

Interfacial conditions between a free-fluid region and a porous medium: revisiting Beavers & Joseph



Based on joint work with Sahrish B. Naqvi.



Beavers and Joseph (1967)

Classical experimental work on interface condition between free-fluid and porous domain



FIGURE 1. Velocity profile for the rectilinear flow in a horizontal channel formed by a permeable lower wall (y = 0) and an impermeable upper wall (y = h).

$$\left. \frac{du}{dy} \right|_{y=O_+} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{k}} (u_B - Q) \qquad Q = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{dP}{dx}$$

with α a dimensionless function of the structural properties of the porous matrix

Block		Average	
	$k(\text{in.}^2)$	α	pore size (in.)
Foametal A	$1.5 imes 10^{-5}$	0.78	0.016
Foametal B	6.1×10^{-5}	1.45	0.034
Foametal C	$12.7 imes10^{-5}$	4 ·0	0.042
Aloxite	$1.0 imes 10^{-6}$	0.1	0.013
Aloxite	$2{\cdot}48 imes10^{-6}$	0.1	0.027



Saffman (1971)



The velocity ${f U}$ in the *intermediate/boundary layer* must satisfy asymptotic matching conditions:

$$\lim_{y/k^{1/2}\to\infty} \mathbf{U} = \lim_{y\to 0^+} \mathbf{u},$$

$$\lim_{y/k^{1/2} \to -\infty} \mathbf{U} = \lim_{y \to 0^{-}} \mathbf{U}^{(0)},$$

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The result by Saffman permits to find the outer flow solution without iterating between inner and outer domains. Elaborating upon Saffman's results it is possible to find the order k correction:

$$\hat{u} = -\frac{Bk}{\mu} \frac{\partial \hat{p}^{-}}{\partial \hat{x}} + \hat{\lambda} \frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial \hat{y}}$$
 on $y = 0$.



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Wall slip

Henri Navier, 1823



(the <u>smooth</u> wall)

Si elle était perpendiculaire à l'axe des γ ,

$$Eu + \varepsilon \frac{du}{d\gamma} = 0, Ew + \varepsilon \frac{dw}{d\gamma} = 0;$$

La valeur de la constante E doit varier suivant la nature des corps avec lesquels le fluide est en contact, et (ce qui est physiquement impossible) s'il y avait un espace vide audessus de la portion libre de la surface du fluide, ces équations devraient encore être satisfaites pour les points appartenant à cette portion, en y supposant E=0.

.... la constante e représente en

unités de poids la résistance provenant du glissement de deux couches quelconques l'une sur l'autre, pour une étendue égale à l'unité superficielle. Università di Genova

> In today's words and terminology, Navier's argument was that there is *partial slip*, and the resistance of the wall is proportional to the slip velocity U_s:

 $E U_s = -\varepsilon dU/dy|_{y=0} \rightarrow U(0) = (-\varepsilon/E) dU/dy|_{y=0} = \lambda dU/dy|_{y=0}$





 Navier's slip condition is a first-order development around a fictitious wall (the position y = 0 is arbitrary) applicable when either

(i) the surface geometry is microstructured or(ii) the continuum approximation breaks down.

 There is a unique slip length λ for U and W only for isotropic (in x, z) walls. The general (anisotropic) case requires (to first order) that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} U(x, 0, z) \\ W(x, 0, z) \end{bmatrix} = \Lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \begin{bmatrix} U(x, 0, z) \\ W(x, 0, z) \end{bmatrix},$$

with Λ a slip tensor (plus a *non-penetration* condition for *V*).



Biomimetics: irregular surfaces, possibly with regularly microstructured porous substrates, are the norm, not the exception





Our approach to the dividing surface conditions:

Asymptotic homogenization/multiple scales, under the simplifying hypothesis that the porous medium is formed by a regular array of isotropic solid grains





y**EQUATIONS** outer flow $\frac{\partial U_i^+}{\partial X_i} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial U_i^+}{\partial t} + U_j^+ \frac{\partial U_i^+}{\partial X_i} = -\frac{\partial P^+}{\partial X_i} + \frac{1}{Re} \frac{\partial^2 U_i^+}{\partial X_i^2}$ region $Re = \rho \mathcal{U} L/\mu$ intermediate $\frac{\partial U_i^{=}}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad \epsilon^2 Re \, \left(\frac{\partial U_i^{=}}{\partial t} + U_j^{=} \frac{\partial U_i^{=}}{\partial x_j} \right) = -\frac{\partial P^{=}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial^2 U_i^{=}}{\partial x_i^2}$ region = $\epsilon \frac{\partial U_i^-}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad \epsilon^4 \operatorname{Re} U_j^- \frac{\partial U_i^-}{\partial x_i} = -\frac{\partial P^-}{\partial x_i} + \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 U_i^-}{\partial x_i^2}$ inner flow region (

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We now develop a *composite description* for the = and - regions, and enforce matching conditions at $y \rightarrow \pm \infty$











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BOUNDARY CONDITIONS (at leading order) $\frac{\partial u^{(0)}}{\partial y}\Big|_{y\to+\infty} = S^T, \quad -p^{(0)}\Big|_{y\to+\infty} = S^N,$

$$S^{T} = \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial X} \right|_{Y \to 0^{+}}, \quad S^{N} = -\operatorname{Re} P + 2 \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} \right|_{Y \to 0^{+}}$$

1-periodicity for the ⁽⁰⁾ fields when $y \rightarrow -\infty$ (i.e. in the Darcy region) Università di Genova DICCA DIPARTIMENTO DI INGEGNERIA CIVILE, CHIMICA E AMBIENTALE



BOUNDARY CONDITIONS (at next higher order)



1-periodicity for the ⁽¹⁾ fields when $y \rightarrow -\infty$



Microscopic system at leading order:

Homogeneous Stokes equations, plus periodicity in *x*, plus forcing from the outer flow

$$\frac{\partial u^{(0)}}{\partial y}\Big|_{y\to+\infty} = S^T, \qquad -p^{(0)}\Big|_{y\to+\infty} = S^N,$$

at the edge of the unit cell ($y = y_{\infty}$), plus 1-periodicity at $y \rightarrow -\infty$



Linearity permits to express the order zero solution as

$$\begin{split} u^{(0)} &= u^{\dagger}(x,y)\,\mathbb{S}^{T},\\ v^{(0)} &= v^{\dagger}(x,y)\,\mathbb{S}^{T},\\ p^{(0)} &= p^{\dagger}(x,y)\,\mathbb{S}^{T} - \mathbb{S}^{N}. \end{split}$$

so that a Stokes system for the 'dagger' variables ensues with

$$\lim_{y \to +\infty} \frac{\partial u^{\dagger}}{\partial y} = 1, \quad \lim_{y \to +\infty} p^{\dagger} = 0.$$





$$u^{\dagger}|_{y_{\infty}} = y_{\infty} + \lambda,$$

 $\theta = 0.4973 \qquad \lambda = 1.451 \times 10^{-1}$
 $\theta = 0.9999 \qquad \lambda = 6.188 \times 10^{-1}$

Fig. 2: Solution of u^{\dagger} in the form of isolines for two different porosities, $\theta = 0.9999$ (left) and $\theta = 0.4973$ (right) for the case of regularly arranged (also termed *in-line*) two-dimensional solid grains.





$$v^{\dagger}|_{y_{\infty}} = 0$$

Fig. 3: Isolines of v^{\dagger} (top row) and p^{\dagger} (bottom row) for the same conditions as in fig. 2.









$$\lim_{y \to +\infty} (u, v) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \lim_{Y \to 0^+} (U, V)$$

$$v^{\dagger}|_{y_{\infty}} = 0$$

$$u_i = u_i^{(0)} + \epsilon u_i^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2),$$
$$\bigcup_{Y=0^+} = \epsilon \lambda S^T + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \qquad V|_{Y=0^+} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).$$



Microscopic system at **next order**:

$$\begin{split} u_x^{(1)} + v_y^{(1)} &= -u_X^{(0)} - v_Y^{(0)}, \\ -p_x^{(1)} + u_{xx}^{(1)} + u_{yy}^{(1)} &= p_X^{(0)} - 2u_{Xx}^{(0)} - 2u_{Yy}^{(0)}, \\ -p_y^{(1)} + v_{xx}^{(1)} + v_{yy}^{(1)} &= p_Y^{(0)} - 2v_{Xx}^{(0)} - 2v_{Yy}^{(0)}. \end{split}$$
plus boundary conditions:
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u^{(1)}}{\partial y} \bigg|_{y \to +\infty} &= -\frac{\partial u^{(0)}}{\partial Y} \bigg|_{y \to +\infty} - \frac{\partial v^{(0)}}{\partial X} \bigg|_{y \to +\infty}, \\ -p^{(1)} \bigg|_{y \to +\infty} + 2\frac{\partial v^{(1)}}{\partial y} \bigg|_{y \to +\infty} &= -2\frac{\partial v^{(0)}}{\partial Y} \bigg|_{y \to +\infty}. \end{aligned}$$



Microscopic system at **next order**:

$$\frac{\partial u_i^{(1)}}{\partial x_i} = -u_i^{\dagger} \frac{\partial S^T}{\partial X_i},$$
$$-\frac{\partial p^{(1)}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial^2 u_i^{(1)}}{\partial x_j^2} = p^{\dagger} \frac{\partial S^T}{\partial X_i} - \frac{\partial S^N}{\partial X_i} - 2 \frac{\partial u_i^{\dagger}}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial S^T}{\partial X_j},$$

plus boundary conditions:

$$\frac{\partial u^{(1)}}{\partial y}\bigg|_{y \to \infty} = -u^{\dagger} \frac{\partial S^{T}}{\partial Y} - v^{\dagger} \frac{\partial S^{T}}{\partial X},$$
$$-p^{(1)} + 2 \frac{\partial v^{(1)}}{\partial y}\bigg|_{y \to \infty} = -2 v^{\dagger} \frac{\partial S^{T}}{\partial Y}.$$



The solution has the form:

$$u_i^{(1)} = \tilde{u}_{ij} \frac{\partial S^T}{\partial X_j} + \breve{u}_{ij} \frac{\partial S^N}{\partial X_j}$$
$$p^{(1)} = \tilde{p}_j \frac{\partial S^T}{\partial X_j} + \breve{p}_j \frac{\partial S^N}{\partial X_j},$$

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Fig. 4: Fields of \tilde{u}_{ij} and \tilde{p}_j in the neighborhood of the dividing surface for regularly arranged two-dimensional solid grains, porosity $\theta = 0.4973$.

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 $\left. \breve{u}_{22} \right|_{y_{\infty}} = \mathcal{K}$

Fig. 5: Same as figure 4 for \breve{u}_{ij} and \breve{p}_j .



$$u_i^{(1)} = \tilde{u}_{ij} \frac{\partial S^T}{\partial X_j} + \breve{u}_{ij} \frac{\partial S^N}{\partial X_j}$$

The macroscopic effective conditions at $Y=0^+$ are:

$$\begin{split} U|_{Y=0^{+}} &= \epsilon \,\lambda \, S^{T} \Big|_{Y=0^{+}} + \epsilon^{2} \,\mathcal{K}^{itf} \left. \frac{\partial S^{N}}{\partial X} \right|_{Y=0^{+}} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{3}), \\ V|_{Y=0^{+}} &= -\epsilon^{2} \,\mathcal{K}^{itf} \left. \frac{\partial S^{T}}{\partial X} \right|_{Y=0^{+}} + \epsilon^{2} \,\mathcal{K} \left. \frac{\partial S^{N}}{\partial Y} \right|_{Y=0^{+}} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{3}). \end{split}$$



For the case of a regularly microstructured rough solid wall we had previously found:

$$U(X, 0, t) = \epsilon \lambda_x S^T + \epsilon^2 m_{12} S^N_X + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$
$$V(X, 0, t) = \epsilon^2 m_{21} S^T_X + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

with $S^T = U_Y + V_X$, $S^N = -ReP + 2V_Y$, evaluated at Y = 0(Bottaro & Naqvi, *Meccanica*, Vol. 55, 2020)



2D



3D



Fig. 6: Comparison between regularly arranged grains (solid lines) and staggered grains (dashed lines) for two-dimensional isotropic porous media of varying porosity θ (plotted in abscissa in all frames). From left to right: λ , \mathcal{K} and \mathcal{K}^{itf} . In the central frame the medium permeabilities for in-line and staggered cases are validated, respectively, against [31] (red circles) and [5] (black circles).

Fig. 7: Same as figure 6 for three-dimensional spherical grains. In the central frame the permeability for the in-line arrangement of spheres is compared to results in [31] (red circles). The permeability results for Wigner-Seitz grains [20] are given with blue circles.





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What about the pore pressure?





The pressure is:

$$p = p^{\dagger} S^{T} - S^{N} + \epsilon \, \tilde{p}_{j} \, \frac{\partial S^{T}}{\partial X_{j}} + \epsilon \, \breve{p}_{j} \, \frac{\partial S^{N}}{\partial X_{j}} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{2}).$$





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so that

$$\langle p \rangle_{-\infty}^f = -S^N + \epsilon \langle \tilde{p}_1 \rangle_{-\infty}^f \frac{\partial S^T}{\partial X} + \epsilon \langle \breve{p}_2 \rangle_{-\infty}^f \frac{\partial S^N}{\partial Y} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).$$

with the phase averaged pressure in the porous (i.e. -) domain defined by:

$$\langle p \rangle_{-\infty}^f = P_0^-|_{Y=0^-} + \epsilon \, \langle P_1^- \rangle_{-\infty}^f + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2),$$



Thus:

$$P_0^-|_{Y=0^-} = -S_N + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$U|_{Y=0^+} = \epsilon \lambda S^T \Big|_{Y=0^+} - \epsilon^2 \mathcal{K}^{itf} \frac{\partial P_0^-}{\partial X} \Big|_{Y=0^-} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3).$$

Furthermore, mass conservation and x-periodicity yield:

$$V|_{Y=0^+} = -\epsilon^2 \mathcal{K} \left. \frac{\partial P_0^-}{\partial Y} \right|_{Y=0^-} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3).$$

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Saffman's condition is indeed valid

and the coefficients are available through the solution of two simple Stokes problems.

$$\begin{split} U|_{Y=0^+} &= \epsilon \lambda \left| S^T \right|_{Y=0^+} - \epsilon^2 \mathcal{K}^{itf} \left| \frac{\partial P_0^-}{\partial X} \right|_{Y=0^-} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3). \\ V|_{Y=0^+} &= -\epsilon^2 \mathcal{K} \left| \frac{\partial P_0^-}{\partial Y} \right|_{Y=0^-} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3). \end{split}$$

Macroscopic tests of the conditions at the dividing surface

- 1. Hiemenz flow over a porous wall
- 2. Backward facing (porous) step



Macroscopic test 1: the Hiemenz stagnation point flow



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Fig. 8: Streamlines (top row) and pressure contours (bottom row) close to the axes' origin, both in the free-fluid and the porous region. The frames on the left correspond to solutions obtained with the two-domain approach; results on the right are obtained by fully resolving the flow, also through the solid inclusions. The pressure in the bottom right frame is the intrinsic averaged pressure.

Significant infiltration of fluid within a porous medium of very large porosity.

In the porous region the solution is found, in the model case, simply by forcing the pressure to be a harmonic function with a Dirichlet condition on $Y = 0^{-}$.

The feature-resolving simulation captures the flow through the pores via solution of the Navier-Stokes equations through the whole domain.

($\epsilon = 0.1$)

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Fig. 9: Comparison between complete simulation with full feature resolution (solid lines) and modeled with slip/transpiration velocity imposed at the dividing line (empty circles). Longitudinal velocity component U (left) and normal velocity component V (right) as a function of Y. The insets highlight the velocity distributions in the porous domain.



Macroscopic test 2: the backward-facing step







Fig. 11: Comparison between the solutions for Re = 0.0001 of the two-domain approach (left frames, with blue lines denoting the dividing surfaces) and the *exact* feature-resolving numerical solution of the equations, also through the pores (right frames), focussing around the neighborhood of the step. The top row of images displays the pointwise pressure contours; streamlines are plotted in the bottom row.



Fig. 12: Same quantities as in figure 11, plotted in the whole domain (Re = 500).





Fig. 13: Comparison of velocity components U, V and pressure P for Re = 0.0001 (six frames on the left) and Re = 500 (six frames on the right), for the two interfaces. The feature-resolving solutions are shown with solid lines and results of the two-domain approach are displayed with symbols.

Summary

1. We have developed second order conditions to be employed at the dividing surface between a free-fluid region and a porous, regularly micro-structured, medium. Conditions are given in two equivalent forms: one coincides with a little-noticed extension of Saffman's result, the second is new and does not require iterations between the freefluid and the porous solvers. Both formulations require knowledge of three coefficients, a permeability coefficient (a tensor for the case of anisotropic porous media), an interface permeability coefficient (tensor) and a Navier-slip coefficient (tensor), available via solutions of auxiliary, microscopic Stokes-like problems in elongated unit cells.



Summary (continued)

- 2. Conditions are formally correct for $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, but macroscopic results seem to be acceptable for rather large values of ϵ
- 3. Conditions work well also for reasonably large values of the outer Reynolds number
- 4. Simple extension to anisotropic porous media in 3D

Future developments (SHS/LIS):

- 1. include a lubricant fluid within the pores (VOF in unit cell)
- perform DNS with slip/transpiration for turbulent channel flow over a porous layer (first) and a LIS (later) and compare to feature-resolving DNS
- 3. optimise morphology of porous material, impregnated with lubricant, and optimise properties of lubricant fluid