

INTERNAL EXPONENTIAL STABILIZATION TO A NONSTATIONARY SOLUTION FOR 3D NAVIER–STOKES EQUATIONS

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THE EQUATIONS

The Navier-Stokes system in a 3D bounded domain $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ with boundary Γ reads:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t - \nu \Delta u + (u \cdot \nabla)u + \nabla p &= h + \zeta \quad \text{in } \Omega; \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega; \\ u|_{\Gamma} &= 0; \\ u(0) &= u_0.\end{aligned}$$

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- **Scalar products and norms:** let Π be the orthogonal projection in $L^2(T\Omega)$ onto H and let $L = -\nu\Pi\Delta$ be the Stokes operator;

$$(u, v)_H := (u, v)_{L^2(T\Omega)}, \quad (u, v)_V := \langle Lu, v \rangle_{V', V},$$

$$(u, v)_{D(L)} := (Lu, Lv)_{L^2(T\Omega)}.$$

THE EVOLUTIONARY EQUATION

Fix a function $h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+, H)$ and write the system

$$u_t - \nu \Delta u + (u \cdot \nabla)u + \nabla p = h + \zeta, \quad \nabla \cdot u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega;$$

as an evolutionary equation in the space H of divergence free vector fields H :

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is defined for all $t > 0$ and converges exponentially to \hat{u} , i.e.,

$$|u(t) - \hat{u}(t)|_H \leq \kappa_1 e^{-\kappa_2 t} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0,$$

where κ_1 and κ_2 are non-negative constants; in this case, we say that u converges κ_2 -exponentially to \hat{u} .

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- The required control space can be chosen in the form $\mathcal{E}_M = \chi E_M$, where $\chi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ is a given function not identically equal to zero, and the integer M is sufficiently large. In particular, $\chi E_M \subset C_0^\infty(T\omega)$ for any sub-domain $\omega \subseteq \Omega$ containing $\text{supp}(\chi)$.

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For each $v_0 \in H$ and $\lambda > 0$, there is an integer $M = \bar{C}_{[\lambda, |\hat{u}|_w]} \geq 1$ and a control $\eta^{\hat{u}, \lambda}(v_0) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+, E_M)$ such that the solution v of the system satisfies the inequality $|v(t)|_H^2 \leq \kappa |v_0|_H^2 e^{-\lambda t}$, $t \geq 0$ for some $\kappa = \bar{C}_{[\lambda, |\hat{u}|_w]} > 0$. Moreover, the mapping $v_0 \mapsto e^{(\tilde{\lambda}/2)t} \eta^{\hat{u}, \lambda}(v_0)$ is linear and continuous from H to $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+, E_M)$ for all $0 \leq \tilde{\lambda} < \lambda$. Finally, if $v_0 \in V$, then $|v(t)|_V^2 \leq \bar{\kappa} |v_0|_V^2 e^{-\lambda t}$, $t \geq 0$ for some $\kappa = \bar{C}_{[\lambda, |\hat{u}|_w]} > 0$. The constants κ and $\bar{\kappa}$ do not depend on v_0 .

$\bar{C}_{[a_1, \dots, a_k]}$ denotes a function of non-negative variables a_j that increases in each of its arguments.

AUXILIARY LEMMAS

Let us fix $\tau > 0$ and denote by $S_{\hat{u},\tau}(w_0, \eta)$ the operator that takes the pair (w_0, η) to the solution of

$$v_t + Lv + \mathbb{B}(\hat{u})v = \Pi(\chi P_M \eta), \quad t \in I_\tau = (\tau, 1 + \tau), \quad v(0) = w_0;$$

LEMMA

For each $N \in \mathbb{N}$ there is an integer $M = \bar{C}_{[\lambda, |\hat{u}|_{\mathcal{W}}]} \geq 1$ such that, for every $w_0 \in H$ and an appropriate control $\eta \in L^2(I_\tau, E_M)$ we have

$$\Pi_N S_{\hat{u},\tau}(w_0, \eta)(\tau + 1) = 0.$$

Moreover, there is a constant C_χ depending only on $|\hat{u}|_{\mathcal{W}}$ (but not on N and τ) such that

$$|\eta|_{L^2(I_\tau, E_M)}^2 \leq C_\chi |w_0|_H^2.$$

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- The unique minimizer $(\bar{v}_\epsilon, \bar{\eta}_\epsilon)$ depends linearly on $w_0 \in H$.
- Using the Karush–Kuhn–Tucker theorem, and making some direct computations, we have that there is a Lagrange multiplier $q^\epsilon \in L^2(I_\tau, V)$ satisfying the time-backward system

$$\begin{aligned} q_t^\epsilon - Lq^\epsilon - \mathbb{B}^*(\hat{u})q^\epsilon &= 0, \quad t \in I_\tau; \\ q^\epsilon(\tau + 1) &= -2\epsilon^{-1} \Pi_N \bar{v}^\epsilon(\tau + 1); \end{aligned}$$

with $2\bar{\eta}_\epsilon = P_M(\chi q^\epsilon)$ and...

$$\int_{I_\tau} |P_M(\chi q^\epsilon)|_{L^2(T\Omega)}^2 dt + \epsilon |q^\epsilon(\tau + 1)|_H^2 = -2(q^\epsilon(\tau), \bar{v}^\epsilon(\tau))_H$$

$$\leq \alpha |q^\epsilon(\tau)|_H^2 + \alpha^{-1} |\bar{v}^\epsilon(\tau)|_H^2$$

From the truncated observability inequality:

PROPOSITION

For any integer $N \geq 1$ there is $M = \bar{C}_{[N, |\hat{u}|_{W_\tau}]} \in \mathcal{N}$ such that any solution q for time-backward system

$$q_t - Lq - \mathbb{B}^*(\hat{u})q = 0, \quad t \in I_\tau, \quad q(\tau + 1) = q_1, \quad \text{with } q_1 \in F_N = \Pi_N H$$

satisfies the inequality $|q(\tau)|_H^2 \leq D_\chi \int_{I_\tau} |P_M(\chi q)|_{L^2(T\Omega)}^2 dt$ for a suitable constant D_χ depending only on χ .

we obtain, setting $\alpha = (2D_\chi)^{-1}$,

$$\int_{I_\tau} |P_M(\chi q^\epsilon)|_{L^2(T\Omega)}^2 dt + 2\epsilon |q^\epsilon(\tau + 1)|_H^2 \leq 4D_\chi |w_0|_H^2.$$

Remark: to proof the proposition: use the finite-dimensionality of F_N and well known obs. ineq. $|q(\tau)|_H^2 \leq C_\omega \int_{I_\tau} |q|_{L^2(T\omega)}^2 dt$ (Imanuvilov, 2001).

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- We also easily find that

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and D_χ may be taken independent of τ and N . This ends the proof of the lemma.

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Indeed...

- From standard computations we have

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- From this, using some more standard estimates, it is not difficult to derive that $|v(t)|_H^2 \leq \bar{C}_{[\lambda, \hat{u}|w]} e^{-\lambda t} |v_0|_H^2$ and, if $v_0 \in V$, that $|v(t)|_V^2 \leq \bar{C}_{[\lambda, \hat{u}|w]} e^{-\lambda t} |v_0|_V^2$.

Finally for any $\tilde{\lambda} < \lambda$, the the continuity of the map $v_0 \mapsto e^{(\tilde{\lambda}/2)t}\eta^{\hat{u},\lambda}$ follows from a simple and direct computation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |e^{(\tilde{\lambda}/2)t}\eta^{\hat{u},\lambda}|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_+, E_M)}^2 &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |e^{(\tilde{\lambda}/2)t}\tilde{\eta}^{\hat{u},n}(v(n))|_{L^2(I_n, E_M)}^2 \\
 &\leq C'_\chi \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} e^{\tilde{\lambda}(n+1)} |v(n)|_H^2 \\
 &\leq C'_\chi e^{\tilde{\lambda}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} e^{(\tilde{\lambda}-\lambda)n} |v_0|_H^2 \leq C_{\chi,\lambda} |v_0|_H^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM (FEEDBACK CONTROL)

For any $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{W}$ and $\lambda > 0$ there is an integer $M = \overline{C}_{[\lambda, \hat{u} | \mathcal{W}]} \in \mathbb{N}$, a family of continuous operators $K_{\hat{u}}^{\lambda}(t) : H \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_M$, and a constant $\kappa = \overline{C}_{[\lambda, \hat{u} | \mathcal{W}]}$ such that the following properties hold.

- (i) The function $t \mapsto K_{\hat{u}}^{\lambda}(t)$ is continuous in the weak operator topology, and its operator norm is bounded by κ .
- (ii) For any $s \geq 0$ and $v_0 \in H$, the solution of the problem

$$v_t + Lv + \mathbb{B}(\hat{u})v = \Pi K_{\hat{u}}^{\lambda}(t)v, \quad v(s) = v_0$$

exists on the time interval $(s, +\infty)$ and satisfies the inequality

$$e^{\lambda(t-s)} |v(t)|_H^2 + \int_s^t e^{\lambda(\tau-s)} (|v(\tau)|_V^2 + |v_t(\tau)|_{V'}^2) d\tau \leq \kappa |v_0|_H^2, \quad t \geq s$$

. Moreover, if $v_0 \in V$, then

$$e^{\lambda(t-s)} |v(t)|_V^2 + \int_s^t e^{\lambda(\tau-s)} (|v(\tau)|_{D(L)}^2 + |v_t(\tau)|_H^2) d\tau \leq \kappa |v_0|_V^2, \quad t \geq s$$

PROBLEM

Put $E^\lambda(X) := \{f \in X \mid e^{\lambda t} f \in X\}$. Given $s \geq 0$, $\lambda > 0$, $M \in \mathbb{N}$ and $w_0 \in H$, find the minimum of the functional

$$M_s^\lambda(v, \eta) := \int_{(s, +\infty)} e^{\lambda t} (|v|_V^2 + |\eta|_{L^2(T\Omega)}^2) dt$$

on the set of functions (v, η) that satisfy

$$v_t + Lv + \mathbb{B}(\hat{u})v = \Pi(\chi P_M \eta), \quad t \in I_\tau, \quad v(s) = w_0 \text{ and}$$

$$(v, \eta) \in E^\lambda(W([s, +\infty), V, V']) \times E^\lambda(L^2([s, +\infty), L^2(T\Omega)))$$

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LEMMA

For any $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{W}$ and $\lambda > 0$ there is an integer $M = \bar{C}_{[\lambda, |\hat{u}|_{\mathcal{W}}]} \geq 1$ such that the problem has a unique minimizer (v_s^*, η_s^*) . Moreover, there is a continuous operator $Q_{\hat{u}}^{s, \lambda} : H \rightarrow H$ such that

$$M_s^\lambda(v_s^*, \eta_s^*) = (Q_{\hat{u}}^{s, \lambda} w_0, w_0), \quad |Q_{\hat{u}}^{s, \lambda}|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq \bar{C}_{[\lambda, |\hat{u}|_{\mathcal{W}}]} e^{\lambda s},$$

where $C = \bar{C}_{[\lambda, |\hat{u}|_{\mathcal{W}}]} > 0$ is a constant. Finally, $Q_{\hat{u}}^{s, \lambda}$ continuously depends on s in the weak operator topology.

PROBLEM

Given $\lambda > 0$ and $v_0 \in H$, find the minimum of the functional

$$N_s^\lambda(v, \eta) := \int_{(0,s)} e^{\lambda t} (|v|_V^2 + |\eta|_{L^2(T\Omega)}^2) dt + (Q_{\hat{u}}^{s,\lambda} v(s), v(s))$$

on the set of functions $(v, \eta) \in W([0, s], V, V') \times L^2((0, s), L^2(T\Omega))$ that satisfy $v_t + Lv + \mathbb{B}(\hat{u})v = \Pi(\chi P_M \eta)$, $t \in (0, s)$, $v(0) = v_0$ and M is the integer constructed in preceding lemma.

PROBLEM

Given $\lambda > 0$ and $v_0 \in H$, find the minimum of the functional

$$N_s^\lambda(v, \eta) := \int_{(0, s)} e^{\lambda t} (|v|_V^2 + |\eta|_{L^2(T\Omega)}^2) dt + (Q_{\hat{u}}^{s, \lambda} v(s), v(s))$$

on the set of functions $(v, \eta) \in W([0, s], V, V') \times L^2((0, s), L^2(T\Omega))$ that satisfy $v_t + Lv + \mathbb{B}(\hat{u})v = \Pi(\chi P_M \eta)$, $t \in (0, s)$, $v(0) = v_0$ and M is the integer constructed in preceding lemma.

This problem has a unique minimizer $(v_s^\bullet, \eta_s^\bullet)$, which is a linear function of $v_0 \in H$.

LEMMA

Under the hypotheses of preceding lemma, the restriction of (v_0^*, η_0^*) to the interval $(0, s)$ coincides with $(v_s^\bullet, \eta_s^\bullet)$ and the restriction of (v_0^*, η_0^*) to the interval $(s, +\infty)$ coincides with $(v_s^*, \eta_s^*)(v_0(s))$.

THE FEEDBACK CONTROLLER

Using the Karush–Kuhn–Tucker theorem we find some equations that must be satisfied by the optimal control and trajectory of the last problem. It turns out that at time s we must have

$$\eta_s^\bullet(s) = -e^{-\lambda s} P_M \chi Q_{\hat{u}}^{s,\lambda} v_s^\bullet(s).$$

Since s is arbitrary we may conclude that the optimal trajectory v_0^* solves

$$v_t + Lv + B(\hat{u}, v) + B(v, \hat{u}) = \Pi(K_{\hat{u}}^\lambda v), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad v(0) = v_0,$$

where we set

$$K_{\hat{u}}^\lambda(t) := -e^{-\lambda t} \chi P_M \chi Q_{\hat{u}}^{t,\lambda}.$$

NONLINEAR SYSTEM

Let us consider the nonlinear problem

$$v_t + Lv + Bv + \mathbb{B}(\hat{u})v = K_{\hat{u}}^\lambda(t)v, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+; \quad v(0) = v_0.$$

THEOREM

Let $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{W}$ be an arbitrary function, let $\lambda > 0$, and let $M = \bar{C}_{[[\hat{u}]_{\mathcal{W}}, \lambda]}$ the integer constructed in feedback theorem for the linear case. Then there are positive constants ϑ and ϵ depending only on $[\hat{u}]_{\mathcal{W}}$ and λ such that for $|v_0|_V \leq \epsilon$ the solution v of the system above is well defined for all $t \geq 0$ and satisfies the inequality

$$|v(t)|_V^2 \leq \vartheta e^{-\lambda t} |v_0|_V^2 \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

Denote by \mathcal{Z}^λ the space of functions $z \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, V) \cap L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R}_+, U)$ such that

$$|z|_{\mathcal{Z}^\lambda} := \sup_{t \geq 0} \left(e^{\lambda t} |z(t)|_V^2 + \int_{(t, t+1)} e^{\lambda \tau} |z(\tau)|_{D(L)}^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2} < \infty.$$

For the proof we use the contraction mapping principle. Fix a constant $\vartheta > 0$ and a function $v_0 \in V$ and introduce the following subset of \mathcal{Z}^λ :

$$\mathcal{Z}_\vartheta^\lambda := \{z \in \mathcal{Z}^\lambda \mid z(0) = v_0, |z|_{\mathcal{Z}^\lambda}^2 \leq \vartheta |v_0|_V^2\}.$$

We define a mapping $\Xi : \mathcal{Z}_\vartheta^\lambda \rightarrow C(\mathbb{R}_+, V) \cap L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R}_+, U)$ that takes a function $a \in \mathcal{Z}^\lambda$ to the solution of the problem

$$b_t + Lb + \mathbb{B}(\hat{u})b = K_{\hat{u}}^\lambda b - Ba, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+; \quad b(0) = v_0. \quad (1)$$

The theorem follows from the following proposition, which proof follows by some technical computations we do not present here.

PROPOSITION

Under the hypotheses of theorem, there exists $\vartheta > 0$ such that for any $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ and an appropriate constant $\epsilon = \epsilon_\gamma > 0$ the mapping Ξ takes the set $\mathcal{Z}_\vartheta^\lambda$ into itself and satisfies the inequality

$$|\Xi(a_1) - \Xi(a_2)|_{\mathcal{Z}^\lambda} \leq \gamma |a_1 - a_2|_{\mathcal{Z}^\lambda} \quad \text{for all } a_1, a_2 \in \mathcal{Z}_\vartheta^\lambda,$$

provided that $|v_0|_V \leq \epsilon$.

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