The Physics of Ink Marbling

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Ink Drops



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Marbling Process



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Transfer to Paper



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Extract Paper



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- Originated in East Asia in the 1100s or earlier.
- ◊ Suminagashi founded by Jizemon Hiroba in 1151 in Japan.
- Appeared in Central Asia and the Islamic World in the 1400s.
 Called Ebru in Turkish
- Spread to Europe in the 1500s.
- Necmeddin Okyay (1883-1976) of Istanbul Turkey is credited with being the first to marble floral designs.

Japan 1112 36 Poets



Persia 1700s



French curl - France 1735



nonpareil - Germany 1720-1770



England 1830



Spanish wave - Paris 1843



nonpareil - London 1847



double nonpareil - London 1872



bouquet - Vienna 1875



French curl - France 1880



bouquet - Germany 1899



A function $F : X \to Y$ between two topological spaces X and Y is called a homeomorphism if it has the following properties:

- F is a bijection (one-to-one and onto),
- F is continuous,
- its inverse function F^{-1} is continuous.

Each marbling operation F is a homeomorphism between a topological space and itself. F is a deformation of X, which is undone by its inverse F^{-1}

- F preserves all topological properties of X
- The composition of two homeomorphisms F_1 and F_2 is a homeomorphism $F_2 \circ F_1$ with inverse $F_1^{-1} \circ F_2^{-1}$.

- Forward Rendering: Points on the boundaries of color regions are mapped with composite $F_n \circ \ldots \circ F_2 \circ F_1$, then the regions outlined by their mapped points are filled with their color; detail is preserved at all resolutions.
- Reverse Rendering: Each point on the screen is transformed with the inverse composite map $F_1^{-1} \circ F_2^{-1} \circ \ldots \circ F_n^{-1}$ to find the color of its original location.
- Rendering with either method is orders of magnitude faster than direct numerical simulation of the Navier-Stokes equations at many instants of time.

- Tank is arbitrarily large; straight stroke is arbitrarily long.
- Inks are incompressible Newtonian fluids; uniform viscosity.
- Flow is stable; interested only in initial and final positions.
- $\rightarrow\,$ Flow is uniformly parallel to the stroke line.
- \rightarrow Laminar flow.
- $\rightarrow\,$ Can replace perpetual travel of point along line with simultaneous finite travel along line.





- Inertial forces insignificant compared with viscous forces.
- \rightarrow Displacement proportional to velocity.
- \rightarrow Each layer's travel is proportional to adjacent layer travel.
- \rightarrow Separation of variables: displacement parallel to line depends only on perpendicular distance from line.

$$F_x = 0$$
 $F_y = \frac{U}{\exp(|x|/L)}$ $L = \frac{\nu}{|U|}$

 \rightarrow Parallel strokes are independent; displacements add linearly.

Linear Stroke Field



$$F_x = 0$$
 $F_y = \frac{U}{\exp(|x|/L)}$ $L = \frac{\nu}{|U|}$

Linear Stroke



$$F_x = 0 \quad F_y = \frac{U}{\exp(|x|/L)} \quad L = \frac{\nu}{|U|}$$

Effects of Draw Length and Viscosity





Persian Calligraphy Background



A Rake in Action



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igr6Znc8aek

Sinusoidal Displacement



$$F_x = \zeta \sin \frac{2\pi y}{p} \qquad F_y = 0$$

Wiggle



Diane Maurer-Mathison

Mathematical Marbling

Serpentine Comparison



Physical Marbling



Mathematical Marbling

Rake Upward



Horizontal Sinusoidal Displacement





Stroke 2 upward



Undo Horizontal Displacement



Opposite Horizontal Displacement



Stroke 2 Upward



Undo Horizontal Displacement



Bouquet Pattern



Lines at Angles. Circular Draw.



Marbled Necktie



French Curl



Physical Marbling



Mathematical Marbling

Circular Design with Transfer Effects



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Vortex and Irrotational Vortex



Short Stroke Marbling

Çiçekli Ebru by Necmeddin Okyay



Floral Ebru by Necmeddin Okyay



Short Strokes





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Short Strokes



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Short Stroke Deformation







Flows induced by circular disk moving to the right.

Stokes Flow versus Oseen Flow

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F}(r,\theta) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r F_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_{\theta}}{\partial \theta} = 0$$
$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \left\| \vec{F}(r,\theta) \right\| = 0 \qquad \vec{F}(0,0) = [U,0]$$

 $F_r(0,\theta) = U\cos\theta$ $F_{\theta}(0,\theta) = -U\sin\theta$

$$F_r(r,\theta) = U\cos\theta \exp\frac{-r}{L} \quad F_\theta(r,\theta) = \left(\frac{r}{L} - 1\right)U\sin\theta \exp\frac{-r}{L}$$
$$L = \nu/U \qquad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$F_x = U\frac{rL - y^2}{rL\exp(r/L)} \quad F_y = U\frac{xy}{rL\exp(r/L)}$$
Stream Function *d*:

Stream Function ψ :

$$\psi(x,y) = \frac{Uy}{\exp(r/L)}$$

Pure Oseen Flow



Comparison with Line Stroke





Short Stroke

Line Stroke

$$\beta = \exp \frac{|x_0|}{L} - \frac{tU}{L}$$

$$x_f(t) = \begin{cases} L \ln \left(\exp \frac{x_0}{L} + \frac{tU}{L}\right), & \text{if } x_0 \ge 0; \\ -L \ln (\beta), & \text{if } \beta > 0; \\ L \ln (2 - \beta), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{\psi}(y) &= \pm \sqrt{\left(L \ln \frac{Uy}{\psi}\right)^2 - y^2} \quad y \neq 0 \\ w(y)^2 &= F_x(x_{\psi}(y), y)^2 + F_y(x_{\psi}(y), y)^2 \\ &= U^2 \frac{[L^2 + y^2]/L^2 - 2y^2 \left/ \left(L\sqrt{L^2 \ln(yU/\psi)^2 + y^2}\right)}{\exp\left(2\sqrt{L^2 \ln(yU/\psi)^2 + y^2}/L\right)} \\ &\zeta &= \sqrt{L^2 \ln(yU/\psi)^2 + y^2} \\ &\int \frac{dy}{w(y)} &= \int \frac{L\zeta \exp\left(\zeta/L\right) dy}{U\sqrt{(L^2 + y^2)\zeta^2 - 2L\zeta y^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Trajectory of Velocity Field



Reversibility



Drive from Start



Drive from Midpoint

Improved Reversibility Stroke



Drive from Start



Drive from Midpoint

Forward



Drive from Start



Drive from Midpoint

Reverse



Inverse Drive from End



Inverse Drive from Midpoint

Solid Marbling

- Except for transfer effects, the two-dimensional mathematical marbling techniques have straightforward three-dimensional analogs.
- Three dimensional short stroke solution:

$$F_r(r,\theta,\varphi) = U\cos\theta\exp\frac{-r}{L}$$

$$F_{\theta}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \left(\frac{r}{2L} - 1\right) U \sin \theta \exp \frac{-r}{L}$$

Cipollino Marble



Oak Flooring



Birds Eye Maple



Pattern Welding



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Solid Marbled Teapot



Solid Marbled Rose



• Are marbling homeomorphisms relevant to biological morphogenesis?

- Are there other solutions to the point Oseen flow differential equation?
- Does the point Oseen solution lead to an improved formula for drag from small spheres?
- Use contour-walking algorithm instead of riding gradients for short stroke.
- Model inks moved with puffs or streams of air.
- Folded paper transfer effects. http://marbleart.us/Moire.htm

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