

Lecture 14: Numerical Streamfunction

Logistics: - HW4 is due h (10/17)

Problem 3:

Dir. BC at cell cent.

Neu. BC at face (r_w) !

if you submit by end of day not late !

- HW2 is complete ✓

- HW5 posted due 03/07

⇒ 2D operators

Last time: - Streamlines

curves tangent to velocity/flux

- Streamfunction

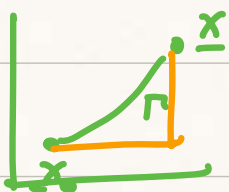
$$\psi(\underline{x}) = \psi_0(x_0) - \int_{x_0}^x q_y dx + \int_{y_0}^y q_x dy$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \underline{v} = \frac{\underline{q}}{\phi}$$

FTC: $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -q_y$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = q_x$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{q} = 0$$

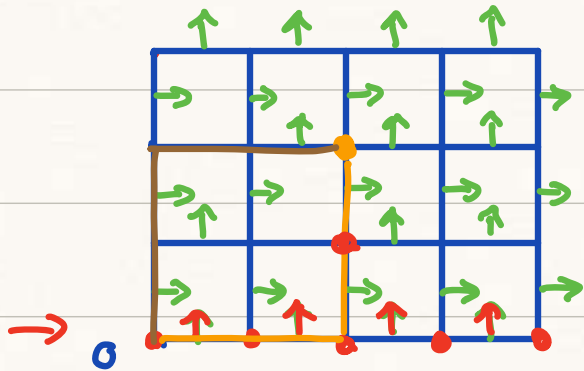


$$\Rightarrow \nabla \psi \perp \underline{q} \quad \text{and} \quad |\nabla \psi| = |q|$$

Today: Compute streamfunction

Computing Stream function

Definition: $\Psi(x,y) = \Psi_0(x_0, y_0) - \int_{x_0}^x q_y dx + \int_{y_0}^y q_x dy$



$$N_x = 4 \quad N_y = 3$$

$$\int_0^x q_y(x,0) dx \approx q(\text{Grid. def. - y min}) \times \text{Grid. def. } dx$$



Given location of flux components along faces the natural location for integral/streamfunction is the cell corners.

Hints on implementation

- Simple Riemann sum to evaluate integral
best done using cumsum.m

• cumsum also works on matrices

$N_x = 4$
 $N_y = 3$

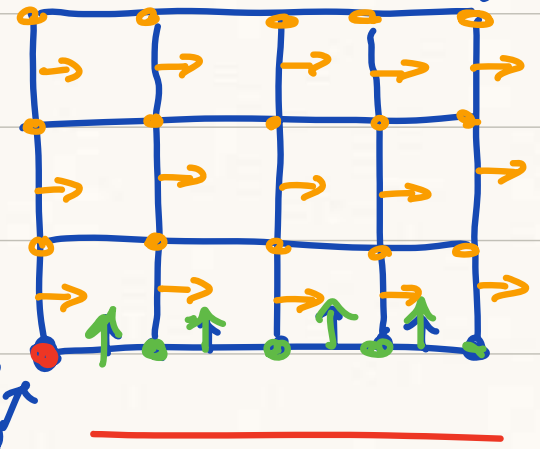
• Two step process:

1) cumsum along bud (x_{min})

$[q_0; \text{cumsum}(q(\text{Grid.dof}-y_{min}) \cdot dx)]$

$N_x + 1$

x_0
ref



2) Integrate upward into domain
by applying cumsum to appropriately
reshaped matrix of q_x velocities

$$q_x = q(1 : N_x)$$

$$Q_x = \text{reshape}(q_x, N_y, N_x + 1);$$

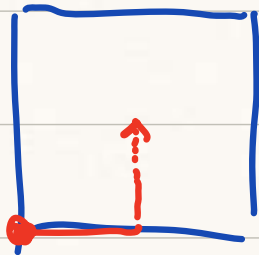
$$\text{cumsum}(Q_x, \quad) \quad \uparrow$$

Need to add vector of initial values along y
base

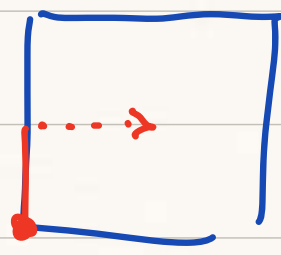
Note on path independence:

ψ is uniquely defined (up to a constant)

$$z_0 = x_{\min} y_{\min}$$

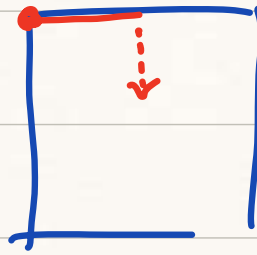


x-first

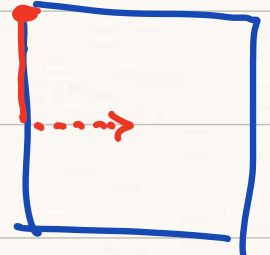


y-first

$$z_0 = x_{\min} y_{\max}$$



x-first



y-first

The choice of starting point affects the constant ψ_0 , but choice of integration path does not.

Once ψ is known you just plot contours.