

Accretion Homework 6

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1 Constant Viscosity

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = \frac{3\nu}{r} \frac{\partial [\sqrt{r} \frac{\partial (\sqrt{r} \Sigma)}{\partial r}]}{\partial r} \quad (1)$$

We define $\nu = \nu_0$, $\tilde{\Sigma} = \Sigma \sqrt{r}$ and $x = \sqrt{r}$, then we have:

$$x^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{\Sigma}}{\partial t} = \frac{3\nu_0}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\Sigma}}{\partial x^2} \quad (2)$$

I use a gaussian initial condition and a Neumann boundary condition to plot Figure.1

2 Variable Viscosity

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = \frac{3\nu}{r} \frac{\partial [\sqrt{r} \frac{\partial (\sqrt{r} \Sigma)}{\partial r}]}{\partial r} \quad (3)$$

We define $\nu = \nu_0 * r$, $\tilde{\Sigma} = \Sigma r^{3/2}$ and $x = \sqrt{r}$, then we have:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\Sigma}}{\partial t} = \frac{3\nu_0}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\Sigma}}{\partial x^2} \quad (4)$$

I use a gaussian initial condition and a Neumann boundary condition to plot Figure.2

We can find that mass accretion in Figure.2 is more obvious than that in Figure.1 while the diffusion is roughly the same.

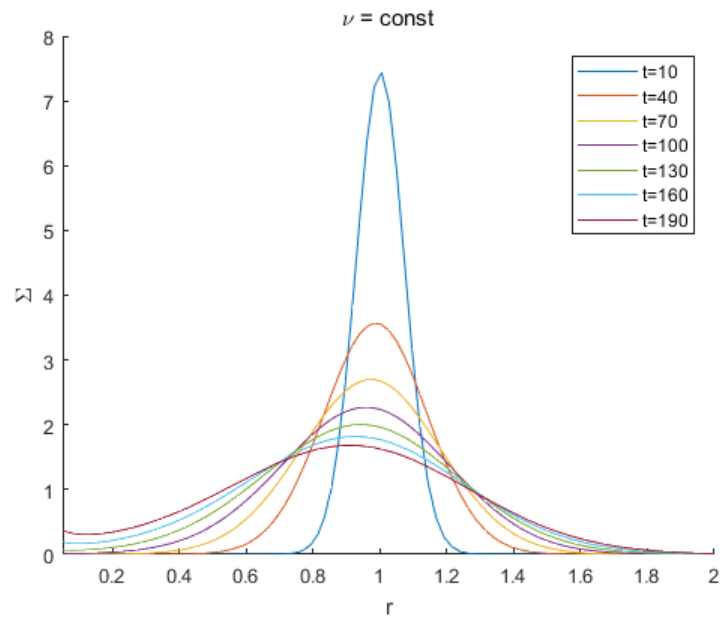


Figure 1: solution with constant viscosity.

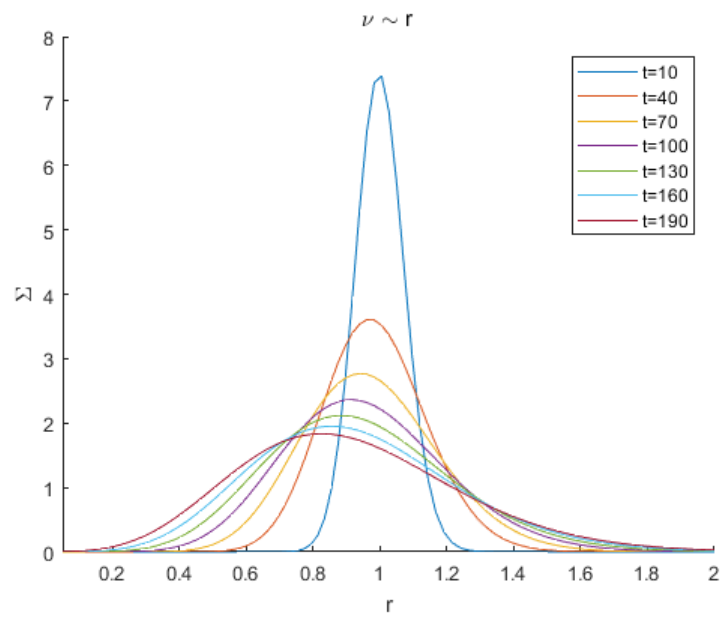


Figure 2: solution with variable viscosity.