

Infinite energy solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations

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Uniformly locally square integrable solutions

Infinite energy solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations were introduced by Lemarié-Rieusset in 1999. This has allowed to show the existence of local weak solutions for a uniformly locally square integrable initial data.

Other constructions of infinite-energy solutions for locally uniformly square integrable initial data were given in 2006 by Basson [1] and in 2007 by Kikuchi and Seregin [6].

Uniformly locally square integrable solutions

Theorem

Let $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L^2_{uloc}$ with $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_0 = 0$ and $\mathbb{F} \in (L^2_t L^2_x)_{uloc}((0, 1) \times \mathbb{R}^3)$. Then there exist a solution \mathbf{u} to

$$(NS) \begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u} = \Delta \mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \nabla p + \nabla \cdot \mathbb{F} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, & \mathbf{u}(0, \cdot) = \mathbf{u}_0 \end{cases}$$

on $(0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^3$ with

$$T = \min(c, c(\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L^2_{uloc}} + \|\mathbb{F}\|_{(L^2 L^2)_{uloc}})^{-4})$$

and $\mathbf{u} \in (L^\infty_t L^2_x)_{uloc} \cap (L^2_t H^1_x)_{uloc}$ satisfies

Uniformly locally square integrable solutions

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left(\int_{|x-y| < 1} |\mathbf{u}(t, y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq 2(\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L^2_{uloc}} + c\|\mathbb{F}\|_{(L^2 L^2)_{uloc}})$$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left(\int_0^T \int_{|x-y| < 1} |\nabla \mathbf{u}(t, y)|^2 dy ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq 2(\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L^2_{uloc}} + c\|\mathbb{F}\|_{(L^2 L^2)_{uloc}})$$

Moreover, \mathbf{u} is suitable : \mathbf{u} satisfies in \mathcal{D}' the energy inequality

$$\partial_t \left(\frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} \right) \leq \Delta \left(\frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} \right) - |\nabla \mathbf{u}|^2 - \nabla \cdot \left(\left(\frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} + p \right) \mathbf{u} \right) + \mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \mathbb{F})$$

with $\nabla p = (\text{Id} - \mathbb{P}) \nabla \cdot (\mathbb{F} - \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u})$.

For every compact subset K , $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_K |\mathbf{u}(t, x) - \mathbf{u}_0(x)|^2 dx = 0$

Self-similar solutions

The infinite energy solutions allowed Jia and Sverak [5] to construct in 2014 the self-similar solutions for large smooth data.

Definition

Let $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. We say that \mathbf{u}_0 is a self-similar function (SS) if for all $\lambda > 1$, $\lambda \mathbf{u}_0(\lambda \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}_0$.

A vector field $\mathbf{u} \in L^2_{\text{loc}}([0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^3)$ is SS if for all $\lambda > 1$, $\lambda \mathbf{u}(\lambda^2 t, \lambda \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x})$.

A forcing tensor $\mathbb{F} \in L^2_{\text{loc}}([0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^3)$ is SS if for all $\lambda > 1$, $\lambda^2 \mathbb{F}(\lambda^2 t, \lambda \mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{F}(t, \mathbf{x})$.

Self-similar solutions

Their result has been extended in 2016 by Lemarié-Rieusset [9] to solutions for rough locally square integrable data. We remark that an homogeneous (of degree -1) and locally square integrable data is automatically uniformly locally L^2 .

If \mathbf{u}_0 is self-similar, we have $\mathbf{u}_0(x) = \frac{1}{|x|} \mathbf{u}_0\left(\frac{x}{|x|}\right)$. From this equality, we find that, for $\lambda > 1$

$$\int_{1 < |x| < \lambda} |\mathbf{u}_0(x)|^2 dx = (\lambda - 1) \int_{S^2} |\mathbf{u}_0(\sigma)|^2 d\sigma$$

Discretely self-similar solutions

In 2018, Bradshaw and Tsai considered the case of self-similar solutions to a discrete subgroup of dilations. A locally L^2 initial data is not necessarily uniformly locally L^2 , therefore their results are not consequence of constructions described by Lemarié-Rieusset in [8]. What can we do?

Definition

Let $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. We say that \mathbf{u}_0 is a λ -discretely self-similar function (λ -DSS) if there exists $\lambda > 1$ such that $\lambda \mathbf{u}_0(\lambda x) = \mathbf{u}_0$.

A vector field $\mathbf{u} \in L^2_{\text{loc}}([0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^3)$ is λ -DSS if there exists $\lambda > 1$ such that $\lambda \mathbf{u}(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x) = \mathbf{u}(t, x)$.

A forcing tensor $\mathbb{F} \in L^2_{\text{loc}}([0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^3)$ is λ -DSS if there exists $\lambda > 1$ such that $\lambda^2 \mathbb{F}(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x) = \mathbb{F}(t, x)$.

I work with Pierre-Gilles Lémarié-Rieusset to give a new proof of the results of Chae and Wolf [3] and Bradshaw and Tsai [2] on the existence of λ -DSS solutions of the Navier–Stokes problem (and of Jia and Šverák [5] for self-similar solutions).

The procedure to obtain infinite energy solutions

For uniformly locally L^2 initial data, the idea is to solve the approximated Navier-Stokes problem using a point fix theorem, and then to prove that this approximated solutions satisfy a priori controls uniformly.

There exist $C > 0$ such that for all $0 < \varepsilon < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2_{uloc}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \int_0^t \int_{B(x,1)} |\nabla \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon|^2 ds \\ & \leq \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L^2_{uloc}}^2 + C \int_0^t \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2_{uloc}}^2 + \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2_{uloc}}^6 ds \end{aligned}$$

and the initial estimate of existence time permit to iterate the point fix while the quantity in left side is finite.

The procedure to obtain infinite energy solutions

A Grönwall non linear lemma permit to obtain a uniform existence time and we have the souhaitable controls to use Rellich-Lions Lemma to obtain a suite $\mathbf{u}_{\varepsilon_n}$ which converges to a solution.

In the case of discretely self-similar initial data \mathbf{u}_0 , we have that $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L^2((1 + |x|)^{-1-\varepsilon} dx)$, where $\varepsilon > 0$. In this case, if we search solutions \mathbf{u} in $L_t^\infty L^2((1 + |x|)^{-1-\varepsilon} dx)$ and $\nabla \mathbf{u} \in L_t^2 L^2((1 + |x|)^{-1-\varepsilon} dx)$ we can not use directly a Piccard point fix theorem because the bi-linear form

$$\int_0^t h_{t-s} * \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \otimes (v * \theta_\varepsilon))(x, s) ds$$

is not continuous.

The procedure to obtain discretely self-similar solutions

To obtain approximated discretely self-similar solutions we need to use a mollifiers $\theta_{\sqrt{t}\varepsilon}$ to regularize the problem, and even if we use initial data in L^2 the bi-linear form with this mollifier is not continuous.

We obtain the a priori estimates and we construct solutions of the linearized problem, then we obtain solutions of the approximated problem by using the Leray-Schauder theorem

We prove the discretely self-similar property by demonstrate a uniqueness result for the approximated problem

The Rellich–Lions theorem permit to obtain a solution by taking the limit of a sequence of approximated solutions.

Thank you for your attention !

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