A geometric trapping approach to global regularity for 2D Navier-Stokes on manifolds

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Abstract

- We use frequency decomposition techniques to give a direct proof of global existence and regularity for the Navier-Stokes equations on two-dimensional Riemannian manifolds without boundary. The main tools include:
  - Mattingly and Sinai’s method of geometric trapping on the torus.
  - Zaher Hani’s refinement of multilinear estimates in the study of NLS.
  - Ideas from microlocal analysis.
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Recall the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations:

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\begin{aligned}
\partial_t U + \text{div} (U \otimes U) - \nu \Delta_M U &= -\text{grad} p \quad \text{in } M \\
\text{div} U &= 0 \quad \text{in } M \\
U(0, \cdot) &= U_0 \quad \text{smooth}
\end{aligned}
\]

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where:

- \((M, g)\): closed, oriented, connected, compact smooth two-dimensional Riemannian manifold without boundary.
- \(\nu > 0\): viscosity.
- \(\Delta_M\): any choice of Laplacian defined on vector fields (to be discussed).
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- In Pruess, Simonett, and Wilke (2020) *On the Navier-Stokes Equations on Surfaces*: local existence, and (assuming small data) global existence. Uses Fujita-Kato approach (heat semigroup etc.).
The Laplacian

Due to curvature, there are three canonical choices for the vector Laplacian:

- the Hodge-Laplacian $\Delta_H = -(d\delta + \delta d)$, where $d$ is the exterior derivative (like gradient), and $\delta = -\text{div}$ is the dual of $d$.

- the connection Laplacian (or Bochner Laplacian) $\Delta_B T := \text{tr} (\nabla^2 T) = \nabla_i \nabla^i T$
  - $\Delta_B X = \Delta_H X + \text{Ric}(X)$ (Weitzenbock formula, Ric: Ricci tensor)

- the deformation Laplacian $\Delta_D X = -2\text{Def}^*\text{Def} X = \Delta_H X + 2\text{Ric}(X)$ for $\text{div} X = 0$.

They differ by a smooth zeroth-order operator.
Main result

Theorem

Let \((M, g)\) be a manifold as described above, and let \(\Delta_M\) be any of the vector Laplacian operators \(\Delta_H\), \(\Delta_B\), or \(\Delta_D\) on \(M\). Suppose that \(U_0\) is a smooth vector field. Then there exists a unique global-in-time smooth solution to the Navier-Stokes equation.
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  - We find ourselves replicating the works of Zaher Hani, Nicolas Burq, Patrick Gérard, etc. from the study of non-linear Schrödinger equations. (Hani 2011; Burq, Gérard, and Tzvetkov 2005)
    - Need to extend their estimates to handle more derivatives and the inverse Laplacian.
Generalizing to manifolds

How about general compact manifolds? There are 3 problems.

- Even poorer spectral localization (no triangle inequalities). The distribution of eigenvalues might no longer look like \( \mathbb{N} \).
  - Instead of eigenspace projections, use spectral cutoffs. Pass between spectral cutoffs and eigenspace projections by a “Fourier trick”.
  - Use Hani’s refinement of multilinear estimates to handle the non-triangle regions. (main part of the proof)
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- Ricci tensor is no longer a constant. So it does not commute with spectral cutoffs.
  - Use common ideas from microlocal analysis, like integration by parts and the method of stationary phase.
Outline for section 2

1. Introduction

2. The proof
Hodge theory

We assume all the standard results of Hodge theory:

- For any vector field (or function, or differential form) $u$, we have $u = P_1 u + P_2 u + P_H u = \text{exact} + \text{coexact} + \text{harmonic}$.
  - Range of $P_H$ is smooth and finite-dimensional (on which all Sobolev norms are equivalent). It is the frequency zero.

- $\Delta_H$ is bijective from $(1 - P_H) H^{m+2}\Omega^k (M)$ to $(1 - P_H) H^m\Omega^k (M)$, where $H^m\Omega^k$ = differential $k$-forms with coefficients in $H^m$. This defines the inverse Laplacian.

$$\| u \|_{H^m} \sim \| P_H u \|_{L^2} + \| ( - \Delta_H )^{m/2} (1 - P_H) u \|_{L^2}$$
Spectral cutoffs

- Define the **eigenspace projections** $\pi_s$ such that 
  \[ (-\Delta_H) \pi_s = s^2 \pi_s. \]
- Define the **frequency cutoff projections**
  \[
P_k = 1_{[k,k+1)} \left( \sqrt{-\Delta_H} \right) = \sum_{s \in \sigma(\sqrt{-\Delta}) \cap [k,k+1)} \pi_s
\]
  Unlike $\pi_s$, $P_k$ allows us to bypass problems with distribution of eigenvalues (Weyl’s law).
  Disadvantage: \[ (-\Delta_H)^{-c} P_k \neq k^{-2c} P_k. \] Luckily, there is a “Fourier trick” to relate $\pi_s$ and $P_k$. 
Vorticity

- Via the Riemannian metric $g$, the musical isomorphism identifies vector fields with 1-forms: $\flat X(Y) := g(X, Y)$, $g(\sharp \alpha, Y) = \alpha(Y)$ for vector fields $X, Y$ and 1-form $\alpha$.
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- $\omega$ being a scalar is crucial for the enstrophy estimate (unlike in 3D Navier-Stokes).
  - If we define $\text{curl} f = - (\star df)^\sharp$, then
    \[
    (1 - \mathcal{P}_H) U = \mathcal{P}_2 U = \text{curl} (-\Delta)^{-1} \omega.
    \]
    Unlike on flat spaces, $\omega$ only controls the non-harmonic part of $U$. 
Vorticity formulation

- Let $\lambda_1$ be the smallest nonzero eigenvalue of $\sqrt{-\Delta_H}$ (smallest frequency).
- Let $Z \subset \mathbb{N}_0 + \lambda_1$ be a finite subset selecting the modes included in the Galerkin approximation. Define $U_Z = P_Z U := \sum_{k \in Z} P_k U$.
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- Finite-dimensional ODE $\rightarrow$ smooth solution in local time.
Basic estimates

We have some basic estimates:

- **Energy inequality**: \( \| U_Z(t) \|_{L^2} \leq \| U_Z(0) \|_{L^2} \).

- **Enstrophy estimate**: \( \| \omega_Z(t) \|_{L^2} \lesssim \| \omega_Z(0) \|_{L^2} + \| U_Z(0) \|_{L^2} e^{\nu C t} \) for some \( C > 0 \).
  - \( \lesssim \) means the implied constant does not depend on \( Z \).
  - Enstrophy is non-increasing when \( \Delta_M = \Delta_H (F = 0) \), like on flat spaces.

\[ \rightarrow \] \( U_Z \) exists globally in time, by Picard’s theorem.
A priori estimate

As $Z \uparrow N_0 + \lambda_1$, we hope to recover the true Navier-Stokes solution. For smooth convergence, we will need the following $Z$–independent estimate:

**Theorem**

If for some $A_0 \in (0, \infty)$ and $r > 1$,

\[
\|U_Z (0)\|_2 \leq A_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|P_k \omega_Z (0)\|_2 \leq \frac{A_0}{|k|^r} \quad \forall k \in Z,
\]

then

\[
\|P_k \omega_Z (t)\|_2 \leq \frac{A^* (t)}{|k|^r} \quad \forall t \geq 0, \forall k \in Z
\]

for some smooth $A^* (t)$ depending on $r, \nu, M, A_0$ and not $Z$.

- This just means Sobolev norms, if bounded at time 0, are smoothly controlled in time, independently of $Z$. It is enough for global regularity.
A priori estimate

- The estimate is local in time, so it is enough to fix $T > 0$, and show the Sobolev norm is controlled on $[0, T]$: $\| P_k \omega_Z (t) \|_2 \leq \frac{A^*_T}{|k|^r}$ for some $A^*_T > 1$ depending on $r$, $\nu$, $M$, $A_0$, and $T$, but not on $Z$.
  
  - Note: The enstrophy estimate alone only guarantees $\| P_k \omega_Z (t) \|_2 \leq \frac{A^*_T}{|k|^r}$ for some $A^*_T,Z$ that depends on $Z$. Still, we can use this to control small $k$.  
  
  Let $K_0$ be a large number to be chosen later. By the enstrophy estimate, $\forall k \leq K_0$:
  
  $\| P_k \omega_Z (t) \|_2 \leq B_{T,K_0} |k|^r$ for some $B_{T,K_0} > A_0$ (recall: $\| P_k \omega_Z (0) \|_2 \leq A_0 |k|^r \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$).
  
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- If the sequence tries to escape and hit the boundary, there will be \( t_0 \) and \( k_0 > K_0 \) such that \( \|P_{k_0} \omega_Z (t_0)\|_2 = \frac{B_{T,K_0}}{|k_0|^r} \) and

\[
\|P_k \omega_Z (t_0)\|_2 \leq \frac{B_{T,K_0}}{|k|^r} \quad \text{for all other } k.
\]

  - If we can show that \( \partial_t \left( \|P_{k_0} \omega_Z (t_0)\|_2^2 \right) < 0 \), then the sequence remains trapped, and the a priori estimate is proven, and we have global regularity.
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- We are left to show $\partial_t \left( \| P_{k_0} \omega Z (t_0) \|_2^2 \right) < 0$. Note that

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implies

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- **Summary**: We have reduced global regularity to viscous domination.
Viscous domination

To make things easier to follow, we remove any references to Navier-Stokes and make a self-contained statement.

**Theorem**

Let \( w \in C^\infty(M) \) and \( u \in \mathcal{P}_H \mathfrak{X}(M) \). Let \( A, B \geq 1 \) and \( k \in \mathbb{N}_0 + \lambda_1 + 1 \). Let \( r > 1 \). Assume that \( \pi_0 w = 0 \) and \( \| P_l w \|_2 \leq \frac{A}{l} \) for all \( l \in \mathbb{N}_0 + \lambda_1 \).

Assume also that \( \| w \|_2 + \| u \|_2 \leq B \). Then

\[
\sum_{l_1, l_2 \in \mathbb{N}_0 + \lambda_1} \left\| P_k \left\langle \text{curl } (-\Delta)^{-1} P_{l_1} w, \nabla P_{l_2} w \right\rangle \right\|_2 \\
+ \sum_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0 + \lambda_1} \left\| P_k \left\langle \mathcal{P}_H u, \nabla P_l w \right\rangle \right\|_2 + \left\| P_k D^1 \mathcal{P}_H u \right\|_2 \\
+ \sum_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0 + \lambda_1} \left\| P_k D^2 \text{curl } (-\Delta)^{-1} P_l w \right\|_2 \lesssim_{M,r} \frac{AB}{|k|^{r-\frac{7}{4}}}
\]

We note that \( D^j \) is schematic notation for any smooth differential operator of order \( j \).
Bilinear estimate

To prove viscous domination, the first tool we need is a generalisation of the bilinear estimate from the study of NLS.

**Lemma**

For any \( f, g \in L^2(M) \) and \( l_1, l_2 \geq \lambda_1(M) \) and \( a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}_0 \), we have

\[
\| (\nabla^a P_{l_1} f) \ast (\nabla^b (-\Delta)^{-c} P_{l_2} g) \|_2 \\
\lesssim_{-l_1, -l_2} \min (l_1, l_2)^{\frac{1}{4}} l_1^a \| P_{l_1} f \|_2 \ l_2^{b - 2c} \| P_{l_2} g \|_2
\]

where \((\nabla^a P_{l_1} f) \ast (\nabla^b P_{l_2} g)\) is schematic for any contraction of the two tensors.

- The factor \( \min (l_1, l_2)^{\frac{1}{4}} \) is not present on the torus, but is essentially sharp on the sphere.
Trilinear estimate

The second tool is an adaptation of the first, for distant regions of frequency interactions.

**Lemma**

For any $f_1, f_2, f_3 \in L^2(M)$; $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, a_3, b_3, J \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $l_1 \geq l_2 \geq l_3 \geq \lambda_1(M)$ such that $l_1 = l_2 + Kl_3 + 2$ for $K > 1$, we have

$$\left| \int_M \left( \nabla^{a_1} (-\Delta)^{-b_1} P_{l_1} f_1 \right) * \left( \nabla^{a_2} (-\Delta)^{-b_2} P_{l_2} f_2 \right) * \left( \nabla^{a_3} (-\Delta)^{-b_3} P_{l_3} f_3 \right) \right|$$

$$\lesssim J, M, -l_1, -l_2, -l_3 \frac{l_3^3}{K^J} \prod_{j=1}^3 l_j^{a_j - 2b_j} \left\| P_{l_j} f_j \right\|_2$$

- This essentially says that the distant regions are “negligible”.
Convective term

With the bilinear and trilinear estimate, we can now handle the main term in the problem of viscous domination. Assuming $\|P_l w\|_2 \leq \frac{A}{|l|^r} \forall l$ and $\|w\|_2 = \|\|P_j w\|_2\|_{l_j^2(\mathbb{N}_0+\lambda)} \leq B$, we show that for any $k$:

$$\sum_{l_1, l_2 \in \mathbb{N}_0+\lambda_1} \|P_k \langle \text{curl } (-\Delta)^{-1} P_{l_1} w, \nabla P_{l_2} w \rangle\|_2 \lesssim \frac{AB}{k^{r-\frac{7}{4}}}$$

- Note that $k, l_1, l_2$ are the three “frequencies” interacting.
- Strategy: split into multiple scenarios for values of $k, l_1, l_2$. If the argument can not be closed, assume more conditions and split further.
Diagram

Figure: All the possible scenarios found through trial and error. Shaded regions are where the trilinear estimate is used. Example: $\mathcal{T}_2$ is defined by $|l_1 - l_2| \leq k \leq l_1 + l_2$, $\frac{k}{2} < l_1 \leq 2k$. 
Example of a shaded region

- Assume $l_1 \geq k$, $l_2 \geq k$, $2k + 2 \leq |l_1 - l_2|$ (region $A_{2b}$). Applying the trilinear estimate, for any $J$ (chosen to be large), we can bound the sum by

$$\sum_{l_1} \sum_{l_2} l_1^{1/4} \frac{k^J}{|l_2 - l_1|^J} \frac{1}{l_1} \|P_{l_1} w\|_2 \frac{l_2}{\|P_{l_2} w\|_2}$$

$$\leq Ak^J \sum_{l_1} \frac{1}{l_1^{3/4}} \|P_{l_1} w\|_2 \sum_{l_2} \frac{1}{|l_2 - l_1|^J} \cdot \frac{1}{l_2^{r-1}}$$

(3)

Choosing $J \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p \in (1, \infty)$ such that $Jp > 1$, $(r - 1) p' > 1$ (possible since $r > 1$), we obtain:

$$\sum_{l_1} \sum_{l_2} l_1^{1/4} \frac{k^J}{|l_2 - l_1|^J} \frac{1}{l_1} \|P_{l_1} w\|_2 \frac{l_2}{\|P_{l_2} w\|_2} \leq Ak^J \sum_{l_1} \frac{1}{l_1^{3/4}} \|P_{l_1} w\|_2 \frac{1}{k^{J-1/p}} \cdot \frac{1}{k^{r-1-1/p'}}$$

$$= A \frac{1}{k^{r-2}} \sum_{l_1} \frac{1}{l_1^{3/4}} \|P_{l_1} w\|_2 \leq \frac{AB}{k^{r-7/4}}$$
Harmonic term

Unlike the convective term, the harmonic term is very easy to handle. For any $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$:

$$k^{2m} \left\| P_k D^1 \mathcal{P}_H u \right\|_2 \lesssim \left\| \mathcal{P}_H u \right\|_{H^{2m+1}} \sim_m \left\| \mathcal{P}_H u \right\|_2 \leq B$$
Linear terms

All the remaining terms that come from curvature, can be summarized by the following estimate:

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that $a - 2b \leq 1$. We write $D^k_B$ as a schematic for a spatial differential operator of order $k$, such that any local coefficients $c(x)$ of $D^k_B$ satisfy

$$\|c(x)\|_{C^m} \lesssim_m B$$

Then for all $k \in \mathbb{N}_0 + \lambda_1 + 1$,

$$\sum_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0 + \lambda_1} \left\| P_k \left( D^a_B (-\Delta)^{-b} P_l w \right) \right\|_2 \lesssim_{a,b,-k} \frac{AB}{k^{r-7/4}}.$$
Linear terms, critical region

Fix \( \varepsilon \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) \). Handling the “critical region” \( l \in [k - k^\varepsilon, k + k^\varepsilon] \) (where \( l \sim_\varepsilon k \)) is simple:

\[
\sum_{l \in [k - k^\varepsilon, k + k^\varepsilon]} \left| \left\langle \left\langle D_B^a (-\Delta)^{-b} P_l w, P_k v_l \right\rangle \right\rangle \right|
\lesssim \sum_{l} l^{1/4} l^{a-2b} B \| P_l w \|_2
\lesssim \varepsilon \sum_{l} \frac{AB}{k^{r-a+2b-\frac{1}{4}}}
\lesssim \frac{AB}{k^{r-a+2b-\frac{1}{4}-\varepsilon}} \lesssim \frac{AB}{k^{r-\frac{7}{4}}}
\]

as \( a - 2b \leq 1 \) and \( \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2} \).
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- Finally we use a “Fourier trick” to change from $\pi_s$ back to $P_k$, which gives arbitrary decay $\frac{1}{k^\infty}$. Main idea of “Fourier trick”: decompose a smooth symbol into multilinear pieces by the Fourier inversion theorem, and use the fact that the $L^2$ norm is modulation-independent:

$$\left\| \sum_z e^{i2\pi z \theta} \pi_{l+z} f \right\|_2 = \left\| \sum_z \pi_{l+z} f \right\|_2$$
Appendix: proving the trilinear estimate

To see that the bilinear estimate implies the trilinear estimate, we just need the Fourier trick, as well as the following integration by parts lemma:

For $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, let $e_i \in C^\infty (M)$ be eigenfunctions where $(-\Delta) e_i = n_i^2 e_i$, and assume $n_1 \geq n_2 \geq n_3 \geq n_4 \geq 0$ and $n_1^2 \neq n_2^2 + n_3^2 + n_4^2$. Set $\mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{n_1^2 - n_2^2 - n_3^2 - n_4^2}$. Then, for any $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}_1$, we have the schematic identity

$$\int_M (\nabla^{a_1} e_1) \ast (\nabla^{a_2} e_2) \ast (\nabla^{a_3} e_3) \ast (\nabla^{a_4} e_4)$$

$$= \mathcal{N}^m \sum_{b_2+b_3+b_4=2m} \int_M \nabla^{a_1} e_1 \ast \nabla^{a_2+b_2} e_2 \ast \nabla^{a_3+b_3} e_3 \ast \nabla^{a_4+b_4} e_4$$

$$+ \mathcal{N}^m \sum_{\sum_j c_j \leq \sum_j a_j + 2m - 2} \int_M T_{mc_1 c_2 c_3 c_4} \ast \nabla^{c_1} e_1 \ast \nabla^{c_2} e_2 \ast \nabla^{c_3} e_3 \ast \nabla^{c_4} e_4$$

for some smooth tensors $T_{mc_1 c_2 c_3 c_4}$. 

Future

- How about Mattingly and Sinai’s results regarding analytic solutions? (most likely to hold)
- How about manifolds with boundary, non-compact manifolds and exterior domains? (possibly non-trivial)
- Original goal of Aynur: how about other equations like SQG? (to be explored)
For Further Reading I


Thank you for listening.