

# *Presentación de líneas de investigación matemática para estudiantes*

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## Research lines:

### 1 Numerical approximation of Partial Differential Equations:

- Singularly perturbed problems
- Fractional differential equations

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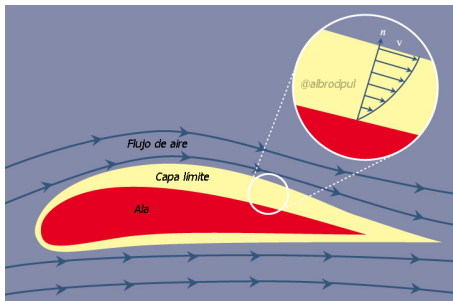
### 2 Applications:

(Computational Hydraulics Group, Department of Fluid Dynamics, University of Zaragoza)

# Singularly perturbed problems

**Some applications:** Environment, Fluid dynamics, Quantum mechanics, Elasticity, Chemical reactor theory, Semiconductor devices, Economics models, Physiological models.

**Multi-scale character** (narrow regions where the solution varies very rapidly, while away from the boundary the solution varies slowly)



# Singularly perturbed problems

Reaction–convection–diffusion problems:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_{\varepsilon} u \equiv -\varepsilon \Delta u + \mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla u + bu = f, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega = (0, 1)^2, \\ \\ \quad \quad \quad + \text{boundary conditions.} \end{array} \right.$$

- ★  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ : Singular perturbation parameter
- ★  $\varepsilon \Delta u$ : Diffusion term
- ★  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla u$ : Convection term
- ★  $bu$ : Reaction term

# Singularly perturbed problems

Example:

$$Lu \equiv -\varepsilon \Delta u + (1 + x^2)u_x + (1 + x)u = 4x(1 - x), \quad (x, y) \in \Omega = (0, 1)^2,$$
$$u(x, y) = 0, \quad (x, y) \in \partial\Omega.$$

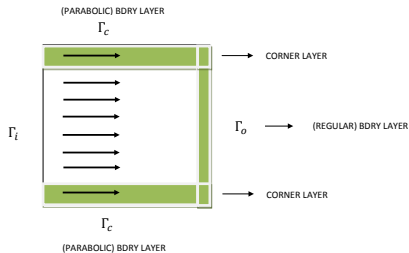
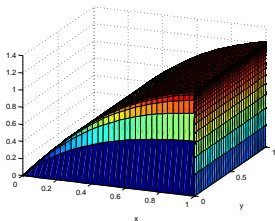


Figure: Computed solution for  $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$

# Singularly perturbed problems

*Robust or uniformly convergent schemes:*

$$\sup_{0 < \varepsilon \leq 1} \|U_h - u_h\|_{\infty, d} \leq CN^{-p},$$

where  $C$  is a constant independent of  $N$  and (also)  $\varepsilon$ .

**Fitted operator methods**

*(Quasi-)Uniform mesh + special discrete operator*

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*Layer-adapted mesh + classical discrete operator*

From the classical theory one has the crude bounds for the BVP:

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^{i+j} u}{\partial x^i \partial y^j} \right\|_{\infty} \leq C \varepsilon^{-(i+j)}.$$

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Singularly perturbed convection-diffusion problem:

$$Lu \equiv -\varepsilon \Delta u + au_x + bu = f, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega = (0, 1)^2, \\ u \text{ given in } \partial\Omega,$$

where  $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ ,  $a \geq \alpha > 0$  and  $b \geq \beta > 0$ .

Decompose the solution into

$$u = v + w_T + w_B + w_R + w_{TR} + w_{BR},$$

where

$$\left| \frac{\partial^{i+j} v}{\partial x^i \partial y^j} \right| \leq C(1 + \varepsilon^{2-(i+j)}), \quad 0 \leq i + j \leq 3,$$

$$w_R(x, y) \sim e^{-\alpha(1-x)/\varepsilon}, \quad \partial_x^i w_R(x, y) \sim \varepsilon^{-i} e^{-\alpha(1-x)/\varepsilon},$$

$$w_B(x, y) \sim e^{-\sqrt{\beta/\varepsilon}y}, \quad \partial_y^j w_B(x, y) \sim \varepsilon^{-j/2} e^{-\sqrt{\beta/\varepsilon}y},$$

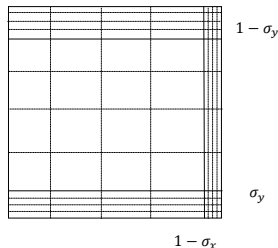
$$w_{TB}(x, y) \sim e^{-\sqrt{\beta/\varepsilon}y} e^{-\alpha(1-x)/\varepsilon}.$$

# Singularly perturbed problems

Transition parameters of the  
Shishkin mesh  $\bar{\Omega}^N$

$$\sigma_x = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{\alpha} \ln N \right\}$$

$$\sigma_y = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{4}, \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{\beta}} \ln N \right\}$$



The mesh is uniform in each one of the subintervals

x variable:  $[0, 1 - \sigma_x] \cup [1 - \sigma_x, 1]$ ,

y variable:  $[0, \sigma_y] \cup [\sigma_y, 1 - \sigma_y] \cup [1 - \sigma_y, 1]$ .

Upwind finite difference scheme

$$L^N U \equiv -\varepsilon (\delta_{xx}^2 + \delta_{yy}^2) U + a D_x^- U + b U = f, \quad \text{in } \Omega^N,$$

where  $\delta_{xx}^2$ ,  $\delta_{yy}^2$  and  $D_x^-$  are the standard central and backward difference approximations.



# Singularly perturbed problems

## Error analysis

The matrix associated to this scheme is an **M-matrix** and this scheme is **uniformly stable in the maximum norm**.

Denote the global  $e_h$  and truncation error  $\tau_h$  by

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## Result of convergence

The upwind finite difference scheme on the Shishkin mesh satisfies

$$\sup_{0 < \varepsilon \leq 1} \|U_h - u_h\|_{\infty, d} \leq CN^{-1} \ln^2 N.$$

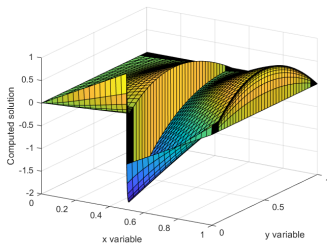
# Extensions to other singular perturbed problems

Discontinuous boundary conditions/forcing term

$$-\varepsilon \Delta u + (1 + x + y)u_x + (2 - xy)u = 64x(1 - x)y(1 - y),$$
$$(x, y) \in \Omega = (0, 1)^2,$$

$$u(x, y) = 0, \quad (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \setminus \{y = 0\},$$

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } 0 < x < 0.5, \\ -2(1 - x), & \text{if } 0.5 < x < 1. \end{cases}$$



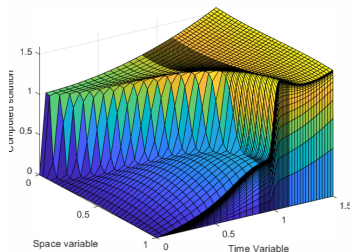
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Singularly perturbed initial-boundary value problems with discontinuous data:  $u(0^-, t) \neq u(x, 0^+)$

$$u_t - \varepsilon u_{xx} + (1 + 3t^2 - 2t)u_x = 4x(1 - x), \quad (x, t) \in (0, 1) \times (0, 1.5],$$

$$u(x, 0) = x^3(1 - x)^3, \quad x \in (0, 1),$$

$$u(0, t) = 1 + 0.25t^2, \quad u(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, 1.5].$$



# Fractional differential equations

We consider the following class of problems

$$Lu := D_t^\alpha u - p \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + c(x)u = f(x, t),$$

(+ Initial and boundary conditions)

for  $(x, t) \in Q := (0, l) \times (0, T]$  and  $D_t^\alpha$  is the **Caputo fractional derivative** of order  $\alpha$  with  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and it is defined by

$$D_t^\alpha u(x, t) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_{s=0}^t \boxed{(t-s)^{-\alpha}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial s}(x, s) ds.$$

The definition is **not** local (unlike classical derivatives).

Origins of Fractional Calculus: Letter from L'Hôpital to Leibniz in 1695.

# *Anomalous dynamics in complex systems and non-local temporal phenomena.*

**Anomalous diffusion** (subdiffusion and superdiffusion processes) explains a number of phenomena in several areas of physics, astrophysics, finance, biology, ecology, geophysics, chemistry, medicine, geology, bioengineering, among others.

## **Some applications:**

- Viscoelastic materials

- Semiconductor materials

- Financial markets

- Transport in plasma

- Control theory

- Porous media (heterogeneous porous aquifer, contaminant transport, seepage flow, fractured reservoirs,...)

# Fractional differential equations

The solution in  $Q = (0, \pi) \times (0, T]$  of the **fractional heat equation**

$$D_t^\alpha u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = \sin(x),$$

is  $u(x, t) = E_\alpha(-t^\alpha) \sin(x)$  where

$$E_\alpha(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)},$$

(Mittag-Leffler function)



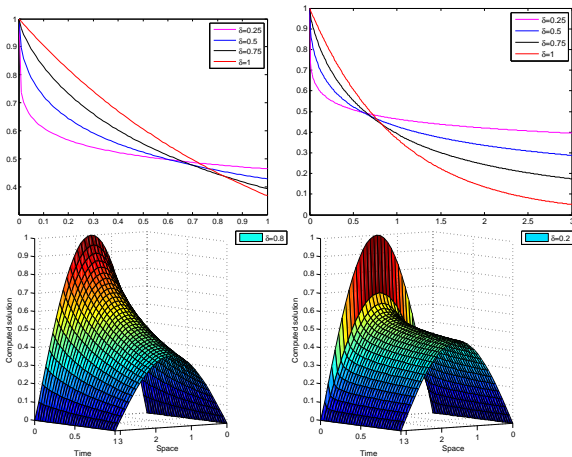
(1846-1927)

and the derivatives of this function satisfy

$$E'_\alpha(-t^\alpha) = \mathcal{O}(t^{\alpha-1}), \quad E''_\alpha(-t^\alpha) = \mathcal{O}(t^{\alpha-2}) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore, **the derivatives of  $u$  blow-up at  $t = 0$**  since  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

# Fractional differential equations



*Figure:* Mittag-Leffler function and exact solution  $u(x, t) = E_\alpha(-t^\alpha) \sin(x)$



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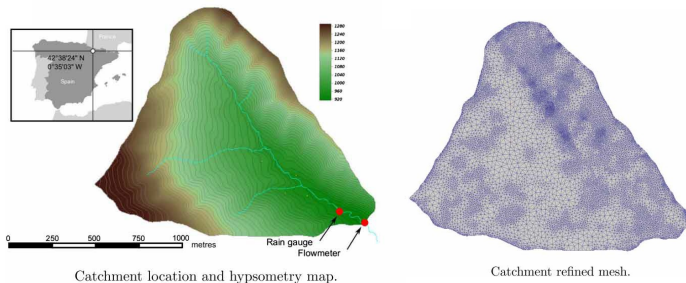
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## Many open questions:

- Type of fractional derivative (Caputo, Riemann-Liouville, Patie-Simon, ...)
- Definition of the boundary conditions
- Behaviour of the solution
- Numerical scheme and error analysis, ...

# Applications: Computational Hydraulics Group, UZ

## Arnás Catchment



*Figure: Simulation of rainfall/runoff in real catchments*

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The model combines

- 2D shallow water flow model:

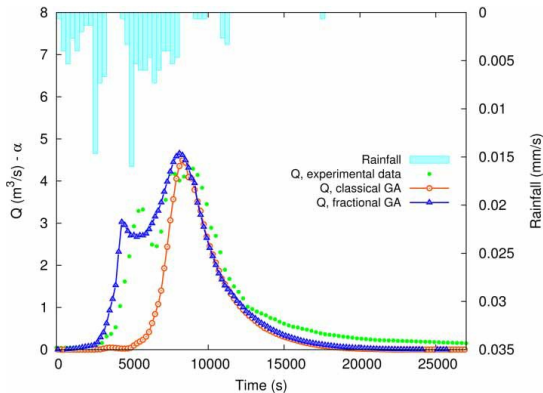
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U})}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{U})}{\partial y} = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}, \quad \mathbf{U} = (h, q_x, q_y)^T.$$

- fractional Green-Ampt infiltration law: it is based on the Darcy's law in the saturated area:

$$q = K_\alpha D_C^\alpha H, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

where  $q$  is the vertical flux,  $K_\alpha$  is the hydraulic conductivity and  $H$  is the hydraulic head.

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*Figure:* Hydrograph of outlet discharge  $Q$

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