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Analysis and Discretization of Coupled 1D-3D Flow Models

ABSTRACT. Coupled 1D-3D flow models are used for a variety of applications, such as modelling fluid flow through vascularized tissue, modelling the flow of water and nutrients through soil embedded with a root system, or modelling the interaction between a well and reservoir. Veins, arteries, roots and wells all have in common that their radius is negligible compared to their length and the size of the domain as a whole. For this reason, we idealize them as being 1D geometries. The 1D structures are then endowed with a 1D flow equation, and coupled to the 3D flow equation by the use of a line source.

The main challenge associated with coupled 1D-3D flow models is that the line source makes the solution singular. This complicates both the analysis and approximation of the solution. In this talk, we show that the solution admits a splitting into two parts: (i) a term that explicitly captures the singularity and (ii) some smooth remainder. Via this splitting, we can then subtract the singularity. This yields a reformulated model in which all variables are smooth. The solution can then be approximated using any standard numerical method. We conclude by showing numerical experiments relevant to biomedical applications.

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ABSTRACT. Fluid flow and solute transport in fractured porous media is the backbone of many applications including groundwater flow, underground energy harvesting, earthquake prediction, and biomedical engineering. The traditional continuous Galerkin (CG) method is not suitable for the transport equation due to lack of mass conservation. The discontinuous Galerkin (DG) method mitigates this problem; however, its computational cost is considerably more than the CG method. In this study, a robust and efficient discretization method based on the incomplete interior penalty enriched Galerkin (EG) method is proposed. This method requires fewer degrees of freedom than those of the DG method, while it achieves the same accuracy. The flow and transport models of rock matrix and fractures domains are investigated in the mixed-dimensional setting. The results of combinations of function spaces, for example, (i) CG × CG, (ii) CG × EG, and (iii) CG × DG spaces are compared. The results illustrate the superiority of the EG and DG methods in solving the flow and transport equations in fractured porous media. Furthermore, the computational burden of the EG method is two times cheaper than that of the DG method.

10:10 Hannah Morgan and Ridgway Scott
Improved modeling of certain non-Newtonian fluids
PRESENTER: Hannah Morgan

ABSTRACT. Non-Newtonian fluids are found in all aspects of life, from bodily fluids to engine oil. Thus advances in modeling and simulation of non-Newtonian fluids can have broad impact. Models of non-Newtonian fluids have been studied extensively for many years, but only recently have there been mathematical advances that allow models for them to be understood more completely. This understanding now allows development of numerical solution methods with a new level of reliability. Here we consider some Oldroyd models and their relation to the grade-two model. In this talk, we present a computational study of a solution method using tools from the FEniCS Project to facilitate code generation and to support correctness of the implementation.

10:30 Olalekan Babaniyi, Omar Ghattas, Noemi Petra and Umberto Villa
hIPPYlib: An Extensible Software Framework for Large-Scale Inverse Problems
PRESENTER: Olalekan Babaniyi

ABSTRACT. We present an Inverse Problem PYthon library (hIPPYlib) for solving large-scale deterministic and Bayesian inverse problems