{Pe}$
- Transportivness (YES)

But at a prize of decreased  
order of accuracy at high  
 $\text{Pe}$

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# FVM power law Patankar 1980 1D

- Polynomial flow for  $\text{Pe} < 10$
- Upwind with zero diffusion for  $\text{Pe} > 10$

$$a_P \Phi_P = a_W \Phi_W + a_E \Phi_E$$

$$a_W = D_w \max\left(\left(1 - \frac{Pe_w}{10}\right)^5, 0\right) + \max(F_w, 0)$$

$$a_E = D_e \max\left(\left(1 - \frac{Pe_e}{10}\right)^5, 0\right) + \max(-F_e, 0)$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{Pe}{10}\right)^5 \cong 1 - \frac{Pe}{2}$$

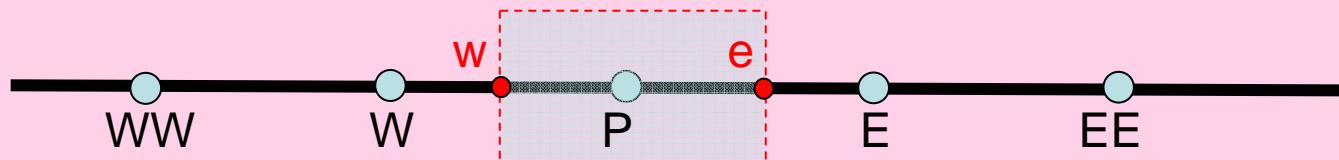
- Conservativeness (yes)
- Boundedness (positivity of coefficients) YES for any Pe
- Transportivness (YES)

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# FVM QUICK 1D

Leonard 1979

Quadratic Upwind Interpolation – more nodal points necessary



$$a_P \Phi_P = a_W \Phi_W + a_E \Phi_E + a_{WW} \Phi_{WW} + a_{EE} \Phi_{EE}$$

$$a_W = \frac{F_e}{8} \alpha_e + \frac{3F_w}{8} (\alpha_w + 1) + D_w \quad a_E = -\frac{F_w}{8} (1 - \alpha_w) - \frac{3F_e}{8} (2 - \alpha_e) + D_e$$

$$a_{WW} = -\frac{F_w}{8} \alpha_w$$

$$a_{EE} = \frac{F_e}{8} (1 - \alpha_e)$$

➤ Third order of accuracy very low numerical diffusion comparing with other schemes

➤ Scheme is not bounded (stability problems are frequently encountered)

$$\alpha_e = 1 \text{ for } F_e > 0 \text{ else } \alpha_e = 0.$$

$$\alpha_w = 1 \text{ for } F_w > 0 \text{ else } \alpha_w = 0.$$

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# FVM exponential

Patankar 1980

1D

- Exact solution for constant velocity and diffusion coefficient  $\Gamma$

$$a_P \Phi_P = a_W \Phi_W + a_E \Phi_E$$

$$Pe = \frac{F}{D}$$

$$a_W = \frac{e^{Pe/2}}{e^{Pe/2} + e^{-Pe/2}}$$

$$a_E = \frac{e^{-Pe/2}}{e^{Pe/2} + e^{-Pe/2}}$$

- Conservativeness (yes)
- Boundedness (positivity of coefficients) YES for any Pe
- Transportivness (YES)

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# FVM exponential proof

➤ Exact solution for constant velocity and diffusion coefficient  $\Gamma$

Assume constant mass flux  $F$  and constant  $Pe = F/D$ .

$$\frac{\partial \Phi F}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \Gamma \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right) \rightarrow \Phi = \frac{\Gamma}{F} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} + c_1 \rightarrow \Phi = \frac{\delta x}{Pe} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} + c_1 \rightarrow \Phi = c_2 e^{Pe \frac{x}{\delta x}} + c_1$$

$$\Phi_E = c_2 e^{Pe} + c_1$$

$$\Phi_W = c_2 e^{-Pe} + c_1$$

Boundary conditions

$$c_1 = \frac{\Phi_E e^{-Pe} - \Phi_W e^{Pe}}{e^{-Pe} - e^{Pe}}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{\Phi_E - \Phi_W}{e^{Pe} - e^{-Pe}}$$

Analytical solution

Identified constants

$$\Phi_P = \frac{\Phi_E - \Phi_W}{e^{Pe} - e^{-Pe}} + \frac{\Phi_E e^{-Pe} - \Phi_W e^{Pe}}{e^{-Pe} - e^{Pe}} = \frac{\Phi_E (1 - e^{-Pe}) + \Phi_W (1 - e^{Pe})}{e^{Pe} - e^{-Pe}}$$

Exact solution at central point

$$a_E = \frac{1 - e^{-Pe}}{e^{Pe} - e^{-Pe}} = \frac{e^{-Pe/2} (e^{Pe/2} - e^{-Pe/2})}{(e^{Pe/2} - e^{-Pe/2})(e^{Pe/2} + e^{-Pe/2})} = \frac{e^{-Pe/2}}{e^{Pe/2} + e^{-Pe/2}}$$

$$a_W = \frac{e^{Pe/2}}{e^{Pe/2} + e^{-Pe/2}}$$

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# FVM central scheme with modified viscosity

Almost any scheme (with the exception of QUICK) can be converted to central scheme introducing modified transport coefficient  $\Gamma$

$$a_P \Phi_P = a_W \Phi_W + a_E \Phi_E$$

$$a_W = D_w^* + \frac{F_w}{2} \quad a_E = D_e^* - \frac{F_e}{2}$$

Modified diffusion conductances are

$$D_w^* = \frac{\Gamma_w^*}{\delta x_{WP}} \quad D_e^* = \frac{\Gamma_e^*}{\delta x_{PE}}$$

and

$$\frac{\Gamma^*}{\Gamma} = 1 \quad \text{Central scheme}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma^*}{\Gamma} = 1 + \frac{|Pe|}{2} \quad \text{Upwind scheme}$$

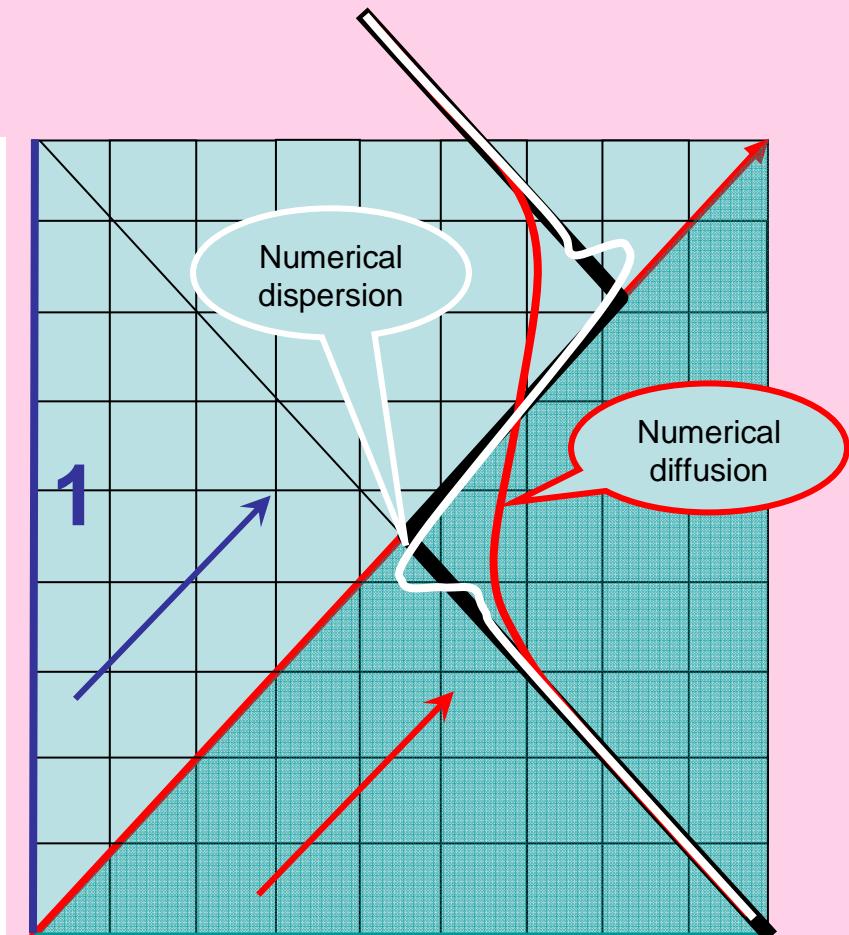
$$\frac{\Gamma^*}{\Gamma} = \frac{Pe/2}{\tanh Pe/2} \quad \text{Exponential scheme}$$

# FVM dispersion / diffusion

There are two basic errors caused by approximation of convective terms

➤ **False diffusion** (or numerical diffusion) – artificial smearing of jumps, discontinuities. Neglected terms in the Taylor series expansion of first derivatives (convective terms) represent in fact the terms with second derivatives (diffusion terms). So when using low order formula for convection terms (for example upwind of the first order), their inaccuracy is manifested by the artificial increase of diffusive terms (e.g. by increase of viscosity). The false diffusion effect is important first of all in the case when the flow direction is not aligned with mesh, see example

➤ **Dispersion** (or aliasing) – causing overshoots, artificial oscillations. Dispersion means that different components of Fourier expansion (of numerical solution) move with different velocities, for example shorter wavelengths move slower than the velocity of flow.



0 - boundary condition, all  
values are zero in the right  
triangle (without diffusion)

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# FVM Navier Stokes equations

Example: Steady state and 2D (velocities  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  and pressure  $p$  are unknown functions)

This is equation  
for  $\mathbf{u}$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho uv}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}) + S_u$$

This is equation  
for  $\mathbf{v}$

$$\frac{\partial \rho uv}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v^2}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}) + S_v$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v}{\partial y} = 0$$

This is equation  
for  $p$ ?

**But pressure  $p$  is not in the continuity equation!**

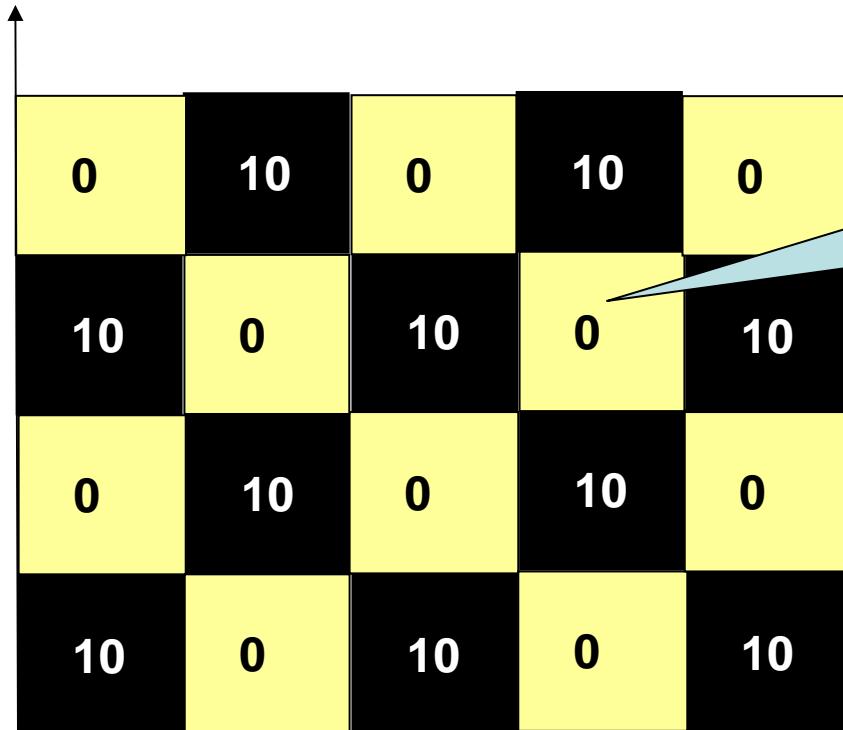
Solution of this problem is in SIMPLE methods, described later

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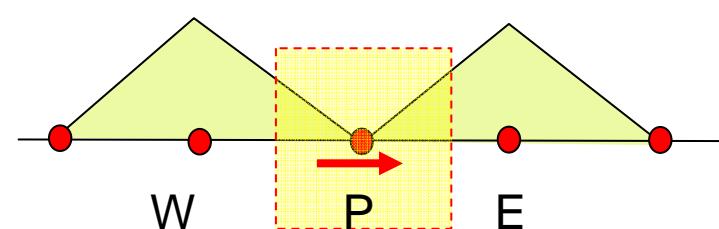
# FVM checkerboard pattern

Other problem is called checkerboard pattern

This nonuniform distribution of pressure has no effect upon NS equations



The problem appears as soon as the u,v,p values are concentrated in the same control volume



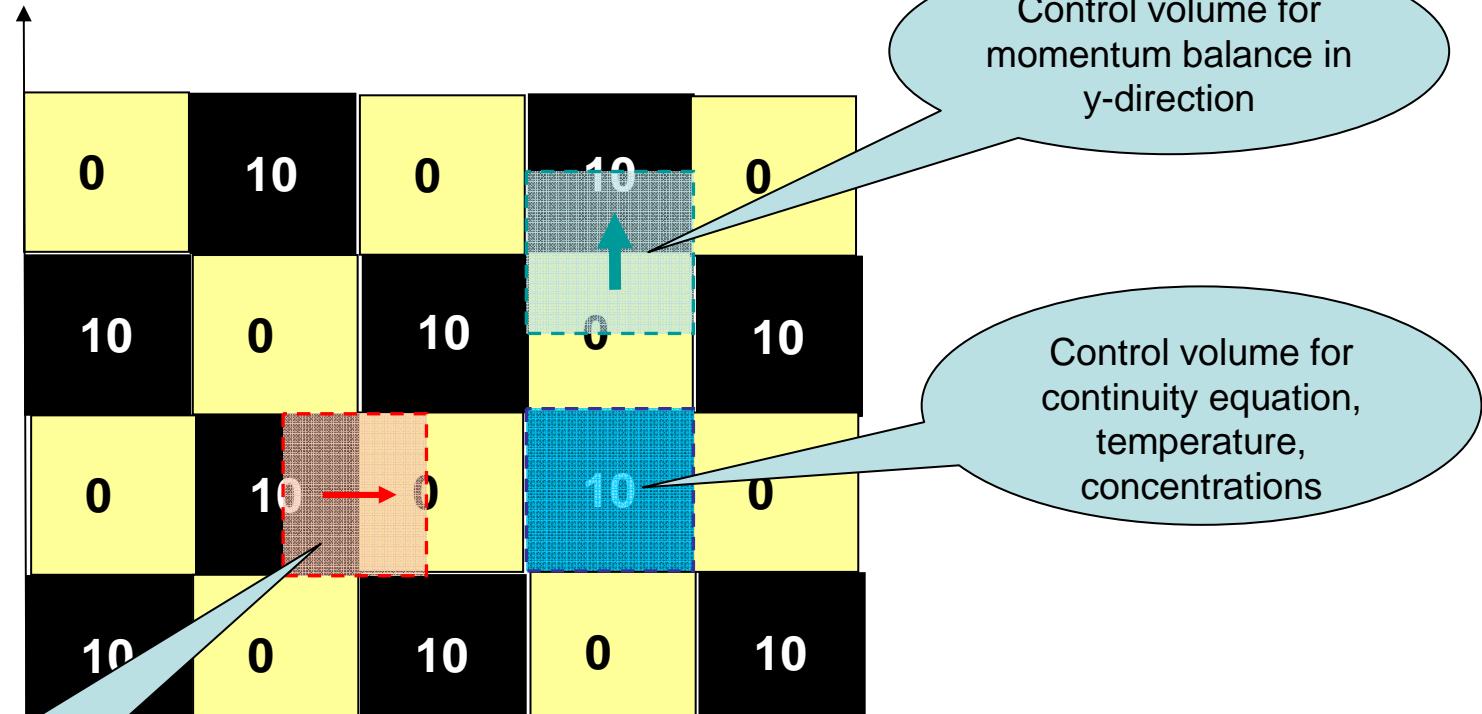
$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \Big|_P \approx \frac{p_E - p_W}{2\delta x} = \frac{10 - 10}{2\delta x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial y}) + S_u$$

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# FVM staggered grid

Different control volumes for different equations



$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \approx \frac{0 - 10}{\delta x}$$

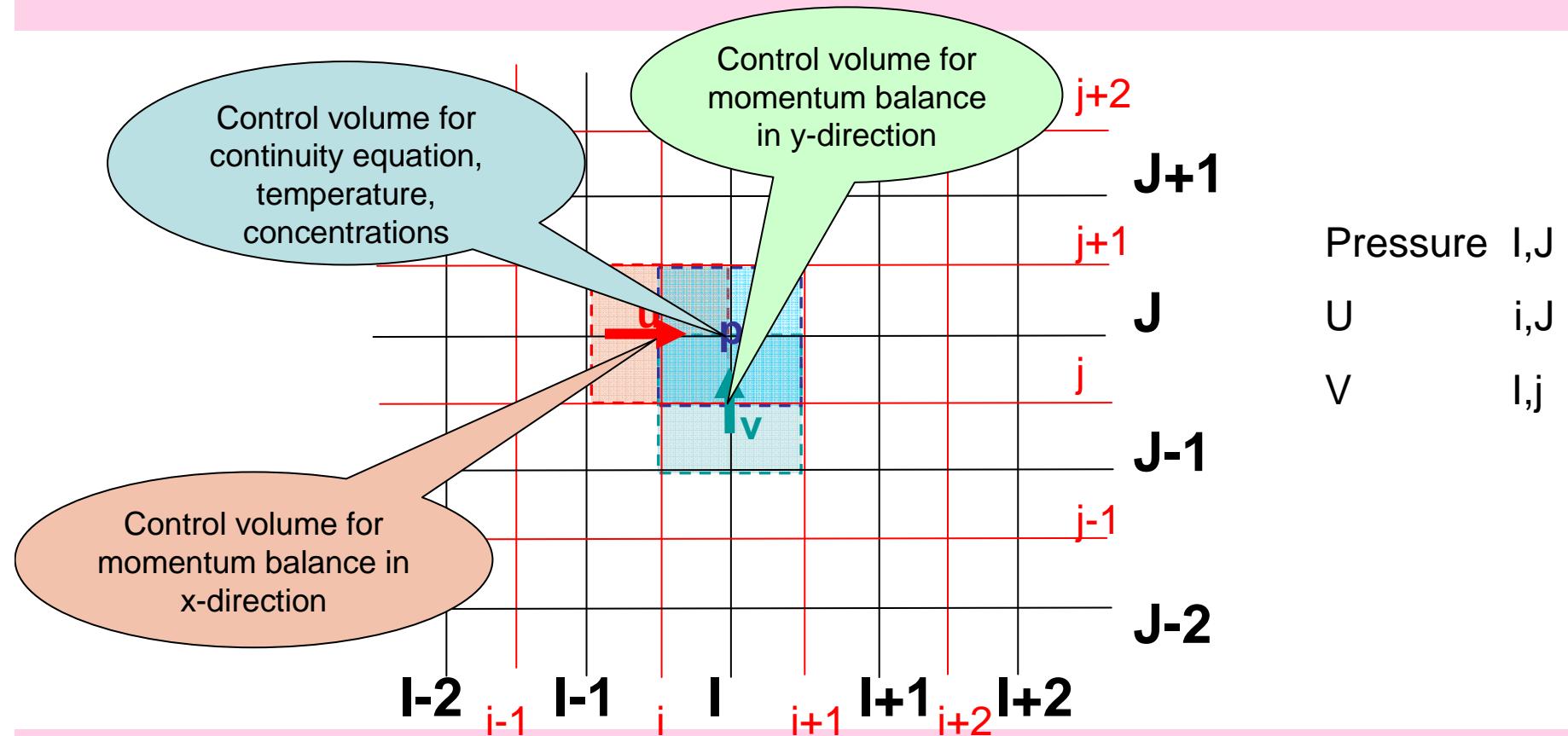
Control volume for momentum balance in x-direction

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial y}) + S_u$$

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# FVM staggered grid

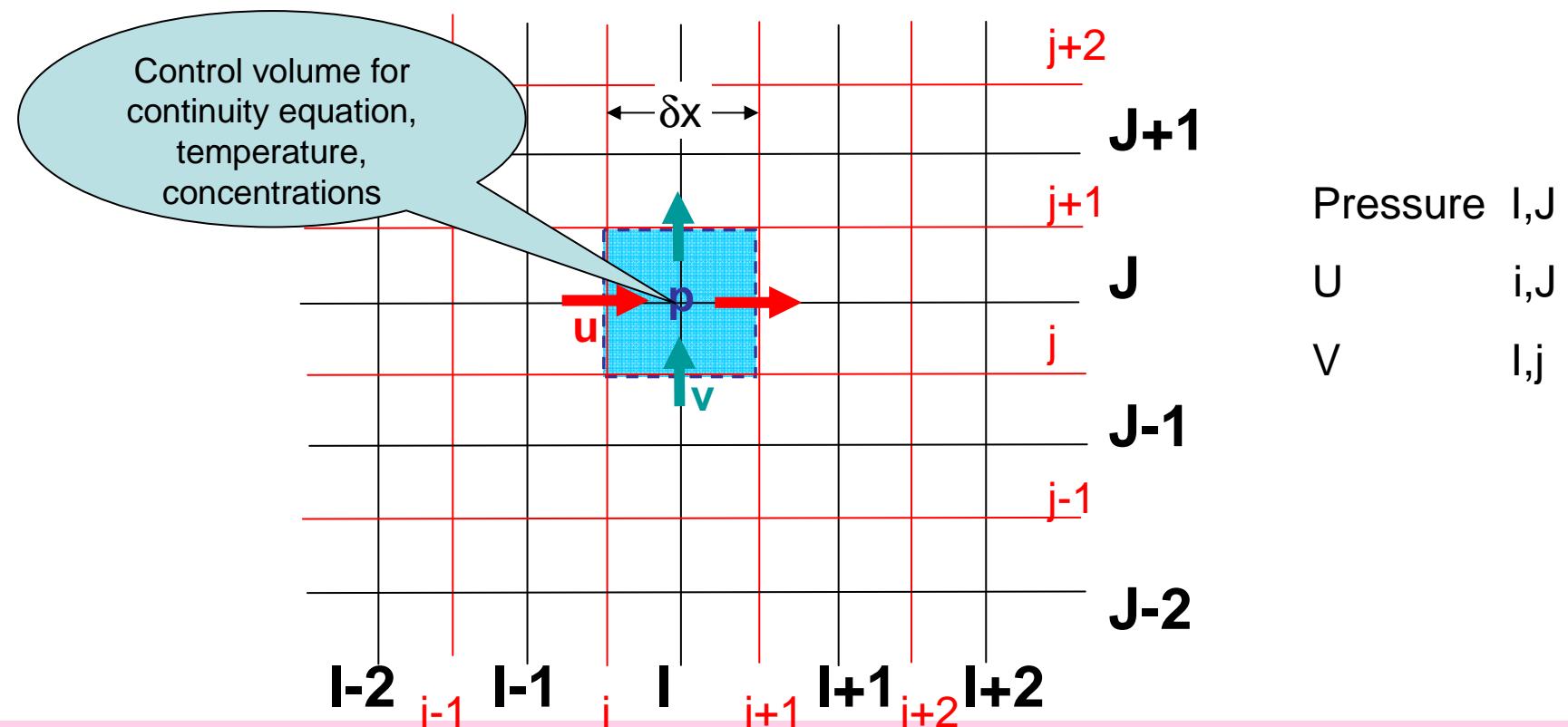
Location of velocities and pressure in staggered grid



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# FVM continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

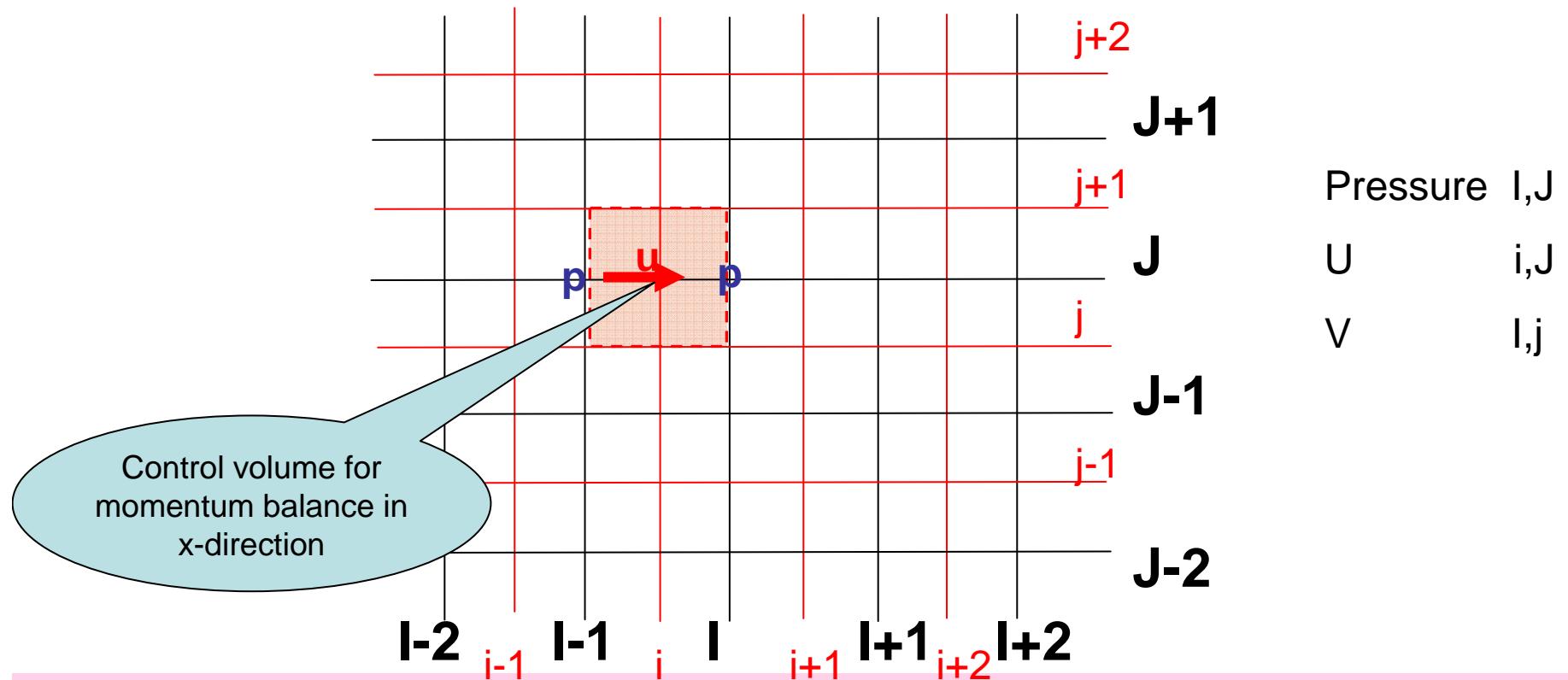


$$\frac{u_{i+1,J} - u_{i,J}}{\delta x} + \frac{v_{I,j+1} - v_{I,j}}{\delta y} = 0$$

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# I FVM momentum x

$$\frac{\partial \rho \textcolor{red}{u}^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho \textcolor{red}{u}v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \textcolor{blue}{p}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial \textcolor{red}{u}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial \textcolor{red}{u}}{\partial y} \right) + S_u$$

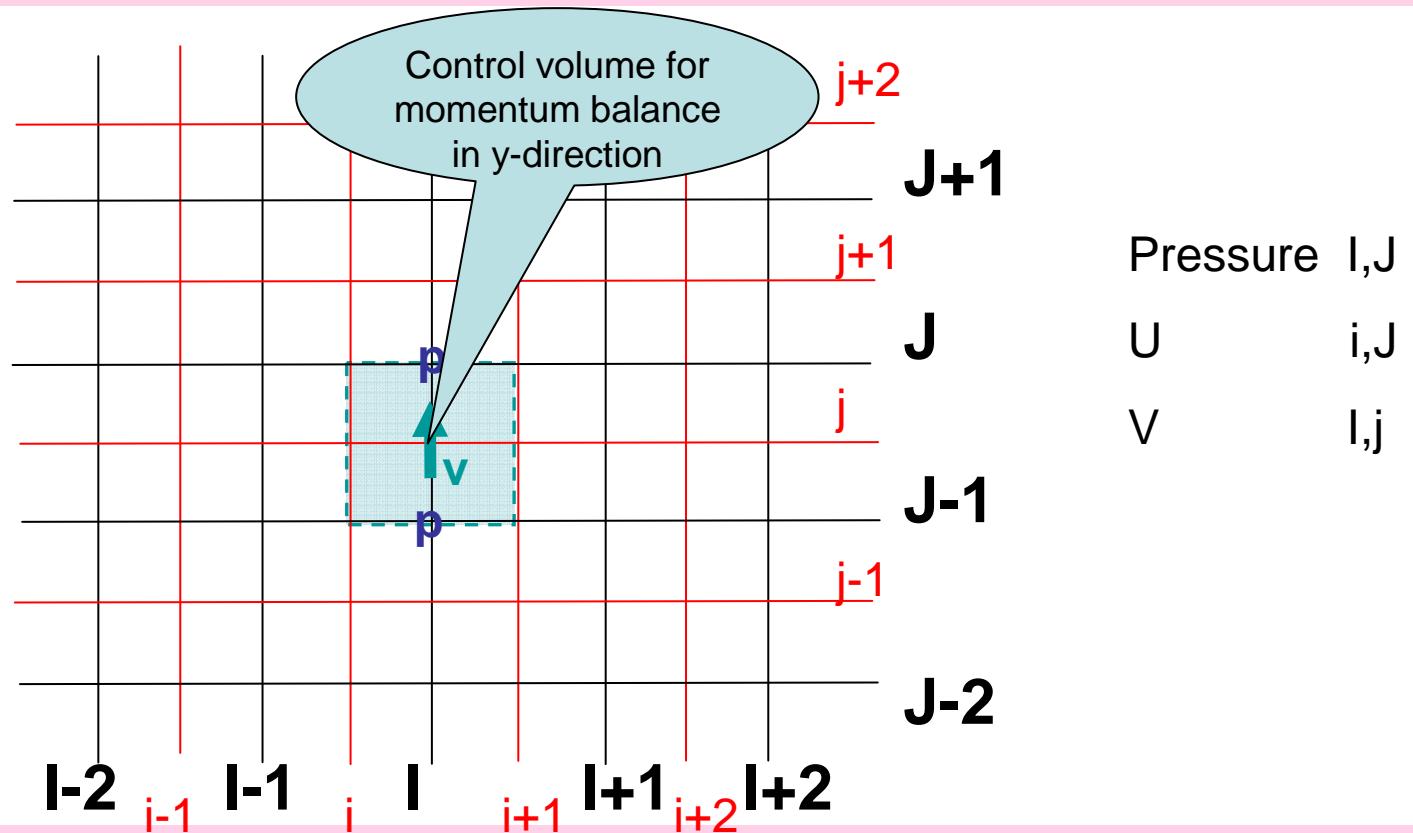


$$a_{i,J}u_{i,J} = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb}u_{nb} + A_{i,J}(p_{I-1,J} - p_{I,J}) + b_{iJ}$$

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# FVM momentum y

$$\frac{\partial \rho u v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v v}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}) + S_v$$



$$a_{I,j} v_{I,j} = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb} v_{nb} + A_{I,j} (p_{I,J-1} - p_{I,J}) + b_{I,j}$$

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# FVM SIMPLE step 1 (velocities)

Input: Approximation of pressure  $p^*$

$$a_{i,J} \mathbf{u}_{i,J}^* = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb} \mathbf{u}_{nb}^* + A_{i,J} (p_{I-1,J}^* - p_{I,J}^*) + b_{iJ}$$

$$a_{I,j} \mathbf{v}_{I,j}^* = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb} \mathbf{v}_{nb}^* + A_{I,j} (p_{I,J-1}^* - p_{I,J}^*) + b_{I,j}$$

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# FVM SIMPLE step 2 (pressure correction)

$$p = p^* + p' \quad u = u^* + u' \quad v = v^* + v'$$

“true” solution

$$a_{i,J}u_{i,J} = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb}u_{nb} + A_{i,J}(p_{I-1,J} - p_{I,J}) + b_{iJ}$$

$$a_{i,J}u^*_{i,J} = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb}u^*_{nb} + A_{i,J}(p^*_{I-1,J} - p^*_{I,J}) + b_{iJ}$$

Neglect!!!

subtract

$$a_{i,J}u'_{i,J} = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb}u'_{nb} + A_{i,J}(p'_{I-1,J} - p'_{I,J})$$

$$u'_{i,J} = d_{i,J}(p'_{I-1,J} - p'_{I,J}) \quad v'_{I,j} = d_{I,j}(p'_{I,J-1} - p'_{I,J})$$

Substitute  $u^*+u'$  and  $v^*+v'$  into continuity equation

Solve equations for pressure corrections

$$a_{IJ}p'_{IJ} = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb}p'_{nb} + b'_{IJ}$$

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# FVM SIMPLE step 3 (update p,u,v)

Only these new pressures are necessary for next iteration

$$\begin{aligned} p_{I,J} &\leftarrow p_{I,J}^* + p'_{I,J} \\ u_{i,J} &\leftarrow u_{i,J}^* + d_{i,J} (p'_{I-1,J} - p'_{I,J}) \\ v_{I,j} &\leftarrow v_{I,j}^* + d_{I,j} (p'_{I,J-1} - p'_{I,J}) \end{aligned}$$

Continue with the improved pressures to the step 1

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# FVM SIMPLEC (SIMPLE corrected)

$$a_{i,J} \vec{u}_{i,J} = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb} \vec{u}_{nb} + A_{i,J} (p'_{I-1,J} - p'_{I,J})$$

**Neglect!!!** Good estimate  
as soon as neighbours are not  
far from center

$$a_{i,J} \vec{u}_{i,J} - \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb} \vec{u}_{i,J} = \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb} \vec{u}_{nb} - \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb} \vec{u}_{i,J} + A_{i,J} (p'_{I-1,J} - p'_{I,J})$$

$$\vec{u}_{i,J} = \frac{A_{i,J}}{a_{i,J} - \sum_{neighbours} a_{nb}} (p'_{I-1,J} - p'_{I,J})$$

Improved  $d_{ij}$

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# FVM SIMPLER (SIMPLE Revised)

Idea: calculate pressure distribution directly from the Poisson's equation

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u} \vec{u}) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{u}$$

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$$\nabla^2 p = f(u, v)$$

# FVM Rhie Chow (Fluent)

The way how to avoid staggering (difficult implementation in unstructured meshes) was suggested in the paper

Rhie C.M., Chow W.L.: Numerical study of the turbulent flow past an airfoil with trailing edge separation. AIAA Journal, Vol.21, No.11, 1983

we have at each cell discretised equation in this form,

$$a_p \vec{v}_P = \sum_{neighbours} a_l \vec{v}_l - \frac{\nabla p}{V}$$

For continuity we have

$$\sum_{faces} \left[ \frac{1}{a_p} H \right]_{face} = \sum_{faces} \left[ \frac{1}{a_p} \frac{\nabla p}{V} \right]_{face}$$

where

$$H = \sum_{neighbours} a_l \vec{v}_l$$

This interpolation of variables  $H$  and  $\nabla p$  based on coefficients  $a_l$  for [pressure velocity coupling](#)

is called **Rhie-Chow interpolation**. See [also](#)

# FVM solvers

Solution of linear algebraic equation system  $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{b}$

- TDMA – Gauss elimination tridiagonal matrix  
(obvious choice for 1D problems, but suitable for 2D and 3D problems too, iteratively along the x,y,z grid lines – method of alternating directions ADI)
- PDMA – pentadiagonal matrix (suitable for QUICK), [Fortran version](#)
- CGM – Conjugated Gradient Method (iterative method: each iteration calculates increment of vector  $\Phi$  in the direction of gradient of minimised function – square of residual vector)
- Multigrid method (Fluent)

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# Solver TDMA tridiagonal system MATLAB

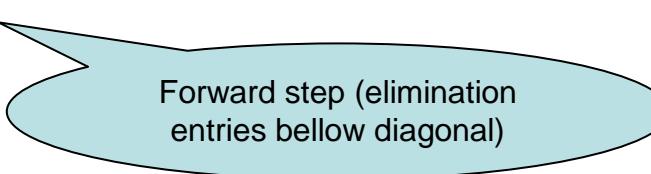
$$a_i x_{i-1} + b_i x_i + c_i x_{i+1} = d_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

```
function x = TDMAsolver(a,b,c,d)
%a, b, c, and d are the column vectors for the compressed tridiagonal matrix
n = length(b); % n is the number of rows

% Modify the first-row coefficients
c(1) = c(1) / b(1); % Division by zero risk.
d(1) = d(1) / b(1); % Division by zero would imply a singular matrix.

for i = 2:n
    id = 1 / (b(i) - c(i-1) * a(i)); % Division by zero risk.
    c(i) = c(i)* id; % Last value calculated is redundant.
    d(i) = (d(i) - d(i-1) * a(i)) * id;
end

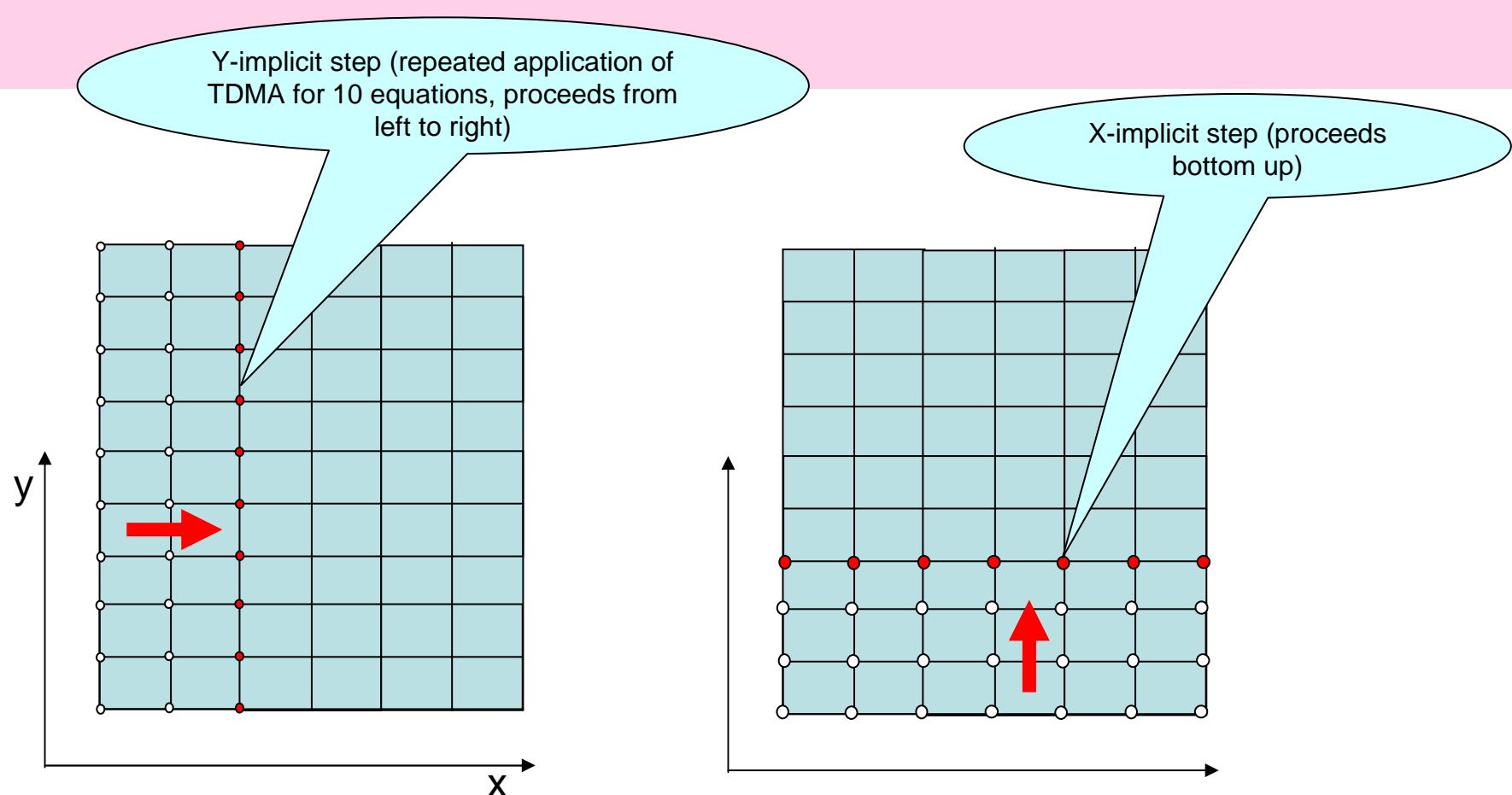
% Now back substitute.
x(n) = d(n);
for i = n-1:-1:1
    x(i) = d(i) - c(i) * x(i + 1);
end
end
```



Forward step (elimination entries below diagonal)

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# Solver TDMA applied to 2D problems (ADI)



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# Solver PDMA pentagonal system MATLAB

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function x=pentsolve(A,b)
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% Solve a pentadiagonal system Ax=b where A is a strongly nonsingular
matrix
% Reference: G. Engeln-Muellinges, F. Uhlig, "Numerical Algorithms with C"
% Chapter 4. Springer-Verlag Berlin (1996)%
% Written by Greg von Winckel 3/15/04
% Contact: gregvw@chtm.unm.edu
%
[M,N]=size(A);
x=zeros(N,1);
% Check for symmetry
if A==A' % Symmetric Matrix Scheme
    % Extract bands
    d=diag(A);
    f=diag(A,1);
    e=diag(A,2);
    alpha=zeros(N,1);
    gamma=zeros(N-1,1);
    delta=zeros(N-2,1);
    c=zeros(N,1);
    z=zeros(N,1);
    % Factor A=LDL'
    alpha(1)=d(1);
    gamma(1)=f(1)/alpha(1);
    delta(1)=e(1)/alpha(1);
    alpha(2)=d(2)-f(1)*gamma(1);
    gamma(2)=(f(2)-e(1)*gamma(1))/alpha(2);
    delta(2)=e(2)/alpha(2);
    for k=3:N-2
        alpha(k)=d(k)-e(k-2)*delta(k-2)-alpha(k-1)*gamma(k-1)^2;
        gamma(k)=(f(k)-e(k-1)*gamma(k-1))/alpha(k);
        delta(k)=e(k)/alpha(k);
    end
    alpha(N-1)=d(N-1)-e(N-3)*delta(N-3)-alpha(N-2)*gamma(N-2)^2;
    gamma(N-1)=(f(N-1)-e(N-2)*gamma(N-2))/alpha(N-1);
    alpha(N)=d(N)-e(N-2)*delta(N-2)-alpha(N-1)*gamma(N-1)^2;
    % Update Lx=b, Dc=z
    z(1)=b(1);
    z(2)=b(2)-gamma(1)*z(1);
    for k=3:N
        z(k)=b(k)-gamma(k-1)*z(k-1)-delta(k-2)*z(k-2);
    end
    c=z./alpha;
```

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% Backsubstitution L'x=c
x(N)=c(N);
x(N-1)=c(N-1)-gamma(N-1)*x(N);
for k=N-2:-1:1
    x(k)=c(k)-gamma(k)*x(k+1)-delta(k)*x(k+2);
end
else % Non-symmetric Matrix Scheme
    d=diag(A);
    e=diag(A,1);
    f=diag(A,2);
    h=[0;diag(A,-1)];
    g=[0;0;diag(A,-2)];
    alpha=zeros(N,1);
    gam=zeros(N-1,1);
    delta=zeros(N-2,1);
    bet=zeros(N,1);
    c=zeros(N,1);
    z=zeros(N,1);
    alpha(1)=d(1);
    gam(1)=e(1)/alpha(1);
    delta(1)=f(1)/alpha(1);
    bet(2)=h(2);
    alpha(2)=d(2)-bet(2)*gam(1);
    gam(2)=( e(2)-bet(2)*delta(1) )/alpha(2);
    delta(2)=f(2)/alpha(2);
    for k=3:N-2
        bet(k)=h(k)-g(k)*gam(k-2);
        alpha(k)=d(k)-g(k)*delta(k-2)-bet(k)*gam(k-1);
        gam(k)=( e(k)-bet(k)*delta(k-1) )/alpha(k);
        delta(k)=f(k)/alpha(k);
    end
    bet(N-1)=h(N-1)-g(N-1)*gam(N-3);
    alpha(N-1)=d(N-1)-g(N-1)*delta(N-3)-bet(N-1)*gam(N-2);
    gam(N-1)=( e(N-1)-bet(N-1)*delta(N-2) )/alpha(N-1);
    bet(N)=h(N)-g(N)*gam(N-2);
    alpha(N)=d(N)-g(N)*delta(N-2)-bet(N)*gam(N-1);
    % Update b=Lc
    c(1)=b(1)/alpha(1);
    c(2)=(b(2)-bet(2)*c(1))/alpha(2);
    for k=3:N
        c(k)=( b(k)-g(k)*c(k-2)-bet(k)*c(k-1) )/alpha(k);
    end
end
% Back substitution Rx=c
x(N)=c(N);
x(N-1)=c(N-1)-gam(N-1)*x(N);
for k=N-2:-1:1
    x(k)=c(k)-gam(k)*x(k+1)-delta(k)*x(k+2);
end
```

# Solver CGM conjugated gradient GNU

Solution of linear algebraic equation system  $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{b}$

```
function [x] = conjgrad(A,b,x)
    r=b-A*x;
    p=r;
    rsold=r'*r;
    for i=1:size(A)(1)
        Ap=A*p;
        alpha=rsold/(p'*Ap);
        x=x+alpha*p;
        r=r-alpha*Ap;
        rsnew=r'*r;
        if sqrt(rsnew)<1e-10
            break;
        end
        p=r+rsnew/rsold*p;
        rsold=rsnew;
    end
end
```

Minimisation of quadratic function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

Residual vector in k-th iteration

$$\mathbf{r}_k = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k.$$

Vector of increment conjugated with previous increments

$$\mathbf{p}_{k+1} = \mathbf{r}_k - \sum_{i \leq k} \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{r}_k}{\mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}_i} \mathbf{p}_i$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \alpha_{k+1} \mathbf{p}_{k+1}$$

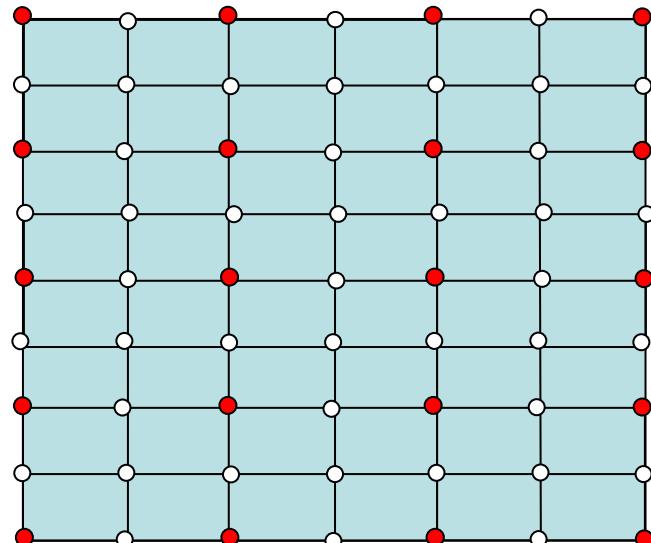
$$\alpha_{k+1} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{r}_k}{\mathbf{p}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}_{k+1}}$$

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# Solver MULTIGRID

Solution on a rough grid takes into account very quickly long waves (distant boundaries etc), that is refined on a finer grid.

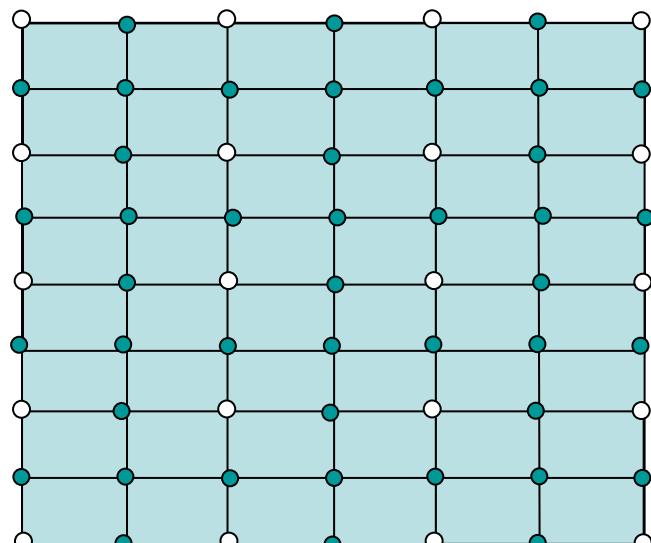
**Rough grid** (small wave numbers)



**Fine grid** (large wave numbers details)

Interpolation from  
rough to fine grid

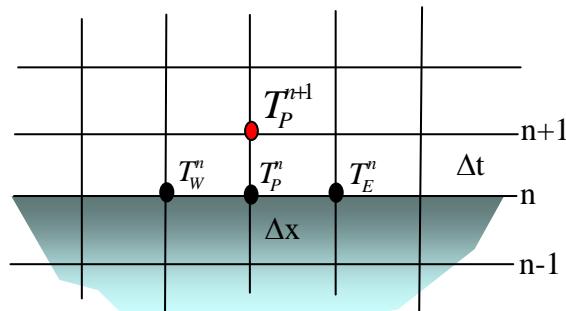
Averaging from fine  
to rough grid



# Unsteady flows

Discretisation like in the finite difference methods discussed previously

Example: Temperature field  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = a \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$

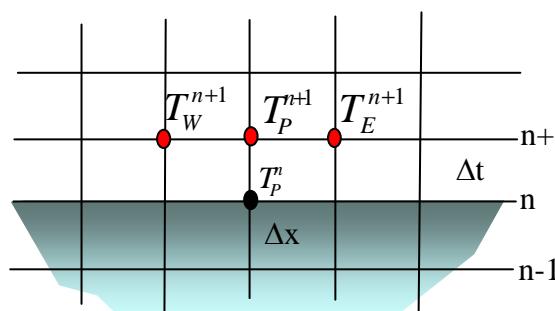


**EXPLICIT** scheme

First order accuracy in time

Stable only if

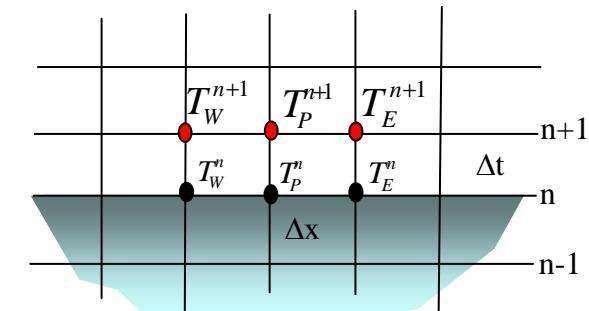
$$\Delta t < \frac{\Delta x^2}{2a}$$



**IMPLICIT** scheme

First order accuracy in time

Unconditionally stable and bounded



**CRANK NICHOLSON** scheme

Second order accuracy in time

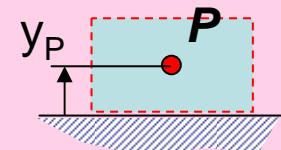
Unconditionally stable, but bounded only if

$$\Delta t < \frac{\Delta x^2}{a}$$

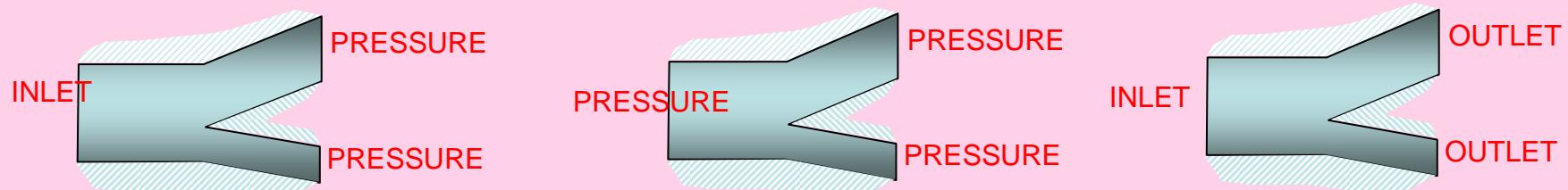
# FVM Boundary conditions

Boundary conditions are specified at faces of cells (not at grid points)

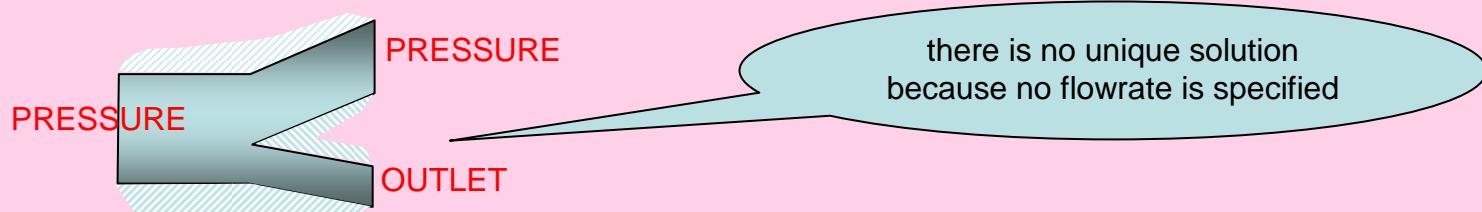
- **INLET** specified  $u, v, w, T, k, \varepsilon$  (but not pressure!)
- **OUTLET** nothing is specified ( $p$  is calculated from continuity eq.)
- **PRESSURE** only pressure is specified (not velocities)
- **WALL** zero velocities,  $k_p, \varepsilon_p$  calculated from the law of wall



Recommended combinations for several outlets



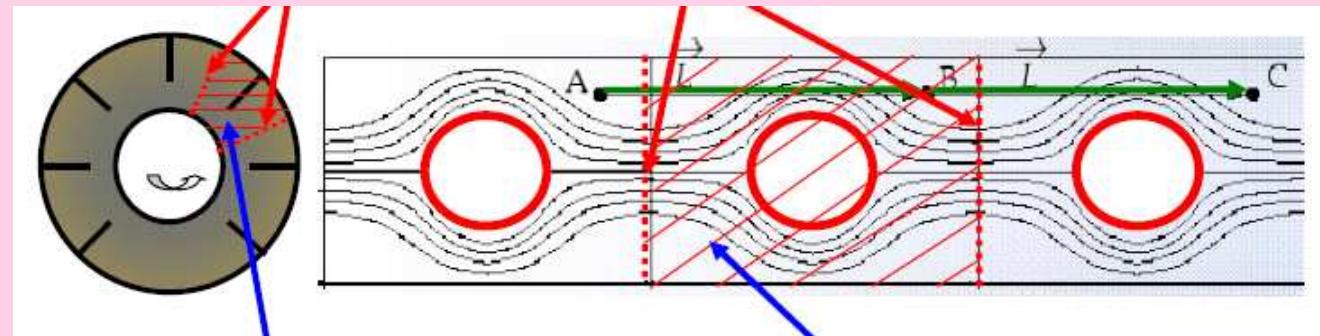
Forbidden combinations for several outlets



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# FVM Boundary conditions

- SYMMETRY
- PERIODICAL



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