

1 Optimality conditions for the sedimentation equations

We consider the terms of the PDE and the boundary conditions separately here.

1.1 Terms that go into the PDE

The relevant part of the PDE is:

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\rho \nabla \frac{\delta F[\rho]}{\delta \rho} \right) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{\nabla^2 \rho}{1 - \eta} + \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \frac{(3 - 2\eta)}{(1 - \eta)^2} - \rho \nabla^2 \frac{\eta - 2}{(\eta - 1)^2} \right),$$

where $\eta = a\rho$ and $a = \pi\sigma^2/4$. Consider:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(\rho) &= \nabla^2 \rho \frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \\ F_2(\rho) &= \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) \\ F_3(\rho) &= \rho \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(a\rho - 1)^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$F_1(\rho + h) - F_1(\rho) = \nabla(\rho + h) \frac{1}{1 - a(\rho + h)} - \nabla \rho \frac{1}{1 - a\rho}$$

Using the expansion:

$$\frac{1}{c - x} = \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{c^2}x + O(x^2),$$

where $c = 1 - a\rho$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(\rho + h) - F_1(\rho) &= \nabla^2(\rho + h) \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} + \frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2}h \right) - \nabla^2 \rho \frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \\ &= \nabla^2 h \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \right) + \nabla^2 \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2}h \right) \end{aligned}$$

For F_2 we consider the expansion:

$$\frac{1}{(c - x)^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{2}{c^3}x + O(x^2),$$

and get:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2(\rho + h) - F_2(\rho) &= \nabla(\rho + h) \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a(\rho + h)}{(1 - a(\rho + h))^2} \right) - \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) \\
&= \nabla(\rho + h) \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a(\rho + h)}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{3 - 2a(\rho + h)}{(1 - a\rho)^3} 2ah \right) - \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) \\
&= \nabla h \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) + \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(h \left(\frac{-2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a - 4a^2\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \\
&= \nabla h \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) + (\nabla h \cdot \nabla \rho) \left(\frac{-2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a - 4a^2\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \\
&\quad + h \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{-2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a - 4a^2\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_3(\rho + h) - F_3(\rho) &= (\rho + h) \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a(\rho + h) - 2}{(a(\rho + h) - 1)^2} \right) - \rho \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(a\rho - 1)^2} \right) \\
&= (\rho + h) \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a(\rho + h) - 2}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{a(\rho + h) - 2}{(1 - a\rho)^3} 2ah \right) - \rho \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(a\rho - 1)^2} \right) \\
&= h \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(a\rho - 1)^2} \right) + \rho \nabla^2 \left(h \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \\
&= h \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(a\rho - 1)^2} \right) + \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \nabla^2 h \\
&\quad + 2\rho \nabla \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \cdot \nabla h + \rho h \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Combining these in the Lagrangian gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_\rho(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_\Omega q \nabla^2 h \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \right) + q \nabla^2 \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} h \right) \\
&\quad + q \nabla h \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) + q (\nabla h \cdot \nabla \rho) \left(\frac{-2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a - 4a^2\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \\
&\quad + q h \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{-2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a - 4a^2\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \\
&\quad - q h \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(a\rho - 1)^2} \right) - q \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \nabla^2 h \\
&\quad - q \rho \nabla \left(\frac{2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{4a^2\rho - 8a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \cdot \nabla h - q \rho h \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Rearranging gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_\rho(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_\Omega h \left(q \nabla^2 \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) + q \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{-2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a-4a^2\rho}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) - q \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho-2}{(a\rho-1)^2} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - q\rho \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho-4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \nabla h \cdot \left(q \nabla \left(\frac{3-2a\rho}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) + q \nabla \rho \left(\frac{-2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a-4a^2\rho}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) - q\rho \nabla \left(\frac{2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{4a^2\rho-8a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \nabla^2 h \left(q \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} \right) - q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho-4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Integration by parts gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_\rho(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_\Omega h \left(q \nabla^2 \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) + q \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{-2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a-4a^2\rho}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) - q \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho-2}{(a\rho-1)^2} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - q\rho \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho-4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \\
&\quad - h \nabla \left(q \nabla \left(\frac{3-2a\rho}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) + q \nabla \rho \left(\frac{-2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a-4a^2\rho}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) - q\rho \nabla \left(\frac{2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{4a^2\rho-8a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \\
&\quad + h \nabla^2 \left(q \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} \right) - q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho-4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

So we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_\rho(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_\Omega h \left[q \nabla^2 \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) + q \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{-2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a-4a^2\rho}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) - q \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho-2}{(a\rho-1)^2} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - q\rho \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) - q\rho \nabla^2 \left(\frac{2a^2\rho-4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \nabla \cdot \left(q \nabla \left(\frac{3-2a\rho}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) \right) - \nabla \cdot \left(q \nabla \rho \left(\frac{-2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) \right) - \nabla \cdot \left(q \nabla \rho \left(\frac{6a-4a^2\rho}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \nabla \cdot \left(q\rho \nabla \left(\frac{2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(q\rho \nabla \left(\frac{4a^2\rho-8a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \nabla^2 \left(q \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} \right) \right) - \nabla^2 \left(q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) \right) - \nabla^2 \left(q\rho \left(\frac{2a^2\rho-4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right] dr dt
\end{aligned}$$

And combining fractions gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_\rho(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h = & -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_\Omega h \left[q \nabla^2 \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) + q \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{2a(a\rho-2)}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) - q \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a\rho-2}{(a\rho-1)^2} \right) \right. \\ & - q \rho \nabla^2 \left(\frac{a(3-a\rho)}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) - \nabla \cdot \left(q \nabla \left(\frac{3-2a\rho}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) \right) - \nabla \cdot \left(q \nabla \rho \left(\frac{2a(a\rho-2)}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \\ & \left. + \nabla \cdot \left(q \rho \nabla \left(\frac{-2a(a\rho-3)}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) + \nabla^2 \left(q \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} \right) \right) - \nabla^2 \left(q \rho \left(\frac{-a(a\rho-3)}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right] drdt\end{aligned}$$

According to Mathematica this is:

$$\mathcal{L}_\rho(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h = -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_\Omega h \left[\frac{1}{(a\rho-1)^3} \left(4a \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla q + 2a(-1+a\rho)q \nabla^2 \rho + (-1+5a\rho-2a^2\rho^2) \nabla^2 q \right) \right] drdt$$

And rewriting this is:

$$\mathcal{L}_\rho(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h = -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_\Omega h \left[\frac{4a \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla q}{(a\rho-1)^3} + \frac{2aq \nabla^2 \rho}{(a\rho-1)^2} + \frac{(-1+5a\rho-2a^2\rho^2) \nabla^2 q}{(a\rho-1)^3} \right] drdt$$

1.2 Boundary Terms

We have the equation:

$$-\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\rho \nabla \frac{\delta F[\rho]}{\delta \rho} \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{\nabla \rho}{1-\eta} - \rho \nabla \frac{\eta-2}{(\eta-1)^2} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}F_4(\rho) &= \frac{\nabla \rho}{1-a\rho} \\ F_5(\rho) &= \rho \nabla \frac{a\rho-2}{(a\rho-1)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Then for F_4 we have:

$$\begin{aligned}F_4(\rho+h) - F_4(\rho) &= \nabla(\rho+h) \frac{1}{1-a(\rho+h)} - \nabla \rho \frac{1}{1-a\rho} \\ &= \nabla(\rho+h) \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} + \frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} h \right) \\ &= \nabla h \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} \right) + \nabla \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} h \right)\end{aligned}$$

For F_5 we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_5(\rho + h) - F_5(\rho) &= (\rho + h) \nabla \frac{a(\rho + h) - 2}{(a(\rho + h) - 1)^2} - \rho \nabla \frac{a\rho - 2}{(a\rho - 1)^2} \\
&= (\rho + h) \nabla \left(\frac{a(\rho + h) - 2}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{a(\rho + h) - 2}{(1 - a\rho)^3} 2ah \right) - \rho \nabla \frac{a\rho - 2}{(a\rho - 1)^2} \\
&= h \nabla \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) + \rho \nabla \left(h \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \\
&= h \nabla \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) + h\rho \nabla \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) + \nabla h \left(\rho \frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \rho \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Then the boundary terms for the Lagrangian are:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\rho,1}(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} \left(-q_{\partial\Omega} \nabla h \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \right) - q_{\partial\Omega} \nabla \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} h \right) + q_{\partial\Omega} h \nabla \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + h q_{\partial\Omega} \rho \nabla \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) + q_{\partial\Omega} \nabla h \left(\rho \frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \rho \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} dr dt
\end{aligned}$$

From the integration by parts of the terms within the domain (in the previous section) we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\rho,2}(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} \left(h \left(q \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) + q \nabla \rho \left(\frac{-2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a - 4a^2\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - q\rho \nabla \left(\frac{2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{4a^2\rho - 8a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \nabla h \left(q \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \right) - q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - h \nabla \left(q \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \right) - q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} dr dt
\end{aligned}$$

Combining all of these give all boundary terms for the Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\rho}(\rho, \mathbf{w}, q)h &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} \left(h \left(-q_{\partial\Omega} \nabla \rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) + q_{\partial\Omega} \nabla \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + q_{\partial\Omega} \rho \nabla \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) + \left(q \nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^2} \right) + q \nabla \rho \left(\frac{-2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a - 4a^2\rho}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right. \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - q\rho \nabla \left(\frac{2a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{4a^2\rho - 8a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) - \nabla \left(q \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \right) - q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right) \\
&\quad \left. + \nabla h \left(-q_{\partial\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \right) + q_{\partial\Omega} \left(\rho \frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \rho \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) + q \left(\frac{1}{1 - a\rho} \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1 - a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1 - a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} dr dt
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing terms in ∇h :

$$\left[-q_{\partial\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} \right) + q_{\partial\Omega} \left(\rho \frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \rho \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right. \\ \left. + q \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} \right) - q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0.$$

This holds when $q_{\partial\Omega} = q$. Then for $h \neq 0$ we get:

$$\left[-q\nabla\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) + q\nabla \left(\frac{a\rho - 2}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) \right. \\ + q\rho\nabla \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) + q\nabla \left(\frac{3 - 2a\rho}{(1-a\rho)^2} \right) + q\nabla\rho \left(\frac{-2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{6a - 4a^2\rho}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \\ \left. - q\rho\nabla \left(\frac{2a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{4a^2\rho - 8a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) - \nabla \left(q \left(\frac{1}{1-a\rho} \right) - q\rho \left(\frac{a}{(1-a\rho)^2} + \frac{2a^2\rho - 4a}{(1-a\rho)^3} \right) \right) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

According to Mathematica this is:

$$\frac{(1+a\rho)\nabla q}{(a\rho - 1)^3} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

Since $a\rho > 0$ by definition, this is:

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial n} = 0.$$