

## FEM for Parabolic problems.

$$u_t = \nabla(\beta \nabla u) + f(x, y, t)$$

$$(x, y) \in \Omega$$



$$u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{IC}$$

$$u(x, y, t)|_{\Gamma} = u_1(\Gamma, t) \quad \text{BC}$$

Weak form? Galerkin form.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u_t v \, dx dy &= \int_{\Omega} v \nabla(\beta \nabla u) \, dx dy + \int_{\Omega} f(x, y, t) v \, dx dy \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \, ds - \int_{\Omega} \beta \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy + \int_{\Omega} f(x, y) v \, dx dy \end{aligned}$$

or:

$$(u_t, v) = -a(u, v) + (f, v) \quad u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

Choose finite element space

$$V_h \subset V_0^1(\Omega)$$

e.g. linear basis function.

$$\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n$$

$$u_h(x, y, t) = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j(t) \varphi_j(x, y)$$

Put into the Galerkin form:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j'(t) \varphi_j(x, y), \varphi_i(x, y) \right) + \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j(t) \varphi_j(x, y), \varphi_i(x, y) \right) \\ = (f, \varphi_i(x, y)) \end{aligned}$$

Linear system of Equations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\varphi_1, \varphi_1) & (\varphi_1, \varphi_2) & \dots & (\varphi_1, \varphi_n) \\ (\varphi_2, \varphi_1) & (\varphi_2, \varphi_2) & \dots & (\varphi_2, \varphi_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (\varphi_n, \varphi_1) & (\varphi_n, \varphi_2) & \dots & (\varphi_n, \varphi_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1'(t) \\ \xi_2'(t) \\ \vdots \\ \xi_n'(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a(\varphi_1, \varphi_1) & a(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) & \dots & a(\varphi_1, \varphi_n) \\ a(\varphi_2, \varphi_1) & a(\varphi_2, \varphi_2) & \dots & a(\varphi_2, \varphi_n) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a(\varphi_n, \varphi_1) & a(\varphi_n, \varphi_2) & \dots & a(\varphi_n, \varphi_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \xi_1(t) \\ \xi_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ \xi_m(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (f, \phi_1) \\ (f, \phi_2) \\ \vdots \\ (f, \phi_m) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_h(x, y, t) = \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j(t) \phi_j(x, y)$$

nodal point

$$\xi(0) = u(N_i, 0)$$

$$B \dot{\xi}(t) + A \xi = F(t)$$

Both A and B are S.P.D. B is symmetric  
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System of ODE of first kind.

Numerical Methods

A: Numerical ODEs

Can prove: The ~~sys~~ ODE system is very stiff.

$$\dot{\xi}(t) = -B^{-1}A \xi + B^{-1}F(t)$$

The eigenvalues of  $B^{-1}A$  have very different magnitude.

B: Implicit method.  $\xi(0) = \xi^0$

$$t^0 = 0, t^1 = t^0 + \Delta t_0, t^2 = t^1 + \Delta t_1, \dots, t^{n+1} = t^n + \Delta t_n$$

$$\xi^0 = u(N_i, 0) \quad \xi^1 = ? \quad \dots \quad \xi^{n+1}$$

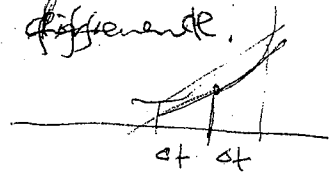
Time marching method

$$t^n \rightarrow t^{n+1}, \quad \xi^n \rightarrow \xi^{n+1}$$

Implicit Euler's method: Backward difference.

$$f'(t) \approx \frac{f(t+\Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t}$$

Forward



$$f'(t) \approx \frac{f(t) - f(t-\Delta t)}{\Delta t}$$

Backward

Not recommended

$$B \frac{\xi^{n+1} - \xi^n}{\Delta t} + A \xi^n = F(t^n)$$

Explicit

$$\dot{\xi}(t) = -B^{-1}A \xi + B^{-1}F$$

$$\checkmark \quad B \frac{\xi^{n+1} - \xi^n}{\Delta t} + A \xi^{n+1} = F(t^n)$$

Implicit Euler.

$$\text{or} \quad (B + \Delta t^n A) \xi^{n+1} = B \xi^n + F(t^n)$$

Stability Unconditionally stable.  
Explicit. <sup>would require</sup>  $A \Delta t^n \leq c h^2$  very small.

Accuracy:  $O(\Delta t, h^2)$  for linear basis function

Crank-Nicholson scheme. Average between the time  $t^n$  &  $t^{n+1}$ .

$$B \dot{\xi}(t) + A \xi = F$$

$$B \frac{\xi^{n+1} - \xi^n}{\Delta t} + A \frac{1}{2} (\xi^n + \xi^{n+1}) = \frac{1}{2} [F(t^n) + F(t^{n+1})]$$

$$\text{or } (B + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^n A) \xi^{n+1} = (B - \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^n A) \xi^n + \frac{1}{2} [F(t^n) + F(t^{n+1})]$$

Unconditionally stable, Accuracy  $O(\Delta t^2, h^2)$ .

Second order accurate both in space and time.

A clever transform:  $B$  is S.P.D.  $B^{\frac{1}{2}}$  exists.

$$B \dot{\xi}(t) + A \xi = F$$

$$B^{\frac{1}{2}} B^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\xi}(t) + A \xi = F$$

$$\underline{B^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\xi}(t)} + \underline{B^{-\frac{1}{2}} A B^{-\frac{1}{2}} B^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi(t)} = \underline{B^{-\frac{1}{2}} F}$$

Let  $\eta(t) = B^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi(t)$ , we get

$$\dot{\eta}(t) = -B^{-\frac{1}{2}} A B^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta(t) + B^{-\frac{1}{2}} F$$

$$= -\tilde{A} \eta(t) + \tilde{F}, \quad \tilde{A} \text{ is a S.P.D.}$$

## Stokes Equations

$$\begin{cases} \nabla p = \mu \Delta \vec{u} + \vec{F} & (x, y) \in \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \\ \vec{u}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Reynolds number is very small, inertia term is neglected, very viscous, small velocity, creeping flow.

Finite element method: A eliminate  $p$ .

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla p \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} \mu \Delta \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy + \iint_{\Omega} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy$$

$\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2)$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \\ \vec{u}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases} \text{ tough constraints.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_{\partial\Omega} (\nabla p \cdot \vec{n}) \vec{v} \, dx dy - \iint_{\Omega} p \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy \\ = - \iint_{\Omega} \mu (\nabla \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{v}) \, dx dy + \iint_{\Omega} \mu \Delta \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \iint_{\Omega} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \iint_{\Omega} \left\{ (\nabla u_1 \cdot \nabla v_1) + (\nabla u_2 \cdot \nabla v_2) \right\} \, dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy$$

$$V = \left\{ \vec{v} \in [H_0^1(\Omega)]^2, \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0, \vec{v}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \right\}$$

Difficulty: How to find  $V$  space,  
Use the stream function

$$\vec{v} = \text{rot } \phi = \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right\rangle$$

then  $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \text{div } \vec{v} = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} = 0$


Let  $W_h$  be a finite dimensional subspace of  $H_0^2(\Omega) = \{ \vec{v}(x), \vec{v}(x)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \vec{v}(x) \in H^2(\Omega) \}$

Then  $V_h = \{ \vec{v}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \\ -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \}$

Error estimate

$$\|u - u_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C h^4 \|u\|_{H^5(\Omega)}$$

Note that. If the boundary <sup>conditions</sup> are periodic for all variables,



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}(a, y) &= \vec{u}(b, y), & \vec{u}(x, c) &= \vec{u}(x, d) \\ p(a, y) &= p(b, y), & p(x, c) &= p(x, d) \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p &= \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Delta p = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \\ p \Delta u_1 = p_x + F_x \\ p \Delta u_2 = p_y + F_y \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Method Mixed finite element method

Do not impose the incompressibility condition for  $\vec{v}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\iint \nabla p \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy &= \iint \mu \Delta \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \iint \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy \\
+ \iint_{\partial \Omega} p \vec{n} \cdot \vec{v} \, ds - \iint p \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy \\
&= \int_{\partial \Omega} \mu \nabla \vec{u} \cdot \nu - \iint_{\Omega} \nabla \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} \, dx dy + \iint \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy \\
\Rightarrow \iint_{\Omega} \nabla \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} \, dx dy - \iint_{\Omega} p \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy &= \iint_{\Omega} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \, dx dy \\
\text{or } (\nabla \vec{u}, \nabla \vec{v}) - (p, \operatorname{div} \vec{v}) &= (\vec{F}, \vec{v}) \\
(\nabla w, \nabla v) &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} (\nabla w_i \cdot \nabla v_i) \, dx dy
\end{aligned}$$

Second equation

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0, \quad \operatorname{div} \vec{u} = 0$$

$$\iint (\varphi \cdot \operatorname{div} \vec{u}) \, dx dy = 0$$

Impose additional equation for the pressure

$$\iint_{\Omega} p \, dx dy = 0$$

$$\text{or } p(x^*, y^*) = p_0 \quad \text{fixe at one point}$$

$$V = \{ \vec{v} \in [H^1(\Omega)]^2, \vec{v}|_{\partial \Omega} = 0 \}$$

$$H = \{ \varphi \in L_2(\Omega), \iint_{\Omega} \varphi \, dx dy = 0 \}$$

Different sub-spaces, so it is called a mixed finite elements.

Stability requirement:

$$\|u_n\|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \|p_n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \underbrace{\sup_{v \in H^1(\Omega)} \frac{(f, v)_{L^2(\Omega)}}{\|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}}}_{\|f\|_{H^1(\Omega)}}$$

Then we have

$$\|u_n\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \leq (f, u_n) \leq \|f\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \|u_n\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$$

$$\text{or } \|u_n\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq \|f\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$$

Numerics:  $V_h = \{ \vec{v} \in V : \vec{v}|_K \in [\mathcal{Q}_2(K)]^2, \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \}$

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