Low Reynolds number gravitational settling of a sphere through a fluid-fluid interface: Modelling using a boundary integral method

Paul Jarvis*[1], Jon Blundy[1], Katharine Cashman[1], Herbert E Huppert[1,2], and Heidy Mader[1]

[1]School of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol, BS8 1RJ, UK

[2]Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, University of Cambridge, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge, CB3 0WA, UK

Abstract

1 Introduction

2 Fundamentals of Stokes Flow

We present here a background to the fundamentals of Stokes flow, covering the equations of motion and non-dimensionalisation, different types of boundary condition, Greens functions and the integral representation of Stokes flow. Throughout this document we will

*Corresponding author:paul.jarvis@bristol.co.uk

be making use of the Einstein summation convention and tensor notation (Riley et al., 2006).

2.1 Equations of Motion

The starting point for all fluid dynamical problems are the continuity (equation 1) and Navier Stokes (equation 2) equations (Batchelor, 1967). Defining the fluid density ρ, the dynamic viscosity η, the fluid velocity field u_i and the pressure field P these are expressed as

$$\frac{\partial \rho(\boldsymbol{x}, t)}{\partial t} + \partial_i[\rho(\boldsymbol{x}, t) u_i(\boldsymbol{x}, t)] = 0, \tag{1}$$

and

$$\rho(\boldsymbol{x}, t)\left(\frac{\partial u_i(\boldsymbol{x}, t)}{\partial t} + [u_j(\boldsymbol{x}, t)\partial_j]u_i(\boldsymbol{x}, t)\right) = -\partial_i P(\boldsymbol{x}, t) - \rho(\boldsymbol{x}, t)g + \eta\left(\partial_j\partial_j u_i(\boldsymbol{x}, t) + \frac{\partial_i(\partial_j u_j(\boldsymbol{x}, t))}{3}\right), \tag{2}$$

Forming a coupled set of non-linear, partial differential equations for the velocity and pressure fields as functions of space $\boldsymbol{x}$ and time t, these represent mass and momentum conservation respectively and must be satisfied by all Newtonian fluid phases within the system. For most practical applications, the fluids are assumed to be incompressible (have constant density) and so the continuity equation reduces to the incompressibility relation;

$$\partial_i u_i(\boldsymbol{x}, t) = 0. \tag{3}$$

This can be combined with equation 2 to form the incompressible Navier Stokes equation;

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial u_i(\boldsymbol{x}, t)}{\partial t} + [u_j(\boldsymbol{x}, t)\partial_j]u_i(\boldsymbol{x}, t)\right) = -\partial_i P(\boldsymbol{x}, t) - \rho g + \eta\partial_j\partial_j u_i(\boldsymbol{x}, t). \tag{4}$$

The equations of motion can be expressed in an alternative form by defining the stress tensor $T_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x},t)$ (Batchelor, 1967; Manga, 1994) and dynamic pressure $P_{\mathrm{d}}(\boldsymbol{x},t)$:

$$T_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x},t) = -P_{\mathrm{d}}(\boldsymbol{x},t)\delta_{ij} + \eta[\partial_i u_j(\boldsymbol{x},t) + \partial_j u_i(\boldsymbol{x},t)], \tag{5}$$

$$P_{\mathrm{d}}(\boldsymbol{x},t) = P(\boldsymbol{x},t) - \rho g_i x_i. \tag{6}$$

This definition of the stress tensor removes the gravitational body force from the equations of motion, meaning that it only appears in the boundary conditions. The Navier Stokes equation then becomes

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial u_i(\boldsymbol{x},t)}{\partial t} + [u_j(\boldsymbol{x},t)\partial_j]u_i(\boldsymbol{x},t)\right) = \partial_j T_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x},t). \tag{7}$$

When working in fluid dynamics, it is usual to non-dimensionalise the equations of motion and boundary conditions (White, 1999). This can be achieved by scaling the quantities involved by parameters specific to the problem. For example, consider a problem with typical scales of length L_{c} and velocity U_{c}. This allows us to define dimensionless variables (denoted by a $'$)

$$x_i = L_{\mathrm{c}} x'_i, \tag{8}$$

$$u_i(\boldsymbol{x},t) = U_{\mathrm{c}} u'_i(\boldsymbol{x'},t'), \tag{9}$$

and

$$t = \frac{L_{\mathrm{c}} t'}{U_{\mathrm{c}}}. \tag{10}$$

In the case of highly viscous flows the relevant scaling for the dynamic pressure uses a characteristic viscosity η_{c} and is given by (Lee and Leal, 1982)

$$P_{\mathrm{d}}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) = \frac{\eta_{\mathrm{c}} U_{\mathrm{c}} P'_{\mathrm{d}}(\boldsymbol{x'}, t')}{L_{\mathrm{c}}}. \tag{11}$$

This choice of pressure scaling means that upon substitution of equations 8 to 11 into equation 5 the stress tensor can also be non-dimensionalised,

$$T_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) = \frac{\eta_{\mathrm{c}} U_{\mathrm{c}} T'_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}, t')}{L_{\mathrm{c}}} \quad \text{where} \quad T'_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}, t') = p'_{\mathrm{d}}(\boldsymbol{x'}, t')\delta_{ij} + \Lambda(\partial'_i u'_j(\boldsymbol{x'}, t') + \partial'_j u'_i(\boldsymbol{x'}, t')), \tag{12}$$

where $\Lambda = \eta/\eta_{\mathrm{c}}$. Hence, the dimensionless continuity and Navier Stokes equations are

$$\partial'_i u'_i(\boldsymbol{x'}, t') = 0, \tag{13}$$

and

$$Re\left(\frac{\partial u'_i(\boldsymbol{x'}, t')}{\partial t'} + (u'_j(\boldsymbol{x'}, t')\partial'_j)u'_i(\boldsymbol{x'}, t')\right) = \partial'_j T'_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}, t'), \tag{14}$$

where the Reynolds number Re is defined as

$$Re = \frac{\rho L_{\mathrm{c}} U_{\mathrm{c}}}{\eta_{\mathrm{c}}} \tag{15}$$

As we are considering the case of low Reynolds number (Re $\ll 1$), we can neglect the inertial terms on the right hand side and the equation reduces to the Stokes equation (Batchelor, 1967; Kim and Karrila, 2005)

$$\partial'_i T'_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}) = 0. \tag{16}$$

Note that the explicit time dependence has now vanished from the Stokes equations. However, it is still valid to use the equations for time dependent flows where the boundary conditions change with time, if the quasi-static assumption is satisfied;

$$\frac{L_c^2 \rho}{\eta_{\mathrm{C}}} \ll \tau \tag{17}$$

where τ is a typical timescale for a change in flow geometry. Physically, this means that the velocity and stress fields of the fluid instantaneously respond to changes in the boundary conditions (Manga, 1994).

2.2 Boundary Conditions

In order to complete the formulation of any fluid dynamics problem, it is necessary to state the boundary conditions alongside the equations of motion (Riley et al., 2006). For fluids of infinite (or semi-infinite) extent in some dimension, these include the value of the flow velocity at infinity. For bounded flows, the conditions are imposed at the boundaries of the fluid domain, and their exact nature depends on the phase of the material bounding it. At a boundary, two types of boundary condition can exist: a kinematic boundary condition of the velocity field and a dynamic boundary condition on the stress field. Kinematic boundary conditions are an expression of mass conservation and dynamic boundary conditions are a balance of forces, an expression of Newton's third law.

2.2.1 Fluid-Solid Boundary

At low Reynolds number, for a fluid-solid boundary defined the surface $\mathcal{S}$ (see figure 1), the kinematic boundary condition is one of no-slip; the fluid velocity at the boundary is

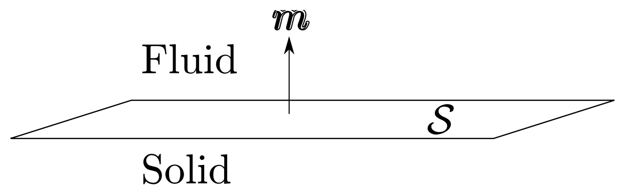

Figure 1: Fluid-solid boundary $\mathcal{S}$ with normal vector $\boldsymbol{m}$ directed into the fluid phase.

the same as that of the solid $U'_{\mathrm{s},i}$. This is easily expressed in dimensionless form as

$$u'_i(\boldsymbol{x'}) = U'_{\mathrm{s},i}, \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{S}. \tag{18}$$

There also needs to be a dynamic boundary condition applied at the interface. If the solid exerts a force F_i onto the fluid then the condition states

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} m_i(\boldsymbol{x}) T_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x}) \mathrm{d}\mathcal{S} = F_j, \tag{19}$$

where $m_i(\boldsymbol{x'})$ is the normal vector to $\mathcal{S}$ directed into the fluid. Using the non-dimensionalisation scheme presented above this becomes

$$\eta_{\mathrm{c}} U_{\mathrm{c}} L_{\mathrm{c}} \int_{\mathcal{S}} f_i(\boldsymbol{x'}) \mathrm{d}\mathcal{S}' = F_i, \tag{20}$$

where $f_i(\boldsymbol{x'}) = m_i(\boldsymbol{x'}) T'_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'})$, is defined as the dimensionless traction vector defined on the surface $\mathcal{S}$, .

2.2.2 Fluid-Fluid Boundary

For a boundary $\mathcal{I}$ between two fluids labelled 1 and 2 (figure 2), the kinematic boundary condition states that the velocity of the two fluids must be continuous across the interface (Kim and Karrila, 2005). Defining the velocity of fluid l as u_l this can be expressed in

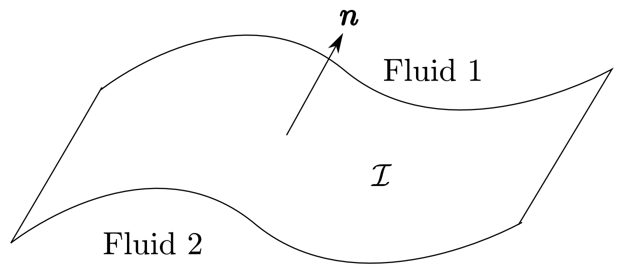

Figure 2: Fluid-fluid boundary $\mathcal{I}$ with normal vector $\boldsymbol{n}$.

dimensionless form as

$$u'_{1,i}(\boldsymbol{x'}) = u'_{2,i}(\boldsymbol{x'}), \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{I}. \tag{21}$$

The dynamic boundary condition is an expression of the balance between the stress discontinuity across the interface and the interfacial tension (IFT) σ (Batchelor, 1967). With our definition of the stress tensor this is given as (Manga, 1994):

$$\begin{aligned} n_i(\boldsymbol{x})[T_{1,ij}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \rho_1 g_k x_k \delta_{ij}] - n_i(\boldsymbol{x})[T_{2,ij}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \rho_2 g_k x_k \delta_{ij}] = \\ \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}) n_j(\boldsymbol{x})[\partial_{\mathrm{s},i} n_i(\boldsymbol{x})] - \partial_{\mathrm{s},j}\sigma(\boldsymbol{x}), \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{I}. \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

The operator $\partial_{\mathrm{s},i}$ is defined as the tangential gradient operator within the surface $\mathcal{I}$:

$$\partial_{\mathrm{s},i} = (\delta_{ij} - \partial_i \partial_j)\partial_j. \tag{23}$$

When this takes the normal vector as its argument it can be shown that (Brackbill et al., 1992)

$$\partial_{\mathrm{s},i} n_i = \partial_i n_i. \tag{24}$$

The presence of spatial gradients in the interfacial tension can lead to so-called Marangoni effects (Thomson, 1855; Gibbs, 1878). However, for our purposes we will assume that the interfacial tension is uniform across the interface $\mathcal{I}$ and so the last term on the right hand side vanishes;

$$n_i(\boldsymbol{x})[T_{1,ij}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \rho_1 g_k x_k \delta_{ij}] - n_i[T_{2,ij}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \rho_2 g_k x_k \delta_{ij}] = \\ \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}) n_i(\boldsymbol{x}) \partial_i n_j(\boldsymbol{x}), \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{I}. \tag{25}$$

Like the equations of motion, this can be non-dimensionalised using equations 8 to 12:

$$n_i(\boldsymbol{x'})[T'_{1,ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}) - T'_{2,ij}(\boldsymbol{x'})]\, Ca + Bo(\hat{z}_i x'_i) n_j(\boldsymbol{x'}) = n_j(\boldsymbol{x'}) \partial'_i n_i(\boldsymbol{x'}). \tag{26}$$

The capillary number Ca and Bond number Bo are dimensionless numbers defined as:

$$Ca = \frac{\eta_{\mathrm{c}} U_{\mathrm{c}}}{\sigma}, \tag{27}$$

and

$$Bo = \frac{(\rho_2 - \rho_1) g L_{\mathrm{c}}^2}{\sigma}. \tag{28}$$

2.3 Greens functions

In order to derive the integral representation of the Stokes equations, it is necessary to make use of the Greens functions (Riley et al., 2006) for Stokes flow, $\hat{u}_i(\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'})$ and $\hat{T}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'})$, defined such that (Kim and Karrila, 2005)

$$\partial'_i \hat{u}_i(\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'}) = 0, \tag{29}$$

and

$$\partial_i' \hat{T}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'}) + \mathcal{F}_j \delta(\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'}) = 0, \tag{30}$$

where $\mathcal{F}_i$ is a arbitrary constant vector, $\delta(\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'})$ is the Dirac delta-function (appendix B) and both $\hat{u}_i(\boldsymbol{x'})$ and $\hat{T}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}) \to 0$ as $|\boldsymbol{x'}| \to \infty$. Equations 29 and 30 can be solved following Ladyzhenskaya (1963) to show that (see appendix A) (Kim and Karrila, 2005)

$$\hat{u}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{\mathcal{F}_i J_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\Lambda}, \tag{31}$$

and

$$\hat{T}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \mathcal{F}_k, \tag{32}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'}$ and

$$J_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{8\pi\xi} \left(\delta_{ij} + \frac{\xi_i \xi_j}{\xi^2} \right), \tag{33}$$

and

$$K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{-3\xi_i \xi_j \xi_k}{4\pi\xi^5}. \tag{34}$$

We have defined $\xi = \xi_i \xi_i$.

2.4 Integral Representation of Stokes Equations

We now substitute the Greens functions and unknown velocity and stress field solutions into the Lorentz Reciprocal Theorem (equation 114 in appendix D) and simplfify using equations 16 and 30 to find

$$\fint_{\mathcal{V}} u'_k(\boldsymbol{x'})\delta(\boldsymbol{\xi})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x'}^3 = \frac{1}{\Lambda}\fint_{\mathcal{S}} J_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi})T'_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x'})n_j(\boldsymbol{x'})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x'}^2 - \fint_{\mathcal{S}} u'_i(\boldsymbol{x'})K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi})n_j(\boldsymbol{x'})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x'}^2. \quad (35)$$

Here the integrals are defined in the sense of the Cauchy Principle Value (CPV) to account for the possibility that the kernels J_{ij} and K_{ijk} have singular points in the range of integration. Finally make the transformation $\boldsymbol{x'} \leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{y'}$ and use the symmetry properties of the kernels (equations 95 and 96 in appendix A) and the delta function (equation 111 in appendix B) to obtain the general form of the integral representation of the Stokes equations;

$$\fint_{\mathcal{V}} u'_k(\boldsymbol{y'})\delta(\boldsymbol{\xi})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y'}^3 = \frac{1}{\Lambda}\fint_{\mathcal{S}} J_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi})T'_{ij}(\boldsymbol{y'})n_j(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y'}^2 + \fint_{\mathcal{S}} u'_i(\boldsymbol{y'})K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi})n_j(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y'}^2. \quad (36)$$

Using the definition of the delta function (equation 109 in appendix B) this means

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda}\fint_{\mathcal{S}} J_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi})T'_{ij}(\boldsymbol{y'})n_j(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y'}^2 + \fint_{\mathcal{S}} u'_i(\boldsymbol{y'})K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi})n_j(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y'}^2 = \begin{cases} u'_k(\boldsymbol{x'}) & \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{V} \\ \frac{u'_k(\boldsymbol{x'})}{2} & \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{S} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \quad (37)$$

3 Theoretical Development

3.1 Problem Statement

We are interested in the low Reynolds number, on-axis gravitational settling of a spheroid towards a fluid-fluid interface (figure 3). We denote the upper(lower) phase as fluid 1(2). The physical parameters motivate the choice of scaling variables. The characteristic lengthscale is chosen to be the horizontal minor axis a, characteristic viscosity that of the upper fluid η_1, and characteristic velocity to be the terminal velocity of a sphere of radius a in the upper fluid(Reynolds, 1886);

$$U_{\mathrm{c}} = \frac{2(\rho_{\mathrm{s}} - \rho_1) g a^2}{9\eta_1}, \tag{38}$$

where ρ_1 is the density of fluid 1, ρ_{s} the spheroid density, and $g = 9.81$ m s^{-1} the acceleration due to gravity. Defining ρ_2 as the density of fluid 2 and σ as the IFT, this means the capillary and Bond numbers can be expressed as:

$$Ca = \frac{(\rho_{\mathrm{s}} - \rho_1) g a^2}{\sigma}, \tag{39}$$

$$Bo = \frac{(\rho_2 - \rho_1) g a^2}{\sigma}. \tag{40}$$

The dimensionless stress tensor for each fluid can be written as

$$T'_{\alpha,ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}) = -P'_{\mathrm{d},l}(\boldsymbol{x'})\delta_{ij} + \Lambda_l[\partial'_i u'_{l,j}(\boldsymbol{x'}) - \partial'_j u'_{l,i}(\boldsymbol{x'})], \tag{41}$$

where $P'_{\mathrm{d},l}$ and $u'_{l,i}$ are the dimensionless dynamic pressure and velcoity fields in fluid l respectively. We use l to denote the fluid and i, j to denote tensoral components. The parameter Λ_l is defined as

$$\Lambda_l = \frac{\eta_l}{\eta_1} = \begin{cases} 1, & l = 1 \\ \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} = \lambda, & l = 2 \end{cases}. \tag{42}$$

where η_2 is the dynamic viscosity of the lower phase. Note λ is the viscosity ratio of the two fluids. Additionally $\mathcal{V}_{1(2)}$ dentotes the volume of fluid 1(2), $\mathcal{I}$ the interface and $\mathcal{S}$ the spheroid surface. $\boldsymbol{m}$ and $\boldsymbol{n}$ are the normal vectors to the spheroid surface and interface respectively and both are directed into fluid 1. We use cylindrical polar coordinates to

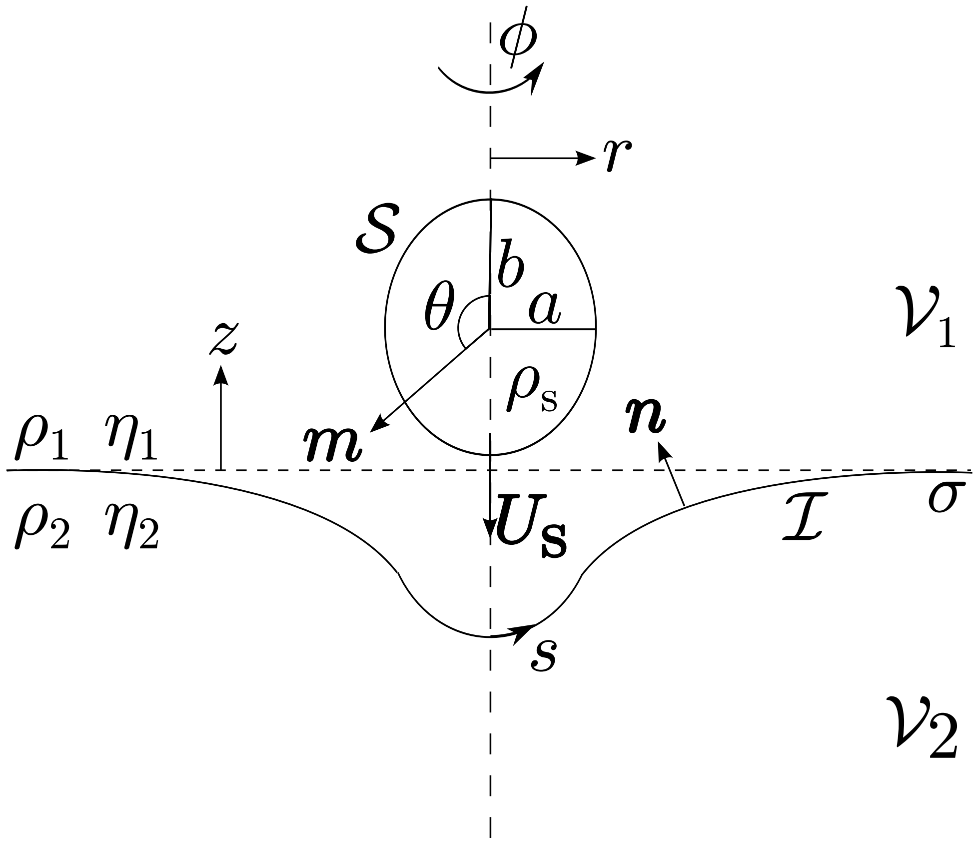

Figure 3: Diagrammatic representation of the system. A spheroid falls on-axis under gravity, at low Reynolds number, towards an initially horizontal interface between two density stratified, immiscible, semi-infinite fluids.

describe the system with r the radial coordinate with respect to the symmetry axis, ϕ the azimuthal coordinate, and z the vertical coordinate with respect to the plane of the initial, undeformed interface. Additionally we make use of the polar angle θ defined with respect to the centre of the spheroid and the arc-length s defined as the distance along the interface from the symmetry axis in any azimuthal plane.

It is straightforward to apply the general equations of motion and boundary conditions to the problem. The equations of motion, which must be satsified in both fluid domains, appear as

$$\partial'_{\mathrm{i}} u'_{l,i}(\boldsymbol{x'}) = 0, \tag{43}$$

and

$$\partial'_{\mathrm{i}} T'_{l,ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}) = 0. \tag{44}$$

The first boundary condition that we impose is that the undisturbed fluid is quiescent;

$$u'_{l,i}(\boldsymbol{x'}) \to 0 \text{ as } |\boldsymbol{x'}| \to \infty. \tag{45}$$

The kinematic boundary condition on the fluid interface (equation 21) can be expressed as

$$u'_{1,i}(\boldsymbol{x'}) = u'_{2,i}(\boldsymbol{x'}), \quad \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{I}. \tag{46}$$

The dynamic boundary condition is also imposed at the interface;

$$n_i(\boldsymbol{x'})[T'_{1,ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}) - T'_{2,ij}(\boldsymbol{x'})]\,Ca + \hat{z}_i x'_i n_j(\boldsymbol{x'})Bo = n_j(\boldsymbol{x'})\partial'_i n_i(\boldsymbol{x'}), \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{I}. \tag{47}$$

However we can define the modified density ratio (MDR) D as

$$D = \frac{Ca}{Bo} = \frac{\rho_s - \rho_1}{\rho_2 - \rho_1}. \tag{48}$$

This means equation 47 can be re-expressed as

$$n_i(\boldsymbol{x'})[T'_{1,ij}(\boldsymbol{x'}) - T'_{2,ij}(\boldsymbol{x'})]DBo = n_j(\boldsymbol{x'})(\partial'_i n_i(\boldsymbol{x'}) - \hat{z}_i x'_i Bo, \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{I}. \tag{49}$$

The kinematic boundary condition on the spheroid surface is

$$u'_{1,i}(\boldsymbol{x'}) = U'_{s,i}, \quad \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{S}. \tag{50}$$

where $U_{s,i}$ is the velocity of the spheroid. The final boundary condition is the dynamic boundary condition on the spheroid. The force on the fluid due to the spheroid originates from the balance between gravity and buoyancy;

$$F_i = -\frac{4\pi a^2 b(\rho_s - \rho_1) g\hat{z}_i}{3}, \tag{51}$$

where b is the vertical minor axis. Substituting this into equation 20 and using equation 38 we obtain

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} f_i(\boldsymbol{x'}) \mathrm{d}\mathcal{S}' = -6\pi\hat{z}_i \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{S}. \tag{52}$$

Defining the aspect ratio of the spheroid $R = b/a$, the dimensionless numbers that describe the system are the set $\{\lambda, D, Bo, R\}$.

3.2 Integral Representation

To recast the problem in an integral representation, we need to apply equation 37 to each fluid separately. The domain of fluid 1 is bound by the spheroid surface and interface, and extends to infinity as $r, z \to \infty$. The boundary condition at infinity (equation 45) ensures that the contribution to the surface integrals in equation 37 vanishes meaning that just the spheroid surface and interface contribute. Additionally the no-slip boundary condition on the spheroid surface (equation 50), the divergence theorem (appendix C) and the definition of the Greens function for pressure (equation 30) can be used to show that the integral of $u'_{1,i}(\boldsymbol{y'})K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi}m_j(\boldsymbol{y'})$ over the spheroid surface vanishes. Hence the boundary integral equation for fluid 1 can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\fint_{\mathcal{S}} J_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi})T'_{1,ij}(\boldsymbol{y'})m_j(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{y'} + \fint_{\mathcal{I}} J_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi})T'_{1,ij}(\boldsymbol{y'})n_j(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{y'} + \\ \fint_{\mathcal{I}} u'_{1,i}(\boldsymbol{y'})K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi})n_j(\boldsymbol{y})\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{y'} = \begin{cases} \frac{u'_{1,k}(\boldsymbol{x'})}{2} & \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{I} \\ u'_{s,k} & \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{S} \end{cases} .\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

For fluid 2, the contribution to the surface integrals at infinity again vanishes leaving just a contribution from the interface. Using the kinemtic boundary condition at the interface (equation 46) the boundary integral equation for fluid 2 can be written as (the minus sign occurs since the normal vector is directed out of fluid 2);

$$-\fint_{\mathcal{I}} J_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi})T'_{1,ij}(\boldsymbol{y'})n_j(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{y'} - \lambda\fint_{\mathcal{I}} u'_{1,i}(\boldsymbol{y'})K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi})n_j(\boldsymbol{y})\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{y'} = \frac{\lambda u'_{1,k}(\boldsymbol{x'})}{2} \quad \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{I}. \tag{54}$$

Equations 53 and 54 can be added together and combined with equation 49 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\fint_{\mathcal{S}} J_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi})f_{\mathrm{s},i}(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{y'} + \frac{9}{2D\mathrm{Bo}}\fint_{\mathcal{I}} J_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi})n_i(\boldsymbol{y'})[\partial'_j n_j(\boldsymbol{y'}) - \hat{z}_j y'_j \mathrm{Bo}]\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{y'} + \\ (1-\lambda)\fint_{\mathcal{I}} u'_{1,i}(\boldsymbol{y'})K_{ijk}(\boldsymbol{\xi})n_j(\boldsymbol{y'})\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{y'} = \begin{cases} \frac{(1+\lambda)u'_{1,k}(\boldsymbol{x'})}{2} & \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{I} \\ u'_{s,k} & \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{S} \end{cases} .\end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

This together with equation 52 completely describes the system in an integral representation.

3.3 Axisymmetric Simplification

We can exploit the axial symmetry of the system to chose the point $\boldsymbol{x'}$ such that it lies in the plane defined by $\phi = 0$. Hence in Cartesian coordinates $\boldsymbol{x'} = (x_r, 0, x_z)$. This also means we can write $\boldsymbol{y'} = (y_r \cos\phi, y_r \sin\phi, y_z)$. On the surface of the spheroid $y_r = y_r(\theta)$ and $y_z = y_z(\theta)$, and on the interface $y_r = y_r(s)$ and $y_z = y_z(s)$. Additionally $\boldsymbol{f} = [f_r(\theta)\cos\phi, f_r(\theta)\sin\phi, f_z(\theta)]$ and $\boldsymbol{n} = [n_r(s)\cos\phi, n_r(s)\sin\phi, n_z(s)]$. Since the system is axisymmetric, it is useful to extract the azimuthal integration from the surface integrals in equations 52 and 55. To achieve this, the Cartesian components of each equation are considered separately. For equation 55, it can be shown that both the left and right hand sides of the 2-component equation are identically zero. For equation 52 this is true for the 1- and 2-components. To show this, J_{ij} and K_{ijk} are first expanded in terms of in terms of the components of $\boldsymbol{x'}$ and $\boldsymbol{y'}$ before the integration over $/phi$ is carried out. This leaves three integral equations which can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} R\int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} B_{\alpha\beta}(\boldsymbol{x'},\theta)\Phi_\beta(\theta)\mathrm{d}\theta + \int_{s=0}^{\infty}\left(A_{\alpha\beta}(\boldsymbol{x'},s)y_r(s) - \frac{(1+\lambda)\delta_{\alpha\beta}\delta(s-s_0)}{2}\right)\Psi_\beta(s)\mathrm{d}s \\ = -\int_{s=0}^{\infty} C_\alpha(\boldsymbol{x'},s)y_r(s)\mathrm{d}s, \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{I}, \end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

$$R\int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} B_{\alpha\beta}(\boldsymbol{x'},\theta)\Phi_\beta(\theta)\mathrm{d}\theta + \int_{s=0}^{\infty} A_{\alpha\beta}(\boldsymbol{x'},s)\Psi_\beta(s)y_r(s)\mathrm{d}s - \Theta_\alpha = \int_{s=0}^{\infty} C_\alpha(\boldsymbol{x'},s)y_r(s)\mathrm{d}s, \quad \text{when } \boldsymbol{x'} \in \mathcal{S}, \tag{57}$$

and

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \Phi_2(\theta)\mathrm{d}\theta = -3, \tag{58}$$

where the quantities $\boldsymbol{A}$, $\boldsymbol{B}$, $\boldsymbol{C}$, $\boldsymbol{\Psi}$, $\boldsymbol{\Phi}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$ are defined as:

$$\boldsymbol{A} = (1-\lambda)\int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi}\begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} n_r(K_{111}\cos^2\phi + K_{221}\sin^2\phi + 2K_{121}\sin\phi\cos\phi) \\ + n_z(K_{131}\cos\phi + K_{231}\sin\phi) \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} n_r(K_{131}\cos\phi + K_{231}\sin\phi) \\ + n_z K_{331} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} n_r(K_{113}\cos^2\phi + K_{223}\sin^2\phi + 2K_{123}\sin\phi\cos\phi) \\ + n_z(K_{133}\cos\phi + K_{233}\sin\phi) \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} n_r(K_{133}\cos\phi + K_{233}\sin\phi) \\ + n_z K_{333} \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix} \mathrm{d}\phi, \tag{59}$$

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi}\begin{pmatrix} J_{11}\cos\phi + J_{21}\sin\phi & J_{31} \\ J_{13}\cos\phi + J_{23}\sin\phi & J_{33} \end{pmatrix} \mathrm{d}\phi, \tag{60}$$

$$\boldsymbol{C} = \frac{9(\partial'_j n_j - \mathrm{Bo} y_z)}{2D\mathrm{Bo}}\int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi}\begin{pmatrix} n_r(J_{11}\cos\phi + J_{21}\sin\phi) + n_z J_{31} \\ n_r(J_{13}\cos\phi + J_{23}\sin\phi) + n_z J_{23} \end{pmatrix} \mathrm{d}\phi, \tag{61}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi} = \begin{pmatrix} u'_{1,r}(s) \\ u'_{1,z}(s) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{62}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{\mathrm{s},r}(\theta) \\ f_{\mathrm{s},z}(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \sin^2\theta\left(1 + \frac{\cot^2\theta}{R^2}\right)^{1/2}, \tag{63}$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\Theta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u'_{\mathrm{s}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{64}$$

For brevity the function arguments have been dropped from the kernels and the normal vectors but $n_i = n_i[\boldsymbol{y'}(s,\phi)]$ and in equation 59, $K_{ijk} = K_{ijk}[\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'}(s,\phi)]$, in equation 60, $J_{ij} = J_{ij}[\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'}(\theta,\phi)]$ and in equation 61, $J_{ij} = J_{ij}[\boldsymbol{x'} - \boldsymbol{y'}(s,\phi)]$.

The aziumthal integrals inside the definitions of $\boldsymbol{A}$, $\boldsymbol{B}$ and $\boldsymbol{C}$ can be expressed as sums of complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kind (Lee and Leal, 1982; Geller et al., 1985; Graziani, 1989; Pozrikids, 1992; Manga, 1994; Roumeliotis, 2000) which can then be evaluated using polynomial expansions (Abramowitz and Stegun, 1972). Details of this are given in appendix G. Polynomial expansions

4 Numerical Method

Equations 56 to 58 are a coupled set of integral equations for the unknowns $\mathbf{\Psi}(s)$, $\mathbf{\Phi}(\theta)$ and $\mathbf{\Theta}$. These solutions can be found numerically by discretising the system which allows the integral equations to be expressed as a linear system of algerbraic equations which are then solved using LU decomposition and Gaussian elimination (Riley et al., 2006; Press et al., 2007). Once the interfacial and sphere velocities are solved for, the system is iterated forward in time, and the process is repeated.

4.1 Discretisation and Linear System

To discretise the set of equations, the interface and sphere surface are divided into intervals. The interface is divided into N axisymmetric rings, where the i^{th} ring is centred at arc-length s_i and is of thinkness $\Delta_{s,i}$. The interface is truncated at the arc-length s_N. The sphere surface is discretised in M axisymmetric rings, where the i^{th} ring is centred at polar coordinate θ_i and has a thickness $\Delta_{\theta,i}$. A schematic of the discretisation scheme is depicted in figure 4.

We now choose $\boldsymbol{x'} = \boldsymbol{x}_i$ where $\boldsymbol{x}_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i(\theta_i)$ on $\mathcal{S}$ and $\boldsymbol{x}_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i(s_i)$ on $\mathcal{I}$. That is, the point $\boldsymbol{x'}$ is chosen to be the midpoint of one of the intervals. Then, we can express the integrals as discrete sums over each element. We then make the approximation that the unknowns $\mathbf{\Psi}(s)$ and $\mathbf{\Phi}(\theta)$ are constant over the width of an interval and for interval i, $\mathbf{\Psi}(s) = \mathbf{\Psi}(s_i)$ and $\mathbf{\Phi}(\theta) = \mathbf{\Phi}(\theta_i)$. This allows us to obtain the discrete form of the integral equations:

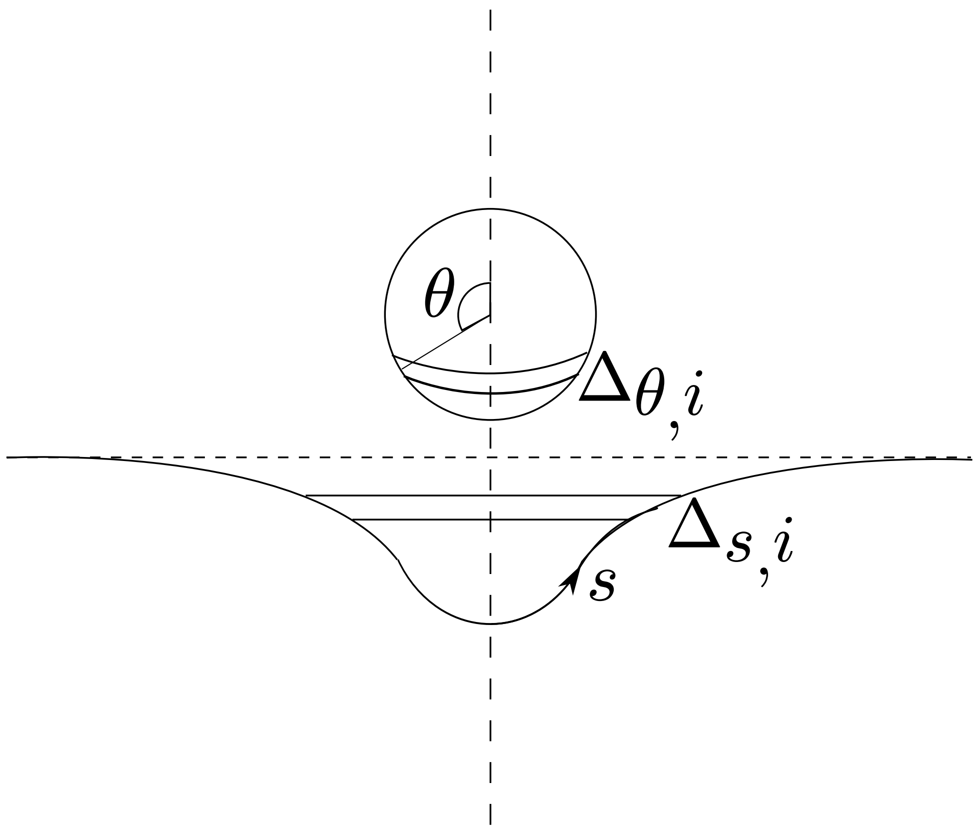

Figure 4: Diagrammatic representation of the discretisation of the system. Both interface and spheroid surface are divided into axisymmetric rings centred on the symmetry axis.

$$R\sum_{i=1}^{M}\Phi_\beta(\theta_i)\int_{\Delta_{\theta,i}} B_{\alpha\beta}(s_j,\theta)\mathrm{d}\theta+\sum_{i=1}^{N}\Psi_\beta(s_i)\int_{\Delta_{s,i}}\left(A_{\alpha\beta}(s_j,s)y_r(s)-\frac{(1+\lambda)\delta_{\alpha\beta}\delta(s-s_j)}{2}\right)\mathrm{d}s$$
$$=-\sum_{i=1}^{N}\int_{\Delta_{s,i}} C_\alpha(s_j,s)y_r(s)\mathrm{d}s, \tag{65}$$

$$R\sum_{i=1}^{M}\Phi_\beta(\theta_i)\int_{\Delta_{\theta,i}} B_{\alpha\beta}(\theta_j,\theta)\mathrm{d}\theta+\sum_{i=1}^{N}\Psi_\beta(s_i)\int_{\Delta_{s,i}} A_{\alpha\beta}(\theta_j,s)y_r(s)\mathrm{d}s-\Theta_\alpha=-\sum_{i=1}^{N}\int_{\Delta_{s,i}} C_\alpha(\theta_j,s)y_r(s)\mathrm{d}s, \tag{66}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{M}\Phi_2(\theta_i)\int_{\Delta_{\theta,i}}\mathrm{d}\theta=-3. \tag{67}$$

This is seemingly a set of $2(N+M)+1$ linear equations for $2(N+M)+1$ unknowns; $\Phi_\alpha(\theta_i)$, $\Psi_\alpha(s_j)$ and Θ_1 (recall that $\Theta_2=0$) where $\alpha=1,2$, $i=1,2,...,M$ and $j=1,2,...,N$. However we can use physical arguments to simplify the system further. First by symmetry, the radial interfacial velocity must vanish on the symmetry axis i.e. $\Psi_1(s_1)=0$. Additionally, the radial tractions on the sphere on the axis must also vanish meaning $\Phi_1(\theta_1)=\Phi_1(\theta_M)=0$. Indeed, it can be shown that the coefficients of these terms vanish by using the expressions for $A_{\alpha\beta}$, $B_{\alpha\beta}$ and C_α, given in appendix G.1,for the case that the collocation point is on the symmetry axis. Hence the equations where these terms appear are redundant and can be removed from the linear system. This leaves us with a system of $2(N+M-1)$ linear equations for $2(N+M-1)$ unknowns.

4.2 Evaluation of the coefficients

These equations can be recast as a matrix equation $L_{\mu\nu}X_\mu=Y_\nu$ where the unknown quantities are the elements X_μ. The elements $L_{\mu\nu}$ and Y_ν are the coefficients of the system and contain integrals that need to be evaluated numerically. If $\boldsymbol{x'}_j$ is not within the range of integration, then this is done using 4-point Gaussian-Legendre quadrature (Riley et al., 2006). However if $\boldsymbol{x'}_j$ is in the integration range, then the integrand is singular at the point $\boldsymbol{y'} = \boldsymbol{x'}_j$ and care needs to be taken when evaluating the integral.

To calculate integrals over the interface, it is necessary to evaluate the components of normal vector and its divergence at discrete points along the interface. To do this, a cubic splines are fitted to the collocation points describing the interface (WAITING FOR DE BOER BOOK TO REF THIS) using routines given in Press et al. (2007) so that the interface is described parametrically with $r = r(s)$ and $z = z(s)$. Remembering that for a surface $H(r, z) = z - f(r)$, the components of the normal vector are given by $n_i = \partial_i H / \partial_j H \partial_j H$ (Riley et al., 2006), the following expressions can be obtained

$$n_r(s) = \frac{-\dot{z}}{(\dot{r} + \dot{z})^{1/2}}, \tag{68}$$

$$n_z(s) = \frac{\dot{r}}{(\dot{r} + \dot{z})^{1/2}}, \tag{69}$$

and

$$\partial'_i n_i = \frac{\dot{z}}{r(\dot{r} + \dot{z})^{1/2}} + \frac{\dot{r}\ddot{z} - \ddot{r}\dot{z}}{(\dot{r} + \dot{z})^{3/2}}. \tag{70}$$

These expressions are given in given in (Manga, 1994) except for a minus sign error in the components of the normal. The derivatives of the splines are calculated numerically using routines modified from Press et al. (2007). Once all of the elements $L_{\mu\nu}$ and Y_ν have been calculated the system of equations is solved by Lower-Upper (LU) decomposition and Gaussian elimination (Riley et al., 2006; Press et al., 2007) using routines from the GNU Scientific Library (GSL) (Galassi et al., 2009).

4.3 Temporal Iteration

The system is iterated forward in time using an explicit first order Euler method (Manga, 1994) with timestep Δt. This means the position of the sphere z_s at time $t + \Delta t$ is found using

$$z_s(t + \Delta t) = U_s'(t)\Delta t, \tag{71}$$

and the position of the collocation points on the interface moves according to

$$x_r(s_i)(t + \Delta t) = u_r(s_i, t)\Delta t, \tag{72}$$

and

$$x_z(s_i)(t + \Delta t) = u_z(s_i, t)\Delta t. \tag{73}$$

The value of the timestep chosen is limited by the Courant-Friedrich-Lewy (CFL) criterion (Courant et al., 1928).

Due to gradients in the velocity tangential to the fluid interface the distribution of collocation points is altered during this time stepping process so the collocation points are redistributed between each time step. Following the redistribution the linear system is reconstructed for the new geometry and solved using the same procedure. The process continues in this fashion until the separtation between the sphere and the interface, or two different parts of the interface equals the local separation between collocation points as the discretisation no longer provides an accurate approximation to the continuous system

A Greens Functions for Stokes Flow

We present here a derivation of equations 31 and 32 following Ladyzhenskaya (1963). First, the Greens function for dynamic pressure $\hat{P}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ is defined such that

$$\hat{T}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = -\hat{P}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \Lambda[\partial'_i \hat{u}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \partial'_j \hat{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi})]. \tag{74}$$

Substituting this into equation 30 and using equation 29 yields

$$-\partial'_j \hat{P}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \Lambda \partial'_i \partial'_i \hat{u}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \mathcal{F}_j \delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = 0. \tag{75}$$

We also define two further quantities $\bar{P}_i$ and $\bar{u}_{ij}$ such that

$$\hat{P}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \mathcal{F}_i \bar{P}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \tag{76}$$

and

$$\hat{u}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \mathcal{F}_i \bar{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}). \tag{77}$$

Substitution of these expressions into equations 29 and 75 and rearranging results in

$$\partial'_i \bar{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = 0, \tag{78}$$

and

$$-\partial'_j \bar{P}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \Lambda \partial'_k \partial'_k \bar{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \delta_{ij} \delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = 0. \tag{79}$$

To derive functional forms for the Greens functions it is necessary to express equations 79 and 78 in Fourier representation. To do this we need to define the Fourier transformed variables $\tilde{P}_{\alpha,i}$ and $\tilde{u}_{\alpha,ij}$ (Riley et al., 2006):

$$\bar{P}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int \tilde{P}_i(\boldsymbol{k}) \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}, \tag{80}$$

and

$$\bar{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int \tilde{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{k}) \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}. \tag{81}$$

where $\boldsymbol{k}$ is the transform variable and i is the unit imaginary number. Substitution of these and the Fourier definition of the Dirac delta function (equation 112 in appendix B) into equations 79 and 78 gives the Fourier representations of the Stokes equations and the continuity equation. Following some manipulation these can be written as

$$-ik_j\tilde{P}_i(\boldsymbol{k}) - \Lambda k^2 \tilde{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{k}) + \frac{\delta_{ij}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} = 0, \tag{82}$$

and

$$k_i \tilde{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{k}) = 0, \tag{83}$$

where $k = k_i k_i$. By contracting equation 82 with k_j, substituting in equation 83 and rearranging, it is then possible to obtain the Fourier representation of the Greens function for pressure;

$$\tilde{P}_i(\boldsymbol{k}) = \frac{-ik_i}{(2\pi)^{3/2}k^2}. \tag{84}$$

A final substitution of this into equation 80 gives the Greens function for pressure;

$$\bar{P}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{-i}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{k_i \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^2}. \tag{85}$$

This integral is evaluated in appendix A.1 and it is shown that

$$\bar{P}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi}\partial_i'\left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right) = \frac{\xi_i}{4\pi\xi^3} \quad , \quad \xi = \xi_i\xi_i. \tag{86}$$

We also need to find an equivalent expression for $\bar{u}_{ij}$. To do so, substitute equation 84 into equation 82 and rearrange;

$$\tilde{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \frac{k^2\delta_{ij} - k_ik_j}{(2\pi)^{3/2}k^4\Lambda}. \tag{87}$$

Combining this with equation 81 results in an expression for the Greens function for velocity;

$$\bar{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3\Lambda}\left(\delta_{ij}\int\frac{\mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^2} - \int\frac{k_ik_j\mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^4}\right). \tag{88}$$

These integrals are evaluated in appendix A.2 (equations 102 and 108) and following some manipulation we find

$$\bar{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{8\pi\Lambda\xi}\left(\delta_{ij} + \frac{\xi_i\xi_j}{\xi^2}\right). \tag{89}$$

We can now substitute equations 86 and 89 into 76 and 77 to obtain

$$\hat{P}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{\mathcal{F}_i\xi_i}{4\pi\xi^3}, \tag{90}$$

and

$$\hat{u}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{\mathcal{F}_i}{8\pi\Lambda_\alpha\xi}\left(\delta_{ij} + \frac{\xi_i\xi_j}{\xi^2}\right). \tag{91}$$

Substitution of equations 90 and 91 into equation 74 results in

$$\hat{T}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{-3\mathcal{F}_k \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k}{4\pi\xi^5}. \tag{92}$$

The kernels J_{ij} and K_{ijk} are defined as

$$J_{ij} = \frac{1}{8\pi\xi}\left(\delta_{ij} + \frac{\xi_i \xi_j}{\xi^2}\right), \tag{93}$$

and

$$K_{ijk} = \frac{-3\xi_i \xi_j \xi_k}{4\pi\xi^5}. \tag{94}$$

Hence we obtain the Greens functions for the velocity and stress fields (equations 31 and 32). Note that under the interchange $\boldsymbol{\xi} \to -\boldsymbol{\xi}$ the kernels are symmetric and anti-symmetric respectively;

$$J_{ki}(-\boldsymbol{\xi}) = J_{ki}(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \tag{95}$$

$$K_{jik}(-\boldsymbol{\xi}) = -K_{jik}(\boldsymbol{\xi}). \tag{96}$$

A.1 Integral for Greens Function for Pressure

Here we present a proof of the evaluation of the integral in equation 85. First recall the identity (Jackson, 1999; Frahm, 1982)

$$\partial_i \partial_i \left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right) = -4\pi\delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}). \tag{97}$$

Substituting in the Fourier definition of the delta function (equation 112) leads to

$$\partial_i \partial_i \left(\frac{1}{\xi} \right) = \frac{-4\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}. \tag{98}$$

Inspection of this then suggests

$$\partial_i \left(\frac{1}{\xi} \right) = \frac{4i\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{k_i \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^2}. \tag{99}$$

Hence

$$\frac{-i}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{k_i \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^2} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \partial_i \left(\frac{1}{\xi} \right). \tag{100}$$

A.2 Integrals for the Greens Function for Velocity

Here we present proofs of the evaluation of the two integrals in equation 88. For the first integral, inspection of equation 99 in appendix A.1 shows

$$\frac{1}{\xi} = \frac{4\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{\mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^2}. \tag{101}$$

Hence the fist integral in equation 88 is

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^2} = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{4\pi\xi}. \tag{102}$$

The second integral requires a bit more work. Firstly, express it in a different form;

$$\int \frac{k_i k_j \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^4} = \partial_i \partial_j \left(\int \frac{\mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}} \mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^4} \right). \tag{103}$$

To evalaute this, first consider $\nabla^4\xi = \nabla^2(\nabla^2\xi)$. Expanding ∇^2 in spherical polar coordinates centred on $\xi = 0$ shows

$$\nabla^4\xi = 2\nabla^2\left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right). \tag{104}$$

Combining this with equation 98 we obtain

$$\nabla^4\xi = \frac{-8\pi}{(2\pi)^3}\int \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}. \tag{105}$$

Insepection of this yields

$$\xi = \frac{-8\pi}{(2\pi)^3}\int \frac{\mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^4}. \tag{106}$$

Rearrangement of this produces an expression for the integral on the right hand side of equation 103;

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^4} = -\frac{(2\pi)^3\xi}{8\pi}. \tag{107}$$

Hence

$$\int \frac{k_i k_j \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k}}{k^4} = \frac{(2\pi)^3\partial_i'\partial_j'\xi}{8\pi}. \tag{108}$$

B Dirac Delta Function

In a volume $\mathcal{V}$ bounded by a surface $\mathcal{S}$, the Dirac delta function $\delta(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})$ is defined as (Riley et al., 2006)

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} f(\boldsymbol{y})\delta(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{y} = \begin{cases} f(\boldsymbol{x}) & \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{V} \\ \frac{f(\boldsymbol{x})}{2} & \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{S} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} . \tag{109}$$

The result for $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{S}$ is only valied for the case that the surface is Lyapunov smooth (a local tangent plane exists everywhere) (REFERENCE FOR LYAPUNOV SMOOTH SURFACE - WAITING FOR GUNTER BOOK). Equation 109 means that

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \delta(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{y} = 1 \quad \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{V}. \tag{110}$$

A key property of the delta function is that it is symmetric under a change of sign of the argument

$$\delta(-\boldsymbol{x}) = \delta(\boldsymbol{x}) \tag{111}$$

It also needs to be noted that the Dirac delta function can be expressed as (Riley et al., 2006)

$$\delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\int \mathrm{e}^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{k} \tag{112}$$

C Divergence Theorem

The divergence theorem states that for a volume $\mathcal{V}$ bounded by a surface $\mathcal{S}$ with outward normal n_i, then for a continuous and differentiable vector field a_i Riley et al. (2006)

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \partial_i \cdot a_i \mathrm{d}\mathcal{V} = \oint_{\mathcal{S}} a_i n_i \mathrm{d}\mathcal{S} \tag{113}$$

D Lorentz Reciprocal Theorem

Consider a pair of velocity fields u_i and u_i', and a pair of stress fields T_{ij} and T_{ij}' defined over a domain $\mathcal{V}$ bounded by a surface $\mathcal{S}$ with normal n_i. Now suppose that that both u_i and T_{ij}, and u_i' and T_{ij}' are both solutions to the coupled equations 29 and 30. The Lorentz reciprocal theorem then states that (Kim and Karrila, 2005)

$$⨍_{\mathcal{S}} n_j(\boldsymbol{x'})T_{ij}'(\boldsymbol{x'})\hat{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x'}^2 - ⨍_{\mathcal{V}} [\partial_j' T_{ij}'(\boldsymbol{x'})]\hat{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x'}^3 = ⨍_{\mathcal{S}} n_j(\boldsymbol{x'})\hat{T}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi})u_i'(\boldsymbol{x'})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x'}^2 - ⨍_{\mathcal{V}} [\partial_j' \hat{T}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi})]u_i'(\boldsymbol{x'})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x'}^3. \tag{114}$$

Our definition of the theorem has defined the integrals in the sense of the Cauchy Principle Value (CPV) (appendix E) to allow for the case that one or more of the fields may be singular at some point in the domain (as in the case of Greens functions). For the case that all of the fields are regular, then the CPV integral just evaluates to the regular interval. In the proof of equation 114 given by Kim and Karrila (2005) it is straightforward to extend their result to ours just by taking care when defining the integrals.

E Cauchy Principle Value

Consider a function $f(x)$ such that $f(x = x_0) \to \infty$. Hence we need to take care when defining an integral of $f(x)$ over a range which contains x_0. We denote the Cauchy

Principle Value of an integral with a horizontal line through the integral sign and for a singularity at the point x_0 it is defined such that (Boas, 1983)

$$\fint_a^b f(x)\mathrm{d}x = \lim_{\epsilon\to 0}\left(\int_a^{x_0-\epsilon} f(x)\mathrm{d}x + \int_{x_0+\epsilon}^b f(x)\mathrm{d}x\right) \tag{115}$$

This can be readily extended to higher dimensional integrals by performing the integration everywhere except in a small region around the singular point, and then finding the limiting value of the integral as the size of that region tends to zero. Also, for the case that the function is actually regular throughout this region, then the CPV equates to the standard integral.

F Elliptic Integrals

The complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kind are defined as (Abramowitz and Stegun, 1972)

$$K(k^2) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\mathrm{d}\theta}{(1-k^2\sin^2\theta)^{1/2}}, \quad 0 \le k^2 < 1, \tag{116}$$

and

$$E(k^2) = \int_0^{\pi/2} (1-k^2\sin^2\theta)^{1/2}\mathrm{d}\theta, \quad 0 \le k^2 < 1, \tag{117}$$

where k^2 is defined as the modulus of the integral. Polynomial approximations can be found to evaluate the integrals (Roumeliotis, 2000) and we use the following expressions from Abramowitz and Stegun (1972):

$$K(k^2) = \sum_{i=0}^{4} a_i(1-k^2)^i + \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-k^2}\right)\sum_{i=0}^{4} b_i(1-k^2)^i, \tag{118}$$

Table 1: The coefficients for equations 118 and 119.

a_0	1.38629436112	b_0	0.5
a_1	0.09666344259	b_1	0.12498593597
a_2	0.03590092383	b_2	0.06880248576
a_3	0.03742563713	b_3	0.03328355346
a_4	0.01451196212	b_4	0.00441787012
a'_1	0.44325141463	b'_1	0.24998368310
a'_2	0.06260601220	b'_2	0.09200180037
a'_3	0.04757383546	b'_3	0.04069697526
a'_4	0.01736506451	b'_4	0.00526449639

$$E(k^2) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{4} a'_i (1-k^2)^i + \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-k^2}\right) \sum_{i=1}^{4} b'_i (1-k^2)^i \tag{119}$$

The values of the coefficients in the expansion are in table 1.

G Components of $\boldsymbol{A}$, $\boldsymbol{B}$ and $\boldsymbol{C}$

Here we present expressions for the components of $\boldsymbol{A}$, $\boldsymbol{B}$ and $\boldsymbol{C}$ in terms of complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kind (appendix F). The expressions for $\boldsymbol{A}$ anf $\boldsymbol{B}$ are from Graziani (1989) although our notation is more similar to that of Manga (1994). As far as the authors are aware equivalent expressions for $\boldsymbol{C}$ have never been published before although, they were undoubtedly used in the models of Lee and Leal (1982); Geller et al. (1985); Manga and Stone (1995) and Roumeliotis (2000). The quantities α and β are defined as (Manga, 1994)

$$\alpha^2 = x_r^2 + y_r^2 + (x_z - y_z)^2, \tag{120}$$

and

$$\beta^2 = 2x_r y_r. \tag{121}$$

K and E are complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kind respectively and they all take $k^2 = 2\beta^2/(\alpha^2+\beta^2)$ as their modulus.

The components of $\boldsymbol{A}$ are:

$$A_{11} = (c_1 n_r + c_2 n_z)K + (c_3 n_r + c_4 n_z)E, \tag{122}$$

$$A_{12} = (c_2 n_r + c_6 n_z)K + (c_4 n_r + c_8 n_z)E, \tag{123}$$

$$A_{21} = (c_9 n_r + c_{10} n_z)K + (c_{11} n_r + c_{12} n_z)E, \tag{124}$$

and

$$A_{22} = (c_{10} n_r + c_{14} n_z)K + (c_{12} n_r + c_{16} n_z)E. \tag{125}$$

The coefficients a_i are given as

$$c_1 = \frac{(1-\lambda)[x_r\alpha_2(4\alpha^4 - 18x_r^2y_r^2) - x_r(2y_r^2 + x_r^2)(2\alpha^4 - 3\beta^4) - y_r\alpha^2\beta^2(y_r^2 + 2x_r^2) + x_r y_r^2\beta^4]}{\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)\beta^4}, \tag{126}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{(1-\lambda)(x_z - y_z)[2\alpha^4 - 2\beta^4 - \alpha^2(x_z-y_z)^2]}{\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)\beta^2}, \tag{127}$$

$$c_3 = \frac{1-\lambda}{\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)^2\beta^4}\Bigg(\frac{x_r(-8\alpha^8+15\alpha^4\beta^4-3\beta^8)}{2}$$

$$-2x_r\alpha^2(2y_r^2+x_r^2)(-\alpha^4+3\beta^4)+y_r\beta^2(y_r^2+2x_r^2)(\alpha^4+3\beta^4)-4x_ry_r^2\alpha^2\beta^4\Bigg), \tag{128}$$

$$c_4 = \frac{-(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)}{\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)^2\beta^2}\left(\alpha^4(\alpha^4-5\beta^4)+[\alpha^2-(x_z-y_z)^2](\alpha^4+3\beta^4)\right), \tag{129}$$

$$c_6 = \frac{(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)^2(2x_r^2-\alpha^2)}{2\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)x_r}, \tag{130}$$

$$c_8 = \frac{(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)^2(\alpha^4+3\beta^4-8x_r^2\alpha^2)}{2\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)^2x_r}, \tag{131}$$

$$c_9 = \frac{(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)(-2\alpha^4+3\beta^4-4y_r^2\alpha^2+4y_r^4)}{4\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)y_r}, \tag{132}$$

$$c_{10} = \frac{(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)^2(\alpha^2-2y_r^2)}{2\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)y_r}, \tag{133}$$

$$c_{11} = \frac{(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)(\alpha^6-3\alpha^2\beta^4+2y_r^2\alpha^4+6y_r^2\beta^4-8y_r^4\alpha^2)}{2\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)^2y_r^2}, \tag{134}$$

$$c_{12} = \frac{(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)^2(8y_r^2\alpha^2-\alpha^4-3\beta^4)}{2\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)y_r}, \tag{135}$$

$$c_{14} = \frac{(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)^3}{\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2-\beta^2)}, \tag{136}$$

and

$$c_{16} = \frac{-4(1-\lambda)(x_z-y_z)^3\alpha^2}{\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{3/2}(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^2}. \tag{137}$$

The components of $\boldsymbol{B}$ are:

$$B_{11} = \frac{1}{2\pi\beta^2(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{1/2}}\left[[\alpha^2+(x_z-y_z)^2]K - \left(\alpha^2+\beta^2+\frac{\alpha^2(x_z-y_z)^2}{\alpha^2-\beta^2}\right)E\right], \tag{138}$$

$$B_{12} = \frac{x_z-y_z}{4\pi x_r(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{1/2}}\left(\frac{(2x_r^2-\alpha^2)E}{\alpha^2-\beta^2}+K\right), \tag{139}$$

$$B_{21} = \frac{x_z-y_z}{4\pi y_r(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{1/2}}\left(\frac{(\alpha^2-2y_r^2)E}{\alpha^2-\beta^2}-K\right), \tag{140}$$

and

$$B_{22} = \frac{1}{2\pi(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{1/2}}\left(K+\frac{(x_z-y_z)^2E}{\alpha^2-\beta^2}\right). \tag{141}$$

The components of $\boldsymbol{C}$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 = {} & \frac{9(\partial_j' n_j - y_z\mathrm{Bo})}{4\pi D\mathrm{Bo}(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{1/2}}\Bigg[\Big([\alpha^2+(x_z-y_z)^2]n_r + y_r(x_z-y_z)\Big)K \\ & +\frac{E}{\alpha^2-\beta^2}\Big(n_r[\beta^4-\alpha^2(\alpha^2+(x_z-y_z)^2)] + n_z(x_z-y_z)(x_r\beta^2-y_r\alpha^2)\Big)\Bigg], \end{aligned} \tag{142}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C_2 = {} & \frac{9(\partial_j' n_j - y_z\mathrm{Bo})}{4\pi D\mathrm{Bo}(\alpha^2+\beta^2)^{1/2}}\Bigg([\beta^2 n_z - x_r(x_z-y_z)n_r]K \\ & +\frac{[n_r(x_r\alpha^2-y_r\beta^2)+(x_z-y_z)\beta^2 n_z](x_z-y_z)E}{\alpha^2-\beta^2}\Bigg). \end{aligned} \tag{143}$$

G.1 Special case: $x_r = 0$

For the case that the point $\boldsymbol{x'}$ is on the axis of symmetry ($x_r = 0$) then expressions can be found for the components of $\boldsymbol{A}$, $\boldsymbol{B}$ and $\boldsymbol{C}$ that don't depend on elliptic integrals. Hence in this scenario the components can be evaluated exactly and don't need to be approximated by polynomials. In this case the components of $\boldsymbol{A}$ are

$$A_{11} = A_{12} = 0, \tag{144}$$

$$A_{21} = \frac{3(1-\lambda)(x_z - y_z)y_r[(x_z - y_z)n_z - y_r n_r]}{2\alpha^5}, \tag{145}$$

and

$$A_{22} = \frac{3(1-\lambda)(x_z - y_z)^2[y_r n_r - (x_z - y_z)n_z]}{2\alpha^5}. \tag{146}$$

The components of $\boldsymbol{B}$ are

$$B_{11} = B_{12} = 0, \tag{147}$$

$$B_{21} = \frac{-(x_z - y_z)y_r}{4\alpha^3}, \tag{148}$$

and

$$B_{22} = \frac{1}{4\alpha}\left(1 + \frac{(x_z - y_z)^2}{\alpha^2}\right). \tag{149}$$

Finally the components of $\boldsymbol{C}$ are

$$C_1 = 0, \tag{150}$$

and

$$C_2 = \frac{9(\partial_i' n_i - \mathrm{Bo} y_z)}{8D\mathrm{Bo}\alpha}\left(1 + \frac{(x_z - y_z)^2}{\alpha^2}\right). \tag{151}$$

References

Milton Abramowitz and Irene A. Stegun. *Handbook of Mathematical Functions.* Dover, tenth edition, 1972.

G. K. Batchelor. *An Introduction to Fluid Dynamics.* Cambridge University Press, first edition, 1967.

M. L. Boas. *Mathematical methods in the physical sciences.* Wiley, second edition, 1983.

J.U. Brackbill, D.B. Kothe, and C. Zemach. A Continuum Method for Modeling Surface Tension. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 100:334 – 354, 1992.

R. Courant, K. Friedrichs, and H. Lewy. Über die partiellen Differenzengleichungen der mathematischen Physik. *Mathematische Annalen*, 100:32 – 74, 1928.

Charles P. Frahm. Some novel delta-function identities. *Americal Journal of Physics*, 51: 826–829, 1982.

Mark Galassi, Jim Davies, James Theiler, Brian Gough, Gerard Jungman, Patrick Alken, Michael Booth, and Fabrice Rossi. *GNU Scientific Library Reference Manual.* Network Theory Ltd., third edition, 2009.

A. S. Geller, S. H. Lee, and L. G. Leal. The creeping motion of a spherical particle normal to a deformable interface. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 169:27–69, 1985.

J. Willard Gibbs. On the Equilibrium of Heterogeneous Substances. Part II. *Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences*, 3:343–524, 1878.

G. Graziani. A boundary integral equation method for axisymmetric viscous flows. *International Journal of Engineering Science*, 27:855–864, 1989.

John David Jackson. *Classical electrodynamics.* Wiley, 3rd edition, 1999.

Sangtae Kim and Seppo J. Karrila. *Microhydrodynamics: Principles and Selected Applications.* Dover Publications, second edition, 2005.

O. A. Ladyzhenskaya. *The Mathematical Theory of Viscous Incompressible Flow.* Gordon and Breach, first edition, 1963.

S. H. Lee and L. G. Leal. The Motion of a Sphere in the Presence of a Deformable Interface II. A Numerical Study of the Translation of a Sphere Normal to an Interface. *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science*, 87:81–106, 1982.

Michael Manga. *The motion of deformable drops and bubbles at low Reynolds number: Applications to selected problems in geology and geophysics.* PhD thesis, Harvard University, 1994.

Michael Manga and H. A. Stone. Low Reynolds number motion of bubbles, drops and rigid spheres through fluid-fluid interfaces. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 287:279–298, 1995.

C. Pozrikids. *Boundary integral and singularity methods for linearized viscous flows.* Cambridge University Press, first edition, 1992.

William H. Press, Saul A. Teukolsky, William T. Vetterling, and Brian P. Flannery. *Numerical Recipes: The Art of Scientific Computing.* Cambridge University Press, third edition, 2007.

Osborne Reynolds. On the Theory of Lubrication and its Application to Mr Beauchamp Tower's Experiments, including an Experimental Determination of the Viscosity of Olive Oil. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London*, 177:157–234, 1886.

K. F. Riley, M. P. Hobson, and S. J. Bence. *Mathematical Methods for Physics and Engineering.* Cambridge University Press, third edition, 2006.

John Roumeliotis. *A Boundary Integral Method Applied to Sokes Flow.* PhD thesis, University of New South Wales, 2000.

James Thomson. On certain curious Motions observable at the Surfaces of Wine and otherAlcoholic Liquors. *Philosophical Magazine Series 4*, 10:330–333, 1855.

Frank M. White. *Fluid Mechanics*. Mcgraw Hill, seventh edition, 1999.