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Numerical Simulations of Thin Viscoelastic Films

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Applications:

- Food Industry: ketchup, custard, starch suspensions
- Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries: toothpaste, shampoo
- Biomedical Industry: blood, mucus, saliva
- Materials Science: glue, solar cells, liquid crystal polymers





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Constitutive Models

• Hookean: incompressible elastic solids

 $\sigma_{\text{ij}}=2G\varepsilon_{\text{ij}}$

- G the shear elastic modulus
 - Newtonian: viscous fluids
- $$\begin{split} \sigma_{ij} &= 2\eta \dot{\varepsilon}_{ij} \\ \eta \text{ dynamic (shear) viscosity} \end{split}$$
- Maxwell: viscoelastic fluids
 $$\begin{split} \sigma_{ij} + \lambda \partial_t \sigma_{ij} &= 2\eta \dot{\varepsilon}_{ij} \\ \lambda \text{ relaxation time, s. t. } \lambda = \eta/G. \end{split}$$







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Mathematical formulation



Figure: The surface coordynate system on triangular elements.

 \mathbf{x}_i global coordinate system

 \mathbf{y}_i current state surface coordinate system

 \widetilde{x}^i current nodal positions

 $\mathbf{e}_{\mathfrak{i}\mathfrak{j}}=\widetilde{x}^{\mathfrak{j}}-\widetilde{x}^{\mathfrak{i}}$ current state edge vectors

$$\begin{split} &Y_i \text{ reference state surface coordinate} \\ &system \\ &\widetilde{X}^i \text{ reference nodal positions} \\ &E_{ij} = \widetilde{X}^j - \widetilde{X}^i \text{ reference state edge} \end{split}$$

vectors

 $\xi_1+\xi_2+\xi_3=1\,,$ area (baricentric) coordinates

Deformation gradient on triangles

Let ${\bf u}$ be the displacement vector field, the deformation gradient tensor is

$$\mathbf{F}_{(2\times 2)} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{I} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{Y}}, \qquad (1)$$

Denoting $H_{ij} = \partial u_i / \partial x_j$, given by $H_{(2 \times 2)} = F - I$, we have the (small deformations) strain tensor in 2D

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{(2\times2)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} \right)$$

Note:
$$\varepsilon_{vol} = \varepsilon_{kk} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \neq 0$$

Strong and weak equation of motion

Connservation of momentum, for a continuum medium with constant density $\rho,$ is

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{b}} = \rho \mathbf{\ddot{u}}, \qquad \text{on } \Omega \tag{2}$$

where $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{b}}$ are the body forces, that comprise applied loads and gravitational force, and Ω is the surface of the membrane, and $\mathbf{u} = (u_1(x, y, z, t), u_2(x, y, z, t), u_3(x, y, z, t))$ is the displacement vector field. The weak form, for each element *e*, using the virtual work formulation, is

$$\delta \Pi = \int_{\Omega^{(e)}} \delta \mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}} dV - \int_{\Omega^{(e)}} \delta \epsilon^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} dV - \int_{\Omega^{(e)}} \delta \mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{b}} dV = 0,$$
(3)

with dV = h dA, h constant thickness of membrane.

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Constitutive Laws

Newtonian (viscous) liquids:

$$\sigma_{ij} = 2\eta \dot{\varepsilon}'_{ij} + \widehat{K} \dot{\varepsilon}_{kk} \delta_{ij} , \qquad (4)$$

Maxwellian (viscoelastic) liquids:

$$\sigma_{ij} + \frac{\lambda}{\partial_t} \sigma'_{ij} = 2\eta \dot{\varepsilon}'_{ij} + \widehat{K} \dot{\varepsilon}_{kk} \delta_{ij} , \qquad (5)$$

Where σ' and ε' are the deviatoric stress and strain, respectively

$$\sigma_{ij}' = \sigma_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{kk} \delta_{ij} , \qquad (6)$$

$$\varepsilon_{ij}' = \varepsilon_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} , \qquad (7)$$

and where $\widehat{\mathsf{K}}$ is the penalty constant, such that

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{kk} + p_{hyd}/\widehat{K} = 0, \ {\rm with} \ \widehat{K} \gg \eta.$$

(8)

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Time Discretization of constitutive models

Discrete Newton model:

$$\sigma_{ij}^{n+1} = \frac{2\eta}{\Delta t} \left\{ \left(\varepsilon_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} \right)^{n+1} - \left(\varepsilon_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} \right)^n \right\} + \frac{\widehat{K}}{\Delta t} \left\{ \varepsilon_{kk}^{n+1} \delta_{ij} - \varepsilon_{kk}^n \delta_{ij} \right\},$$
(9)

Discrete Maxwell model:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} = \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t}{\lambda_{1}}\right)^{-1} \left\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n} + \frac{2\eta}{\lambda} \left[\left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij} - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{kk}\boldsymbol{\delta}_{ij}\right)^{n+1} - \left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij} - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{kk}\boldsymbol{\delta}_{ij}\right)^{n} \right] + \frac{\widehat{\mathsf{K}}}{\lambda} \left[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{kk}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{kk}^{n}\right] \boldsymbol{\delta}_{ij} \right\}.$$
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Cook's membrane (cont'd)

Mesh independence test



Pressure validation (tension test)



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Shear flow (cont'd)



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Shear Flow (cont'd)

Imposing a time-dependent velocity, e. g. $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0} \, \mathbf{s}) = (0.001, 0) \, \text{m/s}$





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Extensional Flow



Figure: Set-up of the drawing process of a thin viscoelastic sheet



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Extensional flow (cont'd)





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Conclusions

- We have provided a general Finite Element framework for the simulations of the dynamics of viscoelastic membranes with applications in shearing and extensional flow (redrawing process)
- We have validated the penalty formulation for the pressure with a tension test
- We have found that viscoelasticity affects not only the dynamics but also the final configurations

Thank you.