A Linearization Technique for Nonlinear Parabolic Problems in Porous Media

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We look for such a scheme for nonlinear PDEs in the study of porous flows



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Domain decomposition schemes for unsaturated and two-phase cases (Seus *et al.* (2018))



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^aRadu *et al.* (2006)

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The Global Scheme: L-scheme

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The \mathfrak{M} -scheme converges linearly in $H^1(\Omega) \cap L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ for all $\tau > 0$, $m \ge 0$ with convergence rate

$$\alpha = \sup \frac{\left\| u_n^i - u_n \right\|_{\chi}}{\left\| u_n^{i-1} - u_n \right\|_{\chi}} \le \sqrt{\frac{2\mathfrak{M}}{2\mathfrak{M} + C_\Omega \mathcal{D}_m}}, \quad \chi \in \{H^1(\Omega), L^\infty(\Omega)\}$$



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^avan Genuchten. (1980)

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Mesh Study





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• For t = 0.5, $\mathfrak{M} = 10$, L = 1





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Timestep Study

• For t = .5, h = 0.05, $\mathfrak{M} = 10$





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Other Problems

Two Phase Equation: The \mathfrak{M} -scheme given as

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with $L_n^i:=-P_c{'}(S_{w,n}^{i-1})+\mathfrak{M}\tau$

Theorem 3.1 With
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 define
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Assume for $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $p_n \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$ and $||S_n^i - S_n||_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} < \Lambda \tau$ for some $\Lambda > 0$. Then $e_n^i \to 0$ as $i \to \infty$ for τ small enough and \mathfrak{M} large enough. Moreover, if $P_c'(S) < 0$ and $P_c \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ then for small enough τ

$$\frac{e_n^i}{e_n^{i-1}} = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\tau}).$$

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Theorem 4.2 If $\mathcal{T} > 0$ then there exists $\hat{\tau} > 0$ independent of \mathcal{T} such that for $\tau < \hat{\tau}$ and large enough \mathfrak{M} , $(S_{w,n}^i, p_n^i)$ converges in $H^1(\Omega)$



Numerical Results

• For^a T = .1, L = 100, $\mathfrak{M} = 1$, h = .1, $\tau = .001$, t = 10



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