

(4.4) Weak Solutions

Def: A family of functions $u(t) \in H$ is weakly continuous in t_0 , if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} (u(t) - u(t_0), \phi) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \phi \in H.$$

Theorem 1 Let $f \in L^2_{loc}(0, T; V^*)$, $u_0 \in H$, then there exists a weak solution $u(t)$ to

$$\frac{du}{dt} + \nu Au + B(u, u) = f \quad (1)$$

such that

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; H) \cap L^2(0, T; V).$$

(*) holds a equality in $L^p(0, T; V^*)$ with $p=2$ for $n=2$ and $p=\frac{4}{3}$ for $n=3$.

The solution is weakly continuous in H .



No uniqueness - statement !

Proof: (i) Galerkin approximation $u_n = \sum_{j=1}^n u_{nj} w_j$

$$\frac{du_n}{dt} + \nu Au_n + P_n B(u_n, u_n) = P_n f \quad (2)$$

Multiply (2) by u_n and integrate

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u_n\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu (Au_n, u_n) + (P_n B(u_n, u_n), u_n) = (P_n f, u_n)$$

$$(P_n B(u_n, u_n), u_n) = (B(u_n, u_n), P_n u_n) = b(u_n, u_n, u_n) = 0$$

(Prop. 1 in (4.3)).

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u_n\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu \|u_n\|_V^2 = \langle f, u_n \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|f\|_{V^*} \|u_n\|_V \\ \text{Young} &\leq \frac{\nu}{2} \|u_n\|_V^2 + \frac{\|f\|_{V^*}^2}{2\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \|u_n\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu \|u_n\|_V^2 \leq \frac{\|f\|_{V^*}^2}{\nu}$$

Integrate from 0 to t:

$$\|u_n(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu \int_0^t \|u_n\|_V^2 dt \leq \|u_n(0)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(0,T;V^*)}^2}{\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{u_n\} \text{ uniformly bounded in } L^\infty(0,T;H)$$

$$\{u_n\} \rightharpoonup \quad L^2(0,T;V)$$

Alaoglu: $u_n \xrightarrow{*} u$ in $L^\infty(0,T;H)$

reflexive compactness: $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $L^2(0,T;V)$

(ii) $B(u_n, u_n)$

$$\frac{du_n}{dt} = -\nu A u_n - P_n B(u_n, u_n) + P_n f$$

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 $\in L^2(0,T;V^*)$

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Proposition 2 in (4.3) $\Rightarrow$

$$\|B(u, u)\|_{V^*} \leq k \begin{cases} \|u\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{H^1} & , n=2 \\ \|u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|u\|_{H^1}^{3/2} & , n=3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{n=2}: \quad \|P_n B(u_n, u_n)\|_{L^2(0,T; V^*)}^2 &\leq k \int_0^T \|u_n\|_{L^2}^2 \|u_n\|_{H^1}^2 ds \\ &\leq k \|u_n\|_{L^\infty(0,T; H)}^2 \|u_n\|_{L^2(0,T; V)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{n=3}: \quad \|P_n B(u_n, u_n)\|_{L^{4/3}(0,T; V^*)}^2 &\leq k \int_0^T \|u_n\|_{L^2}^{3/2} \|u_n\|_{H^1}^2 ds \\ &\leq k \|u_n\|_{L^\infty(0,T; H)}^{3/2} \|u_n\|_{L^2(0,T; V)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow P_n B(u_n, u_n)$ and also $\frac{du_n}{dt}$ is uniformly bounded in $L^2(0,T; V^*)$ for $n=2$
 $L^{4/3}(0,T; V^*)$ for $n=3$.

Compactness theorem 3 in (2.8) [R. Thm 8.1]

$\Rightarrow u_n \rightarrow u$ in $L^2(0,T; H)$ (strong convergence),

(iii) As before in R-D-eq: $\frac{du_n}{dt} \xrightarrow{*} \frac{du}{dt}$ in $L^p(0,T; V^*)$
 $p=2$ for $n=2$, $p=\frac{4}{3}$ for $n=3$.

(vi) Claim: $B(u_n, u_n) \xrightarrow{*} B(u, u)$ in $L^p(0, T; V^*)$

Choose $w \in L^q(0, T; V)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \langle B(u_n, u_n), w \rangle dt &= \int_0^T b(u_n, u_n, w) dt = - \int_0^T b(u_n, w, u_n) dt \\ &= - \int_0^T \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_Q (u_n)_i (D_i w_j) (u_n)_j dx dt \end{aligned}$$

If we study $\int_0^T b(u_n, u_n, w) - b(u, u, w) dt$

we find terms of the form:

$$\int_0^T \int_Q (u_{ni} - u_i) (D_i w_j) u_j dx dt$$

$$\leq \|u_{ni} - u_i\|_{L^2(0, T; H)} \cdot \|D_i w_j\|_{L^2(0, T; H)} \cdot \|u_i\|_{L^\infty(0, T; H)}$$

$\downarrow$ 0 in L^2 bounded, since $w_i \in L^q(0, T; V)$ $\uparrow$ bounded

Then $B(u_n, u_n) \xrightarrow{*} B(u, u)$ and also

$P_n B(u_n, u_n) \xrightarrow{*} B(u, u)$ in $L^p(0, T; V^*)$.

Hence indeed: $\frac{du}{dt} + \nu Au + B(u, u) = f$ in $L^p(0, T; V^*)$.

(v) $u(0) = u_0$:

Multiply $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{N-S- eq} \\ \text{Galerkin App.} \end{array} \right\}$ by $\phi \in C'([0, T], V)$, $\phi(T) = 0$,

integrate, take the weak * limit and subtract the equations:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n(0), \phi(0)) - (u(0), \phi(0)) = 0.$$

(vi) Weak continuity into H

Apply (i) to $v \in V$:

$$\left(\frac{du}{dt}, v \right) + \nu (Au, v) + b(u, u, v) = \langle f, v \rangle$$

integrate from t_0 to t :

$$(u(t) - u(t_0), v) = -\nu \int_{t_0}^t (Au, v) ds + \int_{t_0}^t b(u(s), u(s), v) ds + \int_{t_0}^t \langle f(s), v \rangle ds$$

$\uparrow$ $\in L^1(0, T; \mathbb{R})$ $\uparrow$ $\in L^1(0, T; \mathbb{R})$
 since $u \in L^2(0, T; V)$ $\uparrow$ by Prop. 2 in (4.3)

$$+ \int_{t_0}^t \langle f(s), v \rangle ds \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow t_0.$$

$\uparrow$ $\in L^1(0, T; \mathbb{R})$ since $f \in L^2_{loc}(0, T; V^*)$.

Since $V \subset H$ dense

$(u(t) - u(t_0), \phi) \longrightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow t_0$ for all $\phi \in H$.