

## \* Particle - Particle Approach - Algorithm

Time - Stepping loop of the PP method

- compute diagnostics
- compute forces / velocities

for  $k = 1 : N_p$   
 $v(k) = 0$  }  
end  
} clean accumulators

for  $k = 1 : N_p$   
for  $l = 1 : N_p$   
if  $(k \neq l)$

$$v(k) = v(k) + F(k, l)$$

end

end

end

evaluation of  
binary particle-  
particle  
interactions

- integrate equations of motion

for  $k = 1 : N_p$

$$x_{\text{new}} = x_{\text{old}} + dt * v(k)$$

end

end of time-stepping loop

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Using the symmetry of the particle-particle interactions, the computation cost by the main loop can be reduced by half (18)  $v(l) = v(l) - F(k, l)$

## REGULARIZATION

Using Green's functions, the velocity field can be expressed as

$$\vec{V} = [u, v] = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] \int_{\Omega} g(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') w(\bar{x}') d\Omega$$

$$= \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} K(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') w(\bar{x}') d\Omega}_{\text{Biot-Savart kernel}}$$

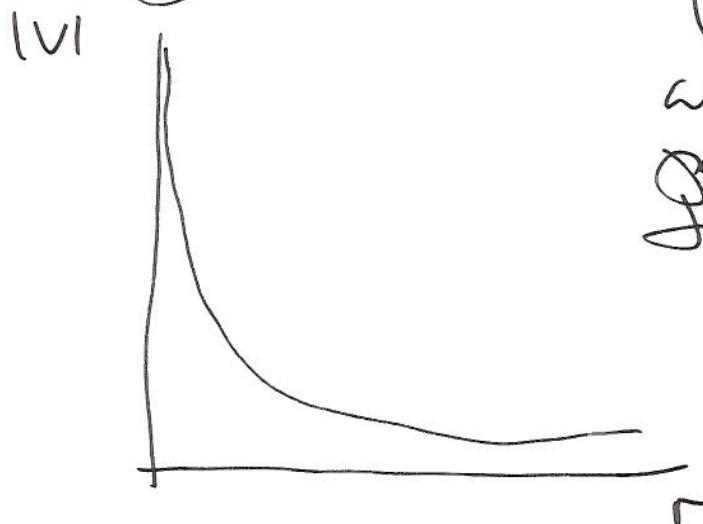
Biot-Savart kernel

$$\int g(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|$$

$$\text{Then } K(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') = \frac{[(y - y'), x - x']}{2\pi r^2}$$

$$\text{where } r = |\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|$$

Analogous expressions can be obtained for forces in the celestial mechanics & electrodynamics problems



Velocity becomes unbounded when  $r \rightarrow 0$ , i.e. two particles get very close together

Issues:

- numerical stability  
↳ tighter time-step limitations

### Solutions:

- \* "mollify" the Biot-Savart kernel, so that it does not become singular
- \* replace the point vortex (mass, charge) with a smoothed distribution

We will show that in principle ~~these~~ these two approaches are closely related

Introduce the regularization parameter  $\delta > 0$

then the regularized velocity field

$$\bar{v}_\delta(\bar{x}) = \int_0^\infty K_\delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \omega(\bar{x}') d\bar{x}'$$

$$\text{where } \bar{\omega}(\bar{x}') = \sum_{k=1}^n \Gamma_k \delta(\bar{x}' - \bar{x}_k)$$

$K_\delta \xrightarrow[\delta \rightarrow 0]{} K$  is the regularized (mollified) Biot-Savart kernel

~~$$K_\delta(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = \int_0^\infty K(\bar{x} - \bar{x}'') \omega_\delta(\bar{x}'') d\bar{x}''$$~~

For singularity, set  $\bar{x}' = 0$

then

$$K_\delta(\bar{x}) = K * \omega_\delta(\bar{x}) = \int_0^\infty K(\bar{x} - \bar{x}'') \omega_\delta(\bar{x}'') d\bar{x}''$$

$\omega_\delta(\cdot)$  - radially symmetric mollifier

$$K_\delta(\bar{x}) = K(\bar{x}) \int_0^\infty \omega_\delta(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} = \frac{[y, x]}{2\pi r^2} g\left(\frac{r}{\delta}\right)$$

where

$$g(r) = 2\pi \int_0^r x^1 \omega_{\delta=1}(x^1) dx^1$$

$\delta$  - also called the "cut-off" parameter

$K_\delta$  may alternatively be interpreted as:

- modified (smoothed) velocity field induced by a point vortex
- classical velocity field induced by a smeared (finite-size) vortex; distribution of vorticity in this regularized vortex is given by  $\omega_\delta(x) = \delta^2 \omega_1(\frac{x}{\delta})$

Possible choices:

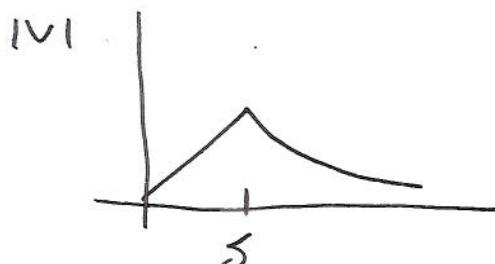
\* Parkane vortex

$$\omega_\delta(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi \delta^2}, & 0 < r < \delta \\ 0, & r > \delta \end{cases}$$

The corresponding velocity

$$v(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{[Eg, x]}{2\pi \delta^2}, & 0 < r < \delta \\ \frac{[-g, x]}{2\pi r^2}, & r > \delta \end{cases}$$

// Solid body rotation  
// Potential flow



- \* Other choices - simply regularize the denominator by introducing an extra term  $\delta^2$ ?

$$V(\bar{x}) = \frac{[1-\delta, \infty]}{2\pi r^2 + \delta^2}$$

### Remarks

- \* Regularization required for numerical stability in all more complicated configurations
- \* Particle system with modified Biot-Savart kernel is no longer Hamiltonian; its conservation properties may be different

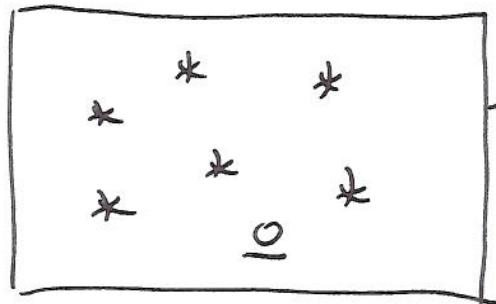
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### Particle-Mesh (PM) approach

Time-stepping loop of the PM method

- conjugate diagnostics
- interpolate particles onto the grid  
(to obtain the RHS for the Poisson eq.)
- solve the Poisson equation ~~to~~ for the potential  $\phi$  (streamfunction  $\psi$ )
- differentiate the potential/streamfunction to obtain the components of force/velocity
- interpolate the force/velocity back to particle locations
- integrate equations of motion

\* Poisson equation  $\Delta \Phi = -\sum_{k=1}^n \Gamma_k \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{x}_k)$



How about the boundary condition  $\Phi|_{\partial\Omega} = ?$

$\underline{\Omega}$  represents a truncation of an infinite domain  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Therefore the behavior of  $\Phi$  at the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  should mimic its behavior in unbounded domains. Thus, we should use the exact representation

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi|_{\partial\Omega} &= - \int_{\partial\Omega} g(x|_{\partial\Omega} - x') \sum_{k=1}^n \Gamma_k \delta(\vec{x}' - \vec{x}_k) d\Omega \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \Gamma_k \ln |\vec{x}|_{\partial\Omega} - \vec{x}_k|\end{aligned}$$

Remark:

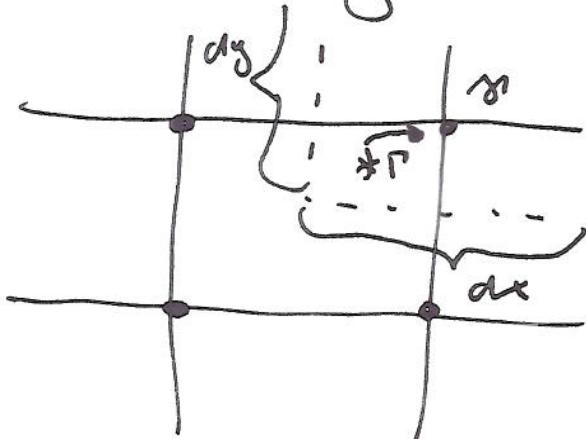
\* Note that using homogeneous BCs  $\Phi|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$  is equivalent to imposing solid boundaries.

$$\Phi|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s}|_{\partial\Omega} - \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$


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## \* Interpolation Particles - Mesh

- nearest neighbour (zero-order) interpolation



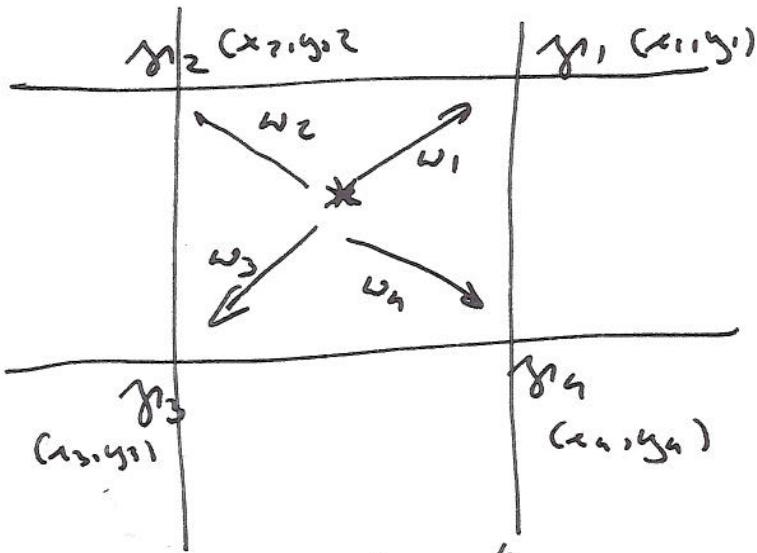
$$g(x,y) = \Gamma$$

- zeroth order conserved

- other moments not conserved

( $\nabla g(x,y)$ ,  $\nabla^2 g(x,y)$ ,  $\nabla(\epsilon^2 + y^2)g(x,y)$ )

- first-order order interpolation



How do choose weights  $w_1, \dots, w_4$ ?

Choose them, so that they satisfy the following moment conditions

Four equations  
for four  
unknowns  $w_1, \dots, w_4$

all moments  
up to the  
second  
conserve.

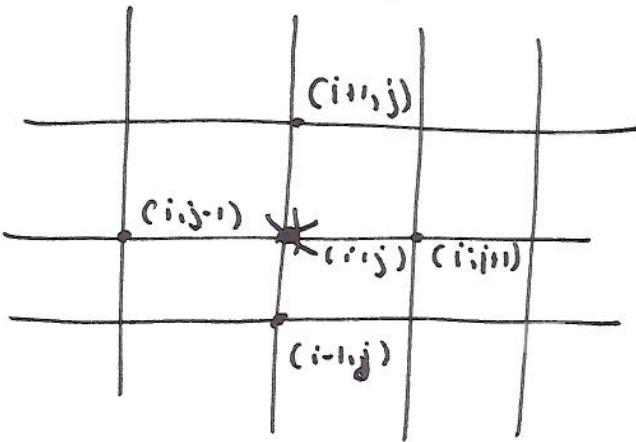
$$\sum_{i=1}^4 w_i g_i = \Gamma$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 w_i x_i = \Gamma_x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 w_i y_i = \Gamma_y$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 w_i (x_i^2 + y_i^2) = \Gamma_{r^2}$$

## \* Solution of the Poisson equation



$$\Delta u = \frac{u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} - 4u_{i,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1}}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

$u_{i,j}$  put into a vector

$$u_{i,j} = u_{i \cdot (N_x=1) + j}$$

Need to solve a generalized system

### Remarks

- \* in 3D the system is sept-diagonal
- \* BCs (Dirichlet) added to the RHS
- \* cost of iterative solution (Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, SOR, AD, LTDMA, ...) is  $O(N_m^3)$ ,  
 $N_m$  is the number of grid points, not particles  
 $(N_m \ll N)$
- \* Finite-differencing the potential gives force/velocity on a staggered grid

