

WEAK AND PERIODICAL SOLUTIONS OF THE NAVIER-STOKES EQUATION IN NONCYLINDRICAL DOMAINS

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Abstract

*We consider the Navier Stokes
equation in noncylindrical
domain and prove
the existence of weak and
periodical solutions.*

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1 Introduction

Let $T > 0$ be a real number and $\{\Omega_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ a family of bounded open sets of \mathbf{R}^n with boundary Γ_t . Let us consider the noncylindrical domain of \mathbf{R}^{n+1} , given by $\widehat{Q} = \bigcup_{0 < t < T} \Omega_t \times \{t\}$, with lateral boundary

$$\widehat{\Sigma} = \bigcup_{0 < t < T} \Gamma_t \times \{t\} \text{ regular.}$$

We have the Navier-Stokes problem:

$$(I) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u' - \Delta u + \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = f - \nabla p & \text{in } \widehat{Q} \\ \operatorname{div} u = 0 & \text{in } \widehat{Q} \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \widehat{\Sigma} \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & x \in \Omega_0 \end{array} \right.$$

where $u(x, t) = (u_1(x, t), \dots, u_n(x, t))$, $(x, t) \in \widehat{Q}$,

$$\Delta u = (\Delta u_1, \dots, \Delta u_n), \nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right).$$

In the last thirty years a lot of papers concerning the existence of solutions to the Navier-Stokes equation in noncylindrical domain have been written. Among these papers, it is worth mentioning the articles of J. L. Lions [17], H. Fujita and N. Sauer [7], [8], H. Morimoto [23], in which the penalty method is used, the results of R. Salvi [25], [26], [27], L.A. Medeiros and J. Limaco Ferrel [15] based on elliptic regularization, the paper of O.A. Ladyzhenskaya [13], M. Otani and Y. Yamada [24] obtained with the Rothe's method and with the subdifferential operator theory respectively, and the works of J.O. Sather [28], D.N. Bock [2], A. Inoue and M. Wakimoto [11], T. Miyakawa and Y. Teramoto [22] derived with tools of Differential Geometry and the paper of M. Milla Miranda and J. Limaco Ferrel [16] used change of variable for a cylindrical domain and Galerkin's method.

Let $K : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n^2}$, a function, where $K(t)$ is a $n \times n$ matrix. Let Ω be an open bounded set of \mathbf{R}^n , which, without loss of generality, can

be consider containing the origin of \mathbf{R}^n . We assume that the boundary Γ of Ω is smooth, and consider the sets

$$\Omega_t = \{x = K(t)y; \quad y \in \Omega\} \quad (1)$$

In this work we study the existence of weak solutions to Problem (I), and also study the existence of periodical solution to (I). For that, by a suitable change of variable which is more general than that one used in [16], we transform the non cylindrical problem (I) in another problem defined in the cylinder $Q = \Omega \times]0, T[$.

2 Notation and Hypotheses

We make following hypothesis on $K(t)$.

(H1) $K \in C^1$, where $K(t)$ is an invertible matrix.

(H2) $K^{-1} \in C^1$, where $K^{-1}(t)$ is an invertible matrix of $K(t)$.

Consider the notation

$$K(t) = (\alpha_{ij}(t)), \quad \text{and} \quad K^{-1}(t) = (\beta_{ij}(t)) \quad (2)$$

as well as the convention of summation of repeated indices; that is

$$\alpha_i \beta_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i.$$

By $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ we will represent the duality pairing between X' and X , X' being the dual of the space X .

In order to state the main results we introduce some spaces. Let \sqrt{t} be the space

$$\sqrt{t} = \{\varphi \in (D(\Omega_t))^n; \quad \text{div } \varphi = 0\}$$

and $V_s(\Omega_t)$ be the closure of \sqrt{t} in the space $(H^s(\Omega_t))^n$, where s is a non negative real number.

We use the particular notation

$$V_1(\Omega_t) = V(\Omega_t) \quad \text{and} \quad V_0(\Omega_t) = H(\Omega_t).$$

The inner product of these spaces is denoted, respectively by $(u, z)_{H(\Omega_t)}$ and $((u, z))_{V(\Omega_t)}$. Then for $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ and $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$, we have

$$(u, z)_{H(\Omega_t)} = \int_{\Omega_t} u_i(x) z_i(x) dx, \quad ((u, z))_{V(\Omega_t)} = \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{\partial u_i(x)}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial z_i(x)}{\partial x_j} dx.$$

Note that $V_s(\Omega_t)$ is continuously embedded in $(H_0^1(\Omega))^n$ for $s \geq \frac{n}{2}$ and $V(\Omega_t) = \{u \in (H_0^1(\Omega_t))^n, \text{div } u = 0\}$.

In a similar way we introduce the spaces $V_s(\Omega)$, where $\sqrt{\cdot}$ has a form

$$\sqrt{\cdot} = \{\psi \in (D(\Omega))^n; \text{div } \psi = 0\}.$$

We consider, the particular notations

$$V_1(\Omega) = V, \quad V_0 = H \quad \text{and} \quad (v, w)_H = (v, w), \quad ((v, w))_V = ((v, w)), \\ |v|_H = |v|, \quad \|v\|_V = \|v\|.$$

In order to state the variational formulation of Problem (I) we introduce the following bilinear and trilinear forms respectively:

$$\hat{a}(t; u, z) = \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{\partial u_i(x)}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial z_i(x)}{\partial x_j} dx, \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{b}(t; u, z, \xi) = \int_{\Omega_t} u_i(x) \frac{\partial z_j(x)}{\partial x_i} \xi_j(x) dx, \quad (4)$$

We define the weak solution for the problem (I) in the following form

$$(II) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u \in L^2(0, T; V(\Omega_t)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H(\Omega_t)) \\ - \int_0^T (u, \varepsilon'_H)_{(\Omega_t)} dt + \int_0^T \hat{a}(t; u, \varepsilon) dt + \\ + \int_0^T \hat{b}(t; u, u, \varepsilon) dt = \int_0^T (f, \varepsilon)_{H(\Omega_t)} dt \\ u(0) = u_0 \\ \forall \varepsilon \in L^2(0, T; V(\Omega_t)) \cap (L^n(\Omega_t))^n, \varepsilon' \in L^2(0, T; H(\Omega_t)), \\ \varepsilon(0) = \varepsilon(T) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

In order to transform the noncylindrical problem (II) in a problem defined in the cylinder Q , we introduce the functions:

$$u(x, t) = K(t)v(K^{-1}(t)x, t) \quad , \quad f(x, t) = K(t)g(K^{-1}(t)x, t) \quad (5)$$

$$p(x, t) = K(t)q(K^{-1}(t)x, t) \quad , \quad u_0(x) = K(0)v_0(K^{-1}(0)x). \quad (6)$$

$$a(t; v, w) = \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) a_{jk}(t) \frac{\partial v_i(y)}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial w_i(y)}{\partial y_k} dy, \quad (7)$$

$$b(t; v, w, \psi) = \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) v_i(y) \frac{\partial w_j(y)}{\partial y_i} \psi_j(y) dy, \quad (8)$$

$$c(t; v, w) = \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) \beta'_{lr}(t) \alpha_{rj}(t) y_j \frac{\partial v_i(y)}{\partial y_l} w_i(y) dy, \quad (9)$$

$$d(t; v, w) = \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) [\alpha_{rl}(t) \beta'_{lr}(t) v_k(y) w_k(y) - \alpha_{ir}(t) \beta'_{ki}(t) v_r(y) w_k(y)] dy, \quad (10)$$

with $a_{jk}(t) = \beta_{ji}(t) \beta_{ki}(t)$ and $\delta(t) = |\det K(t)|$, where $\det M$ means the determinant of a $n \times n$ matrix M .

Then from (5) to (9) and the problem (II) we obtain the definition of weak solution for the cylinder problem:

$$(III) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H) \\ - \int_0^T (\delta(t)v, \psi') dt + \int_0^T a(t; v, \psi) dt \int_0^T b(t; v, v, \psi) dt \\ + \int_0^T c(t; v, \psi) dt + \int_0^T d(t; v, \psi) dt = \int_0^T (\delta(t)g, \psi) dt \\ v(0) = v_0 \\ \forall \psi \in L^2(0, T; V \cap (L^n(\Omega_t))^n), \psi' \in L^2(0, T; H), \psi(0) = \psi(T) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

3 Main Results

Theorem 3.1. *Assume that the hypothesis (H1) and (H2) are satisfied. If $f \in L^2(0, T; H(\Omega_t))$ and $u_0 \in H(\Omega_0)$, then there exists $u : \hat{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$, solution of Problem (II).*

Theorem 3.2. *If $g \in L^2(0, T; H)$ and $v_0 \in H$, then there exists $v : Q \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, solution of Problem (III).*

The following lemmas will be utilized to prove the theorems given.

Lemma 3.3. *Consider the bilinear form $a(t; v, w)$ defined by (7) and the operator $A(t)$ defined by $A(t)v = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}(a_{tr}(t)\frac{\partial v}{\partial y_r})$, $v \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^n$. Then there exist positive constants a_0, a_1, a_2 , such that*

$$(i) \quad \langle A(t)v, w \rangle = a(t; v, w) \forall v, w \in V$$

$$(ii) \quad a(t; v, v) \geq a_0 \delta(t) \|v\|^2, \quad a(t; v, v) \geq a_1 \delta(t) |v|^2, \quad v \in V$$

$$(iii) \quad |a(t; v, w)| \leq a_2 \delta(t) \|v\| \|w\|, \quad \forall v, w \in V.$$

The proof is given in [16].

Lemma 3.4. *Let $b(t; v, w, \psi)$, be the trilinear form, $c(t, v, w)$, $d(t, v, w)$ the bilinear forms defined, respectively by (8), (9), (10). Then there exist positive constants $b_i, c_i, d_i, i = 1, 2$, such that*

- (i) $b(t, v, v, w) = -b(t; v, w, v) \forall v \in V, w \in V_s(\Omega), s = \frac{n}{2}$
- (ii) $|b(t; v, w, \psi)| \leq b_0 \delta(t) \|v\| \|w\| \|\psi\|_{(L^n(\Omega))^n} \forall v, w \in V, \psi \in V \cap (L^n(\Omega))^n$
- (iii) For each $v \in V$, the linear form $w \rightarrow b(t; v, v, w)$ is continuous in $V_s(\Omega)$, $s = \frac{n}{2}$ and $b(t; v, v, w) = \langle B(t)v, w \rangle_{V'_s, V_s}$ where $B(t)v \in V'_s(\Omega)$ and $\|B(t)v\|_{V'_s} \leq b_1 \|v\|_{[L^p(\Omega)]^n}$ with,

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2n} \quad (p < q, \quad \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}) \quad (11)$$

- (iv) $|c(t; v, w)| \leq c_0 \delta(t) \|v\| \|w\|, \forall v \in V, w \in H$
- (v) For each $v \in V$, the linear form $w \rightarrow c(t; v, w)$ is continuous in H and $c(t; v, w) = (C(t)v, w)$, where $C(t)v \in H$ and $|C(t)v| \leq c_1 \|v\|$
- (vi) $|d(t; v, w)| \leq d_0 \delta(t) \|v\| \|w\|, \forall v, w \in H$
- (vii) For each $v \in V$, the linear form $w \rightarrow d(t; v, w)$ is continuous in H and $d(t; v, w) = (D(t)v, w)$, where $D(t)v \in H$ and $|D(t)v| \leq d_1 \|v\|$.

The proof with some modifications is analogues to the proof given in [16].

Lemma 3.5. Let $v \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H)$. Then $v \in L^4(0, T; (L^p(\Omega))^n)$, where p is given by (11) and

$$\|v_i(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq c \|v_i(t)\|_{H'_0(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{2}} |v_i(t)|_{\tilde{L}^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

for some positive constant c .

The proof of Lemma 3.5 appear in [17].

Now, we consider another hypotheses over $K(t)$, in order to state results about the existence of periodical solutions

(H3) $K(0) = K(T)$

(H4) Assume that there exists a positive constant α , such that

$$a_1 - \frac{|\delta'(t)|}{\delta(t)} - c_0 - d_0 > \alpha,$$

where $\delta(t) = |\det K(t)|$ and a_1, c_0, d_0 are constants given in the Lemma 3.4.

Theorem 3.6. *Assume that hypothesis (H1) – (H4) are satisfied. If $f \in L^2(0, T; H(\Omega_t))$ then there exists $u : \widehat{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ solution of Problem (II) such that $u(0) = u(T)$.*

Theorem 3.7. *If $g \in L^2(0, T; H)$, then there exists $v : Q \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$, solution of Problem (III) such that $v(0) = v(T)$.*

4 Proofs

Proof of Theorem 2. Let (w_j) be a special basis of $V_s(\Omega)$, with $s = \frac{n}{2}$. We consider the approximated problem :

$$(AP) \begin{cases} ((\delta(t)v_m)', w_j) + a(t; v_m, w_j) + b(t; v_m, v_m, w_j) + c(t; v_m, w_j) \\ + d(t; v_m, w_j) = (\delta(t)g, w_j), j = 1, \dots, m, v_m(t) \in \sqrt{m} = [w_1, \dots, w_m]. \\ v_m(0) = v_{0m}, v_{0m} \rightarrow v_0 \text{ in } H. \end{cases}$$

First Estimate. Considering $w_j = v_m(t)$ in (AP), and Lemma 3.4 (i) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\delta(t)|v_m|^2) - \frac{1}{2} \delta'(t)|v_m|^2 + a(t; v_m, v_m) + c(t; v_m, v_m) + d(t; v_m, v_m) \\ & = (\delta(t)g, v_m). \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\delta(t)|v_m|^2) + a_0 \delta(t) \|v_m\|^2 \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} |\delta'(t)| + c_0 + d_0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta(t) |v_m|^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} |\delta(t)g|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence there exists a positive constant c , such that

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\delta(t)|v_m|^2) + \|v_m\|^2 \leq c \delta(t)|v_m|^2 + c|g|^2.$$

Integrating in $[0, t[$, we obtain

$$\delta(t)|v_m|^2 + \int_0^t \|v_m\|^2 ds \leq c \int_0^t \delta(s)|v_m|^2 ds + c \int_0^t |g(s)|^2 ds + \delta(0)|v_{0m}|^2.$$

Then Gronwall's inequality implies that,

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{\delta}v_m) & \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; H) \text{ and} \\ v_m & \text{ is bounded in } L^2(0, T; V) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Second Estimate. Let P_m the orthogonal projection $P_m : H \rightarrow \sqrt{v}_m$ given by $P_m\varphi = \sum_{j=1}^m (\varphi, w_j)w_j$. By the special choice of (w_μ) , we have $\|P_m\|_{L(V_s, V_s)} \leq 1$ and, by transposition, $\|P_m^*\|_{L(V'_s, V'_s)} \leq 1$. We note that $P_m v'_m = v'_m$.

Multiplying the approximate equation (AP) by w_j , adding from $j = 1$ to $j = m$, and using the notation from Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4, we obtain

$$(\delta(t), v_m)' = -P_m^* A(t)v_m - P_m^* B(t)v_m - P_m^* C(t)v_m + P_m^* D(t)v_m. \quad (13)$$

Using again Lemmas 3.4 and 3.5, we have that each term of the second member of (13) is bounded in $L^2(0, T; V'_s(\Omega))$. This implies that

$$(\delta v_m)' \text{ is boundary in } L^2(0, T; V'_s(\Omega)). \quad (14)$$

From (12) and (14) there exists a subsequence of (v_m) still denoted by (v_m) and a function v , such that,

$$v_m \rightharpoonup v \text{ in } L^2(0, T; V) \quad (15)$$

$$\delta v_m \xrightarrow{*} \delta v \text{ in } L^2(0, T; H) \quad (16)$$

$$(\delta v_m)' \rightharpoonup (\delta v)' \text{ in } L^2(0, T; V'_s) \quad (17)$$

$$\delta v_m \rightarrow \delta v \quad \text{in } L^2(0, T; H) \quad \text{strong and (a.e) in } Q. \quad (18)$$

From Lemma 3.6 and (12), we get that

$$(\delta v_{m_i} v_{m_j}) \quad \text{is bounded in } L^2(0, T; L^{\frac{k}{2}}(\Omega)) \quad (19)$$

From (18) and (19), we obtain

$$\delta v_{m_i} v_{m_j} \rightarrow \delta v_i v_j \quad \text{in } L^2(0, T; L^{\frac{k}{2}}(\Omega)) \quad (20)$$

By (20) and Lemma 3.4 (i), we have

$$b(t; v_m, v_m, w_j) \rightarrow b(t; v, v, w_j) \quad \text{in } L^2(0, T) \quad (21)$$

Using (15) - (21), we can pass to the limit in the approximate equation (AP), obtaining then a solution v of the problem (III).

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $u(x, t) = K(t) v(K^{-1}(t)x, t)$, where v is a weak solution of Problem (II).

Let $\varepsilon(x, t) = \psi(K^{-1}(t)x, t)$, where $\psi \in L^2(0, T; (L^n(\Omega))^n)$, $\psi' \in L^2(0, T; H)$, $\psi(0) = \psi(T) = 0$. Then

$$\varepsilon \in L^2(0, T; V(\Omega_t)) \cap (L^n(\Omega_t))^n, \quad \varepsilon' \in L^2(0, T; H(\Omega_t)), \\ \varepsilon(0) = \varepsilon(T) = 0.$$

Since, $x = K(t)y$, $y = K^{-1}(t)x$, $x_r = \alpha_{rj}(t)y_j$, $y_l = \beta_{lr}(t)x_r$, then,

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon_i(x, t)}{\partial t} = \beta'_{ki}(t)\psi_k(y, t) + \beta_{ki}(t)\frac{\partial \psi_k(y, t)}{\partial t} + \beta_{ki}(t)\beta'_{ls}(t)\alpha_{sj}(t)y_j\frac{\partial \psi_k(y, t)}{\partial y_l}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
-\int_{\Omega_i} u_i(x, t) \frac{\partial \varepsilon_i(x, t)}{\partial t} dx &= -\int_{\Omega} \delta(t) v_i(y, t) \frac{\partial \Psi_i(y, t)}{\partial t} dy + \\
&+ \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) \alpha_{sj}(t) \beta'_{ls}(t) y_j \frac{\partial v_i(y, t)}{\partial y_l} \Psi_i(y, t) dy \\
&- \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) \alpha_{ir}(t) \beta'_{ki}(t) v_r(y, t) \Psi_k(y, t) dy \\
&+ \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) \alpha_{sl}(t) \beta'_{ls}(t) v_k(y, t) \Psi_k(y, t) dy \quad (22)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{a}(t; u, \varepsilon) &= \int_{\Omega_i} \frac{\partial u_i(x, t)}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \varepsilon_i(x, t)}{\partial x_j} dx \\
&= \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) a_{jk}(t) \frac{\partial v_i(y, t)}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial \psi_l(y, t)}{\partial y_k} dy \quad (23)
\end{aligned}$$

where $a_{jk}(t) = \beta_{ji}(t) \beta_{ki}(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{b}(t; u, u, \varepsilon) &= \int_{\Omega_i} u_i(x, t) \frac{\partial u_j(x, t)}{\partial x_i} \varepsilon_j(x, t) dx \\
&= \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) v_i(y, t) \frac{\partial v_j(y, t)}{\partial y_i} \psi_j(y, t) dy \quad (24)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} f^T(x, t) \varepsilon(x, t) dx = \int_{\Omega} \delta(t) g(y, t)^T \psi(y, t) dy \quad (25)$$

where $g(y, t) = k^{-1}(t) f(K(t), t)$.

Integrating (22) - (25) in $[0, T]$ and using the definitions (7) - (10), we conclude that u is a weak solution of the problem (I). \square

Proof of Theorem 3. Let (w_j) be a special basis of $V_s(\Omega)$, where we fix $s = \frac{n}{2}$. We consider the approximate problem:

$$(IV) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ((\delta(t)v_m)', w_j) + a(t; v_m, w_j) + b(t; v_m, v_m, w_j) + c(t; v_m, w_j) \\ + d(t; w_m, w_j) = (\delta(t)g, w_j), j = 1, \dots, m, v_m(t) \in \sqrt{m} = [w_1, \dots, w_m]. \\ v_m(0) = v_0, \quad v_0 \text{ arbitrary} \end{array} \right.$$

We prove that there exists $R > 0$, independent of m , such that

$$|v_0| \leq R \Rightarrow |v_m(T)| \leq R.$$

In fact, if we consider $w_j = v_m$ in (IV), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \delta(t) \frac{d}{dt} |v_m|^2 + a(t; v_m, v_m) + c(t; v_m, v_m) + d(t; v_m, v_m) \\ & = \delta'(t) |v_m|^2 + (\delta(t)g, v_m). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

From (26) and Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \delta(t) \frac{d}{dt} |v_m|^2 + a_1 \delta(t) |v_m|^2 \leq \left(\frac{|\delta'(t)|}{\delta(t)} + c_0 + d_0 \right) \delta(t) |v_m|^2 + (\delta(t)g, v_m).$$

From (H3) and the Schwartz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |v_m|^2 + \alpha |v_m|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{2} |g|^2 \quad \text{then} \\ \frac{d}{dt} (e^{\alpha t} |v_m|^2) &\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} e^{\alpha t} |g|^2, \quad \text{or} \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{\alpha t} |v_m(T)|^2 \leq |v_0|^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^T e^{\alpha t} |g|^2 dt \leq |v_0|^2 + c \leq R^2 + c.$$

Hence,

$$|v_m(T)|^2 \leq \frac{R^2 + c}{e^{\alpha T}} \leq R^2. \quad \text{Therefore} \quad R^2 \geq \frac{c}{e^{\alpha T} - 1}.$$

Then, the mapping $v_0 \rightarrow v_m(T)$ apply B_R in B_R , where B_R is the disc of radius R , centered in the origin contained in the V_m space with the topology $|\cdot|_{H(\Omega)}$. Therefore, there exists $u_{0m} \in B_R$, such that $v_m(t) = v_{0m}$.

Let v_m be the solution of approximate problem (IV) such that $v_m(0) = v_{0m}$. Since v_{0m} is bounded in H , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} v_m & \text{ is bounded in } L^2(0, T; V) \\ \delta v_m & \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; H) \\ (\delta v_m)' & \text{ is bounded in } L^2(0, T; V'_s(\Omega)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can extract a subsequence (v_m) , such that

$$\begin{aligned} v_m & \rightharpoonup v & \text{ weak in } & L^2(0, T; V) \\ \delta v_m & \overset{*}{\rightharpoonup} \delta v & \text{ weak star in } & L^2(0, T; H) \\ (\delta v_m)' & \rightharpoonup (\delta v)' & \text{ weak in } & L^2(0, T; V'_s) \\ \delta v_m & \rightarrow \delta v & \text{ in } & L^2(0, T; H) \text{ and (a.e) in } Q \end{aligned}$$

Then $v_m(0) \rightarrow v(0)$, $v_m(T) \rightarrow v(T)$ in V'_s . Since $v_m(0) = v_m(T)$, then $v(0) = v(T)$. \square

Proof of Theorem 4. Let $u(x, t) = k(t)v(K^{-1}(t)x, t)$, where v is a solution of Problem (II), such that

$$v(0) = v(T). \tag{27}$$

We know that u is solution of (I). Then from (H_3) and (27), we have $u(0) = u(T)$. \square

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