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*A family of systems including models for
viscoplastic fluids*

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Overview

- ▶ Introduction/Motivation to the systems
- ▶ Subdifferential (convexity, monotonicity) and some other auxiliary results
- ▶ On the solvability of an ibvp associated to the systems

The Navier-Stokes systems

$$\mathbf{v}_t + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = \operatorname{div} \mathbb{T}, \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

depends on the specification of the *Cauchy stress tensor*

$$\mathbb{T} = -p\mathbf{I} + \mathbb{S}$$

where p is pressure and \mathbb{S} is the *viscous part of the Cauchy stress tensor*.

There are many types of fluids.

The specification of \mathbb{S} is a major issue in the mathematical modeling of fluids.

Here, we are mainly interested in viscoplastic fluids, including effects of rotating particles – *Cosserat–Bingham/Herschel-Bulkley model* (but our analysis applies to Newtonian fluids as well).

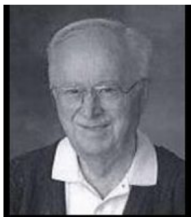
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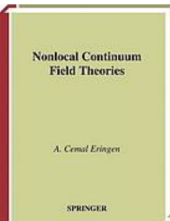
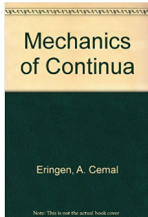
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In fluids with rotating particles (more precisely, *micropolar viscoplastic fluid*), the viscous stress tensor \mathbb{S} depends on both the symmetric and the antisymmetric part of $\nabla \mathbf{v}$.

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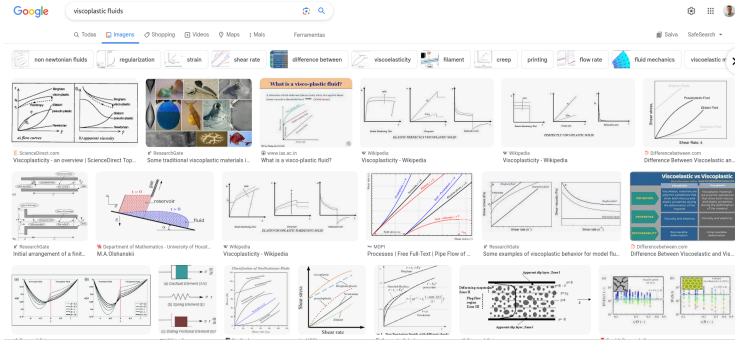
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Recipes to make oobleck (it's very simple - just add water to cornstarch ("amido de milho"/"Maizena")):

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Non-Newtonian Fluids - a guide to classification

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NON-NEWTONIAN FLUIDS : GUIDE TO CLASSIFICATION AND CHARACTERISTICS

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TABLE 2.1 Examples of fluids exhibiting non-Newtonian flow behaviour

Adhesives	Peat slurries
Biological fluids	Plastic melts
Cement slurries	Polymer solutions
Chalk slurries	Printing inks
Chocolate	Quicksand
Coal slurries	Rock slurries
Detergent slurries	Rubber solutions
Food sauces	Sand slurries
Greases	Sewage sludges
Hand creams	Shampoo
Margarine	Soap slurries
Mayonnaise	Starch solutions
Metal oxide slurries	Tomato paste
Oil well drilling muds	Toothpaste
Paints	Wet beach sand
Paper pulp	

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Non-Newtonian Fluids - a guide to classification – continued

TABLE 5.1 FLOW CURVE MODELS

Model	Constitutive Equation	Viscosity	Rheological Parameters
Newtonian	$\tau = \mu_N \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \mu_N$	μ_N (Pa s)
Power law ¹	$\tau = K \dot{\gamma}^n$	$\mu = K \dot{\gamma}^{n-1}$	K (Pa s ⁿ) n (dimensionless)
Bingham Plastic ¹	$\tau = \tau_{yB} + \mu_B \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \frac{\tau_{yB}}{\dot{\gamma}} + \mu_B$	τ_{yB} (Pa) μ_B (Pa s)
Herschel-Bulkley ²	$\tau = \tau_{yHB} + K \dot{\gamma}^n$	$\mu = \frac{\tau_{yHB}}{\dot{\gamma}} + K \dot{\gamma}^{n-1}$	τ_{yHB} (Pa) K (Pa s ⁿ) n (dimensionless)
Casson ¹⁰	$\sqrt{\tau} = \sqrt{\tau_{yC}} + \sqrt{\mu_C \dot{\gamma}}$	$\mu = \frac{(\sqrt{\tau_{yC}} + \sqrt{\mu_C \dot{\gamma}})^2}{\dot{\gamma}}$	τ_{yC} (Pa) μ_C (Pa s)
Wcaallo ¹⁵	$\tau = (\tau_{yV}^n + K \dot{\gamma}^n)^{1/n}$	$\mu = \frac{(\tau_{yV}^n + K \dot{\gamma}^n)^{1/n}}{\dot{\gamma}}$	τ_{yV} (Pa) K (Pa s ⁿ) n (dimensionless)
Prandtl-Eyring ^{4,7}	$\tau = a \sinh^{-1}(b \dot{\gamma})$	$\mu = \frac{[a \sinh^{-1}(b \dot{\gamma})]}{\dot{\gamma}}$	a (Pa) b (s)
Powell-Eyring ⁸	$\tau = c \dot{\gamma} + a \sinh^{-1}(b \dot{\gamma})$	$\mu = c + \frac{[a \sinh^{-1}(b \dot{\gamma})]}{\dot{\gamma}}$	a (Pa) b (s) c (Pa s)

TABLE 5.1 FLOW CURVE MODELS (continued)

Model	Constitutive Equation	Viscosity	Rheological Parameters
Cross ¹¹	$\tau = \left[\mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \dot{\gamma}^m} \right] \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \dot{\gamma}^m}$	μ_0 (Pa s) μ_{∞} (Pa s) a (s ^m) m (dimensionless)
Sisko ⁹	$\tau = \left[\mu_{\infty} + K \dot{\gamma}^{n-1} \right] \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \mu_{\infty} + K \dot{\gamma}^{n-1}$	μ_{∞} (Pa s) K (Pa s ⁿ) n (dimensionless)
Carreau ¹⁴	$\tau = \left[\mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{[1 + (a \dot{\gamma})^2]^{m/2}} \right] \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{[1 + (a \dot{\gamma})^2]^{m/2}}$	μ_0 (Pa s) μ_{∞} (Pa s) a (s) m (dimensionless)
Van Wazer ¹¹	$\tau = \left[\mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \dot{\gamma} + b \dot{\gamma}^m} \right] \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \dot{\gamma} + b \dot{\gamma}^m}$	μ_0 (Pa s) μ_{∞} (Pa s) a (s) b (s ^m) m (dimensionless)
Williamson ⁵	$\tau = \left[\mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \tau} \right] \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \tau}$	μ_0 (Pa s) μ_{∞} (Pa s) a (Pa ⁻²)
Reiner-Phillipoff ⁶	$\tau = \left[\mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \tau^2} \right] \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \tau^2}$	μ_0 (Pa s) μ_{∞} (Pa s) a (Pa ⁻²)
Meier ¹²	$\tau = \left[\mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \tau^m} \right] \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \mu_{\infty} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty}}{1 + a \tau^m}$	μ_0 (Pa s) μ_{∞} (Pa s) a (Pa ^{-m}) m (dimensionless)
Ellis ²⁷	$\tau = \left[\frac{\mu_0}{1 + a \tau^{n-1}} \right] \dot{\gamma}$	$\mu = \frac{\mu_0}{1 + a \tau^{n-1}}$	μ_0 (Pa s) a (Pa ¹⁻ⁿ) n (dimensionless)

Viscoplastic fluids - continued

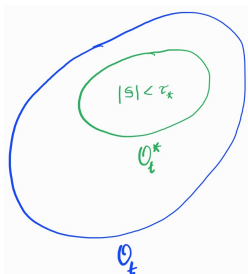
Viscoplastic fluids are materials that exhibit a combination of solid-like (plastic) behavior and fluid-like (viscous) behavior under different conditions. They are a type of non-Newtonian fluid that have a yield stress, which means they behave like solids at low stresses but flow like liquids once a certain threshold stress (yield stress) is exceeded. More precisely, at each time the region occupied by the fluid is divided in two parts: one where the stress surpasses the yield stress (resulting in liquid-like flow), and the other with lower stress (where the material behaves like a solid). Some examples of viscoplastic fluids are toothpaste, slurries (mixtures of solid particles suspended in a liquid), drilling fluids (see e.g. [Chapter 1, *]) and animal blood.

*S. Bridges, L. Robinson, *A Practical Handbook for Drilling Fluids Processing*. Elsevier, 2020

Viscoplastic fluids - continued

The parts where the fluid exhibits solid-like and liquid-like behaviors at any given time are unknown in fluid models. They can be defined in terms of the yield stress, which is a non negative number, depending (only) on the kind of viscoplastic fluid considered. We shall denote it by τ_* . We also shall call the part where the fluid is solid-like *plug region*, denote it by \mathcal{O}_t^* at a time t and define it as being the set

$$\mathcal{O}_t^* := \{x; |\mathbb{S}(x, t)| \leq \tau_*\}.$$



Bingham model

In the simplest (and pioneering) model for viscoplastic fluids, the tensor \mathbb{S} is given by

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{S} = \mu_1 \mathbf{B}_s + \tau_* \frac{\mathbf{B}_s}{|\mathbf{B}_s|}, & \text{if } \mathbf{B}_s \neq 0 \\ |\mathbb{S}| \leq \tau_*, & \text{if } \mathbf{B}_s = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

These relations are a constitutive law for the (viscoplastic) fluid model known as *Bingham fluid* or *Bingham model*. Here, and throughout the paper, we set

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \mathbf{v},$$

$$\mathbf{B}_s = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^{transp}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B}_a = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B}^{transp}).$$

Bingham model - 2 remarks

1st Remark: The first relation in (??) can be written as

$$\mathbb{S} = (\mu_1 |B_s| + \tau_*) \frac{B_s}{|B_s|},$$

thus, the plug region \mathcal{O}_t^* for the Bingham model (the model (??)) is given by

$$\mathcal{O}_t^* := \{x; B_s = 0\}.$$

2nd Remark: The tensor \mathbb{S} satisfying (??) has a *potential*, i.e., the relations (??) can be achieved by the single condition

$$\mathbb{S}(x, t) \in \partial V(B(x, t)),$$

for each point (x, t) , where V is the convex function

$$V(X) = \frac{\mu_1}{2} |X_s|^2 + \tau_* |X_s|$$

and $\partial V(X)$ denotes the subdifferential of V at the point (matrix) X .

Herschel-Bulkley model

It is the *power law model* with

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{S} = \mu_1 |\mathbb{B}_s|^{p-2} \mathbb{B}_s + \tau_* \frac{\mathbb{B}_s}{|\mathbb{B}_s|}, & \text{if } \mathbb{B}_s \neq 0 \\ |\mathbb{S}| \leq \tau_*, & \text{if } \mathbb{B}_s = 0, \end{cases}$$

where p is a real number (the *power law index*).

Potential:

$$V(X) = \frac{\mu_1}{p} |X_s|^p + \tau_* |X_s|$$

Cosserat-Bingham model

Fluid with rotating particles (micropolar viscoplastic fluid).

Model proposed by V. SHELUKHIN, M. RŮŽIČKA, Z. Angew. Math. Mech. (ZAMM), 2013 (asymmetric model):

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{S} = \mu_1 |\mathbb{B}_s|^{p-2} \mathbb{B}_s + \mu_2 |\mathbb{R}|^{p-2} \mathbb{R} + \tau_* \frac{\mathbb{B}_{\nu,p}}{|\mathbb{B}_{\nu,p}|}, & \text{if } \mathbb{B}_\nu \neq 0 \\ |\mathbb{S}| \leq \tau_*, & \text{if } \mathbb{B}_\nu = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $\mu_1 > 0$, $\mu_2 > 0$ are (constant) viscosity coefficients, $\nu \geq 0$ (*plug parameter*),

$$\mathbb{B}_{\nu,p} = |\mathbb{B}_s|^{p-2} \mathbb{B}_s + \nu |\mathbb{R}|^{p-2} \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbb{B}_\nu = \mathbb{B}_{\nu,2} = \mathbb{B}_s + \nu \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{B}_a - \Omega,$$

being $\Omega = \Omega(x, t)$ the *micro-rotational velocity tensor*, which is an antisymmetric matrix for each (x, t) .

Cosserat-Bingham model - remarks

1st Remark: In the Cosserat-Bingham (Shelukhin-Růžička) model, Ω is an unknown (we have more equations/an additional system for the angular velocity) but, here, **we consider Ω as a known function/as a given matrix function.**

2nd Remark - regarding a potential: The first part of \mathbb{S} , i.e., $\mu_1|B_s|^{p-2}B_s + \mu_2|R|^{p-2}R$, is the gradient of the function

$$U(X) := \frac{\mu_1}{p}|X_s|^p + \frac{\mu_2}{p}|X_a - \Omega|^p, \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d},$$

at each matrix B , for any (x, t) .

The second part $\frac{B_{\nu,p}}{|B_{\nu,p}|} = \frac{|B_s|^{p-2}B_s + \nu|R|^{p-2}R}{||B_s|^{p-2}B_s + \nu|R|^{p-2}R|}$ is a gradient function iff $p = 2$ and $\nu = 0$ or 1 . (Cf. the vector field in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\frac{(|x|^{p-2}x, \nu|y+c|^{p-2}(y+c))}{(|x|^{p-2}x, \nu|y+c|^{p-2}(y+c))},$$

where c is a constant. It is easy to verify that this vector field is a closed vector field iff $p = 2$ and $\nu = 0$ or 1 .)

Cosserat-Bingham model - Monotonicity

$$\frac{B_{\nu,p}}{|B_{\nu,p}|} = \frac{|B_s|^{p-2}B_s + \nu|R|^{p-2}R}{||B_s|^{p-2}B_s + \nu|R|^{p-2}R|}$$

for $p = 2$ and $\nu = 0, 1$, i.e.,

$$\frac{B_s}{|B_s|}, \quad \frac{B_s + R}{|B_s + R|} = \frac{B - \Omega}{|B - \Omega|}, \quad R = B_a - \Omega$$

are the gradients of the **convex** functions

$$W(X) = |X_s|, \quad W(X) = |X - \Omega|.$$

In particular, **the map**

$$(B_s, R) \mapsto \frac{B_{\nu,p}}{|B_{\nu,p}|}$$

is a monotone operator! if $p = 2$ and $\nu = 0, 1$.

Question: Is this map a monotone operator for other values of p and ν ?

Convexity, Monotonicity and Subdifferential - recollections

If a function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the derivative of a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and f is convex and twice differentiable then g is monotone. Indeed, $g = f'$ and $f'' \geq 0$.

More generally, if a vector field G in \mathbb{R}^m is the gradient of a convex and differentiable function then G is monotone, i.e.,

$(G(x) - G(y)) \cdot (x - y) \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Indeed, a convex function $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ being differentiable at x is equivalent to

$$x^* \cdot (y - x) \leq f(y) - f(x), \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^m,$$

for some $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^m$, which in the positive case[†] coincides with $\nabla f(x)$. Then if $G = \nabla f$ and f is convex and differentiable, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (G(x) - G(y)) \cdot (x - y) &= \nabla f(x) \cdot (x - y) - \nabla f(y) \cdot (x - y) \\ &= -\nabla f(x) \cdot (y - x) - \nabla f(y) \cdot (x - y) \\ &\geq -(f(y) - f(x)) - (f(x) - f(y)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

More generally yet, this same argument shows that **if $G(x)$ is in/belongs to the subdifferential $\partial f(x)$ of a convex function f , for all x , then G is monotone.**

[†]Otherwise, a vector x^* satisfying the above inequality is called a subgradient of f at x and the set of such vectors is called the subdifferential of f at x and denoted by $\partial f(x)$.

Cosserat-Bingham model - rewriting \mathbb{S} and an answer to the Question

For $|\mathbb{S}| > \tau_*$, the tensor \mathbb{S} can be written as

$$\mathbb{S} = B_{\mu,p} + \tau_* P(B_S, R)$$

where $B_{\mu,p} := \mu_1 |B_S|^{p-2} B_S + \mu_2 |R|^{p-2} R$ and

$$P(B_S, R) := \frac{B_{\nu,p}}{|B_{\nu,p}|} = \frac{|B_S|^{p-2} B_S + \nu |R|^{p-2} R}{\left| |B_S|^{p-2} B_S + \nu |R|^{p-2} R \right|},$$

which is called “*plastic operator*”. In the case $p = 2$, i.e.

$P = \frac{B_S + \nu R}{|B_S + \nu R|}$, it was proved by **Shelukhin** that

P is monotone iff $\nu = 0$ or $\nu = 1$.

One more Remark: $|B_{\nu,p}| = \sqrt{|B_S|^{2(p-1)} + \nu^2 |R|^{2(p-1)}}$. Thus, the **plastic operator** is

$$P = \frac{|B_S|^{p-2} B_S + \nu |R|^{p-2} R}{\sqrt{|B_S|^{2(p-1)} + \nu^2 |R|^{2(p-1)}}}.$$

Modified plastic operator

$$\mathcal{P} \equiv \mathcal{P}_{\nu,p}(B_s, R) = \frac{|B_s|^{p-2}B_s + \nu|R|^{p-2}R}{\sqrt[p]{(|B_s|^p + \nu|R|^p)^{p-1}}}.$$

The plastic operator versus the modified plastic operator:

They coincide for $p = 2$ and $\nu = 0, 1$.

The plastic operator P is the gradient of a convex function iff $p = 2$ and $\nu = 0, 1$, and, in the case $p = 2$ it is monotone iff $\nu = 0, 1$.

The modified plastic operator \mathcal{P} is the gradient of a convex function (thus, it is monotone) for any values of $p \geq 1$ and $\nu \geq 0$!

Here, it is the potential for \mathcal{P} :

$$W(X) = \sqrt[p]{|X_s|^p + \nu|R|^p}.$$

Remark: $W(X) = \|(|X_s|, \sqrt[p]{\nu}|R|)\|_{\ell^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}$.

Our family of systems

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{S} = B_{\mu,p} + \hat{\tau}_* \mathcal{P}_{\nu,q}(B_s, R), & \text{if } B_\nu \neq 0 \\ |\mathbb{S}| \leq \tau_*, & \text{if } B_\nu = 0, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

with $\mathcal{P}_{\nu,q}(B_s, R) = \frac{B_{\nu,q}}{|\hat{B}_{\nu,q}|^{\frac{2(q-1)}{q}}}$, exponents $p, q \geq 2$,

$$\hat{\tau}_* = \frac{\tau_*}{\max(1, \sqrt[q]{\nu})}, \quad \tau_*, \nu \geq 0, \quad (3)$$

$$B_{\mu,p} = \mu_1 |B_s|^{p-2} B_s + \mu_2 |R|^{p-2} R, \quad (4)$$

$$\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2), \quad \mu_1 > 0, \quad \mu_2 \geq 0,$$

$$B_{\nu,q} = |B_s|^{q-2} B_s + \nu |R|^{q-2} R \quad (5)$$

and

$$\hat{B}_{\nu,q} = |B_s|^{\frac{q-2}{2}} B_s + \sqrt{\nu} |R|^{\frac{q-2}{2}} R. \quad (6)$$

Potential

The tensor given by (??) can be achieved by the condition $\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{x}, t) \in \partial V(B(\mathbf{x}, t))$, if $\nu > 0$ or $\nu = \mu_2 = 0$, for the potential

$$V \equiv V_{(\mathbf{x}, t)} = U(X) + \hat{\tau}_* W(X) \quad (7)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} U(X) &= \frac{\mu_1}{\rho} |X_s|^p + \frac{\mu_2}{\rho} |R|^p, \\ W(X) &= \left| |X_s|^{\frac{q-2}{2}} X_s + \sqrt{\nu} |R|^{\frac{q-2}{2}} R \right|^{\frac{2}{q}} \\ &= \sqrt[q]{|X_s|^q + \nu |R|^q}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $R = X_a - \Omega$.

An ibvp

Let \mathcal{O} be a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^3 with a smooth boundary Γ , $T > 0$ and \mathbb{S} given by (??). We consider the ibvp

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_t + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = \operatorname{div} \mathbb{T}, & \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0 & \text{in} & \mathcal{O}_T = \mathcal{O} \times (0, T) \\ \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, & (\mathbb{T} \mathbf{n} + \nabla g(\mathbf{v})) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = 0 & \text{on} & \Gamma_T = \Gamma \times (0, T) \\ \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 & & \text{on} & \mathcal{O} \times \{t = 0\}, \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

where in the boundary condition $(\mathbb{T} \mathbf{n} + \nabla g(\mathbf{v})) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = 0$, $g = g_{(x,t)}(\mathbf{v})$ is a Caratheodory function $g : \Gamma_T \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, being differentiable and convex with respect to \mathbf{v} . We assume that g satisfies the non-negativity and boundedness conditions:

$$0 \leq \nabla g_{(x,t)}(\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v}, \quad |\nabla g_{(x,t)}(\mathbf{v})| \leq c|\mathbf{v}|, \quad (10)$$

for all $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $(x, t) \in \Gamma_T$, where c is a positive constant, independent of \mathbf{v} and (x, t) . The particular case $g = \frac{1}{2}\alpha|\mathbf{v}|^2$ with $\alpha : \Gamma_T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ being a non-negative function in $L^\infty(\Gamma_T)$, satisfies (??) and yields the Navier (friction/slip) boundary condition $(\mathbb{T} \mathbf{n} + \alpha \mathbf{v}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = 0$.

Our main results

Theorem

(Characterization of the subdifferential of the potential V). Let $p, q \geq 2$. Then, the potential V defined in (??)-(??) is convex, differentiable at any $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ such that $X_\nu \neq 0$, with

$$\nabla V(X) = X_{\mu,p} + \widehat{\tau}_* |X_{\nu,q}^\wedge|^{-\frac{2(q-1)}{q}} X_{\nu,q},$$

where $X_\nu = X_s + \nu R$, $R = X_a - \Omega$, and $X_{\mu,p}$, $X_{\nu,q}$ $X_{\nu,q}^\wedge$ are defined by (??)-(??), replacing B by X . Moreover:

(a) $B_{r_*}(0) \subset \partial V(\Omega) \subset B_{\tau_*}(0)$, where $B_r(0)$ is the closed ball in $\mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \equiv \mathbb{R}^{d^2}$ of radius r and center X , and

$$r_* = \widehat{\tau}_* \cdot r_q, \quad r_q = \begin{cases} \sqrt[q]{\nu} / (1 + \nu^{\frac{1}{q-2}})^{\frac{q-2}{2q}}, & \text{if } q > 2 \\ \min(1, \sqrt{\nu}), & \text{if } q = 2; \end{cases}$$

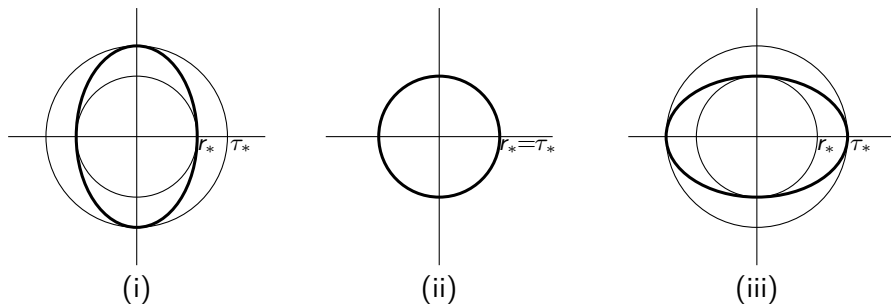
(b) The subdifferential $\partial V(\Omega)$ has an "ellipsoidal form", i.e.,

$$\partial V(\Omega) = \{X^* \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} : |X_s^*|^{q'} + \nu^{1-q'} |X_a^*|^{q'} \leq (\widehat{\tau}_*)^{q'}\}.$$

(c) If $\nu = 0$, the subdifferential at a matrix X such that $X_\nu = 0$ (i.e., $X_s = 0$ but X_a arbitrary) is given by

$$\partial V(X) = \mu_2 |R|^{p-2} R + \{X^* \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} : X_a^* = 0 \text{ and } |X_s^*| \leq \tau_*\}.$$

An illustration of the subdifferential $\partial V(\Omega)$



In the above picture we have the graphic in a cartesian plane xy of the set (with the boundary in bold) given by the inequality

$$x^2 + \nu^{-1}y^2 \leq (\hat{\tau}_*)^2,$$

which is obtained from (??) with $q = 2$ by setting $x = |X_s^*|$ and $y = |X_a^*|$, together with the graphics of the balls $x^2 + y^2 \leq r_*^2$, $x^2 + y^2 \leq \tau_*^2$. We consider the three cases: (i) $\nu > 1$; (ii) $\nu = 1$ ($r_* = \tau_*$); (iii) $\nu < 1$. Notice that when $q = 2$, $r_* = \hat{\tau}_* \cdot r_2 = \tau_* \cdot \min(1, \nu) / \max(1, \nu)$.

Theorem 2

Function spaces:

$$H = \{\mathbf{v} \in L^2(\mathcal{O}) : \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(\mathcal{O}), \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \text{ in } H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)\},$$

$$V = \{\mathbf{v} \in H^1(\mathcal{O}) : \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0 \text{ a.e. in } \mathcal{O}, \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \text{ in } H^{1/2}(\Gamma)\},$$

$$V_p = \{\mathbf{v} \in V : |\nabla \mathbf{v}| \in L^p(\mathcal{O})\}.$$

Theorem

Let V be the potential (function) given in (??)-(??), being $\Omega \equiv \Omega(x, t)$ a matrix function in $L^p(\mathcal{O}_T; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, and g as above. Then for any $\mathbf{v}_0 \in H$, $p \geq 2.2$ and $q \geq 2$, there exists a pair (\mathbf{v}, \mathbb{S}) of functions with $\mathbb{S}(x, t) \in \partial V_{(x,t)}(B(x, t))$ for almost all $(x, t) \in \mathcal{O}_T$, such that

$$\mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(0, T; H) \cap L^p(0, T; V_p), \quad \mathbf{v}_t \in L^{p'}(0, T; V_p^*) \quad \text{and} \quad (11)$$
$$\mathbb{S} \in L^{p'}(\mathcal{O}_T).$$

The pair (\mathbf{v}, \mathbb{S}) satisfies the integral equality

$$\int_{\mathcal{O}_T} [\mathbf{v} \cdot \partial_t \varphi + (\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v} - \mathbb{S}) : \nabla \varphi] dx dt + \int_{\mathcal{O}} \mathbf{v}_0 \cdot \varphi(x, 0) dx$$
$$= \int_{\Gamma_T} \nabla g(\mathbf{v}) \cdot \varphi d\Gamma dt \quad (12)$$

for any function $\varphi \in C^1(\overline{\mathcal{O}_T})$ such that $\varphi(\cdot, T) = 0$ and $(\varphi \cdot \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma_T} = 0$.

Lemma: approximation of the potential and estimates

Lemma

Let Ω be any fixed $d \times d$ antisymmetric real matrix. For given $p, q \geq 2$, let us consider the convex potential (??)-(??) and the approximations

$$\begin{aligned} V^n(X) &= U(X) + \hat{\tau}_* W^n(X), \\ U(X) &= \frac{\mu_1}{p} |X_S|^p + \frac{\mu_2}{p} |R|^p \quad (\text{see (??)}), \\ W^n(X) &= \sqrt[q]{|\widehat{X}_{\nu,q}|^2 + n^{-1}} = \sqrt[q]{|X_S|^q + \nu |R|^q + n^{-1}} \\ S^n &= X_{\mu,p} + \hat{\tau}_* \frac{X_{\nu,q}}{\sqrt[q]{(|\widehat{X}_{\nu,q}|^2 + n^{-1})^{q-1}}}, \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Here, $R := X_a - \Omega$ and $X_{\mu,p}$, $X_{\nu,q}$, $\widehat{X}_{\nu,q}$ are defined by (??), (??), (??), replacing B by X . Then the following statements are true.

Lemma continued

(a) Both the potentials V and V^n satisfy the estimates

$$\mu_1|X_s|^p - \mu_2 2^{p-2}|\Omega|^p - \tau_*|\Omega| \leq V'(X; X) \leq c_1|X|^p + c_2|\Omega|^p + \tau_*|X| \quad (14)$$

for any matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (we can replace V by V^n in (??)), where $c_1 = \mu_1 + 2^{p-2}\mu_2(1 + \frac{1}{p})$ and $c_2 = 2^{p-2}\mu_2(1 - \frac{1}{p})$.

(b) For any given $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, we have that $\mathbb{S}^n = \nabla V^n(X)$. Since V^n is differentiable and convex, this statement is equivalent to the variational inequality $V^n(Y) - V^n(X) \geq \mathbb{S}^n : (Y - X)$, for all $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$. Moreover,

$$|\mathbb{S}^n| \leq \mu_1|X_s|^{p-1} + \mu_2|R|^{p-1} + \tau_*, \quad \forall n, \forall X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}. \quad (15)$$

Main auxiliary results

On convex functions:

A convex $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ function has one-sided directional derivative

$$f'(x; y) := \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x + \lambda y) - f(x)}{\lambda} = \inf_{\lambda > 0} \frac{f(x + \lambda y) - f(x)}{\lambda}, \quad (16)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

If $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is positively homogeneous of order 1, then $f'(0; y) = f(y)$, for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function. Then x^* is a subgradient of f at x if and only if

$$f'(x; y) \geq x^* \cdot y, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

The ℓ^p norm in \mathbb{R}^m ,

$$\|x\|_{\ell^p(\mathbb{R}^m)} = \sqrt[p]{|x_1|^p + \dots + |x_m|^p}$$

is decreasing with respect to $p \in [1, \infty]$.

Main auxiliary results - continued

The norms

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_{V_p} = \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{O})} + \|\nabla\mathbf{v}\|_{L^p(\mathcal{O})}, \quad \|\mathbf{v}\|_{W^{1,p}(\mathcal{O})} = \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^p(\mathcal{O})} + \|\nabla\mathbf{v}\|_{L^p(\mathcal{O})}$$

are equivalents for $p \geq 2$.

We have the following version of *Korn's inequality*:

For any $p \in [2, \infty)$ there exists a constant C such that

$$\|\nabla\mathbf{v}\|_{L^p(\mathcal{O})} \leq C(\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{O})} + \|(\nabla\mathbf{v})_s\|_{L^p(\mathcal{O})}), \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in W^{1,p}(\mathcal{O}).$$

Well-known interpolation inequality:

Let $s_1, s_2, r \in [1, +\infty]$ and $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in [0, 1]$ such that $\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 1$, $\frac{\theta_1}{s_1} + \frac{\theta_2}{s_2} = \frac{1}{r}$.
Then

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^r(\mathcal{O})} \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^{s_1}(\mathcal{O})}^{\theta_1} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^{s_2}(\mathcal{O})}^{\theta_2}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in L^{s_1}(\mathcal{O}) \cap L^{s_2}(\mathcal{O}).$$

“Sobolev imbedding”:

There exists a positive constant C , such that

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^r(\mathcal{O})} \leq C\|\mathbf{v}\|_{V_p}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_p,$$

with $r = dp/(d-p)$, if $1 \leq p < d$; any $r < \infty$, if $p = d$; and $r = \infty$, if $p > d$.

Main auxiliary results - continued

The lower semicontinuity in the weak topology of functionals of the form

$$\mathcal{F}(u) = \int F(x, u(x)) dx.$$

(see: E. Giusti, *Direct Methods in the Calculus of Variations*, 2003.)

The Aubin-Lions-Simon compactness result:

Let X_0 , X and X_1 be three Banach spaces with $X_0 \subseteq X \subseteq X_1$. Suppose that X_0 , X_1 are reflexive, X_0 is compactly embedded in X and that X is continuously embedded in X_1 . Let

$$\mathcal{Z} = \left\{ v \in L^2(0, T; X_0), \quad \partial_t v \in L^p(0, T; X_1) \right\}.$$

Then the embedding of \mathcal{Z} into $L^2(0, T; X)$ is compact.

Outline of the proof of Theorem 2 - on the solution of our ibvp (??)

Approximation:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_t^n + (\mathbf{v}^n \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}^n = \operatorname{div} \mathbb{T}^n, & \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}^n = 0, & \text{in } \mathcal{O}_T, \\ \mathbf{v}^n \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, & (\mathbb{T}^n \mathbf{n} + \nabla g(\mathbf{v}^n)) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_T, \\ \mathbf{v}^n|_{t=0} = \mathbf{v}_0^n & \text{in } \mathcal{O}, \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

where $\mathbb{T}^n = -p^n \mathbf{I} + \mathbb{S}^n$.

“Energy equation”:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{O}} |\mathbf{v}^n(x, t)|^2 dx + \int_{\mathcal{O}_t} \mathbb{S}^n : \nabla \mathbf{v}^n dx dt + \int_{\Gamma_t} \nabla(g(\mathbf{v}^n) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau})(\mathbf{v}^n \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) d\Gamma dt \\ = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{O}} |\mathbf{v}_0^n|^2 dx. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

The estimate (??) for V^n and the condition $\nabla g(\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \geq 0$ for every $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ imply from (??)

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{O}} |\mathbf{v}^n|^2 dx + \mu_1 \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{O}} |B_s^n|^p dx dt \leq C + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{O}} |\mathbf{v}_0^n|^2 dx,$$

where $C = \int_{\mathcal{O}_T} [\mu_2 2^{p-2} |\Omega|^p - \tau_* |\Omega|] dx dt$. Then using the Korn's inequality, we deduce the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{v}^n\|_{L^\infty(0, T; H)} + \|\mathbf{v}^n\|_{L^p(0, T; V_p)} &\leq C, \\ \|\mathbb{S}^n\|_{L^{p'}(\mathcal{O}_T)} &\leq C, \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Then, with the help of the continuity of the trace map from $V_\rho \equiv W^{1,p}(\mathcal{O})$ to $L^p(\Gamma)$, the Aubin-Lions-Simon compactness result and the boundedness condition in (??) for the gradient of the boundary function g , we have the following convergences (up to subsequences):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v}^n &\rightharpoonup \mathbf{v} \quad \text{weakly-* in} && L^\infty(0, T; H), \\
 \mathbf{v}^n &\rightharpoonup \mathbf{v} \quad \text{weakly in} && L^p(0, T; V_\rho) \cap L^p(\Gamma_T), \\
 \mathbb{S}^n &\rightharpoonup \mathbb{S} \quad \text{weakly in} && L^{p'}(\mathcal{O}_T), \\
 \nabla g(\mathbf{v}^n) &\rightharpoonup \mathbf{g} \quad \text{weakly in} && L^p(\Gamma_T),
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

for some $\mathbb{S} \in L^{p'}(\mathcal{O}_T) \equiv L^{p'}(\mathcal{O}_T; \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})$, $\mathbf{g} \in L^p(\Gamma_T) \equiv L^p(\Gamma_T; \mathbb{R}^3)$, and

$$\mathbf{v}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{v} \quad \text{strongly in} \quad L^2(\mathcal{O}_T). \tag{21}$$

Thus, we can take $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the weak formulation of (??) and obtain (??) with \mathbf{g} in place of $\nabla g(\mathbf{v})$.

At this point, it will remain to show only that $\mathbb{S} \in \partial V(B)$ and $\mathbf{g} = \nabla g(\mathbf{v})$.

Lemma

$p \geq 2.2 \Rightarrow$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} \in L^{p'}(0, T; V_p^*). \quad (22)$$