

A multi-physics system for magneto-rheological suspensions

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Magnetorheological fluids

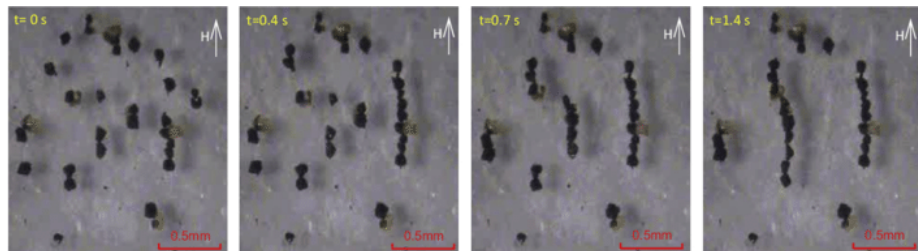


Figure: Magnetite particles aggregating into chains. Image from K. Jiangang et al (Miner. Enginrg. '15)

- Suspension of non-colloidal ferromagnetic particles in a non-magnetizable fluid
 - Brownian motion effects are neglected
- .05-10 μm size particles
 - Volume fractions of $\sim 10\%$ to $\sim 50\%$
- Once a magnetic field is applied, the particles organize in chain structures
- Millisecond transformation from fluid to semi-solid state

Typical modeling approaches

■ Phenomenological approach

- ▶ Jacob Rabinow (AIEE Trans., '48)
- ▶ Basic mathematical model by Rosensweig & Neuringer (Phys. Fluids, '64)
 - ★ Shliomis (Sov. Phys. JETP, '72) improves model by allowing “internal rotations”
- ▶ Classical thermodynamics approach
 - ★ Brigadnov & Dorfmann (Cont. Mechanics Thermod., '05)

■ Homogenization approach

- ▶ First attempt using homogenization was in Lévy (J. Méc. Théor. Appl., '85)
- ▶ Lévy & Hsieh (Int. J. Engng. Sci., '88) extended the work of Lévy
- ▶ Perlak & Vernescu (Rev. Roumaine Math. Pures Appl., '00)
- ▶ Gorb, Maris, Vernescu (J. Math. Anal. Appl., '14)
- ▶ N. & Vernescu (ZAMP, '20, Emerg. Problems Homogen. PDE, '21)
- ▶ Tang, Gorb, & Jimenez-Bolaños (SIAP, '21, SIMA, '23)

Cauchy stress

- Magnetorheological fluids exhibit non-Newtonian behavior
- In shear experiments the Bingham constitutive law models response of magnetorheological fluids
- Newtonian incompressible fluids

$$\sigma = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\nu e(\mathbf{v}), \quad e(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla^t \mathbf{v})$$

$$\sigma' = 2\nu e'(\mathbf{v}), \quad A'(\mathbf{v}) = A - \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(A)$$

- Bingham incompressible fluids

$$\begin{cases} \text{if } |\sigma| \geq \sigma_y, \text{ then } \sigma = 2\nu e(\mathbf{v}) + \sigma_y \frac{e(\mathbf{v})}{|e(\mathbf{v})|} \\ \text{if } |\sigma| \leq \sigma_y, \text{ then } e(\mathbf{v}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

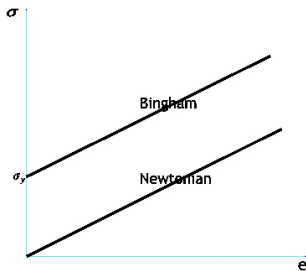


Figure: stress versus strain rate

Governing equations

$$-\operatorname{div} \sigma = \mathbf{0}, \quad \sigma = 2e(\mathbf{v}) - p\mathbf{I} \text{ in } \Omega_F,$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega_F,$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^{(k)} + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(k)} \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}) \text{ on } \partial P^{(k)}, \quad k = 1, \dots, K,$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega,$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \chi_{\Omega_P}, \text{ in } \Omega,$$

$$\underbrace{\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \chi_{\Omega_P}) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \quad \left\langle \mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n}^{(k)}, 1 \right\rangle_{H^{1/2}(\partial P^{(k)})} = 0}_{\text{compatibility conditions}}$$

- Magnetic permeability,

$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mu} \mathbf{B}, \quad \mu := \begin{cases} \mu_F & \text{in } \Omega_F, \\ \mu_P & \text{in } \Omega_P, \end{cases} \quad (\hat{\mu} := 1/\mu > 0)$$

- Interface and exterior boundary conditions,

$$[[\mathbf{v}]] = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \partial P^{(\kappa)}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n} \text{ on } \Gamma_0,$$

- $[\mathbf{R}_m] = [\bar{\eta} \bar{\mu} \bar{L} \bar{V}]$ is the magnetic Reynolds number

Balance of forces and torques

- The force can be written in terms of the magnetic Maxwell stress,

$$\mathbf{F} := -\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{H}|^2 \nabla \mu \iff \mathbf{F} = \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{mag}}) - \mathbf{B} \times \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{B}),$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{mag}} := \hat{\mu} \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu} |\mathbf{B}|^2 \mathbf{I} \implies \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{mag}}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_F, \\ \mathbf{B} \times \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{B}) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_P. \end{cases}$$

- Hence, we can write the balance of forces and torques on each particle as,

$$0 = \int_{\partial P^{(\kappa)}} \sigma \mathbf{n}^{(\kappa)} ds + \alpha \int_{\partial P^{(\kappa)}} \llbracket \boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{mag}} \mathbf{n}^{(\kappa)} \rrbracket ds - \alpha \int_{P^{(\kappa)}} \mathbf{B} \times \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{B}) d\mathbf{x},$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \int_{\partial P^{(\kappa)}} \sigma \mathbf{n}^{(\kappa)} \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(\kappa)}) ds + \alpha \int_{\partial P^{(\kappa)}} \llbracket \boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{mag}} \mathbf{n}^{(\kappa)} \rrbracket \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(\kappa)}) ds \\ - \alpha \int_{P^{(\kappa)}} (\mathbf{B} \times \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{B})) \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(\kappa)}) d\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

- $[\alpha] = [\bar{\mu} \bar{H} \bar{L} / \bar{\nu} \bar{V}]$ is the *Alfven* number

Some results regarding function spaces

Proposition

Let $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be any open, bounded, multiply connected set with boundary $\Gamma := \partial\mathcal{O}$ of class C^2 . The exterior boundary will be denoted by Γ_0 and by Γ_j , $j = 1, \dots, \kappa - 1$, the other components of Γ . Define \mathcal{Y} to be the Hilbert space of vector fields,

$$\mathcal{Y} := \left\{ \mathbf{u} \in L^2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \in L^2(\mathcal{O}), \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{u}) \in L^2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}^d), \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \in H^{1/2}(\Gamma_0) \right\},$$

for the norm,

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_{\mathcal{Y}} := \|\mathbf{w}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}^d)} + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{O})} + \left\| \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{w}) \right\|_{L^2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}^d)} + \|\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)},$$

then for all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{Y}$ we have, $\mathbf{w}|_{\mathcal{O}_i} \in H^1(\mathcal{O}_i; \mathbb{R}^d)$ for $i = 1, \dots, \kappa$ and

$$\left\| \mathbf{w}|_{\mathcal{O}_i} \right\|_{H^1(\mathcal{O}_i; \mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C_{\mathcal{O}_i} \|\mathbf{w}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}.$$

■ (small) extension of Prop. 3.1 in Foias & Temam (Ann. Sc. norm. super. Pisa, '78)

Some results regarding function spaces

Proposition

Define a new norm on \mathcal{Y} by

$$[\mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{Y}} := \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{O})} + \left\| \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{w}) \right\|_{L^2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}^d)} + \|\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)},$$

then \mathcal{Y} is also a Hilbert space with norm $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{Y}}$.

Theorem (Poincaré type inequality for $(\mathcal{Y}, [\cdot]_{\mathcal{Y}})$)

There exists a constant, $c := c(\mathcal{O})$, such that

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c [\mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{Y}},$$

for all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{Y}$.

- Proof by contradiction
- Use the positivity of $\hat{\mu}_0 > 0$ ($\hat{\mu}_0 := \min_i \hat{\mu}_i$)
- Global Div-Curl lemma of L. Tartar

The function spaces

- Inner product space for the velocity,

$$\mathcal{V} = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in H_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega_F; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega_F, \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^{(\kappa)} + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(\kappa)} \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(\kappa)}) \text{ on } \partial P^{(\kappa)} \right\}.$$

$$(\mathbf{v} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})_{\mathcal{V}} = \int_{\Omega_F} 2 \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{e}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

- Inner product space for the magnetic induction,

$$\mathcal{Y} = \left\{ \mathbf{w} \in L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{w}) \in L^2(\Omega), \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{w}) \in L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d), \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n} \in H^{1/2}(\Gamma_0) \right\},$$

$$(\mathbf{h} \mid \boldsymbol{\psi})_{\mathcal{Y}} = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\psi}) \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{h}) \cdot \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \boldsymbol{\psi}) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ + \int_{\Gamma_0} (\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n})(\boldsymbol{\psi} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, ds.$$

Variational formulation of Stokes' equation

- Multiply with an appropriate test function,

$$- \int_{\cup_{\kappa=1}^K \partial P(\kappa)} \sigma \mathbf{n}^{(\kappa)} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi} \, ds + \int_{\Omega_F} 2 \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{e}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \, d\mathbf{x} = 0.$$

- Use balance of forces and torques,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \int_{\cup_{\kappa=1}^K \partial P(\kappa)} [\![\tau^{\text{mag}} \mathbf{n}^{(\kappa)}]\!] \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi} \, ds - \alpha \int_{\Omega_P} [\mathbf{B} \times \text{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{B})] \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi} \, d\mathbf{x} \\ + \int_{\Omega_F} 2 \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{e}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \, d\mathbf{x} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Find $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V}$,

$$(\mathbf{v} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})_{\mathcal{V}} + \alpha \int_{\Omega_F} \tau^{\text{mag}} : \mathbf{e}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \, d\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \boldsymbol{\phi} \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Augmented variational formulation of Maxwell's equations

For an appropriate test function,

- multiply the divergence part by $\frac{\alpha}{R_m} \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\psi})$
- multiply the rotational part by $\frac{\alpha}{R_m} \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \boldsymbol{\psi})$
- multiply the exterior boundary condition by $\frac{\alpha}{R_m} \boldsymbol{\psi} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}$

$$(\boldsymbol{h} \mid \boldsymbol{\psi})_{\mathcal{Y}} = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{h}) \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\psi}) d\boldsymbol{x} + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \boldsymbol{h}) \cdot \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \boldsymbol{\psi}) d\boldsymbol{x} + \int_{\Gamma_0} (\boldsymbol{h} \cdot \boldsymbol{n})(\boldsymbol{\psi} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}) ds.$$

Find $\boldsymbol{B} \in \mathcal{Y}$ such that,

$$\frac{\alpha}{R_m} (\boldsymbol{B} \mid \boldsymbol{\psi})_{\mathcal{Y}} = \alpha \int_{\Omega_p} [\boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B}] \cdot \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \boldsymbol{\psi}) d\boldsymbol{x} + \frac{\alpha}{R_m} \int_{\Gamma_0} (\boldsymbol{b}^0 \cdot \boldsymbol{n})(\boldsymbol{\psi} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}) ds,$$

for all $\boldsymbol{\psi} \in \mathcal{Y}$.

Variational formulation of the problem

Find $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{Y}$ such that,

$$(\mathbf{v} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})_{\mathcal{V}} + \frac{\alpha}{\mathbf{R}_m} (\mathbf{B} \mid \boldsymbol{\psi})_{\mathcal{Y}} = -\alpha \int_{\Omega_F} \tau^{\text{mag}} : e(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \, d\mathbf{x} + \alpha \int_{\Omega_P} [\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}] \cdot \text{curl}(\hat{\mu} \boldsymbol{\psi}) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ + \frac{\alpha}{\mathbf{R}_m} \int_{\Gamma_0} (\mathbf{b}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n})(\boldsymbol{\psi} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, ds,$$

for all $(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{Y}$. Naturally, a norm is associated to the above inner (cross-) product space denoted by $|||(-, \cdot)||| := \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{V}} + \frac{\alpha}{\mathbf{R}_m} [\cdot]_{\mathcal{Y}}$.

Theorem (N., Vernescu (Banach J. Math. Anal., '24))

The pair (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}) satisfies the strong form of Maxwell's and Stokes' equations as well as their BC if and only if it is a solution to the above weak formulation.

Equivalence between weak and strong form of the problem

- One direction is clear
- Recover Maxwell's equations: introduce $\zeta^\delta : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$$\zeta^\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d(\mathbf{x}, \Gamma_0) < \delta, \\ 0 & \text{if } d(\mathbf{x}, \Gamma_0) > 2\delta \end{cases}$$

- Using the approach of Ledyzhenskaya, ('63), define $\boldsymbol{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) := (b_2^0 x_3, b_3^0 x_1, b_1^0 x_2)$. Set $\mathbf{a}^\delta(\mathbf{x}) := \text{curl}(\zeta^\delta(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))$. Then $\mathbf{a}^\delta(\mathbf{x})$ is a divergence free and equals \mathbf{b}^0 in the δ neighbourhood of Γ_0
- Using Lemma 3.5 in Amrouche et al., (Math. Meth. Applied Sci., '98) there exists a vector field $\mathbf{V} \in H^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^3)$ such that $\text{div}(\mathbf{V}) = 0$ and $\text{curl}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \chi_{\Omega_P}$.
- Use approach of P.-E. Druet, (Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst. Ser. A, '15)

$$\text{div}(\mu \nabla p) = \text{div}(\mu \mathbf{V}) \text{ in } \Omega_P \cup \Omega_F,$$

$$[\![\mu \partial_{\mathbf{n}^{(\kappa)}} p]\!] = [\![\mu \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{n}^{(\kappa)}]\!] \text{ on } \partial P^{(\kappa)}, \kappa = 1, \dots, K,$$

$$\partial_{\mathbf{n}} p = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_0$$

The test function

- Construct $\mathbf{W} := \mu \mathbf{V} - \mu \nabla p$ and verify,

$$\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{W})=0, \quad \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{W})=\mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \chi_{\Omega_p}, \quad \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{n}=0$$

- Construct $\boldsymbol{\psi} := \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{a}^\delta \in \mathcal{Y}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{a}^\delta) d\mathbf{x} \\ & + \int_{\Omega} [\operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \chi_{\Omega_p}] \cdot \operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{a}^\delta)) d\mathbf{x} \\ & + \int_{\Gamma_0} [(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{b}^0) \cdot \mathbf{n}] [(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{a}^\delta) \cdot \mathbf{n}] ds = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Using the properties of the vector fields \mathbf{W} and \mathbf{a}^δ we obtain:

$$\int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B}|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{curl}(\hat{\mu} \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \chi_{\Omega_p}|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_0} |(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{b}^0) \cdot \mathbf{n}|^2 ds = 0$$

The Altman-Shinbrot fixed point theorem

Let \mathcal{H} denote a real or complex Hilbert space, and \mathcal{S}_r and \mathcal{B}_r denote the sphere and the closed ball of radius r centered at zero, respectively:

$$\mathcal{S}_r = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \|x\|_{\mathcal{H}} = r\}, \quad \mathcal{B}_r = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \|x\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq r\}.$$

Theorem (Altman, Bull. Acad. Polon. Sci. '57; Shinbrot, ARMA '64)

Let H be an operator on the separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , continuous in the weak topology on \mathcal{H} . If there is a positive constant r such that $\Re(Hx, x) \leq \|x\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$ for all $x \in \mathcal{B}_r$, then H has a fixed point in \mathcal{B}_r .

Corollary: Let G be an operator on the separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , continuous in the weak topology on \mathcal{H} . Let y be an element of \mathcal{H} . If there exists a positive r such that either $\Re(Gx - y, x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{S}_r$ OR $\Re(Gx - y, x) \leq 0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{S}_r$ then y is in the range of G .

Corollary: Let G be an operator on the separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , continuous in the weak topology on \mathcal{H} . Then, zero is in the range of G if (Gx, x) is of one sign on some sphere \mathcal{S}_r .

Existence

- For all $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}$ we define the following expression \mathcal{Q} by,

$$\mathcal{Q}[(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})] := -\alpha \int_{\Omega_F} \hat{\mu}_F \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B} : \mathbf{e}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \, d\mathbf{x} + \alpha \int_{\Omega_P} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot \text{curl}(\hat{\mu}_P \boldsymbol{\psi}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

- We have the following bound on \mathcal{Q} in terms of the product space norm:

$$|\mathcal{Q}[(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})]| \leq C(\alpha, \hat{\mu}_F, \Omega_F, \Omega_P) |||(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B})|||^2 |||(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})|||,$$

- Cauchy-Schwartz and Riesz's theorem allows us to write the variational formulation as,

$$(\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})) = ((\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})) \text{ for all } (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{Y},$$

■

$$(\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})) := (\mathbf{v} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})_{\mathcal{V}} + \frac{\alpha}{R_m} (\mathbf{B} \mid \boldsymbol{\psi})_{\mathcal{Y}} - \mathcal{Q}[(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})],$$

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$$((\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})) := \frac{\alpha}{R_m} \int_{\Gamma_0} (\mathbf{b}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n})(\boldsymbol{\phi} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, ds.$$

Existence

Lemma

The nonlinear operator $\mathcal{F} : (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}) \mapsto \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B})$ is continuous in the weak topology of the product space $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{Y}$.

Lemma

If the magnetic Reynolds number, R_m , is small then

$$(\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}); (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B})) \geq \frac{1}{2} |||(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B})|||^2 \text{ for all } (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{Y}.$$

Theorem

If the magnetic Reynolds number, R_m satisfies,

$$1 - 2 \frac{C_{FP} |\mathbf{b}^0| \text{mes}_{d-1}(\Gamma_0)}{1 - C_{FP} \mathfrak{r}(\Omega_P) R_m} \geq \frac{1}{2},$$

then problem $(\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi})) = ((\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}); (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}))$ for all $(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{Y}$ admits at least one weak solution.

Existence and comments

- Apply Altman-Shinbrot theorem to the operator equation
- Show there exists r such that

$$(\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}); (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B})) \geq 0$$

for all (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}) with $|||(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B})||| = r$

- Select $r = 2 |||(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})|||$
- The case of $\mathbf{R}_m \equiv 0$ can be thought off as a limit case of the above model.
- $\mathbf{R}_m \equiv 0$ the system becomes weakly coupled and, existence and uniqueness follow by invoking the Lax-Milgram lemma, once higher integrability of the magnetic induction is established
- In two spatial dimensions system can also be solved analytically. Resulting behavior is of a Bingham type fluid.