

An HHO–DDR polytopal method for the Brinkman problem that is robust in pure Stokes and Darcy regimes

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Dominant regime?

- o Depends on relative magnitude of α and β , i.e., on $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha, \beta} := \alpha/\beta$.
- o What does “Regime 1 dominates” mean? $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha, \beta} \leq 1$? $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha, \beta} \leq 10$?
- o Requires a **dimensionless** number $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha, \beta}$, that can then be compared to 1.

Numerical analysis

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- $\mathcal{C}_T^{\alpha, \beta}$ often involves **the local length h_T** and can actually **improve** the error estimates.

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Transitional regimes when $\mathcal{C}_T^{\alpha, \beta}$ such that both terms have same magnitude.

[5] (Advection–diffusion with HHO)

[2] (Brinkman with HHO on triangles).

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Brinkman model

Flow of viscous fluid in porous matrix with fractures, bubbles, or channels.

Data:

- Ω polytopal domain in \mathbb{R}^d , $d = 2, 3$.
- $\mu : \Omega \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ viscosity, $\nu : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ inverse permeability.
- $\mathbf{f} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ volumetric source terms.

Model: find velocity $\mathbf{u} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ and pressure $p : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}-\operatorname{div}(\mu \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u}) + \nu \mathbf{u} + \operatorname{grad} p &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= g && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{0} && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \int_{\Omega} p &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Note: $\operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u}$ could be replaced by $\operatorname{grad}_s \mathbf{u}$, and μ, ν could be tensors.

Limiting models I

Stokes:

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}(\mu \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}^0 + \operatorname{grad} p &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{0} && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \int_{\Omega} p &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Characteristics influencing the discretisation:

- Primal formulation.
- L^2 -estimate on $\operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u}$.
- Requires inf-sup condition for p .

Limiting models II

Darcy:

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}(\mu^0 \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u}) + \nu \mathbf{u} + \operatorname{grad} p &= \mathbf{f}^0 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= g && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \int_{\Omega} p &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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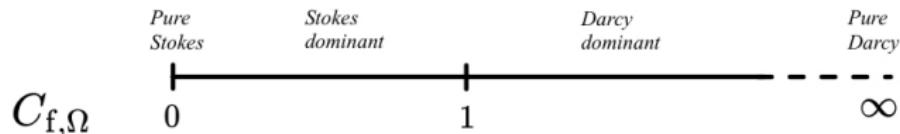
- Mixed formulation.
- L^2 -estimate on \mathbf{u} .
- Requires inf-sup condition for p .

Friction coefficient: measure balance between regimes

Dimensionless number: with L a characteristic length,

$$C_{f,\Omega} = \frac{\nu L^2}{\mu}.$$

Regimes:



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Mesh and data

Mesh: polytopal mesh of Ω .

- \mathcal{T}_h : set of elements T .
- \mathcal{F}_h : set of faces F (\mathcal{F}_T : faces of T).
- $\mathcal{P}^\ell(X)$: polynomials of degree $\leq \ell$ on $X = T, F$.

Data:

- μ, ν piecewise constant on \mathcal{T}_h (values μ_T, ν_T on $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$).

Discrete spaces I

Fix $k \geq 0$ polynomial degree.

Velocity space: Hybrid High-Order (HHO) space.

$$\underline{\mathbf{U}}_h^k := \left\{ \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h = ((\mathbf{v}_T)_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}, (\mathbf{v}_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}) : \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{v}_T \in \mathcal{P}^k(T)^d \text{ for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_h \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_F \in \mathcal{P}^k(F)^d \text{ for all } F \in \mathcal{F}_h \right\}.$$

With boundary conditions:

$$\underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k := \{ \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_h^k : \mathbf{v}_F = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall F \subset \partial\Omega \}.$$

Velocity interpolator: for $\mathbf{v} \in H^1(\Omega)^d$, with π_X^ℓ the $L^2(X)$ -projector on $\mathcal{P}^\ell(X)^d$,

$$\underline{\mathbf{I}}_h^k \mathbf{v} := ((\pi_T^k \mathbf{v})_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}, (\pi_F^k \mathbf{v})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}) \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_h^k.$$

(Replace subscript h with $T \rightsquigarrow$ space and interpolator on element T .)

Discrete spaces II

Pressure:

$$P_h^k := \left\{ q \in L^2(\Omega) : q|_T \in \mathcal{P}^k(T) \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad \int_{\Omega} q = 0 \right\}.$$

Discretisation of diffusive term – $\operatorname{div}(\mu \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u})$ [4]

Discrete gradient reconstruction: $\mathbf{G}_T^k : \underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^k(T)^{d \times d}$ s.t.

$$\int_T \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T : \boldsymbol{\tau} = \int_T \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{v}_T : \boldsymbol{\tau} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F (\mathbf{v}_F - \mathbf{v}_T) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n}_{TF} \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathcal{P}^k(T)^{d \times d}.$$

Bilinear form:

$$a_{\mu,h}(\underline{\mathbf{w}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mu_T a_{S,T}(\underline{\mathbf{w}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T),$$

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Local weighted H^1 -like norm:

$$\|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{\mu,T} := \mu_T^{1/2} a_{S,T}(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T)^{1/2}.$$

$$\left(\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \mu_T \textcolor{red}{h_T^{-1}} \| \mathbf{v}_F - \mathbf{v}_T \|_{L^2(F)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \lesssim \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{\mu,T}.$$

Discretisation of Darcy term $\nu \mathbf{u}$

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Local weighted L^2 -like norm:

$$\|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{\nu,T} := \nu_T^{1/2} a_{D,T}(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T)^{1/2}$$

$$\left(\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \nu_T \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{T}} \|\mathbf{v}_F - \mathbf{v}_T\|_{L^2(F)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \lesssim \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{\nu,T}.$$

Discretisation of pressure term ∇p and source term f

Discrete divergence: $D_T^k : \underline{\mathcal{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^k(T)$ s.t.

$$D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T = \text{tr}(\mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T).$$

Coupling bilinear form: For $(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, q_h) \in \underline{\mathcal{U}}_h^k \times \mathcal{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$,

$$b_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, q_h) := - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \ q_T,$$

Source term:

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}_T.$$

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Error estimate, using a local friction coefficient

$$C_{f,T} := \frac{\nu_T h_T^2}{\mu_T}$$

- $C_{f,T} \ll 1$: T Stokes-dominated.
- $C_{f,T} \gg 1$: T Darcy-dominated.
- Intermediate regimes also measured by $C_{f,T}$ (e.g. $C_{f,T} \approx 1$).

Theorem (Error estimates for the HHO scheme)

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \underline{\mathbf{I}}_h^k \mathbf{u} \|_{\mu,h}^2 + \| \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \underline{\mathbf{I}}_h^k \mathbf{u} \|_{\nu,h}^2 + \| p_h - \pi_h^k p \|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ & \lesssim \left[\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mu_T \min(1, C_{f,T}^{-1}) h_T^{2(k+1)} |\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{H}^{k+2}(T)}^2 \right. \\ & \quad + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \nu_T \min(1, C_{f,T}) h_T^{2(k+1)} |\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{H}^{k+1}(T)}^2 \\ & \quad \left. + \text{Errors from coupling term} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Consistency of diffusive term: $C_{f,T}$ saves the day (and h)

Consistency error:

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T (-\operatorname{div}(\mu_T \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u})) \cdot \mathbf{v}_T - \underbrace{\mu_T \int_T \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{I}}_T^k \mathbf{u} : \mathbf{G}_T^k \mathbf{v}_T + \mu_T \text{Stab}}_{a_{\mu,\nu}(\underline{\mathbf{I}}_h^k \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_h)}$$

After IBP, element contribution (without stabilisation):

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \mu_T (\operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{I}}_T^k \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}_F \cdot (\mathbf{v}_F - \mathbf{v}_T) \\ & \leq \mu_T^{1/2} \underbrace{h_T^{1/2} \| \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{G}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{I}}_T^k \mathbf{u} \|_{L^2(\partial T)}}_{\lesssim h_T^{k+1} |\mathbf{u}|_{H^{k+2}(T)}} \underbrace{\left(\mu_T \cancel{h_T^{-1}} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \| \mathbf{v}_F - \mathbf{v}_T \|_{L^2(F)}^2 \right)^{1/2}}_{\mathfrak{T}_T}. \end{aligned}$$

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Darcy regime:

$$C_{f,T} \geq 1 \text{ so } \mu_T \leq \nu_T h_T^2.$$

Thus:

$$\mathfrak{T}_T \leq \left(\nu_T \mathbf{h}_T \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \|\mathbf{v}_F - \mathbf{v}_T\|_{L^2(F)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \lesssim \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{\nu,T}.$$

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No $C_{f,T}$ can help us gain an h_T here...

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D_T^k and $\mathbf{P}_{D,T}^k$ are the Discrete De Rham (DDR) divergence and potential. $\underline{\mathbf{U}}_T^k$ is an enrichment of the corresponding DDR space (that only has normal fluxes as face unknowns) [3, 6].

Consistency in Darcy regime

Consistency error and definition of $\mathbf{P}_{\text{D},T}^k$:

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \mathbf{grad} p \cdot \mathbf{P}_{\text{D},T}^k \mathbf{v}_T + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \pi_T^k p - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F p (\mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}).$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \mathbf{grad} \pi_T^{k+1} p \cdot \mathbf{P}_{\text{D},T}^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \pi_T^{k+1} p D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \\ & \quad - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \pi_T^{k+1} p (\mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Subtract:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_T \underbrace{\mathbf{grad}(p - \pi_T^{k+1} p)}_{\mathcal{O}(h^{k+1})} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_{\text{D},T}^k \mathbf{v}_T}_{\mathcal{O}(\nu_T^{-1/2} \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{\nu,T})} + \int_T (\pi_T^k p - \pi_T^{k+1} p) D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \\ & \quad - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \int_F \underbrace{(p - \pi_T^{k+1} p)}_{\mathcal{O}(h^{k+3/2})} \underbrace{(\mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{n}_{TF})}_{\mathcal{O}(\nu_T^{-1/2} h_T^{-1/2} \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T\|_{\nu,T})} \end{aligned}$$

Final HHO-DDR scheme

Regime-dependent potential: with $\langle P \rangle$ the truth value of P (1 if P is true, 0 otherwise),

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{D},T}^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T := \langle C_{\text{f},T} < 1 \rangle \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T + \langle C_{\text{f},T} \geq 1 \rangle \mathbf{P}_{\text{D},T}^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T.$$

Scheme: Find $(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, p_h) \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k \times P_h^k$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\mu,h}(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) + a_{\nu,h}(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) + b_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, p_h) \\ = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \mathbf{f} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{D},T}^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{\mathbf{U}}_{h,0}^k, \\ -b_h(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, q_h) = \int_{\Omega} g q_h \quad \forall q_h \in P_h^k. \end{aligned}$$

Regime-dependent error estimate

Theorem (Error estimates for the HHO–DDR scheme)

With C depending only on the mesh regularity and $\max(\mu, \nu)$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \underline{\mathbf{I}}_h^k \mathbf{u}\|_{\mu,h}^2 + \|\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h - \underline{\mathbf{I}}_h^k \mathbf{u}\|_{\nu,h}^2 + \|p_h - \pi_h^k p\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ & \leq C \left[\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mu_T \min(1, C_{f,T}^{-1}) h_T^{2(k+1)} |\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{H}^{k+2}(T)}^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \nu_T \min(1, C_{f,T}) h_T^{2(k+1)} |\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{H}^{k+1}(T)}^2 \right] \\ & + C \left[\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mu_T^{-1} \langle C_{f,T} < 1 \rangle h_T^{2(k+1)} |p|_{H^{k+1}(T)}^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \nu_T^{-1} \langle C_{f,T} \geq 1 \rangle h_T^{2(k+1)} |p|_{H^{k+2}(T)}^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- Works in pure Stokes ($\mu = 0$) and pure Darcy ($\nu = 0$) regimes, respectively removing the terms involving μ_T^{-1} or ν_T^{-1} .

Outline

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Slides



Global transition from Stokes to Darcy I

Domain and meshes: $\Omega = (0, 1)^3$, tetrahedral and Voronoi meshes.

Exact solution: set $C_{f,\Omega} = \nu/\mu$ and

$$p(x, y, z) = \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) \sin(2\pi z) \quad \forall (x, y, z) \in \Omega,$$
$$\mathbf{u} = \exp(-C_{f,\Omega}) \mathbf{u}_S + (1 - \exp(-C_{f,\Omega})) \mathbf{u}_D,$$

with

$$\mathbf{u}_S(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y) \cos(2\pi z) \\ \cos(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) \cos(2\pi z) \\ -2 \cos(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y) \sin(2\pi z) \end{bmatrix} \quad \forall (x, y, z) \in \Omega,$$
$$\mathbf{u}_D = \begin{cases} -\nu^{-1} \mathbf{grad} p & \text{if } \nu > 0, \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Global transition from Stokes to Darcy II

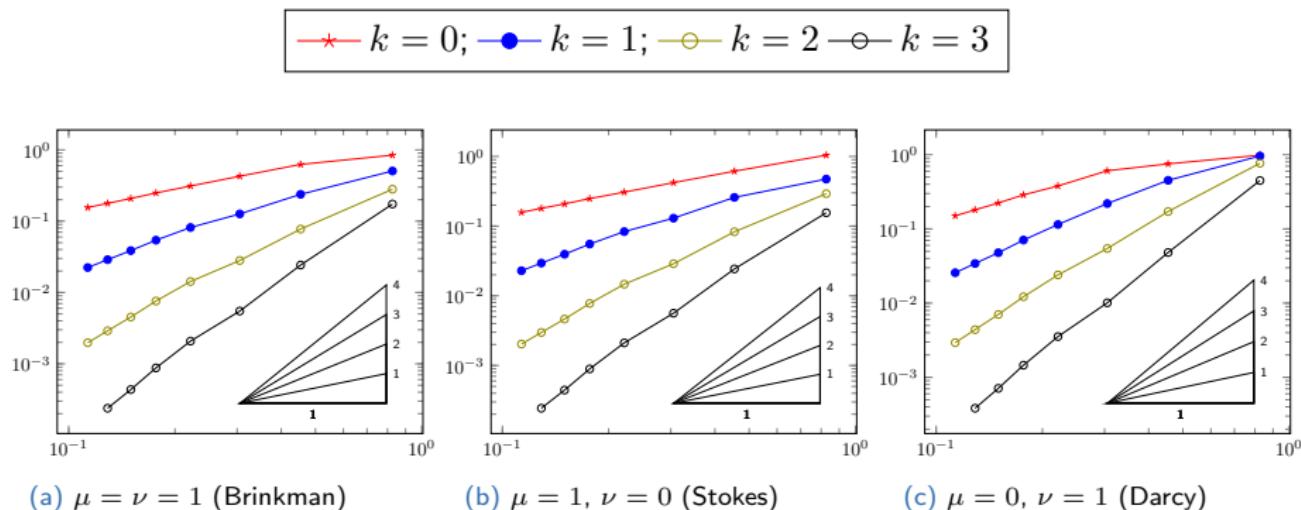


Figure: Voronoi meshes, relative errors in energy norm on (u, p) w.r.t. h

Global transition from Stokes to Darcy III

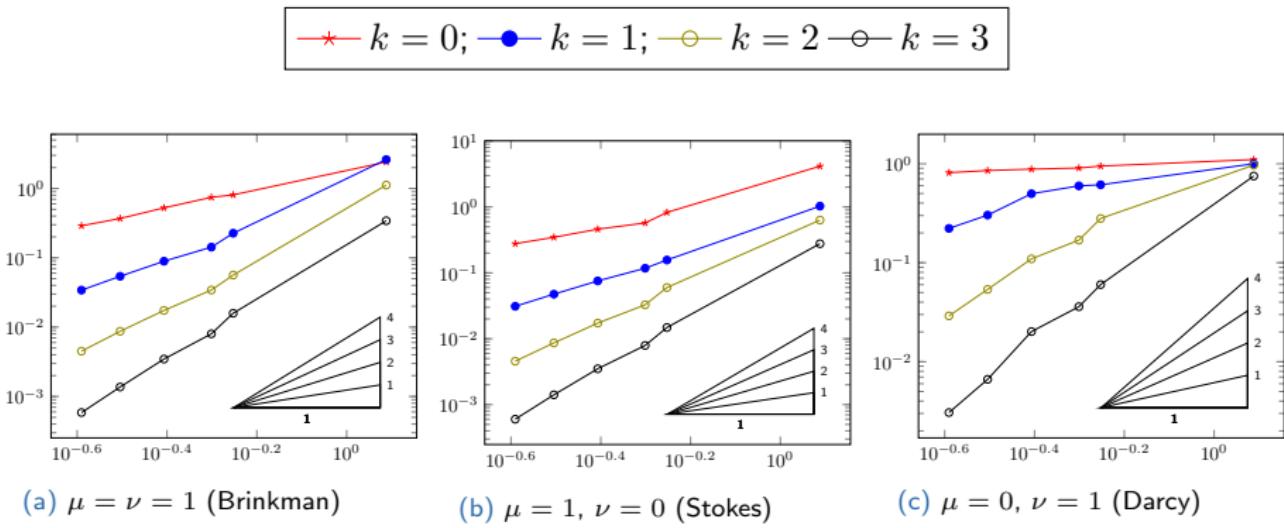
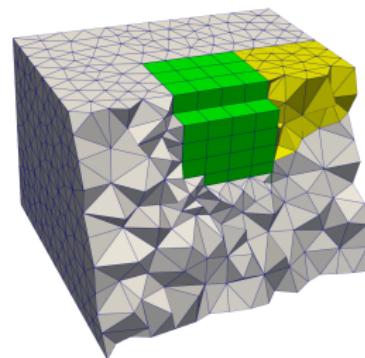
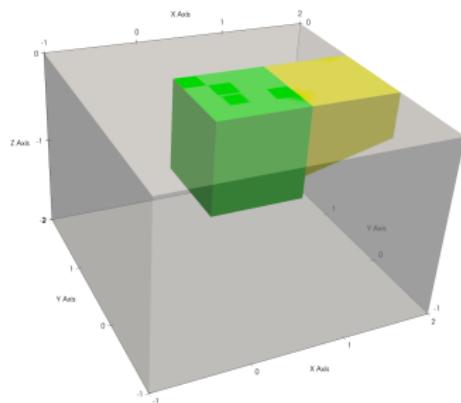


Figure: Tetrahedral meshes, relative errors in (u, p) vs. h

Lid-driven cavity with porous surroundings I



- Green cavity: **pure Stokes flow**, $\mu = 10^{-2}$.
- Surroundings: **pure Darcy flow** with $\nu^{-1} = 10^{-7}$ in grey box, $\nu^{-1} = 10^{-2}$ in yellow wedge.
- Forcing term: $\mathbf{f} = (0, 0, -0.98)$ (gravity).
- Boundary conditions: $\mathbf{u} = (x(1-x), 0, 0)$ on top of cavity, $\mathbf{0}$ elsewhere.

Lid-driven cavity with porous surroundings II

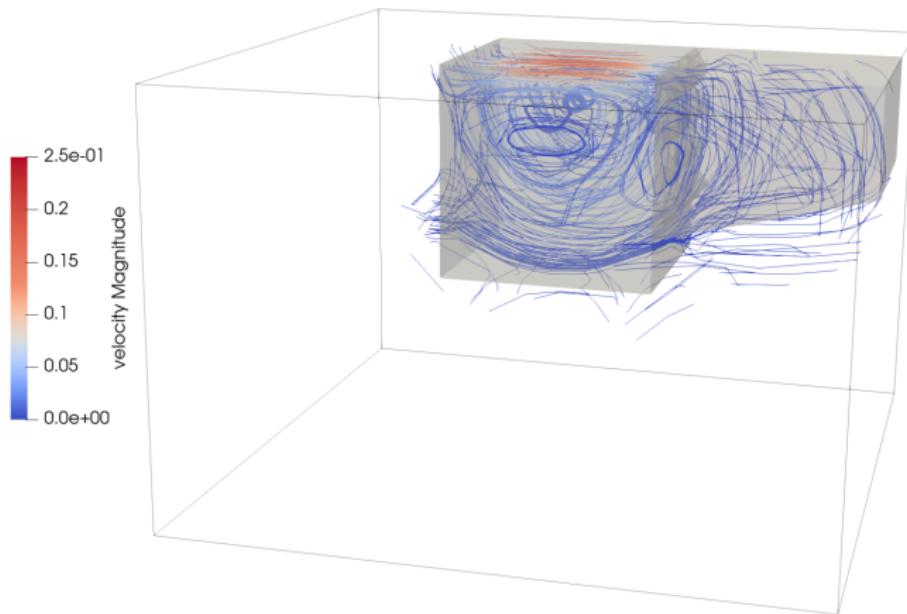
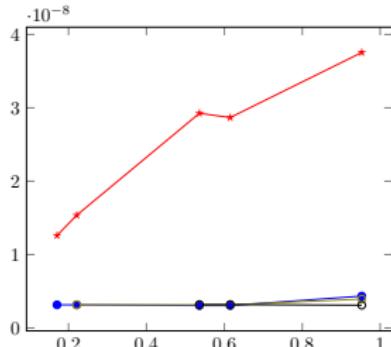


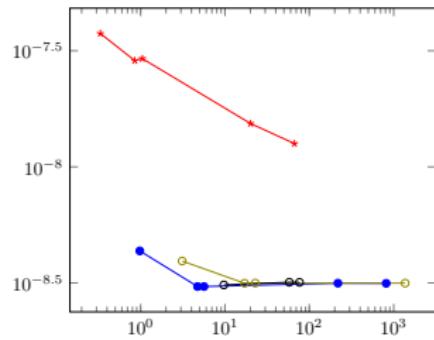
Figure: Streamlines (cavity and wedge displayed in shadow).

Lid-driven cavity with porous surroundings III

—★— $k = 0$; —●— $k = 1$; —○— $k = 2$ —○— $k = 3$



(a) w.r.t. mesh size



(b) w.r.t. wall time (seconds)

Figure: Convergence of flux values from the cavity to the wedge.

Increasing order is better than refining mesh.

Conclusions

- Polytopal scheme of arbitrary order from the Brinkman model.
- Regime (Stokes / Brinkman / Darcy) identified by local dimensionless friction coefficients.
- Robust error estimate across the whole range of regimes, including intermediate ones; clearly identifies contributions of each regime.
- Clear computational gain in going above lowest order scheme.



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More tests: various regimes in various parts of the domain I

Domain: $\Omega = (0, 1)^3$ split in

- o $\Omega_S = (0, 1/2) \times (0, 1)^2$ with $(\mu, \nu) = (1, 10^7)$,
- o $\Omega_D = (1/2, 1) \times (0, 1)^2$ with $(\mu, \nu) = (0, 10^2)$.

Mesh: Cartesian from 2^3 to 32^3 cubes.

Exact solution: $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_0 + \chi_S \mathbf{u}_S + \chi_D \mathbf{u}_D$ with χ_i characteristic functions of the subdomains and

$$\mathbf{u}_0(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(-y - z) \\ \sin(\pi y) \sin(\pi z) \\ yz \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{u}_S(x, y, z) = \cos(\pi x)(x - 0.5) \begin{bmatrix} y + z \\ y + \cos(\pi z) \\ \sin(\pi y) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{u}_D(x, y, z) = \cos(\pi x)(x - 0.5) \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\pi y) \sin(\pi z) \\ z^3 \\ y^2 z^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

More tests: various regimes in various parts of the domain

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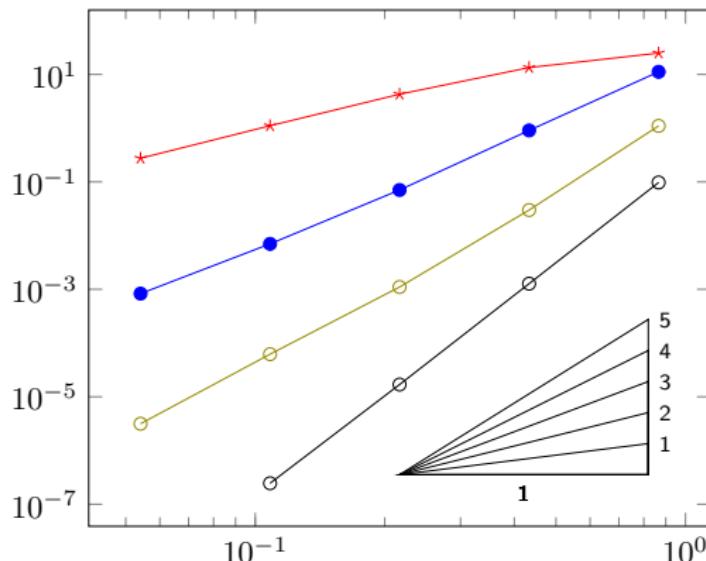


Figure: Relative errors vs. h