

(8.4) The 2-D Navier-Stokes equation

$S(t)$ solution semigroup of the 2-D N-S-eq:

$$\frac{du}{dt} + \nu Au + B(u, u) = f \quad \text{on a periodic domain } Q.$$

A compact global attractor in $H = \{u \in L^2(Q) : \nabla u = 0\}$,
 $V = \{u \in H_p^1(Q) : \nabla \cdot u = 0\}.$

Theorem 1 (i) $S(t)$ is uniformly differentiable on A

(ii) The linearization $\Lambda(t; u_0)$, $u_0 \in A$ is solution semigroup of the linearized equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} + \nu Au + B(u, u) + B(u, u) = 0$$

(iii) Λ is compact.

Proof: As before $u(t), v(t), U(t)$, $U(0) = v_0 - u_0$,
 $\theta = v - u - U$ and we find

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} + \nu A\theta + B(u, \theta) + B(\theta, u) + B(v - u, v - u) = 0$$

We introduce $w = u - v$, multiply the above equation by θ and integrate ($b(u, \theta, \theta) = 0$)

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\theta|^2 + \nu \|\theta\|^2 = -b(\theta, u, \theta) - b(w, w, \theta)$$

$$\stackrel{2-D}{\leq} k |\theta| \|\theta\| \|u\| + k |w| \|w\| \|\theta\|$$

$\leq \varepsilon_V$ on the attractor

$$\stackrel{\text{Young}}{\leq} \frac{k}{2\nu} |\theta|^2 + \frac{\nu}{4} \|\theta\|^2 + \frac{k}{\nu} |w|^2 \|w\|^2 + \frac{\nu}{4} \|\theta\|^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\theta|^2 + \nu \|\theta\|^2 \leq C |\theta|^2 + C |w|^2 \|w\|^2$$

We disregard the $\|\theta\|^2$ -term. We know that $\theta(0)=0$ and with Gronwall's lemma we get:

$$|\theta(t)|^2 \leq k \int_0^t |w(s)|^2 \|w(s)\|^2 ds \quad (*)$$

From the proof of uniqueness of the N-S-eq we get:

$$\frac{d}{dt} |w|^2 + \nu \|w\|^2 \leq \frac{k^2}{\nu} \|u\|^2 |w|^2 \quad (**)$$

Disregard $\|w\|^2 \geq 0$ and integrate:

$$\begin{aligned} |w(t)|^2 &\leq \exp \left(\int_0^t \underbrace{\frac{k^2}{\nu} \|u(s)\|^2}_{\leq \varrho_\nu} ds \right) |w(0)|^2 \\ &\leq e^{Kt} |w_0|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now we multiply (**) by $|w|^2$ and integrate.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |w|^4 &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int |w|^2 dx \right)^2 = 2 \int |w|^2 dx \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \int |w|^2 dx \\ &= 2 |w|^2 \frac{d}{dt} |w|^2 \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} |w(t)|^4 - |w_0|^4 + \nu \int_0^t |w|^2 \|w\|^2 ds &\leq \frac{k^2}{\nu} \int_0^t \underbrace{\|u\|^2}_{\leq \varrho_\nu} |w|^4 ds \\ &\leq e^{2Kt} |w_0|^4 \\ \nu \int_0^t |w|^2 \|w\|^2 ds &= \frac{k^2}{\nu} \varrho_\nu^2 \int_0^t e^{2Kt} |w_0|^4 dt + |w_0|^4 \\ &\leq C e^{2Kt} |w_0|^4 \end{aligned}$$

Then from (*):

$$|\theta(t)|^2 \leq C |u_0 - v_0|^4 \quad \text{and} \quad |\theta(t)| \leq C |u_0 - v_0|^2$$

Finally

$$\frac{|v-u-u|}{|v_0-u_0|} \leq C |v_0-u_0| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } u_0 \rightarrow v_0.$$

(iii) $\Lambda(t; u_0)$ is compact because there is an absorbing set in $V \subset H$.

Theorem 2: There is a constant $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$d_f(A) \leq \alpha \left(\frac{\varepsilon_V}{V} \right)^2$$

Proof: Linearized Operator

$$L(t; u_0) = vA - B(\cdot, u) - B(u, \cdot)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle L(t; u_0) P_h \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^n (\phi_j, L(t; u_0) \phi_j) \right\rangle \\ &= - \left\langle \sum_j (-vA \phi_j, \phi_j) \right\rangle - \left\langle \sum_j b(\phi_j, u, \phi_j) \right\rangle \\ &\stackrel{2-D}{\leq} -v \sum_j \langle \|\phi_j\|^2 \rangle + k \left\langle \sum_j \|u\| \|\phi_j\| \|\phi_j\| \right\rangle \\ &\leq -v \sum_j \langle \|\phi_j\|^2 \rangle + k \sum_j \langle \|u\| \|\phi_j\| \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \stackrel{\text{Young}}{\leq} &-v \sum_j \langle \|\phi_j\|^2 \rangle + \sum_j \left\langle \frac{v}{2} \|\phi_j\|^2 + \frac{k^2}{2v} \|u\|^2 \right\rangle \\ &= -\frac{v}{2} \sum_j \langle \|\phi_j\|^2 \rangle + \frac{k^2}{2v} \sum_j \langle \|u\|^2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{v}{2} \langle \text{tr}(-\Delta P_h) \rangle + \frac{k^2 h}{2v} \langle \|u\|^2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle P_n L(t; u_0) \rangle \leq -\frac{C_V}{2} n^2 + \frac{h^2 n}{2V} \langle \|u\|^2 \rangle$$

which is negative for each

$$n > \alpha \left(\frac{\langle \|u\|^2 \rangle}{V^2} \right) \quad \alpha = \frac{h^2}{C_V}$$

Since $\|u\|^2 \leq S_V$ on $\mathcal{A}$ we find decreasing volumes for

$$n > \alpha \frac{S_V}{V^2}$$

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