

CM3110



Transport Processes and Unit Operations I

Numerical methods in transport phenomena/chemical engineering



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- Optimization (Excel Solver)
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(easy on a calculator, but sometimes it is
part of a larger calculation)

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An example from Rheology (Binding Analysis)

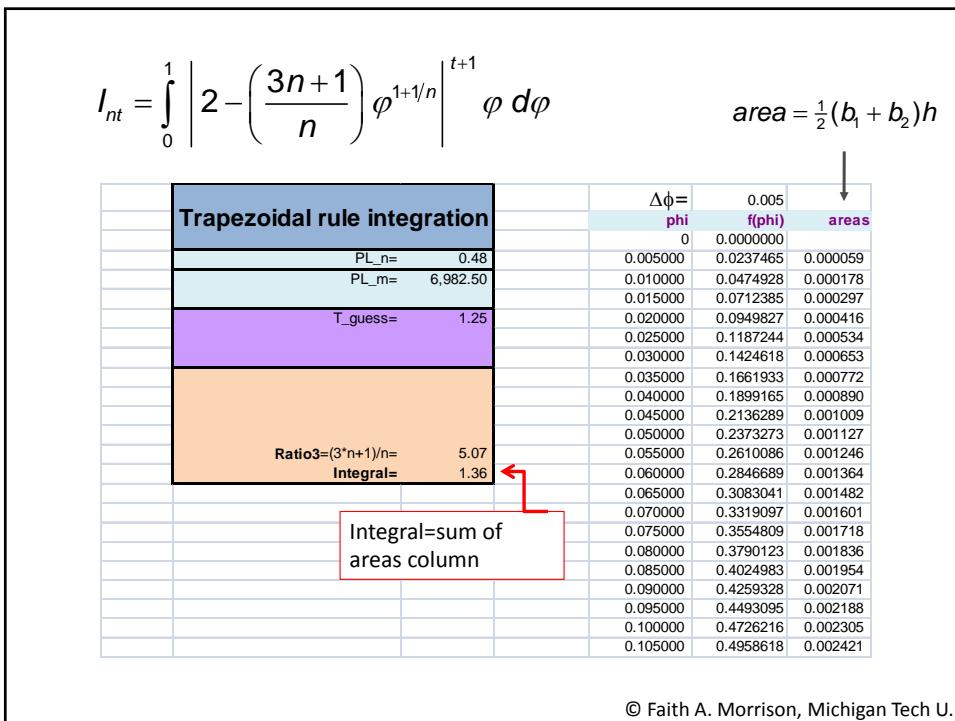
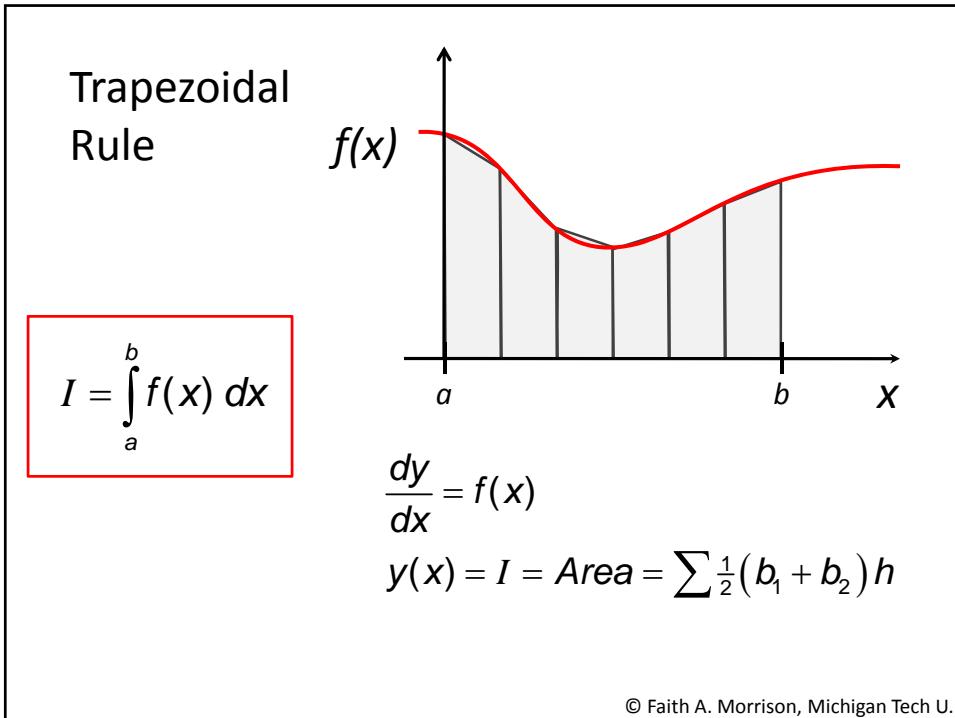
Calculate the following integral for known n and t

$$I_{nt} = \int_0^1 \left| 2 - \left(\frac{3n+1}{n} \right) \varphi^{1+1/n} \right|^{t+1} \varphi \, d\varphi$$

$$I_{nt} = \int_a^b f(\varphi) \, d\varphi$$

Use trapezoidal rule.

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Detailed handout is on the web

http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm4650/Using_Solver_in_Excel.pdf

Using the *Solver* Add-in in Microsoft Excel®

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If you have a nonlinear model with adjustable parameters and some data you would like to fit the model to, the *Excel® Solver* option is a very nice way to carry out the fit. I would like to thank Michael Hickner MTU '99 for showing me how to do this and Charles Lusignan from Eastman Kodak for some helpful insights.

As an example, consider the Carreau-Yasuda model for viscosity of a non-Newtonian fluid:

$$\eta(\dot{\gamma}) = \eta_\infty + (\eta_o - \eta_\infty) [1 + (\dot{\gamma}/\dot{\gamma}_c)^{n-1}]^{1/(n-1)}$$

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Basic idea: minimize the error between the values predicted by a model and the data that you have.

$$\text{Value to be minimized by Solver} = \sum_{\text{all data}} \frac{(\text{model} - \text{data})^2}{(\text{data})^2}$$

The minimization is achieved by manipulating parameters of the model.

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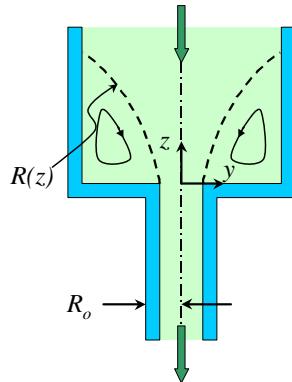
Optimization with Excel Solver

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1. Office button 
2. Excel Options
3. Add-ins, Excel add-ins, Go. (Solver installed; do once only)
4. Set up error cell (*Target Cell*)
5. Select: *Data, Solver*
6. Choose parameters that Solver manipulates (optimizes) to minimize the *Target Cell*)
7. Select: *Options, Use Automatic Scaling*
8. Solve

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Binding Analysis (rheology)



From measurements of entrance pressure loss versus flow rate, estimate the two parameters t and l in the elongational viscosity model. The two parameters n and m from the shear viscosity model are known.

$$\text{shear stress} \quad \tau_R = m \dot{\gamma}_a^n$$

$$\text{elongation viscosity} \quad \bar{\eta} = l \dot{\varepsilon}_o^{t-1}$$

D. M. Binding, JNNFM (1988) 27, 173-189.

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Binding Analysis (rheology)

$$\eta = m \dot{\gamma}_a^{n-1} \quad \alpha = \frac{R_0(\text{capillary})}{R_1(\text{barrel})}$$

$$\Delta p_{ent} = \frac{2m(1+t)^2}{3t^2(1+n)^2} \left\{ \frac{lt(3n+1)n^t I_{nt}}{m} \right\}^{1/(1+t)} \dot{\gamma}_{R_o}^{t(n+1)/(1+t)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha^{3t(n+1)/(1+t)} \right\}$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_{R_o} = \frac{(3n+1) Q}{n \pi R_o^3}$$

$$I_{nt} = \int_0^1 \left| 2 - \left(\frac{3n+1}{n} \right) \phi^{1+1/n} \right|^{t+1} \phi \, d\phi$$

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Binding Analysis

Evaluation Procedure

1. Shear power-law parameter n must be known; must have data for Δp_{ent} versus Q
2. Guess t, l
3. Evaluate I_{nt} by numerical integration over f
4. Using Solver, find the best values of t and l that are consistent with the Δp_{ent} versus Q data

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Binding Analysis (rheology)

Known: $\alpha = \frac{R_0}{R_1}, n, m$

Data for $\Delta p_{ent}(Q)$

$$Ratio1 \equiv \frac{2m(1+t)^2}{3t^2(1+n)^2}$$

$$Ratio2 \equiv \frac{lt(3n+1)n^t}{m}$$

$$myExp1 \equiv t(n+1)/(1+t)$$

$$myExp2 \equiv 1/(1+t)$$

What are the best values of t and l so that the model is consistent with the $\Delta p_{ent}(Q)$ data?

$$\Delta p_{ent} = (Ratio1) \{ (Ratio2) I_{nt} \}^{myExp2} \dot{\gamma}_{R_o}^{myExp1} \left\{ 1 - \alpha^{3-myExp1} \right\}$$

Need to repeatedly evaluate the integral as we optimize the values of t and l .

$$I_{nt} \equiv \int_0^1 \left| 2 - \left(\frac{3n+1}{n} \right) \varphi^{1+1/n} \right|^{t+1} \varphi d\varphi$$

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Binding Analysis – using Excel Solver

Evaluate integral numerically

$$I_{nt} = \int_0^1 \left(2 - \left(\frac{3n+1}{n} \right) \phi^{1+1/n} \right)^{t+1} \phi d\phi$$

phi	f(phi)	areas
0	0	
0.005	0.023746502	5.93663E-05
0.01	0.047492829	0.000178098
0.015	0.071238512	0.000296828
0.02	0.094982739	0.000415553
0.025	0.118724352	0.000534268
0.03	0.142461832	0.000652965
0.035	0.166193303	0.000771638
0.04	0.189916517	0.000890275
0.045	0.213628861	0.001008863
0.05	0.237327345	0.001127391
0.055	0.261008606	0.00124584
0.06	0.2846689	0.001364194
0.065	0.308304107	0.001482433

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area = $\frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_2)h$

Summing:

Int= **1.36055**

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Binding Analysis – using Excel Solver

Optimize t, l using Solver

By varying these cells:

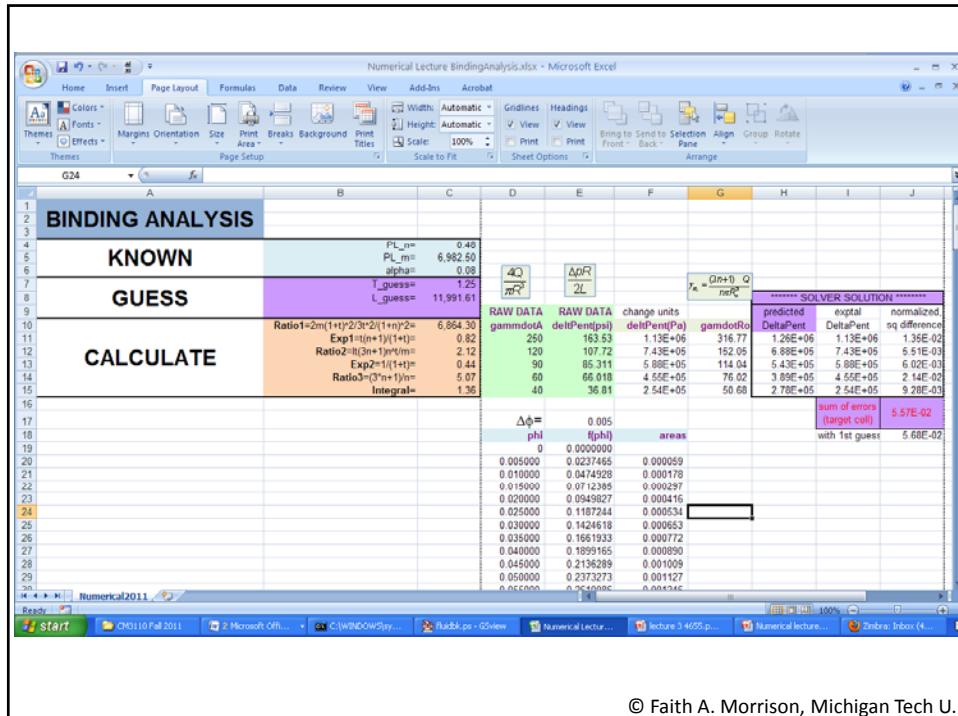
t_guess=	1.2477157
l_guess=	11991.60895
***** SOLVER SOLUTION *****	
predicted	exptal
DeltaPent	DeltaPent
1.26E+06	1.13E+06
6.88E+05	7.43E+05
5.43E+05	5.88E+05
3.89E+05	4.55E+05
2.78E+05	2.54E+05
	target cell
	5.57E-02

$$\frac{(predicted - actual)^2}{(actual)^2}$$

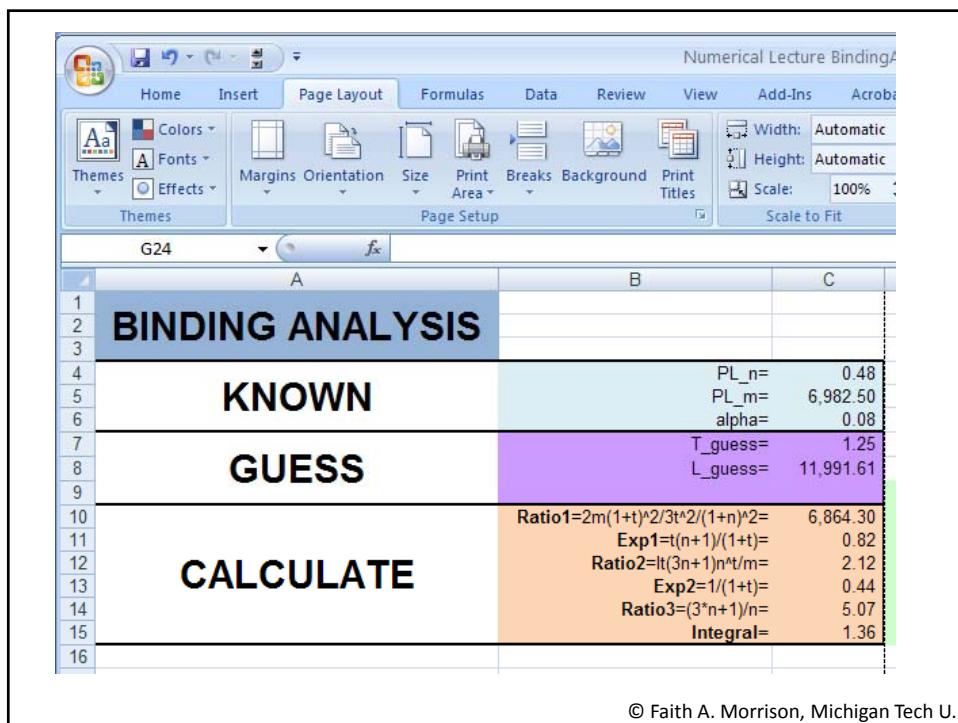
Sum of the differences:
Minimize this cell

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The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. In the formula bar, the formula `=Ratio1*(1-alpha^(3*myExp1))*($G11^myExp1)*(Ratio2*Integral)^myExp2` is displayed. A red oval highlights this formula. Below the formula bar, the Excel ribbon tabs are visible: Font, Alignment, and Number. The main worksheet area shows a table with columns F through K. Cell G11 contains the formula $\gamma_{R_0} = \frac{(3n+1) Q}{n\pi R_0^3}$. To the right of the table, a callout box states: "It is much easier to proof-read the formula if you use this method." Below the table, a "SOLVER SOLUTION" dialog box is open. It contains a table with columns: predicted, exptal, normalized, and sq difference. The rows correspond to values in the table above. The last row shows the sum of errors (target cell) as 5.57E-02. The dialog box also includes fields for areas and with 1st guess.

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Good Excel Habits:

- Break formulas into chunks that are easier to check
- Name cells so that the names appear in the formulas (easier to check)
- Do unit conversions explicitly rather than hidden in formulas

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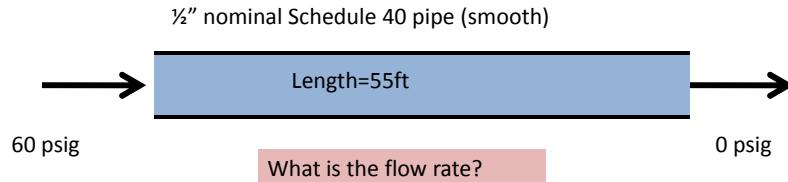
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2. Excel Options
3. Formulas
4. Calculation Options
5. Select: *Manual recalculation*
6. Select: *Enable Iterative Calculation;*
Maximum iterations = 1
7. Set a circular reference
8. Use *F9* to recalculate one step at a time

WARNING:
Don't forget you are in
Manual recalculation mode

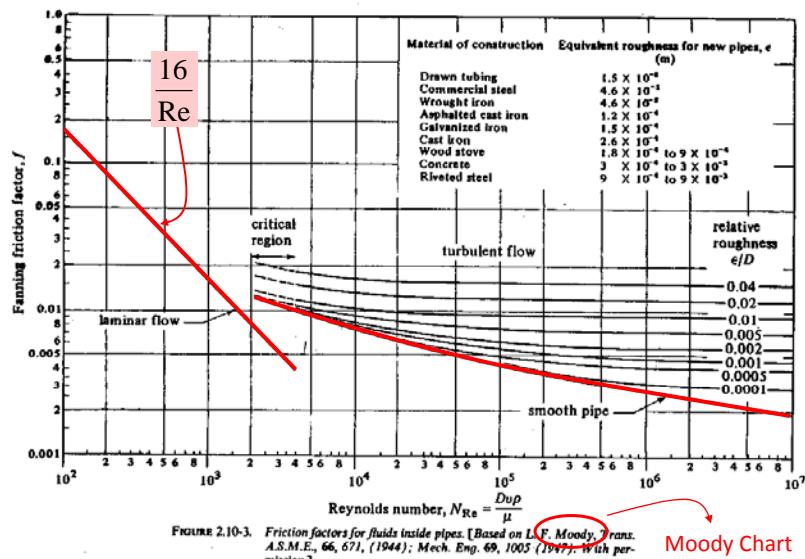
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Example: Calculate flow rate in a pipe from a known pressure drop



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Data correlation for friction factor (ΔP) versus Re (flow rate) in a pipe



(Geankoplis, 1993, p88)

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Data are organized in terms of two dimensionless parameters:

Flow rate	Reynolds Number $\text{Re} = \frac{\rho \langle v_z \rangle D}{\mu}$	ρ – density $\langle v_z \rangle$ – average velocity D – pipe diameter μ – viscosity $P_0 - P_L$ – pressure drop L – pipe length
Pressure Drop	Fanning Friction Factor $f = \frac{\frac{1}{4}(P_0 - P_L)}{\left(\frac{L}{D}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho \langle v_z \rangle^2\right)}$	

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Data Correlations for $f(\text{Re})$

$\text{Re} > 4000$, turbulent flow:

Prandtl (smooth pipes) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = 4 \log(\text{Re} \sqrt{f}) - 0.40$

Colebrook (rough pipes) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -4 \log\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{D} + \frac{4.67}{\text{Re} \sqrt{f}}\right) + 2.28$

(Prandtl and Colebrook are equivalent for $\varepsilon=0$)

For Q known, calculate f directly.

For f known, requires iterative calculation of Re .

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Implemented in Excel

given	density=	62.25 lbm/ft ³	circular cells
	viscosity=	6.01E-04 lbm/ft.s	
	D=	0.622 in	
	D=	0.052 ft	
	L=	55 ft	
	DeltaP=	60 psi	
	DeltaP=	588 lbf/ft ²	
Step	Flow rate (guess)=	4.60 gpm	
	Flow rate=	0.0102 ft ³ /s	
	velocity=	4.8559 ft/s	
	Re=	26,092	
	guess f=	0.00607	
3	RHS Prandtl=	12.83	error=
	new_f=	0.00607	0.000%
4	velocity_second=	4.86 ft/s	
	Q_new=	0.0102 ft ³ /s	
5	Q_new=	4.60 gpm	

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Alternative (but more complex) correlation; no iteration on f required
(F. A. Morrison, 2011)

Flow in smooth pipes: (all Reynolds numbers)

$$f = \left(\frac{0.0076 \left(\frac{3170}{Re} \right)^{0.165}}{1 + \left(\frac{3170}{Re} \right)^{7.0}} \right) + \frac{16}{Re}$$

(would still need to iterate on Q
if used in our problem)

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Analytical Integration of Differential Equations

Solve for $y(x)$: $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = 3x^2 + 1$

Analytical solution
(integrating factor):

$$u \equiv 2x$$

$$\int u \, du = \int 2x \, dx = x^2$$

$$e^{\int u \, du} = e^{x^2}$$

$$e^{x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + e^{x^2} 2xy = e^{x^2} (3x^2 + 1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{x^2} y) = e^{x^2} (3x^2 + 1)$$

$$e^{x^2} y = \int e^{x^2} (3x^2 + 1) \, dx + C$$

Carry out integral here to \longrightarrow obtain final solution for $y(x)$.

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Numerical Integration of Differential Equations

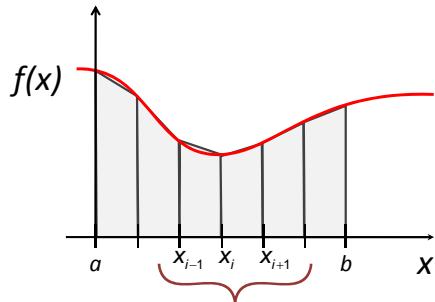
Solve for $y(x)$: $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = 3x^2 + 1$

Before, we were calculating:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$$

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

and $f(x)$ was known. In the current calculation, our integration is not explicitly $dy/dx=f(x)$



In the trapezoidal rule integration, we discretized x , evaluated $f(x)$, and summed areas.

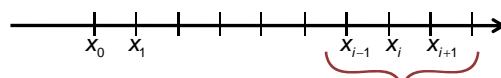
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Numerical Integration of Differential Equations

Solve for y : $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = 3x^2 + 1$

We can discretize the current differential equation as well:

$$\frac{dy_i}{dx_i} + 2x_i y_i = 3x_i^2 + 1$$



$$y_i = \frac{1}{2x_i} \left(3x_i^2 + 1 - \frac{dy_i}{dx_i} \right)$$

where to get this at each step?

Strategy: Develop efficient and accurate algorithms that allow us to calculate $y(x)$ and its derivatives at a location ($i+1$) from knowledge of $y(x)$ at neighboring locations (i), ($i-1$), etc.

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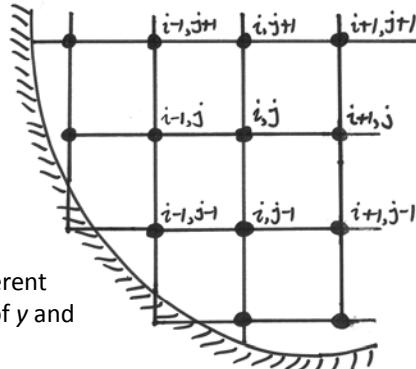
Numerical Integration of Differential Equations

In two dimensions (or three), the discretization system is called the mesh.

Algorithms:

- Finite difference
- Finite elements
- Finite volumes
- Etc.

Different algorithms use different logic to estimate the values of y and derivatives of y at different locations.



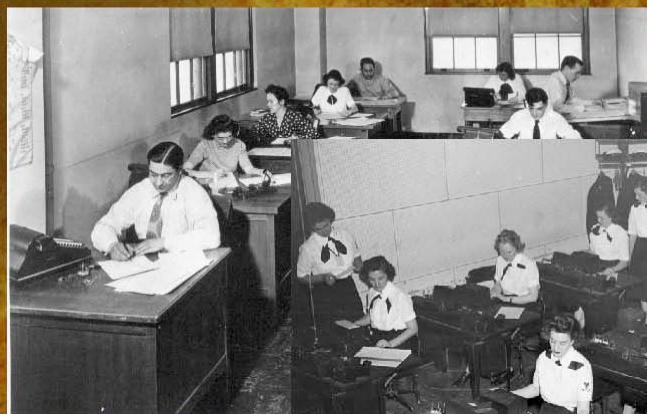
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Numerical Methods Using Mathcad,
Laurene Fausett, Prentice Hall, 2002

Numerical integration of differential equations
has a long history that predates computers...

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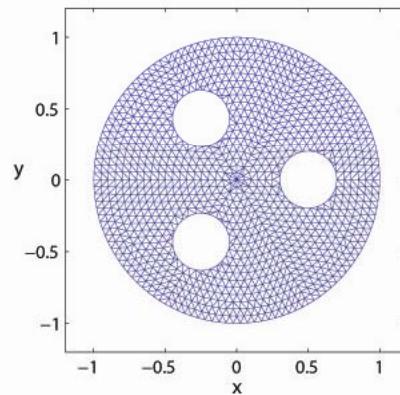
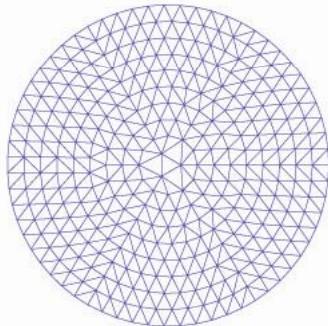
From “ENIAC, Human Computing and the Top Secret Rosies of WWII,” PPT accompanying the documentary Top Secret Rosies, www.topsecretrosies.com



A group of female
“Computers” at Aberdeen
Proving Ground (US Army)
doing ballistics
calculations (numerical
integration) during WW2.



Meshes for Numerical Integration of Differential Equations



The discretization (mesh) is chosen to minimize the effect of numerical errors and modeling approximations on the final results.

Provided by Dr. Tom Co, 2011

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Issues affecting accuracy of solutions of flow problems using the Navier-Stokes equation

Analytical Solutions
are affected by

BOTH

Numerical Solutions
are affected by

Continuum hypothesis

Symmetry assumptions

Approximate geometry

Approximate boundary conditions

Steady state assumption

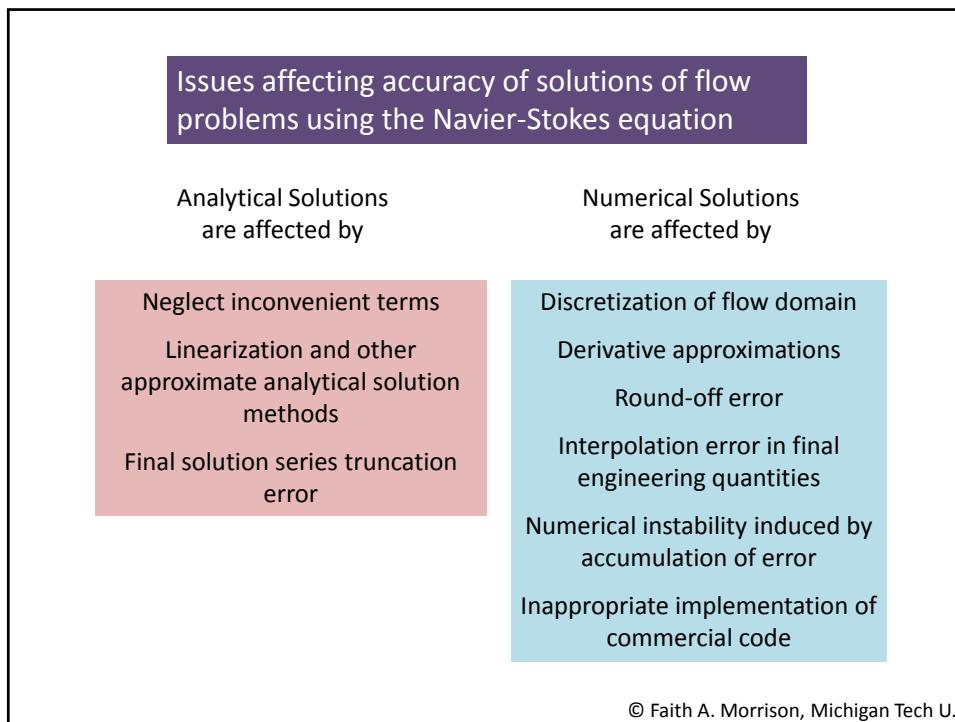
Incompressible fluid

Newtonian fluid

Isothermal, single-phase flow

Finite domain size

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Numerical PDE Solving with Comsol 4.2 

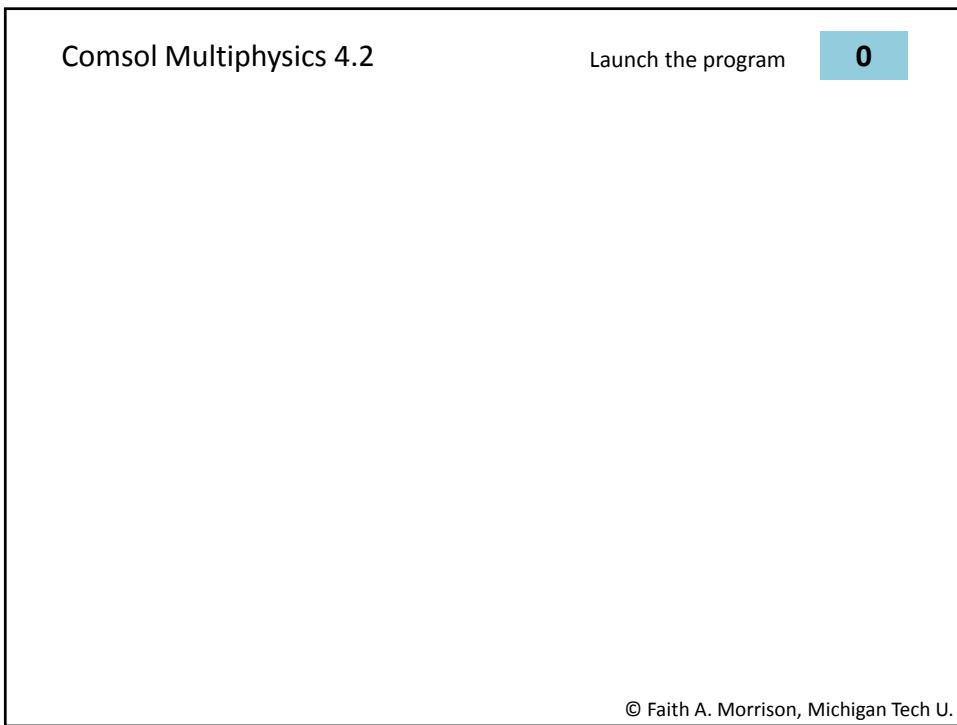
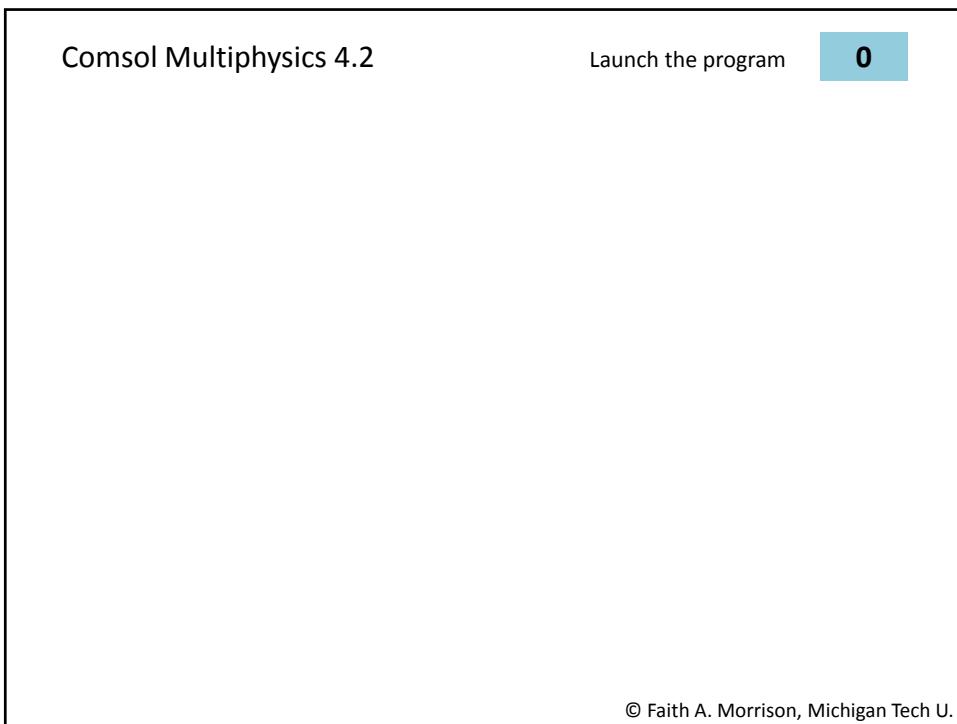


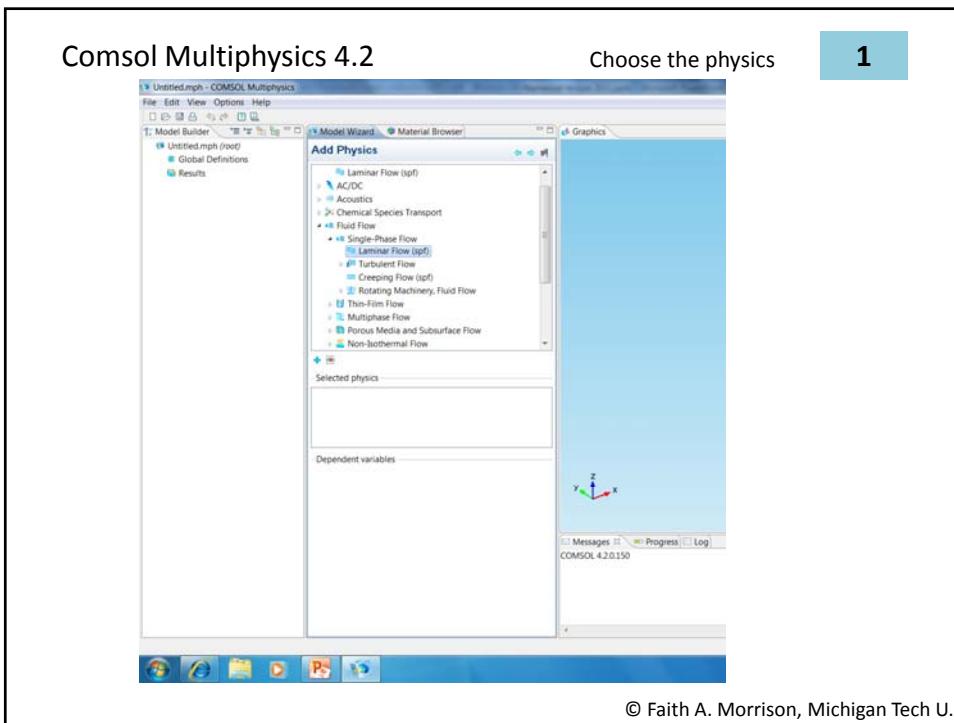
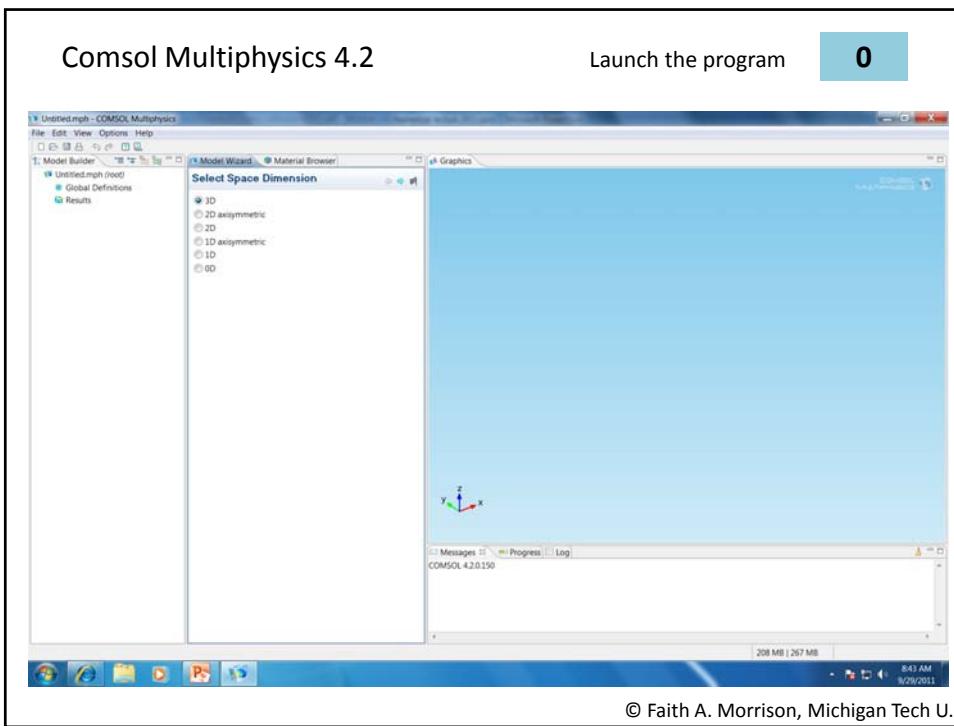
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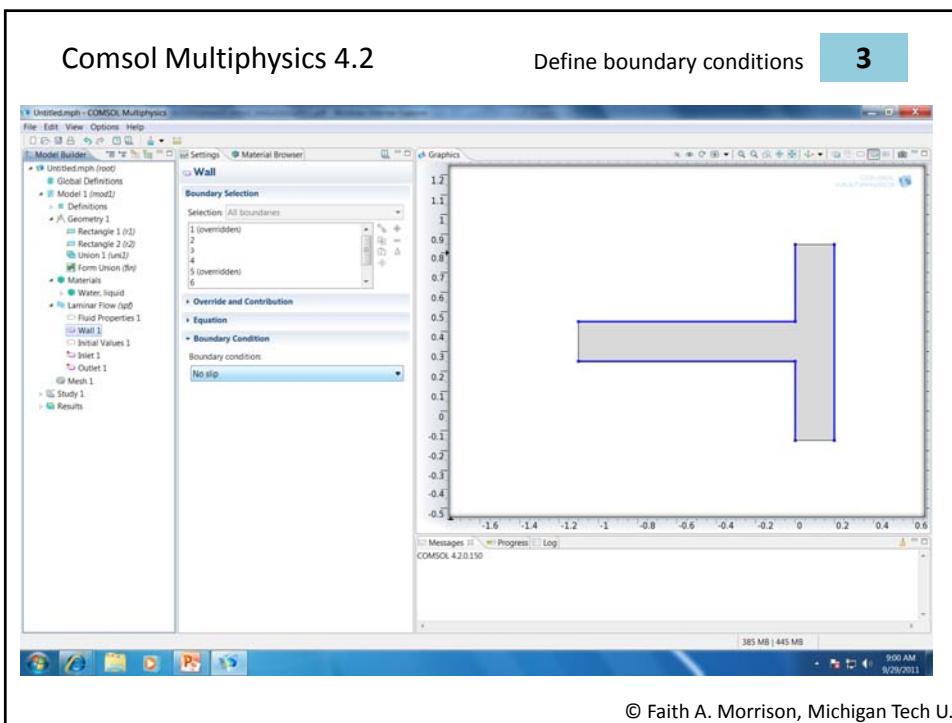
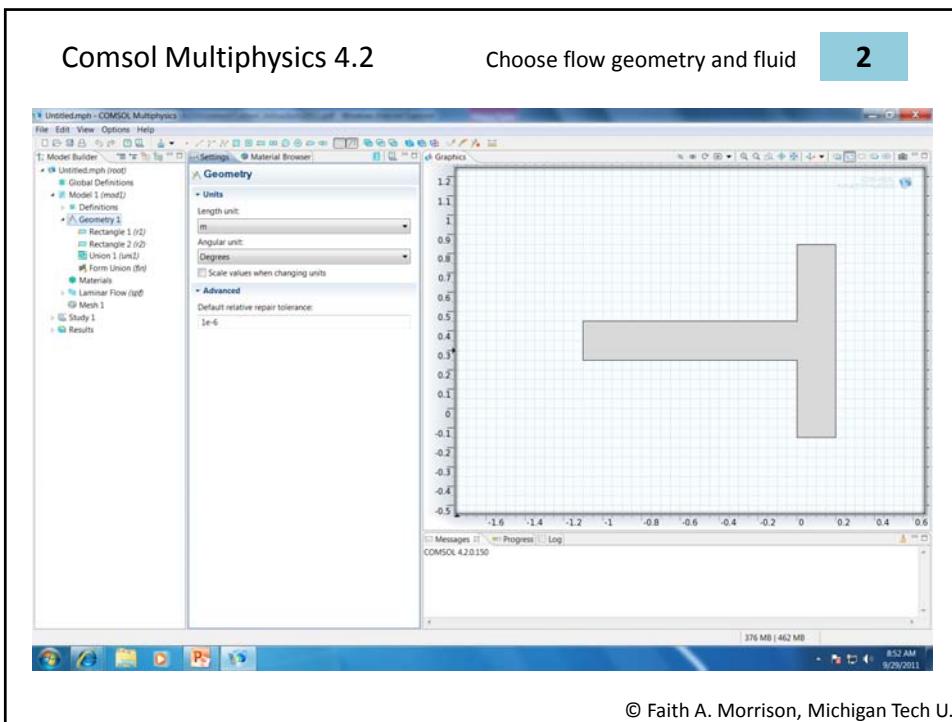
Finite-element numerical differential equation solver. Applications include fluid mechanics and heat transfer.

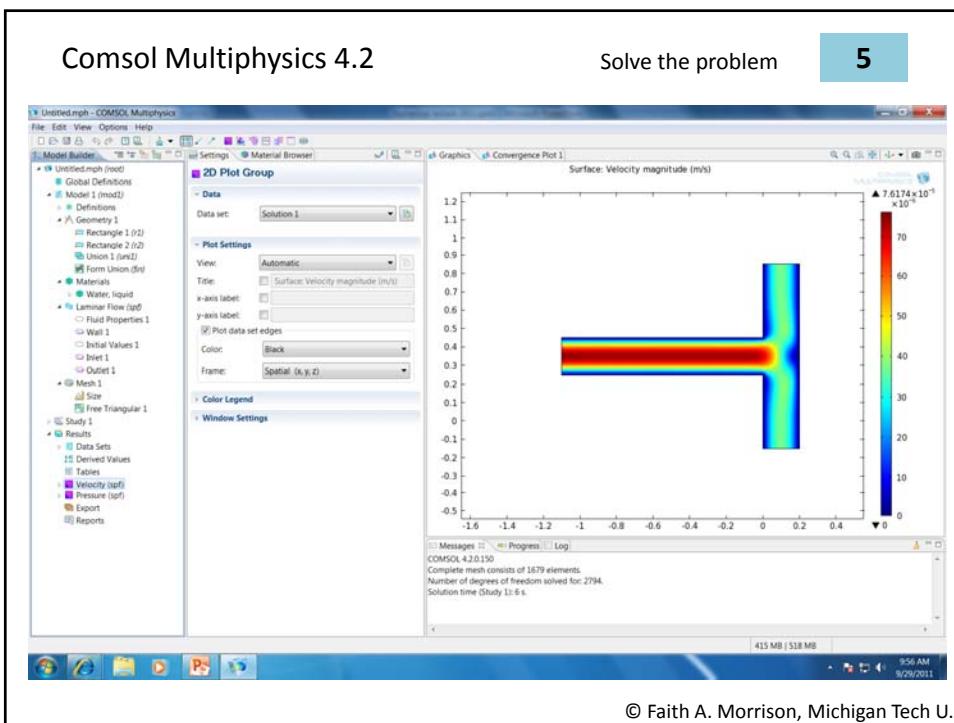
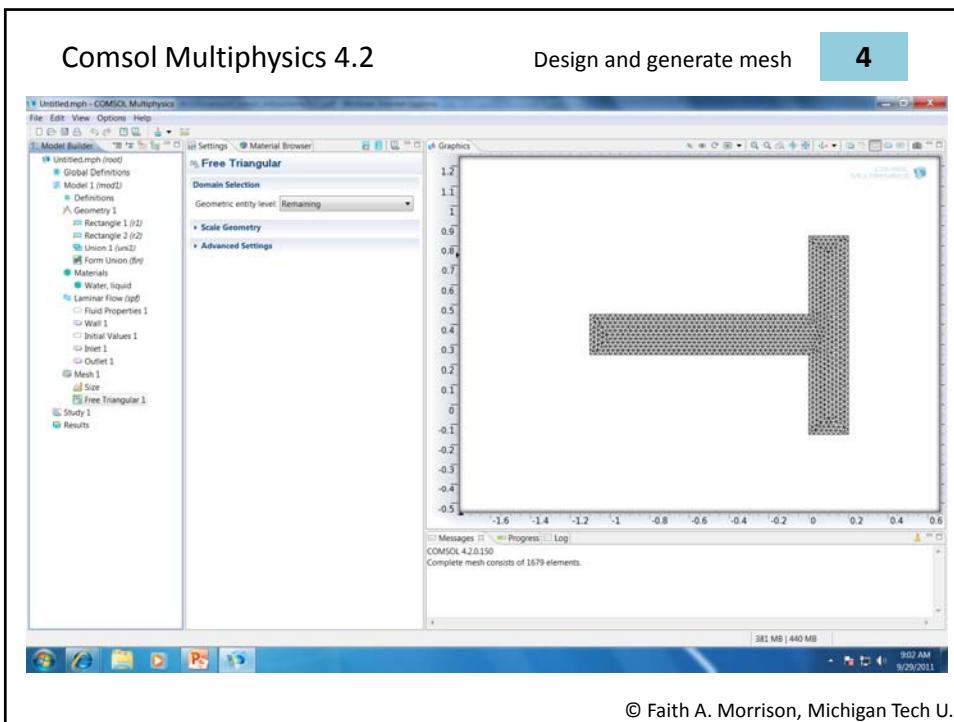
1. Choose the physics (2D, 2D axisymmetric, laminar, steady/unsteady, etc.)
2. Choose flow geometry and fluid (shape of the flow domain)
3. Define boundary conditions
4. Design and generate mesh
5. Solve the problem
6. Calculate and plot engineering quantities of interest.

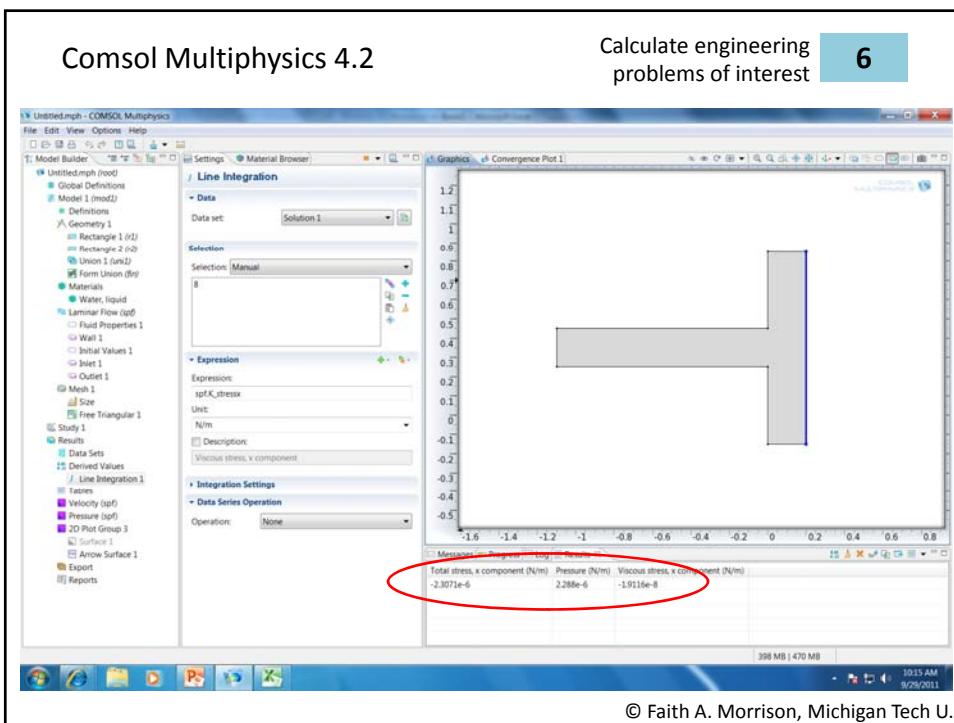
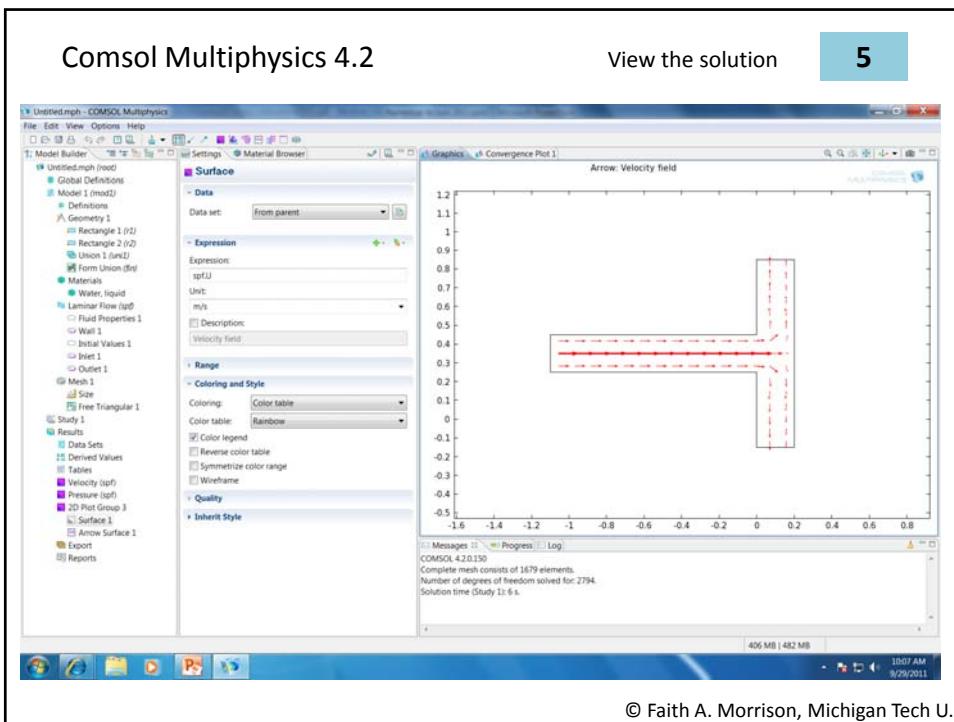
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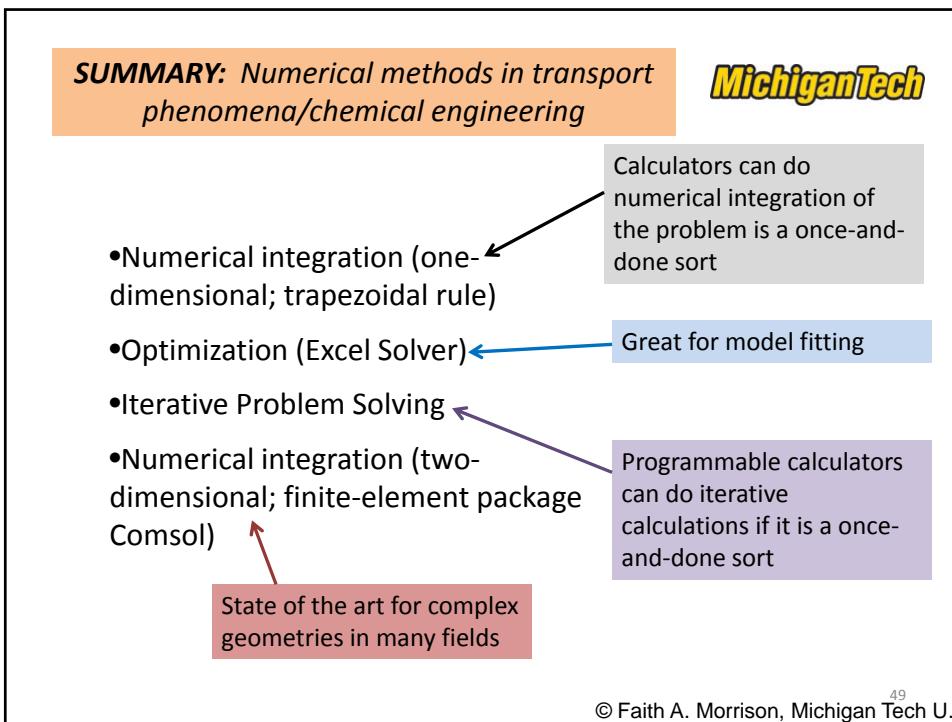












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