Selected Topics in Applied Mathematics

Applied and Comp Math 990

Section: G100

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Discussion Topics: The immersed boundary (or IB) method is a very popular numerical approach for solving fluid-structure interaction problems involving an elastic, deformable surface or solid body immersed within a viscous, incompressible fluid. It has been shown to be practical and efficient particularly for problems in biofluid dynamics where the solid body has a complex geometry and possibly also time- or flow-dependent material parameters.

This course will place a roughly equal emphasis on: (1) theoretical aspects, including a rigorous derivation of the governing equations and a study of approximate analytical solutions and their underlying properties; and (2) computational aspects, introducing a simple finite difference approximation of the governing equations and applying the method to the study of practical problems from biology and engineering.

Topics include: incompressible flow and Navier-Stokes equations (NSEs); IB model equations; properties of the Dirac delta function; approximate analytical solutions and stability analyses; review of finite difference methods; projection method for solving NSEs; fast Fourier transform; public-domain IB software; IB model variations and extensions; practical applications; immersed interface method (and other related methods).

Grading: The course grade will be based on homework assignments and a term project.

Required Texts: C. Peskin, Acta Numerica, 11:1-39, 2002.

Note: This text is also available online, at no charge, through the SFU Library: rdhttp://troy.lib.sfu.ca/record=b5232457~Sla

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: The prerequisites are some knowledge in partial differential equations and numerical methods.

Notes: Note: Outline is subject to revision as indicated in the first lecture

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