

Qian-Sheng hydrodynamics to Stokes with non-symmetric stress tensor

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1 Equations of motion

The equations of motion are, as usual, the generalized tensorial force equation:

$$J\ddot{Q} = h + h' \quad (1)$$

with J the moment of inertia density (which we take to be negligible, so $J \approx 0$), Q the tensorial order parameter, h the generalized tensorial force from minimization of the free energy, and h' the viscous generalized force. This gives:

$$h = -\frac{\delta f}{\delta Q} \quad (2)$$

where f is the free energy, and we understand the variation to be projected onto the space of traceless, symmetric tensors to maintain the character of Q . Additionally,

$$-h' = \frac{1}{2}\mu_2 A + \mu_1 N \quad (3)$$

where $A = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u}))$ is the symmetric gradient of the velocity, $N = \dot{Q} + (WQ - QW)$ is the corotational derivative with $\dot{Q} = \partial Q / \partial t + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$ the material time derivative and $W = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} - (\nabla \mathbf{u}))$.

Additionally, we have the generalized Navier-Stokes equation which reads:

$$\rho \frac{dv}{dt} = \nabla \cdot (-pI + \sigma^d + \sigma') \quad (4)$$

with ρ the mass density, p the pressure, σ^d the distortion stress, and σ' the viscous stress tensor. These read, respectively:

$$\sigma^d = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial (\nabla Q)} : (\nabla Q)^T \quad (5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma' = & \beta_1 Q (Q : A) + \beta_4 A + \beta_5 Q A + \beta_6 A Q \\ & + \frac{1}{2}\mu_2 N - \mu_1 Q N + \mu_1 N Q \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

This, along with the incompressibility condition $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ determines the evolution of the system. For simplicity, we suppose that the flow relaxes very quickly as compared to the relaxation of the Q -configuration so that $\frac{dv}{dt} \approx 0$. Finally, we also assume that the β_1 , β_5 , and β_6 terms are negligible.

2 Nonsymmetric Stokes equation

The hydrodynamic equation, with the simplifying assumptions, takes the form:

$$0 = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\sigma^d + \beta_4 A + \frac{1}{2}\mu_2 N + \mu_1 (NQ - QN)) \quad (7)$$

We want to write this in terms of only Q and \mathbf{u} . Thus, we make the observation that the generalized force equation yields:

$$N = \frac{1}{\mu_1} h - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} A \quad (8)$$

So that we may pick and choose which stress tensor terms to include later, we label the viscosity coefficients in the original Stokes equation with a prime. Substituting the expression for N in yields:

$$0 = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \left(\sigma^d + \beta_4 A + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'_2}{\mu_1} h - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mu'_2 \mu_2}{\mu_1} A + \frac{\mu'_1}{\mu_1} (hQ - Qh) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'_1 \mu_2}{\mu_1} (AQ - QA) \right) \quad (9)$$

Rearranging so that terms involving \mathbf{u} are on the left, and terms only involving Q are on the right gives:

$$-\left(\beta_4 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mu'_2 \mu_2}{\mu_1}\right) \nabla \cdot A + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'_1 \mu_2}{\mu_1} \nabla \cdot (AQ - QA) + \nabla p = \nabla \cdot \left(\sigma^d + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'_2}{\mu_1} h + \frac{\mu'_1}{\mu_1} (hQ - Qh) \right) \quad (10)$$

This is exactly the Stokes equation, except with the addition of the divergence of a fully anti-symmetric tensor on the left-hand side.

3 Nondimensionalizing

For reasons that are described in the Preliminary Oral Exam write-up, we define the following dimensional quantities:

$$\xi = \sqrt{\frac{2L_1}{nk_B T}}, \quad \tau = \frac{\mu_1}{nk_B T}, \quad h = nk_B T \bar{h}, \quad \sigma^d = nk_B T \bar{\sigma}^d \quad (11)$$

Given this, we may rewrite Eq. (10) as:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{\xi \tau} \left(\beta_4 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mu'_2 \mu_2}{\mu_1} \right) \nabla \cdot \bar{A} + \frac{1}{\xi \tau} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'_1 \mu_2}{\mu_1} \nabla \cdot (\bar{A}Q - Q\bar{A}) + \frac{\eta}{\xi} \nabla \bar{p} \\ & = \frac{1}{\xi} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\tau} \bar{\sigma}^d + \frac{\mu_1}{\tau} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'_2}{\mu_1} \bar{h} + \frac{\mu_1}{\tau} \frac{\mu'_1}{\mu_1} (\bar{h}Q - Q\bar{h}) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Define $\beta = \left(\beta_4 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mu'_2 \mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)$. Then multiplying through by $2\xi\tau/\beta$ yields:

$$-2\nabla \cdot A + \eta_1 \nabla \cdot (AQ - QA) + \nabla p = \nabla \cdot (\zeta_d \sigma^d + \zeta_2 h + \zeta_1 (hQ - Qh)) \quad (13)$$

With definitions:

$$\beta = \left(\beta_4 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mu'_2 \mu_2}{\mu_1} \right), \quad \eta_1 = \frac{\mu'_1 \mu_2}{\mu_1 \beta}, \quad \zeta_d = \frac{2\mu_1}{\beta}, \quad \zeta_2 = \frac{\mu'_2}{\beta}, \quad \zeta_1 = \frac{2\mu'_1}{\beta} \quad (14)$$

Note that η_1 corresponds to the right-hand side term from the μ_1 stress tensor term, ζ_1 corresponds to the left-hand side term from the μ_1 stress tensor term, ζ_d corresponds to the distortion stress term, and ζ_2 corresponds to the right-hand side term from the μ_2 viscosity term.

4 Weak form

To find the weak form, we multiply through by a test-function vector $(\mathbf{v} \ q)$. This yields:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{v} \ q) \begin{pmatrix} -2\nabla \cdot A + \eta_1 \nabla \cdot (AQ - QA) + \nabla p \\ -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix} &= (\mathbf{v} \ q) \begin{pmatrix} \nabla \cdot \sigma \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \implies -2 \langle \mathbf{v}, \nabla \cdot A \rangle + \eta_1 \langle \mathbf{v}, AQ - QA \rangle + \langle \mathbf{v}, \nabla p \rangle + \langle q, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{v}, \nabla \cdot \sigma \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Taking no-slip conditions and integrating by parts yields:

$$2 \langle A(\mathbf{v}), A(\mathbf{u}) \rangle - \eta_1 \langle \nabla \mathbf{v}, A(\mathbf{u})Q - QA(\mathbf{u}) \rangle - \langle \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, p \rangle - \langle q, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \rangle = - \langle \nabla \mathbf{v}, \sigma \rangle \quad (16)$$

Taking a finite set of test functions $(\phi_{\mathbf{u}} \ \phi_p)$ yields:

$$\sum_j \left(2 \langle A(\phi_{\mathbf{u},i}), A(\phi_{\mathbf{u},j}) \rangle - \eta_1 \langle \nabla \phi_{\mathbf{u},i}, A(\phi_{\mathbf{u},j})Q - QA(\phi_{\mathbf{u},j}) \rangle - \langle \nabla \cdot \phi_{\mathbf{u},i}, \phi_{p,j} \rangle - \langle \phi_{p,i}, \nabla \cdot \phi_{\mathbf{u},j} \rangle \right) u_i = - \langle \nabla \phi_{\mathbf{u},i}, \sigma \rangle \quad (17)$$

where here each u_i is a scalar corresponding either to the velocity or pressure solution approximation. Note that, because $\phi_{\mathbf{u},i}$ and $\phi_{p,i}$ are zero for indices corresponding to velocity and pressure respectively, we may write the weak form in block-diagonal form as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

where:

$$A_{ij} = 2 \langle A(\phi_{\mathbf{u},i}), A(\phi_{\mathbf{u},j}) \rangle - \eta_1 \langle \nabla \phi_{\mathbf{u},i}, A(\phi_{\mathbf{u},j})Q - QA(\phi_{\mathbf{u},j}) \rangle \quad (19)$$

$$B_{ij} = - \langle \phi_{p,i}, \nabla \cdot \phi_{\mathbf{u},j} \rangle \quad (20)$$

$$F_{ij} = - \langle \nabla \phi_{\mathbf{u},i}, \sigma \rangle \quad (21)$$

5 Testing parameters

Here we list the parameter values that we will be using to test the configuration. From Svenssek and Zumer we have:

$$\mu_2/\mu_1 \approx -1.92, \quad \beta_4/\mu_1 \approx 1.99 \quad (22)$$

We seek to make qualitative comparisons to the hydrodynamic plots in Svenssek and Zumer. To this end, we consider the following sets of parameter values:

Complete stress tensor

$$\eta_1 \approx -1.7971, \quad \zeta_d \approx 1.8720, \quad \zeta_1 \approx 1.8720, \quad \zeta_2 \approx -1.7971, \quad (23)$$

Elastic terms

$$\zeta_d \approx 1.0050, \quad \eta_1 = \zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0 \quad (24)$$

μ_1 term

$$\eta_1 \approx -0.9648, \quad \zeta_d = 0, \quad \zeta_1 \approx 1.0050, \quad \zeta_2 = 0 \quad (25)$$

μ_2 term

$$\eta_1 = 0, \quad \zeta_d = 0, \quad \zeta_1 = 0, \quad \zeta_2 = -1.7971 \quad (26)$$

Given these we ought to have the same qualitative behavior (i.e. number and direction of vortices), as well as similar quantitative behavior as far as largest observed flow.

6 Example problem

We'll test the code with a simple example. For this, we consider a uniform configuration with director oriented along the x -axis, and periodic perturbation along the y -direction:

$$\mathbf{n} = (1, \epsilon \sin kx) \quad (27)$$

This is not strictly a unit vector, but we are assuming $\epsilon \ll 1$ so we neglect second order effects. The corresponding Q -tensor is:

$$Q = S \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \epsilon \sin kx & 0 \\ \epsilon \sin kx & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (28)$$

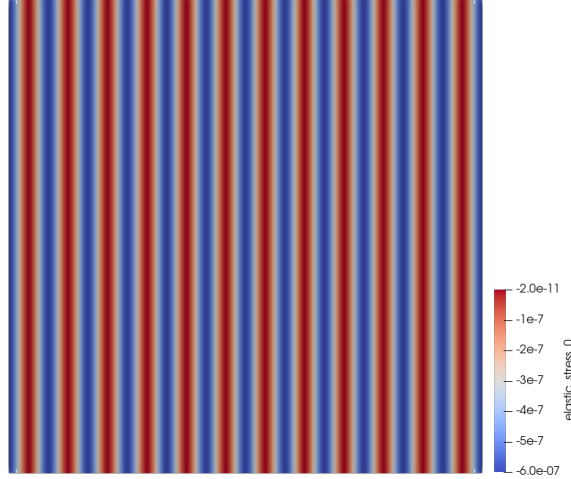
Given this, we may calculate each stress tensor to first order, and look at the flow resulting from each individual stress tensor coupled with the Newtonian (β_4) term.

6.1 Elastic stress tensor

We may calculate the form of the elastic stress tensor analytically using Sympy (source file TBA). The results are as follows:

$$\sigma_d = \begin{pmatrix} -2S^2k^2\epsilon^2\cos^2(kx) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (29)$$

We may check this against a calculated configuration. In the calculated configuration, all of the entries besides $(1, 1)$ are zero, and the $(1, 1)$ entry is given by:



Note that $\cos^2(kx) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(2kx) + 1)$, and that the amplitudes on each term are $\approx -2.99 \times 10^{-7}$. Hence, our numerically calculated stress tensor matches the analytically calculated one.

Additionally, we may calculate the resulting force as:

$$\mathbf{f}_d = \nabla \cdot \sigma_d = \begin{pmatrix} 2S^2k^3\epsilon^2\sin(2kx) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (30)$$

Computing the flow for only the elastic stress tensor (and the Newtonian viscosity) yields the following stokes equation:

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \zeta_d \mathbf{f}_d \quad (31)$$

Where we have computed that:

$$-2\partial_i \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i) = -\partial_i \partial_i u_j + \partial_j \partial_i u_i = -\partial_i \partial_i u_j \quad (32)$$

Here we have assumed the solution smooth (because the force is smooth), and used the incompressibility condition. Supposing a periodic solution gives:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[-(u_n \hat{\mathbf{x}} + v_n \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \nabla^2 \sin(nkx) + p_n \nabla \cos(nkx) \right] = c_d \sin(2kx) \hat{\mathbf{x}} \quad (33)$$

where we have defined:

$$c_d = 2\zeta_d S^2 k^3 \epsilon^2 \quad (34)$$

Clearly each coefficient vanishes for $n \neq 2$. Then we get the following algebraic equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 4k^2 u_2 - 2k p_2 &= c_d \\ v_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Additionally, the incompressibility condition dictates:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0 \\ \implies u_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sin(2kx) &= 2u_2 k \cos(2kx) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

This implies that:

$$u_2 = 0 \quad (37)$$

Hence, we find that:

$$p_2 = -\zeta_d S^2 k^2 \epsilon^2 \quad (38)$$

We take the following values:

$$\zeta_d = 1.0050, \quad S = 0.6751, \quad k = 0.0810, \quad \epsilon = 0.01 \quad (39)$$

Computing the corresponding pressure magnitude gives:

$$p_2 = -2.99 \times 10^{-7} \quad (40)$$

The domain is a $[-233, 233]^2$ square so that we get ~ 6 periods over the length of the domain. Plotting the resulting flows gives:

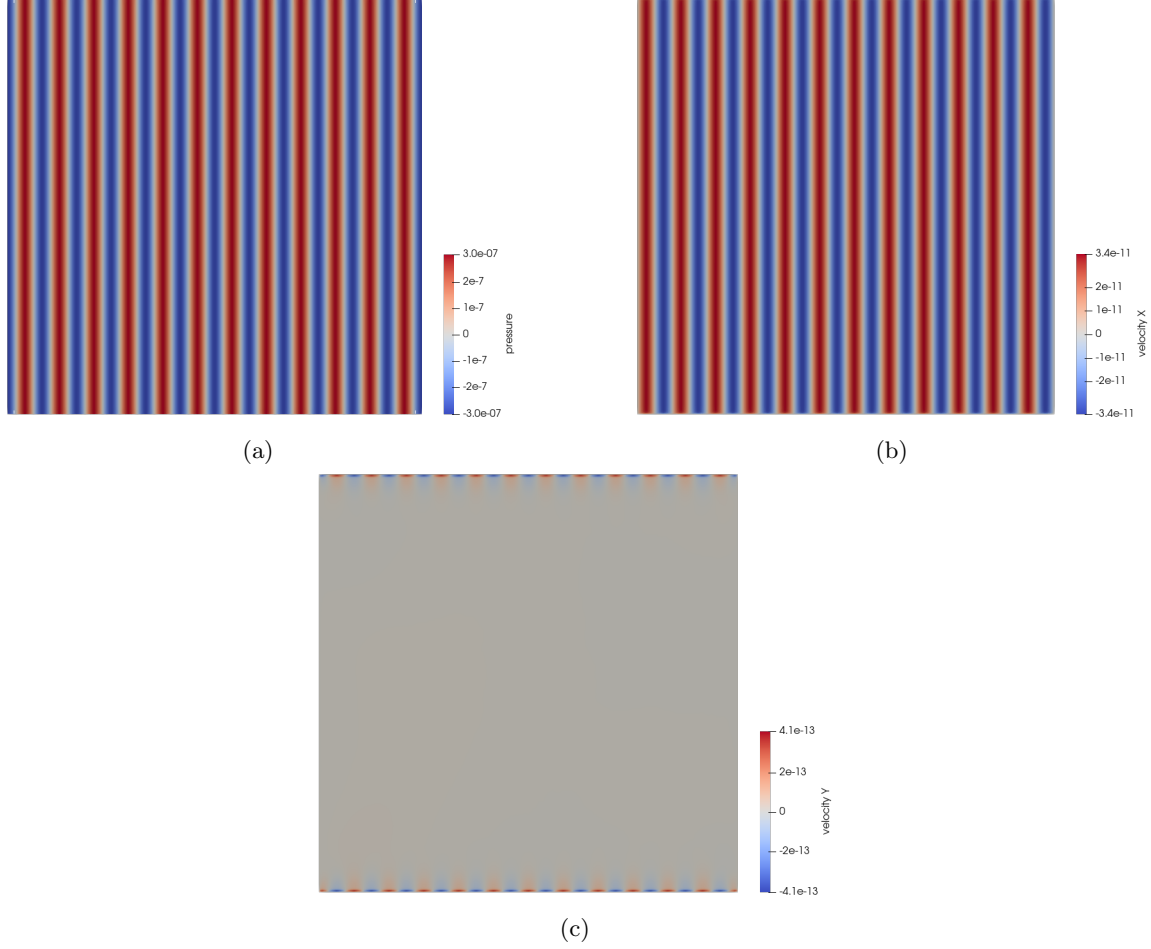


Figure 1: Respectively the pressure, x -velocity component, and y -velocity component from the flow arising from Eq. (31)

Note that the pressure magnitude is extremely close to what we predicted analytically, even though the flow boundary conditions for the numerical solution are no-slip rather than periodic. Additionally, we find that both of the flow-velocity magnitudes are orders of magnitude lower than the pressure, indicating that our estimation of zero flow is accurate to first order. Further, the frequency of the pressure solution is correct, being twice what the frequency of the director perturbation is. Finally, we note that (although difficult to see), the pressure is *negative* at $x = 0$ which indicates that we have gotten the signs correct.

6.2 μ_2 stress tensor

Now we may consider the μ_2 viscous stress tensor. As indicated in section 2, this term adds another contribution to the symmetric gradient, and adds a forcing term which is the divergence of the molecular field. For the molecular field, we know that:

$$h = \alpha Q - \Lambda + \nabla^2 Q \quad (41)$$

For the periodic example configuration, this gives:

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} S\alpha\frac{2}{3} - \Lambda_1 & S(\alpha - k^2)\epsilon \sin kx - \Lambda_2 & 0 \\ S(\alpha - k^2)\epsilon \sin kx - \Lambda_2 & -S\alpha\frac{1}{3} - \Lambda_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -S\alpha\frac{1}{3} + (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_4) \end{pmatrix} \quad (42)$$

We may plot each of the Λ_i terms as a function of x by numerically inverting the functions. We may plot the functions that we cannot analytically calculate for specific values of k and ϵ :

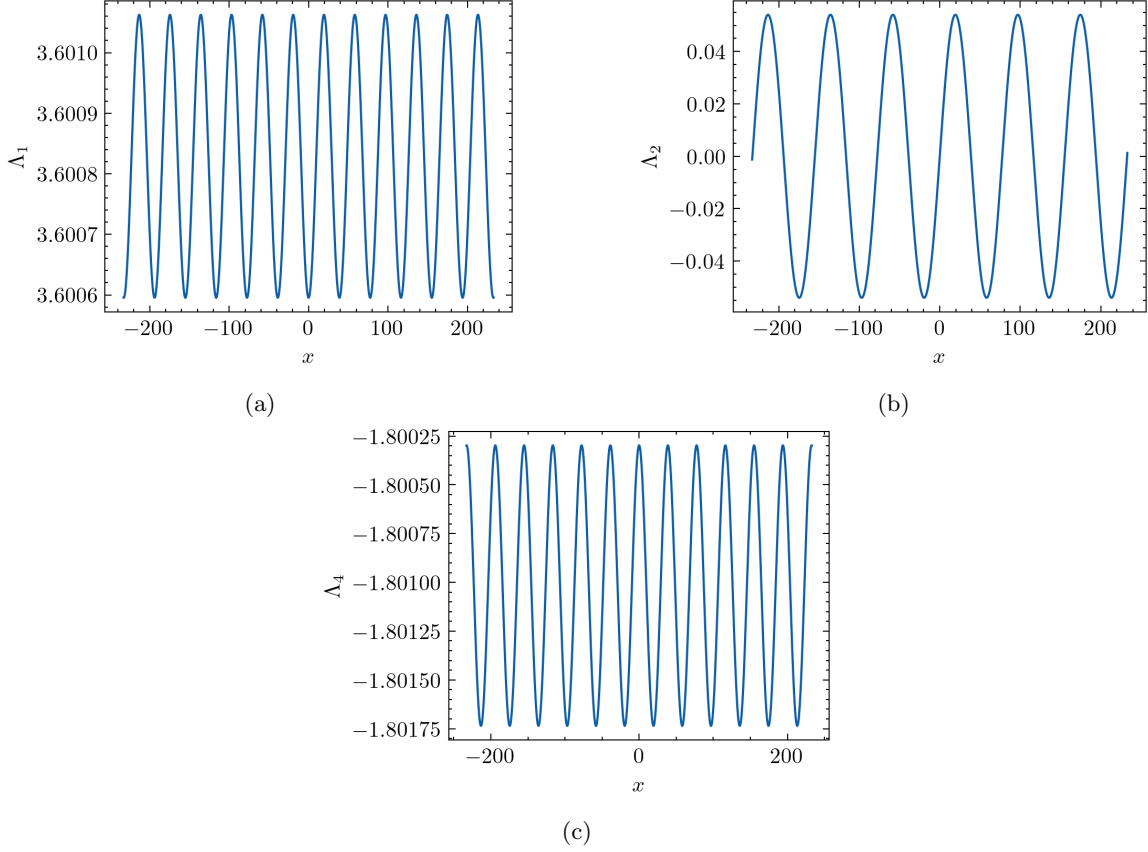


Figure 2: Respectively Λ_1 , Λ_2 , and Λ_4 for Q -tensor given by Eq. (28) with $k = 0.0810$, $\epsilon = 0.01$, and $S = 0.6751$.

We may estimate each of these as purely sinusoidal functions:

$$\Lambda_1 = a_0 + a_1 \cos(2kx) \quad (43)$$

$$\Lambda_2 = b_0 + b_1 \sin(kx) \quad (44)$$

$$\Lambda_3 = c_0 + c_1 \cos(2kx) \quad (45)$$

with coefficients given by:

$$a_0 = 3.6008289, \quad a_1 = -2.337 \times 10^{-4} \quad (46)$$

$$b_0 = 0.0, \quad b_1 = 5.403 \times 10^{-2} \quad (47)$$

$$c_0 = -1.8010167, \quad c_1 = 7.191 \times 10^{-4} \quad (48)$$

In this case, the stress tensor becomes:

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2S\alpha}{3} - a_0 - a_1 \cos(2kx) & -b_0 + (S\alpha\epsilon - Sk^2\epsilon - b_1) \sin(kx) & 0 \\ -b_0 + (S\alpha\epsilon - Sk^2\epsilon - b_1) \sin(kx) & -\frac{S\alpha}{3} - c_0 - c_1 \cos(2kx) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{S\alpha}{3} + a_0 + c_0 + (a_1 + c_1) \cos(2kx) \end{pmatrix} \quad (49)$$

Numerically evaluating the coefficients of this matrix gives:

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} (2.337e-4) \cos 2kx - (2.956e-4) & (-6.629e-5) \sin kx & 0 \\ (-6.629e-5) \sin kx & -(7.191e-4) \cos 2kx + (7.500e-4) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (4.854e-4) \cos 2kx - (4.545e-4) \end{pmatrix} \quad (50)$$

Since this is traceless and symmetric, we may plot the three nonzero entries:

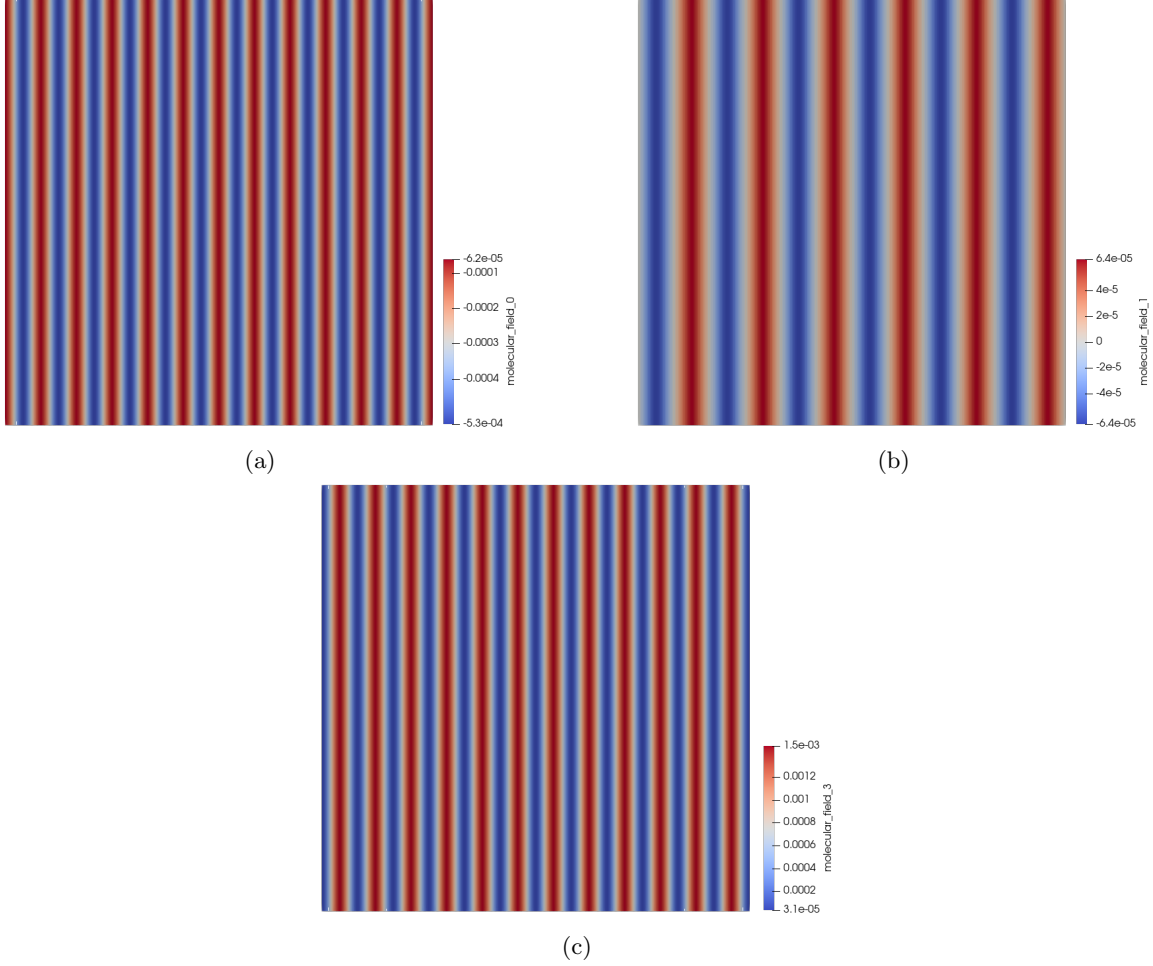


Figure 3: Respectively H_{11} , H_{12} , and H_{22} for Q -tensor given by Eq. (28) with $k = 0.0810$, $\epsilon = 0.01$, and $S = 0.6751$.

Carefully evaluating the actual function values yields:

$$h_{11} = (2.95e-4) \cos 2kx - (2.33e-4) \quad (51)$$

$$h_{12} = -(6.41e-5) \sin kx \quad (52)$$

$$h_{22} = -(7.18e-4) \cos 2kx + (7.49e-4) \quad (53)$$

These agree.

Given that the stress tensors agree, we may calculate the corresponding force.

$$\mathbf{f}_h = \nabla \cdot h = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial \Lambda_1}{\partial x} \\ Sk(\alpha - k^2) \epsilon \cos kx - \frac{\partial \Lambda_2}{\partial x} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (54)$$

Now note that:

$$\frac{\partial \Lambda_i}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \Lambda_i}{\partial Q_k} \quad (55)$$

Given the form of Q above, this reduces to:

$$\mathbf{f}_h = Sk\epsilon \cos kx \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial \Lambda_1}{\partial Q_2} \\ (\alpha - k^2) - \frac{\partial \Lambda_2}{\partial Q_2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (56)$$

Now we have need of plotting the functions $\partial \Lambda_i / \partial Q_2$:

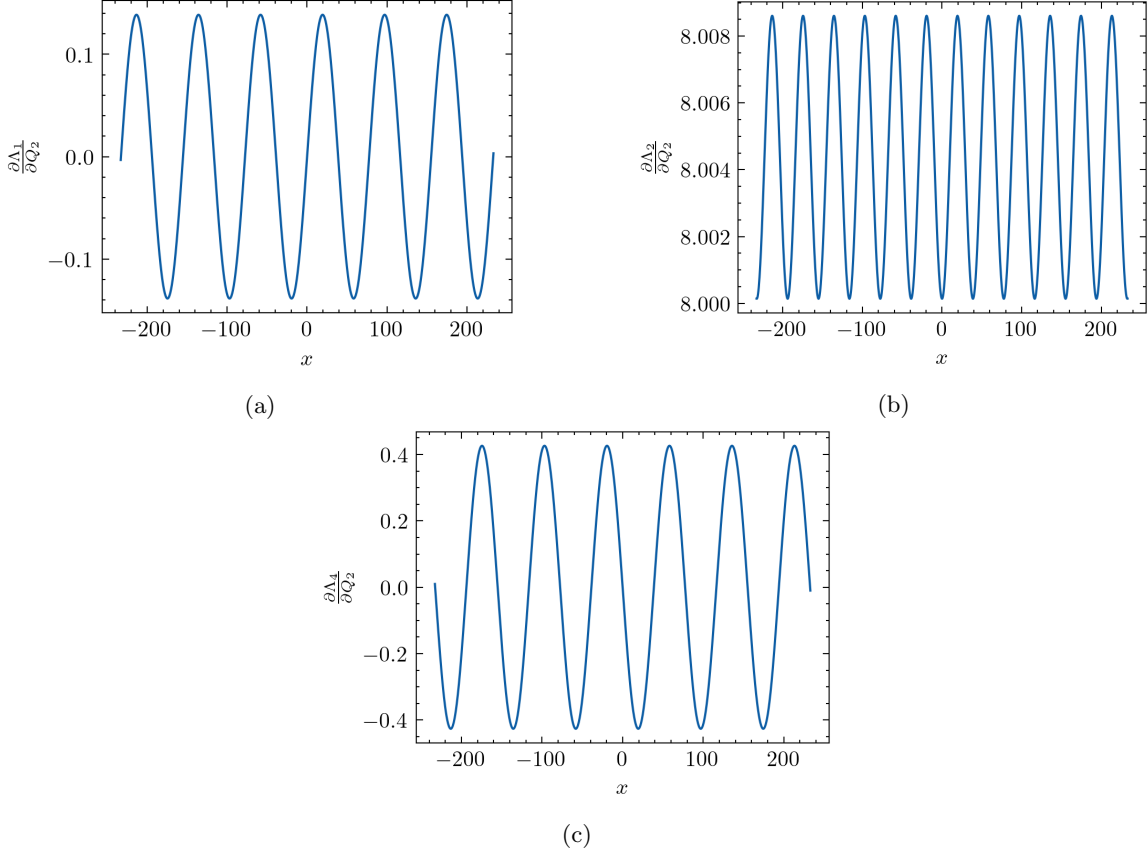


Figure 4: Respectively $\frac{\partial \Lambda_1}{\partial Q_2}$, $\frac{\partial \Lambda_2}{\partial Q_2}$, and $\frac{\partial \Lambda_4}{\partial Q_2}$ for Q -tensor given by Eq. (28) with $k = 0.0810$, $\epsilon = 0.01$, and $S = 0.6751$.

These may be estimated by the following expressions:

$$\frac{\partial \Lambda_1}{\partial Q_2} = A_0 + A_1 \sin kx \quad (57)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Lambda_2}{\partial Q_2} = B_0 + B_1 \cos 2kx \quad (58)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Lambda_4}{\partial Q_2} = C_0 + C_1 \sin kx \quad (59)$$

with coefficients given by:

$$A_0 = 0.0, \quad A_1 = 0.1385 \quad (60)$$

$$B_0 = 8.004373, \quad B_1 = -4.235 \times 10^{-3} \quad (61)$$

$$C_0 = 0.0, \quad C_1 = -0.4263 \quad (62)$$

Given these expressions, we may write down a closed form for the force:

$$\mathbf{f}_h = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}Sk\epsilon A_1 \sin 2kx \\ Sk\epsilon(\alpha - k^2 - B_0) \cos kx - \frac{1}{2}Sk\epsilon B_1 (\cos 3kx + \cos kx) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (63)$$

Collecting the coefficients on each of the periodic functions, we may write the force as:

$$\mathbf{f}_h = \begin{pmatrix} c_{hx,2} \sin 2kx \\ c_{hy,1} \cos kx + c_{hy,3} \cos 3kx \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (64)$$

where:

$$c_{hx,2} = -\frac{1}{2}Sk\epsilon A_1 \quad (65)$$

$$c_{hy,1} = Sk\epsilon (\alpha - k^2 - B_0 - \frac{1}{2}B_1) \quad (66)$$

$$c_{hy,3} = -\frac{1}{2}Sk\epsilon B_1 \quad (67)$$

The Stokes equation for this looks like:

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \zeta_2 \mathbf{f}_h \quad (68)$$

If we assume a periodic solution, the Stokes equation looks like:

$$\sum_n \left[-\nabla^2 (u_n \sin(nkx) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + v_n \cos(nkx) \hat{\mathbf{y}}) + \nabla p_n \cos(nkx) \right] = c_{hx,2} \sin(2kx) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + (c_{hy,1} \cos(kx) + c_{hy,3} \cos(3kx)) \hat{\mathbf{y}} \quad (69)$$

This yields the following algebraic equations:

$$4k^2 u_2 - 2kp_2 = \zeta_2 c_{hx,2} \quad (70)$$

$$k^2 v_1 = \zeta_2 c_{hy,1} \quad (71)$$

$$9k^2 v_3 = \zeta_2 c_{hy,3} \quad (72)$$

Further, the incompressibility condition yields:

$$2ku_2 = 0 \quad (73)$$

Hence, we find that:

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{4}S\epsilon\zeta_2 A_1 \quad (74)$$

$$v_1 = \frac{S}{k}\epsilon\zeta_2(\alpha - k^2 - B_0 - \frac{1}{2}B_1) \quad (75)$$

$$v_3 = -\frac{S}{18k}\epsilon\zeta_2 B_1 \quad (76)$$

We use the following values to calculate these coefficients:

$$\zeta_2 = -1.7971, \quad \alpha = 8.0, \quad S = 0.6751, \quad \epsilon = 0.01, \quad k = 0.0810, \quad (77)$$

Using these, we compute the following:

$$p_2 = -4.201 \times 10^{-4} \quad (78)$$

$$v_1 = 1.321 \times 10^{-3} \quad (79)$$

$$v_3 = -3.524 \times 10^{-5} \quad (80)$$

We may solve the equation numerically for Dirichlet boundary conditions and plot them as follows:

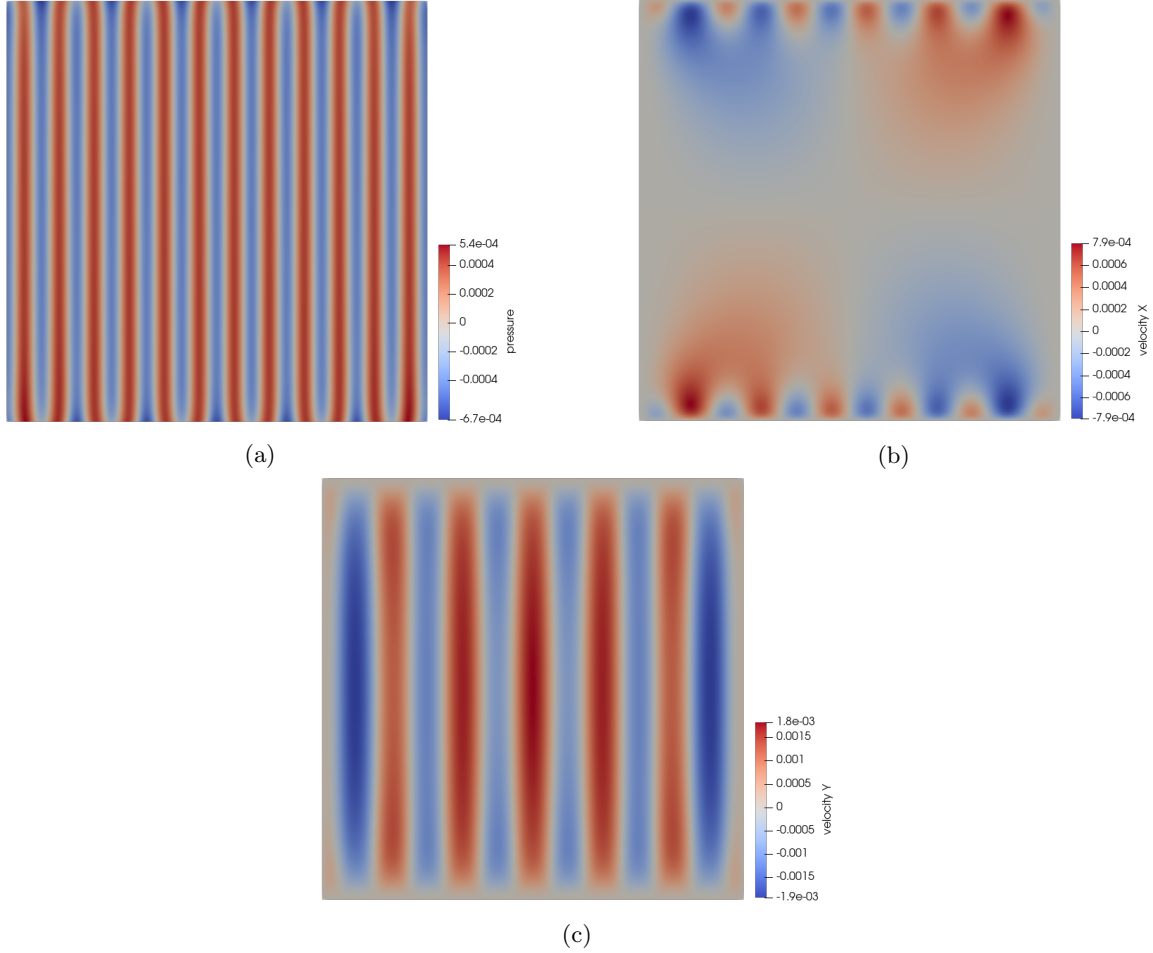


Figure 5: Respectively the pressure, x -velocity component, and y -velocity component from the flow arising from Eq. (68)

The coefficients computed above do not *quite* match the limits of the colorbars, but we note that the Dirichlet boundary conditions cause the pressure to be much larger towards the edges, and the flow magnitudes to deviate somewhat from being periodic. For the pressure field, one may explicitly probe the peaks and troughs towards the middle of the configuration to find that the pressure actually sticks around 4.2×10^{-4} in magnitude. It only increases to the colorbar limits towards the boundaries.

Additionally, the y -component of velocity varies between 1.9×10^{-3} and 7.9×10^{-4} depending on which peak we probe. Hence, the estimate given above is reasonable. The x -component of velocity is an order of magnitude or more lower toward the center of the configuration, so we consider that reasonable. Finally, one can verify that all of the signs and phases are correct for our estimations.

6.3 μ_1 force term

From Section 2 we know that the μ_1 viscous stress tensor contributes two terms to the flow equation: one is a force, and one involves the commutator of the Q -tensor with the symmetric gradient of the

velocity. For simplicity, we only consider the flow due to the force – we may add in the symmetric gradient term later. With Sympy we compute:

$$hQ - Qh = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & S(Sk^2\epsilon - \epsilon\Lambda_1 + \epsilon\Lambda_4)\sin kx + S\Lambda_2 & 0 \\ -S(Sk^2\epsilon - \epsilon\Lambda_1 + \epsilon\Lambda_4)\sin kx - S\Lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (81)$$

We may use the expressions for the Λ_i terms from above to compute:

$$\sigma_{mu_1,(1,2)} = Sb_0 + \left(-\frac{Sa_1\epsilon}{2} + \frac{Sc_1\epsilon}{2}\right)\sin(3kx) + \left(S^2k^2\epsilon - Sa_0\epsilon + \frac{Sa_1\epsilon}{2} + Sb_1 + Sc_0\epsilon - \frac{Sc_1\epsilon}{2}\right)\sin(kx) \quad (82)$$

Explicitly computing the coefficients yields:

$$\sigma_{mu_1,(1,2)} = (3.448 \times 10^{-5})\cos kx + (3.216 \times 10^{-6})\cos 3kx \quad (83)$$

We may evaluate this by numerically plotting the only nonzero stress tensor component:

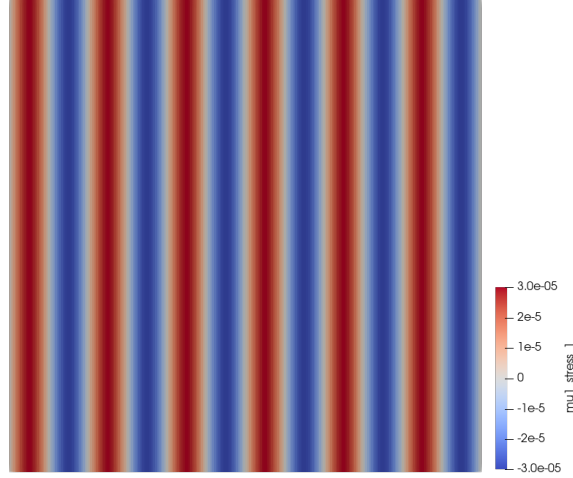


Figure 6: The only nonzero component of σ_{mu_1} plotted for the parameter values given above.

The numerical and analytic calculations clearly agree, supposing that the third mode is negligible because it's an order of magnitude smaller.

From the stress tensor we may also compute the force:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\mu_1} = \nabla \cdot (hQ - Qh) = S \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ k\epsilon(Sk^2 - \Lambda_1 + \Lambda_4)\cos kx + \epsilon\left(-\frac{\partial\Lambda_1}{\partial Q_2} + \frac{\partial\Lambda_4}{\partial Q_2}\right)\sin kx + \frac{\partial\Lambda_2}{\partial Q_2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (84)$$

Once again we must compute several terms numerically. We use the chain rule and the explicit form of Q to write this as:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\mu_1} = Sk\epsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ (Sk^2 - \Lambda_1 + \Lambda_4)\cos kx + \frac{1}{2}S\epsilon\left(-\frac{\partial\Lambda_1}{\partial Q_2} + \frac{\partial\Lambda_4}{\partial Q_2}\right)\sin 2kx + S\frac{\partial\Lambda_2}{\partial Q_2}\cos kx \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (85)$$

Substituting in the analytic expressions for the terms involving Λ , the force ends up being:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\mu_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ c_{\mu_1,1}\cos kx + c_{\mu_1,3}\cos 3kx \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (86)$$

with:

$$c_{\mu_1,1} = \frac{1}{4}Sk\epsilon (-A_1S\epsilon + 4B_0S + 2B_1S + C_1S\epsilon + 4Sk^2 - 4a_0 - 2a_1 + 4c_0 + 2c_1) \quad (87)$$

$$c_{\mu_1,3} = \frac{1}{4}Sk\epsilon (A_1S\epsilon + 2B_1S - C_1S\epsilon - 2a_1 + 2c_1) \quad (88)$$

Substituting the appropriate numerical values gives:

$$c_{\mu_1,1} \approx 9.52 \times 10^{-6}, \quad c_{\mu_1,3} \approx -7.71 \times 10^{-9} \quad (89)$$

Now, the Stokes equation reads:

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f}_{\mu_1} \quad (90)$$

Assuming a periodic solution gives:

$$\sum_n \left[-(u_n \hat{\mathbf{x}} + v_n \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \nabla^2 \cos(nkx) + \nabla p_n \sin(nkx) \right] = (c_{\mu_1,1} \cos(kx) + c_{\mu_1,3} \cos(3kx)) \hat{\mathbf{y}} \quad (91)$$

By the incompressibility condition, $u_n = 0$ for all n , and so the above equation implies $p_n = 0$ for all n . Hence, we get that:

$$v_1 = c_{\mu_1,1}/k^2 \quad (92)$$

$$v_3 = c_{\mu_1,3}/9k^2 \quad (93)$$

In numbers, this gives:

$$v_1 = 3.7103 \times 10^{-4} \quad (94)$$

$$v_3 = 1.0884 \times 10^{-9} \quad (95)$$