and the contact lines' x values $x_l(t)$, $x_r(t)$ such that

$$-(p, \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})_{\Omega_{1}} + (\eta_{1}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^{T}), \nabla \boldsymbol{\omega})_{\Omega_{1}} + \frac{1}{Ca} (\partial_{s}\boldsymbol{\ell}, \partial_{s}\boldsymbol{\omega})_{\Sigma_{3,l}} + \frac{1}{Ca} (\partial_{s}\mathbf{r}, \partial_{s}\boldsymbol{\omega})_{\Sigma_{3,r}} - \frac{1}{Ca} (\nu, \nabla_{s} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})_{\Sigma_{1}}$$
(3.86a)

$$-\frac{\nu_{l}}{Ca} (\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) \Big|_{\Lambda_{l}} + \frac{\gamma_{1} - \gamma_{2}}{Ca} \left((\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) \Big|_{\Lambda_{r}} - (\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) \Big|_{\Lambda_{l}} \right) = 0, \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{U}_{2},$$

$$(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, \varphi)_{\Omega_{1}} = 0, \quad \forall \varphi \in L^{2}(\Omega), \qquad (3.86b)$$

$$\frac{l_{s}}{\mu_{1}} (\nabla_{s}\nu, \nabla_{s}g)_{\Sigma_{1}} + Ca (\nabla_{s} \cdot \mathbf{u}, g)_{\Sigma_{1}} + \frac{1}{\mu_{\Lambda}} ((\nu - \nu_{l})g) \Big|_{\Lambda_{l}} + \frac{1}{\mu_{\Lambda}} (\nu, g) \Big|_{\Lambda_{r}} = 0,$$

$$\forall g \in H^{1}([x_{l}, x_{r}]), \qquad (3.86c)$$

$$-\int_{\Sigma_{2,l}} \frac{\kappa}{|\partial_{x}\mathbf{q}|} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} dt + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) \Big|_{\Lambda_{l}} - \frac{1}{\mu_{\Lambda}Ca} (\nu - \nu_{l}) \Big|_{\Lambda_{l}} = 0, \qquad (3.86d)$$

$$(\dot{\boldsymbol{\ell}}, \psi_{1})_{\Sigma_{2,l}} - (\mathbf{u}, \psi_{1})_{\Sigma_{3,l}} = 0, \quad \forall \psi_{1} \in H^{1}(D) \times H^{1}_{0}(D), \qquad (3.86e)$$

$$(\dot{\mathbf{r}}, \ \psi_2)_{\Sigma_{3,r}} - (\mathbf{u}, \ \psi_2)_{\Sigma_{3,r}} = 0, \quad \forall \psi_2 \in H^1(D) \times H^1_0(D),$$
 (3.86f)

$$\ell(0,t) = (x_l(t), y(x_l(t), t)), \quad \mathbf{r}(0,t) = (x_r(t), y(x_r(t), t)). \tag{3.86g}$$

3.4.2 Numerical method

Similarly, we could propose a procedure to simulate the dynamics of the system, including two FEM schemes for the corresponding weak formulations (3.85a)-(3.85h) and (3.86a)-(3.86g).

The temporal discretization and the spatial discretization for the membrane in Sec. 3.3.2 are still available here by modifying $D_{\mathbf{q}}$ from [-1,1] to $[0,B_x]$. We have two separated fluid-vacuum interfaces $\Sigma_{3,l}$ and $\Sigma_{3,r}$, but they share the same reference domain D=[0,1]. For simplicity, we set the same spatial discretization for these two fluid-vacuum interfaces as what we have done for the fluid-fluid interface Σ_3 in Sec. 3.3.2. We use the following finite-dimensional spaces to approximate V_y , $H_{0,r}^1(D_{\mathbf{q}}^m)$, $H_0^1([0,x_l^m])$, $H^1([x_l^m,x_r^m])$, $H_{0,l}^1([x_r^m,B_x])$, respectively,

$$V_y^m := \{ f \in V^m : f(0) = -B_y \}, \tag{3.87a}$$

$$V_{\kappa}^{m} := \left\{ f \in V^{m} : f(B_{x}) = 0 \right\},$$

$$V_{1}^{m} := \left\{ g \in C([0, x_{l}^{m}]) : g|_{D_{\mathbf{q}, j}^{m}} \in \mathcal{P}_{2}(D_{\mathbf{q}, j}^{m}), \ \forall j = 1, 2, \cdots, j_{l}, \ g(0) = g(x_{l}^{m}) = 0 \right\},$$

$$(3.87c)$$

$$V_{2}^{m} := \left\{ g \in C([x_{l}^{m}, x_{r}^{m}]) : g|_{D_{\mathbf{q}, j}^{m}} \in \mathcal{P}_{2}(D_{\mathbf{q}, j}^{m}), \ \forall j = j_{l} + 1, \cdots, j_{r} \right\},$$

$$V_{3}^{m} := \left\{ g \in C([x_{r}^{m}, B_{x}]) : g|_{D_{\mathbf{q}, j}^{m}} \in \mathcal{P}_{2}(D_{\mathbf{q}, j}^{m}), \ \forall j = j_{r} + 1, \cdots, \mathcal{Q}, \ g(x_{r}^{m}) = 0 \right\},$$

$$(3.87e)$$

where V^m is defined in (3.58a). Besides, $H^1(D)$ can be approximated by W^h defined in (3.58e). $H^1_0(D)$ can be approximated by W^h_0 defined in (3.58f). $H^1_{0,r}(D)$ can be approximated by

$$W_1^h := \left\{ u \in W^h : u(1) = 0 \right\}. \tag{3.88}$$

Using similar definitions in Sec. 3.3.2, the whole membrane Ξ at $t=t_m$ is approximated by Ξ^m . x_l^m and x_r^m separate Ξ^m into parts Σ_1^m , $\Sigma_{2,l}^m$, $\Sigma_{2,r}^m$, which numerically approximate Σ_1 , $\Sigma_{2,l}$ and $\Sigma_{2,r}$, respectively, at $t=t_m$. For piecewise continuous functions u and v defined on the $D_{\mathbf{q}}^m$, the inner products on $\Sigma_{2,l}^m$ and $\Sigma_{2,r}^m$ can be approximated as

$$(u, v)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^m} := \sum_{j=1}^{j_l} |\partial_x \mathbf{q}^m|_j \int_{x_{j-1}^m}^{x_j^m} u(x)v(x) dx,$$
 (3.89a)

$$(u, v)_{\Sigma_{2,r}^m} := \sum_{j=j_r+1}^{\mathcal{Q}} |\partial_x \mathbf{q}^m|_j \int_{x_{j-1}^m}^{x_j^m} u(x)v(x) dx.$$
 (3.89b)

Let ν^m , ν^m_l be the numerical approximations to the membrane inner tension for Σ^m_1 and $\Sigma^m_{2,l}$, respectively, at $t=t_m$.

Let $\Sigma_{3,l}^m := \boldsymbol{\ell}^m = (x_{\boldsymbol{\ell}}^m(\zeta), y_{\boldsymbol{\ell}}^m(\zeta)) \in W^h \times W_1^h$ and $\Sigma_{3,r}^m := \mathbf{r}^m = (x_{\mathbf{r}}^m(\zeta), y_{\mathbf{r}}^m(\zeta)) \in W^h \times W_1^h$ be the numerical approximations to the fluid-vacuum interfaces at $t = t_m$. For piecewise continuous functions u and v defined on D, the inner products on $\Sigma_{3,l}^m$

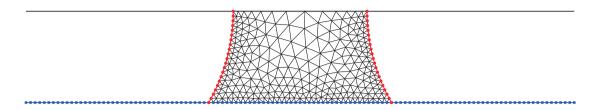


Figure 3.13: The initial fitted mesh used for the convergence test of the numerical method for bendotaxis. The red line with circle markers represents the fluid-vacuum interfaces. The blue line with square markers represents the lower membrane. The upper black line is the center line.

and $\Sigma_{3,r}^m$ can be approximated as

$$(u, v)_{\Sigma_{3,l}^m} := \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{R}} |\ell^m(\zeta_j) - \ell^m(\zeta_{j-1})| \int_{\zeta_{j-1}}^{\zeta_j} u(\zeta)v(\zeta)d\zeta,$$
(3.90a)

$$(u, v)_{\Sigma_{3,r}^m} := \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{R}} |\mathbf{r}^m(\zeta_j) - \mathbf{r}^m(\zeta_{j-1})| \int_{\zeta_{j-1}}^{\zeta_j} u(\zeta)v(\zeta)d\zeta,$$
 (3.90b)

where $|\boldsymbol{\ell}^m(\zeta_j) - \boldsymbol{\ell}^m(\zeta_{j-1})|$ and $|\mathbf{r}^m(\zeta_j) - \mathbf{r}^m(\zeta_{j-1})|$ are the lengths of the line segments $[\boldsymbol{\ell}^m(\zeta_{j-1}), \boldsymbol{\ell}^m(\zeta_j)]$ and $[\mathbf{r}^m(\zeta_{j-1}), \mathbf{r}^m(\zeta_j)]$, respectively, for $j = 1, 2, \dots, \mathcal{R}$.

We still denote $\mathbf{q}_j^m = (x_j^m, y^m(x_j^m)), \ j = 0, 1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}$ as markers to represent the membrane Ξ^m . For fluid-vacuum interfaces $\Sigma_{3,l}^m$ and $\Sigma_{3,r}^m$, let $\boldsymbol{\ell}_j^m = \boldsymbol{\ell}^m(\zeta_j), \ j = 0, 1, \dots, \mathcal{R}$ and $\mathbf{r}_j^m = \mathbf{r}^m(\zeta_j), \ j = 0, 1, \dots, \mathcal{R}$ denote markers. Then, we have $\boldsymbol{\ell}_0^m = \mathbf{q}_{j_l}^m = (x_l^m, y^m(x_l^m))$ marking the left contact line Λ_l^m and $\mathbf{r}_0^m = \mathbf{q}_{j_r}^m = (x_r^m, y^m(x_r^m))$ marking the right contact line Λ_r^m .

Since Ω_2^m is a vacuum, a triangulation is only required for Ω_1^m . Let $\mathcal{T}^m := \bigcup_{j=1}^N \bar{o}_j^m$ be a triangulation of Ω_1^m at the time step $t=t_m$. The mesh contains J vertices denoted by $\{\mathbf{p}_k^m\}_{k=1}^J$. We use a fitted mesh (see Fig. 3.13) such that line segments of Σ_1^m , $\Sigma_{3,l}^m$ and $\Sigma_{3,r}^m$ are edges from \mathcal{T}^m , i.e., $\Sigma_1^m \cup \Sigma_{3,l}^m \cup \Sigma_{3,r}^m \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^N \partial o_j^m$. Compared to the triangulation for the first application, the number of triangles N and the number of vertices J are both independent of time here. It is because that no triangulation is reproduced in the numerical procedure introduced later.

We denote the corresponding finite element spaces for \mathbb{U}_i (i = 1, 2, 3) and \mathbb{P} as

 \mathbb{U}_i^m (i=1,2,3) and \mathbb{P}^m , respectively. These finite element spaces are chosen to use the standard P2-(P1+P0) elements as

$$\mathbb{U}_{1}^{m} = [S_{2}^{m}]^{2} \cap \mathbb{U}_{1}, \quad \mathbb{U}_{2}^{m} = [S_{2}^{m}]^{2} \cap \mathbb{U}_{2}, \quad \mathbb{P}^{m} = (S_{1}^{m} + S_{0}^{m}) \cap \mathbb{P}, \tag{3.91a}$$

$$\mathbb{U}_{3}^{m} = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{U}_{1}^{m} : \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{n}^{m} = -\frac{1}{|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}|} \frac{y^{m} - y^{m-1}}{\tau} \text{ on } \Sigma_{1}^{m} \right\},$$
(3.91b)

where $|\partial_x \mathbf{q}^m| = \sqrt{1 + (\frac{\partial y^m}{\partial x})^2}$. These choices satisfy the inf-sup stability condition,

$$\inf_{\varphi \in \mathbb{P}^m} \sup_{0 \neq \boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{U}_i^m} \frac{(\varphi, \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})_{\Omega_1^m}}{\|\varphi\|_0 \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_1} \ge C_0 > 0, \quad i = 1, 2,$$
(3.92)

where C_0 is a constant, and $\|\cdot\|_0$ and $\|\cdot\|_1$ denote the L^2 and H^1 -norm on Ω_1^m , respectively.

The overall procedure of the numerical method is summarized as follows. Given the initial configuration of the system including $D_{\mathbf{q}}^0$, y^0 and κ^0 for the membrane Ξ^0 , ℓ^0 and \mathbf{r}^0 for the fluid-vacuum interfaces $\Sigma^0_{3,l}$ and $\Sigma^0_{3,r}$, and \mathcal{T}^0 for the triangulation of Ω^0_1 . Set m=0 and then go through the following steps.

(1) Fix the current configuration of fluid-vacuum interfaces ℓ^m and \mathbf{r}^m , and the positions of the contact lines x_l^m and x_r^m , based on the mesh \mathcal{T}^m , find the fluid velocity $\mathbf{u}^{m+\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{U}_1^m$, the fluid pressure $p^{m+\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{P}^m$, the membrane configuration $y^{m+\frac{1}{2}} \in V_y^m$, the curvature of the membrane $\kappa^{m+\frac{1}{2}} \in V_\kappa^m$, the inner tension of the membrane $\nu^{m+\frac{1}{2}} \in V_2^m$, and the constant inner tension $\nu_l^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$ for the membrane $\Sigma_{2,l}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$ such that

$$-\left(p^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^{h}\right)_{\Omega_{1}^{m}} + \left(\eta_{1}(\nabla \mathbf{u}^{m+\frac{1}{2}} + (\nabla \mathbf{u}^{m+\frac{1}{2}})^{T}), \nabla \boldsymbol{\omega}^{h}\right)_{\Omega_{1}^{m}} + \frac{1}{Ca}\left(\partial_{s}\boldsymbol{\ell}^{m}, \partial_{s}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{h}\right)_{\Sigma_{3,t}^{m}} + \frac{1}{Ca}\left(\partial_{s}\mathbf{r}^{m}, \partial_{s}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{h}\right)_{\Sigma_{3,r}^{m}} + \frac{1}{Ca}\left(\partial_{s}\mathbf{r}^{m}, \partial_{s}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{h}\right)_{\Sigma_{3,r}^{m}} + \frac{1}{Ca}\left(c_{b}\partial_{s}^{m}\left(\frac{\kappa^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{|\partial_{x}\mathbf{q}^{m}|}\right) - \gamma^{m}\partial_{s}^{m}y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \partial_{s}^{m}\left(|\partial_{x}\mathbf{q}^{m}|\boldsymbol{\omega}^{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}^{m}\right)\right)_{\Xi^{m}} G_{1}G_{2} + \frac{3c_{b}}{2Ca}\left((\kappa^{m})^{2}\partial_{s}^{m}y^{m}, \partial_{s}^{m}(|\partial_{x}\mathbf{q}^{m}|\boldsymbol{\omega}^{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}^{m})\right)_{\Xi^{m}} - \frac{1}{Ca}\left(\nu^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \nabla_{s}^{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^{h}\right)_{\Sigma_{1}^{m}}$$

$$(3.93a)_{\Sigma_{1}^{m}}$$

$$\begin{split} & -\frac{1}{Ca} \left(\kappa^{m} \nu_{l}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \omega^{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}^{m}\right)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^{m}} - \frac{\nu_{l}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{Ca} (\omega^{h} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}^{m}) \Big|_{\Lambda_{l}^{m}} \\ & + \frac{\gamma_{1} - \gamma_{2}}{Ca} \left(\left(|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| \omega_{1}^{h} \right) \Big|_{\Lambda_{l}^{m}} - \left(|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| \omega_{1}^{h} \right) \Big|_{\Lambda_{l}^{m}} \right) = 0, \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\omega}^{h} = (\omega_{1}^{h}, \omega_{2}^{h}) \in \mathbb{U}_{1}^{m}, \\ & \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \varphi^{h} \right)_{\Omega_{1}^{m}} = 0, \quad \forall \varphi^{h} \in \mathbb{P}^{m}, \\ & \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \varphi^{h} \right)_{\Omega_{1}^{m}} - \gamma_{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} (|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| f_{1}^{h}) \right)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^{m}} - \left(\kappa^{m} \nu_{l}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, f_{1}^{h} \right)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^{m}} \\ & \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \varphi^{h} \right)_{\Omega_{1}^{m}} - \gamma_{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} (|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| f_{1}^{h}) \right)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^{m}} - \left(\kappa^{m} \nu_{l}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, f_{1}^{h} \right)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^{m}} \\ & \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \varphi^{h} \right)_{\Omega_{1}^{m}} - \gamma_{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} (|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| f_{1}^{h}) \right)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^{m}} - \left(\kappa^{m} \nu_{l}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, f_{1}^{h} \right)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^{m}} \\ & + \frac{3c_{b}}{2} \left((\kappa^{m})^{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} (|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| f_{1}^{h}) \right)_{\Sigma_{2,l}^{m}} = 0, \quad \forall f_{1}^{h} \in V_{1}^{m}, \quad (3.93d) \\ & \left(\nabla \partial_{s}^{m} \left(\frac{\kappa^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}|} \right) - \gamma_{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} (|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| f_{1}^{h}) \right)_{\Sigma_{2,r}^{m}} = 0, \quad \forall f_{1}^{h} \in V_{2}^{m}, \quad (3.93d) \\ & \left(\nabla \partial_{s}^{m} \left(\frac{\kappa^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}|} \right) - \gamma_{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} (|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| f_{1}^{h}) \right)_{\Sigma_{2,r}^{m}} = 0, \quad \forall f_{1}^{h} \in V_{2}^{m}, \quad (3.93e) \\ & \left(\nabla \partial_{s}^{m} \left(\frac{\kappa^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}|} \right) - \gamma_{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} (|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| f_{1}^{h}) \right)_{\Sigma_{2,r}^{m}} = 0, \quad \forall f_{1}^{h} \in V_{2}^{m}, \quad (3.93f) \\ & \left(\nabla \partial_{s}^{m} \left(\frac{\kappa^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}|} \right) - \gamma_{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} \left(\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}| f_{1}^{h} \right) \right)_{\Sigma_{2,r}^{m}} = 0, \quad \forall f_{1}^{h} \in V_{2}^{m}, \quad (3.93f) \\ & \left(\nabla \partial_{s}^{m} \left(\frac{\kappa^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{|\partial_{x} \mathbf{q}^{m}|} \right) - \gamma_{2} \partial_{s}^{m} y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \partial_{s}^{m} \partial_{s}^{h} \right)_{\Sigma_{$$

where $\gamma^m = \gamma_1 \chi_{\Sigma_1^m} + \gamma_2 \chi_{\Sigma_{2,l}^m} + \gamma_2 \chi_{\Sigma_{2,r}^m}$.

(2) Due to the condition that the fluid-vacuum interfaces always stay on the membrane, update the y value of $\ell^m(0)$ and $\mathbf{r}^m(0)$ as

$$\ell^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta) = \begin{cases} (x_l^m, y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(x_l^m)), & \zeta = 0, \\ \ell^m(\zeta), & 0 < \zeta \le 1, \end{cases}$$
(3.94a)

$$\mathbf{r}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta) = \begin{cases} (x_r^m, y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(x_r^m)), & \zeta = 0, \\ \mathbf{r}^m(\zeta), & 0 < \zeta \le 1. \end{cases}$$
(3.94b)

Use the computed membrane configuration $y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$ to update mesh from \mathcal{T}^m to $\mathcal{T}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$. Furthermore, we set $D_{\mathbf{q}}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$ as $D_{\mathbf{q},j}^{m+\frac{1}{2}} = D_{\mathbf{q},j}^m$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, \mathcal{Q}$.

(3) Using the computed $y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\kappa^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$, based on the mesh $\mathcal{T}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$, find the fluid velocity $\mathbf{u}^{m+1} \in \mathbb{U}_3^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$, the fluid pressure $p^{m+1} \in \mathbb{P}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$, the inner tension of the membrane $\nu^{m+1} \in V_2^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$, the constant inner tension ν_l^{m+1} for the membrane $\Sigma_{2,l}^{m+1}$, and the fluid-vacuum interfaces ℓ^{m+1} , $\mathbf{r}^{m+1} \in W^h \times W_1^h$ such that

$$\frac{y_{\ell}^{m+1}(0) - y_{\ell}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(0)}{\tau} = \frac{\partial y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x_{\ell}^{m}} \frac{x_{\ell}^{m+1}(0) - x_{\ell}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(0)}{\tau}, \tag{3.95g}$$

$$\frac{y_{\mathbf{r}}^{m+1}(0) - y_{\mathbf{r}}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(0)}{\tau} = \frac{\partial y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x_r^m} \frac{x_{\mathbf{r}}^{m+1}(0) - x_{\mathbf{r}}^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(0)}{\tau}.$$
 (3.95h)

(4) Update x_l^{m+1} , x_r^{m+1} with

$$x_l^{m+1} = x_{\ell}^{m+1}(0), \quad x_r^{m+1} = x_{\mathbf{r}}^{m+1}(0).$$
 (3.96)

Then we could update markers for the membrane \mathbf{q}_{j}^{m+1} , $j=0,1,\cdots,\mathcal{Q}$ as

$$\mathbf{q}_{j}^{m+1} = \begin{cases} (x_{l}^{m+1}, y_{\ell}^{m+1}(0)), & j = j_{l}, \\ (x_{r}^{m+1}, y_{\mathbf{r}}^{m+1}(0)), & j = j_{r}, \\ (x_{j}^{m}, y^{m+\frac{1}{2}}(x_{j}^{m})), & j = 0, 1, \dots, \mathcal{Q} \text{ but } j \neq j_{l}, j_{r}. \end{cases}$$
(3.97)

- (5) Fix the markers $\ell_0^{m+1} = \mathbf{q}_{j_l}^{m+1}$, $\mathbf{r}_0^{m+1} = \mathbf{q}_{j_r}^{m+1}$ for the contact lines, according to the equal arclength, redistribute markers ℓ_j^{m+1} , $j=1,2,\cdots,\mathcal{R}-1$ for the fluid-vacuum interface $\Sigma_{3,l}^{m+1}$, markers \mathbf{r}_j^{m+1} , $j=1,2,\cdots,\mathcal{R}-1$ for the fluid-vacuum interface $\Sigma_{3,r}^{m+1}$, and markers \mathbf{q}_j^{m+1} , $j=j_l+1,\cdots,j_r-1$ for the membrane segment Σ_{1}^{m+1} . We compute the average arclength of Σ_{1}^{m+1} , and redistribute markers for $\Sigma_{2,l}^{m+1}$ and $\Sigma_{2,r}^{m+1}$ according to this average arclength. Due to the motion of the droplet towards the right end, We may add markers on $\Sigma_{2,l}^{m+1}$ or discard markers on $\Sigma_{2,r}^{m+1}$ to keep a good approximation. Once there is any addition or discard, we should update the values of j_l , j_r and \mathcal{Q} , but keep the values of $j_r j_l$ and \mathcal{R} . After these redistribution, we obtain $D_{\mathbf{q}}^{m+1}$ and $y^{m+1} \in V_y^{m+1}$, and then compute the membrane curvature $\kappa^{m+1} \in V_\kappa^{m+1}$.
- (6) Use the moving mesh method to generate the new fitted mesh \mathcal{T}^{m+1} from \mathcal{T}^m . Then, go to step (1) with m = m + 1.