

On weak solvability of initial–boundary value problems for thermoviscoelastic fluids

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Voigt termo-model

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial x_i} - \operatorname{Div} \left(\mu(I_2(\mathbf{v})) \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v}) \right) - \varkappa \frac{\partial \Delta \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \theta + \nabla p = \mathbf{f};$$






$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0; \quad \mathbf{v}|_{t=0} = \mathbf{v}_0; \quad \mathbf{v}|_{[0, T] \times \partial \Omega} = \mathbf{0};$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x_i} - \chi \Delta \theta = \left(\mu(I_2(\mathbf{v})) \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v}) + \varkappa \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v})}{\partial t} \right) : \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v}) + g;$$

$$\theta|_{t=0} = \theta_0; \quad \theta|_{[0, T] \times \partial \Omega} = 0.$$

- $\mathbf{v}(t, \mathbf{x})$ is unknown vector-function of velocity;
- $\theta(t, \mathbf{x})$ is unknown temperature;
- $p(t, \mathbf{x})$ is unknown pressure of the fluid;
- \mathbf{f} is a given density of external forces;
- g is a given source of external heat;
- μ is the viscosity coefficient;
- $\varkappa > 0$ is the retardation coefficient;
- $\chi > 0$ is the thermal conductivity coefficient;
- $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v})$ is the strain rate tensor with components $\mathcal{E}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$;
- $I_2(\mathbf{v}) = \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v}) : \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v})$;
- $A : B = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot b_{ij}$ (for matrices $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$);
- $\operatorname{Div} A = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial a_{1j}(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial a_{nj}(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j} \right)$

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Functional spaces

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $n = 2, 3$, be a bounded domain. We denote by $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ the space of functions defined on Ω which belong to the class C^∞ , take on values in \mathbb{R}^n and have a compact support in Ω .

$$\mathcal{V} = \{v(x) = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) : \operatorname{div} v = 0\};$$

$H =$ is the closure \mathcal{V} with respect to the norm of space $L_2(\Omega)$;

$V =$ is the closure \mathcal{V} with respect to the norm of space $W_2^1(\Omega)$;

V^* denote the space conjugate to the space V ;

$$W_1 = \{v : v \in C([0, T]; V), v' \in L_2(0, T; V^*)\};$$

$$W_2 = \{\theta : \theta \in L_p(0, T; W_p^1(\Omega)), \theta' \in L_1(0, T; W_p^{-1}(\Omega))\}.$$

Weak solution

Definition

A weak solution of the initial-boundary value problem is a pair $(v; \theta)$, where

$$v \in W_1 = \{v : v \in C([0, T]; V), v' \in L_2(0, T; V^*)\},$$

$$\theta \in W_2 = \{\theta : \theta \in L_p(0, T; W_p^1(\Omega)), \theta' \in L_1(0, T; W_p^{-1}(\Omega))\},$$

which satisfying initial conditions $v|_{t=0} = v_0$ and $\theta|_{t=0} = \theta_0$, and equalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} v \varphi \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n v_i v_j \frac{\partial \varphi_j}{\partial x_i} \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \mu(l_2(v)) \mathcal{E}(v) : \mathcal{E}(\varphi) \, dx + \\ & + \varkappa \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{E}(v) : \mathcal{E}(\varphi) \, dx = \langle f, \varphi \rangle \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in V \text{ and a.e. } t \in [0, T], \\ & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \theta \phi \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n v_i \theta_j \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x_i} \, dx + \chi \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{E}(\theta) : \mathcal{E}(\phi) \, dx = \\ & = \int_{\Omega} (\mu(l_2(v)) \mathcal{E}(v) : \mathcal{E}(v)) : \phi \, dx + \varkappa \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(v)}{\partial t} : \mathcal{E}(v) \right) : \phi \, dx + \\ & + \langle g, \phi \rangle \quad \text{for all } \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) \text{ and a.e. } t \in [0, T]. \end{aligned}$$

Main Result

The viscosity function $\mu : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have to be continuously differentiable and satisfy the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & 0 < C_1 \leq \mu(s) \leq C_2 < \infty; & \text{b) } & |s\mu'(s)| \leq C_3 < \infty; \\ \text{c) } & -s\mu'(s) \leq \mu(s) \text{ as } \mu'(s) < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Main Theorem

Let $f \in L_2(0, T; V^*)$, $g \in L_1(0, T; H_p^{-2(1-1/p)}(\Omega))$, $v_0 \in V$, $\theta_0 \in W_p^{1-2/p}(\Omega)$, and the viscosity coefficient μ satisfies conditions a) – c). Then in the case $n = 2$ for $1 < p < 4/3$ and in the case $n = 3$ for $1 < p < 5/4$ a weak solution to the initial-boundary value problem exists.



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Proof Sketch of Main Theorem

• First Step

We consider the initial–boundary value problem with the fixed $\theta \in W_2$:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} - \operatorname{Div} [\mu(l_2(v))\mathcal{E}(v)] - \varkappa \frac{\partial \Delta v}{\partial t} + \nabla \theta + \nabla p = f; \quad (1)$$

$$\operatorname{div} v = 0; \quad v|_{t=0} = v_0; \quad v|_{[0,T] \times \partial\Omega} = 0. \quad (2)$$

Theorem 2.

Let $f \in L_2(0, T; V^*)$, $v_0 \in V$ and the viscosity coefficient μ satisfies conditions a) – c). Then problem (1)–(2) has at least one weak solution $v \in W_1$, for which the following estimate hold

$$\|v\|_{W_1} \leq R_1, \quad R_1 = R_1(T, \|f\|_{L_2(0,T;V^*)}, \|v_0\|_V).$$

Proof Sketch of Theorem 2

Let's introduce operators using the following equalities

$$J : V \rightarrow V^*, \quad \langle Jv, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} v \varphi \, dx \quad v \in V, \varphi \in V;$$

$$A : V \rightarrow V^*, \quad \langle Av, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \nabla v : \nabla \varphi \, dx, \quad v \in V, \varphi \in V;$$

$$B : L_4(\Omega) \rightarrow V^*, \quad \langle B(v), \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n v_i v_j \frac{\partial \varphi_j}{\partial x_i} \, dx, \quad v \in L_4(\Omega), \varphi \in V;$$

$$D : V \rightarrow V^*, \quad \langle Dv, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \mu(I_2(v)) \mathcal{E}(v) : \nabla \varphi \, dx, \quad v \in V, \varphi \in V.$$

The integral equality from the definition of a weak solution can be written in the following form

$$(\varkappa A + J)v' + D(v) - B(v) = f.$$

Let's introduce the following operators

$$L : W_1 \rightarrow L_2(0, T; V^*) \times V, \quad L(v) = ((\varkappa A + J)v' + D(v), v|_{t=0});$$

$$K : W_1 \rightarrow L_2(0, T; V^*) \times V, \quad K(v) = (B(v), 0).$$

Then the problem under consideration (1)–(2) is equivalent to the following operator equation:

$$L(v) - K(v) = (f, v_0).$$

Proof Sketch of Theorem 2

Lemma 1

- 1 The nonlinear mapping $L : W_1 \rightarrow L_2(0, T; V^*) \times V$ is invertible. The inverse operator $L^{-1} : L_2(0, T; V^*) \times V \rightarrow W_1$ is continuous.
- 2 The mapping $K : W_1 \rightarrow L_2(0, T; V^*) \times V$ is completely continuous.

Let's introduce an auxiliary family of operator equations.

$$L(v) - \eta K(v) = \eta(f, v_0), \quad \text{where } \eta \in [0, 1]. \quad (3)$$

Lemma 2

If $v \in W_1$ is a solution to the equation (3) for some $\eta \in [0, 1]$, then the following a priori estimate holds:

$$\|v\|_{W_1} \leq R_1, \quad R_1 = R_1(T, \|f\|_{L_2(0, T; V^*)}, \|v_0\|_V).$$

Due to the a priori estimate obtained above, all solutions of the family of equations (3) lie in the ball $B_{R_1+1} \subset W_1$ centered at zero. The Leray–Schauder degree is defined:

$$\deg_{LS}(I - \eta L^{-1}[K(v) + (f, v_0)], B_R, 0).$$

By the properties of homotopy invariance and normalization of the degree, we obtain

$$\deg_{LS}(I - L^{-1}[K(v) + (f, v_0)], B_R, 0) = \deg_{LS}(I, B_R, 0) = 1. \quad \square$$

• Second Step

We consider the initial–boundary value problem with the fixed $v \in W_1$:

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x_i} - \chi \Delta \theta = [\mu(l_2(v))\mathcal{E}(v) + \varkappa \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(v)}{\partial t}] : \mathcal{E}(v) + g; \quad (4)$$

$$\theta|_{t=0} = \theta_0; \quad \theta|_{[0, T] \times \partial \Omega} = 0. \quad (5)$$

Theorem 3.

Let $g \in L_1(0, T; H_p^{-2(1-1/p)}(\Omega))$, $\theta_0 \in W_p^{1-2/p}(\Omega)$, $v \in W_1$ and the viscosity coefficient μ satisfies conditions a) – c). Then in the case $n = 2$ for $1 < p < 4/3$ and in the case $n = 3$ for $1 < p < 5/4$ the initial–boundary value problem (4)–(5) has at least one weak solution for which the following estimate hold

$$\|\theta\|_{w_2} \leq R_2 \left(\|g\|_{L_1(0, T; H_p^{-2(1-1/p)}(\Omega))} + \left\| \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right\|_{L_2(0, T; H)}^2 + \|\theta_0\|_{W_p^{1-2/p}(\Omega)} \right).$$

Proof Sketch of Theorem 3

Let's rewrite the equation (4) in the following form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(A^{-1/2}\theta) + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i A^{-1/2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x_i} + \chi A^{1/2}\theta = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2, \quad (6)$$

where $\Phi_1 = A^{-1/2}g$, $\Phi_2 = A^{-1/2}[(\mu(l_2(v)))\mathcal{E}(v) + \varkappa \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(v)}{\partial t}] : \mathcal{E}(v)$ and A is a linear operator in $L_p(\Omega)$ generated by the differential equation $A(\theta) = -\Delta\theta$. Consider the following problem

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(A^{-1/2}\theta) + \chi A^{1/2}\theta = \Phi_2, \quad \theta|_{t=0} = 0.$$

Let $z = A^{-1/2}\theta$ and $\Phi_2 = A^{-\epsilon}A^{-(1/2-\epsilon)}[(\mu(l_2(v)))\mathcal{E}(v) + \varkappa \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(v)}{\partial t}] : \mathcal{E}(v) = A^{-\epsilon}\tilde{g}(t)$. Then we have

$$z' + Az = A^{-\epsilon}\tilde{g}(t), \quad z(0) = 0,$$

where $\tilde{g}(t)$ belongs to $L_1(0, T; L_p(\Omega))$.

With help of fractional powers method we obtain the solution

$$z(t) = \int_0^t \exp(-(t-s)A)A^{-\epsilon}\tilde{g}(s) ds$$

with $z \in L_p(0, T; W_p^2(\Omega)) \cap W_1^1(0, T; L_p(\Omega))$. It provides a solution $\theta_1 = A^{1/2}z$.

Proof Sketch of Theorem 3

Substituting $\theta = \theta_1 + A^{-1/2}u$ in (6) and rewrite it the following form

$$u' + Au = \Phi, \quad u|_{t=0} = A^{-1/2}\theta_0 = u_0,$$

where $\Phi = \Phi_1 - A^{-1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (v_i \theta_1) + A^{-1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (v_i A^{1/2} u)$ and Φ belongs to $L_p(0, t; L_p(\Omega))$. This gives us the solvability of the initial-boundary problem (4)–(5).

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• Third Step

Consider the sequence (v^m, θ^m) , $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, defined as follows.

Let v^0 and θ^0 denote the initial values v_0 and θ_0 for v and θ , respectively. Let (v^m, θ^m) be known.

Then, first, v^{m+1} is found as a weak solution to the problem

$$\frac{\partial v^{m+1}}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^{m+1} \frac{\partial v^{m+1}}{\partial x_i} - \operatorname{Div} [\mu(l_2(v^{m+1}))\mathcal{E}(v^{m+1})] - \varkappa \frac{\partial \Delta v^{m+1}}{\partial t} + \nabla \theta^m + \nabla p = f;$$

$$\operatorname{div} v^{m+1} = 0; \quad v^{m+1}|_{t=0} = v_0; \quad v^{m+1}|_{[0, T] \times \partial\Omega} = 0.$$

Then, for given v^{m+1} the function θ^{m+1} is found as a weak solution to the problem

$$\frac{\partial \theta^{m+1}}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^{m+1} \frac{\partial \theta^{m+1}}{\partial x_i} - \chi \Delta \theta^{m+1} = [\mu(l_2(v^{m+1}))\mathcal{E}(v^{m+1}) + \varkappa \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(v^{m+1})}{\partial t}] : \mathcal{E}(v^{m+1}) + g;$$

$$\theta^{m+1}|_{t=0} = \theta_0; \quad \theta^{m+1}|_{[0, T] \times \partial\Omega} = 0.$$

● Fourth Step

From the results of Theorem 3 it follows:

Lemma

The sequence $\{\theta^m\}$ is relatively compact in $L_p(0, T; L_p(\Omega))$, where p satisfies the conditions of Theorem 3.

From the results of Theorem 2 (without loss of generality) it follows:

v^m converges weakly in $L_2(0, T; V)$, and $\frac{\partial v^m}{\partial t}$ converges weakly in $L_2(0, T; V^*)$.

By Simon's Theorem (passing to subsequences if necessary), $v^m \rightarrow v$ strongly in $C([0, T], L_4(\Omega))$.

Lemma

The sequence v^m converges strongly in $L_2(0, T; V)$ to $v \in W_1$.

The strong convergence of v^m in $L_2(0, T; V)$ and θ^m in $L_p(0, T; L_p(\Omega))$ and the weak convergence of v^m to v in $L_2(0, T; V)$ and θ^m to θ in $L_p(0, T; W_p^1(\Omega))$, where p satisfies the conditions of Theorem 3, implies the possibility of passage to the limit in all terms of integral equalities for v^m and θ^m . This completes the proof of Main Theorem.

Bingham termo-model

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial x_i} - \operatorname{Div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \nabla p &= \mathbf{f}; \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \begin{cases} 2\mu(\theta)\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v}) + \tau^* \frac{\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v})}{|\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v})|}, & \text{for } |\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v})| \neq 0; \\ |\boldsymbol{\sigma}| \leq \tau^*, & \text{for } |\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v})| = 0; \end{cases} \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} &= 0; \quad \mathbf{v}|_{t=0} = \mathbf{v}_0; \\ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x_i} - \chi \Delta \theta &= \mu(\theta)\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v}) : \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{g}; \\ \theta|_{t=0} &= \theta_0; \quad \theta|_{[0, \tau] \times \partial\Omega} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ — deviator of the stress tensor;
- τ^* — yield-stress of fluid;

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Functional spaces

Let $\Omega = \prod_{i=1}^n (0, l_i) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $n = 2, 3$. By C_{per}^∞ we denote the space of periodic vector functions with values in \mathbb{R}^n and periods l_i . We introduce the set

$$\Phi = \left\{ \phi \in C_{per}^\infty : \int_{\Omega} \phi \, dx = 0, \operatorname{div} \phi = 0 \right\}.$$

$H =$ is the closure \mathcal{V} with respect to the norm of space $L_2(\Omega)$;

$V =$ is the closure \mathcal{V} with respect to the norm of space $W_2^1(\Omega)$;

$W_1 = \{v \in L_2(0, T; V) \cap L_\infty(0, T; H), \quad v' \in L_{4/3}(0, T; V^*)\}$;

$W_2 = \{\theta : \theta \in L_p(0, T; W_p^1(\Omega)), \theta' \in L_1(0, T; W_p^{-1}(\Omega))\}$.

Weak solution

Definition

A weak solution of the Bingham problem is a triple $(v; \sigma; \theta)$, where

$$v \in W_1 = \{v \in L_2(0, T; V) \cap L_\infty(0, T; H), \quad v' \in L_{4/3}(0, T; V^*)\},$$

$$\sigma \in L_2(0, T; L_2(\Omega)),$$

$$\theta \in W_2 = \{\theta : \theta \in L_p(0, T; W_p^1(\Omega)), \theta' \in L_1(0, T; W_p^{-1}(\Omega))\},$$

which for all $\varphi \in V$, $\phi \in C_{per}^\infty$ and a.e. $t \in [0, T]$ satisfying equalities

$$\langle v', \varphi \rangle - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} v_i v_j \frac{\partial \varphi_j}{\partial x_i} dx + \int_{\Omega} \sigma : \mathcal{E}(\varphi) dx = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi dx,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \theta \phi dx - \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n v_i \theta_j \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x_i} dx + \chi \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{E}(\theta) : \mathcal{E}(\phi) dx = \int_{\Omega} (\mu(\theta) \mathcal{E}(v) : \mathcal{E}(v)) : \phi dx + \langle g, \phi \rangle,$$

and also Bingham relation and initial conditions $v|_{t=0} = v_0$ and $\theta|_{t=0} = \theta_0$.

Main Result

Main Theorem

Let $f \in L_2(0, T; V^*)$, $g \in L_1(0, T; H_p^{-2(1-1/p)}(\Omega))$, $v_0 \in V$, $\theta_0 \in W_p^{1-2/p}(\Omega)$, and the viscosity coefficient $\mu \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $0 < \mu \leq C$. Then in the case $n = 2$ for $1 < p < 4/3$ and in the case $n = 3$ for $1 < p < 5/4$ a weak solution to the Bingham problem exists.

Proof Sketch of Main Theorem

• First Step

We consider the problem with the fixed $\theta \in W_2$:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} - \operatorname{Div} \sigma + \nabla p = f; \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma = \begin{cases} 2\mu(\theta)\mathcal{E}(v) + \tau^* \frac{\mathcal{E}(v)}{|\mathcal{E}(v)|}, & \text{если } |\mathcal{E}(v)| \neq 0; \\ |\sigma| \leq \tau^*, & \text{если } |\mathcal{E}(v)| = 0; \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

$$\operatorname{div} v = 0; \quad v|_{t=0} = v_0. \quad (9)$$

Theorem 5.

Let $f \in L_2(0, T; V^*)$, $v_0 \in V$ and the viscosity coefficient $\mu \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $0 < \mu \leq C$. Then problem (7)–(9) has at least one weak solution $v \in W_1$, for which the following estimate hold

$$\|v\|_{W_1} \leq R_1, \quad R_1 = R_1(T, \|f\|_{L_2(0, T; V^*)}, \|v_0\|_V).$$

Proof Sketch of Theorem 5

To prove this theorem, the rheological relation of the Bingham model is approximated by the following non-Newtonian relation:

$$\sigma = 2\mu\mathcal{E}(v) + \tau^* \frac{\mathcal{E}(v)}{\max\{\delta, |\mathcal{E}(v)|\}}, \quad \delta > 0.$$

With this approximation of the rheological relation, the unknown σ can be eliminated from the problem formulation, and the problem can be considered solely for determining the velocity v . In this case, the integral equality (18) is also approximated using the term:

$$\delta \int_{\Omega} A^2 v A \varphi \, dx.$$

Based on the theory of the Leray–Schauder topological degree, the existence of a weak solution to the approximating problem is proved, and then a limit passage to the solution of the original problem is performed, which allows us to obtain the result of Theorem 5.

• Second Step

We consider the problem with the fixed $v \in W_1$ and $\tilde{\theta} \in W_2$:

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x_i} - \chi \Delta \theta = \mu(\tilde{\theta}) \mathcal{E}(v) : \mathcal{E}(v) + g; \quad (10)$$

$$\theta|_{t=0} = \theta_0. \quad (11)$$

Theorem 6.

Let $g \in L_1(0, T; H_p^{-2(1-1/p)}(\Omega))$, $\theta_0 \in W_p^{1-2/p}(\Omega)$, $v \in W_1$ and the viscosity coefficient $\mu \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $0 < \mu \leq C$. Then in the case $n = 2$ for $1 < p < 4/3$ and in the case $n = 3$ for $1 < p < 5/4$ the initial-boundary value problem (4)–(5) has at least one weak solution for which the following estimate hold

$$\|\theta\|_{W_2} \leq R_2 \left(\|g\|_{L_1(0, T; H_p^{-2(1-1/p)}(\Omega))} + \left\| \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right\|_{L_2(0, T; H)}^2 + \|\theta_0\|_{W_p^{1-2/p}(\Omega)} \right).$$

• Last Step

Consider the sequence (v^m, θ^m) , $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, defined as follows. Let v^0 and θ^0 denote the initial values v_0 and θ_0 for v and θ from (9) and (11), respectively. Suppose (v^m, θ^m) is known. Then, first, the pair (v^{m+1}, σ^{m+1}) is found as a weak solution to problem (7)–(9); subsequently, with v^{m+1} determined, θ^{m+1} is found as a weak solution to problem (10)–(11).

From the strong convergence of v^m in $L_2(0, T; V^1)$ and θ^m in $L_p(0, T; L_p(\Omega))$, together with the weak convergence of v^m to v in $L_2(0, T; V^1)$, σ^m to σ in $L_2(0, T; L_2(\Omega))$, and θ^m to θ in $L_p(0, T; W_p^1(\Omega))$, where p satisfies the conditions of Theorem 6, it follows that one can pass to the limit in all terms of the integral equalities for v^m , σ^m , and θ^m . This completes the proof of Main Theorem.

Thank you for your attention!