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Code: https://github.com/dmalhotra/CSBQ

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Stokes simulations with fibers are key to modeling complex fluids (suspensions, rheology, industrial, biomedical, cellular biophysics).

#### Slender Body Theory (SBT):

- Asymptotic expansion in radius ( $\varepsilon$ ) as  $\varepsilon \to 0$  (Keller-Rubinow '76).
- Doublet correction to make velocity theta-independent (Johnson '80).





Drosophila oocyte (Stein et al. 2021)





Mitotic spindle (Nazockdast et al. 2015)

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ε	<b>u</b> <sub>exact</sub>	Rel-Error
1e-1	6.1492138359856e-2	0.5e-2
1e-2	9.0984522324584e-2	0.1e-3
1e-3	1.2015655889904e-1	0.2e-5
1e-4	1.4931932907587e-1	0.2e-7
1e-5	1.7848191313097e-1	0.3e-9



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Focus on rigid fibers in this talk -- flexible fibers for future.

Related work: Mitchell et al, '21 (mixed-BVP corresponding to flexible fiber loop)

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- piecewise Chebyshev (order q) discretization in s for  $x_c(s)$ ,  $\varepsilon(s)$ ,  $e_1(s)$
- Collocation nodes: tensor product of Chebyshev and Fourier discretization in angle with order  $N_{\theta}$ .





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#### Far-field

- Tensor product quad: Gauss-Legendre  $\times$  PTR
- Accelerate with PVFMM  $\mathcal{O}(N^2) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(N)$

#### **Near interactions**

Build special quadrature rules!

















 $\sim 26M$  modal Green's function evaluations/sec/core (Skylake 2.4GHz)









Instead build special quadrature rules!

- replace composite panel quadratures with a single quadrature.
- Separate rules for different aspect ratios (1  $10^4$  in powers of 2)

### Numerical Results - Stokes BVP





Exterior Stokes

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Dirichlet BVP:} & \boldsymbol{u}|_{\Gamma} = \boldsymbol{u}_{0}, \\ \Delta \boldsymbol{u} - \nabla p = \boldsymbol{0}, & \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}) \rightarrow \boldsymbol{0} \text{ as } |\boldsymbol{x}| \rightarrow \boldsymbol{0}, \\ \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{0}, \end{array}$ 

wire radius = 1.5e-3 to 4e-3wire length = 16

BIE formulation:  $(I/2 + D + S / (2\varepsilon \log \varepsilon^{-1})) \sigma = u_0$ 

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1.0e4	49	8	1e-02	5	3.5e-02	0.193	(5.4e4)	0.130	0.042	0.017	
2.6e4	103	12	1e-05	22	5.5e-05	0.572	(4.5e4)	4.039	0.045	0.215	
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4.704	157	20	1e-07	- 33	0.08-07	1.410	(0.004)	17.010	0.154	1.102	
8.3e4	157 227	20 24	1e-07 1e-08	38	4.5e-07	3.623	(2.3e4)	78.907	0.134	3.689	

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6.5e4	1e-02	4	2.1e-02	8.1	(8.0e+3)	6.5	1.28	1.4	
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6.5e4	1e-07	43	2.8e-06	23.5	(2.7e+3)	81.6	3.31	12.8	
6.5e4	1e-10	59	5.4e-08	35.6	(1.8e+3)	122.9	4.06	19.2	
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# Mobility problem

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$$\kappa(I/2+D) \sim 1/(\varepsilon^2 \log \varepsilon^{-1})$$

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64 rings.

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Optional dependencies: BLAS, LAPACK, FFTW, MPI, and PVFMM

#### Library overview

















# Applications





#### Step 1: Stokes Dirichlet boundary value problem (exterior)

• Stokes equations:

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#### Step 2: Integral Equation Formulation

• Boundary integral representation:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathcal{D}[\sigma] + \eta \, \mathcal{S}[\sigma] \quad \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \overline{\Omega},$$

where

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• Enforce boundary conditions:

$$(I/2 + D + \eta S)\sigma = \mathbf{u}_0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

Solve for unknown  $\sigma$ 





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#### Code:

Vector<Long> ElemOrder, FourierOrder; Vector<double> Xc, eps; // set vector data ...







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Boundary integral operator:



#### Step 5: Solve Integral Equation

```
Vector<double> sigma, U0(LayerPotenOp.Dim(0));
// set boundary condition U0
```

```
GMRES<double> solver;
solver(&sigma, BIO, U0, tol);
```



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#### Limitations and ongoing work:

• Flexible fibers -- applications in biological fluids.

#### Extra



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