

Analysis of Stokes equations by penalty method

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$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$: Velocity field

π : Scalar pressure

\mathbf{a} : Initial data

Ω : Some domains (\mathbb{R}^n , \mathbb{R}_+^n , bounded domains)

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Merit of Penalty method

We have $\pi = -\alpha \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$, and obtain the following equation:

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} - \Delta \mathbf{u} - \alpha \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) = 0.$$

Therefore we can eliminate π without Helmholtz decomposition.

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Main results

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cf. Resolvent estimate of Stokes equations (Farwig-Sohr.94)

I found the following estimate in the paper of Farwig and Sohr:

$$\left\| \left(|\lambda| \mathbf{u}, |\lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}, \nabla \pi \right) \right\|_{q, \Omega} \leq C_{n, q, \varepsilon, \Omega} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{q, \Omega}.$$

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$\partial\Omega$: compact $C^{2,1}$ hypersurface

Theorem (Resolvent estimates for Ω is a bounded domain)

There exists a constant $\lambda_0 \geq 1$ such that for every $\lambda \in \Sigma_\varepsilon$ ($|\lambda| \geq \lambda_0$), there is a unique solution $(\mathbf{u}_\alpha, \pi_\alpha) \in W_q^2(\Omega)^n \times W_q^1(\Omega)$ of (PRS).

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The solution of (RS) has similar estimates:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left(|\lambda| \mathbf{u}, |\lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}, \nabla \pi \right) \right\|_{q,\Omega} &\leq C_{n,q,\varepsilon,\Omega} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{q,\Omega} \quad (\text{Solonnikov and Giga}), \\ |\lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\pi\|_{q,\Omega} &\leq C_{n,q,\varepsilon,\Omega} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{q,\Omega} \quad (\text{Hieber and Saal}). \end{aligned}$$

Outline of the proof of main results

Case 1 $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$

By $\pi_\alpha = -\alpha \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_\alpha$, I rewrite (PRS) as follows:

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Then I obtain the solution formula:

$$u_j = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(\lambda + |\xi|^2)} \widehat{f}_j \right] - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{\xi_i \xi_j |\xi|^2}{\lambda + |\xi|^2} + \frac{\xi_i \xi_j}{\lambda + |\xi|^2 + \alpha |\xi|^2} \right) \widehat{f}_i \right],$$
$$\pi = -i \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[\frac{\alpha \xi_i}{\lambda + |\xi|^2 + \alpha |\xi|^2} \widehat{f}_i \right].$$

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The estimate of π_α implies that

$$\|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_\alpha\|_{q, \mathbb{R}^n} = \left\| -\frac{\pi_\alpha}{\alpha} \right\|_{q, \mathbb{R}^n} \leq C \frac{(1 + \alpha)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\alpha} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{q, \mathbb{R}^n} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\alpha \rightarrow \infty).$$

So I see that penalty method is justified in \mathbb{R}^n .

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Case 2 $\Omega = \mathbb{R}_+^n$

Let \mathbf{v} be a solution to the whole space resolvent problem with $\mathbf{F} = (f_1^e, \dots, f_{n-1}^e, f_n^o)$:

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To solve these equations, I apply the partial Fourier transform with respect to x' variables.

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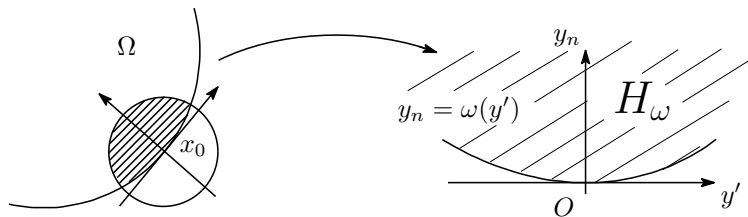
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By using cutoff technic, (PRS) is reduced to the bent half space problem.



Definition of bent half space

$$H_\omega = \{(x', x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_n > \omega(x')\}$$

Result for bent half space

Let $\omega \in C^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$. Set $K_1 = \sum_{|\beta'|=1} \left\| \partial_{x'}^{\beta'} \omega \right\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})}$.

Lemma (Resolvent estimates for $\Omega = H_\omega$)

There exist constants $\kappa \leq 1$ and $\lambda_0 \geq 1$ such that if $K_1 \leq \kappa$, then for every $\lambda \in \Sigma_\varepsilon$ ($|\lambda| \geq \lambda_0$) there is a unique solution $(\mathbf{u}_\alpha, \pi_\alpha) \in W_q^2(H_\omega)^n \times W_q^1(H_\omega)$ of (PRS).

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cf. It is well known that the usual Stokes problem has similar resolvent estimate. (Farwig-Sohr.94)

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Solonnikov transform

I choose unknown function $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ and θ as follows:

$$v_j = u_j \quad (j = 1, \dots, n-1), \quad v_n = u_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\partial_i \omega) u_i,$$
$$\theta = \pi.$$

Then,

$$\begin{cases} \lambda \mathbf{v} - \Delta \mathbf{v} + \nabla \theta = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{v}, \theta) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+^n, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = -\theta/\alpha & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+^n, \\ \mathbf{v}(x) = 0 & \text{on } \partial \mathbb{R}_+^n. \end{cases}$$

I can apply the result of \mathbb{R}_+^n .

Outline of the proof of main results

By compactness of $\partial\Omega$, there exists a covering $\{B_r(x_j)\}_{j=1}^N$ such that

$$\partial\Omega \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^N B_r(x_j).$$

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Localization

If (\mathbf{u}, π) is a solution of (PRS), $(\varphi_j \mathbf{u}, \varphi_j \pi)$ satisfies the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda(\varphi_j \mathbf{u}) - \Delta(\varphi_j \mathbf{u}) + \nabla(\varphi_j \pi) = \varphi_j \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}, \pi) & \text{in } \Omega \cap B_r(x_j), \\ \nabla \cdot (\varphi_j \mathbf{u}) = -\frac{\varphi_j \pi}{\alpha} + (\nabla \varphi_j) \cdot \mathbf{u} & \text{in } \Omega \cap B_r(x_j), \\ \gamma_0(\varphi_j \mathbf{u}) = 0. \end{cases}$$

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Generalized Bogovskiĭ operator

Let $1 < q < \infty$, integer $m \geq 0$,

Let Ω be a bounded domain with $C^{m,1}$ -boundary ($m \geq 1$).

There exists a bounded linear operator $\mathbb{B} : W_{q,0}^m(\Omega) \longrightarrow W_{q,0}^{m+1}(\Omega)$ which have the following properties:

(1) There exists $\rho \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ such that $\rho \geq 0$, $\int_\Omega \rho dx = 1$ and

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbb{B}[f] = f - \rho \int_\Omega f dx.$$

Furthermore f satisfies $\nabla \cdot \mathbb{B}[f] = f$ if $\int_\Omega f dx = 0$.

(2) If f is given by $f = D_k g$ ($g \in W_{q,0}^{m+1}(\Omega)$), there exists a constant $C_{m,q,\Omega} > 0$ such that

$$\|\mathbb{B}[D_k g]\|_{m,q,\Omega} \leq C_{m,q,\Omega} \|g\|_{m,q,\Omega}.$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda(\varphi_j \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}_j) - \Delta(\varphi_j \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}_j) + \nabla \left(\varphi_j \pi - \rho \int_{\Omega \cap B_r(x_j)} \varphi_j \pi dx \right) \\ \quad = \varphi_j \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}, \pi) - \lambda \mathbf{w}_j + \Delta \mathbf{w}_j - (\nabla \rho) \int_{\Omega \cap B_r(x_j)} \varphi_j \pi dx, \\ \nabla \cdot (\varphi_j \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}_j) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\varphi_j \pi - \rho \int_{\Omega \cap B_r(x_j)} \varphi_j \pi dx \right) \\ \gamma_0(\varphi_j \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}_j) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

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By contradiction argument, I obtain

$$\|\pi\|_{q, \Omega} \leq C \|\mathbf{f}\|_{q, \Omega}.$$

And I get

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