

55. Initial Boundary Value Problem for the Equations of Ideal Magneto-Hydro-Dynamics with Perfectly Conducting Wall Condition

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1. In this paper we consider the initial boundary value problem for the equations of ideal MHD that describe the motion of an ideal plasma filling an open subset of \mathbf{R}^3 , surrounded by a rigid and perfectly conducting wall. (See [1].) Our problem is to solve

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1)_a \quad & \rho_p(\partial_t + (u \cdot \nabla))p + \rho \nabla \cdot u = 0 \\
 (1)_b \quad & \rho(\partial_t + (u \cdot \nabla))u + \nabla p + \mu H \times (\nabla \times H) = 0 \\
 (1)_c \quad & \partial_t H - \nabla \times (u \times H) = 0 \quad \text{in } [0, T] \times \Omega, \\
 (1)_d \quad & (\partial_t + (u \cdot \nabla))S = 0 \\
 (1)_e \quad & \nabla \cdot H = 0 \\
 (2) \quad & (p, u, H, S)|_{t=0} = (p_0, u_0, H_0, S_0) \equiv U_0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
 (3) \quad & u \cdot n = 0, \quad H \cdot n = 0 \quad \text{on } [0, T] \times \Gamma.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here Ω is a bounded or unbounded domain in \mathbf{R}^3 with a smooth and compact boundary Γ , or a half space \mathbf{R}_+^3 ; the pressure p , the velocity $u = (u^1, u^2, u^3)$, the magnetic field $H = (H^1, H^2, H^3)$, and the entropy S are the unknown functions of t and x ; the density ρ is determined by the equation of state $\rho = \rho(p, S)$; $\rho > 0$ and $\rho_p = \partial \rho / \partial p > 0$ for $p > 0$; the magnetic permeability μ is assumed to be constant; we write $\partial_t = \partial / \partial t$, $\partial_i = \partial / \partial x_i$, $\nabla = (\partial / \partial x_1, \partial / \partial x_2, \partial / \partial x_3)$ and use the conventional notations in vector analysis; $n = n(x) = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$ denotes the unit outward normal at $x \in \Gamma$.

2. We set $U = {}^t(p, u, H, S)$ and rewrite the system (1)_{a-d} in the symmetric form

$$(4) \quad A_0(U) \partial_t U + \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i(U) \partial_i U = 0.$$

In order to solve the problem by iteration, we consider the linearization of (4) around an arbitrary function $U' = {}^t(p', u', H', S')$ near the initial data, satisfying $u' \cdot n = 0$ and $H' \cdot n = 0$ on Γ . The linearized equation forms a symmetric hyperbolic system with singular boundary matrix. In fact, the boundary matrix has constant rank 2 on Γ . We define $X^m(T, \Omega)$ to be the space of functions $U(t, x)$ taking values in \mathbf{R}^8 and satisfying the following property: Let $\beta \geq 0$ be an integer and let A_1, \dots, A_β be an arbitrary β -tuple of smooth and bounded vector fields tangential to Γ , namely, let $\langle A_i(x), n(x) \rangle = 0$ for $x \in \Gamma$, $i = 1, \dots, \beta$. Then $\partial_i^\alpha A_1 \cdots A_\beta \partial_n^k U(t, x) \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$ for $\alpha + \beta \leq m - 2k$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, [m/2]$. Here ∂_n denotes the partial differentia-

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