

PiNeaple- Poisson-Nerst-Planck: spectral version.

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Nothing much abstract to to talk about.

I. INTRODUCTION:

II. TAU METHOD:

A. Equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\pm}(z, t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} j_{\pm}(z, t) \quad (1)$$

with

$$j_{\pm}(z, t) = -D_{\pm} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} n_{\pm}(z, t) \pm \frac{q}{k_B T} n_{\pm}(z, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} V(z, t) \right] \quad (2)$$

and $-d \leq z \leq d$.

Substituting $\tilde{z} = z/d$:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} j_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \quad (3)$$

and

$$j_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) = -\tilde{D}_{\pm} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \pm \frac{q}{k_B T d^2} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} V(\tilde{z}, t) \right] \quad (4)$$

with $\tilde{D}_{\pm} = D_{\pm}/d^2$ and $-1 \leq \tilde{z} \leq 1$.

The potential $V(\tilde{z}, t)$ obeys the equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{z}^2} V(\tilde{z}, t) = -\frac{q d^2}{\epsilon} (n_+(\tilde{z}, t) - n_-(\tilde{z}, t)) \quad (5)$$

with

$$V(\pm 1, t) = \pm \frac{V_0}{2} \exp(I \omega t) \quad (6)$$

B. Weighted residuals

We are going to develop the functions $n_+(\tilde{z}, t)$, $n_-(\tilde{z}, t)$ and $V(\tilde{z}, t)$ in terms of Legendre polynomials as following:

$$\begin{aligned} n_+(\tilde{z}, t) &= \sum_{i=0}^N c_+^i(t) P_i(\tilde{z}) \\ n_-(\tilde{z}, t) &= \sum_{i=0}^N c_-^i(t) P_i(\tilde{z}) \\ V(\tilde{z}, t) &= \sum_{i=0}^N c_v^i(t) P_i(\tilde{z}) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Knowing that:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} P_i(\tilde{z}) &= \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j+i \text{ odd}}}^{i-1} (2j+1) P_j(\tilde{z}), \quad \text{and} \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{z}^2} P_i(\tilde{z}) &= \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ i+j \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) (i(i+1) - j(j+1)) P_j(\tilde{z}),\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial z} V(\tilde{z}, t) &= \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ i+j \text{ odd}}}^{i-1} (2j+1) c_v^i(t) P_j(\tilde{z}), \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} V &= \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ i+j \text{ even}}}^{i-2} c_v^i(t) \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) (i(i+1) - j(j+1)) P_j(\tilde{z})\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

Writing the equations (2) and (3) as a residual:

$$\begin{aligned}R_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} j_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \\ R_V(\tilde{z}, t) &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} V(\tilde{z}, t) + \frac{qd^2}{\epsilon} (n_+(\tilde{z}, t) - n_-(\tilde{z}, t)).\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

We will multiply the residuals by $P_i(\tilde{z})$ and integrate from $\tilde{z} = -1$ to $\tilde{z} = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} R_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} &= 0 \\ \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} R_V(\tilde{z}, t) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{11}$$

Taking $i = 0, \dots, N$ give us $3N + 3$ equations for $3N + 3$ variables.

C. Manipulating Residuals equations:

1. Eletric potential equation.

Expanding the eletric potential equation(11):

$$\int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} V(\tilde{z}, t) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} + \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{qd^2}{\epsilon} [n_+(\tilde{z}, t) - n_-(\tilde{z}, t)] P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} = 0 \quad \forall \quad i = 0, \dots, N-2\tag{12}$$

Substituting (9) into (12):

$$\int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ i+j \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) (i(i+1) - j(j+1)) c_v^i(t) P_j(\tilde{z}) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} + \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{qd^2}{\epsilon} \sum_{i=0}^N [c_+^i(t) - c_-^i(t)] P_k(\tilde{z}) P_i(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} = 0\tag{13}$$

for all $i = 0, 1, \dots, N-2$.

The r.h.s can be simplified to:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{qd^2}{\epsilon} \sum_{i=0}^N [c_+^i(t) - c_-^i(t)] P_k(\tilde{z}) P_i(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} &= -\frac{qd^2}{\epsilon} \sum_{i=0}^N [c_+^i(t) - c_-^i(t)] \delta_{ik} \\ &= \frac{qd^2}{\epsilon} [c_+^k(t) - c_-^k(t)]\end{aligned}\tag{14}$$

The L.h.s:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j+i \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) (i(i+1) - j(j+1)) c^i(t) P_j(\tilde{z}) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} \\ = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j+i \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) [i(i+1) - j(j+1)] c^i(t) \gamma_k \delta_{jk} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have:

$$\sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j+i \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) [i(i+1) - j(j+1)] c^i(t) \gamma_k \delta_{jk} = -\frac{qd^2}{\epsilon} [c_+^k(t) - c_-^k(t)] \quad \forall \quad k = 0, \dots, N-2. \quad (15)$$

The boundary conditions are:

$$\sum_{i=0}^N c_v^i(t) P_i(\pm 1) = \pm \frac{V_0}{2} \exp(I\omega t). \quad (16)$$

Knowing that $P_i(\pm 1) = (\pm 1)^i$, we can divide (16) into:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^N c_v^i(t) &= \frac{V_0}{2} \exp(I\omega t), \\ \sum_{i=0}^N (-1)^i c_v^i(t) &= -\frac{V_0}{2} \exp(I\omega t). \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$(18)$$

2. Concentration equations:

Writing the equations (2) and (3) as a residual:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) + \tilde{D}_{\pm} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \pm \frac{q}{k_B T d^2} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} V(\tilde{z}, t) \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) + \tilde{D}_{\pm} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{z}^2} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \pm \frac{q}{k_B T d^2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} V(\tilde{z}, t) + n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{z}^2} V(\tilde{z}, t) \right] \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) P_i(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} + \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \tilde{D}_{\pm} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{z}^2} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \pm \frac{q}{k_B T d^2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} V(\tilde{z}, t) + n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{z}^2} V(\tilde{z}, t) \right] \right\} P_i(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} = 0$$

Going by parts:

$$\int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c_{\pm}^k(t) \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \tilde{D}_{\pm} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{z}^2} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} &= \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ i+j \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) (i(i+1) - j(j+1)) c_{\pm}^i(t) P_j(\tilde{z}) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z}, \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ i+j \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) (i(i+1) - j(j+1)) c_{\pm}^i(t) \gamma_k \delta_{jk} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$\int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} P_j(\tilde{z})P_q(\tilde{z})P_k(\tilde{z})d\tilde{z} = \sqrt{\frac{(2j+1)(2k+1)}{(2q+1)}}Cg(j,k,q,0,0,0)^2 \quad (22)$$

Yet another part:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{q}{k_B T d^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} V(\tilde{z}, t) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} = \\ & = \frac{q}{k_B T d^2} \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{p=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j+i \text{ odd}}}^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{q=0 \\ p+q \text{ odd}}}^{i-1} (2j+1)(2q+1) c_{\pm}^i(t) c_v^p(t) P_j(\tilde{z}) P_q(\tilde{z}) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$= \frac{q}{k_B T d^2} \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{p=0}^N \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j+i \text{ odd}}}^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{q=0 \\ p+q \text{ odd}}}^{i-1} (2j+1)(2q+1) c_{\pm}^i(t) c_v^p(t) \sqrt{\frac{(2j+1)(2k+1)}{(2q+1)}} Cg(j,k,q,0,0,0)^2 \quad (24)$$

And the final part:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{Dq}{k_B T d^2} n_{\pm}(\tilde{z}, t) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{z}^2} V(\tilde{z}, t) d\tilde{z} = \\ & = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{p=0}^N \sum_{\substack{q=0 \\ p+q \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \int_{\tilde{z}=-1}^{\tilde{z}=1} \frac{Dq}{k_B T d^2} c_{\pm}^i(t) c_v^p(t) \left(q + \frac{1}{2} \right) [p(p+1) - q(q+1)] P_i(\tilde{z}) P_q(\tilde{z}) P_k(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} \\ & \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{p=0}^N \sum_{\substack{q=0 \\ p+q \text{ even}}}^{i-2} \frac{Dq}{k_B T d^2} c_{\pm}^i(t) c_v^p(t) \left(q + \frac{1}{2} \right) [p(p+1) - q(q+1)] \sqrt{\frac{(2i+1)(2k+1)}{(2q+1)}} Cg(i,k,q,0,0,0)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$