# Existence and uniqueness of strong solutions of flows of asymmetric fluids in unbounded domain

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### Abstract

We consider and initial boundary value problem for a system of equations describing nonstationary flows of incompressible asymmetric fluids in unbounded domains. Under conditions similar to the ones for the usual Navier-Stokes equations, we prove the existence and uniqueness of strong solutions.

#### Resumo

Consideramos um problema de valor inicial e de contorno para um sistema de equações que descrevem o fluxo dos fluidos assimétricos incompressíveis em domínios não limitados. Sob condições similares às equações de Navier-Stokes usuais, provamos a existência e unicidade de soluções fortes.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded or unbounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , T > 0 and  $Q_T = \Omega \times [0, T]$ . The equations that describe the motion of asymmetric fluids are given by

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$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} - (\mu + \mu_r)\Delta\mathbf{u} + \nabla p = 2\mu_r \text{ rot } \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{f}, \\ \text{div } \mathbf{u} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w} - (c_a + c_d)\Delta\mathbf{w} - (c_0 + c_d - c_a)\nabla \text{ div } \mathbf{w} \\ + 4\mu_r \mathbf{w} = 2\mu_r \text{ rot } \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{g}. \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

together with the following boundary and initial conditions

$$\begin{cases}
\mathbf{u} = 0 & \text{on } S_T = \partial \Omega \times (0, T), \\
\mathbf{u}(x, 0) = \mathbf{u}_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega, \\
\mathbf{w} = 0 & \text{on } S_T = \partial \Omega \times (0, T), \\
\mathbf{w}(x, 0) = \mathbf{w}_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega.
\end{cases}$$
(1.2)

The functions  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$  and p denote the velocity vector, the angular velocity vector of rotation of particles, the pressure of the fluid, respectively. The functions  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$  and  $\mathbf{g} = (g_1, g_2, g_3)$  denote external sources of linear and angular momentum, respectively. The positive constants  $\mu, \mu_r, c_0, c_a$  and  $c_d$  are viscosities. We consider  $c_0 + c_d > c_a$ .

For the derivation and physical discussion of equations (1.1)-(1.2) see Petrosyan [12], Condiff and Dalher [1], Eringen [4], [5] and Lukaszewicz [11]. We observe that this model of fluid include as a particular case the classical Navier-Stokes equations, which has been greatly studied (see, for instance, the classical books by Ladyzhenskaya [6], Temam [21] and the references there in). For Newtonian fluids, equations (1.1) and (1.2) decouple since  $\mu_r = 0$ .

It is appropriate to cite some earlier works on the initial-value problem (1.1)-(1.2) which are related to ours and also located our contribution there in. When  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain, Lukaszewicz [9], [10] (see, also [11]) established the global existence of weak solutions and local strong solutions for (1.1)-(1.2) under certain assumptions by using linearization and an almost fixed point theorem.

By using the spectral Galerkin method Rojas-Medar and Boldrini [18] proved the global existence of weak solutions and the regularity of solution was studied by Ortega-Torres and Rojas-Medar [13]. More, strong solution was obtained by Rojas-Medar [16] (local), Ortega-Torres and Rojas-Medar [14] (global) by using the spectral Galerkin method. The convergence rates to this method were established in [17]. An interactive method was used in [15] to show the existence and uniqueness of strong solution.

When  $\Omega$  is a exterior domain, the existence of weak solution for stationary model associated a (1.1)-(1.2) was studied in [2], the evolution case was done in [3].

However, no study of existence and uniqueness has been considered for system (1.1)-(1.2) in unbounded domains.

In work , we use an iterative process to prove the existence and uniqueness of strong solution.

The paper is organized as follows: in Section 2 we state some preliminaries results that will be useful in the rest of the paper; state the results of existence and uniqueness of strong solutions as also some apriori estimates that form the theorical basis for the problem. In Section 3 we study the linear problems associated a (1.1) and (1.2). In Section 4 we prove our result.

Finally, we would like to say that, as it usual in this context, to simplicity the notation in the expressions we will denote by  $c, C_0, M_0$  generics finites positives constants depending only on  $\Omega$  and the other fixed parameters of the problem (like the initial data) that may have different values in different expressions. In a few points to emphasize the fact that the constants are different we use  $C_1, C_2, ..., M_1, M_2, \cdots$  and so on.

## 2. Preliminaries

We use the classical notations and results of the Sobolev spaces. For  $k=0,1,2,\ldots$  and  $1\leq p\leq \infty,$ 

$$W_p^k(\Omega) = \{ \mathbf{u} \in L_p(\Omega) / \sum_{|\alpha| \le k} ||D_x^{\alpha} \mathbf{u}|| < \infty \}$$

$$W_p^{2,1}(Q_T) = \{ \mathbf{u} \in L_p(Q_T) / \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)} = \|\mathbf{u}_t\|_{L_p(Q_T)} + \sum_{|\alpha| < 2} \|D_x^{\alpha} \mathbf{u}\|_{L_p(Q_T)} < \infty \},$$

where 
$$D_x^{\alpha} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)^{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\right)^{\alpha_2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}\right)^{\alpha_3}$$
.

It is know that the values of the function from  $W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)$  on the hyperplane t= const. belong for  $\forall \ t\in [0,T]$  to the Slobodetskii-Besov space  $W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)$  and depend continuously on t in the norm of  $W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)$ , defined by

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} = \left(\sum_{|\alpha| \le 1} \|D_{x}^{\alpha}\mathbf{u}\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} + \sum_{|\alpha| = 1} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|D_{x}^{\alpha}\mathbf{u}(x) - D_{y}^{\alpha}\mathbf{u}(y)|^{p}}{|x - y|^{1+p}} dx dy\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Moreover, we have the inequality

$$\|\mathbf{u}(\cdot,t)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} \leq \|\mathbf{u}(\cdot,0)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \hat{c}\|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{T})},$$

where the constant  $\hat{c}$  does not depend on t.

For more details of the Slobodetskii-Besov space see [8]

**Theorem 2.1.** Let p > 3. assume that

$$\mathbf{u}_0(x) \in W^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega), \mathbf{u}_0|_{S_T} = 0, \quad div \ \mathbf{u}_0 = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{w}_0(x) \in W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega), \mathbf{w}_0|_{S_T} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} \in L_p(Q_T).$$

Then there exists  $T_1 \in (0,T]$  such that problem (1.1)-(1.2) has a unique solution  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, p)$  which satisfies

$$\mathbf{u} \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T_1}),$$

$$\nabla p \in L_p(Q_{T_1})$$

$$\mathbf{w} \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T_1}).$$

# 3. Linear problems

In this section, we study some linear problems associated with (1.1)-(1.2). The first Lemma is proved in Solonnikov [20]

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $F(x,t) \in L_p(Q_T)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_0(x) \in W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)$  with  $\mathbf{u}_0|_{S_T} = 0$  and div  $\mathbf{u}_0 = 0$ , then the following problem

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} - (\mu + \mu_r) \Delta \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = F,$$

$$div \mathbf{u} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{u}|_{S_T} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0(x)$$

has a unique solution  $\mathbf{u} \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)$ , satisfying

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla p\|_{L_p(Q_T)} \le K_1(T)(\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \|F\|_{L_p(Q_T)}),$$

where  $K_1(\cdot)$  is an increasing function of T.

The following result is a special case of the result for parabolic system given in [19].

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $G(x,t) \in L_p(Q_T)$  and  $\mathbf{w}_0(x) \in W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)$  with  $\mathbf{w}_0|_{S_T} = 0$ , then the following problem

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} - (c_a + c_d) \Delta \mathbf{w} - (c_0 + c_d - c_a) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w} + 4\mu_r \mathbf{w} = G,$$

$$\mathbf{w}|_{S_T} = 0,$$
  
$$\mathbf{w}(0) = \mathbf{w}_0(x)$$

has a unique solution  $\mathbf{w} \in W^{2,1}_p(Q_T)$ , satisfying

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)} \le K_2(T)(\|\mathbf{w}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \|G\|_{L_p(Q_T)}),$$

where  $K_2(\cdot)$  is an increasing function of T.

## 4. Auxiliar result

We construct approximate solution inductively

$$\mathbf{u}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}, \ \mathbf{w}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$$

and for  $k=1,2,3,...,\{\mathbf{u}^{(k)},p^{(k)}\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{w}^{(k)}\}$  are respectively, the solutions of problems

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{(k)}}{\partial t} - (\mu + \mu_r) \triangle \mathbf{u}^{(k)} + \nabla p^{(k)} = \mathbf{f} + 2\mu_r \text{ rot } \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)} - (\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}^{(k-1)},$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}^{(k)} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{(k)}|_{S_T} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{(k)}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0(x)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{w}^{(k)}}{\partial t} - (c_a + c_d) \triangle \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - (c_0 + c_d - c_a) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}^{(k)} + 4\mu_r \mathbf{w}^{(k)}$$

$$= \mathbf{g} + 2\mu_r \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} - (\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k)}|_{S_T} = 0,$$
  
$$\mathbf{w}^{(k)}(0) = \mathbf{w}_0(x).$$

Now, we prove the boundeness of above sequence.

**Lemma 4.1.** For sufficiently small  $T_1 \in (0,T]$ , the sequence  $\{\mathbf{u}^{(k)}, p^{(k)}, \mathbf{w}^{(k)}\}$  is bounded in  $W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T_1}) \times L_p(Q_T) \times W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T_1})$ .

#### **Proof.** Let

$$\Phi^{(k)}(T) = \|\mathbf{u}^{(k)}\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)} + \|\mathbf{w}^{(k)}\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla p^{(k)}\|_{L_p(Q_T)}.$$

From Lemmas (3.1)-(3.2) imply

$$\Phi^{(k)}(T) \leq K_{1}(T)(\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})} + \|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})} 
+ \|2\mu_{r} \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})}) 
+ K_{2}(T)(\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})} + \|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})} 
+ \|2\mu_{r} \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})}).$$

Now, we estimate the right-hand side of the above inequality.

The following estimate was obtained in

$$\|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_p(Q_T)} \le C \left[\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{\delta}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)^2\right]$$

with some positive constant  $\delta$  and  $C \geq 2$ .

We will prove

$$\|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_p(Q_T)} \le C[\|\mathbf{w}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{\alpha}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)^2],$$

where  $\alpha > 0$ .

In fact, we have

$$\|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_p(Q_T)}^p \leq \|\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_\infty(Q_T)}^p \|\nabla \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_p(Q_T)}^p.$$

We observe that

$$\|\nabla \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)} \leq \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)} \\ \leq \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_{p}^{2}(\Omega)}^{a}\|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)}^{(1-a)},$$

where  $a = \frac{p-3}{2p-3}$ .

By other hand, see Ladyzhenskaya and Solonnikov [7], we have

$$\|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{\infty}(Q_T)} \le c(\|\mathbf{w}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{(1-\frac{1}{p})(1-\frac{3}{p})}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T))$$
(4.1)

and

$$\|\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{\infty}(Q_T)} \le c(\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{(1-\frac{1}{p})(1-\frac{3}{p})}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)). \tag{4.2}$$

Consequently,

$$\|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})}^{p} \leq \|\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{\infty}(Q_{T})}^{p} \int_{0}^{T} \|\nabla\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} dt \qquad (4.3)$$

$$\leq \|\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{\infty}(Q_{T})}^{p} \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{\infty}(Q_{T})}^{(1-a)p} \int_{0}^{T} \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_{p}^{2}(\Omega)}^{pa} dt.$$

But,

$$\int_0^T \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_p^2(\Omega)}^{ap} dt \le \left(\int_0^T 1^s dt\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \left(\int_0^T \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_p^2(\Omega)}^{apr} dt\right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

since a < 1, we take  $\frac{1}{s} = 1 - a$ ,  $\frac{1}{r} = a$  then  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$  and thus in the last inequality, we have

$$\int_{0}^{T} \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_{p}^{2}(\Omega)}^{ap} dt \leq T^{1-a} \left( \int_{0}^{T} \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_{p}^{2}(\Omega)}^{p} dt \right)^{a} \\
\leq T^{1-a} \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{T})}^{ap} \\
\leq T^{1-a} \left( \Phi^{(k-1)} \right)^{ap} .$$
(4.4)

The inequalities (4.1), (4.2), (4.3) and (4.4) imply

$$\|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})} \leq T^{\frac{1-a}{p}} c(\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{(1-\frac{1}{p})(1-\frac{3}{p})} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T))$$

$$\times (\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{(1-\frac{1}{p})(1-\frac{3}{p})} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T))^{1-a} \times (\Phi^{(k-1)})^{a}$$

We observe that

$$(\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{(1-\frac{1}{p})(1-\frac{3}{p})}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T))^{1-a} \times T^{\frac{1-a}{p}} \left(\Phi^{(k-1)}\right)^{a}$$

$$\leq 2^{-a} (\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{1-a} + T^{(1-\frac{1}{p})(1-\frac{3}{p})(1-a)} (\Phi^{(k-1)}(T))^{1-a}) \times T^{\frac{1-a}{p}} \left(\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)\right)^{a}$$

$$= 2^{-a} (\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{1-a} (T^{\frac{1-a}{ap}} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T))^{a}) + T^{\delta_{1}} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T)),$$

where 
$$\delta_1 = (1 - \frac{1}{p})(1 - \frac{3}{p})(1 - a) + \frac{1-a}{p}$$
.  
Also,

$$\|\mathbf{w}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{1-a} (T^{\frac{1-a}{ap}} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T))^a) \le \frac{\|\mathbf{w}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}}{\frac{1}{1-a}} + \frac{T^{\frac{1-a}{ap}} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T)}{\frac{1}{r}},$$

where we use the inequality  $x^{\frac{1}{r}}y^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq \frac{x}{r} + \frac{y}{s}, \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$ , consequently

$$\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{1-a} \left(T^{\frac{1-a}{ap}} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T)\right)^{a} \leq (1-a) \|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + aT^{\frac{1-a}{ap}} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T)$$

$$\leq \|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + aT^{\frac{1-a}{ap}} \Phi^{(k-1)}(T).$$

Consequently

$$\|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})} \leq c(\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{(1-\frac{1}{p})(1-\frac{3}{p})}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T))$$

$$\times 2^{-a}(\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + aT^{\frac{1-a}{ap}}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)) \times T^{\delta_{1}}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)$$

$$\leq c2^{-a-1}(\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{2} + \|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{2} + (T^{\frac{1-a}{ap}} + T^{\delta_{1}})^{2})\left(\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)\right)^{2}.$$

Setting  $T^{\alpha} = T^{2(1-\frac{1}{p})(1-\frac{3}{p})} + (T^{\frac{1-a}{ap}} + T^{\delta_1})^2$ , we have

$$\|(\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}\|_{L_p(Q_T)} \le c2^{-a-1} \left( \left[ \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^2 + \|\mathbf{w}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^2 + T^{\alpha} \left(\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)\right)^2 \right]$$

Also, we observe that

$$\|\nabla \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)} \leq \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)} \\ \leq \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}$$

follows that

$$\sup_{0 \le t \le T} \|2\mu_r \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{L_p(\Omega)} \le c \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} \\
\le c \|\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_t)} + \|\mathbf{w}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} \\
\le c \Phi^{(k-1)}(T) + \|\mathbf{w}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}.$$

Analogously,

$$\sup_{0 \le t \le T} \|2\mu_r \text{ rot } \mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{L_p(\Omega)} \le c \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \|\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} \\
\le c \|\mathbf{u}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_t)} + \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} \\
\le c \Phi^{(k-1)}(T) + \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}.$$

The above estimates imply the following inequality

$$\Phi^{(k)}(T) \leq K_{1}(T)(\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})} + (C\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + T^{\delta}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)^{2}) + c\Phi^{(k-1)}(T) + \|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}) + K_{2}(T)(\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{T})} + c2^{-a-1}(\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{2} + T^{\alpha}\left(\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)\right)^{2}) + c\Phi^{(k-1)}(T) + \|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}) \\
\leq K(T)(C + CT^{\gamma}\Phi^{(k-1)}(T)^{2} + C\Phi^{(k-1)}(T),$$

where  $K(T) = \max(K_1(T), K_2(T))$  and  $\gamma = \min(\alpha, \delta)$ .

## 5. Proof of the Theorem

Setting  $\mathbf{u}^{(n,s)}(t) = \mathbf{u}^{(n+s)}(t) - \mathbf{u}^{(n)}(t), p^{(n,s)} = p^{(n+s)} - p^{(n)}$  and  $\mathbf{w}^{(n,s)} = \mathbf{w}^{(n+s)} - \mathbf{w}^{(n)}$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{(n,s)}}{\partial t} - (\mu + \mu_r) \Delta \mathbf{u}^{(n,s)} + \nabla p^{(n,s)} = F^{(n,s)},$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}^{(n,s)} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{(n,s)}|_{S_T} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{(n,s)}(0) = 0,$$
(5.1)

where  $F^{(n,s)} = 2\mu_r \text{ rot } \mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)} - (\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)} - (\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}$  and

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{w}^{(n,s)}}{\partial t} - (c_a + c_d) \triangle \mathbf{w}^{(n,s)} - (c_0 + c_d - c_a) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}^{(n,s)} + 4\mu_r \mathbf{w}^{(n,s)} = G^{(n,s)}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(n,s)}|_{S_T} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(n,s)}(0) = 0,$$
(5.2)

where 
$$G^{(n,s)} = 2\mu_r$$
 rot  $\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)} - (\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)} - (\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(n-1)}$ .  
Let

$$\Psi^{(n,s)}(t) = \|\mathbf{u}^{(n,s)}\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_t)} + \|\mathbf{w}^{(n,s)}\|_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_t)} + \|\nabla p^{(n,s)}\|_{L_p(Q_t)}.$$

Then, it follows that for  $t \in (0, T_1]$ ,

$$||F^{(n,s)}||_{L_p(Q_t)}^p \le c(||\nabla \mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}||_{L_p(Q_t)}^p + ||\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)}||_{L_p(Q_t)}^p + ||(\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}||_{L_p(Q_t)}^p.$$
By other hand

$$\begin{split} \|(\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} & \leq \int_{0}^{t} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}(\tau)\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}(\tau)\|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau \\ & \leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}(\tau)\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}(\tau)\|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau \\ & \leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau \\ & \leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau \\ & \leq (\|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}(0)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} \\ & + \widehat{c}\|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{t})})^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \widehat{c}^{p} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau \end{split}$$

and

$$\| (\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)} \|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} \le \int_{0}^{t} d\tau \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)}|^{p} |\nabla \mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}|^{p} dx$$

$$\le \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)}\|_{L_{\infty}(Q_{t})}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\le \sup_{0 \le \tau \le t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\le \sup_{0 \le \tau \le t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\le (\|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)}(0)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}$$

$$+ \hat{c} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{t})}^{p} \hat{c}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau$$

and

$$\|\nabla \mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} \leq \int_{0}^{t} \|\nabla \mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\leq \hat{c}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau,$$

consequently

$$||F^{(n,s)}||_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} \leq c \int_{0}^{t} ||\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}||_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau + (||\mathbf{u}_{0}||_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \hat{c}||\mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}(\tau)||_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{t})})^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \hat{c}^{p} ||\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}||_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau + (||\mathbf{u}_{0}||_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} + \hat{c}||\mathbf{u}^{(n-1+s)}(\tau)||_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{t})})^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \hat{c}^{p} ||\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}||_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau.$$

$$(5.3)$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{split} \|(\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} &\leq \int_{0}^{t} d\tau \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)}|^{p} |\nabla \mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}|^{p} dx \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)}\|_{L_{\infty}(Q_{t})}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\nabla \mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau \\ &\leq \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau \\ &\leq (\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} \\ &+ \widehat{c} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{t})})^{p} \widehat{c}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \| (\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{w}^{(n-1)} \|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} & \leq & \int_{0}^{t} \| \nabla \mathbf{w}^{(n-1)}(\tau) \|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} \| \mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}(\tau) \|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau \\ & \leq & \sup_{0 < s < t} \| \nabla \mathbf{w}^{(n-1)}(\tau) \|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \| \mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}(\tau) \|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau 
\leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau 
\leq (\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)} 
+ \widehat{c} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{t})})^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \widehat{c}^{p} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau,$$

$$\|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} \leq \int_{0}^{t} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{1}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{p} d\tau$$

$$\leq \hat{c}^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau,$$

Then, from , it follows that for  $t \in (0, T_1]$ ,

$$\|G^{(n,s)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} \leq c(\|\nabla \mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} + \|(\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(n-1)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p} + \|(\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{L_{p}(Q_{t})}^{p}$$

$$\leq c \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau + c(\|\mathbf{w}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)$$

$$+ \hat{c}\|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1)}(\tau)\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{t})})^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{u}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau$$

$$+ c(\|\mathbf{u}_{0}\|_{W_{p}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)}^{2-\frac{2}{p}}(\Omega)$$

$$+ \hat{c}\|\mathbf{u}^{(n+s-1)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{t})})^{p} \int_{0}^{t} \|\mathbf{w}^{(n-1,s)}\|_{W_{p}^{2,1}(Q_{\tau})}^{p} d\tau.$$

$$(5.4)$$

By using the estimates (5.1), (5.4) and together with Lemma 4.1, we have for  $t \in [0, T_1]$  and p > 3

$$\Psi^{(n,s)}(t) \le c \left( \int_0^t \Psi^{(n-1,s)}(\tau)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \tag{5.5}$$

or

$$\left[\Psi^{(n,s)}(t)\right]^p \le c^p \int_0^t \left[\Psi^{(n-1,s)}(\tau)\right]^p d\tau,$$

consequently  $\Psi^{(n,s)}(t) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, T_1]$ . Firstly, we observe that  $W_p^{2,1}(Q_t)$  is a Banach space and consequently, we have there exist  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T_1})$ , such that

$$\mathbf{u}^n \to \mathbf{u} \text{ strongly in } W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T_1}),$$
  
 $\mathbf{w}^n \to \mathbf{w} \text{ strongly in } W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T_1}).$ 

Also, from of the completeness of  $L_p(Q_{t_1})$ , there exist  $p \in L_p(Q_{T_1})$  such that

$$p^n \to p$$
 strongly in  $L_p(Q_{T_1})$ .

Now, the next step is to take limit. But, once the above convergences have been established, this is a standard procedure to obtain that  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, p$  is a strong solution of the problem (1.1)-(1.2).

We need only to argument the uniqueness of the solution in order to complete the proof of Theorem . Suppose that there exist another solution  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{w}_1, p_1$  of (1.1) and (1.2) with the same regularity as stated in the Theorem. Define

$$U = \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}, W = \mathbf{w}_1 - \mathbf{w}, P = p_1 - p.$$

These auxiliar functions verify a set of equations similar to (5.1)-(5.2). Repeat the argument used to obtain (5.5), we get for  $\theta(t) = ||U||_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_t)}^p + ||W||_{W_p^{2,1}(Q_t)}^p + ||P||_{L_p(Q_t)}^p$  an inequality of the following type

$$\theta(t) \le c \int_0^t \theta(\tau) d\tau$$

which, by Gronwall's inequality, is equivalent to assert U = 0, W = 0, P = 0.

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