

# **Two bubbles in Stokes Flow**

## **Exact Solutions and Constraints**

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# Bubbles in 2-D Stokes Flow: Eqns and BCs

$$\mathbf{u} = (\psi_y, -\psi_x) \text{ in } D$$

$$\nabla^4 \psi = 0.$$

On  $\partial D$ :

$$-pn_j + 2e_{jk}n_k = \kappa n_j,$$

$$V_n = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n},$$

$p, e, \kappa, \mathbf{n}$ : pressure, strain, curvature and normal.  $V_n$ : normal interface velocity

$$\mathbf{u} \sim (\beta(t)x, -\beta(t)y) + o(1) \text{ at } \infty$$

# Background

**Problem of interest to study of bubble coalescence**

**Exact solutions (singly connected domain):**

Richardson (1968), Hopper (1990), Antanovskii (1994), Howison & Richardson (1994), Tanveer & Vasconcelos ('94,'95), Siegel,...

**Rigorous general context results**

Prokert (1995), Solonnikov (1999), ..

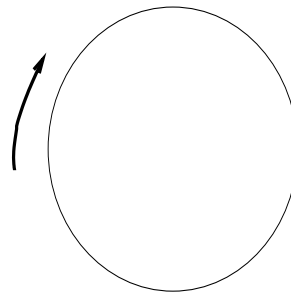
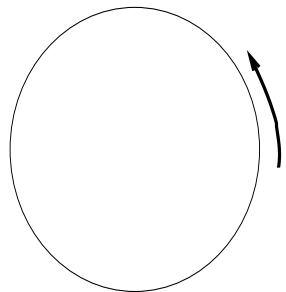
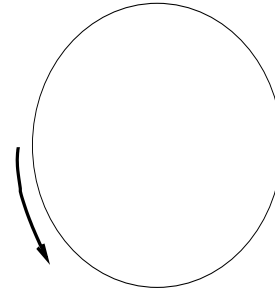
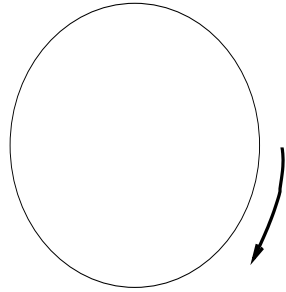
**Methodology for multiply connected domains**

Crowdy & Tanveer, '98, Richardson '99, Crowdy, '02, '03, ...

**A lot of numerical work**

Pozrikidis, Kuiken, Kropinski,.....

# Taylor's Four-Roll Experiment



# Goursat Function Representation and Symmetry

Configuration retains mirror-symmetry about  $x$  &  $y$ -axis

Goursat function representation of flow:

$$\psi = \text{Im} [\bar{z}f(z, t) + g(z, t)]$$

$$u + iv = -f(z, t) + z\bar{f}'(\bar{z}, t) + \bar{g}'(\bar{z}, t)$$

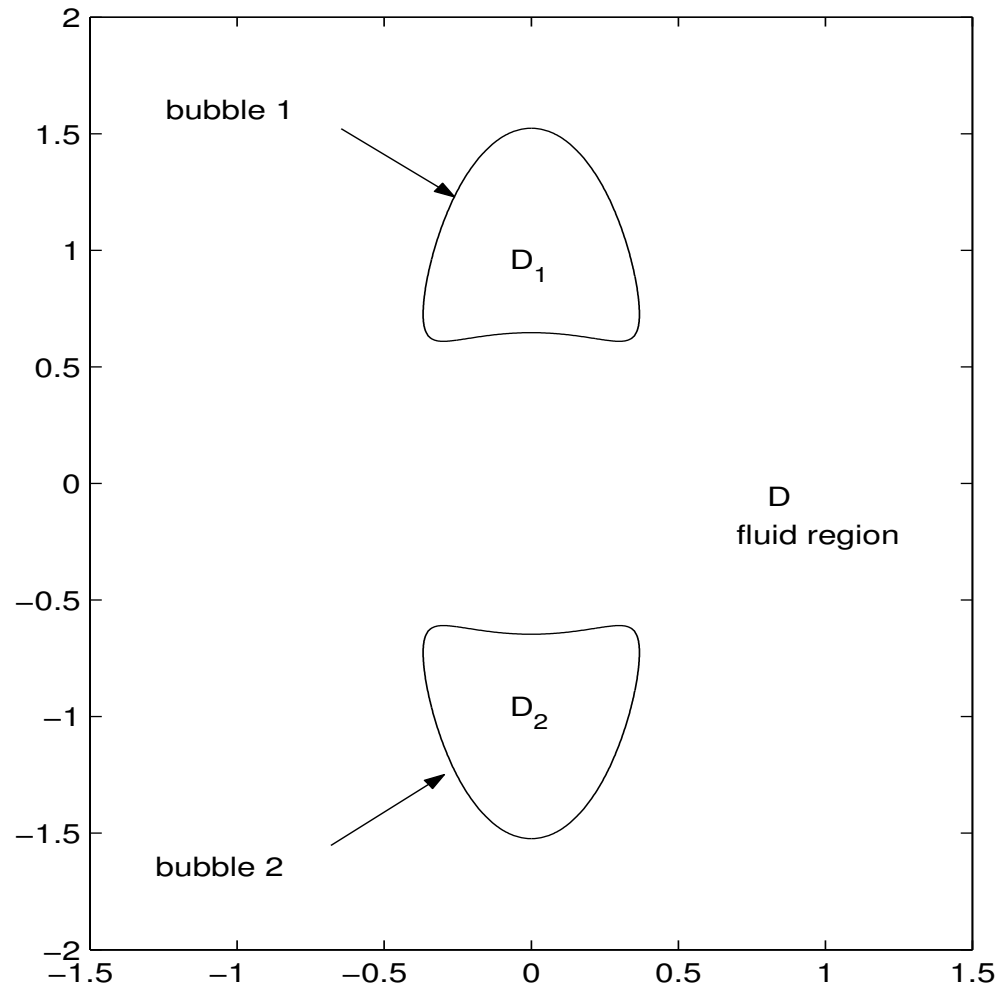
Stress BC on  $\partial D_1$  and  $\partial D_2$ :

$$f(z, t) + z\bar{f}'(\bar{z}, t) + \bar{g}'(\bar{z}, t) = -i\frac{z_s}{2} + \mathcal{A}_1$$

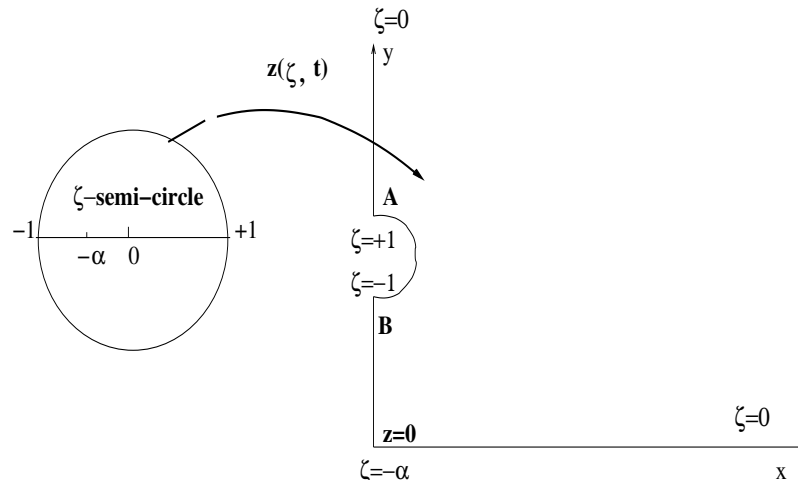
$$f(z, t) + z\bar{f}'(\bar{z}, t) + \bar{g}'(\bar{z}, t) = -i\frac{z_s}{2} + \mathcal{A}_2$$

Symmetry implies  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}_2^* = -\mathcal{A}_1^*$

# Symmetric 2-bubble configuration



# Conformal map from semi-circle to 1st Quad



$$z(\zeta, t) = i\zeta^{-1/2}(\zeta + \alpha)^{1/2}(1 + \alpha\zeta)^{-1/2}h(\zeta, t)$$

$$h(\zeta, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h_n(t)\zeta^n \text{ analytic for } |\zeta| < 1$$

$$h(\zeta, t) = \sum_{n=0}^N h_n(t)\zeta^n \text{ exact solution for any } N$$

# Equation satisfied by $h(\zeta, t)$ in $|\zeta| > 1$

$$h_t = \zeta q_1 h_\zeta + q_2 h + q_3, \quad q_j \text{ analytic in } |\zeta| > 1$$

*Theorem: If  $h(\zeta, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^N h_n \zeta^n$ , then  $h(\zeta, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N h_n(t) \zeta^n$  as long as solution exists with analytic shapes*

$$\begin{aligned} X_k = & \alpha h_0 h_{k-2} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-k} [2(1 + \alpha^2)(j + 1)h_{j+1} \\ & - \alpha(2j + 1)h_j] h_{k+j} - \alpha \sum_{j=1}^{N-k+2} (2j - 1)h_j h_{k+j-2} \end{aligned}$$

**Canonical variables:  $X_k, k = 1, \dots, N + 2$**



## ODEs for $X_k, \alpha$ :

$$\dot{X}_n = -(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{N-n} I_k X_{n+k} - 2\alpha h_0^2 \beta(t) \delta_{n,2}$$

$$\dot{X}_1 = -\frac{m(t)}{\pi}$$

$$I_0(t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{|z_\zeta(e^{i\theta}, t)|}, \quad I_k(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos(k\theta) d\theta}{|z_\zeta(e^{i\theta}, t)|}$$

$$\dot{\alpha} = -\alpha \mathcal{I}(\alpha, t)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\alpha, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + \alpha}{e^{i\theta} - \alpha} \frac{1}{|z_\zeta(e^{i\theta}, t)|} d\theta$$

# Alternative Cauchy Transform Approach

For  $z \in D_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ , inside of one of two bubbles

$$C_k(z, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D(t)} \frac{\bar{z}' dz'}{z' - z}$$

**Note: If bubble areas given, Cauchy Transforms completely determine  $D(t)$**

*Lemma: If domain  $D(t)$  is invariant under transformation  $z \rightarrow z^*$  and  $z \rightarrow -z$ , i.e. reflectionally symmetric about both  $x$ - $y$  axis, then  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}_2 = 0$  implies  $C_1(z, t) = C_2(z, t)$*

# Invariance of meromorphic representation

*Theorem: If  $C(z, t)$  is a meromorphic function initially with a finite number of simple poles in  $D$ , then as long as solution exists,*

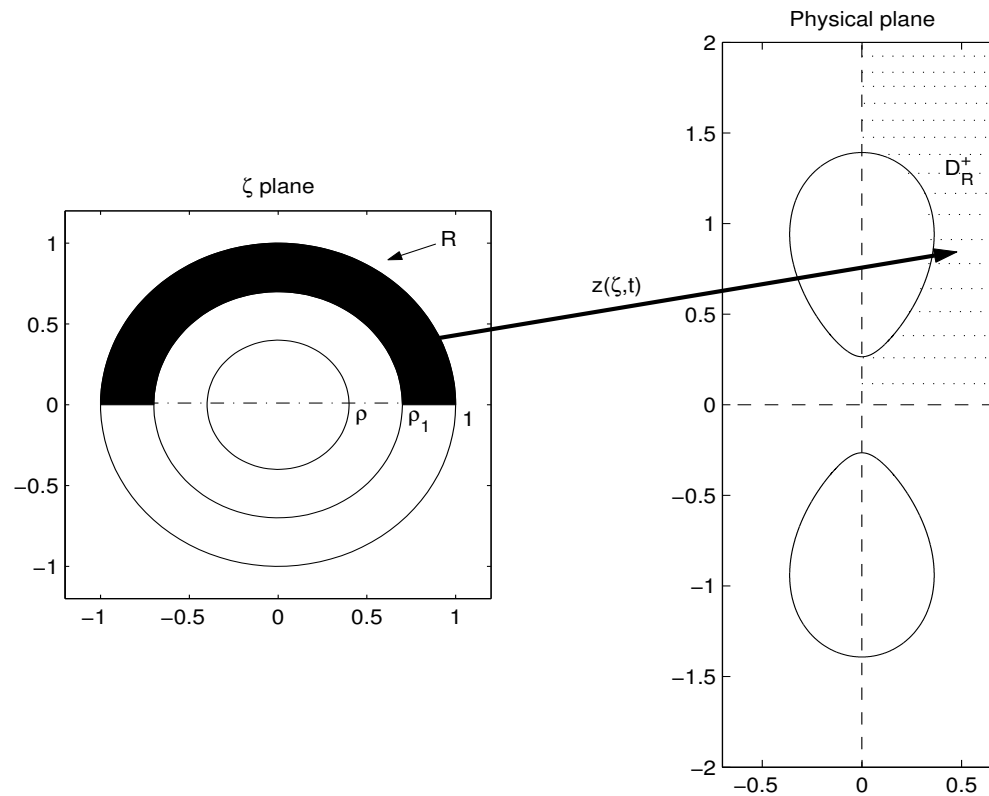
$$C(z, t) = A_\infty(t)z + \frac{A_0(t)}{z} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{2A_j(t)z}{z^2 - z_j^2(t)}$$

**where  $A_j(t) = A_j(0)$  for  $j = 0 \dots N$  and**

$$\dot{A}_\infty - p_\infty(t)A_\infty = 2\beta(t) \quad , \quad \dot{z}_j = -2f(z_j(t), t)$$

**Symmetry implies if  $z_j$  is complex, then there exists some  $j' \neq j$  so that  $z_{j'} = z_j^*$ . Same applies to  $A_j$ . However,  $A_0, A_\infty$  must be real.**

# Mapping from annular region to $D(t)$



**Note:**  $\zeta = \pm \rho_1 = \pm \sqrt{\rho(t)}$  corresponds to  $z = \infty, z = 0$

# Representation of Exact Solutions

*Theorem: When  $C(z, 0)$  is initially meromorphic with a finite number of poles, then*

$$z(\zeta, t) = iR(t) \left[ \frac{P(-\zeta\sqrt{\rho}^{-1}; \rho)P(-\zeta\sqrt{\rho}; \rho)}{P(\zeta\sqrt{\rho}^{-1}; \rho)P(\zeta\sqrt{\rho}; \rho)} \right] L(\zeta, \eta_0, -1; \rho) \\ \times \left( \prod_{j=1}^N L(\zeta, \eta_j, \zeta_j; \rho) \right)$$

**where**

$$P(\zeta; \rho) = (1 - \zeta) \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - \rho^{2k}\zeta)(1 - \rho^{2k}\zeta^{-1}),$$

$$L(\zeta, \eta_j, \zeta_j; \rho) = \frac{P(\zeta\sqrt{\rho}\eta_j; \rho)P(\zeta\sqrt{\rho}\eta_j^{-1}; \rho)}{P(\zeta\sqrt{\rho}\zeta_j; \rho)P(\zeta\sqrt{\rho}\zeta_j^{-1}; \rho)}.$$

# Equations for parameters in Exact Solution

**Lemma:** Image of  $\bar{\zeta}_j^{-1}$  under  $z(\zeta, t)$  corresponds to  $z_j$ , the poles of  $C(z, t)$ . Further, condition  $\dot{z}_j = -2f(z_j, t)$  translates to:

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\bar{\zeta}_j^{-1}] = -\bar{\zeta}_j^{-1} \mathcal{I}(\bar{\zeta}_j^{-1}, t)$$

where  $\mathcal{I}(\zeta, t) = \mathcal{I}^+(\zeta, t) - \mathcal{I}^-(\zeta, t) + I_c(t)$

$$\mathcal{I}^+(\zeta, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\zeta|=1} \frac{d\zeta'}{\zeta'} \left( 1 - 2 \frac{\zeta}{\zeta'} \frac{P'(\zeta\zeta'^{-1}; \rho)}{P(\zeta\zeta'^{-1}; \rho)} \right) \frac{1}{2|z_\zeta(\zeta', t)|},$$

$$\mathcal{I}^-(\zeta, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\zeta|=\rho} \frac{d\zeta'}{\zeta'} \left( 1 - 2 \frac{\zeta}{\zeta'} \frac{P'(\zeta\zeta'^{-1}; \rho)}{P(\zeta\zeta'^{-1}; \rho)} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{2\rho|z_\zeta(\zeta', t)|} - \frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} \right)$$

# Equations for parameters in Exact Solution-Contd.

$$\mathcal{I}_c(t) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\zeta|=\rho} \frac{d\zeta'}{\zeta'} \left( -\frac{1}{2\rho |z_\zeta(\zeta', t)|} - \frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} \right)$$

Further,  $\rho(t)$ ,  $A_\infty$  satisfy

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sqrt{\rho} = -\sqrt{\rho} \mathcal{I}(\sqrt{\rho}, t)$$

$$\beta(t) = \frac{A_\infty}{2} + A_\infty \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} + I(\sqrt{\rho}, t) + \sqrt{\rho} I_\zeta(\sqrt{\rho}, t) \right)$$

where  $a$  is the residue of  $z(\zeta, t)$  at  $\zeta = \sqrt{\rho}$

$$A_j(t) = A_j(0) \quad \text{for } j = 0, \dots, N$$

# Determination of parameters

*Lemma: Residues of  $C(z, t)$  of  $A_j(t)$ ,  $A_\infty(t)$  determined by conformal mapping parameters  $\zeta_j(t)$ ,  $\eta_j(t)$ ,  $\rho(t)$  and  $R(t)$  from matching residues at  $\zeta = \zeta_j$  of the equation*

$$\bar{z}(\zeta^{-1}, t) = C(z(\zeta, t), t) - E_1(z(\zeta, t))$$

*where  $E_1(z(\zeta, t), t)$  to be analytic in  $\rho < |\zeta| < 1$ .*

**Note: If  $\beta(t)$  specified, all together,  $2N + 2$  equations for  $2N + 2$  parameters  $\zeta_j$ ,  $\eta_j$ ,  $\rho$  and  $R(t)$**

**No freedom left in specifying area!**

**Alternatively, for specified area,  $\beta(t)$  determined from the flow.**



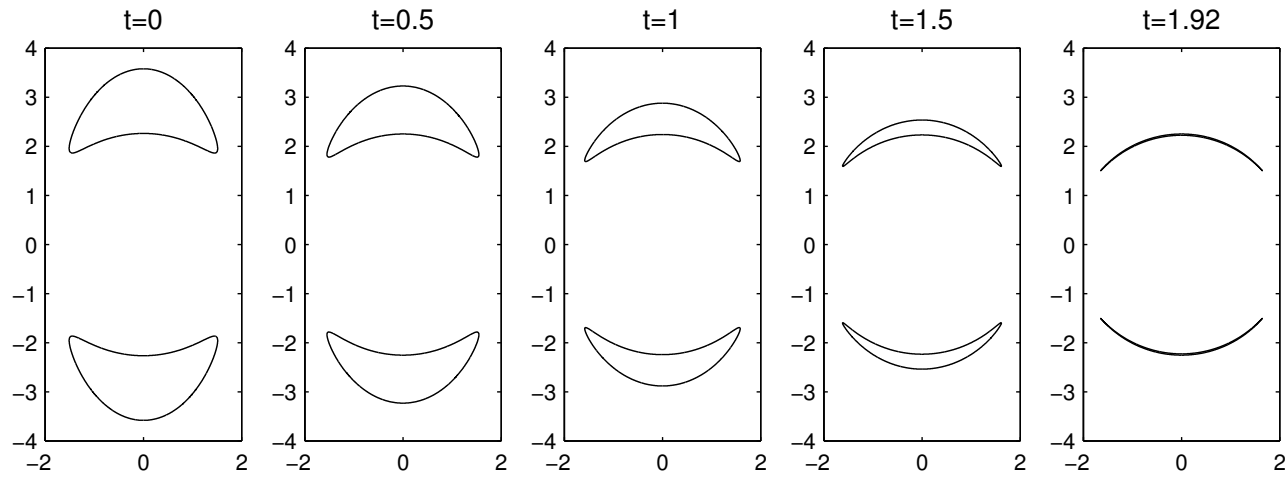
# Computation for Special Cases

$$z(\zeta, t) = \frac{P(-\zeta/\sqrt{\rho}, \rho)P(-\zeta\sqrt{\rho}, \rho)}{P(\zeta/\sqrt{\rho}, \rho)P(\zeta\sqrt{\rho}, \rho)} \\ \times \left( R_2 + R_1 \frac{P(i\zeta\sqrt{\rho}, \rho)P(-i\zeta\sqrt{\rho}, \rho)}{P(-\zeta\sqrt{\rho}, \rho)P(-\zeta\sqrt{\rho}, \rho)} \right)$$

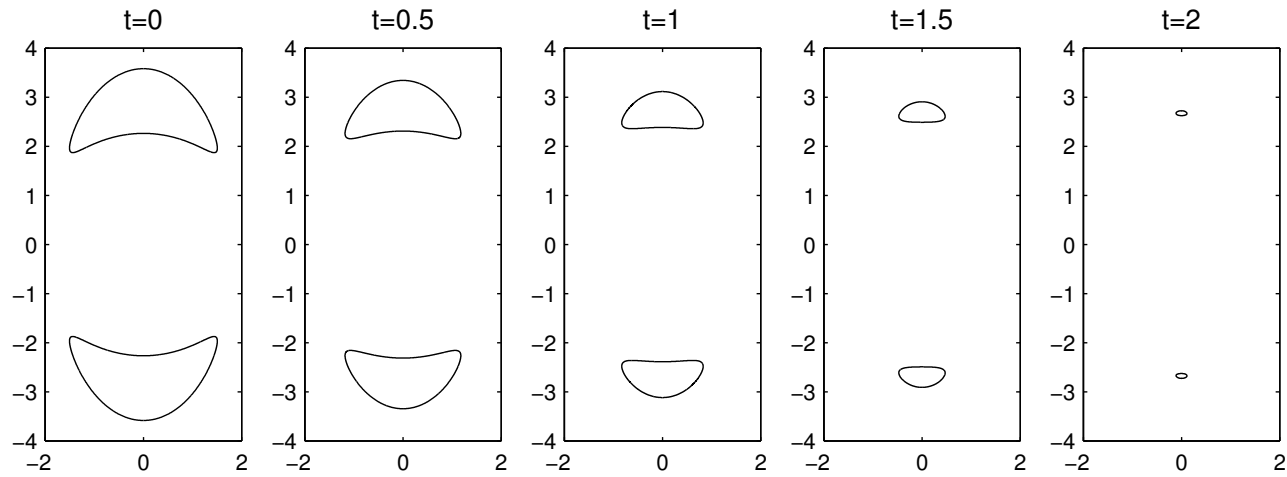
**Note: Actually in the form of  $N = 1$  exact solution**

**For given  $\beta$ , unknown parameters are  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $\rho$**

# Exact solution for $\sigma = 1, \beta = 0.1$



# Exact solution for $\sigma = 1, \beta = 0$



# Numerical Solutions for $\mathcal{A}_1 \neq 0$

Can specify bubble area and  $\beta$ . In annular rep.:

$$z(\zeta, t) = \frac{ia}{\zeta - \sqrt{\rho}} + i \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n \zeta^n$$

$$F(\zeta, t) = \frac{iF_\infty}{\zeta - \sqrt{\rho}} + i \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F_n \zeta^n$$

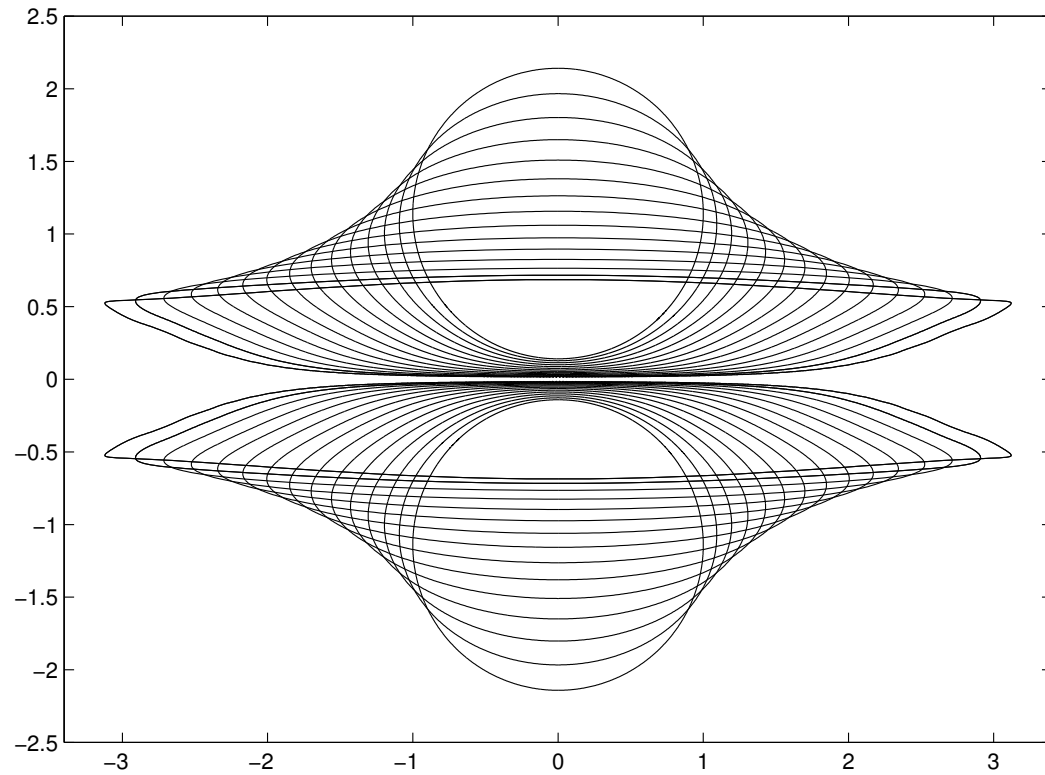
$$G(\zeta, t) = \frac{iG_\infty}{\zeta - \sqrt{\rho}} + i \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} G_n \zeta^n$$

$F_\infty, G_\infty$  related to  $p_\infty$  and  $\beta$

Stress relations gives  $G_n, F_n$  in terms of  $a_n$

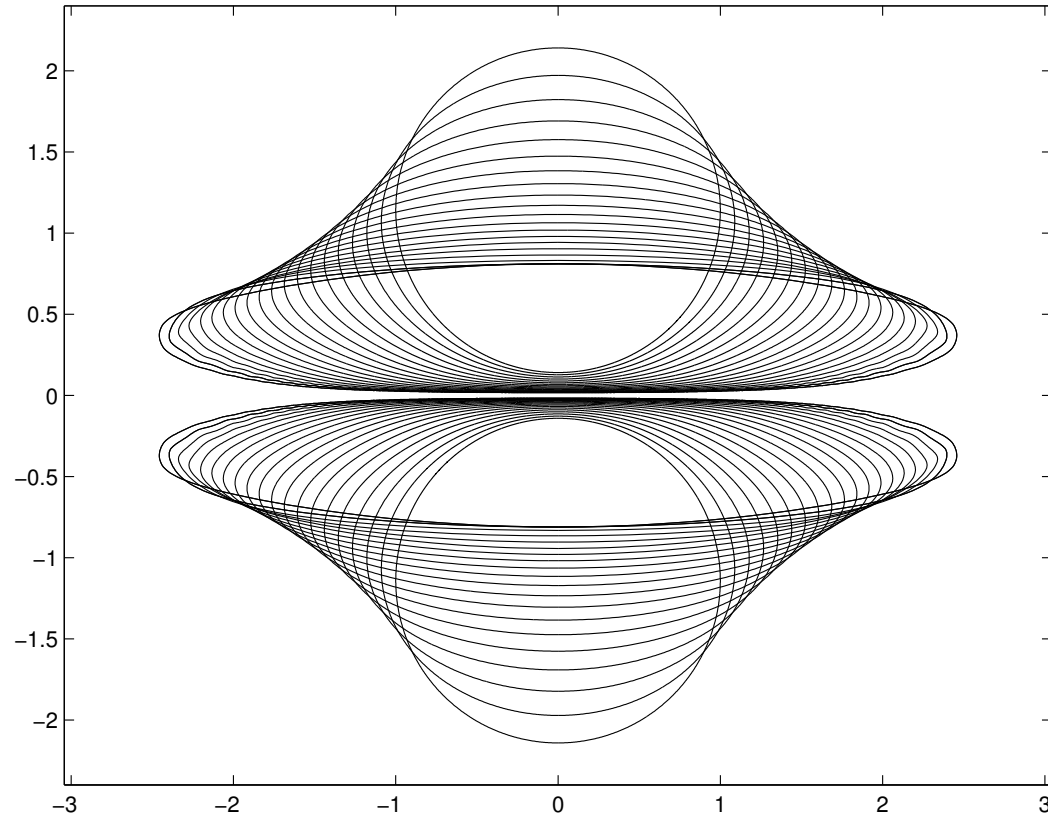
Truncation gives ODEs for  $a_n(t), a(t), \rho(t)$

$\sigma = 0, \beta = 0.5$  evolution



Times shown:  $t = 0, (0.1), 1.5$

$\sigma = 1, \beta = 0.5$  evolution



Times shown:  $t = 0, (0.1), 1.9$

# Conclusion

1. For a two-bubble configuration, there is a constraint between bubble area and straining rate at  $\infty$  within class of exact solutions.
2. More general solutions outside this class determined numerically
3. Bubbles appear to come close indefinitely
4. For shrinking bubbles, bubble can shrink to a line or a point, depending on straining rate.
5. Mathematics of Cauchy Transform and conformal map is attractive for domains with higher connectivity, having certain rotational symmetries.