# Some Words About Myself

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# **Some Background**

- Born in New York City
- Undergraduate: Columbia University Mathematics
- Graduate: Yale University Computer Science (Numerical Analysis)
- University of Maryland since 1985
- Sabbaticals at Stanford University University of Manchester Oxford University
- Slowly adjusting to life outside NYC

# **Some Personal**

- Have a life (or try to)
  - o Literature / History





#### o Music



• Movies et al.





#### o Sports





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#### **Comment pertaining to this course**

Requirement for me as a graduate student:

- One-year project in spring of 1<sup>st</sup> year fall of 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- My project: Krylov subspace methods for nonsymmetric systems of linear equations
- Taught me how to concoct / test / explore ideas
- Led to my thesis. Main result, for Au=f, A nonsymmetric

$$\|f - Au_k\|_2 \le \rho^k \|f - Au_0\|_2$$
  

$$\rho = 1 - \frac{\lambda_{\min}((A + A^T)/2)}{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)} < 1$$

### **Evolution of my work**

- Started in numerical linear algebra: solve Au = f
- Matrix *A*: from applications

$$\underbrace{-\nu\nabla^2 u + w \cdot \nabla u}_{f} = f$$

Self-adjoint Skew-self-adjoint Convection-diffusion equation A is nonsymmetric

• Over time: developed appreciation of "whole problem"





Unresolved layer

Adjusted discretization

### **The Navier-Stokes Equations**

$$-\nu \nabla^2 u + (u \cdot \text{grad})u + \text{grad } p = f$$
  
$$- \operatorname{div} u = 0$$
  
Nonlinear convection-diffusion term

• Classic model of fluid dynamics, want efficient solution algorithms

- My main interest: efficient solution algorithms for nonlinear algebraic equations obtained from discretization
- Classic algorithmic approaches: based on 1960's technology
- New approaches: developed in 1990's today
- Requires: knowledge of "whole problem": fluid properties, discretization, *plus* matrix properties

### **Benchmark Problems**

#### 1. 2D/3D Driven Cavity



2. 2D flow over a diamond obstruction on an unstructured grid





#### **Benchmark Problems**

#### 3. 3D flow over a cube obstruction



#### **Representative Performance Results**



# More recently developed interest: PDEs posed with uncertainty

**Example: diffusion equation**  $-\nabla \cdot (a\nabla u) = f$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ **Assumptions:** 

1. Spatial correlation of random field: For  $x, y \in \mathcal{D}$ : Random field  $a(x, \omega)$ 

> Mean  $\mu(x) = E(a(x, \cdot))$ Variance  $\sigma(x) = E(a(x, \cdot)^2) - \mu^2$

Covariance function

$$c(x,y) = E((a(x,\cdot) - \mu(x))(a(y,\cdot) - \mu(y)))$$

is finite

vs. white noise, where c is a  $\delta$ -function

2. Coercivity  $0 < \alpha_1 \le a \le \alpha_2 < \infty$ 

 $\implies$  Problem is well-posed

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# **Depictions: Random Data on Unit Square**





### **Monte-Carlo Simulation**

Sample  $a(x,\omega)$  at all  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ , solve in usual way

Standard weak formulation: find  $u \in H^1_E(\mathcal{D})$  such that

$$a(u,v) = \ell(v)$$

for all 
$$v \in H^1_{E_0}(\mathcal{D})$$
,  
 $a(u,v) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} a \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx, \quad \ell(v) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f \, v \, dx$ 

Multiple realizations (samples) of  $a(x, \cdot) \rightarrow$ Multiple realizations of  $u \rightarrow$ Statistical properties of u

Problem:convergence is slow, requires many solvesSeek:more efficient alternatives

For this class (and your careers):

- Importance of
  - o Ideas
  - Communication
    - Writing
    - Presentation
    - Communication with your advisor
    - Communication with us
- I look forward to working with you