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INTRODUCTION TO MICROFLUIDICS

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Lubrication

Microfilters

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> Investigate rarefied gas transport in ultra-thin gas lubricating films.

>Derive a modified slip-corrected Reynolds lubrication equation

Uniformly valid for a wide range of Knudsen numbers and bearing numbers

➢Accurately predict

- Velocity profiles
- Pressure distribution
- Load capacity
- **Skin friction**

in different rarefaction regions for various slider bearing configurations.

OBJECTIVES (contd..)

➤Validate the new model by:

>Comparisons with the **Direct Simulation Monte Carlo (DSMC)** results available in the literature.

>Numerical solutions of the uniformly valid Molecular Gas Lubrication

Equation derived using the Boltzmann equation

Investigate the variation of lubrication characteristics with bearing number and the degree of rarefaction.

> Address some crucial issues in the nano-scale design of computer hard drives.

























Modified slip-corrected Reynolds Equation (contd..)

$$\dot{M} = -\frac{\rho h^3}{12\mu_o} \frac{dp}{dx} (1 + \alpha Kn) \left[1 + \frac{6Kn}{1 + Kn} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_o h$$
Function of x
Taking the gradient of the above equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (ph^3 \frac{dp}{dx} (1 + \alpha Kn)(1 + \frac{6Kn}{1 + Kn})) = 6\mu_o \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (phU_o)$$
In non-dimensional form:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial X} (PH^3 \frac{dP}{dX} (1 + \alpha Kn)(1 + \frac{6Kn}{1 + Kn})) = \Lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial X} (PH)$$
where,

$$X = \frac{x}{L}; H = \frac{h}{h_o}; P = \frac{p}{P_a}; \Lambda = \frac{6\mu_o U_a L}{P_a h_o^2}$$
Also, local Knudsen number (Kn) = Kn_o/(PH); where Kn_o is the outlet Knudsen number.



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- Pressure distribution and Load capacity
 - O Solve the Modified slip-corrected Reynolds equation.
- > The modified slip-corrected Reynolds equation is
 - O Highly non-linear.
 - O Closed form solutions for the most general case do not exist.

Solved numerically using a second-order accurate finite difference method.

FINITE DIFFERENCE FORMULATION
EQUATION:
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial X} (PH^3 \frac{dP}{dX} (1 + \alpha \frac{Kn_o}{PH}) (1 + \frac{6Kn_o}{PH + Kn_o})) = \Lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (PH)$$

BOUNDARY CONDITIONS: $P(X=0)=1$ and $P(X=1)=1$ $H = H_1(1-X) + X$
We set ψ =PH and transform the above equation
 $\frac{d}{dX} \Big[C_1 H \frac{d\psi}{dX} - (C_2 + \Lambda) \psi \Big] = 0$
 $C_1 = \frac{(\psi + \alpha Kn_o)(\psi + 7Kn_o)}{(\psi + \alpha Kn_o)}, C_2 = C_1(1-H_1)$
If the function $\psi(X)$ be expanded about a point X_k using a Taylor's series expansion, we can get the derivatives of ψ at X_k

$$\frac{d\psi}{dX} = \frac{\psi_{k+1} - \psi_{k-1}}{2\Delta X} - \frac{(\Delta X)^2}{6}\psi_{xxx} + \dots$$
$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dX^2} = \frac{\psi_{k+1} - 2\psi_k + \psi_{k-1}}{(\Delta X)^2} - \frac{(\Delta X)^2}{12}\psi_{xxxx} + \dots$$





$$\frac{d}{dX} \left[C_1 H \frac{d\psi}{dX} - (C_2 + \Lambda) \psi \right] = 0$$
$$C_1 = \frac{(\psi + \alpha K n_o)(\psi + 7K n_o)}{(\psi + \alpha K n_o)}, C_2 = C_1 (1 - H_1)$$

> Above equation is discretized using a second-order accurate finite difference approximation

Resulting set of non-linear equations solved using a *direct iteration*/*Picard method*

Iterative method

Seeks approximate solutions to the discretized equations by linearization

Initial solution at the start of iteration is important

O Based on our qualitative understanding of the solution behavior.

 ${\rm O}~$ Solution from a linearized Reynolds equation is used as the initial solution.































CONCLUSIONS (cont..)

- Validation by
 - Solutions of generalized lubrication equation
 - DSMC
- Crucial issues in the nano-scale design of computer hard drives
 Lift force/Load capacity Directly related to flying height of slider.
 - Shear drag/ Skin friction Accurate modeling of shear drag forces induced by air resistance to track access motion of sliders required for accurate prediction of actuator power consumption.













































$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Sphere in a Pipe} \\ \textbf{Stokes Flow, Sphere moving in a pipe w/velocity U (Haberman & Sayre, 1958)} \\ \\ \textbf{F}_{D} = \frac{6 \pi \mu U R \left(1 - 0.75857 (\frac{D}{H})^{5}\right)}{\left(1 - 2.1050 \frac{D}{H} + 2.0865 (\frac{D}{H})^{3} - 1.7068 (\frac{D}{H})^{5} + 0.72603 (\frac{D}{H})^{6}\right)} \\ \\ \textbf{Stokes Flow, Stationary sphere in a pipe with maximum flow velocity U} \\ \\ \\ \textbf{F}_{D} = \frac{6 \pi \mu U R \left(1 - \frac{2}{3} (\frac{D}{H})^{2} - 0.20217 (\frac{D}{H})^{5}\right)}{\left(1 - 2.1050 \frac{D}{H} + 2.0865 (\frac{D}{H})^{3} - 1.7068 (\frac{D}{H})^{5} + 0.72603 (\frac{D}{H})^{6}\right)} \\ \end{array}$$

