

# Analysis of a Finite Difference Scheme for a Slow, 3-D Permeable Boundary, Navier-Stokes Flow

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**Abstract:**

We derive a finite difference scheme for a sufficiently slow permeable boundary Navier-Stokes flow, to justify the condition,  $\rho(\mathbf{v}(x,t) \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}(x,t) \approx 0$ , in its Navier-Stokes equation. The expression is the nonlinear part of the equation and features in the approximation of the flow's Reynold's number (see Remarks 5.2(3), on page 721 of [2]). In other words, we discretize the linearized, non-homogeneous Navier-Stokes problem, representing the 3-D slow flow of a fluid. A typical example of a slow Navier-Stokes fluid flow is ground water through an aquifer. It is to be noted that the condition of non-homogeneity stems from our further application of the Sauer-Maritz boundary permeation model (see Section 2, on page 718 of [2]). This model is also applied in [4], [5] and [6]. The homogeneous version of the problem is discussed by O.A. Ladyzhenskya in [7]. The derived scheme will then be tested for convergence and error stability. The theoretic analysis of the problem, as discussed in [2], takes place in the Sobolev space,  $L^2([0, T], H^2(\Omega)); T < \infty$ ; and therefore, the scheme will be derived in the same function space (similar to the scheme in [3]).

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## 1 Introduction.

We seek a numerical approximation to the solution,  $\mathbf{v}(x, t), p(x) \in H^2(\Omega) \times [0, T]$  whose existence and uniqueness was confirmed in [2], such that,

$$(1a) \quad \rho \partial_t \mathbf{v}(x, t) = \mu \Delta \mathbf{v}(x, t) - \nabla p(x, t) + \mathbf{f}(x, t); \quad \mathbf{v} \in H^2(\Omega); x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3; \mathbf{f} \in L^2(\Omega), t > 0,$$

subject to:

$$(1b) \quad \begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}(x, t) = 0; \\ \gamma_0 \mathbf{v}(y, t) = -\eta_v(y, t) \mathbf{n}(y); \quad y \in \Gamma. \\ \sigma \partial_t [\gamma_0 \mathbf{v}(y, t)] + \gamma_0 p(y, t) + 2\mu \kappa \eta_v(y, t) = p_0(t) \end{cases} .$$

where,

$$x := (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega;$$

$$y := (y_1, y_2) \in \partial\Omega = \Gamma;$$

$\mu$ : fluid viscosity; assumed constant;

$\rho$ : fluid density; assumed constant;

$\mathbf{v}(x, t)$ : body fluid velocity field;

$\gamma_0 \mathbf{v}(x, t)$ : surface fluid velocity field;

$p(x, t)$ : fluid pressure field;

$\gamma_0 p(x, t)$ : surface fluid pressure field;

$\mathbf{f}(x, t)$ : external force; assumed to be of potential type.s

## 2 The setting for the problem.

We fill up a container with a Navier-Stokes fluid. Inside this container we put a smaller container, with the same Navier-Stokes fluid and same height. The walls of the inner container are permeable; thus allowing the free flow of the fluid to and from the outer container. We denote the wall of the inner container by  $\Gamma$  and the wall of the outer container by  $\Gamma_0$ .

The body of fluid between  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_0$  is denoted by  $\Omega$ . On the other hand the body of fluid beyond  $\Gamma$ , inside the inner container, is denoted by  $\Omega_0$ . A fluid particle may accelerate from the position of rest from  $\Omega_0$ , through  $\Gamma$  into  $\Omega$ . Another particle could accelerate from the position of rest from  $\Omega$  through  $\Gamma$  into  $\Omega_0$ .

The motion of the fluid in regions  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega_0$  is governed by the mathematical model 1(a), whilst the model 1(b)(the last two boundary equations) accounts for the fluid permeation through  $\Gamma$ . The scheme for the last boundary equation in 1(b) will be sought as its derivation in [4] has taken into consideration the Sauer-Maritz permeation model ( $\gamma_0 \mathbf{v}(y, t) = -\eta_v(y, t) \mathbf{n}(y)$ ) and the conservation laws. (see also [2],[4],[5] and [6])

**Remarks 2.1**

In the following remarks we assume,

$$\Delta t = t_j - t_{j-1}; t_j, t_{j-1} \in [0, T]; \Delta x = x_{ki} - x_{k(i-1)}, x_{ki}, x_{k(i-1)} \in \Omega; k = 1, 2, 3$$

(1) The left-hand side time derivative scheme will generate the error term

of the form  $\frac{1}{2} \Delta t \frac{\partial^2 v^{(k)}(x^{(k)}, \theta_k)}{\partial t^2}; x^{(k)} \in \Omega; \theta_k \in (t_{j-1}, t_j) \subset [0, T]$ . Note that  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}$  and  $x^{(3)}$  represent the directions along the  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$ , axes respectively.

(2) The right-hand velocity scheme will generate the error term

of the form  $\frac{1}{12} [\Delta x]^2 \frac{\partial^4 v^{(k)}(\xi_k, t)}{\partial x_k^4}$ . However, this error term vanishes in  $H^2(\Omega)$ .

(3) The pressure scheme generates the error term of the

form  $\frac{1}{2} \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 p^{(k)}(\xi_k)}{\partial x_k^2}$ , which does not vanish in  $H^2(\Omega)$ .

(4) In the derivation of the following scheme, we will ignore the error terms

as we use  $v_{i,j}^{(1)}; v_{i,j}^{(2)}$  and  $v_{i,j}^{(3)}$  to approximate  $v(x_{1i}, t_j); v(x_{2i}, t_j)$  and  $v(x_{3i}, t_j)$ , respectively.

Similarly, we use  $p_i^{(1)}; p_i^{(2)}$  and  $p_i^{(3)}$  to approximate  $p(x_{1i}); p(x_{2i})$  and  $p(x_{3i})$  respectively.

(See (4) and (5) on page 510 of [7] and 12.2 and 12.3 in [2])

(5) See page 2 of [4] for the existence of a bijection between  $v(x_{1i}, t_j)$  and  $\eta_v(y_{1i}, t_j)$  on one hand;  $p(x_{1i})$  and  $\gamma_0 p(y_{1i})$  on the other hand.

**3 The scheme for the region  $\Omega$  between  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_0$** 

Taking a square grid,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$ , for each axis plane, we develop the following scheme; assuming the mesh information under Remarks 2.1:

Along the  $X_1$ -axis, we have:

$$(1) \rho \left[ \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(1)} - v_{i,j}^{(1)}}{\Delta t} \right] = \mu \left[ \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(1)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(1)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(1)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(1)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(1)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(1)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} \right] - \left[ \frac{p_i^{(1)} - p_{i-1}^{(1)}}{\Delta x} \right] + f_{i,j}^{(1)}.$$

Along the  $X_2$ -axis, we have:

$$(2) \rho \left[ \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(2)} - v_{i,j}^{(2)}}{\Delta t} \right] = \mu \left[ \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(2)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(2)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(2)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(2)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(2)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(2)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(2)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(2)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(2)}}{(\Delta x)^2} \right] - \left[ \frac{p_i^{(2)} - p_{i-1}^{(2)}}{\Delta x} \right] + f_{i,j}^{(2)}$$

Along the  $X_3$ -axis, we have:

$$(3) \rho \left[ \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(3)} - v_{i,j}^{(3)}}{\Delta t} \right] = \mu \left[ \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(3)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(3)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(3)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(3)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(3)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(3)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(3)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(3)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(3)}}{(\Delta x)^2} \right] - \left[ \frac{p_i^{(3)} - p_{i-1}^{(3)}}{\Delta x} \right] + f_{i,j}^{(3)}$$

The scheme for the divergence equation is:

$$(4) \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(1)} - v_{i,j}^{(1)}}{\Delta x} + \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(2)} - v_{i,j}^{(2)}}{\Delta x} + \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(3)} - v_{i,j}^{(3)}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

Assigning  $\Delta x = K$ , then the scheme (1)-(4), is reduced to the following form:

$$(5) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho \left[ \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(1)} - v_{i,j}^{(1)}}{\Delta t} \right] = 3\mu \left[ \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(1)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(1)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(1)}}{K^2} \right] - \left[ \frac{p_i^{(1)} - p_{i-1}^{(1)}}{K} \right] + f_{i,j}^{(1)}; \\ \rho \left[ \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(2)} - v_{i,j}^{(2)}}{\Delta t} \right] = 3\mu \left[ \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(2)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(2)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(2)}}{K^2} \right] - \left[ \frac{p_i^{(2)} - p_{i-1}^{(2)}}{K} \right] + f_{i,j}^{(2)}; \\ \rho \left[ \frac{v_{i,j+1}^{(3)} - v_{i,j}^{(3)}}{\Delta t} \right] = 3\mu \left[ \frac{v_{i-1,j}^{(3)} - 2v_{i,j}^{(3)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(3)}}{K^2} \right] - \left[ \frac{p_i^{(3)} - p_{i-1}^{(3)}}{K} \right] + f_{i,j}^{(3)}; \text{ and} \end{array} \right.$$

with the constitutive equation; for incompressibility, reducing to,

$$(6) v_{i,j+1}^{(1)} - v_{i,j}^{(1)} + v_{i,j+1}^{(2)} - v_{i,j}^{(2)} + v_{i,j+1}^{(3)} - v_{i,j}^{(3)} = 0$$

Re-arranging (5), we have,

$$(7) v_{i,j+1}^{(k)} = \left[ 1 - 6 \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta t}{K^2} \right) \right] v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta t}{K^2} \right) [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta t}{K} \right) [p_i^{(k)} - p_{i-1}^{(k)}] + \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(k)};$$

for each  $k = 1; 2; 3$

This implies that,

$$(8) v_{i,j+1}^{(k)} - v_{i,j}^{(k)} = -6 \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta t}{K^2} \right) v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta t}{K^2} \right) [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta t}{K} \right) [p_i^{(k)} - p_{i-1}^{(k)}] + \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(k)}; \quad k = 1; 2; 3;$$

Likewise, we re-write (6) as follows:

$$(9) \sum_{k=1}^3 [v_{i,j+1}^{(k)} - v_{i,j}^{(k)}] = 0$$

Rewriting (9), in terms of the right hand side of (8), we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} & -6 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} v_{i,j}^{(1)} + 3 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} [v_{i-1,j}^{(1)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(1)}] - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho K} [p_i^{(1)} - p_{i-1}^{(1)}] + \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(1)} \\ & -6 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} v_{i,j}^{(2)} + 3 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} [v_{i-1,j}^{(2)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(2)}] - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho K} [p_i^{(2)} - p_{i-1}^{(2)}] + \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(2)} \\ & -6 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} v_{i,j}^{(3)} + 3 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} [v_{i-1,j}^{(3)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(3)}] - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho K} [p_i^{(3)} - p_{i-1}^{(3)}] + \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(3)} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$-6 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} \sum_{k=1}^3 v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} \sum_{k=1}^3 [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho K} \sum_{k=1}^3 [p_i^{(k)} - p_{i-1}^{(k)}] = -\frac{\Delta t}{\rho} \sum_{k=1}^3 f_{i,j}^{(k)}$$

This implies that,

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \left[ -6 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho K} [p_i^{(k)} - p_{i-1}^{(k)}] \right] = \sum_{k=1}^3 \left[ -\frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(k)} \right].$$

From the preceding, we conclude that,

$$(10) -6 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho K} [p_i^{(k)} - p_{i-1}^{(k)}] = -\frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(k)}$$

Therefore, solving for  $p_i$  in (10), the recursive algorithm for the region between  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_0$  is thus given by,

$$(11) p_i^{(k)} = -6 \frac{\mu}{K} v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \frac{\mu}{K} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - K f_{i,j}^{(k)} + p_{i-1}^{(k)}.$$

Therefore, (7) and (11) jointly present a finite difference scheme for the numerical simulation of the Navier-Stokes flow between the boundaries  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_0$ .

The finite difference scheme referred to is,

$$(13) \begin{cases} (a) p_i^{(k)} = -6 \frac{\mu}{K} v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \frac{\mu}{K} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - K f_{i,j}^{(k)} + p_{i-1}^{(k)} \\ (b) v_{i,j+1}^{(k)} = \left[ 1 - 6 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} \right] v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K} p_i^{(k)} + \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(k)} \end{cases}$$

where,  $k = 1, 2, 3$  represent the three rectangular directions.

will later be tested for convergence and error stability.

For the fluid under consideration, we have,

$$T := -p\mathbf{I} + 2\mu D(\mathbf{v}), \text{ as the stress tensor; with } D(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla^T \mathbf{v}].$$

From the preceding equation, we conclude that,

$$p_0^{(1)} = -p, \quad p_0^{(2)} = -p \quad \text{and} \quad p_0^{(3)} = -p.$$

We rewrite 13(b) to obtain,

$$(14) v_{i,j+1}^{(k)} = \left[ 1 - \frac{6\mu}{\rho} \alpha \right] v_{i,j}^{(k)} + \frac{3\mu}{\rho} \alpha [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] + \frac{K^2}{\rho} \alpha f_{i,k}^{(k)} - \frac{\mu K}{\rho} \alpha p_i^{(k)};$$

$$\text{where, } \alpha = \frac{\Delta t}{K^2}$$

Later, it will be shown that the scheme (14) converges for  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\rho}{6\mu}$ ; which is in terms of the physical constants for the fluid.

#### 4 Stability for the scheme.

To study the stability of the scheme (13), we define the following approximation errors:

$$e_{i,j+1}^{(k)} := v^{(k)}(\mathbf{w}_i, t_{j+1}) - v_{i,j+1}^{(k)}$$

$$e_{i,j}^{(k)} := v^{(k)}(\mathbf{w}_i, t_j) - v_{i,j}^{(k)}$$

$$e_{i-1,j}^{(k)} := v^{(k)}(\mathbf{w}_{i-1}, t_j) - v_{i-1,j}^{(k)}$$

$$e_{i+1,j}^{(k)} := v^{(k)}(\mathbf{w}_{i+1}, t_j) - v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}$$

$$e_i^p := p^{(k)}(\mathbf{w}_i) - p_i^{(k)}; \text{ where, } \mathbf{w}_i := (x_{1i}, x_{2i}, x_{3i}); v(\mathbf{w}_i, t_j) \text{ is the actual velocity;}$$

$$p^{(k)}(\mathbf{w}_i) \text{ the actual pressure.}$$

Therefore, the statement for the error of approximation for (14), is given by,

$$(15) e_{i,j+1}^{(k)} = \left[ 1 - \frac{6\mu}{\rho} \alpha \right] e_{i,j}^{(k)} + \frac{3\mu}{\rho} \alpha [e_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + e_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] + \frac{K^2}{\rho} \alpha f_{i,j} - \frac{\mu K}{\rho} \alpha e_i^p + \mathbf{T}_e,$$

where,

$$\mathbf{T}_e := \mathbf{T}_e^v + \mathbf{T}_e^p \text{ is the truncation error;}$$

However, by the Remarks 2.1(2),

$$\frac{\partial^4 v^{(1)}(\xi_1, t)}{\partial x_1^4} = \frac{\partial^4 v^{(2)}(\xi_2, t)}{\partial x_2^4} = \frac{\partial^4 v^{(3)}(\xi_3, t)}{\partial x_3^4} = 0 \text{ (also see [3])}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{T}_e^v := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \frac{\partial^2 v^{(1)}(x^{(1)}, \theta)}{\partial t^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \frac{\partial^2 v^{(1)}(x^{(2)}, \theta)}{\partial t^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \frac{\partial^2 v^{(1)}(x^{(3)}, \theta)}{\partial t^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{T}_e := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \frac{\partial^2 v^{(1)}(x^{(1)}, \theta)}{\partial t^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \frac{\partial^2 v^{(1)}(x^{(2)}, \theta)}{\partial t^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \frac{\partial^2 v^{(1)}(x^{(3)}, \theta)}{\partial t^2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} K \frac{\partial^2 p^{(1)}(\xi_1)}{\partial x_1^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} K \frac{\partial^2 p^{(2)}(\xi_2)}{\partial x_2^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} K \frac{\partial^2 p^{(3)}(\xi_3)}{\partial x_3^2} \end{pmatrix}; \text{ bounded in } [0, T] \times \Omega,$$

where,

$$\theta \in (t_j, t_{j+1}); \xi_1 \in (x_{1i}, x_{1(i+1)}); \xi_2 \in (x_{2i}, x_{2(i+1)}) \text{ and } \xi_3 \in (x_{3i}, x_{3(i+1)})$$

There fore, by (13a),

$$(16) \quad e_i^p := -\frac{6\mu}{K} e_{i,j}^{(k)} + \frac{3\mu}{K} [e_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + e_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] + K f_{i,j} + \mathbf{T}_e$$

For a fluid particle; starting from the position of rest in  $\Omega$ , accelerating towards  $\Gamma$ , we formulate and prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 4.1:**

For a fluid particle accelerating from the position of rest in  $\Omega$  and accelerating towards  $\Gamma$ ; with

$$v_{i,j+1}^{(k)} \in [0, v_N^{(k)}] \subset H^2(\Omega); p_{i+1}^{(k)} \in [p_0^{(k)}, p_N^{(k)}] \subset L^2(\Omega); t_{j+1} \in [0, T], T < \infty; i, j = 1; 2; 3 \dots, N; k = 1, 2, 3;$$

the scheme (13) admits error stability for  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\rho}{6\mu}$ .

**Proof:**

Firstly, all the norms in the proof are the  $\|\cdot\|_{H^2(\Omega)}$  norms.

On the other hand, by (16)

$$\|\mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}^p\| \leq \frac{6\mu}{K} \|\mathbf{e}_{i,j}\| + \frac{3\mu}{K} [\|\mathbf{e}_{i-1,j}\| + \|\mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}\|] + K \|f_{i,j}\| + \|\mathbf{T}_e^p\|.$$

We rewrite the preceding inequality in the form,

$$(17) \quad E_{i+1}^p \leq \frac{12\mu}{K} E_j + KM_f + M_e^p, \text{ where,}$$

$$E_{i+1}^p := \max \|\mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}^p\|; M_e^p := \max \|\mathbf{T}_e^p\|; M_f := \max \|f_{i,j}\|$$

By (17), we have,

$$\begin{aligned} E_{i+1}^p &\leq \frac{12\mu}{K} E_j + KM_f + M_e^p \\ &\leq \frac{12\mu}{K} \left[ \frac{12\mu}{K} E_{j-1} + KM_f + M_e^p \right] + KM_f + M_e^p \\ &= \left( \frac{12\mu}{K} \right)^2 E_{j-1} + \frac{12\mu}{K} (KM_f + M_e^p) + KM_f + M_e^p \\ &\leq \left( \frac{12\mu}{K} \right)^3 E_{j-2} + \left( \frac{12\mu}{K} \right)^2 (KM_f + M_e^p) \\ &\quad + \frac{12\mu}{K} (KM_f + M_e^p) + (KM_f + M_e^p) \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &\leq \left( \frac{12\mu}{K} \right)^N E_0 + \left( \frac{12\mu}{K} \right)^{N-1} (KM_f + M_e^p) + \dots \\ &\dots\dots\dots + \frac{12\mu}{K} (KM_f + M_e^p) + (KM_f + M_e^p) \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $E_0 = 0$ , then,

$$(18) \quad E_{j+1} \leq (KM_f + M_e^p) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{12\mu}{K} \right)^k$$



By (15), we have,

$$\mathbf{e}_{i,j+1} = \left[ 1 - \frac{6\mu}{\rho} \alpha \right] \mathbf{e}_{i,j} + \frac{3\mu}{\rho} \alpha [\mathbf{e}_{i-1,j} + \mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}] + \frac{K^2}{\rho} \alpha f_{i,j} - \frac{\mu K}{\rho} \alpha \mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}^p + \mathbf{T}_e.$$

This implies that,

$$(20) \quad \|\mathbf{e}_{i,j+1}\| \leq \left| 1 - \frac{6\mu}{\rho} \alpha \right| \|\mathbf{e}_{i,j}\| + \frac{3\mu}{\rho} \alpha [\|\mathbf{e}_{i-1,j}\| + \|\mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}\|] + \frac{K^2}{\rho} \alpha \|f_{i,j}\| + \frac{\mu K}{\rho} \alpha \|\mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}^p\| + \|\mathbf{T}_e\|$$

We put:  $E_{j+1} := \max \|\mathbf{e}_{i,j+1}\|$ . Hence,  $E_j := \max \|\mathbf{e}_{i,j}\| = \max \|\mathbf{e}_{i-1,j}\| = \max \|\mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}\|$

Rewriting (20), we obtain the inequality,

$$(21) \quad E_{j+1} \leq \left| 1 - \frac{6\mu}{\rho} \alpha \right| E_j + \frac{6\mu}{\rho} \alpha E_j + \frac{K^2}{\rho} \alpha \|f_{i,j}\| + \frac{\mu K}{\rho} \alpha \|\mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}^p\| + \|\mathbf{T}_e\|$$

For  $1 - \frac{6\mu}{\rho} \alpha \geq 0$ ; that is,  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\rho}{6\mu}$ , the inequality (21) assumes the form,

$$E_{j+1} \leq E_j + \frac{K^2}{\rho} \alpha \|f_{i,j}\| + \frac{\mu K}{\rho} \alpha \|\mathbf{e}_{i+1,j}^p\| + \|\mathbf{T}_e\|; \text{ that is,}$$

$$(22) \quad E_{j+1} \leq E_j + \frac{K^2}{\rho} \alpha M_f + \frac{\mu K}{\rho} \alpha (KM_f + M_e^p) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{12\mu}{K} \right)^k + M_e; \text{ by (18),}$$

$$\text{We put } \varphi(K) = \frac{K^2}{\rho} \alpha M_f + \frac{\mu K}{\rho} \alpha (KM_f + M_e^p) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{12\mu}{K} \right)^k + M_e,$$

with (22) assuming the form,

$$(23) \quad E_{j+1} \leq E_j + \varphi(K).$$

Hence, by (23),  $E_{j+1} \leq E_j + \varphi(K)$

$$\leq E_{j-1} + 2\varphi(K)$$

$$\leq E_{j-2} + 3\varphi(K)$$

.....

$$\leq E_0 + N\varphi(K)$$

Therefore,

$$(24) \quad E_{j+1} \leq N\varphi(K), \text{ since } E_0 = 0; \text{ and error stability follows.}$$

*Q.E.D.*

**Remarks 4.2:**

(1) Choosing  $\left| \frac{2\mu}{K} \right| < 1$ ; with  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\rho}{6\mu}$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(K) &\leq \frac{K^2 \alpha M_f}{\rho} + \frac{\mu K \alpha}{\rho} (KM_f + M_e^p) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2\mu}{K} \right)^k \\ &\quad + M_e \\ &\leq \frac{K^2 M_f}{6\mu} + \frac{K}{6} (KM_f + M_e^p) \frac{K}{K-12\mu} + M_e \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(25) \quad E_{j+1} \leq N \left[ \frac{K^2 M_f}{6\mu} + \frac{K^2 (KM_f + M_e^p)}{6(K-12\mu)} + M_e \right]; \text{ and, choosing}$$

the smaller  $K$  would decrease the scheme error upper bound.

(2) For  $f(x, t) \equiv 0$  (conservative force) which is the case in [2], then  $M_f = 0$ , and,

$$(26) \quad E_{j+1} \leq \frac{N}{6} \left( \frac{K^2 M_e^p}{K-12\mu} \right) + M_e; \text{ for } K > 12\mu$$

## 5 The scheme for the flow through the boundary $\Gamma$ .

Any point on the permeable surface  $\Gamma$  may be represented by the general coordinates,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2, \mathbf{n})$ , with  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  tangential to  $\Gamma$ , and,  $\mathbf{n}$  normal to the surface (see Section 2.5 of [5])

Hence, on the boundary  $\Gamma$ , the equation,

$\rho \partial_t \mathbf{v}(x, t) = \mu \Delta \mathbf{v}(x, t) - \nabla p(x, t) + \mathbf{f}(x, t)$ , assumes the form,

$\sigma \partial_t \mathbf{v}(x, t) \mathbf{n} = \gamma_0 \nabla \cdot [\gamma_0 T \mathbf{n}] + \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n}$ ; with  $\mathbf{n}$  as the normal to  $\Gamma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \gamma_0 \nabla \cdot [-\gamma_0 p \mathbf{I} \mathbf{n} + 2\mu \gamma_0 D(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n}] + \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n} \\ &= -\gamma_0 p \mathbf{I} \left[ \nabla_s \cdot \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial n} \right] + 2\mu \gamma_0 D(\mathbf{v}) \left[ \nabla_s \cdot \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial n} \right] + \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n} \\ &= -\gamma_0 p \mathbf{I} \mathbf{n} + 2\mu \gamma_0 D(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n} + \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n}; \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma$  is the surface fluid density and,  $\gamma_0 T = -\gamma_0 p \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \gamma_0 D$ , the usual stress tensor, on the inner container surface,  $\Gamma$ . Also, note that while  $\nabla_s$  is tangential,  $\mathbf{n}$  is normal and, hence,  $\nabla_s \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ .

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\sigma \partial_t \mathbf{v}(x, t) \mathbf{n}) &= \sigma \partial_t \eta_v \\ &= \mathbf{n} \cdot (-\gamma_0 p \mathbf{I} \mathbf{n} + 2\mu\gamma_0 D(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n}) + \mathbf{n} \cdot \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n} \\ &= -\gamma_0 p + \mathbf{n} \cdot (2\mu\gamma_0 D(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n}) + \mathbf{n} \cdot \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n} \\ &= -\gamma_0 p - 2\mu\kappa\eta_v + \mathbf{n} \cdot \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n}, \text{ by (17) of [6].} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(23) \quad \sigma \partial_t \eta_v = -\gamma_0 p - 2\mu\kappa\eta_v + \mathbf{n} \cdot \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n}$$

Equation (23) in the normal direction to  $\Gamma$ ; represents flows across  $\Gamma$ , and it is to be discretized to approximate the value of  $\eta_v$ .

In terms of our rectangular coordinates,

$$(24) \quad \eta_v(0) = v_{i,j+1}^{(1)}; \text{ when } \mathbf{n} \text{ is parallel to the } X_1 \text{ - axis.}$$

**Note :**

(i) If  $\eta_v(0) = v_{i,j+1}^{(1)}$ , then,  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n} = 0$ .

(ii) If  $\eta_v(0) = v_{i,j+1}^{(2)}$ , then  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \gamma_0 \mathbf{f} \mathbf{n} = -\rho g_{x_2}$ ,

where,  $g_{x_2}$  is the acceleration component due to gravity.

(iii) However, normal stresses at the boundary,  $\Gamma$ , are non-zero and described by the expression,

$$(25) \quad \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{T} \mathbf{n} = -\gamma_0 p - 2\mu\eta_v \kappa$$

We then discretize (14) as follows:

$$(26) \quad o \left[ \frac{\eta_{i,j+1} - \eta_{i,j}}{\Delta t} \right] = -2\mu\kappa\eta_{i,j} - \gamma_0 p_i + \rho g_s + o(h^2)$$

Rewriting (25), we obtain,

$$(27) \quad \eta_{i,j+1} = \left( 1 - \frac{2\mu\kappa\Delta t}{\sigma} \right) \eta_{i,j} - \frac{\Delta t}{\sigma} \gamma_0 p_i + \rho g_s; \text{ where, } \gamma_0 p(s_i, t_{j+1}) \text{ is approximated by } \gamma_0 p_{i+1}.$$

Assuming that the normal direction on  $\Gamma$  is along the  $X_1$ -axis, then we rewrite (27) in the form,

$$(28) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \eta_{i,j+1} = \left( 1 - \frac{2\mu\kappa\Delta t}{\sigma} \right) \eta_{i,j} - \frac{\Delta t}{\sigma} \gamma_0 p_i; \text{ with } g_{x_1} = 0, \\ \text{where,} \\ \eta_{i,j} := v_{i,j+1}^{(1)}; \gamma_0 p_i := p_i^{(1)}. \end{array} \right.$$

Assuming a normal direction (parallel to the  $X_1$ -axis) to the boundary surface  $\Gamma$ , then from (28), we obtain the boundary computational scheme:

$\eta_{i,j+1} = \left(1 - \frac{2\mu\kappa\Delta t}{\sigma}\right) v_{i,j+1}^{(1)} - \frac{\Delta t}{\sigma} p_i^{(1)}$ ; which is readily usable for the approximation of the boundary velocity for the permeable boundary fluid.

Finally, the finite difference scheme of the permeable boundary Navier-Stokes flow is given by,

$$(29) \begin{cases} (a) p_i^{(k)} = -6\frac{\mu}{K} v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3\frac{\mu}{K} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - K f_{i,j}^{(k)} + p_{i-1}^{(k)} \\ (b) v_{i,j+1}^{(k)} = \left[1 - 6\frac{\mu\Delta t}{\rho K^2}\right] v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3\frac{\mu\Delta t}{\rho K^2} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - \frac{\mu\Delta t}{\rho K} p_i^{(k)} + \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(k)} \\ (c) \eta_{i,j+1} = \left(1 - \frac{2\mu\kappa\Delta t}{\sigma}\right) v_{i,j+1}^{(1)} - \frac{\Delta t}{\sigma} p_i^{(1)}; \text{ for } 0 < \Delta t \leq \frac{\sigma}{2\mu\kappa} \end{cases}$$

#### Remarks 5.1

(1) It is now logical that we should "marry" the convergence criteria for the components of the scheme (29). While the components 29(a) and 29(b) converge for  $0 < \frac{\Delta t}{K^2} \leq \frac{\rho}{6\mu}$ ; the boundary permeation scheme converges for  $0 < \Delta t \leq \frac{\sigma}{2\mu\kappa}$ .

(2) Ultimately, we assert that the scheme (28) converges for,

$$0 < \Delta t \leq \min\left(\frac{\sigma}{2\mu\kappa}, \frac{\rho K^2}{6\mu}\right).$$

(3) From the preceding remark, we observe that the choice of  $\Delta t$  is subject to the physical constants of the fluid. This makes sense as the boundary permeation time interval is expected to be very short.

## 6 The scheme for the flow inside the region $\Omega_0$ .

After the flow through the boundary surface  $\Gamma$ , the fluid "spills" into the region  $\Omega_0$ . This may require some modification to the scheme (29). We, thus, have the following scheme:

$$(30) \begin{cases} (a) p_i^{(k)} = -6 \frac{\mu}{K} v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \frac{\mu}{K} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - K f_{i,j}^{(k)} + p_{i-1}^{(k)} \\ (b) v_{i,j+1}^{(k)} = \left[ 1 - 6 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} \right] v_{i,j}^{(k)} + 3 \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K^2} [v_{i-1,j}^{(k)} + v_{i+1,j}^{(k)}] - \frac{\mu \Delta t}{\rho K} p_i^{(k)} + \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} f_{i,j}^{(k)} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where, } \mathbf{p}_i := \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_0 p_i \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{v}_{i,j} := \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{i,j+1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{f}_{i,j} := \begin{pmatrix} -\gamma_0 p_i - 2\mu \eta_{i,j+1} \kappa \\ -g_{x_3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ for a short time}$$

duration before non "incident" components were to re-develop.

#### Remarks 6.1:

(1) In the scheme (30),  $p_i^{(1)} = \gamma_0 p_i$ ;  $v_{i,j}^{(1)} = \eta_{i,j+1}$  and  $f_{i,j}^{(1)} = -\gamma_0 p_i - 2\mu \eta_{i,j+1} \kappa$ .

(2) By **Remarks 5.1(2)**, the scheme will converge for  $0 < \Delta t \leq \min \left( \frac{\sigma}{2\mu\kappa}, \frac{\rho K^2}{6\mu} \right)$ .

## 7. Conclusion.

Although the discretization of the boundary permeation fluid flow may still be regarded as "splitting hair", our preceding analysis does indicate that it is still feasible. The role played by the physical constants of the fluid ( $\sigma$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $\mu$ ), may definitely not be ignored. Obviously, the larger the inner container curvature  $\kappa$ , the more "viable" the boundary discretization scheme becomes.

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