

HELE-SHAW FLOW WITH A SMALL OBSTACLE

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The aim:

♡ to provide an asymptotic analysis of the Hele-Shaw moving boundary value problem with a small obstacle in the flow.

Plan:

- ♠ historical remarks;
- ♠ geometry corresponding to the considered problem;
- ♠ real-variable Hele-Shaw model in a domain with an obstacle;
- ♠ Maz'ya & Movchan asymptotic representation of Green's function;
- ♠ asymptotic study of the solution to the Hele-Shaw boundary value problem in a domain with an obstacle.

Few historical remarks.

- H. S. Hele-Shaw (1898) - description of an experiment in 2D cell
- S. L. Leibenson (1932) - application in oil production
- Yu. P. Vinogradov, P. P. Kufarev (1948) - complex Hele-Shaw model
- S. Richardson (1972) - rediscovering of complex Hele-Shaw model
- P. Ya. Polubarinova-Kochina (1945), L. A. Galin (1945) - first exact solutions to Hele-Shaw problem
- B. Gustafsson (1984) - local existence of rational solution
- B. Gustafsson (1984) - differential equation for Hele-Shaw model
- B. Gustafsson (1985) - existence of weak solution
- M. Reissig, L. von Wolfersdorf (1993) - new proof of local existence
- P. G. Saffman (1986), S. Tanveer (1993) - surface tension regularization
- L. Romero (1981) - kinetic undercooling regularization
- J. Escher & G. Simonett (1997) - maximum regularity
- S.N. Antontsev, C.R. Gonçalves, A.M. Meirmanov (2003) - existence and uniqueness of the classical solution

Description of the geometry.

Viscous incompressible fluid occupies a doubly connected domain $D_1(t)$ at a time instant $t \geq 0$.

Internal domain F is a fixed small obstacle (hole).

The simply connected domain without hole will be denoted $D(t)$.

It is supposed that $F \subset D(0)$ has a nonempty interior, and the diameter of obstacles $\delta := \text{diam } F$ is positive.

$D(0)$ is supposed to be open bounded set with a smooth boundary and

$$\text{dist } \{\partial F, \partial D(0)\} = 2d > 0. \quad (1)$$

Without loss of generality we can assume that δ and d ($\delta < d$) are dimensionless parameters and that $\text{diam } D(0) = 1$.

Derivation of the model.

Two-dimensional potential flow of incompressible fluid in the Hele-Shaw cell, i.e. in a gap between two parallel plates of distance h .

The flow is modelled by the velocity field $\mathbf{V} = (V_1, V_2, V_3)$ in $D_1(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} = 0, \quad V_3 = 0. \quad (2)$$

$\mathbf{V} = (V_1, V_2)$ is proportional to the pressure p gradient:

$$\mathbf{V} = -\frac{h^2}{12\mu} \nabla p, \quad (3)$$

where μ is the viscosity coefficient of the fluid. For h and μ being constant

$$\Delta p = 0. \quad (4)$$

$$p(z, t) \sim -\frac{Q(t)}{2\pi} \log |z - z_0|, \quad |z| \rightarrow z_0. \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} = 0, \quad z \in \partial F, \quad (6)$$

Surface tension dynamic boundary condition

$$p(z) = 0, \quad z \in \Gamma(t) = \partial D(t), \quad (7)$$

and kinematic boundary condition

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = \mathbf{V}, \quad z \in \Gamma(t) = \partial D(t). \quad (8)$$

Together with Hele-Shaw equation it gives

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = -\frac{h^2}{12\mu} \nabla p. \quad (9)$$

Real-variable Hele-Shaw model.

New unknown one-parametric family of \mathcal{C}^2 -diffeomorphisms

$$w(s, t) = (u(s, t), v(s, t)) : \partial\mathbb{U} \times I \rightarrow \Gamma(t), \quad \mathbb{U} = \{s = (s_1, s_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |z| < 1\}. \quad (10)$$

The function $w(s, t)$ in (10) determines an unknown parametrization of the free boundary $\Gamma(t)$

(i) $w(s, t) \in \Gamma(t)$ for all $(s, t) \in \partial\mathbb{U} \times I$,

(ii) $w(\cdot, t) : \partial\mathbb{U} \rightarrow \Gamma(t)$ is a \mathcal{C}^2 -diffeomorphism for each fixed $t \in I$,

(iii) $w(\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{C}^2(\partial\mathbb{U} \times I; \mathbb{R}^2)$.

It follows from the relations (4)–(7) that for each fixed appropriate t the unknown pressure p coincides up to constant factor with Green's function of the operator $-\Delta$ in the doubly connected domain $D_1(t)$ with the homogeneous Neumann data on the fixed boundary ∂F and the homogeneous Dirichlet data on the free boundary $\Gamma(t)$.

$$p = Q \cdot \mathcal{G}_{D_1(t)}, \quad (11)$$

and $\mathcal{G}_{D_1(t)}$ is the solution of the following mixed boundary value problem

$$\Delta \mathcal{G}_{D_1(t)}(z, z_0) + \delta_0(z - z_0) = 0, \quad z \in D_1(t), \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{D_1(t)}(z, z_0) = 0, \quad z \in \Gamma(t), \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{G}_{D_1(t)}}{\partial n}(z, z_0) = 0, \quad z \in \partial F. \quad (14)$$

Real-variable formulation in terms of diffeomorphisms.

Problem (HS₀). Find a pair $\{w(s, t); \mathcal{G}(z, z_0; t)\}$, such that $w(s, t) :$

$\partial \mathbb{U} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a \mathcal{C}^2 -diffeomorphism satisfying

(i) $w(s, t) \in \Gamma(t)$ for all $(s, t) \in \partial \mathbb{U} \times I$;

(ii) $w(\cdot, t) : \partial \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \Gamma(t)$ is a \mathcal{C}^2 -diffeomorphism for each fixed $t \in I$;

(iii) $w^{(0)}(s) = w(s, 0)$ is a given \mathcal{C}^2 -diffeomorphism of the unit circle $\partial \mathbb{U}$, which describes the boundary $\Gamma(0)$ of initial domain $D_1(0)$;

(iv) $\mathcal{G}(z, z_0; t)$ is Green's function of the operator $-\Delta$ in the doubly connected domain $D_1(t)$ with the homogeneous Neumann data on the fixed boundary ∂F and the homogeneous Dirichlet data on the free boundary $\Gamma(t)$;

(v) $\partial_t w(s, t) = -\frac{Qh^2}{12\mu} \cdot \nabla \mathcal{G}(w(s, t), z_0; t)$ for all $(s, t) \in \partial \mathbb{U} \times I$.

Mazyra-Movchan asymptotic results.

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a bounded open plane domain with compact closure $cl\Omega$ and a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$. Let ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^2 with compact closure $cl\omega$ and smooth boundary $\partial\omega$. Let the origin O belongs to the intersection of Ω and ω , i.e. $O \in \Omega \cap \omega$. $\omega_\varepsilon = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \varepsilon^{-1}(z - O) \in \omega\}$, where ε is a small positive parameter, such that $\omega_\varepsilon \subset \Omega$. Let Ω_ε be an open doubly connected domain $\Omega_\varepsilon = \Omega \setminus cl\omega_\varepsilon$.

Denote by \mathcal{G}_ε Green's function of the operator $-\Delta$ with the Dirichlet data on $\partial\Omega$ and the Neumann data on ω_ε , namely

$$\Delta_z \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon(z, \zeta) + \delta(z - \zeta) = 0, \quad z, \zeta \in \Omega_\varepsilon, \quad (15)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon(z, \zeta) = 0, \quad z \in \partial\Omega, \zeta \in \Omega_\varepsilon, \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon}{\partial n_z}(z, \zeta) = 0, \quad z \in \partial\omega_\varepsilon, \zeta \in \Omega_\varepsilon. \quad (17)$$

Let \mathcal{G} be Green's function of the Dirichlet problem for operator $-\Delta$ in Ω

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{|z - \zeta|} - \mathcal{H}(z, \zeta), \quad (18)$$

where \mathcal{H} is a unique solution to the following problem

$$\Delta_z \mathcal{H}(z, \zeta) = 0, \quad z, \zeta \in \Omega, \quad (19)$$

$$\mathcal{H}(z, \zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{|z - \zeta|}, \quad z \in \partial\Omega, \zeta \in \Omega. \quad (20)$$

Introduce auxiliary variables (scaled coordinate) $\xi = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}z, \eta = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\zeta$.

Define the Neumann function \mathcal{N} of the exterior Neumann problem for operator $-\Delta$ in the domain $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \omega$

$$\mathcal{N}(\xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{|\xi - \eta|} - h_N(\xi, \eta), \quad (21)$$

where h_N is a unique solution to the following problem (regular part of the Neumann function)

$$\Delta_\xi h_N(\xi, \eta) = 0, \quad \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus cl\omega, \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{\partial h_N}{\partial n_\xi}(\xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial n_\xi} \log \frac{1}{|\xi - \eta|}, \quad \xi \in \partial\omega, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus cl\omega, \quad (23)$$

$$h_N(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } |\xi| \rightarrow \infty, \quad \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus cl\omega. \quad (24)$$

Introduce the vector dipole fields $\mathcal{D}(\xi) = (\mathcal{D}_1(\xi), \mathcal{D}_2(\xi))^T$:

$$\Delta \mathcal{D}(\xi) = 0, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus cl \omega, \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{D}_j}{\partial n}(\xi) = n_j, \quad \xi \in \partial \omega, \quad j = 1, 2, \quad (26)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_j(\xi) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } |\xi| \rightarrow \infty, \quad j = 1, 2, \quad (27)$$

where n_1, n_2 are components of the inward unit normal vector to $\partial \omega$. The dipole fields \mathcal{D}_j , $j = 1, 2$, satisfy the asymptotic representation for sufficiently large $|\xi|$

$$\mathcal{D}_j(\xi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\mathcal{P}_{jk} \xi_k}{|\xi|^2} + O(|\xi|^{-2}), \quad (28)$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}_{jk} = -\delta_{jk} \cdot \text{meas}(\omega) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \omega} \nabla \mathcal{D}_j(\xi) \cdot \nabla \mathcal{D}_k(\xi) d\xi. \quad (29)$$

(Mazyra-Movchan, 2009) Green's function \mathcal{G}_ε for the boundary value problem (15)–(17) with the Dirichlet data on $\partial\Omega$ and the Neumann data on $\partial\omega_\varepsilon$ has the asymptotic representation

$$\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon(z, \zeta) = \mathcal{G}(z, \zeta) + \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon^*(z, \zeta) + r_\varepsilon(z, \zeta), \quad (30)$$

where \mathcal{G} is Green's function of the Dirichlet problem for Laplace equation in the domain Ω , the principal part $\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon^*$ of the asymptotic representation is defined in terms of Neumann function \mathcal{N} , regular part \mathcal{H} of Green's function \mathcal{G} and the dipole field \mathcal{D}

$$\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon^*(z, \zeta) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{z}{\varepsilon}, \frac{\zeta}{\varepsilon}\right) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{|z - \zeta|}{\varepsilon}\right) + \varepsilon \mathcal{D}\left(\frac{z}{\varepsilon}\right) \cdot \nabla_z \mathcal{H}(0, \zeta) + \varepsilon \mathcal{D}\left(\frac{\zeta}{\varepsilon}\right) \cdot \nabla_\zeta \mathcal{H}(z, 0), \quad (31)$$

and the remainder satisfies the following uniform inequality

$$|r_\varepsilon(z, \zeta)| \leq \text{const} \cdot \varepsilon^2. \quad (32)$$

Corollaries:

1. (**Mazyra-Movchan, 2009**) *Let $\min \{|z|, |\zeta|\} > 2\varepsilon$. Then the following asymptotic formula holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon(z, \zeta) &= \mathcal{G}(z, \zeta) - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{z^T}{|z|^2} \mathcal{P} \frac{\zeta}{|\zeta|^2} + \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{z^T}{|z|^2} \mathcal{P} \nabla_z \mathcal{H}(0, \zeta) + \frac{\zeta^T}{|\zeta|^2} \mathcal{P} \nabla_\zeta \mathcal{H}(z, 0) \right\} + \\ &+ \varepsilon^2 O\left(\frac{1}{|z|^2} + \frac{1}{|\zeta|^2}\right), \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

where \mathcal{H} is the regular part of Green's function \mathcal{G} in the domain Ω defined by (19)-(20), and \mathcal{P} is the dipole matrix for ω defined in (29).

2. (**Mazyra-Movchan, 2009**) For all $z, \zeta \in \Omega_\varepsilon$ asymptotic formula (30) can be presented in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon(z, \zeta) = & \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{|z - \zeta|} - h_N \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} z, \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \zeta \right) - \mathcal{H}(0, 0) - & (34) \\
 & - \left(z - \varepsilon \mathcal{D} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} z \right) \right) \cdot \nabla_z \mathcal{H}(0, \zeta) - \left(\zeta - \varepsilon \mathcal{D} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \zeta \right) \right) \cdot \nabla_\zeta \mathcal{H}(z, 0) + \\
 & + O \left(\varepsilon^2 + |z|^2 + |\zeta|^2 \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Representation of the solution.

$$F = \omega_\varepsilon, \quad D(t) = \Omega. \quad (35)$$

Thus

$$\mathcal{G}(z, z_0; t) = \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon(z, z_0). \quad (36)$$

This function have to satisfy the following relations:

$$\partial_t w(s, t) = -\frac{Qh^2}{12\mu} \cdot \nabla_z \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon(w(s, t), z_0) \quad \text{for all } (s, t) \in \partial\mathbb{U} \times I, \quad (37)$$

$$w(s, 0) = w^{(0)}(s), \quad s \in \partial\mathbb{U}, \quad (38)$$

where $w^{(0)}(s) \in \mathcal{C}^2(\partial\mathbb{U})$ is a given function.

We consider four essentially different situations:

(a) the source z_0 and ALL points $z = w(s, t)$ of the boundary $\partial \Gamma(0)$ of the initial domain $D_1(0)$ are distant from the boundary $\partial \omega_\varepsilon$ of the obstacle;

(b) the source z_0 is close to the boundary $\partial \omega_\varepsilon$ of the obstacle, but ALL points $z = w(s, t)$ of $\partial \Gamma(0)$ are distant from $\partial \omega_\varepsilon$;

(c) the source z_0 and SOME points $z = w(s, t)$ of $\partial \Gamma(0)$ are close to the boundary $\partial \omega_\varepsilon$ of the obstacle; we consider those points $z = w(s, t)$ which are distant from $\partial \omega_\varepsilon$;

(d) the source z_0 and SOME points $z = w(s, t)$ of $\partial \Gamma(0)$ are close to the boundary $\partial \omega_\varepsilon$ of the obstacle; we consider those points $z = w(s, t)$ which are close to $\partial \omega_\varepsilon$.