Geometry and Grids

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Outline

- Review last lecture
- · Problem of treating realistic geometry
- · Use of partial grid cells
- Boundary fitted coordinates
- · Unstructured grids
- Grids where all variables are located at the same point

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Density-based Solvers

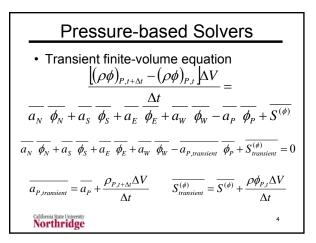
- Density-based solvers traditionally used for compressible flows
 - Not accurate for low Mach numbers
 - Fluent uses a transformation to allow density based solvers for low Mach number flows
- Density-based solvers can be implicit or explicit

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 Implicit allows longer time steps while preserving stability at higher Courant numbers

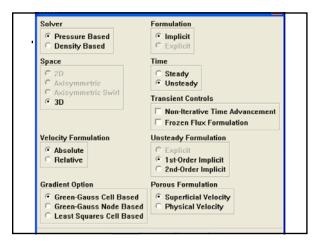
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What is Time Average?

- Have same choices used for conduction equation
 - Explicit use values at old time step
 - Implicit use values at new time step
 - Crank-Nicholson use average of values at old and new time steps
- Can also use more accurate time derivatives
- · Fluent has various options

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Explicit or Implicit?

- Explicit stability limits on time step (set by the local Courant number, $u\Delta x/\alpha$)
- The ${\Delta t}$ required for stability is usually much lower than the ${\Delta t}$ for accuracy
- Implicit algorithms will generally take less computer time
- Moving waves (*e. g.* shock waves) require small time steps so that explicit algorithms are preferred here
 - Available in Fluent only with density solver

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Other Fluent Options

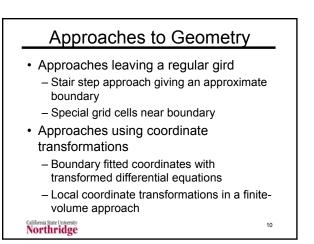
- Non-iterative time advancement simplifies iterations to reduce computer time for solution
 - Does not do "outer" iteration
- Frozen-flux formulation uses a_{K} coefficients from previous time step
 - Does not update during iterations
 - Another item to save computer time

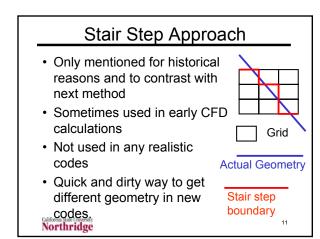
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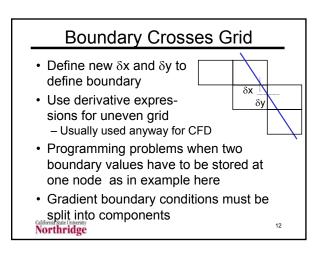
Geometry

- CFD problems applied to a variety of complex geometries: aircraft, engine coolant and valve passages, gas turbine combustors, rocket engines, etc.
- Accurate modeling of flows requires accurate specification of geometries
- Development of geometry model and mesh are usually the most time consuming part of a CFD calculation

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Boundary Crosses Grid II

- Grid spacing near boundary will have smaller steps than remainder of grid

 Will decrease allowed time step in procedures with stability limits
- More accurate than stair step approach

Generally not favored Exception is Flow-3D software by C. W. "Tony" Hirt who recommends this procedure

- http://www.flow3d.com/CFD-101/fvsbfc.htm

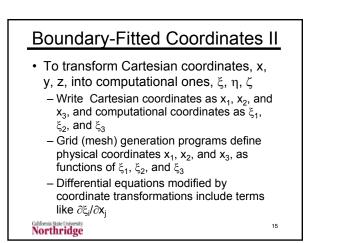
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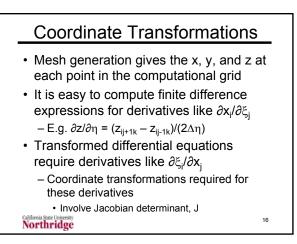
Boundary-Fitted Coordinates

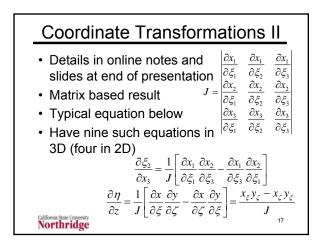
- Grid lines are determined by physical geometry of object
- Dimensionless coordinate system, $\xi_i = i$, $\eta_j = j$, and $\zeta_k = k$ retains i, j, k notation
- Physical locations corresponding to a given (ξ_i, η_j, ζ_k) location determined by a grid generation program
- Necessary to transform differential equations to general coordinate system

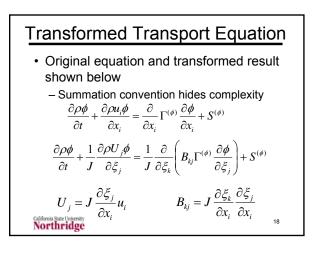
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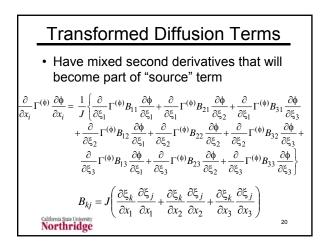


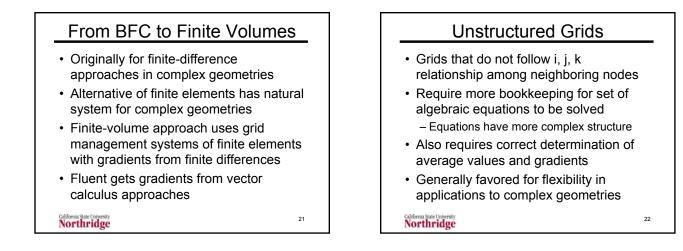


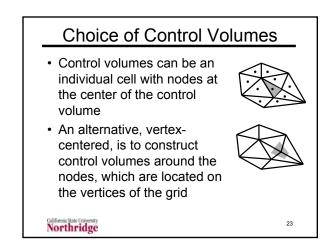


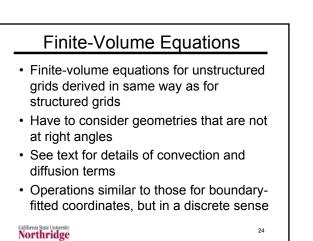


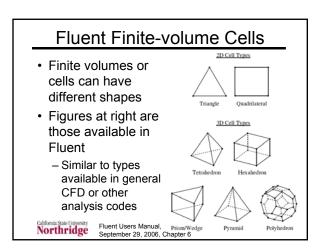
Transformed Convection Terms	
$\frac{1}{J}\frac{\partial\rho U_{j}\phi}{\partial\xi_{j}} = \frac{1}{J}\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial\xi_{j}}\left(J\frac{\partial\xi_{j}}{\partial x_{i}}u_{i}\phi\right) =$	
$\frac{1}{J} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rho J \left[\left(\frac{\partial \xi_1}{\partial x_1} u_1 \phi \right) + \left(\frac{\partial \xi_1}{\partial x_2} u_2 \phi \right) + \left(\frac{\partial \xi_1}{\partial x_3} u_3 \phi \right) \right] \right\}$	
$+\frac{\partial}{\partial\xi_2}\rho J\left[\left(\frac{\partial\xi_2}{\partial x_1}u_1\phi\right)+\left(\frac{\partial\xi_2}{\partial x_2}u_2\phi\right)+\left(\frac{\partial\xi_2}{\partial x_3}u_3\phi\right)\right]+$	
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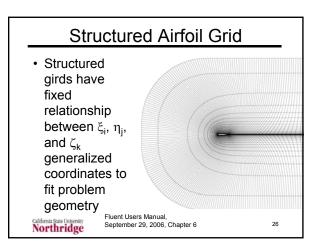


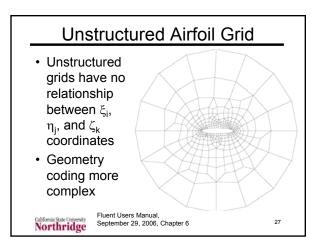


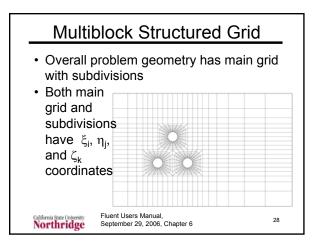


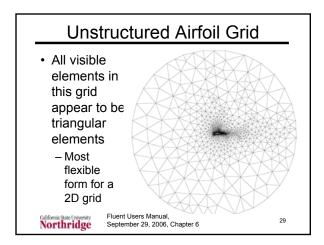


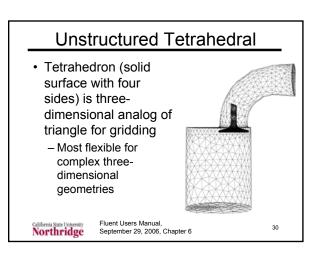


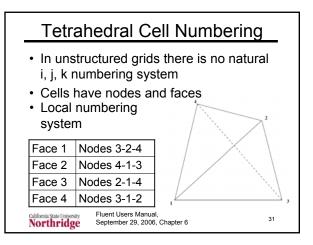


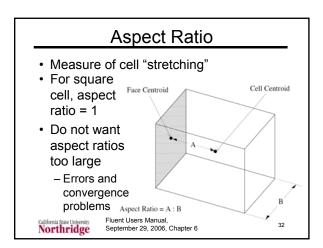


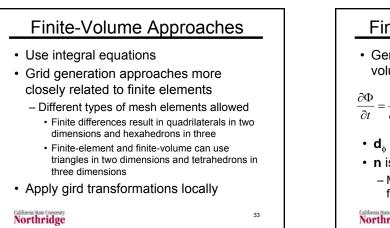


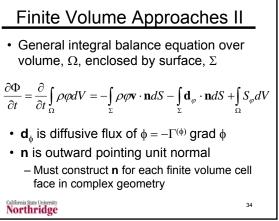


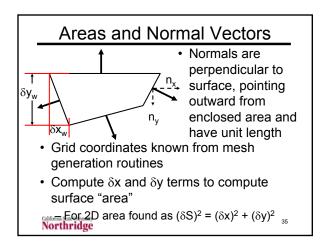


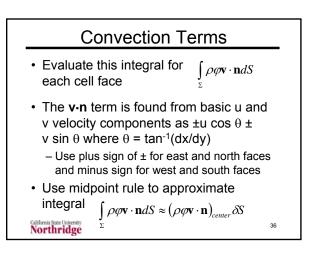


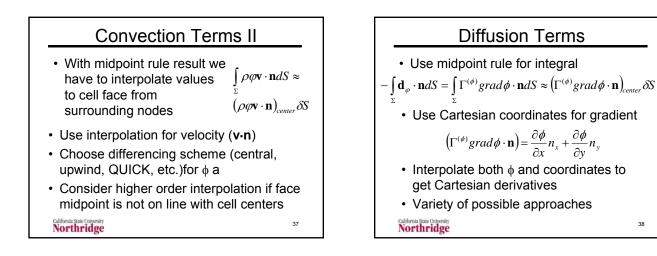


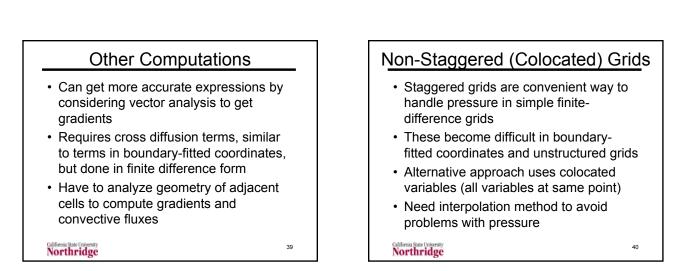


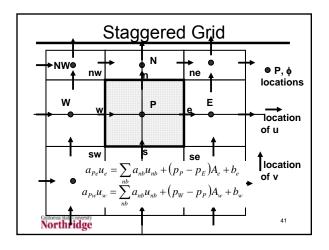


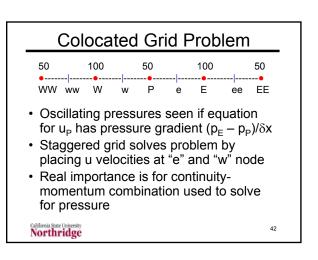


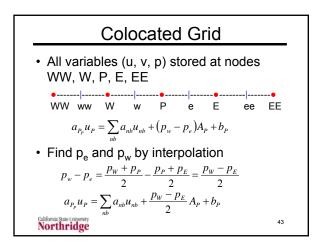


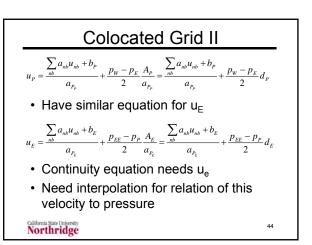


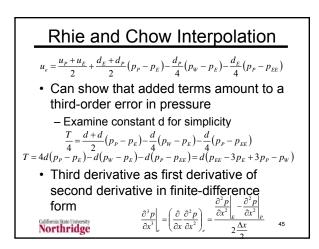


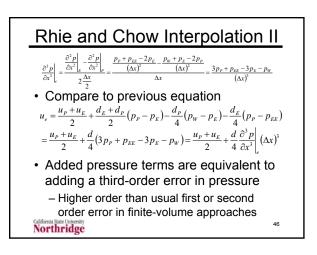








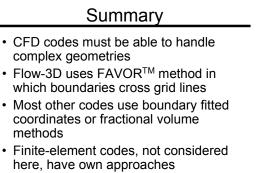




Grid Quality

- Non-structured meshes have equations that are exact for orthogonal cells, but have errors as cells depart from orthogonal
- Triangular cells are best when they are equilateral triangles
- Use code indicators of mesh quality to ensure that meshes are not badly structured in your grid

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Check mesh quality

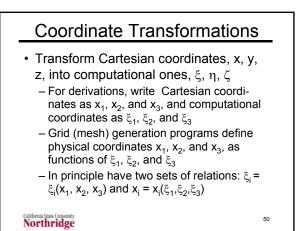
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Material Not Covered in Class

- The following slides discuss the basic coordinate transformations used in boundary-fitted coordinates
- These will not be covered in class
- Additional material is available in online notes on coordinate transformations
- This is mostly mathematical material to provide background for coordinate transformations

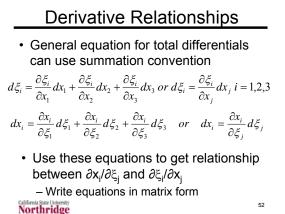
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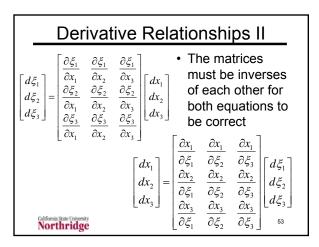


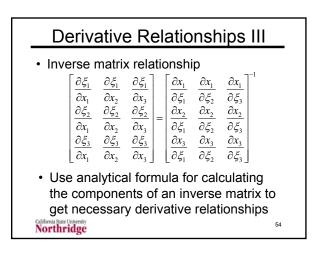
Coordinate Transformations II The mesh generation step will give the values of x, y, and z at each point in the computational grid · From these it is easy to compute finite difference expressions for derivatives like ∂x_i/∂ξ_i - E.g. $\partial z/\partial \eta = (z_{ijk+1} - z_{ijk-1})/(2\Delta \eta)$ · Some transformations require derivatives like $\partial \xi_i / \partial x_i$ - How do we get these derivatives? 51

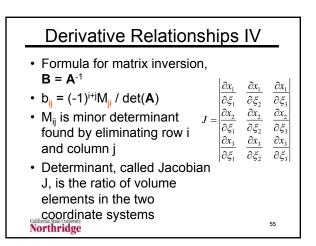
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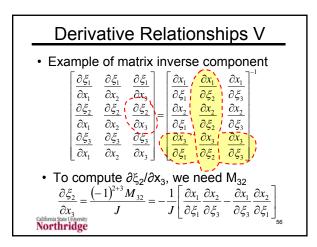
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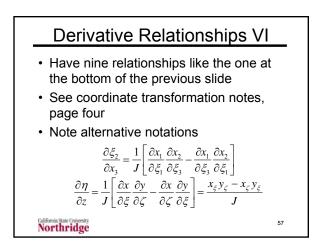


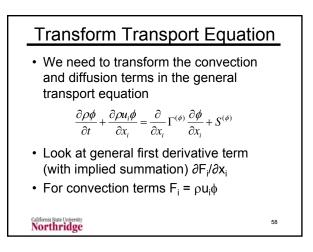


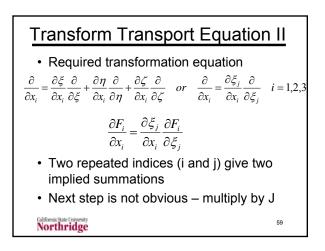


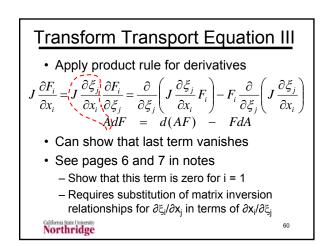


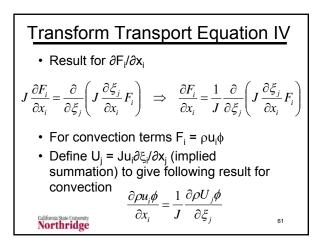


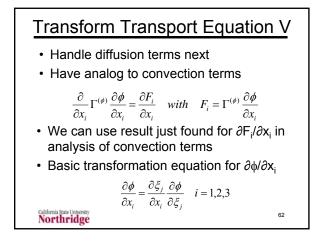


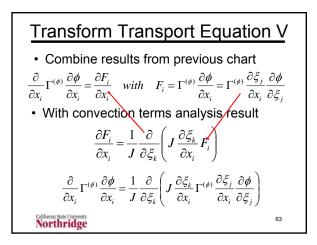


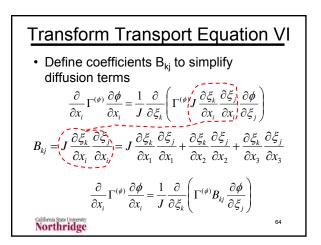


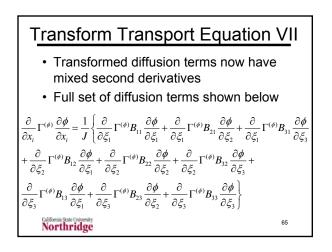


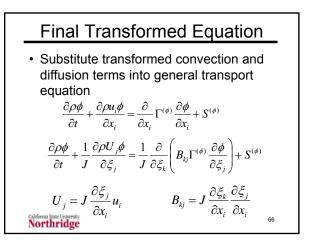












Using the Transformed Equation

- Have to store a lot of additional information about grid coordinates, derivatives, J and ${\sf B}_{jk}$
- Differential equations more complex
- Coordinates fit boundaries and give good representation of geometry

 Models gradient fluxes well
- Can have grids with bad aspect ratios

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Small sizes extend throughout grid

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