

A mixed finite element method for Phan-Thien-Tanner differential model

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The background of research

- * In recent years, there have been a lot of developments for solving **viscoelastic flows**. In this report, we solve viscoelastic flows with **Phan-Thien-Tanner**(P-T-T) model, which consists of the momentum equation, mass equation and constitutive equation.

P-T-T model

$$-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f}, \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon\lambda}{1 - \eta_p} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau})\right) \boldsymbol{\tau} + \lambda((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}\nabla\mathbf{u} - \nabla\mathbf{u}^T\boldsymbol{\tau}) = 2(1 - \eta_p)\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}), \quad (3)$$

where \mathbf{u} and p denote the velocity and pressure fields, respectively, ε , λ and η_p denote the constants. $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\mathbf{u} + \nabla\mathbf{u}^T)$ denote the rate of deformation tensor. The relationship between the extra stress tensor \mathbf{T} and viscoelastic stress tensor $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ can be defined as following

$$\mathbf{T} = 2\eta_p\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \boldsymbol{\tau}. \quad (4)$$

- * There are lots of work devoted to the numerical approximations for the viscoelastic flows. For example, Least-squares finite element method, Discontinuous Galerkin method and so on.
- * In this report, we consider a numerical method for the P-T-T model of viscoelastic flows by a combination of the interior penalty (IP) method and the streamline upwind Petrov-Galerkin (SUPG) method.

- * Recently, the interior penalty(IP) method for convection-diffusion problem was proposed by Douglas and Dupont. We extend Bonito and Burman's work in [1] to a finite element scheme of P-T-T model and derive the error estimates for the numerical solution.
- * We decouple the P-T-T model into two parts: the **stokes-like problem** and the **constitutive equation**. We consider an IP method for the stokes-like equations and adopt SUPG method to discretize the constitutive equation.

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Stokes-like problem

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{T} = 2\eta_p \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \boldsymbol{\tau}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

we introduce the bilinear forms

$$a_h(\mathbf{T}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) = (\mathbf{T}_h, \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v}_h)) - \langle \mathbf{T}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{v}_h \rangle_{\partial\Omega}, \quad (6)$$

$$b_h(p_h, \mathbf{v}_h) = -(p_h, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h) + \langle p_h, \mathbf{v}_h \cdot \mathbf{n} \rangle_{\partial\Omega}, \quad (7)$$

Stokes-like problem

and the interior penalty operators

$$j_1(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) = 2\eta_p \sum_{K \in \varepsilon_h^0} h \int_{\partial K} [\nabla \mathbf{u}_h] \cdot [\nabla \mathbf{v}_h] ds + \frac{\eta_p \beta}{h} \int_{\partial \Omega} \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{v}_h ds, \quad (8)$$

$$j_2(p_h, q_h) = \sum_{K \in \varepsilon_h^0} \frac{\gamma h^3}{\eta_p} \int_{\partial K} [\nabla p_h][\nabla q_h] ds, \quad (9)$$

where α, β, γ are positive constants.

Stokes-like problem

The **weak formulation** of problem (5) reads as follows: find

$(\mathbf{u}_h, p_h, \mathbf{T}_h) \in X_h$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a_h(\mathbf{T}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + b_h(p_h, \mathbf{v}_h) - b_h(q_h, \mathbf{u}_h) - a_h(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_h, \mathbf{u}_h) + \left(\frac{1}{2\eta_p} \mathbf{T}_h, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h \right) \\
 & + j_1(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + j_2(p_h, q_h) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_h) + (\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h),
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

for all $(\mathbf{v}_h, q_h, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h) \in X_h$.

Stokes-like problem

Introducing the variables $M_h = (\mathbf{u}_h, p_h, \mathbf{T}_h)$ and $N_h = (\mathbf{v}_h, q_h, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h)$, the finite element formulation (10) can be written as $A(M_h, N_h) =$

$$a_h(\mathbf{T}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + b_h(p_h, \mathbf{v}_h) - b_h(q_h, \mathbf{u}_h) - a_h(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_h, \mathbf{u}_h) + \left(\frac{1}{2\eta_p} \mathbf{T}_h, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h \right),$$

$$\text{and } J(M_h, N_h) = j_1(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + j_2(p_h, q_h), \quad F(N_h) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_h) + (\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h).$$

That is, we find $M_h \in X_h$ such that

$$A(M_h, N_h) + J(M_h, N_h) = F(N_h), \quad \forall N_h \in X_h \quad (11)$$

Theorem 1

Theorem

Suppose that the mesh satisfies the quasiuniformity of the mesh and that M be the solution of (5), then the solution M_h by the interior penalty method satisfies the error estimate

$$\| \| M - M_h \| \| \leq C \| \boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_h \| + o(h), \quad (12)$$

where C is a constant independent of h .

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We define

$$B(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) = ((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\omega} + h(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{\omega}) + \frac{1}{2}((\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\omega}), \quad (13)$$

for all $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \in V_h \times V_h \times Z_h \times Z_h$. Moreover, setting $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{\omega}$, we have

$$B(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) = h((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{\tau}, (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{\tau}) = h \|\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\tau}\|^2. \quad (14)$$

For $\boldsymbol{\omega}_u = \boldsymbol{\omega} + v h \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\omega}$, we obtain

$$B(\lambda \mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) = ((\lambda \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\omega} + v h (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{\omega}) + \frac{1}{2}((\nabla \cdot \lambda \mathbf{u})\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\omega}). \quad (15)$$

Now we define the **discrete approximation** of (3) as, find $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in Z_h$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon \lambda}{1 - \eta_p} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_h) \right) \boldsymbol{\tau}_h, \boldsymbol{\omega}_{u_h} \right) + B(\lambda \mathbf{u}_h, \boldsymbol{\tau}_h, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ & - \lambda((\boldsymbol{\tau}_h \nabla \mathbf{u}_h + \nabla \mathbf{u}_h^T \boldsymbol{\tau}_h), \boldsymbol{\omega}_{u_h}) = 2(1 - \eta_p)(\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}_h), \boldsymbol{\omega}_{u_h}), \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \in Z_h. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Lemma 2

Let

$$L = \max\{\|\mathbf{u}\|_3, \|p\|_2, \|\mathbf{T}\|_2, \|\boldsymbol{\tau}\|_2\}$$

and

$$\max\{\|\nabla \mathbf{u}_h\|_{0,\infty}, \|\boldsymbol{\tau}_h\|_{0,\infty}\} \leq M.$$

Utilizing the above hypotheses, the prior error estimate can be derived as follow.

Lemma

Let $\boldsymbol{\tau}_h$ be a numerical solution of (3). Assuming that the exact solution $(\mathbf{u}, p, \mathbf{T}, \boldsymbol{\tau})$ is smooth enough. If C is a positive constant independent of h , then the following inequality holds

$$\|\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_h\| \leq Ch^{3/2} + (2(1-\eta_p) + C\lambda L + C\lambda Mh) \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_1 / (7/8 - 2\lambda M - C\rho)$$

for sufficiently small $\lambda > 0$ and $\rho = \frac{\varepsilon\lambda}{1-\eta_p}$.

Theorem 3

Theorem

Suppose that the exact solution $(\mathbf{u}, p, \mathbf{T}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) \in X \times Z$ is smooth enough, then the finite element solution $(\mathbf{u}_h, p_h, \mathbf{T}_h, \boldsymbol{\tau}_h) \in X_h \times Z_h$ by the IP/SUPG method satisfies the following error bound, that is

$$\| | | (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h, p - p_h, \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{T}_h) | | | + \| \boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_h \| \leq Ch. \quad (17)$$

Proof.

Combining Theorem 1 with Lemma 2, we obtain the bound (17), which completes the proof. \square

Numerical experiments

In this part, numerical results of the creeping flow in a planar channel are presented by the above decoupled algorithm. We choose the exact solution $(\mathbf{u}, p, \boldsymbol{\tau})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - y^4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ p &= -x^2, \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} &= \begin{pmatrix} 32\lambda\alpha y^6 & -4\alpha y^3 \\ -4\alpha y^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Therefore, the right hand side terms of the momentum and constitutive equations modified by substituting (18) into (5) and (3) are given by

$$\mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} 12y^2 - 2x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (19)$$

and

$$\mathbf{f}_{stress} = \begin{pmatrix} 32\lambda y^6/9 + 1024\varepsilon\lambda^3 y^{12}/9 & 128\lambda^2(1 - \varepsilon)y^9/9 \\ 128\lambda^2(1 - \varepsilon)y^9/9 & -32\lambda y^6/9 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

The test domain with Dirichlet boundary conditions are shown in Figure 1. u_y represent the velocity in y -direction.

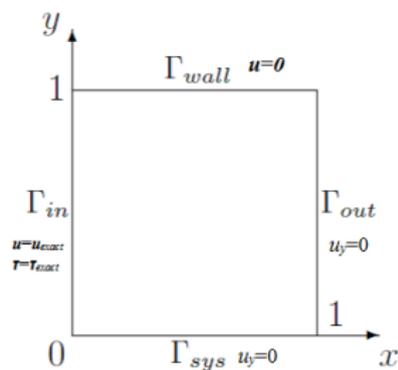


Figure: The geometry and boundary conditions.

The effects of material parameter λ on the error estimates of velocity, pressure and stress are displayed in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1. The error estimates and the convergence orders k of \mathbf{u} , p and $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ with $\lambda = 0.5$ by IP/SUPG algorithm.

$1/h$	L_2 Error- \mathbf{u}	k	L_2 Error- p	k	L_2 Error- $\boldsymbol{\tau}$	k
16	4.51×10^{-3}	-	5.30×10^{-2}	-	1.19×10^{-2}	-
32	1.26×10^{-3}	1.84	2.06×10^{-2}	1.36	3.95×10^{-3}	1.59
64	3.21×10^{-4}	1.97	7.35×10^{-3}	1.49	1.17×10^{-3}	1.76

Table 2. The error estimates and the convergence orders k of \mathbf{u} , p and $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ with $\lambda = 2.1$ by IP/SUPG algorithm.

$1/h$	L_2 Error- \mathbf{u}	k	L_2 Error- p	k	L_2 Error- $\boldsymbol{\tau}$	k
16	4.82×10^{-3}	-	5.52×10^{-2}	-	1.26×10^{-2}	-
32	1.39×10^{-3}	1.79	2.18×10^{-2}	1.34	4.42×10^{-3}	1.51
64	3.71×10^{-4}	1.91	8.21×10^{-3}	1.41	1.39×10^{-3}	1.67

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Thank you!