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Strong and periodic solutions of Navier-Stokes equations, in 2D, with non-local viscosity

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Abstract: In this article we study the existence of periodic and strong solutions of Navier-Stokes equations, in two dimensions, with non-local viscosity.

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1. Introduction

onsider the following initial-boundary value problem for the Navier-Stokes equations in two dimensions with non-local viscosity. It means, find a vector function

$$u: \Omega \times [0,T] \to \mathbb{R}^2$$
,

and a scalar function

$$p: \Omega \times [0,T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

satisfying

$$\frac{du(x,t)}{dt} - c(l(u_1(x,t)), l(u_2(x,t)))\Delta u(x,t) + (u(x,t) \cdot \nabla)u(x,t) + \nabla p(x) = f(x,t) \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0,T), \quad (1)$$

$$div(\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x})) = 0 \qquad \qquad \text{on } \Omega, \quad (2)$$

$$u(x,t) = g$$
 on $\partial \Omega$, (3)

$$\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x},0) = \boldsymbol{u}_0(\boldsymbol{x}) \qquad \qquad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (4)$$

where Ω is a domain sufficiently regular, $\partial \Omega$ its boundary well regular, and we have that $c(l(u_1(x,t)), l(u_2(x,t)))$ satisfies these hypotheses: Given $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

(A1) $0 < c_{-} \le c(x_1, x_2) \le c_{+}$, (A2) $|c(x) - c(y)| \le A_1 |x_1 - y_1| + A_2 |x_2 - y_2|$, for some $A_1, A_2 > 0$,

and $l : L^2(\Omega) \to \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous linear functional, defined by $u \mapsto \int_{\Omega} u d\Omega$.

We mentioned that the existence, uniqueness and exponential decay of the solution to the problem (1)-(4) were studied by Ferreira, Shahrouzi, Andrade and Panni in [9].

The motivation to study this kind of problem is we can describe motion of fluids which viscosity depends of time and satisfies the hypotheses (A1) - (A2), and, when $c(l(u_1(x, t)), l(u_2(x, t))) = \mu$, constant, we obtain the regular Navier-Stokes equations in two dimensions. This non-local term was introduced by Chipot [1], and it arrives naturally when we study the growth of a bacteria population, one kind of this problem was suggested by Ladyzhenskaya [2] where $c(t) := \mu_0 + \mu_1 || u(t) ||^2$ when μ_0 and μ_1 are positive constants.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In $\S2$, we recall some notations, the weak formulation, lemmas and theorems. In $\S3$, we study the existence of strong solutions to the problem (1)-(4). In $\S4$, we introduce the existence of periodic solutions using Brouwer's fixed point theorem. The conclusions of the paper are presented in $\S5$.

2. Preliminaries

In this section we introduce some notations, achieve weak formulation and enunciate some important results.

2.1. Notations

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a regular domain with $\partial\Omega$ a well regular boundary. We denote the inner product in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ by $((\cdot, \cdot))$ and (\cdot, \cdot) in $L^2(\Omega)$, and norms respectively by $\|\cdot\|$ and $|\cdot|$. By $H_0^1(\Omega)$ we denote $(H_0^1(\Omega))^2$ and, $L^2(\Omega)$ by $(L(\Omega))^2$. The set \mathfrak{V} is the set of all distributions $u : (\mathcal{D}(\Omega))^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$, which its divergent is null, in other words, $\mathfrak{V}(\Omega) := \{u \in (\mathcal{D}(\Omega))^2; div(u) = 0\}$. Also, we denote the closure of $\mathfrak{V}(\Omega)$ in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ by V and the closure of $\mathfrak{V}(\Omega)$ in $(L(\Omega))^2$ by H.

A well known propriety of non-local term, see [3–7], is that this term commutes with spatial integral sign

$$\int_{\Omega} c(l(u_1), l(u_2)) \boldsymbol{u} d\Omega = c(l(u_1), l(u_2)) \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{u} d\Omega.$$

2.2. Weak formulation

Consider $v \in V$. Doing inner-product in $L^2(\Omega)$ with Eq. (1) we get,

$$\left(\frac{d\boldsymbol{u}(x,t)}{dt},\boldsymbol{v}(x)\right) - c(l(u_1),l(u_2))(\nabla \boldsymbol{u}(x,t),\boldsymbol{v}(x)) + ((\boldsymbol{u}(x,t)\cdot\nabla)\boldsymbol{u}(x,t),\boldsymbol{v}(x)) + (\nabla p(x),\boldsymbol{v}(x)), = (f(x,t),\boldsymbol{v}).$$

By green first identity and integration by parts,

$$\frac{d}{dt}(u(x,t),v(x)) + c(l(u_1),l(u_2))((u(x,t),v(x))) + ((u(x,t)\cdot\nabla)u(x,t),v(x)) = (f(x,t),v(x)).$$

Now we define a bilinear form a(u, v) := ((u, v)) and a trilinear form $b(u, v, w) := ((u \cdot \nabla)v, w)$, and then we obtain the weak form of Eq. (1),

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{v})+c(l(\boldsymbol{u}_1),l(\boldsymbol{u}_2))a(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{v})+b(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{v})=(\boldsymbol{f},\boldsymbol{v}).$$

2.3. Some results

Lemma 1. [8] Let $u \in L^2(0,T;V)$, then the function Bu defined by,

$$|B\boldsymbol{u}(t),\boldsymbol{v}\rangle := b(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{v},\boldsymbol{w}), \forall \boldsymbol{v} \in \boldsymbol{V}, \text{ for a.e. } t \in [0,T],$$

belongs to $L^1(0,T;V')$.

Lemma 2. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an bounded Lipschitz open set in \mathbb{R}^2 .

1. If a distribution p has all its first-order derivatives $D_i p$ in $L^2(\Omega)$, then $p \in L^2(\Omega)$ and

$$\|p\|_{L^2(\Omega)\setminus\mathbb{R}} \le c(\Omega) |\nabla p|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

2. If a distribution p has all its first-order derivatives in $H^{-1}(\Omega)$. Then $p \in L^2(\Omega)$ and

$$\|p\|_{L^2(\Omega)\setminus\mathbb{R}} \leq c \|\nabla p\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)},$$

where $L^2(\Omega) \setminus \mathbb{R} := \left\{ p \in L^2(\Omega) \middle| \int_{\Omega} p(x) dx = 0 \right\}.$

Problem 1. For f and u_0 given, with

$$f \in L^2(0,T;V'), \tag{5}$$

$$u_0 \in H, \tag{6}$$

to find *u* satisfying,

$$u \in L^{2}(0,T;V), u' \in L^{1}(0,T;V'),$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}(u(x,t),v(x)) + c(l(u_{1}),l(u_{2}))((u(x,t),v(x))) + ((u(x,t) \cdot \nabla)u(x,t),v(x)) = (f(x,t),v(x)),$$

for any $v \in V$.

3. Existence of strong solutions

Suppose the existence of weak solutions to the problem (1)-(4). Our goal in this section is recover the pressure and prove the existence of strong solutions.

Theorem 2. Given f and u_0 satisfying (5) and (6). Suppose that u is a solution of the Problem 1 and

$$f - c(l(u_1), (u_2))Au - Bu - u' \in L^2(0, T; V'),$$

then the solution **u** is also strong.

Proof. Let,

$$\boldsymbol{U}(t) := \int_0^t \boldsymbol{u}(s) ds, \boldsymbol{F}(t) := \int_0^t \boldsymbol{f}(s) ds \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\beta}(t) := \int_0^t \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{u}(s), \boldsymbol{u}(s)) ds \in V'.$$

Since $u, f, Bu \in L^2(0, T; V')$ then,

 $\boldsymbol{U}, \boldsymbol{F}$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in C^0(0, T; V')$ these are absolute continuous. (7)

Integrating $c(l(u_1), (u_2))Au + Bu + u' = f$, and, by (7), we get

$$u(t) - u(0) + c(l(u_1), l(u_2)) \int_0^t Au(s) ds + \int_0^t Bu(s) ds = \int_0^t f(s) ds \text{ in V}'.$$

Then,

$$u(t) - u_0 + c(l(u_1), l(u_2))A\mathbf{U}(t) + \beta(t) = F(t) \text{ in } V', \forall t \in [0, T].$$

So, for each $\phi \in \mathfrak{V}$,

$$\langle u(t) - u(0) + c(l(u_1), l(u_2)) A U(t) + \beta(t) - F(t), \phi \rangle = 0.$$
(8)

Define,

$$\mathbf{S}(t) := \mathbf{u}(t) - \mathbf{u}_0 + c(l(u_1), l(u_2)) A \mathbf{U}(t) + \beta(t) - \mathbf{F}(t) \in V'.$$
(9)

For each $t \in [0, T]$ it is possible to extend S(t) on a functional $T(t) \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$ such as,

$$\langle \boldsymbol{T}(t), \boldsymbol{v} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{S}(t), \boldsymbol{v} \rangle, \forall \boldsymbol{v} \in V.$$
 (10)

But, from (8) and (10) we can conclude that,

$$\langle \boldsymbol{T}(t), \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle = 0, \forall \boldsymbol{\phi} \in \mathfrak{V}.$$

From Lemma 2 results that $\exists P(t) \in L^2(\Omega)$ satisfying,

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \nabla P(t) \text{ in } H^{-1}(\Omega).$$
(11)

So, from (10) and (11) we get,

$$\nabla P(t)\big|_V \equiv \mathbf{S}(t) \text{ in } V', \forall t \in [0, T].$$
 (12)

Replacing (12) in (9),

$$u(t) - u_0 + c(l(u_1), l(u_2)) A \mathbf{U}(t) + \beta(t) - \mathbf{F}(t) = \nabla P(t) \text{ in } V', \forall v \in [0, T].$$

As the expression on the left belongs to the space $C^0(0, T; V')$ we have $\nabla P \in C^0(0, T; V')$, and hence we can derive the above equation in the sense of distributions, with this:

$$\mathbf{u}' + c(l(u_1), l(u_2))A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f} + B\mathbf{u} = \nabla \frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$$
 in $L^2(0, T; V')$.

Therefore is possible to say that equality above is given a.e. in (0, *T*). Setting $p(x, t) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$, results in,

$$u' + c(l(u_1), l(u_2))Au + Bu = f - \nabla p \in L^2(0, T; V').$$

4. Existence of periodic solutions

The purpose of this section is to prove the existence of periodic solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations.

Theorem 3. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ a bounded open set with boundary $\partial \Omega$ well regular and $Q := [0,T] \times \Omega$. Consider the following problem,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - c(l(u_1), l(u_2))\Delta u + (u \cdot \Delta)u + \nabla p = f & \text{in } Q, \\ div(u) = 0 & \text{in } Q, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u(x, 0) = u(x, T), \forall x \in \Omega, \end{cases}$$
(13)

where $f \in L^2(0,T;V')$. This problem admits weak solution in $u : Q \to \mathbb{R}^2$, $u \in L^2(0,T;H) \cap L^{\infty}(0,T;H)$ and $u' \in L^2(0,T;V')$.

Proof. The weak formulation of (13) is given by,

$$\begin{cases} \langle u'(t), v \rangle + c(l(u_1), l(u_2))((u(t), v)) + b(u(t), u(t), v) = \langle f(t), v \rangle \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T), \forall v \in V, \\ u(0) = u(T). \end{cases}$$
(14)

Consider $\{w_1, \dots, w_n, \dots\}$ a base of *V*. We truncate the series in *m*-th term, which leads to the approximate solution space V_m . Setting $u_m(t) := g_{im}(t)w_i$,

$$\begin{cases} (u'_m(t), w_j) + c(l(u_1), l(u_2))((u_m(t), w_j)) + b(u_m(t), u_m(t), w_j) = \langle f(t), w_j \rangle, \\ u_m(0) = v \in V_m, \end{cases}$$
(15)

where $j = 1, \cdots, m$.

The approximate system above has a global solution, since by similar procedure to the case of the existence of solutions [9], we obtain the following inequality,

$$|\boldsymbol{u}(t)|^{2} + \int_{0}^{t} \|\boldsymbol{u}_{m}(s)\|^{2} ds \leq |\boldsymbol{v}| + \frac{1}{c_{-}} \|f\|_{L^{2}(0,T;V')} \leq c(m),$$

as *m* is fixed, we can extend u(t) in [0, T]. Our goal is to show that, among all solutions of the approximate equation, there is at least one u_m solution that satisfies periodicity,

$$\boldsymbol{u}_m(0) = \boldsymbol{u}_m(T).$$

To do this, just prove that for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$, the application,

$$au_m: V_m o V_m$$

 $au \mapsto au_m(au) = au_m(T),$

has a single fixed point, because in this case there will be a single function $v \in V_m$ such that

$$\boldsymbol{u}_m(T) = \boldsymbol{\tau}_m(\boldsymbol{v}) = \boldsymbol{v} = \boldsymbol{u}_m(0), \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}.$$
(16)

Thus (16) we have a (u_m) sequence of approximate solutions such that they all satisfy the periodicity condition.

Lemma 3. Exists $\rho_0 > 0$ such as $\tau_m(B_{\rho_0}(0)) \subset \overline{B_{\rho_0}(0)}$.

Proof. Using the *H* induced topology in V_m , it suffices to prove that

$$\exists \rho_0 > 0 \text{ such that } |\tau_m(v)|_H \le \rho_0; \forall v \in V_m, \text{ where } |v|_H \le \rho_0$$

Applying the energy method,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 + c_- \|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)\|^2 + b(\boldsymbol{u}_m(t), \boldsymbol{u}_m(t), \boldsymbol{u}_m(t)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 + c(l(u_1), l(u_2)) \|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)\|^2 + b(\boldsymbol{u}_m(t), \boldsymbol{u}_m(t), \boldsymbol{u}_m(t)) \\ &= \langle \boldsymbol{f}(t), \boldsymbol{u}_m(t) \rangle \\ &\leq \|\boldsymbol{f}(t)\|_{V'} |\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|, \end{aligned}$$

implies that,

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 + c_- \|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)\|^2 \le \frac{1}{2c_-}\|\boldsymbol{f}(t)\|_{V'}^2 + \frac{c_-}{2}\|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)\|^2,$$

then,

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}|\boldsymbol{u}_{m}(t)|^{2} + \frac{c_{-}}{2}\|\boldsymbol{u}_{m}(t)\|^{2} \le \frac{1}{c_{-}}\|\boldsymbol{f}(t)\|_{V'}^{2}.$$
(17)

As $V \hookrightarrow H$, exists $c_0 > 0$ such as,

$$c_0^2 |\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 \le \|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)\|^2.$$
(18)

Thus from (17) and (18) we get,

$$\frac{d}{dt}|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 + c_0^2 c_-|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 \le \frac{1}{c_-}\|\boldsymbol{f}(t)\|_{V'}^2$$

Multiplying both sides by $e^{c_0^2 c_- t}$:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 e^{c_0^2 c_- t}) \leq \frac{1}{c_-} \|\boldsymbol{f}(t)\|_{V'}^2 e^{c_0^2 c_- t}.$$

Integrating from 0 to *T* we get,

$$|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 e^{c_0^2 c_- t} \le |\boldsymbol{u}_m(0)|^2 + \frac{1}{c_-} \int_0^T \|\boldsymbol{f}(t)\|_{V'}^2 e^{c_0^2 c_- t} dt,$$

which means,

$$|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 \leq e^{-c_0^2 c_- T} |\boldsymbol{u}_m(0)|^2 + \frac{1}{c_-} \int_0^T \|\boldsymbol{f}(t)\|_{V'}^2 dt,$$

then,

$$|\boldsymbol{u}_m(t)|^2 \leq e^{-c_0^2 c_- T} |\boldsymbol{u}_m(0)| + \frac{1}{c_-} \|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{L^2(0,T;V')}^2.$$

Denoting $\theta = e^{-c_0^2 c_- T}$ and $c = \frac{1}{c_-} ||f||_{L^2(0,T;V')}^2$, we can write

$$|u_m(t)|^2 \le \theta |u_m(0)|^2 + c$$

so,

$$|oldsymbol{ au}_m(oldsymbol{v})|^2 \leq heta |oldsymbol{v}|^2 + c, \;\; orall v \in V_m.$$

Now, how $0 < \theta < 1$ then $0 < 1 - \theta < 1$. That way there is a $\rho_0 > 0$, big enough that $c < (1 - \theta)\rho_0^2$. So if $|v| < \rho_0$ then,

$$|\theta|v|^2 + c \le \theta
ho_0^2 + (1- heta)
ho_0^2 =
ho_0^2$$
 ,

where,

$$|\boldsymbol{\tau}_m(\boldsymbol{v})|^2 \leq
ho_0^2, \ \forall m \in \mathbb{N},$$

which proves this lemma. \Box

Lemma 4. The application $\tau_m : V_m \mapsto V_m$ defined in (15) is continuous.

Proof. Let $v_1, v_2 \in V_m$ and u_m, z_m solutions of the approximate problem with initial data v_1 and v_2 , respectively. Our goal is to show that the solutions are Lipschitz-continuous, $|\tau_m(v_1) - \tau_m(v_2)| \le c_m |v_1 - v_2|$ for some $c_m > 0$.

$$(u'_m(t), w_j) + c(l(u_1), l(u_2))((u_m(t), w_j)) + b(u_m(t), u_m(t), w_j) = \langle f(t), w_j \rangle, (z'_m(t), w_j) + c(l(z_1), l(z_2))((z_m(t), w_j)) + b(z_m(t), z_m(t), w_j) = \langle f(t), w_j \rangle.$$

Doing the difference between these equations and defining $\eta_m = z_m - u_m$,

$$(\eta_m, w_j) + c(l(u_1), l(u_2))((u_m(t), w_j)) - a(l(z_1), l(z_2))((z_m(t), w_j)) + b(u_m(t), u_m(t), w_j) - b(z_m(t), z_m(t), w_j) = 0,$$

we proceed as in [9]

$$\frac{d|\boldsymbol{\eta}_m|^2}{dt} - |\boldsymbol{\eta}_m|^2 \left(\frac{2}{c_-} \|u_{2m}(t)\|^2 + \frac{K^2}{c_-} \|\boldsymbol{z}_m\|^2\right) \leq 0.$$

Defining $\theta_m(t) = \left(\frac{2}{c_-} \|u_{2m}(t)\|^2 + \frac{K^2}{c_-} \|z_m\|^2\right)$, we get,

$$\frac{d|\boldsymbol{\eta}_m|^2}{dt} - |\boldsymbol{\eta}_m|^2 \theta_m(t) \le 0.$$

Multiplying both sides of inequality $e^{-\int_0^t \theta_m(s)ds}$,

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(|\boldsymbol{\eta}_m(t)|^2 e^{-\int_0^t \theta_m(s)ds}\right) \le 0$$

Integrating the inequality from 0 to *T*,

$$|\eta_m(T)|^2 e^{-\int_0^t \theta_m(s)ds} - |\eta_m(0)|^2 \le 0.$$

Defining $c_m = e^{-\int_0^t \theta_m(s)ds}$,

$$|\boldsymbol{\eta}_m(T)|^2 \le c_m |\boldsymbol{\eta}_m(0)|^2$$

By other hand,

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_m(s) = \boldsymbol{u}_m(s) - \boldsymbol{z}_m(s),$$

so,

$$|u_m(T) - z_m(T)|^2 \le c_m |u_m(0) - z_m(0)|^2.$$

Then,

$$|\tau_m(v_1) - \tau_m(v_2)| \le c_m |v_1 - v_2|,$$

which is what we want to prove. \Box

The hypotheses of Brouwer's fixed point theorem are satisfied by virtue of Lemmas 3 and 4, so we have

$$au_m: \overline{B_{
ho_0}(0)} o \overline{B_{
ho_0}(0)},$$

admits a fixed point, which means, there is a $v \in \overline{B_{\rho_0}(0)}$ such as $\tau_m(v) = v$, so, $u_m(0) = u_m(T)$.

Then, for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, there is a least one $u_m(t)$ such as $u_m(0) \in \overline{B_{\rho_0}(0)}$ and, $\forall j = 1, \dots, m$,

$$\begin{cases} (u'_m(t), w_j) + c(l(u_1), l(u_2))((u_m(t), w_j)) + b(u_m(t), u_m(t), w_j) = \langle f(t), w_j \rangle, \\ u_m(0) = u_m(t). \end{cases}$$

From the fact that $u_m(0) \in \overline{B_{\rho_0}(0)}$ we can repeat the estimates getting a subsequence (u_v) of (u_m) such as

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{\nu} \stackrel{\star}{\to} \boldsymbol{u} \text{ in } L^{\infty}(0,T;H),$$
(19)

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{\boldsymbol{V}} \to \boldsymbol{u} \text{ in } L^2(0,T;\boldsymbol{V}), \tag{20}$$

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{\nu}^{\prime} \to \boldsymbol{u}^{\prime} \text{ in } L^{2}(0,T;V^{\prime}). \tag{21}$$

From the convergence results (19) - (21), by passing the limit in the approximate equation desired in (14). Similarly to the proof of the initial condition in the previous case, we prove that u(0) = u(T), which concludes the statement. \Box

5. Conclusions

We studied the Navier-Stokes equations with non-local viscosity, considering a bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with smooth boundary $\partial \Omega$. Using Faedo-Galerkin's method and Brouwer's fixed point theorem, we proved the strong solutions and periodic solutions.

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