

# Introduction to the Immersed Boundary/Interface Method: I

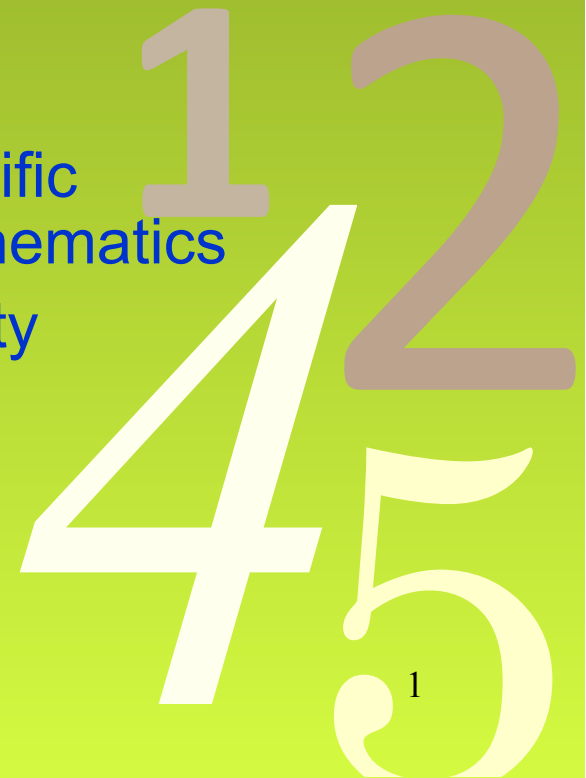
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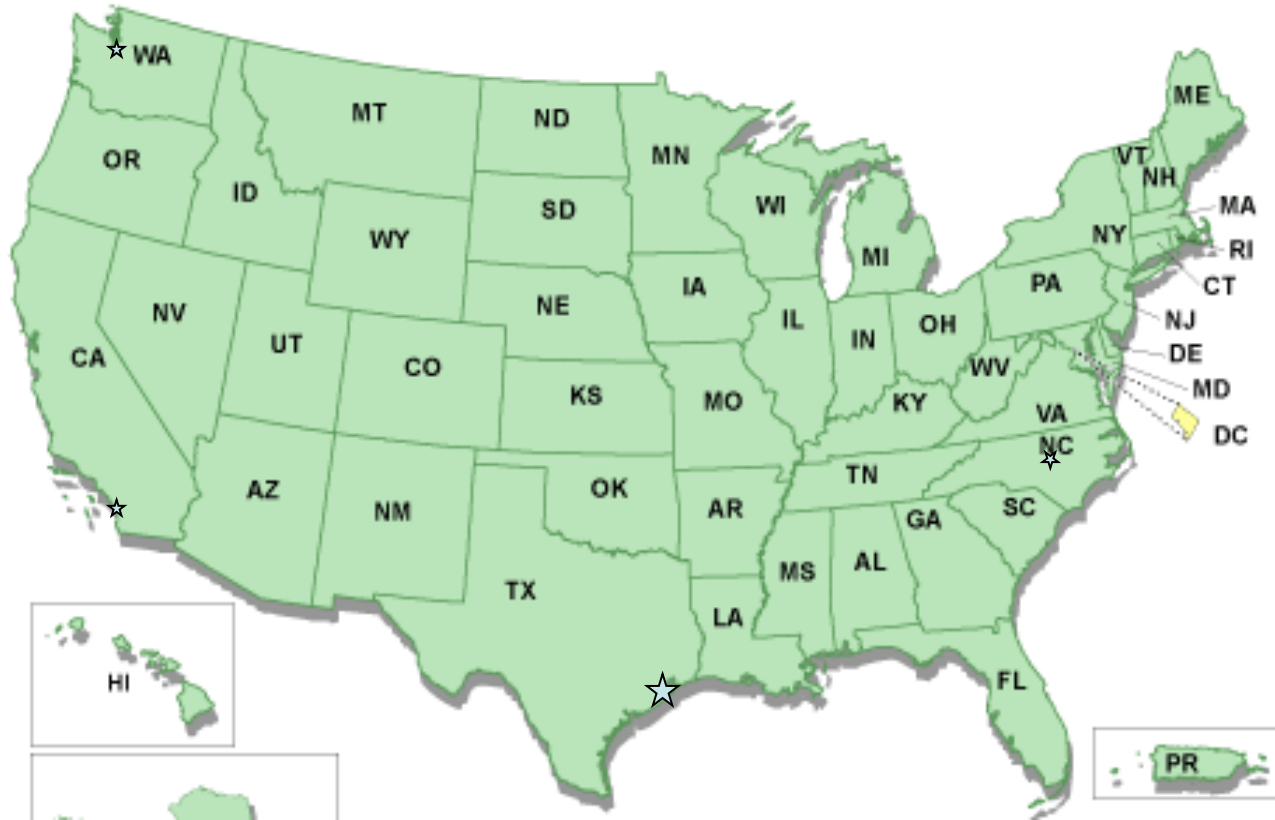
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# Where is NCSU?



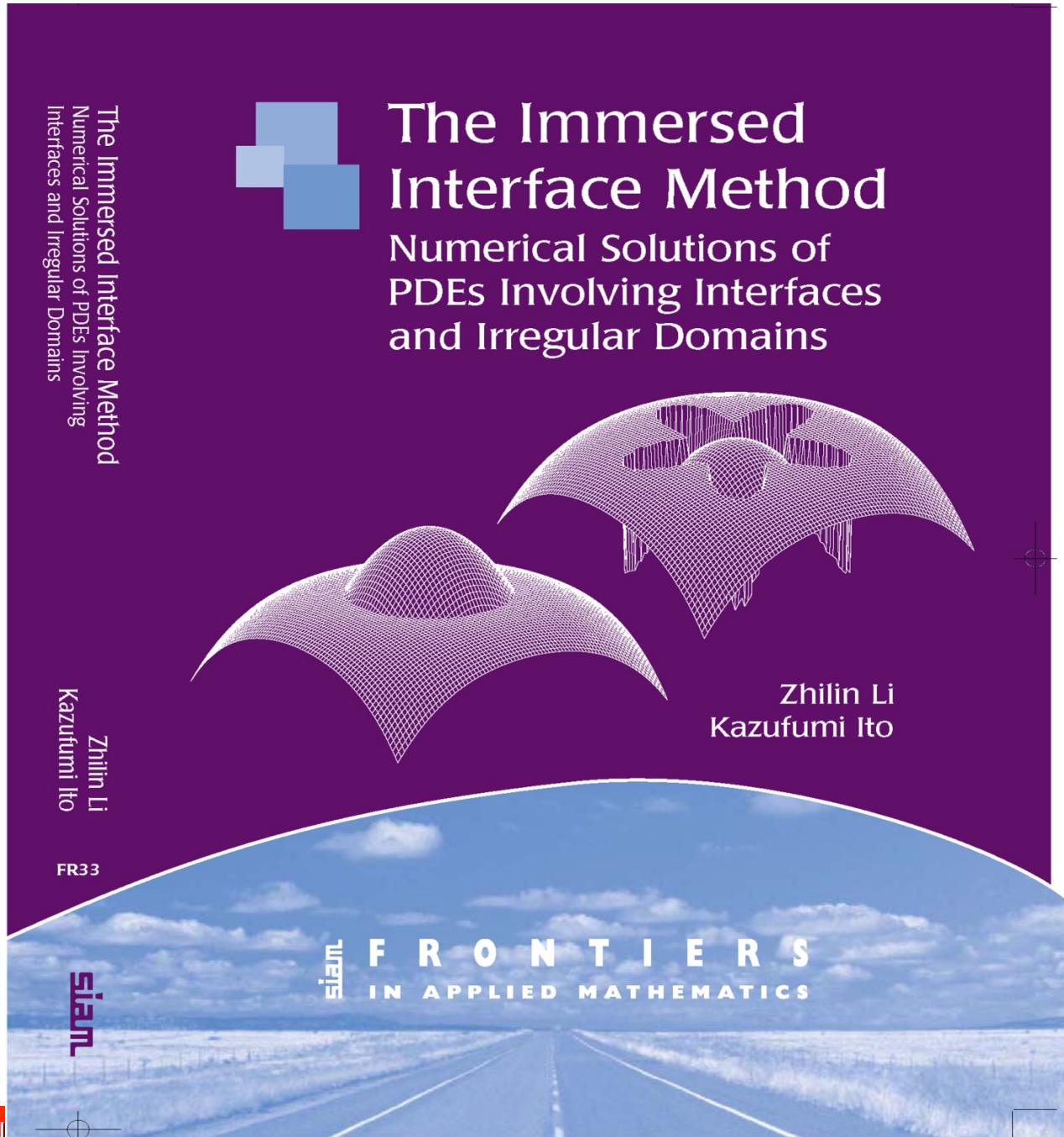
# Where is NCSU? II

- ❑ Triangle: **Duke** (private), Durham; **UNC** (law/medical), Chapel-Hill, **NCSU** (engineering), Raleigh
- ❑ Research Triangle (centroid): Head-quarter of **IBM & Lenovo**
- ❑ Head-quarter of **Red-Hat (Linux)**
- ❑ Home of **SAS** (largest statistics software, originated from NCSU)
- ❑ NSF Center: **Samsi** (Statistic and applied mathematics Institute)
- ❑ NISS, ARO, pharmaceutical, communications, .....

# Outline

- **Problems → PDES & Analysis/simulations**
  - *Can we model snowflakes?*
  - *Drop spreading*
  - *CFD and applications (flow past obstacles)*
- **Numerical methods (IB, IIM, IFEM, Augmented IIM ( idea, procedure, why & how))**
  - Why Cartesian/structured mesh?
  - IB → IIM, *regular problem* → **Source terms** (Peskin's IB model) → IIM → AIIM
- **How to evolve free boundary/moving interface?**
  - *Front tracking method*
  - *Level set method*
- **Conclusions**





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# Heat Propagation in Heterogeneous material

- Heat propagation through heterogeneous materials (*an interface problem*)

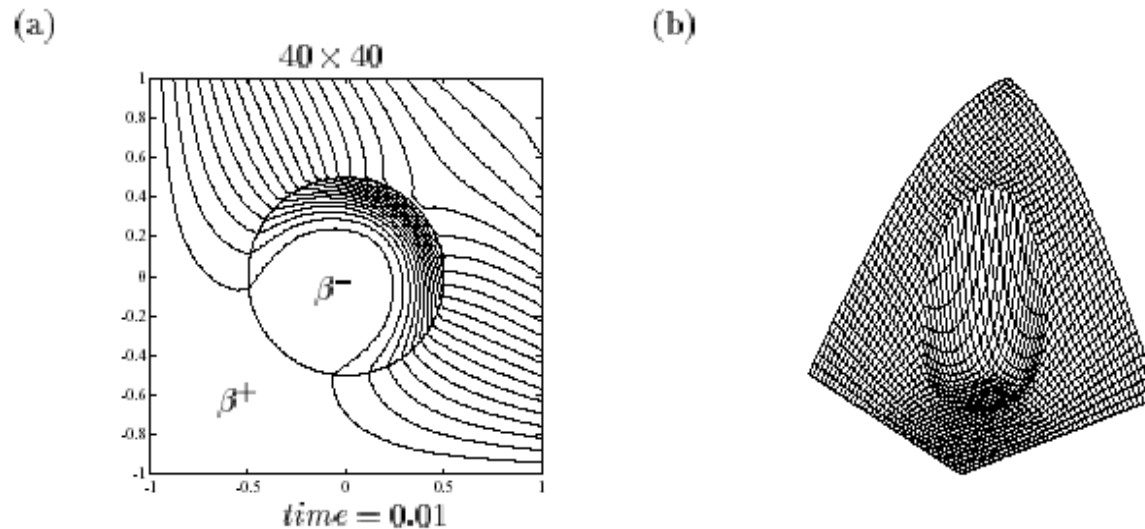


Figure 1.1: Heat propagation in different materials. (a) Contour plot of the temperature. (b) Mesh plot of the solution.

# Heat propagation through heterogeneous materials II

$$u_t = \nabla \cdot \beta \nabla u, \quad -1 < x, y < 1$$

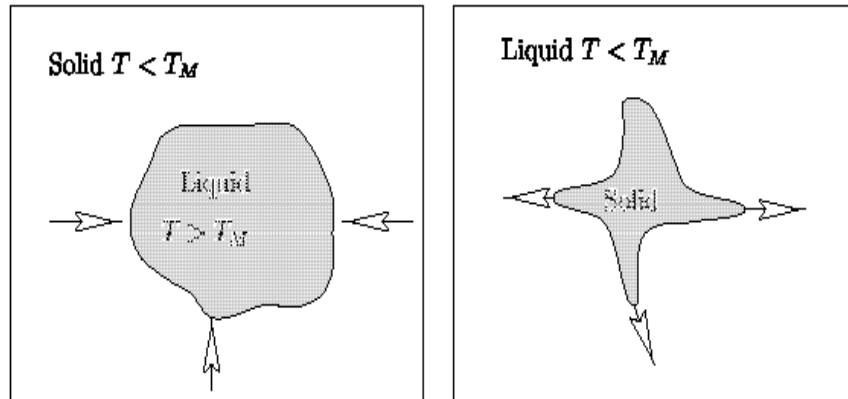
$$\beta = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ 100 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

BC:  $u(x, 1, t) = \sin((x + 1)\pi / 4)$ ,  
 $u(1, y, t) = \sin((y + 1)\pi / 4)$ ,  
 $u = 0$  elsewhere.

IC  $u = 0$ ,  $[u] = 0$ ,  $[\beta u_n] = 0$ ,  $[u_n] \neq 0$ .

# Formulations of Snowflakes (Crystal Growth)

- Heat equation with *non-linear BC*

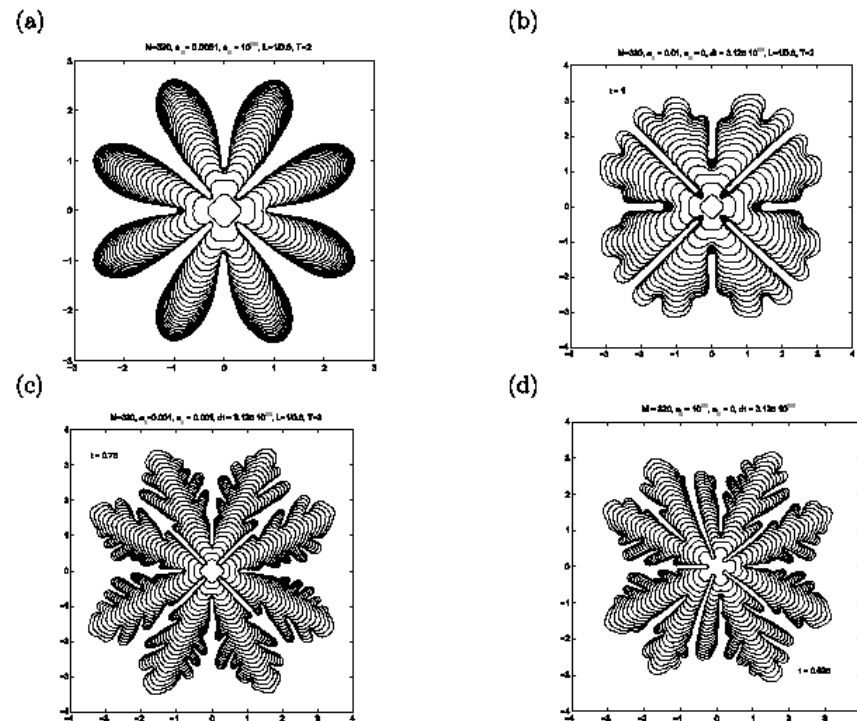


$$\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla T), \quad \rho L V = - \left[ \beta \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \right]$$

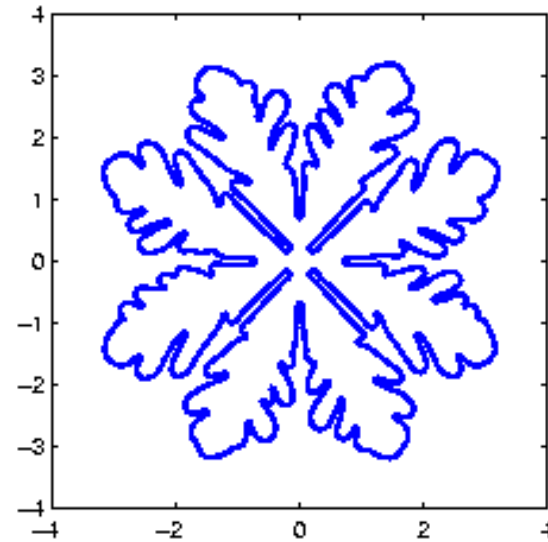
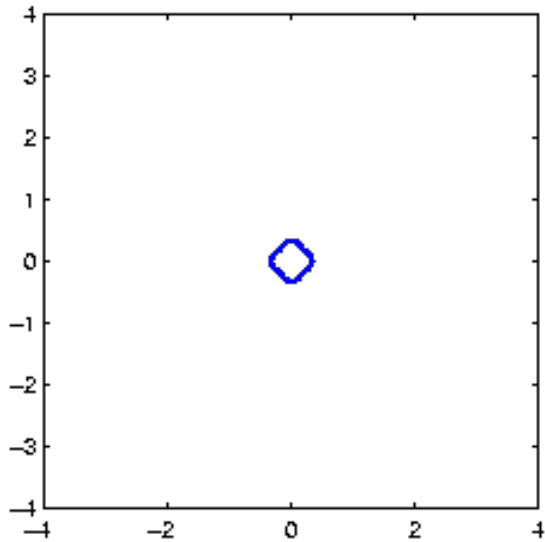
$$T(x, t) = -\varepsilon_c \mathcal{K} - \varepsilon_v V, \quad \frac{dX}{dt} \cdot n = V$$

# Stefan Problem and Crystal Growth

- **Stability analysis:**  
dynamically unstable  
for some medium  
modes (  $\exp(-k / t)$  )



# Simulation: Crystal Growth

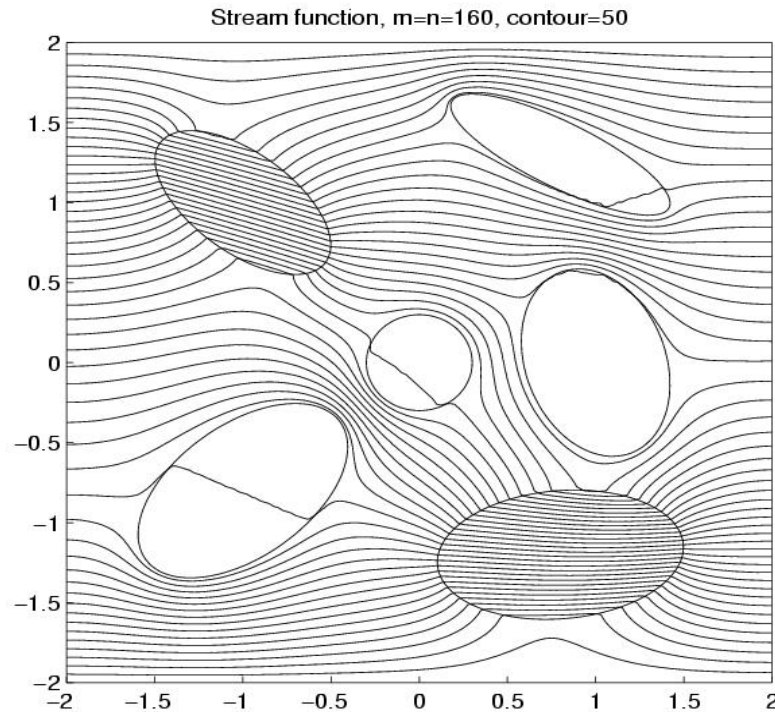


# Underground Water Flow

□ Ideal flow (steady state, potential flow)

$$-\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = 0, \quad 1/\beta \text{ is the permeability}$$

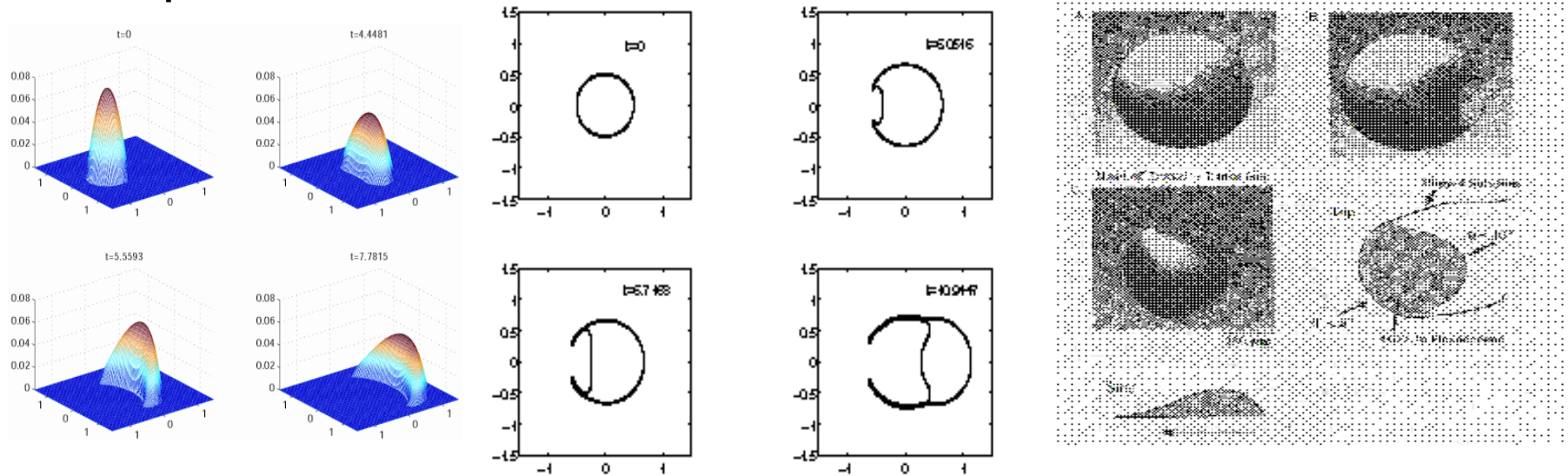
$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \right|_{x=a} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ along other sides}$$



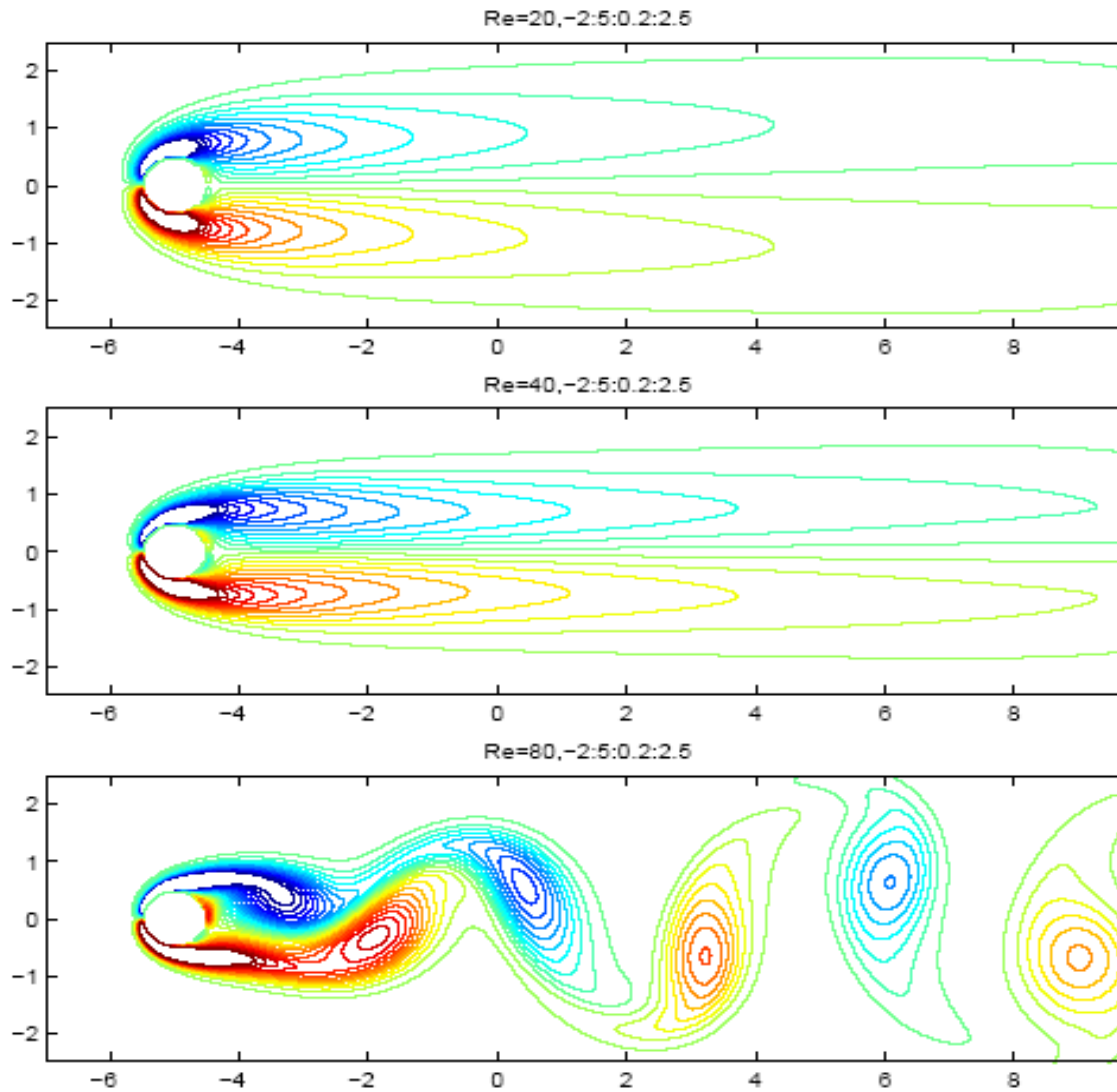


# Drop Spreading

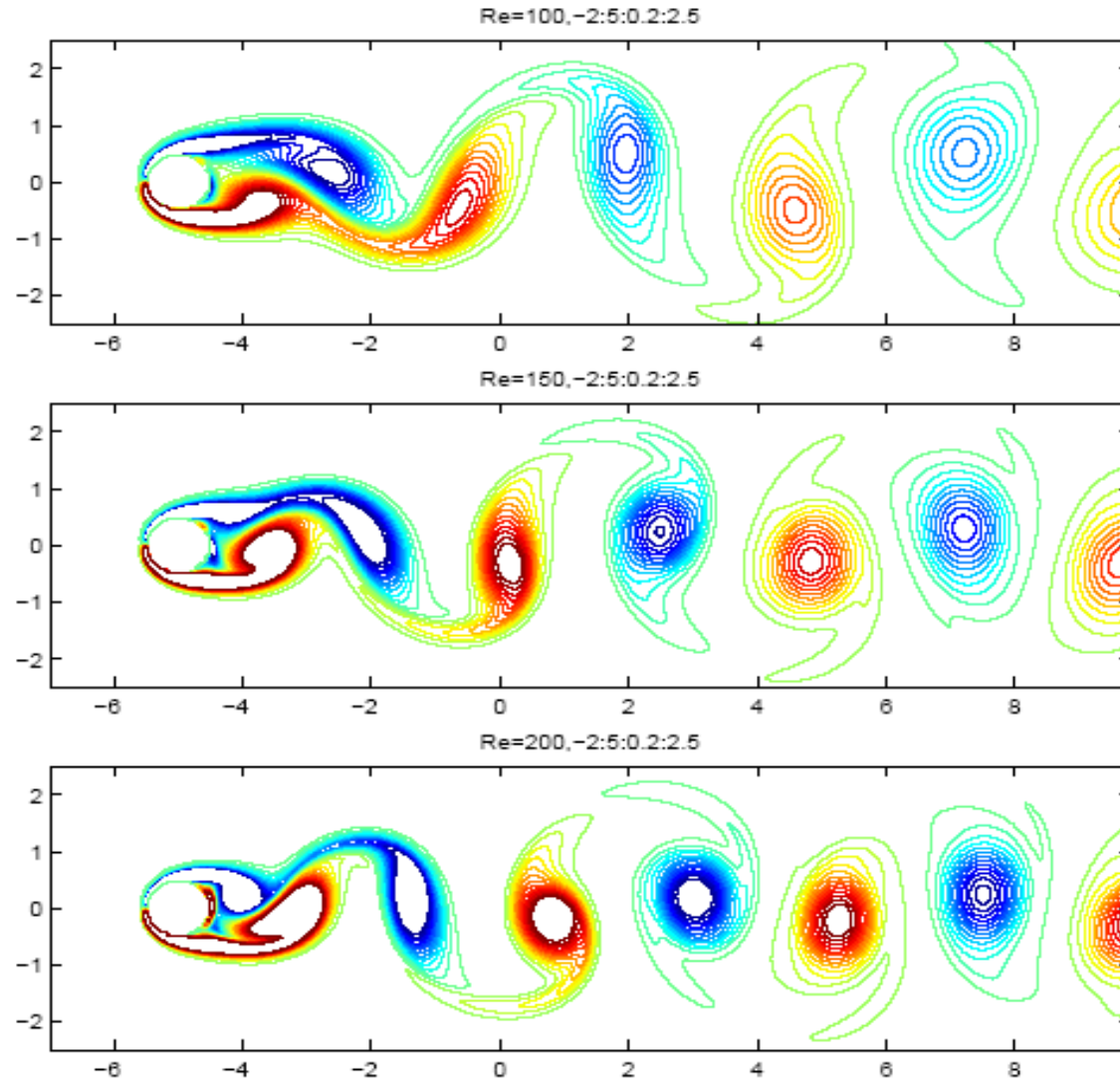
- A simplified model (Hunter, Li, Zhao): The velocity of the moving front  $V = \theta_d - \theta_s$  (difference in dynamic and static contact angles).  $\theta_d$  is computed from the Laplacian equation.



# Flow pass a cylinder



# Flow pass a cylinder: II



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**Chertock named Math Department head**

Professor [Alina Chertock](#) has been named the new head of the Mathematics Department.

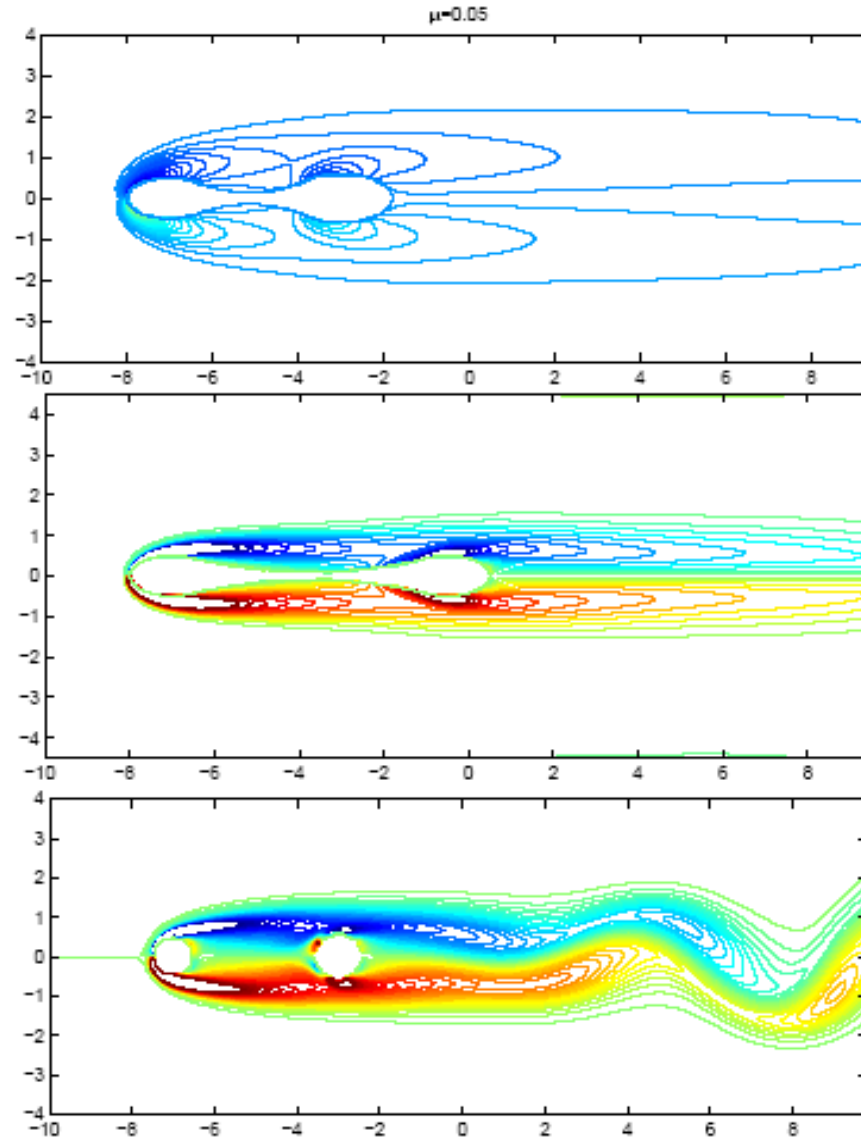
Chertock has been with NC State since 2002 and was serving as interim department head prior to her permanent appointment. She is also an adjunct professor at the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology in Russia and has held

**2006 NC State Departmental Award for Teaching and Learning Excellence**

**2010 American Mathematical Society Award for an Exemplary Program or Achievement in a Mathematics Department**

**2011 American Mathematical Society Award for Mathematics Programs that Make a Difference**

# Flow pass a dumbbell, two cylinders



# Navier-Stokes Eqns with Interface

- The PDE model is the basis of Immersed Boundary (IB) method.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla p = \mu \Delta u + g$$

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0$$

$$u_{\partial\Omega} = \text{given velocity}$$

- Projection method:

$$\frac{u^* - u^k}{\Delta t} + (u \cdot \nabla u)^{k+1/2} + (\nabla p)^{k-1/2} = \frac{\mu}{2} (\Delta u^k + \Delta u^*) + F^{k+1/2} + C^k$$

$$\Delta \phi = \frac{\nabla \cdot u^*}{\Delta t} + C_2^k, \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = 0$$

$$u^{k+1} = u^* - \Delta t \nabla \phi + C_3^k$$

$$\nabla p^{k+1/2} = \nabla p^{k-1/2} + \nabla \phi + C_4^k$$

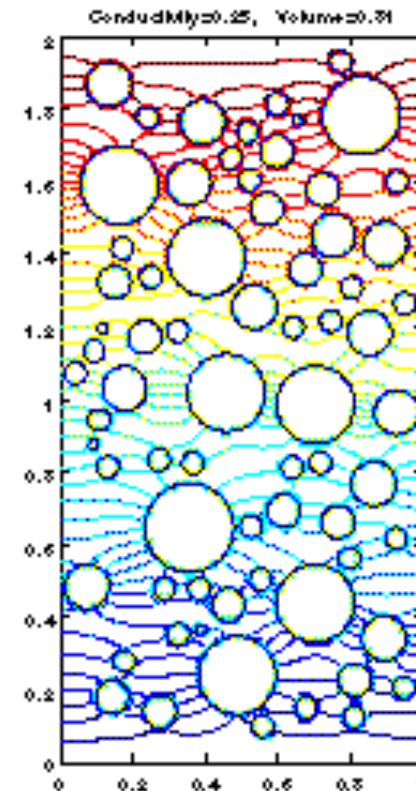
# Permeability of concrete

□ Estimate the permeability of concrete

- Probability of random work
- Laplacian equation exterior with Neumann BC.

$$\Delta u = 0, \text{ exterior}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{x=a} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ along other sides}$$



# Numerical Simulations

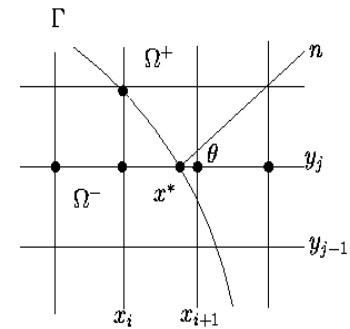
- Analytic solutions are rarely available
- Approximate solutions
  - Analytic approach: series solution, asymptotic, perturbations, *etc.*
  - Use computers
- Numerical solutions using computers
  - **A mesh** (or a grid) Body fitted mesh, ***Cartesian, structured*** or non-structured, mesh-free
  - **Discretization**: Finite difference/element, volume, ...



# Why Cartesian grid method?

**Cartesian** or **adaptive Cartesian** grids.  
why?

- Simple (no grid generation)**
- Need less adaptively due to high resolution**
- Coupled with other Cartesian grid methods (FFT, level set method, Clawpack, structured multi-grid method)**
- Less cost for free boundary/moving interface problems, topological changes**



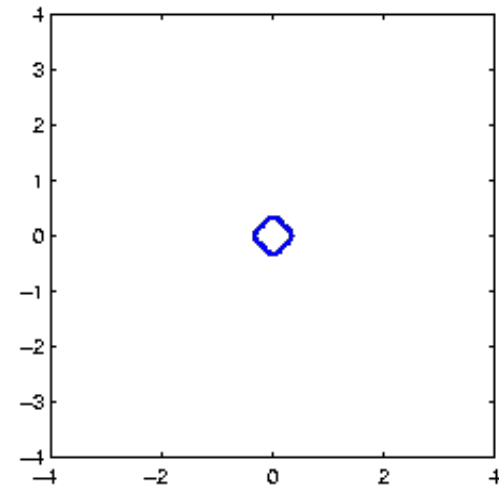
# Simulation of free boundary moving interface Problems

□ Solve the governing PDEs

- Discontinuities in the coefficient, solution, flux, irregular domain ...

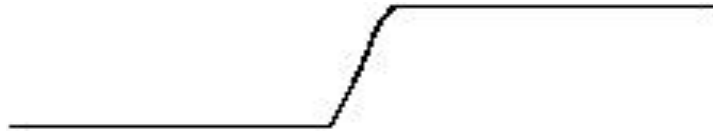
□ Evolve the free boundary or moving interface Problems

- Front tracking (Lagrangian)
- Level set method (Eulerian)
- Volume of fractions (VOF)



# A brief review of PDE solvers

- Peskin's *Immersed Boundary (IB)* method
- *Smoothing* method



$$\beta_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ \frac{1}{h} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \beta^{-1}(x) dx \right]^{-1}$$

- Harmonic Averaging
- Integral equation, FMM (Greengard, Mayo et al.)
- FEM with body-fitted grid (Chen/Zou, Babuska...)
- IFEM (Z. Li, S. Hou & X-D Liu, J. Dolbow.. ...)
- GFM (Fedkew), Hybrid method, Virture nodal
- IIM (LeVeque, Li, Lee, Calhoun, Zhao,...)
- Advantages and limitations ...

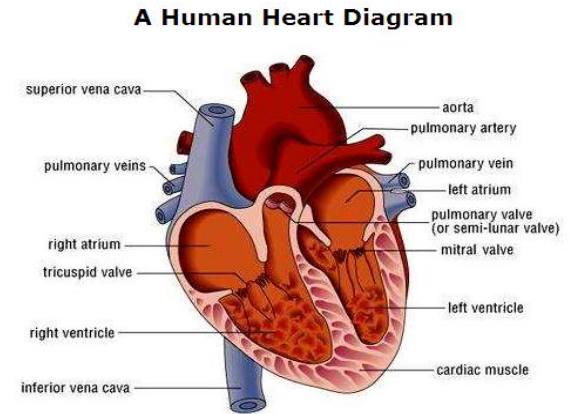
# Immersed boundary (IB)

## □ C. Peskin's IB method:

- **Modeling** and simulation of heart beating/blood flow: treat the complicated boundary condition as a source distribution: *Irregular domain (with BC) → rectangular box (no-BC)*

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u \right) + \nabla p = \nabla \cdot \mu (\nabla u + \nabla u^T) + \int_{\Gamma} f(s) \delta(x - X(s)) ds + g$$

- **Numerics:** Use a discrete delta function to distribute the source to nearby grid points
- Simple, robust, popular, application in bio-physics, biology, and many other areas
- First order accurate, area conservation, non-sharp interface method

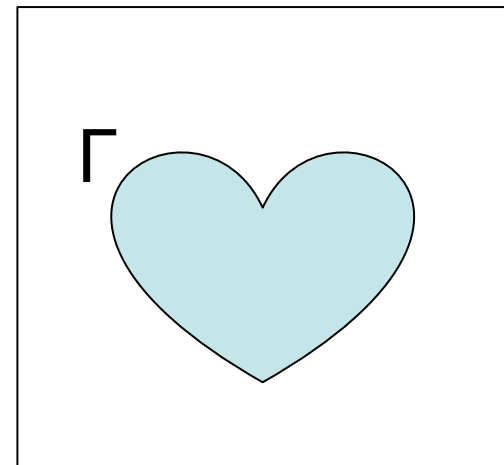
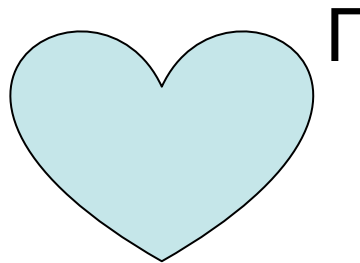


# Immersed Boundary Method

- Immerse the heart into a rectangular box
- The NSE are defined on the entire box!
- The boundary condition is treated as a source distribution (Dirac delta function)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u \right) + \nabla p = \nabla \cdot \mu (\nabla u + \nabla u^T) + \int_{\Gamma} f(s) \delta(x - X(s)) ds + g$$

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0, \quad \frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = u(X(s), Y(s), t)$$



# A REU Project, 2010, NCSU

- IB (smoothing + discrete Delta function) may not converge for the following

$$(\beta u')' = C\delta(x - \alpha) + \bar{C}\delta'(x - \alpha)$$

$$u(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = 0$$

- **QUESTION III: *What is the solution or the jump conditions for***

$$(\beta u')' = C\delta(x) + \bar{C}\delta'(x)$$

$$\text{linear BC at } x=0, \quad u(1) = 0?$$

- *Derived* the jump conditions; *Defined* (consistent) **weak solution**; *Derived* relation of the weak solution with the **boundary conditions**; *Confirmed* theoretical results with numerical implementation.

# IIM in 1D, simple case

□ Equations: 
$$u'' = f(x) + C\delta(x - \alpha)$$

$$u(0) = u_a \quad u(1) = u_b$$

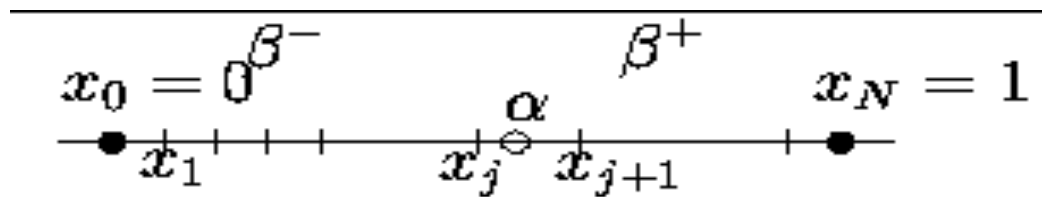
□ Or

$$u'' = f(x), \quad x \in (0, \alpha) \cup (\alpha, 1)$$

$$u(\alpha+) = u(\alpha-), \quad u'(\alpha+) = u'(\alpha-) + C$$

$$u(0) = u_a \quad u(1) = u_b$$

□ A uniform grid:



# IIM in 1D, simple case

- Finite difference scheme: *One finite difference equation at **every interior** grid point*
- Regular grid: Standard central scheme

$$\frac{U_{i-1} - 2U_i + U_{i+1}}{h^2} = f(x_i), \quad x_j \leq \alpha < x_{j+1}$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, j-1, j+1, \dots, n-1.$$

$$\frac{U_{j-1} - 2U_j + U_{j+1}}{h^2} = f(x_j) + C_j$$

$$\frac{U_j - 2U_{j+1} + U_{j+2}}{h^2} = f(x_{j+1}) + C_{j+1}$$

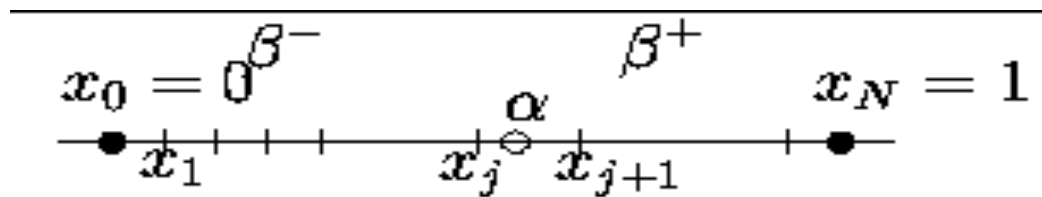


# IIM for 1D problem & Analysis

□ Equations:  $(\beta u')' = f(x) + C\delta(x - \alpha)$   
 $u(0) = u_a \quad u(1) = u_b$

□ Or  $(\beta u')' = f(x), \quad x \in (0, \alpha) \cup (\alpha, 1)$   
 $u(\alpha+) = u(\alpha-), \quad \beta^+ u'(\alpha+) = \beta^- u'(\alpha-) + C$   
 $u(0) = u_a \quad u(1) = u_b$

□ A uniform grid:



# IIM for 1D problem, II

□ Finite difference scheme: *One finite difference equation at **every interior** grid point*

➤ Regular grid: Standard central scheme

$$\frac{\beta_{i-1/2}U_{i-1} - (\beta_{i-1/2} + \beta_{i+1/2})U_i + \beta_{i+1/2}U_{i+1}}{h^2} = f(x_i)$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, j-1, j+1, \dots, n-1.$$

➤ Irregular grid points,  $x_j$  and  $x_{j+1}$

## Derive FD at the two irregular grid points

□ FD scheme:

$$\gamma_{j-1}U_{j-1} + \gamma_j U_j + \gamma_{j+1}U_{j+1} = f_j + C_j$$

□ Determine the coefficients and the correction term

□ Interface relations:  $\gamma_{j-1}, \gamma_j, \gamma_{j+1}, C_j$

$$u^+ = u^-, \quad u_x^+ = \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_x^- + C, \quad u_{xx}^+ = \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_{xx}^-$$

# Derive FD at the irregular grid point, II

- Undetermined coefficient method to minimize the *local truncation error* at  $\alpha$

$$T_j = \gamma_{j-1}u(x_{j-1}) + \gamma_j u(x_j) + \gamma_{j+1}u(x_{j+1}) - f_j - C_j$$

$$u(x_{j-1}) = u^- + u_x^- (x_{j-1} - \alpha) + \frac{(x_{j-1} - \alpha)^2}{2} u_{xx}^- + O(h^3)$$

$$u(x_j) = u^- + u_x^- (x_j - \alpha) + \frac{(x_j - \alpha)^2}{2} u_{xx}^- + O(h^3)$$

$$u(x_{j+1}) = u^+ + u_x^+ (x_{j+1} - \alpha) + \frac{(x_{j+1} - \alpha)^2}{2} u_{xx}^+ + O(h^3)$$

$$= u^- + \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_x^- (x_{j+1} - \alpha) + \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} \frac{(x_{j+1} - \alpha)^2}{2} u_{xx}^- + O(h^3)$$

# FD at the irregular grid point, III

- Taylor Expansion + interface relations + undetermined coefficient method

$$\begin{aligned}
T_j &= \gamma_{j-1}u(x_{j-1}) + \gamma_j u(x_j) + \gamma_{j+1}u(x_{j+1}) - f_j - C_j \\
&= \gamma_{j-1}(u^- + u_x^-(x_{j-1} - \alpha) + \frac{(x_{j-1} - \alpha)^2}{2}u_{xx}^- + O(h^3)) \\
&\quad + \gamma_j(u^- + u_x^-(x_j - \alpha) + \frac{(x_j - \alpha)^2}{2}u_{xx}^-) + \gamma_{j+1}\frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+}C(x_{j+1} - \alpha) \\
&\quad + \gamma_{j+1}(u^- + \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+}u_x^-(x_{j+1} - \alpha) + \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+}\frac{(x_{j+1} - \alpha)^2}{2}u_{xx}^-) - f_j - C_j \\
&= u^-(\gamma_{j-1} + \gamma_{j-1} + \gamma_{j+1}) + u_x^-(\gamma_{j-1}(x_{j-1} - \alpha) + \gamma_j(x_j - \alpha) \\
&\quad + \gamma_{j+1}\frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+}(x_{j+1} - \alpha)) + u_{xx}^-(\gamma_{j-1}\frac{(x_{j-1} - \alpha)^2}{2} + \gamma_j\frac{(x_j - \alpha)^2}{2} + \\
&\quad \gamma_{j+1}\frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+}\frac{(x_{j+1} - \alpha)^2}{2}) - f_j - C_j
\end{aligned}$$

# Set-up equation

□ The linear system for the coefficients:

$$\gamma_{j-1} + \gamma_j + \gamma_{j+1} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{j-1}(x_{j-1} - \alpha) + \gamma_j(x_j - \alpha) + \gamma_{j+1} \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} (x_{j+1} - \alpha) = 0$$

$$\gamma_{j-1} \frac{(x_{j-1} - \alpha)^2}{2} + \gamma_j \frac{(x_j - \alpha)^2}{2} + \gamma_{j+1} \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} \frac{(x_{j+1} - \alpha)^2}{2} = \beta^-$$

□ The correction term is

$$C_j = C \gamma_{j+1} \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} (x_{j+1} - \alpha)$$

# FD Scheme at irregular grid points

- It has been proved that if  $\beta^- \beta^+ > 0$  then the solution exists and unique.

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_{j,1} = (\beta^- - [\beta](x_j - \alpha)/h)/D_j, \\ \gamma_{j,2} = (-2\beta^- + [\beta](x_{j-1} - \alpha)/h)/D_j, \\ \gamma_{j,3} = \beta^+/D_j, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_{j+1,1} = \beta^-/D_{j+1}, \\ \gamma_{j+1,2} = (-2\beta^+ + [\beta](x_{j+2} - \alpha)/h)/D_{j+1}, \\ \gamma_{j+1,3} = (\beta^+ - [\beta](x_{j+1} - \alpha)/h)/D_{j+1}, \end{cases}$$

$$D_j = h^2 + [\beta](x_{j-1} - \alpha)(x_j - \alpha)/2\beta^-, \quad D_{j+1} = h^2 - [\beta](x_{j+2} - \alpha)(x_{j+1} - \alpha)/2\beta^+$$

# Theoretical Results

- The scheme is ***consistent*** and ***stable***.
- The scheme is ***2-nd accurate*** in the infinity norm (point-wise)
- No interface: back to the normal center FD scheme
- No delta function ( $C=0$ ), then correction term is zero.
- If  $\beta^+ = \beta^-$  then we have standard FD coefficients, only correction term!



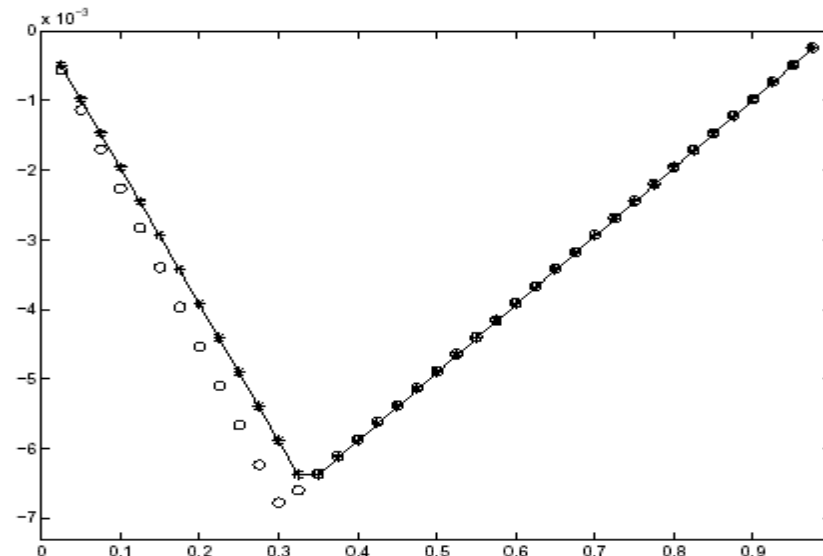
# An example and Comparison

□ Eqn:  $(\beta u')' = \delta(x - \alpha), u(0) = 0, u(1) = 0$

□ Exact soln:  $u(x) = \begin{cases} Bx(1-\alpha) \\ B\alpha(1-x) \end{cases} \quad B = \frac{1}{\beta^+ \alpha + \beta^- (1-\alpha)}$

□ IIM exact

□ Smoothing +  
discrete Delta



# Error Estimates

□ The determinant of the FD coefficient matrix satisfies

$$\det(A) = \begin{cases} CD_j & \text{If } \beta \text{ is piecewise constant} \\ C(D_j + O(h^3)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$D_j = h^2 + [\beta](x_{j-1} - \alpha)(x_{j-1} - \alpha) / (2\beta^-) \geq h^2$$

$$\frac{\bar{C}}{h^2} \leq \gamma_k \leq \frac{C}{h^2} \quad C = \frac{2\beta_{\max}^2}{\beta_{\min}}, \quad \bar{C} = \frac{2\beta_{\min}^2}{\beta_{\max}}$$

$$T_i = O(h^2), \quad T_j = O(h), \quad T_{j+1} = O(h), \quad \|E\|_{\infty} = O(h^2).$$

# 1D example II

□ Many examples:

<http://www4.ncsu.edu/~zhilin/IIM/index.html>

□ Natural jump condition:

$$(\beta u')' = 12x^2, \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = \frac{1}{\beta^+} + \left( \frac{1}{\beta^-} - \frac{1}{\beta^+} \right) \alpha^4$$

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^4}{\beta^-} & 0 < x < \alpha \\ \frac{x^4}{\beta^+} + \left( \frac{1}{\beta^-} - \frac{1}{\beta^+} \right) \alpha^4 & \alpha < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

# 1D example II

## □ Discontinuous coefficients only:

**Table 2.1.** *A grid refinement analysis of IIM and harmonic averaging (HV) for Example 2.2 with  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,  $\beta^- = 1$ ,  $\beta^+ = 2$ . Second order convergence in the infinity is verified.*

$M$	$\ E_M\ _\infty(IIM)$	ratio1/order1	ratio2	$\ E_M\ _\infty(HV)$	ratio3
20	$2.6285^{-4}$			$5.0683^{-4}$	
40	$5.3523^{-5}$	4.9110 (2.2960)		$1.2787^{-4}$	3.9634
80	$1.5980^{-5}$	3.3493 (1.7439)	16.4485	$3.1842^{-5}$	4.0161
160	$3.3802^{-6}$	4.7276 (2.2411)	15.8342	$7.9779^{-6}$	3.9912
320	$9.9130^{-7}$	3.4099 (1.7697)	16.1206	$1.9923^{-6}$	4.0043
640	$2.1176^{-7}$	4.6811 (2.2268)	15.9622	$4.9835^{-7}$	3.9978

# Regular FD $\rightarrow$ IB $\rightarrow$ IIM

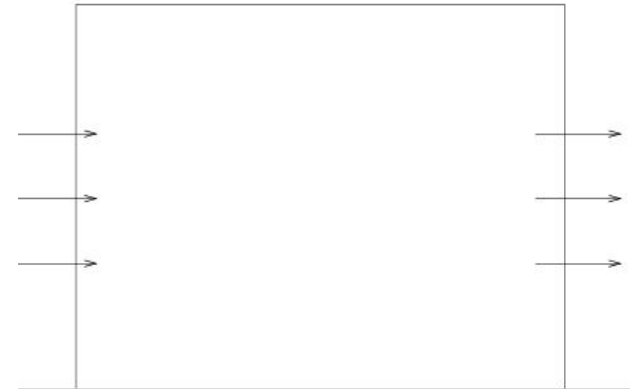
- Regular domain (rectangular, circles,..), no interface/singularity

$$\Delta u = f(x)$$

BC (e.g. Dirichlet, Neuman, Mixed)

- The FD scheme at  $(x_i, y_j)$

$$\frac{u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j}}{h^2} = L_h u_{i,j} = f_{ij}$$



- **$AU=F$** ;  **$A$** : Discrete Laplacian. Can be solved by a fast Poisson solver (e.g.  **$FFT$** ,  $O(N^2)\log(N)$ ), e.g., Fish-pack, or structured multigrid

# Poisson Eqn. with singular sources

- Interface problems, simplified *Peskin's IB* model

$$\Delta u = f(x) + \int_{\Gamma} c(s) \delta(x - X(s)) ds + g$$

BC (e.g., Dirichlet, Neuman, Mixed)

- *Equivalent Problem*

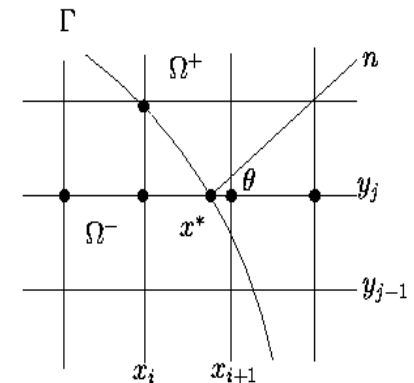
$$\Delta u = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega \setminus \Gamma, \quad [u]_{\Gamma} = 0, \quad [\nabla u \cdot n]_{\Gamma} = \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \right]_{\Gamma} = C(s)$$

BC (e.g., Dirichlet, Neuman, Mixed)

- FD scheme  $(x_i, y_j)$ , regular/irregular

$$\frac{u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j}}{h^2} = L_h u_{i,j} = f_{ij}$$

$$\frac{u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j}}{h^2} = L_h u_{i,j} = f_{ij} + C_{ij}$$



# Analysis of IB Method

- It is inconsistent! The local truncation error is  $O(1/h)$ !

$$\Delta u = f(x) + \int_{\Gamma} c(s) \delta(x - X(s)) ds + g$$

BC (e.g., Dirichlet, Neuman, Mixed)

$$\frac{u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j} + u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1} - 4u_{i,j}}{h^2} = L_h u_{i,j} = f_{ij} + C_{ij}$$

$$C_{ij} = \sum_k C_k \delta_h(x_i - X_k) \delta_h(y_j - Y_k) \Delta s_k$$

- But it is first order convergent in the infinity norm!
- Rigorous proof by Z. Li, MathCom, 2014, in press
  - Obtain estimates of discrete Green with zero BC (function and their derivatives)!
  - Using the imaging technique to construct the Green function with the Green function in the entire space
  - Construct interpolation functions  $C^1Q^5$  and  $C^2Q^5$
  - Modified first and second discrete Green's theorem

# IIM for a 2D Model Problem

□ Two equivalent forms

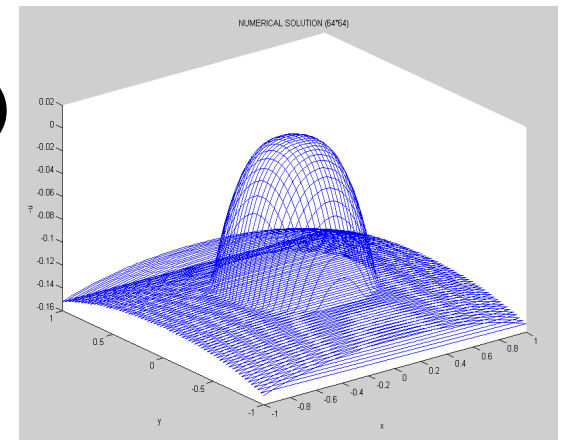
$$-\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = f(x) + \int_{\Gamma} c(s) \delta(x - X(s)) ds$$

$$\iint_{\Omega} \beta \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} f v dx dy + \int_{\Gamma} c(s) v(X(s)) ds$$

➤ Equation on each domain coupled with the jump conditions

$$[u] = 0, \text{ or } [u] = w(s) \quad [\beta \nabla u \cdot n] = v(s)$$

□ Solution is not smooth or even discontinuous!





# IIM for Singular Source

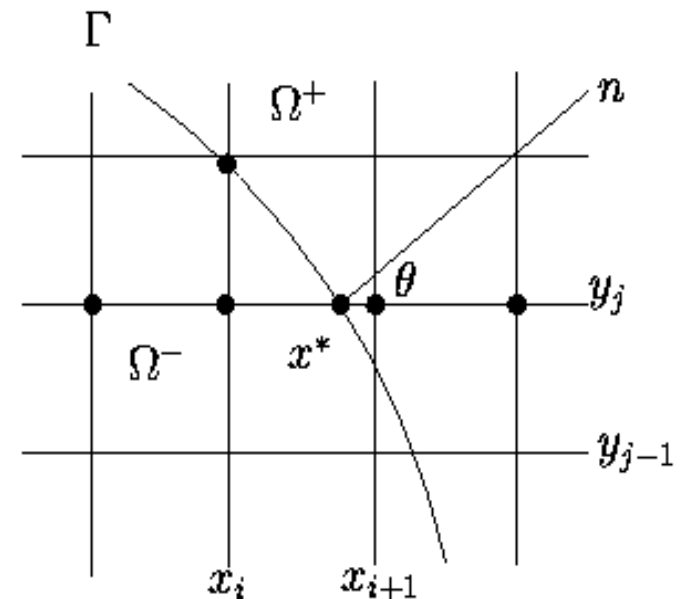
- $[\beta]=0$ , i.e. continuous coefficient

$$-\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = f(x) + \int_{\Gamma} v(s) \delta(x - X(s)) ds$$

$$[u] = w(s), \quad [\nabla u \cdot n] = v(s)$$

- Finite difference scheme (correction term only), one FFT

$$L_h u_{i,j} = f_{ij} + C_{ij}$$



# Outline of IIM (Finite Difference)

- Simple Cartesian/adaptive Cartesian grids
- FD (algebraic) eqn at every grid point
  - Standard FD scheme away from the interface

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\beta u_x)_x + (\beta u_y)_y \approx \\
 \frac{1}{h^2} \{ \beta_{i+1/2,j} (U_{i+1,j} - U_{ij}) - \beta_{i-1/2,j} (U_{ij} - U_{i-1,j}) \\
 + \beta_{i,j+1/2} (U_{i,j+1} - U_{ij}) - \beta_{i,j-1/2} (U_{ij} - U_{i,j-1}) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

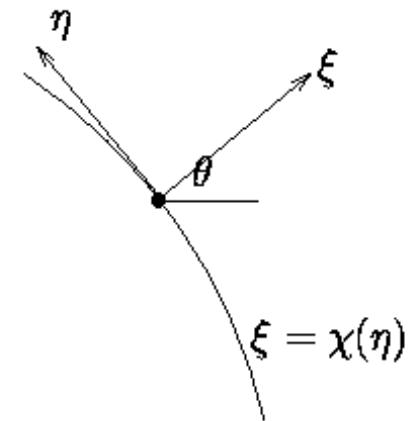
- **Modified FD scheme at grid points near or on the interface**

# Key steps of IIM

- **Un-determined coefficient method** at grid point near/on the interface

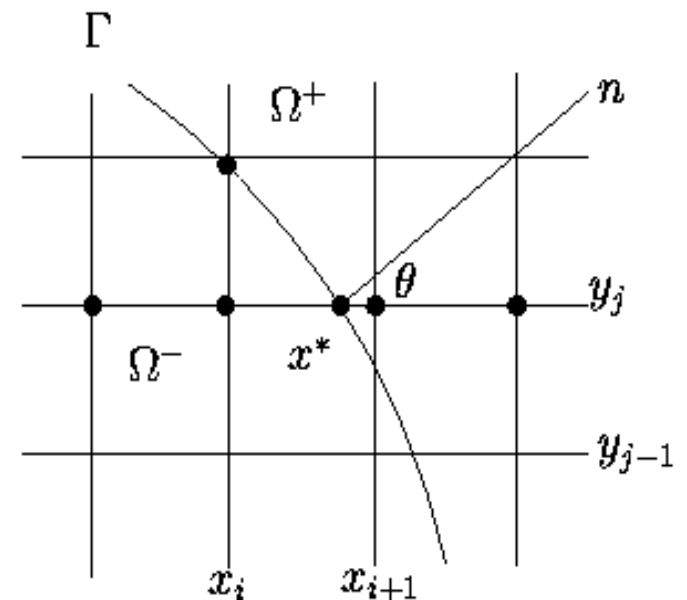
$$(\beta u_x)_x + (\beta u_y)_y \approx \sum_k^{n_g} \gamma_k u(x_{i+i_k}, y_{j+j_k}) + C_{ij}$$

- Expand  $\quad$  at  $\quad$  on the interface from **each side!**
- **Use jump conditions** to eliminate the quantities of one side in terms of the other
- Easier to do in the **local coordinates**



# Set-up a system for FD coefficients

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{ (\beta u_x)_x + (\beta u_y)_y \}^- = \{ (\beta u_\xi)_\xi + (\beta u_\eta)_\eta \}^- \\
 & = \sum_k^{n_s} \gamma_k u(x_{i+i_k}, y_{j+j_k}) + C_{ij} \\
 & = \sum_k^{n_s} \gamma_k \left\{ u^\pm + \xi_k u_\xi^\pm + \eta_k u_\eta^\pm + \dots \right\} + C_{ij} \\
 & \quad ( )^+ = ( )^- \quad \& \text{ collect terms} \\
 & = l_1(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) u^- + l_2(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) u_\xi^- \\
 & \quad + l_3(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) u_\eta^- + l_4(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) u_{\xi\xi}^- \\
 & \quad + l_5(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) u_{\eta\eta}^- + l_6(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) u_{\xi\eta}^- \\
 & \quad + l_7(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}, [u], [\beta u_n]) + C_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$



# Interface Relations

□ For homogeneous jump conditions, we get:

$$u^+ = u^- \quad \text{known}$$

$$u_\eta^+ = u_\eta^-$$

$$u_\xi^+ = \rho u_\xi^-; \quad \rho = \beta^- / \beta^+; \quad \text{known}$$

$$u_{\xi\eta}^+ = \rho u_{\xi\eta}^- + (1 - \rho) u_\eta^- \chi''$$

$$u_{\eta\eta}^+ = u_{\eta\eta}^- + (1 - \rho) u_\xi^- \chi''$$

$$u_{\xi\xi}^+ = \rho u_{\xi\xi}^- + (\rho - 1) u_{\eta\eta}^- + (\rho - 1) u_\xi^- \chi''.$$

□ It depends on the **curvature!**

# Set-up a system for FD coefficients

$$l_1(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) = 0; \quad l_2(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) = \beta_\xi^-;$$

$$l_3(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) = \beta_\eta^-; \quad l_4(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) = \beta^-;$$

$$l_5(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) = \beta^-; \quad l_6(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n_s}) = 0.$$

□ How many points in the stencil?

- ns=6, original IIM
- ns=5, 1-st order maximum principle preserving
- ns=9, 2-nd order maximum principle preserving

# Stability: Maximum principle preserving IIM

- Add *maximum principle constraint*

$$\gamma_k \geq 0, \quad \text{if } (i_k, j_k) \neq (0, 0),$$

$$\gamma_k < 0, \quad \text{if } (i_k, j_k) = (0, 0), \text{ the center}$$

- Set-up an optimization problem:

$$\min_{\gamma} \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (\gamma_k - g_k)^2 = \min_{\gamma} \frac{1}{2} \gamma^T H \gamma - \gamma^T g$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} \gamma = b, \quad \gamma_k \geq 0, \quad \text{if } (i_k, j_k) \neq (0, 0),$$

$$\gamma_k < 0, \quad \text{if } (i_k, j_k) = (0, 0), \text{ the center}$$

# Maximum principal preserving IIM

- ns=9, nine-point stencil
- Correction term:
- Strictly *theoretical proof* of 2-nd order accuracy in infinity norm
- Zero jumps, zero correction (C = 0).
- No discontinuity in the coefficient (**[β]=0**)., standard FD scheme of 5-point stencil (-->**FFT**)

$$\frac{U_{i-1,j} + U_{i+1,j} + U_{i,j-1} + U_{i,j+1} - 4U_{i,j}}{h^2} = f_{ij} + C_{ij}$$



# Convergence Analysis

**Lemma 3.2.** *Given a finite difference scheme  $L_h$  defined on a discrete set of interior points  $J_\Omega$  for an elliptic PDE with a Dirichlet boundary condition. Assume the following conditions hold:*

1.  $J_\Omega$  can be partitioned into a number of disjoint regions

$$J_\Omega = J_1 \cup J_2 \cup J_3 \cdots \cup J_{N_\Omega}, \quad J_i \cap J_k = \emptyset, \quad \text{if } i \neq k. \quad (3.36)$$

2. The truncation error of the finite difference scheme at a grid point  $p$  satisfies

$$|T_p| \leq T_i, \quad \forall p \in J_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N_\Omega. \quad (3.37)$$

3. There exists a non-negative mesh function  $\phi$  defined on  $\cup_{i=1}^s J_i$  satisfying

$$L_h \phi_p \geq C_i > 0, \quad \forall p \in J_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N_\Omega. \quad (3.38)$$

Then the global error of the approximate solution  $\{U_{ij}\}$  from the finite difference scheme at mesh points is bounded by

$$\|E_h\|_\infty \leq \left( \max_{A \in J_{\partial\Omega}} \phi_A \right) \max_{1 \leq i \leq N_\Omega} \left\{ \frac{T_i}{C_i} \right\}, \quad (3.39)$$

where  $E_h$  is the difference of the exact solution of the differential equation and the approximate solution of the finite difference equations at the mesh points, and  $J_{\partial\Omega}$  is the set that contains the boundary points.

# Convergence Analysis

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $u(x, y)$  be the exact solution to (3.1) and (3.2a)-(3.2b) with  $\sigma \geq 0$ , and a Dirichlet boundary condition. Assume that: (1). The optimization problem (3.25)-(3.26) with the constraints (3.20) using the standard compact 9-point stencil has a solution  $\{\gamma_k\}$  at every irregular grid points; (2). The solution  $u(x, y)$  has up to third order piecewise continuous partial derivatives; (3). The mesh spacing  $h$  is sufficiently small; (4). The following inequalities are true:*

$$|\gamma_k| \leq \frac{C_1}{h^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\xi_k \geq 0} \gamma_k \xi_k \geq \frac{C_2}{h}. \quad (3.40)$$

*Then we have the following error estimate for  $\{U_{ij}\}$ , the solution of the finite difference scheme obtained from the maximum principle immersed interface method*

$$\|u(x_i, y_j) - U_{ij}\|_{\infty} \leq Ch^2, \quad (3.41)$$

*where the constant  $C$  depend on the underlying grid and interface, as well as  $u$ ,  $f$ , and  $\beta$ .*

# Convergence Analysis

**Proof:** Consider the solution to the following interface problem

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \beta \nabla \phi &= 1, \\ [\phi] &= 0, \quad [\beta \phi_{\mathbf{n}}] = 1, \quad \phi_{\partial\Omega} = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.42)$$

From the results in [11, 44], we know that the solution  $\phi$  exists, and it is unique and piecewise continuous. Therefore the solution is also bounded. Let

$$\bar{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x, y) + \left| \min_{(x, y) \in \Omega} \phi(x, y) \right|. \quad (3.43)$$

Note that the second term in the right hand side is a constant. If (3.40) is true, then we know that

$$L_h \bar{\phi}(x_i, y_j) \geq \begin{cases} 1 + O(h^2), & \text{if } (x_i, y_j) \text{ is a regular grid point,} \\ \sum_{\xi_k > 0} \gamma_k \xi_k \geq \frac{C_2}{h} + O(1), & \text{if } (x_i, y_j) \text{ is an irregular grid point.} \end{cases}$$

the first inequality above still holds. At regular grid points we have

$$\frac{|T_{ij}|}{L_h \bar{\phi}(x_i, y_j)} \leq \frac{C_3 h^2}{1}.$$

At irregular grid points where (3.40) is satisfied, we have

$$\frac{|T_{ij}|}{L_h \bar{\phi}(x_i, y_j)} \leq \frac{C_4 h}{C_2/h} = \frac{C_4}{C_2} h^2$$

# A benchmark example

- Variable & discontinuous coefficients, singular source

$$\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = f(x) + \int_{\Gamma} C \delta(x - X(s)) ds$$

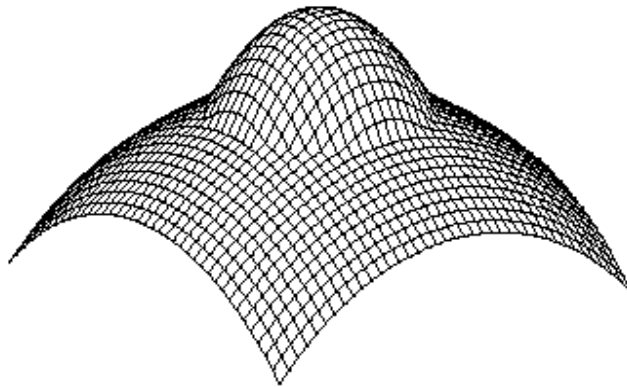
$$f(x, y) = 8(x^2 + y^2) + 4$$

$$\beta(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + 1, & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1/4 \\ b & \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2, & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1/4 \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{8b} - \frac{1}{b}\right)/4 + \left(\frac{r^4}{2} + r^2\right)/b + C \log(2r)/b & \end{cases}$$

# An Example

(a)



(b)

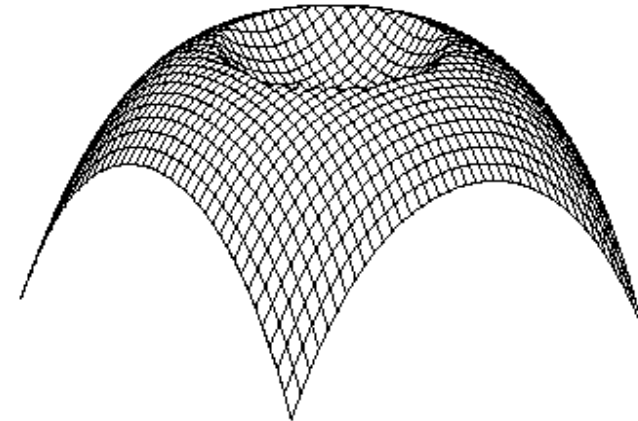


Figure 2.5: The solutions for Example 2.2. (a) The function  $u$  for the case  $b = 10$ ,  $C = 0.1$ . (b) The function  $-u$  in the case  $b = -3$ ,  $C = 0.1$ .

# An Example: grid refinement analysis

**Table 3.1.** *A grid refinement analysis of the maximum principle preserving scheme for Example 3.1 with  $b = 10$ ,  $C = 0.1$ , and  $N_{coarse} = 6$ . Average second order convergence is confirmed.*

$N_{finest}$	$N_b$	$n_l$	$\ E_N\ _\infty$	order
42	40	4	$4.8638e 10^{-4}$	
82	80	5	$1.4476e 10^{-4}$	1.7484
162	160	6	$3.0120 10^{-5}$	2.2649
322	320	7	$8.2255 10^{-6}$	1.8726
642	640	8	$2.0599 10^{-6}$	1.9975

# An Example: grid refinement analysis

**Table 3.2.** A grid refinement analysis of the maximum principle preserving scheme for Example 3.1 with  $N_{coarse} = 9$ . Second order convergence is confirmed.

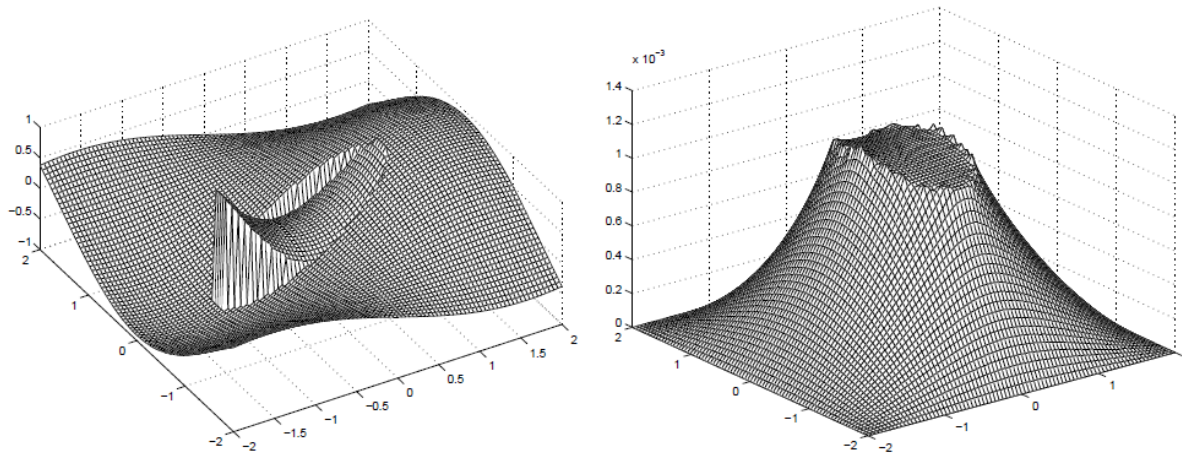
$N_{finest}$	$N_b$	$n_l$	$b = 1000, C = 0.1$		$b = 0.001, C = 0.1$	
			$\ E_N\ _\infty$	order	$\ E_N\ _\infty$	order
34	40	3	$5.1361 \cdot 10^{-4}$		9.3464	
66	80	4	$8.2345 \cdot 10^{-5}$	2.7598	2.0055	2.3204
130	160	5	$1.8687 \cdot 10^{-5}$	2.1878	$5.8084 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1.8280
258	320	6	$4.0264 \cdot 10^{-6}$	2.2394	$1.3741 \cdot 10^{-1}$	2.1031
514	640	7	$9.430 \cdot 10^{-7}$	2.1059	$3.5800 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.9514



# Discontinuous Solution

$$\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u) = f(x) + \int_{\Gamma} C \delta(x - X(s)) ds$$

$$u(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 - y^2, & \text{if } x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 1 \\ \sin(x) \cos(y) & \end{cases}$$



**Figure 3.3.** (a). The solution of Example 3.2 with jumps in the solution as well as in the normal derivative. The parameters are  $\beta^+ = 1$ ,  $\beta^- = 100$ , and  $N_{finest} = 82$ . (b). The error plot with the same parameters. The error distribution is better than that obtained from the six-point immersed interface method.

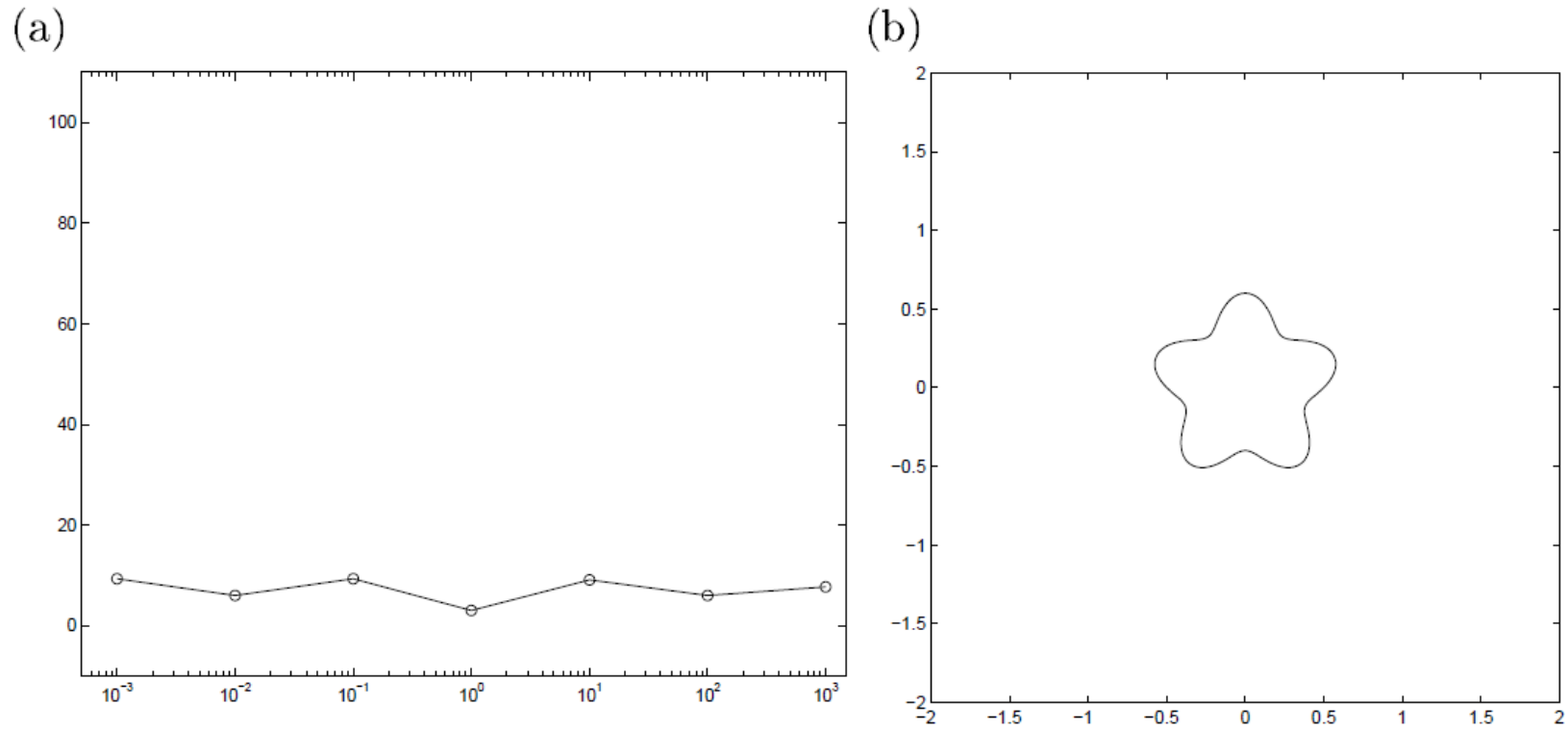


# A grid refinement analysis

**Table 3.3.** *A grid refinement analysis of maximum principle preserving scheme for Example 3.2 with  $N_{coarse} = 9$ , average second order convergence is confirmed.*

$N_{finest}$	$N_b$	$n_l$	$\beta^+ = 1000, \beta^- = 1$		$\beta^+ = 1, \beta^- = 1000$	
			$\ E_N\ _\infty$	order	$\ E_N\ _\infty$	order
34	40	3	$1.8322 \cdot 10^{-1}$		$8.0733 \cdot 10^{-3}$	
66	80	4	$3.5224 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5.9574	$3.0371 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.4739
130	160	5	$4.5814 \cdot 10^{-5}$	3.0090	$7.1981 \cdot 10^{-4}$	2.1238
258	320	6	$1.4240 \cdot 10^{-5}$	1.7049	$1.6876 \cdot 10^{-4}$	2.1162
514	640	7	$3.1501 \cdot 10^{-6}$	2.1887	$2.7407 \cdot 10^{-5}$	2.6371

# Algorithm, efficiency analysis



**Figure 3.4.** (a). A plot of percentage of the CPU time used for dealing with interfaces versus  $\log(\beta^+ / \beta^-)$ . The axes are about  $[10^{-3}, 10^3] \times [0, 100]$ .

# Algorithm, efficiency analysis

**Table 3.4.** *The CPU time for Example 3.2 with different parameters using an IBM SP2 machine. The outputs vary with machines.*

$N_{finest}$	$N_b$	$n_l$	$N_{coarse}$	$\beta^-$	$\beta^+$	CPU time (s)
$130 \times 130$	160	5	9	10	1	0.03
$258 \times 258$	320	6	9	1	1	0.03
$258 \times 258$	320	6	9	1	100	0.05
$258 \times 258$	320	6	9	1	10000	0.06
$258 \times 258$	320	6	9	100	1	0.06
$258 \times 258$	320	6	9	10000	1	3.29
$514 \times 514$	640	7	9	1	1000	0.15
$514 \times 514$	640	7	9	1000	1	0.35

# IIM in 3D

- IIM in 3D (Li, Deng, Ito) using a level set representation

$$\Delta u = f(x) + \int_{\Gamma(s_1, s_2)} v(s_1, s_2) \delta(x - X(s_1, s_2)) ds$$

$$[u] = w(s_1, s_2), \quad [\nabla u \cdot n] = v(s_1, s_2)$$

- A regular grid point: standard central 7-point stencil

$$\sum_m^{n_s} \gamma_m U_{i+i_m, j+j_m, k+k_m} - \sigma_{ijk} U_{ijk} = f_{ijk} + C_{ijk},$$

$$\gamma_{i\pm 1, j, k} = \frac{\beta_{i\pm 1/2, j, k}}{h^2}, \quad \gamma_{i, j\pm 1, k} = \frac{\beta_{i, j\pm 1/2, k}}{h^2},$$

$$\gamma_{i, j, k\pm 1} = \frac{\beta_{i, j, k\pm 1/2}}{h^2},$$

$$\gamma_{i, j, k} = - \left( \sum \gamma_{i\pm 1, j, k} + \sum \gamma_{i, j\pm 1, k} + \sum \gamma_{i, j, k\pm 1} \right),$$

# IIM in 3D, at an irregular grid

## □ A local coordinates

$$\begin{cases} \xi = (x - X) \alpha_{x\xi} + (y - Y) \alpha_{y\xi} + (z - Z) \alpha_{z\xi} \\ \eta = (x - X) \alpha_{x\eta} + (y - Y) \alpha_{y\eta} + (z - Z) \alpha_{z\eta} \\ \tau = (x - X) \alpha_{x\tau} + (y - Y) \alpha_{y\tau} + (z - Z) \alpha_{z\tau}, \end{cases}$$

## □ cosines computed from level set function

$$\xi = \frac{\nabla\varphi}{|\nabla\varphi|} = (\varphi_x, \varphi_y, \varphi_z)^T / \sqrt{\varphi_x^2 + \varphi_y^2 + \varphi_z^2},$$

$$\eta = (\varphi_y, -\varphi_x, 0)^T / \sqrt{\varphi_x^2 + \varphi_y^2},$$

$$\tau = \frac{\mathbf{s}}{|\mathbf{s}|}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{s} = (\varphi_x\varphi_z, \varphi_y\varphi_z, -\varphi_x^2 - \varphi_y^2)^T.$$

# IIM in 3D, at an irregular grid

- Interface relations:
  - 2 given
  - 8 derived
- The rest process is the same
  - Need surface derivatives of jumps

$$\begin{aligned}
 u^+ &= u^- + w, \\
 u_\xi^+ &= \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_\xi^- + \frac{v}{\beta^+}, \\
 u_\eta^+ &= u_\eta^- + w_\eta, \\
 u_\tau^+ &= u_\tau^- + w_\tau, \\
 u_{\eta\tau}^+ &= u_{\eta\tau}^- + (u_\xi^- - u_\xi^+) \chi_{\eta\tau} + w_{\eta\tau}, \\
 u_{\eta\eta}^+ &= u_{\eta\eta}^- + (u_\xi^- - u_\xi^+) \chi_{\eta\eta} + w_{\eta\eta}, \\
 u_{\tau\tau}^+ &= u_{\tau\tau}^- + (u_\xi^- - u_\xi^+) \chi_{\tau\tau} + w_{\tau\tau}, \\
 u_{\xi\eta}^+ &= \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_{\xi\eta}^- + \left( u_\eta^+ - \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_\eta^- \right) \chi_{\eta\eta} + \left( u_\tau^+ - \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_\tau^- \right) \chi_{\eta\tau} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\beta_0^-}{\beta^+} u_\xi^- - \frac{\beta_\eta^+}{\beta^+} u_\xi^+ + \frac{v_\eta}{\beta^+}, \\
 u_{\xi\tau}^+ &= \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_{\xi\tau}^- + \left( u_\eta^+ - \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_\eta^- \right) \chi_{\eta\tau} + \left( u_\tau^+ - \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_\tau^- \right) \chi_{\tau\tau} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\beta_\tau^-}{\beta^+} u_\xi^- - \frac{\beta_\tau^+}{\beta^+} u_\xi^+ + \frac{v_\tau}{\beta^+}, \\
 u_{\xi\xi}^+ &= \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} u_{\xi\xi}^- + \left( \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} - 1 \right) u_{\eta\eta}^- + \left( \frac{\beta^-}{\beta^+} - 1 \right) u_{\tau\tau}^- + \\
 &\quad u_\xi^+ \left( \chi_{\eta\eta} + \chi_{\tau\tau} - \frac{\beta_\xi^+}{\beta^+} \right) - u_\xi^- \left( \chi_{\eta\eta} + \chi_{\tau\tau} - \frac{\beta_\xi^-}{\beta^+} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\beta^+} (\beta_0^- u_0^- - \beta_\eta^+ u_\eta^+) + \frac{1}{\beta^+} (\beta_\tau^- u_\tau^- - \beta_\tau^+ u_\tau^+) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\beta^+} ([\sigma] u^- - \sigma^+ [u]) + \frac{[f]}{\beta^+} - w_{\eta\eta} - w_{\tau\tau}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# IIM in 3D, an example

□ Exact soln:

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} r^2, & \text{if } r \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ (1 - \frac{1}{8b} - \frac{1}{b})/4 + (\frac{r^4}{2} + r^2)/b + C \log(2r)/b, & \text{if } r > \frac{1}{2}, \end{cases}$$

$$\beta = \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 1, & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1 \\ b, & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 > 1 \end{cases}$$

N	b = 1		b = 10		b = 1000	
	$\ E_N\ _\infty$	ratio	$\ E_N\ _\infty$	ratio	$\ E_N\ _\infty$	ratio
26	$1.247 \times 10^{-3}$		$1.525 \times 10^{-3}$		$3.485 \times 10^{-3}$	
52	$3.979 \times 10^{-4}$	3.134	$5.240 \times 10^{-4}$	2.910	$1.111 \times 10^{-3}$	3.137
104	$9.592 \times 10^{-5}$	4.148	$1.010 \times 10^{-4}$	5.188	$1.605 \times 10^{-4}$	6.922

# IIM in 3D, example of multi-connected domain

where

$$S_1(x, y, z) = (x - 0.2)^2 + 2(y - 0.2)^2 + z^2 - 0.01,$$

$$S_2(x, y, z) = 3(x + 0.2)^2 + (y + 0.2)^2 + z^2 - 0.01.$$

**Table 4.2.** A grid refinement analysis for the multi-connected domain with  $M = N = L$ .

$N$	$\beta^+ = 1, \beta^- = 1$		$\beta^+ = 1000, \beta^- = 1$	
	$\ E_N\ _\infty$	ratio	$\ E_N\ _\infty$	ratio
52	$3.108 \times 10^{-2}$		$2.032 \times 10^{-2}$	
104	$6.758 \times 10^{-3}$	4.599	$4.771 \times 10^{-3}$	4.259

**Table 4.3.** Comparison of the CPU time (in seconds) of the SOR method and the AMG method with  $M = N = L$ .

$N$	Example 3.1 in 3D ( $b = 10^7$ )		Multi-connected domain ( $\beta^+ = 10^4, \beta^- = 1$ )	
	SOR	AMG	SOR	AMG
20	0.21	1.57	0.06	0.83
40	27.51	25.56	29.62	13.89
80	1410.54	265.26	1464.57	265.84