

## 67. Interior Regularity of Weak Solutions of the Time-Dependent Navier-Stokes Equation

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**§ 1. Introduction.** It is an interesting problem of mathematical physics whether the time-dependent Navier-Stokes equation has a solution or not. To solve this problem, several authors proposed various weak solutions. In particular, E. Hopf<sup>1)</sup> proved the existence, but not the uniqueness, of a weak solution which is global in time, whereas Kiselev and Ladyzenskaia<sup>2)</sup> showed the local existence and uniqueness of a weak solution of a different type. In this note we show that the latter is actually a regular solution at least in the interior of the domain if the external force is smooth. We first sketch their result. The equation to be solved is

$$\begin{aligned} \partial u/\partial t - \Delta u + (u\nabla)u &= -\nabla p + f, \quad \operatorname{div} u = 0 \quad \text{in } D \subset E^3, \\ u|_{t=0} &= a, \quad u|_{\partial D} = 0 \quad (\partial D \text{ is the boundary of } D). \end{aligned}$$

Notations. A vector function belongs to  $C_0^\infty$  if its components are of class  $C_0^\infty$  (i.e. infinitely differentiable with compact support).  $\mathring{K}_1(D)$  is a real Hilbert space obtained from  $\mathring{K}(D) = \{f \mid f \in C_0^\infty(D), \operatorname{div} f = 0\}$  by completion with the Dirichlet norm.  $H_2(D)$  is a real Hilbert space consisting of all twice strongly differentiable vector functions with the norm  $\left(\sum \int u_i^2 dx + \sum \int u_i^2 x_m dx + \sum \int u_n^2 dx\right)^{1/2}$ .  $L^2(D)$  is a real Hilbert space of square integrable vector functions with the norm  $\|u\| = (u, u)^{1/2} = \left(\sum \int u_i^2 dx\right)^{1/2}$ .

Assumptions. 1.  $D$  is a bounded domain in the three dimensional Euclidean space  $E^3$ . 2. The initial value  $a$  belongs to  $H_2(D) \cap \mathring{K}_1(D)$ . 3. The external force  $f$  and its time derivative  $\partial f/\partial t$  belong to  $L^2(D \times (0, l))$ .

Conclusion. There exists a positive constant  $T$  such that in the domain  $\Omega = D \times (0, T)$  a generalized solution  $u(t) = u(x, t)$  exists uniquely with the following properties. 1.  $u(t) \in \mathring{K}_1(D)$  for each  $t$  ( $0 < t < T$ ); 2.  $u, \nabla u, \partial u/\partial t, \partial \nabla u/\partial t \in L^2(\Omega)$ ; 3.  $u(t), \nabla u(t), \partial u(t)/\partial t \in L^2(D)$  for each  $t$  ( $0 < t < T$ ) and their  $L^2$  norms are bounded in  $t$ ; 4.  $u(t) \rightarrow a$  (strongly in  $L^2(D)$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ ); 5. For any sufficiently smooth solenoidal vector

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