# LOCAL ENERGY INEQUALITY AND SINGULAR SET FOR WEAK SOLUTIONS OF THE BOUNDARY NON-HOMOGENEOUS NAVIER-STOKES PROBLEM

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#### Introduction.

In reference [3], Caffarelli, Kohn and Nirenberg constructed a special class of global weak solutions (suitable weak solutions) for the boundary homogeneous ( $b\equiv 0$ ) Navier-Stokes problem (0.1), whose main feature is to verify the local energy estimate (0.3). The main result in reference [3] is the proof that the singular set S of a suitable weak solution verifies  $\mathcal{P}^1(S)=0$ , hence  $\mathcal{H}^1(S)=0$ . Weaker results in the same direction were previously obtained by Sheffer [6], [7]. Here, S denotes the set of the singular points of u in  $]0,T[x\Omega, \mathcal{H}^1(S)]$  is the one-dimensional Hausdorff measure of S in the four dimensional space

 $R \times R^3$ , and  $P^1$  (S) is a measure of S, constructed by using spacetime parabolic cylinders (see [3], for details).

A simplified, and quite general, construction of suitable weak solutions for the boundary homogeneous problem (0.1) was given in [2] (see also [1]). In this note we utilize the method given in [2] to show that also the non-homogeneous boundary problem (0.1) admits a suitable weak solution, i.e., a weak solution which satisfies the local energy inequality (0.3). Consequently, by using the main result in [3], one has

 $\mathcal{P}^{1}(S) = \mathcal{H}^{1}(S) = 0$ . This is stated in theorem A below.

Let us now introduce some notation. Let  $\Omega$  be an open bounded subset of  $R^3$ , locally situated on one side of his boundary  $\Gamma$ , a differentiable manifold of class  $C^2$ . Let n be the unit outward normal to  $\Gamma$ . Moreover,  $\Omega_t \equiv \{t\} \times \Omega$ ,  $Q_t \equiv \{0,t\} \times \Omega$ ,  $\Omega_t \equiv \{0,t\} \times \Gamma$ . T is an arbitrary positive number.

Let  $L = L \cap (\Omega, \mathbb{R})$  and  $L = L \cap (\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ . The norms in both spaces are denoted by  $|\cdot|$ . Similarly,  $|\cdot|$  denotes the usual norm in the Sobolev spaces  $W = W \cap (\Omega, \mathbb{R})$  and  $W = W \cap (\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ .

For a positive integer k we set H = W. H denotes the closure of  $C \cap (\Omega, R^3)$  in H, and H is the dual space of H. Moreover, V is the set of divergence free vectors in  $C \cap (\Omega, R^3)$ , and H and V are the closure of V in L and H, respectively.

For vector fields in  $\Omega$  we define the norm

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}} = \|\nabla\mathbf{v}\|_{2} = (\int_{\Omega} |\nabla\mathbf{v}|^{2} d\mathbf{x})^{1/2},$$

where  $|\nabla v|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (\partial v / \partial x_i)^2$ . We adopt the notations

We denote different constants by the same symbol c. When necessary, we will write  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots$ 

The Navier-Stokes equations are

$$(0.1) \begin{cases} w' + (w \bullet \nabla)w - \Delta w = -\nabla \pi + g & \text{in } Q_T, \\ \nabla \bullet w = 0 & \text{in } Q_T, \\ w = b & \text{on } \Sigma_T, \\ w|_{t=0} = w_0(x), \end{cases}$$

where w'= $\partial w/\partial t$ . We assume, without loss of generality, that the density and the viscosity are equal to one. The initial data  $w_0(x)$ , the external force field g(t,x) and the boundary data b(t,x) are given functions. The velocity w(t,x) and the pressure  $\pi(t,x)$  are the unknowns. We prove the following result:

Theorem A. Let 
$$\frac{10}{9} ,  $r > \frac{5}{3}$ , and 
$$\begin{aligned} w &\in H \cap W \\ o \end{aligned} ,$$
 
$$g &\in L^{1}(0,T; \mathbb{L}^{2}) \cap \mathbb{L}^{p}(Q_{T}) ,$$
 
$$b &\in B_{T}^{2-(1/r), \ 1-(1/2r)}(\Sigma_{T}) \end{aligned} , ben=0 \ \underline{on} \ \Sigma_{T} ,$$$$

Then there exists in Q<sub>T</sub> a suitable weak solution w, π of the non-homogeneous initial-boundary value problem (0.1) such that

<sup>(1)</sup> See [8] chap. I, for the definition.

$$(0.2) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} w \in L^{2}(\mathbb{H}^{1}) \cap C_{\text{deb}}(\mathbb{L}^{2}) \cap L^{p}(\mathbb{W}_{p}^{2}), \\ \\ w' \in L^{4/3}(\mathbb{H}^{-1}) \cap L^{p}(\mathbb{L}^{p}), \\ \\ \pi \in L^{p}(\mathbb{W}_{p}^{1}). \end{array} \right.$$

Moreover, for every  $t \in [0,T]$  and every non-negative real function  $\phi \in C^2(Q_T)$ , with  $\phi=0$  near  $\Sigma_T$ , the following local energy estimate is satisfied

(0.3) 
$$\int_{\Omega} |w|^{2} \varphi + 2 \iint_{Q} |\nabla w|^{2} \varphi \leq \int_{\Omega} |w|^{2} \varphi + \iint_{Q} |w|^{2} (\varphi' + \Delta \varphi) +$$

$$+ \iint_{Q} (|w|^{2} + 2\pi) w \cdot \nabla \varphi + 2 \iint_{Q} g \cdot w \varphi.$$

Finally, if  $g \in L^{\alpha}_{loc}(Q_T)$ ,  $\alpha > 5/2$ , then the singular set S of w in  $Q_T$  verifies  $\mathcal{P}^1(S)=0$ , hence  $\mathcal{H}^1(S)=0$ .

## 1. Preliminaries. Let us define

(1.1) 
$$|||a|||_{T,T} = ||a||_{T} + ||a'||_{T},$$

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(1.2) 
$$s = \frac{5r}{5-2r}, s_1 = \frac{5r}{5-r}.$$

Note that for r > 5/3 one has s > 5 and  $s_1 > 5/2$ . We start by considering the auxiliary problem

(1.3) 
$$\begin{cases} a' - \Delta a = -\nabla q & \text{in } Q_T, \\ \nabla \bullet a = 0 & \text{in } Q_T, \\ a = b & \text{on } \Sigma_T, \\ a|_{t=0} = b_0(x), \end{cases}$$

where the function  $b_0 \in W_r^{2-(2)/r}(\Omega)$  is choosen in such a way that

(1.4) 
$$\begin{cases} \nabla \bullet b_0 = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ b_0 = b & \text{on } \Gamma, \text{ for } t=0. \end{cases}$$

One has the following result:

## Proposition 1.1 Problem (1.3) has a unique solution a, Vq such that

(1.5) 
$$a \in L^{r}(W_{r}^{2}), a' \in L^{r}(L^{r}), q \in L^{r}(W_{r}^{1}).$$

In particular,

(1.6) 
$$a \in \mathbb{L}^{S}(Q_{T}), \quad \nabla a \in \mathbb{L}^{S_{1}}(Q_{T}),$$
and

(1.7) 
$$||a||_{s,T} + ||\nabla a||_{s,T} \le c |||a|||_{r,T}$$

Finally  $a \in C(0,T;\mathbb{L}^3)$ , and a and  $\nabla a$  are bounded on compact subsets of  $Q_T$ .

<u>Proof.</u> Existence of a unique solution satisfying (1.5) is proved in [9]. Now, by interpolation, one shows that

$$a \in W_{\tau}^{\Theta}(0,T; W_{\tau}^{2(1-\Theta)}), \forall \Theta \in [0,1].$$

By choosing  $\theta=2/5$  and by using the embeddings  $W_r^{2/5}(0,T) \subseteq L^S(0,T)$ , and  $W_r^{6/5}(\Omega) \subseteq L^S(\Omega)$ , one gets the first statements (1.6), (1.7). The corresponding statements for  $\nabla a$  follow by choosing  $\theta=1/5$ . The continuity of a(t) with values in  $\mathbb{L}^3$  is obtained from the choice  $\theta=3/5$ . Finally, the last statements are proven as in Serrin's paper [5].

As in [2], we define

$$\Lambda \equiv \{ v \in C^{\infty}(\overline{Q}, R^{3}) : v(t) \in V, \quad \forall t \in \{0, T\} \}$$

and we introduce the quantities

(1.8) 
$$\begin{cases} A(u_{0},f) \equiv [ |u_{0}|_{2} + ||f||_{1,2} ] \exp ||\nabla a||_{5/2,T}^{5/2} , \\ A_{1}^{2}(u_{0},f) \equiv c_{0} [ |u_{0}|_{2}^{2} + ||f||_{1,2}^{2} ] [1 + ||\nabla a||_{5/2,T}^{5/2} \exp ||\nabla a||_{5/2,T}^{5/2} ] \\ B(u_{0},f) \equiv c_{1} ||u_{0}||_{2-(2/p),p} + c_{2} ||f||_{p,T}^{4} \\ + c ||\nabla a||_{2} [A(u,f) + A(u,f)] + c ||a||_{2} A(u,f), \\ a_{1}^{2} C(u,f) = c_{1}^{2} ||a||_{2} C(u,f), \end{cases}$$

where  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $c_3$ ,  $c_4$ , are suitable positive constants, and

(1.9) 
$$q = 2p/(2-p)$$
,  $q_1 = 10 p/(10-3p)$ .

One has the following result:

Theorem 1.1 Let  $v \in \Lambda$ ,  $\tilde{u} \in V$ ,  $\tilde{f} \in \mathbb{L}^2(Q)$ , and let a be as in (1.5) (with r > 5/3) and satisfying  $\nabla \bullet a = 0$ . Then there exists a unique solution u,  $\nabla p$  of problem

$$\begin{array}{c} u' + (v \bullet \nabla)u - \Delta u + (a \bullet \nabla)u + (u \bullet \nabla)a = -\nabla p + \widetilde{f}, & \text{in } Q, \\ \nabla \bullet u = 0, & \text{in } Q, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \Sigma_T, \\ u = \widetilde{u}(x), \\ |t = 0, & \text{o} \end{array}$$

such that

(1.11) 
$$u \in L^2(\mathbb{H}^2) \cap C(V), \quad u', \nabla p \in \mathbb{L}^2(Q_T).$$

Moreover,

(1.12) 
$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{\infty,2} \leq A(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}, \widetilde{\mathbf{f}}),$$

(1.13) 
$$\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{2,T}^2 \leq \mathbf{A}_1(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_0, \widetilde{\mathbf{f}}).$$

<u>Proof.</u> Existence and uniqueness are shown in [9] (theorem 15) or in [10] (theorem 4.2). Let us prove the estimates (1.12) and (1.13). By multiplying (1.10), by u and by integrating over  $\Omega$ , one gets

$$(1.14) \qquad \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |u|_{2}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|_{2}^{2} \leq |\widetilde{f}|_{2} |u|_{2} + c |\nabla a|_{5/2}^{5/2} |u|_{2}^{2},$$

where integrations by parts, Hölder's inequality and Sobolev's embeddings theorems have been utilized. Hence,  $(d/dt) |u|_2 \le |\tilde{f}|_2 + +c |\nabla a|_{5/2}^{5/2} |u|_2$ , from which (1.12) follows.

By using again (1.14) one easily obtains, for every  $t \in [0,T]$ ,

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{u} \right\|_{\infty,2,T}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \nabla \mathbf{u} \right\|_{2,T}^{2} \leq \left| \widetilde{\mathbf{u}} \right|_{0}^{2} + 2 \left\| \widetilde{\mathbf{f}} \right\|_{1,2,T}^{2} + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{u} \right\|_{\infty,2,T}^{2} + 2c \left\| \mathbf{u} \right\|_{\infty,2,T}^{2} \left\| \nabla \mathbf{a} \right\|_{5/2,T}^{5/2} \,. \end{split}$$

This last inequality, togheter with (1.12), yields (1.13). Note that, from (1.7), one has

(1.15) 
$$\|\nabla a\|_{5/2,T} \le c \|\|a\|\|_{5/3,T}$$
.

To conclude this section we prove the following result

Theorem 1.2 Let v, a,  $\widetilde{u}_0$  and  $\widetilde{f}$  be as defined in theorem 1.1, and let 1 . Then the solution u, p of problem (1.10) verifies the following estimate

(1.16) 
$$|||\mathbf{u}|||_{p,T} + ||\nabla p||_{p,T} \le B(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_{0}, \widetilde{\mathbf{f}}) +$$

$$+ c_{s}(||\mathbf{v}||_{\infty,2,T} + ||\nabla \mathbf{v}||_{2,T})||\nabla \mathbf{u}||_{2,T}.$$

Proof. From Hölder's inequality one gets

$$\|(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}\|_{p,T} \le \|\mathbf{v}\|_{q,T} \|\nabla\mathbf{u}\|_{2,T}$$

Moreover,

$$||v||_{q,T} \leq ||v||_{\infty,2,T}^{1-(2/q)} ||v||_{2,6,T}^{2/q} \leq c \ (||v||_{\infty,2,T} \ + ||\nabla v||_{2,T} \ ).$$

Consequently,

$$(1.17) \qquad \left\| (\mathbf{v} \bullet \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right\|_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{T}} \le c \, \left( \left\| \mathbf{v} \right\|_{\infty, 2, \mathbf{T}} + \left\| \nabla \mathbf{v} \right\|_{2, \mathbf{T}} \right) \left\| \nabla \mathbf{u} \right\|_{2, \mathbf{T}} .$$

Similarly,  $\|(u \circ \nabla)a\|_{p,T} \le \|u\|_{10/3,T} \|\nabla a\|_{q_1,T}$ , which implies

(1.18) 
$$||(\mathbf{u} \bullet \nabla)\mathbf{a}||_{p,T} \le c ||\nabla \mathbf{a}||_{q,T} (||\mathbf{u}||_{\infty,2,T} + ||\nabla \mathbf{u}||_{2,T}).$$

Moreover,

(1.19) 
$$||(a \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}||_{p,T} \leq ||\mathbf{a}||_{q,T} ||\nabla \mathbf{u}||_{2,T}.$$

Estimate (1.16) follows from [9] (theorem 15) and from (1.17), (1.18), (1.19). Note that, since r>5/3 and  $p \le 5/4$ , one has  $1/r \le (1/p)-(1/10)$ . Thus, proposition 1.1 implies that  $a \in \mathbb{L}^q(Q_T)$  and q  $\forall a \in L^1(Q_T).$ 

#### 2. Proof of theorem A.

In this section we assume the reader familiar with reference [2]. Let  $\mathbf{w}_0$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  be as in theorem A, and define

(2.1) 
$$u_0 = w_0 - b_0$$
,  $f = g - (a \bullet \nabla)a$ .

Consider sequences  $\overset{(n)}{\underset{0}{\overset{}}} \in V$ ,  $\underset{n}{\overset{}} \in \mathbb{L}^{2}(Q_{\underline{T}})$  such that

$$\begin{vmatrix} u & (n) \\ u & -u \\ o & o \end{vmatrix}_{2} < 1/n, \quad ||u & -u ||_{0} - u ||_{0} < 1/n,$$

$$\|f - f\|_{1,2,T} < 1/n, \quad \|f - f\|_{p,T} < 1/n.$$

The following result holds:

 $\frac{\text{Theorem 2.1.}}{\text{there exist}} \, \stackrel{Let}{\text{$v$}} \, \stackrel{u^{(n)}}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{and}}{\text{$f$}} \, \stackrel{f}{\text{$n$}} \, \stackrel{\text{be defined as above. Then}}{\text{there exist}} \, \stackrel{V}{\text{$n$}} \, \stackrel{\varepsilon}{\text{$\Lambda$}} \, \stackrel{\text{and}}{\text{$u$}} \, \stackrel{u}{\text{$n$}}, \stackrel{\text{such that}}{\text{$n$}} \, \stackrel{\text{be defined as above. Then}}{\text{there exist}} \, \stackrel{V}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\varepsilon}{\text{$\Lambda$}} \, \stackrel{\text{and}}{\text{$u$}} \, \stackrel{u}{\text{$n$}}, \stackrel{\text{such that}}{\text{$n$}} \, \stackrel{\text{be defined as above. Then}}{\text{there exist}} \, \stackrel{V}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\varepsilon}{\text{$\Lambda$}} \, \stackrel{\text{and}}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{u}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{such that}}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{be defined as above. Then}}{\text{there exist}} \, \stackrel{V}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\varepsilon}{\text{$\Lambda$}} \, \stackrel{\text{and}}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{u}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{such that}}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{be defined as above. Then}}{\text{there exist}} \, \stackrel{V}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\varepsilon}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{and}}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{u}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{such that}}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{defined as above. Then}}{\text{there exist}} \, \stackrel{\text{defined as above. Then}}{\text{$o$}} \, \stackrel{\text{defined as above. Then}}{\text{there exist}} \, \stackrel{\text{defined as ab$ 

$$\begin{cases} u' + (v \bullet \nabla)u - \Delta u + (a \bullet \nabla)u + (u \bullet \nabla)a + \nabla p = f & \text{in } Q \\ n & n & n & n & n & n \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \bullet u = 0 & \text{in } Q \\ n & T \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} u = 0 & \text{on } \sum_{T}, \\ (u) = u \\ n \mid t = 0 & o \end{cases}$$

Moreover

(2.3) 
$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_{2,T} < \frac{1}{n},$$

and

$$(2.4) \begin{cases} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{n} \infty, 2, \mathbf{T}} \leq \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{n}, \mathbf{f} + \frac{1}{n}), \\ \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{n} 2, \mathbf{T}}^{2} \leq \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{n}, \mathbf{f} + \frac{1}{n}), \\ \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{n} p, \mathbf{T}}^{2} \leq \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{n}, \mathbf{f} + \frac{1}{n}), \\ \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{n} p, \mathbf{T}}^{2} \leq \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{n}, \mathbf{f} + \frac{1}{n}), \\ + \mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{A}^{2} \quad (\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{n}, \mathbf{f} + \frac{1}{n}) + \\ + \mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{A}^{2} \quad (\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{n}, \mathbf{f} + \frac{1}{n}). \end{cases}$$

Estimates (2.4) hold also for  $\|\mathbf{v}_n\|_{\infty,2,T}$ ,  $\|\nabla \mathbf{v}_n\|_{2,T}^2$  and  $\|\mathbf{v}'\|_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{T}}$ 

The proof of the above theorem is given in reference [2] (theorem 2.1). On the right hand sides of (2.4) we assume that the terms 1/n are added to the norms of u and f appearing on the definitions (1.8), and not directly to the functions u and f.

From the estimates (2.4) and (2.3) it follows the existence of

Moreover, a well known compactness theorem (J.L. Lions, [4], chap. 1, theorem 5.1) guarantees that we can further select subsequences (still denoted by the same index v) verifying

(2.6) 
$$u_{v} \rightarrow u, v_{v} \rightarrow v$$
, strongly in  $\mathbb{L}^{2}(Q_{T})$ ; strongly in  $\mathbb{L}^{2}(\Omega)$ , for almost all  $t \in ]0, T[$ ; and a.e. in  $Q_{T}$ .

On the other hand, from the embedding  $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{L}^2) \cap L^2(\mathbb{L}^6) \subseteq L^4(\mathbb{L}^3)$  it follows that the sequences  $(v_{v})_i (u_{v})_j$ , i,j=1,2,3, are bounded in  $L^2(\mathbb{L}^{3/2})$ . Arguing as in [4] p. 76, one has

(2.7) 
$$(v_{v_{i}})_{i}(u_{v_{i}})_{j} \rightarrow u_{i}u_{j}$$
, weakly in  $L^{2}(\mathbb{L}^{3/2})$ .

In particular,  $(v_v \circ \nabla)u_v \to (u \circ \nabla)u$  weakly in  $L^2(\mathbb{W}_2^{-2})$ .

Finally, by recalling that a  $\in \mathbb{L}^5(Q_T)$ , the first statement (2.5) implies

Hence,

(2.8) 
$$(a \circ \nabla) u_{v} \rightarrow (a \circ \nabla) u$$
, weakly in  $\mathbb{L}^{10/7}(Q_{T})$ .

Similarly, since  $\nabla a \in \mathbb{L}^{5/2}(Q_T)$ , the weak convergence of  $u_v$  to u in  $L^2(\mathbb{L}^6)$  implies

(2.9) 
$$(u_{v} \circ \nabla)a \rightarrow (u \circ \nabla)a$$
, weakly in  $L^{10/9}(\mathbb{L}^{3/2})$ .

The statements (2.5) to (2.9) allows us to pass to the limit in (2.2), as  $\upsilon\to +\infty,$  to yield

$$(2.10) \begin{cases} u' + (u \bullet \nabla)u - \Delta u + (a \bullet \nabla)u + (u \bullet \nabla)a + \nabla p = f, & \text{in } Q_T, \\ \nabla \bullet u = 0 & \text{in } Q_T, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma_T, \\ u_{|t=0} = u_0(x). \end{cases}$$

By defining w and  $\pi$  as

(2.11) 
$$w = u + a, \quad \pi \equiv p + q,$$

and by using (2.10), (1.3) and (2.1), one shows that  $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\pi}$  is a solution of problem (0.1).

Now we prove the local energy estimate (0.3). By setting

(2.12) 
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{n}} \equiv \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{n}} + \mathbf{a}, & \pi_{\mathbf{n}} \equiv \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{n}} + \mathbf{q}, \\ \mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{n}} \equiv \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{n}} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{a}, & \mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{o}}^{(\mathbf{n})} \equiv \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{o}}^{(\mathbf{n})} + \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{o}}, \end{cases}$$

equation (2.2) can be written equivalently in the form

(2.13) 
$$\begin{cases} w'_{n} - \Delta w_{n} + [(v_{n} + a) \bullet \nabla] w_{n} + [(u_{n} - v_{n}) \bullet \nabla] a + \nabla \pi_{n} = g_{n}, & \text{in } Q_{T}, \\ \nabla \bullet w_{n} = 0 & \text{in } Q_{T}, \\ w_{n} = b & \text{on } \Sigma_{T}, \\ (w_{n})_{t=0} = w_{0}^{(n)}. \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $w_n \to w$  and  $\pi_n \to \pi$ , in the same topologies in wich  $u_n \to u$  and  $p_n \to p$ , respectively. By multiplying both sides of equation (2.13) by  $\varphi w_v$ , by integrating over  $Q_t$ , and by using suitable

integrations by parts, one has

$$(2.14) \qquad \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |w|^{2} \phi + \int_{Q} |\nabla w|^{2} \phi =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |w|^{2} \phi + \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q} |w|^{2} (\phi' + \Delta \phi) +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q} |w|^{2} (v + a) \cdot \nabla \phi +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q} \{ [(u - v) \cdot \nabla] a \} \cdot w \cdot \phi +$$

$$+ \int_{Q} \int_{v} |w|^{2} (v + a) \cdot \nabla \phi + \int_{Q} \int_{v} |w|^{2} (v + a) \cdot \nabla \phi +$$

By passing to the limit in (2.14) as  $v \to +\infty$ , one gets (0.3) (see reference [2], for details). The terms with  $w_v$  are treated now as the corresponding terms with  $u_v$  in reference [2]. Moreover, (2.6) shows that  $u_v - v_v \to 0$  and  $w_v \to w$ , a.e. in  $Q_T$ . On the other hand, since  $\mathbb{L}^{10/3}(Q_T) \subseteq \mathbb{L}^{\infty}(\mathbb{L}^2) \cap \mathbb{L}^2(\mathbb{L}^6)$ , the functions  $(u_v - v_v)_i(w_v)_j$  are uniformly bounded in  $\mathbb{L}^{5/3}(Q_T)$ . Consequently (see [4], chap. I, lemma 1.3) it follows that  $(u_v - v_v)_i(w_v)_j \to 0$  weakly in  $\mathbb{L}^{10/3}(Q_T)$ , as  $v \to +\infty$ . Hence, recalling that  $\nabla a \in \mathbb{L}^{5/2}(Q_T)$ , one gets

$$\lim_{\nu\to+\infty} \iint_{Q} \{ \{ (u - v) > \nabla \} a \} w \Phi = 0.$$

Finally, the last statement in theorem A follows by using (0.3), togheter with theorem B, in [3]; the conditions  $g \in \mathbb{L}^2(Q_T)$ ,  $\nabla \cdot g = 0$  and p=5/4 are not strictly necessary.

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