

28. The Nonstationary Navier-Stokes System with Some First Order Boundary Condition

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Introduction. This paper shows that there exists a strong solution in L_p of the nonstationary Navier-Stokes system with some first order boundary condition. To prove this we study the Stokes operator with such boundary condition and use the semigroup approach in Fujita-Kato [2], [8] and Giga-Miyakawa [7].

Let D be a bounded domain in \mathbf{R}^n with smooth boundary S . We consider the Navier-Stokes initial value problem concerning velocity $u=(u^1, \dots, u^n)$ and pressure p :

(N) $\partial u/\partial t - \Delta u + (u, \nabla)u + \nabla p = 0$, $\operatorname{div} u = 0$ in $D \times (0, T)$, $u|_{t=0} = a$ in D , where $(u, \nabla) = \sum_{j=1}^n u^j (\partial/\partial x_j)$. The boundary condition we give is

(NB) $u \cdot \nu = 0$, $Bu = 0$ on $S \times (0, T)$.

Here ν_x denotes the interior unit normal vector at $x \in S$ and $u \cdot \nu = u^1 \nu^1 + \dots + u^n \nu^n$. We assume that B is a first order boundary differential operator and that $Bu \cdot \nu = 0$ if $u \cdot \nu = 0$.

To study this Navier-Stokes system in L_p we define the Stokes operator as follows. Let X_p ($1 < p < \infty$) denote the set of divergence free vector functions $w \in L_p(D)$ satisfying $w \cdot \nu = 0$. Let P be the continuous projection from $L_p(D)$ to X_p ; see [3]. Then we set $A_B = -P\Delta$ with domain $D(A_B) = \{u \in W_p^2(D); Bu = 0\} \cap X_p$ and call A_B the Stokes operator with boundary condition B ; here $W_p^2(D)$ denotes the Sobolev space of order two.

Concerning A_B we shall show that $-A_B$ generates an analytic semigroup in X_p if B satisfies an appropriate algebraic assumption (see the assumption (B) in § 1); the slip boundary condition is included in our case. Next we shall characterize $D((A_B + L)^\alpha)$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$) for large L . We shall also study A_B^* , the dual of A_B .

Following Kato-Fujita [2], [8], we transform (N), (NB) into the evolution equation in X_p

(AN) $du/dt + A_B u + P(u, \nabla)u = 0$ ($t > 0$), $u(0) = a$.

Using results on A_B , we get the existence and the uniqueness of a (local) strong solution of (AN).

Since our methods are similar to those of Giga [4]–[6] and Giga-Miyakawa [7] who studied the Dirichlet problem for (N), we do not give the detailed proof here. However, our results generalize that of