

On the Stokes semigroup in some non-Helmholtz domains

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1. Introduction

Stokes system:

$$v_t - \Delta v + \nabla q = 0, \quad \operatorname{div} v = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

$$\text{B.C.} \quad v = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

$$\text{I.C.} \quad v|_{t=0} = v_0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

Here Ω is a uniformly C^3 -domain in \mathbf{R}^n ($n \geq 2$)

v : unknown velocity field

q : unknown pressure field

v_0 : a given initial velocity

Problem 1. Is the solution operator (called the Stokes semigroup) $S(t): v_0 \mapsto v(\cdot, t)$ an analytic semigroup in L^∞ -type spaces?

In other words, is there $C > 0$ s.t.

$$\left\| \frac{d}{dt} S(t)f \right\|_X \leq \frac{C}{t} \|f\|_X, t \in (0,1), f \in X$$

where X is an L^∞ -type Banach space?

Analyticity is a notion of regularizing effect appeared in parabolic problems in an abstract level.

Definition of analyticity

Definition 1 (semigroup). Let $S = \{S(t)\}_{t>0}$ be a family of bounded linear operators in a Banach space X . In other words, $\{S(t)\}_{t>0} \in L(X)$. We say that S is a **semigroup** in X if

- (i) (semigroup property) $S(t)S(\tau) = S(t + \tau)$
for $t, \tau > 0$
- (ii) (strong continuity) $S(t)f \rightarrow S(t_0)f$ in X
as $t \rightarrow t_0$ for all $t_0 > 0$, $f \in X$
- (iii) (non degeneracy) $S(t)f = 0$ for all $t > 0$
implies $f = 0$.
- (iv) (boundedness) $\|S(t)\|_{op} \leq \exists C$ for $t \in (0,1)$

Definition 2 (non C_0 analytic semigroup). Let S be a semigroup in X . We say that S is **analytic** if $\exists C > 0$ such that

$$\left\| \frac{d}{dt} S(t) \right\|_{op} \leq \frac{C}{t}, t \in (0,1).$$

See a book [ABHN] W. Arendt, Ch. Batty, M. Hieber, F. Neubrander, Vector-valued Laplace transforms and Cauchy problems, Birkhäuser (2011).

Definition 3 (C_0 -semigroup). A semigroup S is called **C_0 -semigroup** if $S(t)f \rightarrow f$ as $t \downarrow 0$ for all $f \in X$.

Remark. The name of analyticity stems from the fact that $S = \{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ can be extended as a holomorphic function to a sectorial region of t i.e. $|\arg t| < \theta$ with some $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$.

A classical problem

Problem 2. Is the solution operator $S(t)$ an analytic semigroup in L^r -type spaces?

This problem has a long history.

V. A. Solonnikov '77, Y. G. '81,

A simple example

Heat semigroup (Gauss – Weierstrass semigroup)

$$(H(t)f)(x) = e^{t\Delta}f = G_t * f$$

$$= \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} G_t(x - y)f(y)dy$$

$$G_t(x) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{n/2}} \exp(-|x|^2/4t)$$

- Proposition 1.** (i) The family $H = \{H(t)\}_{t>0}$ is a non C_0 -analytic semigroup in $L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$
 (and also in $BC(\mathbf{R}^n)$)
 but a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $BUC(\mathbf{R}^n)$
 (and also in $C_0(\mathbf{R}^n)$)
- (ii) The family H is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $L^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$ for all $1 \leq r < \infty$.

$$BC(\mathbf{R}^n) = C(\mathbf{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$$

$$BUC(\mathbf{R}^n)$$

$$= \{f \in BC(\mathbf{R}^n) \mid f: \text{uniformly continuous}\}$$

$$C_0(\mathbf{R}^n) = L^\infty\text{-closure of } C_c^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$$

$$= \left\{ f \in C(\mathbf{R}^n) \mid \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0 \right\}$$

Spaces for divergence free vector fields

$$C_{c,\sigma}^\infty(\Omega) = \{ f \in C_c^\infty(\Omega) \mid \operatorname{div} f = 0 \}$$

= the space of all smooth solenoidal vector fields with compact support

$$C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega) = L^\infty\text{-closure of } C_{c,\sigma}^\infty(\Omega)$$

= $\{ f \in C(\bar{\Omega}) \mid \operatorname{div} f = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, f = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \}$
if Ω is bounded. (Maremonti '09)

$$L_\sigma^r(\Omega) = L^r\text{-closure of } C_{c,\sigma}^\infty(\Omega), 1 \leq r < \infty$$

More spaces

Helmholtz decomposition (Ω bounded C^1 -domain, ...)

$L^r(\Omega) = L_\sigma^r(\Omega) \oplus G^r(\Omega)$ ($1 < r < \infty$), where

$G^r(\Omega) = \{ \nabla \pi \in L^r(\Omega) \mid \pi \in L_{loc}^1(\Omega) \}$.

$L_\sigma^r(\Omega) = G^{r'}(\Omega)^\perp$

$= \left\{ f \in L^r(\Omega) \mid \int_\Omega f \cdot \nabla \varphi dx = 0 \text{ for all } \varphi \in G^{r'}(\Omega) \right\}$

e.g. Fujiwara – Morimoto '79, Galdi's book '11

Here $1/r + 1/r' = 1$

$L_\sigma^\infty(\Omega) := \left\{ f \in L^\infty(\Omega) \mid \int_\Omega f \cdot \nabla \varphi dx = 0 \text{ for all } \varphi \in \widehat{W}^{1,1}(\Omega) \right\}$.

$C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega) \subset BUC_\sigma(\Omega) \subset L_\sigma^\infty(\Omega)$

Analyticity results for the Stokes semigroup

$$S(t) = e^{-tA} \text{ in } L^r_\sigma (= L^r\text{-closure of } C^\infty_{c,\sigma})$$

(i) L^2_σ : easy since the Stokes operator is nonnegative self-adjoint.

(ii) L^r_σ : V. A. Solonnikov '77, Y. G. '81 (bdd domain)
(max regularity / resolvent estimate)
... H. Abels – Y. Terasawa '09 (variable coefficient)
bdd, exterior, bent half space.

$$(iii) \tilde{L}^r_\sigma \text{ space} = \begin{cases} L^r \cap L^2_\sigma & r \geq 2 \\ L^r + L^2_\sigma & r < 2 \end{cases}$$

W. Farwig, H. Kozono and H. Sohr '05, '07, '09
General uniformity C^2 -domain / All except
Solonnikov appeals to the resolvent estimate

General results in L^r setting

Theorem 1 (M. Geißert, H. Heck, M. Hieber and O. Sawada, J. Reine Angew. Math., 2012).
If a uniformly C^2 domain Ω admits the Helmholtz decomposition in L^r , then $S(t)$ is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in L^r_σ .
(Moreover, the maximum L^r regularity holds.)

Applications to the Navier-Stokes equations — strong solvability

$$v_t - \Delta v + v \cdot \nabla v + \nabla q = 0, \quad \operatorname{div} v = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

$$\text{B.C.} \quad v = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

$$\text{I.C.} \quad v|_{t=0} = v_0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

T. Kato – H. Fujita '62: L^2 theory, Ω : bdd,

$H^{1/2}$ initial data \Rightarrow local existence (3-D)

Y. G. – T. Miyakawa '85: L^p theory, Ω : bdd,

L^n initial data \Rightarrow local existence (n -D)

..... H. Amann '00 Besov theory, R. Farwig, H. Sohr,

W. Varnhorn '09

Results in L^∞ setting

Theorem 2 (K. Abe – Y. G., Acta Math., 2013). Let Ω be a bounded C^3 -domain in \mathbf{R}^n ($n \geq 2$). Then the Stokes semigroup $S(t)$ is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega)$ ($= BUC_\sigma(\Omega)$). It can be regarded as a non C_0 -analytic semigroup in $L^\infty_\sigma(\Omega)$.

Remark. Whole space case is reduced to the heat semigroup. This type of analyticity result had been only known for half space where the solution is written explicitly (Desch – Hieber – Prüss '01, Solonnikov '03)

Theorem 3 (K. Abe – Y. G., J. Evol. Eq., 2012). Let Ω be an C^3 -exterior domain in \mathbf{R}^n . Then the Stokes semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t>0}$ is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega)$ and extends to a non C_0 -analytic semigroup in $L^\infty_\sigma(\Omega)$. It can be extended as a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $BUC_\sigma(\Omega)$.

Note that for an unbounded domain $C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega)$ is strictly smaller than $BUC_\sigma(\Omega)$ because $f \in C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega)$ implies $|f(x)| \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$.

Applications to the Navier-Stokes equations — L^∞ theory

Whole space, J. Leray '34 Y. G. – K. Inui – S. Matsui '99

Half space, V. A. Solonnikov '03, H.-O. Bae – B. J. Jin '12

$$\|S(t)P\nabla f\|_\infty \leq Ct^{-1/2}\|f\|_\infty$$

Bounded and exterior domains by Ken Abe '14:

$$\|S(t)P\nabla f\|_\infty \leq Ct^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\|f\|_\infty^\alpha\|\nabla f\|_\infty^{1-\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

For strong solutions of N-S,

$$T : \text{existence time} \quad T \geq \frac{C}{\|v_0\|_\infty^2}$$

$$T_* : \text{possible blow-up time} \quad \|v(t)\|_\infty \geq C/(T_* - t)^{1/2}$$

L^∞ -theory for e^{-tL}

where L is an elliptic operator

- (i) 2nd order operator on \mathbf{R} (one dim): K. Yosida '66
- (ii) 2nd order elliptic operator K. Masuda '71, '72 book in '75
 L^r theory, cutoff procedure for resolvent and interpolation
- (iii) higher order, H. B. Stewart '74, '80
Masuda – Stewart method
- (iv) degenerate + mixed B. C. K. Taira, '04
See also: P. Acquistapace, B. Terrani (1987)
A. Lunardi (1995) Book.

More recent. nonsmooth coefficient / nonsmooth domain

Heck – Hieber – Stavarakidis (2010) VMO coeff., higher order

Arendt – Schaetzle (2010) 2nd order, Lipschitz domain

Takuya Suzuki (2014) C^1 -domain, any order.

Extensions of L^∞ -theory

- (i) Theorems 2 and 3 are obtained by a direct analysis of semigroup. It applies to a perturbed half space (K. Abe).
- (ii) Resolvent estimate is obtained by extending a method of Masuda – Stewart (Maximum analyticity angle is obtained, K. Abe, Y. G. and M. Hieber, to appear.)
- (iii) Cylindrical domains are OK. work in progress (K. Abe, Y. G., K. Schade, T. Suzuki)
- (iv) Counterexample for a layer domain $\{0 < x_n < 1\}$ for $n \geq 3$. (L. von Below)

Problem

We know if L^r admits the Helmholtz decomposition, $S(t)$ is analytic in L^r_σ . Is the Helmholtz decomposition really necessary to conclude that $S(t)$ is analytic in L^r_σ ? (If $r = 2$, the Helmholtz decomposition always exists and the Stokes operator is self-adjoint so that $S(t)$ is always analytic no matter what Ω is.)

Our answer

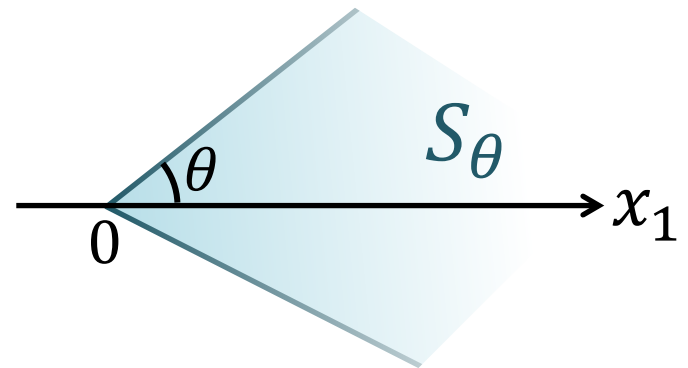
The Helmholtz decomposition in L^r is not a necessary condition so that $S(t)$ is a C_0 analytic semigroup in $L^r_\sigma(\Omega)$.

2. Bogovski's example and main results

$$S_\theta = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \mid |\arg x| < \theta/2\}$$

We say that a planar domain Ω is a **sector-like domain** with opening angle $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ if

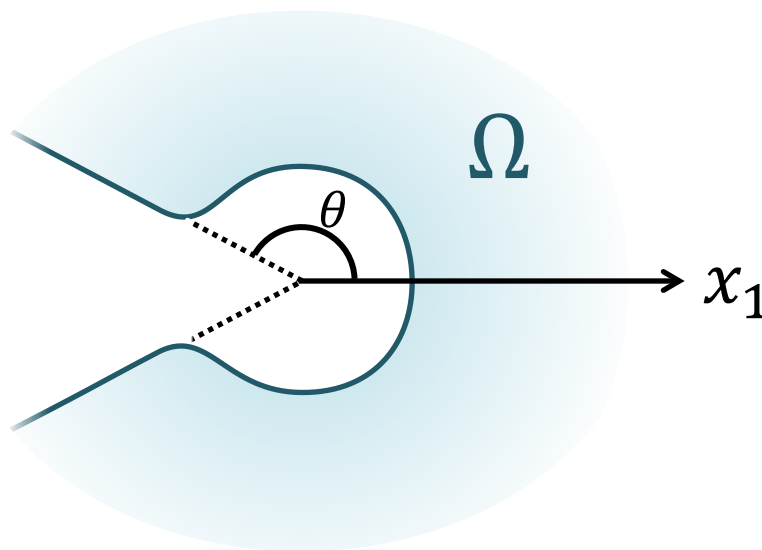
$$\Omega \setminus D_R = S_\theta \setminus D_R$$



for some $R > 0$, where D_R is an open disk of radius R centered at the origin.

Bogovski's example

Proposition 2. The L^r Helmholtz decomposition ($r > 2$) fails for a smooth sector-like domain when $\theta > \pi / (1 - 2/r)$.



Note that for $4/3 < r < 4$, L^r Helmholtz decomposition holds for all $\pi \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

Main results

Theorem 4 [AGSS]. Let $\Omega (\subset \mathbf{R}^2)$ be a C^3 sector-like domain. Then the Stokes semigroup $S(t)$ is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $L^r_\sigma(\Omega)$ for any $2 \leq r < \infty$.

This follows from interpolation with L^2 result and the following L^∞ -result.

Theorem 5 [AGSS]. Let Ω be a C^3 sector-like domain. Then $S(t)$ is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega)$.
(Moreover, $t \|\nabla^2 S(t)v_0\|_\infty \leq C_T \|v_0\|_\infty$ for $t \in (0, T)$.)

AGSS = K. Abe, Y. G., K. Schade, T. Suzuki

Idea of the proof – a blow-up argument a key observation

(Harmonic) pressure gradient estimate by
velocity gradient:

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega} d_{\Omega}(x) |\nabla q(x, t)| \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^{\infty}(\partial\Omega)}(t)$$

$$d_{\Omega}(x) = \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega).$$

Pressure should be related to velocity

Bounds of ∇q is not enough to guarantee the uniqueness.

Parasitic solution: $v = g(t)$, $q(x, t) = -g'(t) \cdot x$ in \mathbf{R}^n .

Poiseuille flow type: half space

$$v = (v^1(x_n), 0, \dots, 0), \quad q = f(t)x_1$$

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t - \Delta)v^1 = -f(t) \\ v^1 = 0 \text{ on } \{x_n = 0\} \end{cases} \quad (\operatorname{div} v = 0 \text{ is automatic})$$

3. Neumann problems with singular data

Equations for the pressure

Consider

$$v_t - \Delta v + \nabla q = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

Take divergence to get

$$\Delta q = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

since $\operatorname{div} v = 0$. Take inner product with n_Ω (unit exterior normal) and use $v_t \cdot n_\Omega = 0$ to get

$$\partial q / \partial n_\Omega = n_\Omega \cdot \Delta v \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

Lemma 1. If $\operatorname{div} v = 0$, then

$$n_{\Omega} \cdot \Delta v = \operatorname{div}_{\partial\Omega} W(v)$$

with

$$W(v) = -(\nabla v - {}^t(\nabla v)) \cdot n_{\Omega}.$$

In three dimensional case,

$$n_{\Omega} \cdot \Delta v = -\operatorname{div}_{\partial\Omega}(\omega \times n_{\Omega})$$

where $\omega = \operatorname{curl} v$ (vorticity). In any case W is a **tangent** vector field.

Neumann problem

The pressure solves

$$(NP) \quad \Delta q = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\partial q / \partial n_{\Omega} = \operatorname{div}_{\partial\Omega} W \text{ on } \partial\Omega.$$

Enough to prove that

$$\|d_{\Omega} \nabla q\|_{\infty} \leq C \|W\|_{\infty}$$

for all **tangential** vector field W .

Strictly admissible domain

Definition 4 (Weak solution of (NP)). (Ken Abe – Y. G., '12) Let Ω be a domain in \mathbf{R}^n ($n \geq 2$) with C^1 boundary. We call $q \in L^1_{loc}(\bar{\Omega})$ a **weak** solution of (NP) for $W \in L^\infty(\partial\Omega)$ with $W \cdot n_\Omega = 0$ if q with $d_\Omega \nabla q \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ fulfills

$$\int_{\Omega} q \Delta \varphi dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} W \cdot \nabla \varphi d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}$$

for all $\varphi \in C_c^2(\bar{\Omega})$ satisfying $\partial\varphi/\partial n_\Omega = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$.

Definition 5 (Strictly admissible domain). Let Ω be a uniformly C^1 domain. We say that Ω is **strictly admissible** if there is a constant C such that

$$\|d_\Omega \nabla q\|_\infty \leq C \|W\|_{L^\infty(\partial\Omega)}$$

holds for all weak solution of (NP) for tangential vector fields W . Note that strictly admissibility implies admissibility defined below.

Admissible domain

Let $P: \tilde{L}^r(\Omega) \rightarrow \tilde{L}_\sigma^r(\Omega)$ be the Helmholtz projection and $Q = I - P$. Applying Q to the Stokes equation to get

$$\nabla q = Q[\Delta v].$$

Here $\tilde{L}^r = L^r \cap L^2$,

$$\tilde{L}_\sigma^r = L_\sigma^r \cap L^2 \quad \text{for } r > 2.$$

Admissible domain (continued)

Definition 6 (Ken Abe – Y. G., Acta Math., 2013). Let Ω be a uniformly C^1 -domain. We say that Ω is **admissible** if there exists $r \geq n$ and a constant $C = C_\Omega$ such that

$$\sup d_\Omega(x) |Q[\nabla \cdot f](x)| \leq C \|f\|_{L^\infty(\partial\Omega)}$$

hold for all matrix value $f = (f_{ij}) \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ satisfy $\nabla \cdot f (= \sum_j \partial_j f_{ij}) \in \tilde{L}^r(\Omega)$,

$$\text{tr } f = 0 \text{ and } \partial_\ell f_{ij} = \partial_j f_{i\ell}$$

for all $i, j, \ell = \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Remark. (i) This is a property of the solution of the Neumann problem for the Laplace operator. In fact, $\nabla q = Q[\nabla \cdot f]$ is formally equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta q &= \operatorname{div}(\nabla \cdot f) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \partial q / \partial n_\Omega &= n_\Omega \cdot (\nabla \cdot f) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Under the above condition for f we see that q is harmonic in Ω since

$$\operatorname{div}(\nabla \cdot f) = \sum_{i,j} \partial_i \partial_j f_{ij} = \sum \partial_j \partial_j f_{ii} = 0.$$

- (ii) The constant C_Ω depends on Ω but independent of dilation, translation and rotation.
- (iii) If Ω is admissible, we easily obtain the pressure gradient estimate by taking $f_{ij} = \partial_j v^i$.
- (iv) It turns out that
$$\partial q / \partial n_\Omega = \operatorname{div}_{\partial\Omega}(n_\Omega \cdot (f - {}^t f)).$$

Remark. Strictly admissibility implies admissibility.

Example of strictly admissible domains

- (a) half space
- (b) C^3 bounded domain
- (c) C^3 exterior domain

Note that layer domain $\{a < x_n < b\}$ is not strictly admissible.

Consider $q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1$.

Theorem 6 (Ken Abe – Y. G., Acta Math., 2013). If Ω is C^3 and admissible, then $S(t)$ is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega)$. (The conclusion of Theorem 5 holds.)

Estimates for harmonic pressure gradient

Theorem 7 (A key step). If Ω is a C^2 sector-like domain, then it is admissible (not strictly admissible).

A strictly admissibility is proved for a bounded domain (K. Abe – Y. G.), exterior domain (K. Abe – Y. G.), a perturbed half space (K. Abe). For a bounded domain there is another proof by C. Kenig, F. Lin, Z. Shen (2013).

Sector-like domain

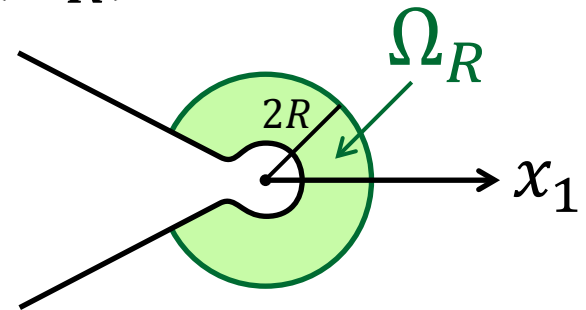
Lemma 2. Let Ω be a C^2 sector-like domain in \mathbf{R}^2 . Then there is a constant C such that

$$\|d_\Omega(x)\nabla u\|_\infty \leq C\|g\|_\infty$$

for all weak solution $u \in L^1_{loc}(\bar{\Omega}_R)$ of

$$(NP) \quad \Delta u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_R$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n_\Omega} = \operatorname{div}_{\partial\Omega} g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_R$$



satisfying $g \cdot n_\Omega = 0$ on $\partial\Omega \cap D_{2R}$ and $g = 0$ on $\partial D_{2R} \cap \Omega$ provided that $\|d_\Omega \nabla u\|_\infty < \infty$.

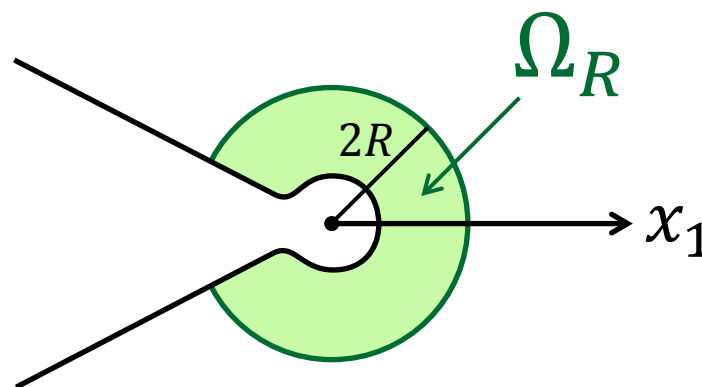
Here $\Omega_R := \Omega \cap D_{2R}$.

Sector-like domain (continued)

Note that C is independent of R . This estimate yields

Lemma 3. There exists a constant C such that all weak solutions $u \in L^1_{loc}(\bar{\Omega})$ of (NP) with $\nabla u \in L^2(\Omega)$ and $g \in L^\infty(\partial\Omega)$ with $g \cdot n_\Omega = 0$ fulfills $\|d_\Omega \nabla u\|_\infty \leq C \|g\|_\infty$.

This yields Theorem 7.



Idea of the proof of Lemma 2

We argue by contradiction $\exists \{u_m, g_m, R_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$, such that

$$1 = \|d_\Omega \nabla u_m\|_{L^\infty(\Omega_{R_m})} > m \|g_m\|_{L^\infty(\partial\Omega \cap D_{2R_m})}$$

Case A $R_m \rightarrow \infty$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$

Case B $\overline{\lim}_{m \rightarrow \infty} R_m < \infty$

We only discuss case A. We take $x_m \in \Omega_{R_m}$ such that

$$|d_\Omega(x_m) \nabla u_m(x_m)| > 1/2.$$

We may assume $u_m(x_m) = 0$ by subtracting a constant.

Compactness

Case 1 \exists subsequence $\{x_{m_k}\} \rightarrow \hat{x}$

Case 2 $|x_m| \rightarrow \infty$

Case 1 (a) $\hat{x} \in \Omega$, (**Case 1 (b)** $\hat{x} \in \partial\Omega$)

u_m converges to u locally uniformly with its derivatives in Ω and $u(\hat{x}) = 0$. We now apply the uniqueness to conclude $u \equiv 0$ which contradicts $|d(\hat{x})\nabla u(\hat{x})| \geq 1/2$.

Uniqueness

Lemma 4. Let Ω be a C^2 sector-like domain. Let $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ be a solution of (NP) in Ω with $g = 0$. Assume that $\|d_\Omega \nabla u\|_\infty < \infty$. Then u is a constant function.

Other cases

Case 1 (b) can be handled by uniqueness in a half space with blow-up argument

$$v_m(x) = u_m(x_m + d_m x), \quad d_m = d_\Omega(x_m).$$

Case 2 can be treated by scaling-down argument

$$w_m(x) = u_m(x/|x_m|)$$

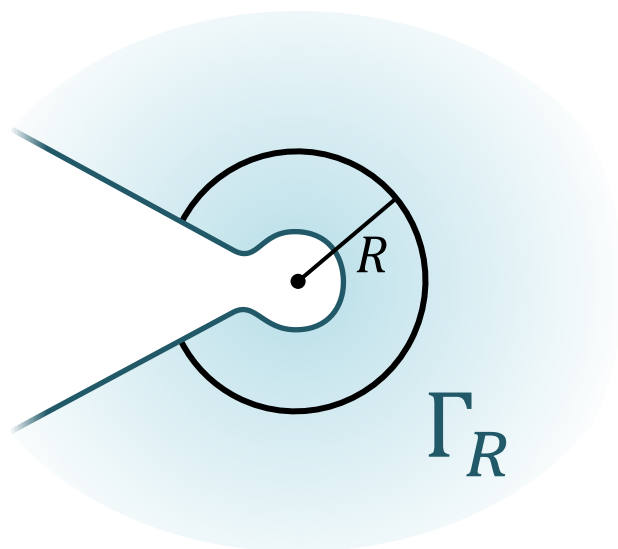
and uniqueness (with zero flux condition) in $S_\theta \cap D_S$ with some $S > 0$ or S_θ .

A key observation for uniqueness

(1) Assumption implies zero flux condition

$$\int_{\Gamma_R \cap \Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} d\mathcal{H}^1 = 0, \quad R \gg 1,$$

where $\Gamma_R = \partial D_R$. This implies that u is bounded in Ω .



- (2) We may assume $\int_{\Gamma_R \cap \Omega} u \, d\mathcal{H}^1 = 0$ for $R \gg 1$. If u attains its maximum, the strong maximum principle implies $u = \text{const.}$
- (3) In the case max is not attained, we consider sequence x_m such that $u(x_m) \rightarrow \sup u$, $|x_m| \rightarrow \infty$. We scale down and obtain a contradiction to the uniqueness result in a sector under zero flux condition.

Summary

- We prove that a C^2 sector-like domain is admissible.
- A similar idea works for a domain with finitely many cylindrical outlets.

Theorem 4. Let $\Omega (\subset \mathbf{R}^2)$ be a C^3 sector-like domain. Then the Stokes semigroup $S(t)$ is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $L^r_\sigma(\Omega)$ for any $2 \leq r < \infty$.

Theorem 5. Let Ω be a C^3 sector-like domain. Then $S(t)$ is a C_0 -analytic semigroup in $C_{0,\sigma}(\Omega)$.
(Moreover, $t\|\nabla^2 S(t)v_0\|_\infty \leq C_T\|v_0\|_\infty$ for $t \in (0, T)$.)