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Abstract

We introduce a vorticity Leray- α model with eddy viscosity depending on $d(x,\partial\Omega)^{\eta}$ where $\partial\Omega$ is the boundary of the domain and $\eta\in]0;1[$. We prove that this system admits fairly regular weak solutions converging when α goes to 0 to the solution of a reference system.

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1 Introduction

Let Ω be a \mathscr{C}^2 open bounded subset of \mathbb{R}^3 . According to turbulence modelling, we introduce in this paper the following vorticity Leray- α model

(1.1)
$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \mathbf{u} - \operatorname{div}\left(\rho^{\eta} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \nabla \mathbf{u}\right) + \lambda \mathbf{u} + \nabla \tilde{\boldsymbol{p}} = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

(1.2)
$$\operatorname{div}\left(\mathbf{u}\right) = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

(1.3)
$$\omega = \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u}) \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

(1.4)
$$-\alpha^2 \Delta \bar{\omega} + \bar{\omega} = P(\omega) \quad \text{in} \quad \mathbb{R}^3,$$

(1.5)
$$\mathbf{u} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega,$$

where **u** models the long time average of the flow, $\tilde{p} = p - \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2}$ is the modified mean pressure, and $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(\Omega)^3$ is a given source term. The linear term $\lambda \mathbf{u}$ with $\lambda > 0$ is a damping term.

The eddy viscosity is of the form $\nu_{\text{turb}} = \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu}$, where $0 < \eta < 1$ and $\widetilde{\nu}$ is a continuous function satisfying

$$(1.6) \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad 0 < \nu_m \le \widetilde{\nu}(t) \le \nu_M,$$

where ν_m and ν_M are constants.

The function ϱ refers to the Prandtl mixing length (see [20]), which appears like a regular function behaving like the distance to the boundary $d(\cdot, \partial\Omega)$. More precisely, we consider $\varrho: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

(1.7)
$$\lim_{\substack{d(x,\partial\Omega)\to 0\\x\in\Omega}} \frac{\varrho(x)}{d(x,\partial\Omega)} = 1 \text{ and } \forall n>0, \quad \varrho_n = \inf_{\substack{d(x,\partial\Omega)\geq \frac{1}{n}\\x\in\Omega}} \varrho(x) > 0.$$

The operator P in (1.4) is the extension by 0, which means

(1.8)
$$P(\boldsymbol{\omega}): x \mapsto \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\omega}(x) & \text{if } x \in \Omega, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Equation (1.4) defining $\bar{\omega}$ is the Helmholz equation (studied in detail for instance in [7, 13]), so that (1.1)-(1.5) is a kind of Leray- α model, which is a LES model.

In this paper we show that (1.1)-(1.5) with $\eta < 1$ admits sufficiently regular weak solutions satisfying the energy balance (3.2) (Theorem 3.1) that converge when α goes to zero to a solution of the following system

(1.9)
$$\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u} - \operatorname{div}\left(\varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla \mathbf{u}\right) + \lambda \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

$$\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

(1.11)
$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u}) \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

$$\mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega.$$

As previously shown in [1], (1.9)-(1.12) admits weak solutions for $0 \le \eta < 1$, but the energy balance (3.2) can be satisfied if and only if $0 \le \eta < 1/5$. Consequently, the convergence stated in Theorem 3.2 is weak when $1/5 \le \eta < 1$ and strong if $0 \le \eta < 1/5$.

Leray- α models were first introduced by J. Leray in [15, 16], and have been studied in detail in [3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 18, 19]. In this kind of models, the convection term is given by $(\bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}$.

By the way, it is possible to apply the filter to both velocities, so that the convection term becomes $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}$. This is called Bardina-type models. These have been studied for instance in [3, 5, 8, 11, 17]. In particular, it is shown that solutions of the α -models are regular and converge to the Leray solution of NSE, most of time with periodic boundary conditions. A comparison between these different models is made for instance in [3, 6, 8, 18].

In order to ensure coercivity results, a free-divergence assumption is required for $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$. Consequently, the standard Leray- α model adapted to (1.1) should be like

(1.13)
$$(\bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} - \operatorname{div}\left(\varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla \mathbf{u}\right) + \lambda \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

(1.14)
$$-\alpha^2 \Delta \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \nabla q = \mathbf{u} \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

(1.15)
$$\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}) = \operatorname{div}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega,$$

$$\mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma.$$

Unfortunately, this model does not provide sufficient results to ensure the existence of suitable solutions. Indeed, we work in weighted function spaces, which only provides a $W^{1,p}$ regularity for \mathbf{u} , with $1 \leq p < 2$. This regularity is not enough, because of the Lagrange multiplier in (1.14).

This is why the vorticity has been introduced. This quantity appears in [8, 19] to introduce an α -model called NS- α . In this model, the vorticity term $\operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u}$ is replaced by $\operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u}) \times \bar{\mathbf{u}}$.

Here we consider another version of this model, similar to the $NS - \bar{\omega}$ model introduced by W.J. Layton and al. in [12, 14], where the vorticity term of (1.9)-(1.12) becomes $\operatorname{curl}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \times \mathbf{u}$. A theoretical study is made in [12], for a system of NSE with constant viscosity. This idea is relevant given that there is no free-divergence assumption required to prove coercivity in the calculations.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we focus on the vorticity Helmholz equation with a L^p source term. The goal is proving some convergence results that are applied later.

In section 3, we start by showing the existence of a distributional solution of (1.1)-(1.5) using a fixed-point strategy, and then we prove the convergence to a solution of (1.9)-(1.12) when α goes to zero. The value of η has an influence on the sense of the convergence.

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2 Vorticity Leray- α model

This section starts by defining the function spaces in which solutions of (1.9)-(1.12) are searched. As already done in [1], some Sobolev regularity is given on these spaces. Then, the solution of the Helmholz vorticity equation is written with a convolution kernel, to ease the calculations in order to find results on $\bar{\omega}$ starting from equivalent statements on ω .

2.1 Functions spaces and estimates

We first define a space of smooth functions

(2.1)
$$\mathcal{V} = \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^3 / \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}) = 0 \},$$

and V_{η} is the closure of this space for the norm

(2.2)
$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{V_{\eta}} = \left(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{0,2,\Omega}^2 + \|\varrho^{\eta/2}\nabla\mathbf{u}\|_{0,2,\Omega}^2\right)^{1/2}.$$

We start by stating the regularity of V_{η} functions. Indeed, looking at the norm (2.2), we understand that such functions are not likely to be H^1 if $\eta > 0$.

We recall two embedding theorems. The first is from [1, 2] brings a H^s estimate, with $1/2 < s \le 1$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\eta \in [0;1[$. The continuous embedding

$$(2.3) V_{\eta} \hookrightarrow H^{1-\frac{\eta}{2}}(\Omega)^3$$

stands, which implies the Sobolev compact embedding

(2.4)
$$V_{\eta} \hookrightarrow L^{r}(\Omega)^{3}, \text{ where } 1 \leq r < \frac{6}{1+n}.$$

The second result from [10] brings a $W^{1,p}$ estimate with $1 \le p < 2$.

Theorem 2.2. Let $\eta \in [0;1[$. The continuous embedding

$$(2.5) V_{\eta} \hookrightarrow W^{1,p}(\Omega)^3$$

stands for $p \in \left[1; \frac{2}{1+\eta}\right[$.

Remark 2.1. The compact Sobolev embedding given by Theorem 2.2 is weaker than this given by Theorem 2.1. Indeed, $\frac{6}{1+3\eta}$ is lower than $\frac{6}{1+\eta}$.

Remark 2.2. These two results also give an estimate on the vorticity.

- If $\mathbf{u} \in H^{1-\frac{\eta}{2}}(\Omega)^3$, then $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u}) \in H^{-\frac{\eta}{2}}(\Omega)^3$.
- If $\mathbf{u} \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)^3$, then $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u}) \in L^p(\Omega)^3$.

2.2 Green kernel for the Helmholz problem

Until the end of this section, we simply write ω instead of $P(\omega)$. This means

(2.6)
$$\omega \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3 \text{ with } 1 \le p < \frac{2}{1+\eta} \text{ and } 0 \le \eta \le 1.$$

We focus on the following Helmholz equation, where $\alpha > 0$ is a constant parameter, supposed to be near 0.

$$(2.7) -\alpha^2 \Delta \bar{\omega} + \bar{\omega} = \omega.$$

Theorem 2.3 (Green function). Let $\omega \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$ defined in (2.6), and $\bar{\omega}$ satisfying (2.7). Then

$$(2.8) \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(x) = K_{\alpha} * \boldsymbol{\omega}(x)$$

for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$, where K_{α} is the scalar function given by

(2.9)
$$K_{\alpha}: \mathbb{R}^{3} \to \mathbb{R}$$
$$x \mapsto \frac{e^{-|x|/\alpha}}{4\pi\alpha^{2}|x|}.$$

This result is already proved in [17].

Lemma 2.1. The function K_{α} given by (2.9) is in $L^{q}(\mathbb{R}^{3}, \mathbb{R}_{+})$ for $q \in [1; 3[$ and

(2.10)
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} K_{\alpha}(x)^q dx = \Gamma(3-q) \frac{(4\pi\alpha^3)^{1-q}}{q^{3-q}},$$

where Γ refers to the Euler function: $\Gamma(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} s^{t-1} e^{-s} ds$, for any t > 0.

Remark 2.3. When q = 1, we obtain in particular

(2.11)
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} K_{\alpha}(x) \, dx = 1.$$

Proof. We use a change of variables which transforms the classical cartesian coordinates of \mathbb{R}^3 into spherical coordinates $(r, \theta, \varphi) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0; \pi] \times [0; 2\pi]$, so that the 3D Lebesgue measure is written

(2.12)
$$d\lambda(y) = r^2 \sin(\theta) dr d\theta d\varphi.$$

The Fubini-Tonelli theorem then yields

(2.13)
$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}^3} K_{\alpha}(y)^q \, dy = \int_{r=0}^{+\infty} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{e^{-qr/\alpha}}{(4\pi)^q \alpha^{2q} r^q} r^2 \sin(\theta) \, dr \, d\theta \, d\varphi$$
$$= \frac{(4\pi)^{1-q}}{\alpha^{2q}} \int_{0}^{+\infty} r^{2-q} e^{-qr/\alpha} \, dr.$$

The change of variables $s = \frac{qr}{\alpha}$ yields

(2.14)
$$\int_0^{+\infty} r^{2-q} e^{-qr/\alpha} dr = \left(\frac{\alpha}{q}\right)^{3-q} \int_0^{+\infty} s^{2-q} e^{-s} ds.$$

This integral is defined if and only if 2-q > -1, which means q < 3. When this condition is satisfied, (2.13) yields

(2.15)
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} K_{\alpha}(y)^q \, dy = \frac{(4\pi)^{1-q}}{\alpha^{2q}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{q}\right)^{3-q} \int_0^{+\infty} s^{2-q} e^{-s} \, ds,$$

which corresponds to (2.10).

Since the vector function $\bar{\omega}$ is defined as a convolution, the Young inequality gives some regularity results for $\bar{\omega}$. Indeed, the extension by 0 preserves the L^p norms.

Lemma 2.2 (L^{γ} -regularity for $\bar{\omega}$). Let $\omega \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$ with p defined by (2.6), and $K_{\alpha} \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with $q \in [1; 3[$.

- If $0 < \eta < 1/3$, $\bar{\omega} \in L^{\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$ with $1 < \gamma < +\infty$.
- If $\eta = 1/3$, $\bar{\omega} \in L^{\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$ with $1 \leq \gamma < +\infty$.
- If $1/3 < \eta \le 1$, $\bar{\omega} \in L^{\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$ with $1 \le \gamma < \frac{6}{3\eta 1}$.

Proof. Since $K_{\alpha} \in L^{q}(\mathbb{R}^{3})$ and $\boldsymbol{\omega} \in L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{3})^{3}$, the Young inequality yields

(2.16)
$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \in L^{\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^3)^3 \text{ with } 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}.$$

The assumptions on p and q yield

$$(2.17) \frac{1+\eta}{2} + \frac{1}{3} < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \le 2,$$

which means

$$(2.18) \frac{\eta}{2} - \frac{1}{6} < \frac{1}{\gamma} \le 1.$$

We see that $\frac{\eta}{2} - \frac{1}{6}$ is always strictly lower than 1, and it is positive if and only if $\eta > 1/3$. Consequently, when $\eta \le 1/3$ we directly obtain the result. And if $\eta > 1/3$, (2.18) yields

$$(2.19) 1 \le \gamma < \frac{6}{3\eta - 1}.$$

Hence the result. \Box

2.3 Main convergence results

The two next results are the main statements of this paper. First, we consider the case where α is fixed. The following lemma will be used to find solutions of the approximated system (1.1)-(1.5), by a fixed-point method.

Lemma 2.3 (Convergence when α is fixed). Let $(\omega_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$ functions $(1 \leq p < +\infty)$ that weakly converges to $\omega \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$. Let $(\bar{\omega}_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be the sequence of the solutions of (2.7) with source term ω_n , and $\bar{\omega}$ the solution of (2.7) with source term ω .

Then $(\bar{\omega}_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ weakly converges in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$ to $\bar{\omega}$.

Proof. Let $\phi \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, the Fubini theorem yields

(2.20)
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_n(x)\phi(x) \, dx = \iint_{x,y\in\mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_n(y) K_{\alpha}(x-y)\phi(x) \, dx \, dy$$
$$= \int_{y\in\mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_n(y) \left(\int_{x\in\mathbb{R}^3} K_{\alpha}(x-y)\phi(x) \, dx \right) \, dy.$$

Since $\phi \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $K_{\alpha} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$, the function $[y \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} K_{\alpha}(x-y)\phi(x) dx]$ is in $L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Hence the weak convergence of $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ yields the result.

The following theorem gives the convergence of the solutions $\bar{\omega}$ of (2.7) when α goes to zero. This will be used later to show the convergence of a sequence of solutions of (1.1)-(1.5) to a solution of (1.9)-(1.12).

Theorem 2.4. Let $(\alpha_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that $\alpha_n \underset{n\to+\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0$, and p be defined by (2.6). Let $(\omega_{\alpha_n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$ functions that weakly converges to $\omega \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$.

Let $(\bar{\omega}_{\alpha_n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ satisfy for all $n\in\mathbb{N}$

$$(2.21) -\alpha_n^2 \Delta \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\alpha_n} + \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\alpha_n} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}.$$

Then $(\bar{\omega}_{\alpha_n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ weakly converges to ω in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$.

Proof. Let $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, by the Fubini theorem

(2.22)
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\alpha_n}(x)\phi(x) \, dx = \iint_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y) K_{\alpha_n}(x-y)\phi(x) \, dx \, dy$$
$$= \int_{y \in \mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y) \left(\int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} K_{\alpha_n}(x-y)\phi(x) \, dx \right) \, dy.$$

The change of variables $z = \frac{x-y}{\alpha_n}$ in the middle integral yields

$$(2.23) \qquad \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} K_{\alpha_n}(x-y)\phi(x) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{e^{-|x-y|/\alpha_n}}{4\pi\alpha_n^2|x-y|} \phi(x) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{e^{-|z|}}{4\pi|z|} \phi(y+\alpha_n z) \, dz.$$

Then (2.22) becomes

(2.24)
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\alpha_n}(x)\phi(x) \, dx = \int_{z \in \mathbb{R}^3} K_1(z) \left(\int_{y \in \mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y)\phi(y + \alpha_n z) \, dy \right) \, dz.$$

We now aim at showing the following convergence for any fixed $z \in \mathbb{R}^3$

(2.25)
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y) \phi(y + \alpha_n z) \, dy \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}(y) \phi(y) \, dy.$$

To do so, we decompose the difference

$$(2.26) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y)\phi(y+\alpha_n z) \, dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}(y)\phi(y) \, dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y) - \boldsymbol{\omega}(y)\right)\phi(y) \, dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y) \left(\phi(y+\alpha_n z) - \phi(y)\right) \, dy.$$

On one hand, the weak convergence of $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ yields

(2.27)
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y) - \boldsymbol{\omega}(y) \right) \phi(y) \, dy \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0.$$

On the other hand, the Hölder inequality yields

$$(2.28) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y) \left(\phi(y + \alpha_n z) - \phi(y) \right) dy \leq \|\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}\|_p \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\phi(y + \alpha_n z) - \phi(y)|^{p'} dy \right)^{1/p'} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0,$$

by the Lebesgue theorem. Hence (2.25).

Then the following domination stands:

(2.29)
$$\left| K_1(z) \left(\int_{y \in \mathbb{R}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}(y) \phi(y + \alpha_n z) \, dy \right) \right| \le K_1(z) \|\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\alpha_n}\|_p \|\phi\|_{p'},$$

which is $L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$.

Therefore by the Lebesgue theorem, (2.25) and (2.29)

(2.30)
$$\int_{\mathbb{D}^3} \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\alpha_n}(x)\phi(x) \, dx \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \int_{\mathbb{D}^3} \boldsymbol{\omega}(y)\phi(y) \, dy.$$

The density of $\mathscr{D}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ in $L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ yields the result.

3 Solutions of the Leray- α approximated system

This section aims at proving the existence of solutions of (1.9)-(1.12), in three steps. First, we solve a linearized system by the Lax-Milgram theorem. Such a solution is unique, and can be written $T\mathbf{u}$. Then the existence of solutions of (1.1)-(1.5) is shown by using the Leray-Schauder fixed-point theorem on the operator T.

We then obtain a sequence $(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ of solutions, corresponding to a sequence of parameters $(\alpha_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ converging to 0. Finally, Theorem 2.4 provides the convergence to a solution of (1.9)-(1.12).

3.1 Variational formulation

The function $\bar{\omega}$ in (1.1)-(1.5) is obtained this way.

- We consider the extension by 0 of $\omega \in L^p(\Omega)^3$, still named the same,
- $\bar{\omega}$ satisfies (2.7), so that $\bar{\omega} \in L^{\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^3)^3$, where γ is given by Corollary 2.2.
- we take the restriction of $\bar{\omega}$ to Ω , still named the same.

We write the variational formulation of system (1.1)-(1.5)

(3.1)
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u} \in V_{\eta}, \\ \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}, & \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \nabla \mathbf{u} : \nabla \mathbf{v} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}. \end{cases}$$

Taking $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$ in (3.1) yields the following energy balance

(3.2)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla \mathbf{u}|^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{u}|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u}.$$

These two equations have a sense if and only if the integrals are defined. The condition is given by the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1 (Critical exponents). Let $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(\Omega)^3$ and $\lambda > 0$. For any $\eta \in]0;1[$, all the integrals in (3.1) are well defined.

Proof. The definition of V_{η} directly yields the three last integrals in (3.1) are finite. In order to show that $\int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is finite for $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}$, we have to distinguish the two cases of Lemma 2.2.

If $\eta \leq 1/3$, $\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)^3$ and $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in L^r(\Omega)^3$ for $1 \leq r < \frac{6}{1+\eta}$. The Hölder inequality then yields

(3.3)
$$\int_{\Omega} |(\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq ||\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}||_{0,\infty,\Omega} ||\mathbf{u}||_{0,r,\Omega} ||\mathbf{v}||_{0,r,\Omega}, \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{2}{r} = 1.$$

This condition can be fulfilled if and only if $\frac{6}{1+\eta} > 2$, which means $\eta < 2$. This is the case, since $\eta \le 1/3$.

If, $\eta > 1/3$, $\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \in L^s(\Omega)^3$ with $1 \leq s < \frac{6}{3\eta - 1}$. The functions **u** and **v** have the same regularity as before. The Hölder inequality yields

(3.4)
$$\int_{\Omega} |(\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq \|\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}\|_{0,s,\Omega} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{0,r,\Omega} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0,r,\Omega}, \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{1}{s} + \frac{2}{r} = 1.$$

This equality of exponents can be fulfilled if and only if $\frac{3\eta-1}{6}+\frac{1+\eta}{3}<1$, which is equivalent to $\eta<1$.

Now we can initiate the method explained at the beginning of this section.

3.2 Solutions for the vorticity Leray- α system

The variational problem (3.1) is linearized by considering a vorticity field \mathbf{w} which does not depend on \mathbf{u} .

(3.5)
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u} \in V_{\eta}, \\ \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}, \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla \mathbf{u} : \nabla \mathbf{v} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}, \end{cases}$$

Lemma 3.2 (Linearized problem). Let $\eta \in [0;1[$, $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(\Omega), \lambda > 0$ and $\mathbf{w} \in L^s(\Omega)$ for

(3.6)
$$\begin{cases} 1 \le s \le +\infty & \text{if } \eta < 1/3, \\ 1 \le s < +\infty & \text{if } \eta = 1/3, \\ 1 \le s < \frac{6}{3n-1} & \text{if } \eta > 1/3. \end{cases}$$

The variational problem (3.5) admits a unique solution.

Proof. The Lax-Milgram Theorem is applied to the bilinear form $B(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = A(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$, where A and $b_{\mathbf{w}}$ are defined by

(3.7)
$$A(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla \mathbf{u} : \nabla \mathbf{v} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v},$$

(3.8)
$$b_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

First, we write

$$(3.9) |A(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})| \le (\lambda + \nu_M) \|\mathbf{u}\|_{V_{\eta}} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{V_{\eta}}.$$

Let $r \in \left[1; \frac{6}{1+\eta}\right]$, we have

$$(3.10) |b_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})| \le c \|\mathbf{w}\|_{0,s,\Omega} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{0,r,\Omega} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0,r,\Omega} \le C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{V_n} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{V_n}.$$

Inequalities (3.9) and (3.10) yield the continuity of the bilinear form B on V_{η} . Let us show it is coercive, by considering any $\mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}$.

(3.11)
$$B(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla \mathbf{v}|^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{v}|^2 \ge \min(\nu_m, \lambda) ||\mathbf{v}||_{V_{\eta}}^2.$$

Finally, the linear form $\ell : \mathbf{v} \mapsto \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is continuous on V_{η} , since $\mathbf{f} \in L^{2}(\Omega)^{3}$. This concludes the proof.

Lemma 3.2 yields the existence of an operator T associating to any function $\mathbf{u} \in V_{\eta}$ the solution of the linearized problem where $\mathbf{w} = \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u})$, which means

(3.12)
$$\forall \mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}, \quad \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}) \times T\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \nabla T\mathbf{u} : \nabla \mathbf{v} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} T\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

Replacing \mathbf{v} by $T\mathbf{u}$ in (3.12) yields

(3.13)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla T \mathbf{u}|^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |T \mathbf{u}|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot T \mathbf{u},$$

that yields the bound

(3.14)
$$||T\mathbf{u}||_{V_{\eta}} \leq \frac{||\mathbf{f}||_{0,2,\Omega}}{\min(\nu_m,\lambda)} =: M.$$

Then we use the Leray-Schauder fixed point theorem to prove the following result.

Theorem 3.1. Let $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(\Omega)^3$ and $\lambda > 0$. The operator T defined by (3.12) has a fixed point in the closed ball $\bar{B}_{V_{\eta}}(0,M)$ simply named B. This means that (3.1) admits a solution in B.

Proof. The fixed point theorem will be applied on B, which is a nonempty closed bounded convex subset of V_{η} . The continuity of T and compactness of T(B) need to be proved. To do so, we consider a sequence $(\mathbf{u}_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ of functions in B that weakly converges to a certain \mathbf{u} in V_{η} . The goal is showing that $(T\mathbf{u}_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ strongly converges to $T\mathbf{u}$ in V_{η} . We recall that $T\mathbf{u}_n$ is defined by

$$(3.15) \quad \forall \ \mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}, \quad \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_n) \times T\mathbf{u}_n) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \nabla T\mathbf{u}_n : \nabla \mathbf{v} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} T\mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

Since $(T\mathbf{u}_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ is bounded in V_η , a subsequence still named the same way weakly converges to a certain φ in V_η . The first step of the proof consists in showing that $\varphi = T\mathbf{u}$. The weak convergence and the compact Sobolev embedding (2.4) directly yield for any $\mathbf{v} \in V_\eta$

(3.16)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla T \mathbf{u}_{n} : \nabla \mathbf{v} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla \varphi : \nabla \mathbf{v},$$

(3.17)
$$\lambda \int_{\Omega} T \mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{v} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varphi} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

For the vorticity term, we write the decomposition

(3.18)
$$\int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_n) \times T\mathbf{u}_n) \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}) \times \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} ((\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_n) - \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u})) \times \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_n) \times (T\mathbf{u}_n - \boldsymbol{\varphi})) \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

On one hand, the assumption and Theorem 2.2 imply $\mathbf{u}_n \overset{\rightharpoonup}{\underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow}} \mathbf{u}$ in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)^3$ for

(3.19)
$$1 \le p < \frac{2}{1+\eta}, \text{ with } 0 \le \eta < 1.$$

This yields $\operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u}_n) \underset{n \to +\infty}{\rightharpoonup} \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u})$ in $L^p(\Omega)^3$, and the extensions by 0 satisfy

(3.20)
$$\omega(\mathbf{u}_n) \underset{n \to +\infty}{\rightharpoonup} \omega(\mathbf{u}) \text{ in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3,$$

In particular, $(\omega(\mathbf{u}_n))_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ is bounded in $L^p(\Omega)$, with the same values of p. Therefore, Lemma 2.2 yields

(3.21)
$$\|\bar{\omega}(\mathbf{u}_n)\|_{0,s,\Omega} \le \|K_{\alpha}\|_{0,q,\Omega} \|\omega(\mathbf{u}_n)\|_{0,p,\Omega}$$

with s given by (3.6) and $1 \leq q < 3$. Thus, $(\bar{\omega}(\mathbf{u}_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded in $L^s(\Omega)$. We obtain

$$(3.22) \quad \left| \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_n) \times (T\mathbf{u}_n - \boldsymbol{\varphi})) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right| \leq c_1 \|\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_n)\|_{0,s,\Omega} \|T\mathbf{u}_n - \boldsymbol{\varphi}\|_{0,r,\Omega} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0,r,\Omega} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0,$$

where r is given by (2.4).

On the other hand, convergence (3.20) and Lemma 2.3 yield

(3.23)
$$\bar{\omega}(\mathbf{u}_n) \underset{n \to +\infty}{\rightharpoonup} \bar{\omega}(\mathbf{u}) \text{ in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)^3.$$

And the restrictions weakly converge in $L^p(\Omega)^3$. This yields

(3.24)
$$\int_{\Omega} ((\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_n) - \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u})) \times \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0.$$

To sum up, convergences (3.16), (3.17), (3.22) and (3.24) yield

$$(3.25) \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}, \quad \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}) \times \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \nabla \boldsymbol{\varphi} : \nabla \mathbf{v} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varphi} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

That means $\varphi = T\mathbf{u}$.

Now the strong convergence has to be proved. Taking $\mathbf{v} = T\mathbf{u}_n$ in (3.15) and $\mathbf{v} = T\mathbf{u}$ in (3.12) yields

(3.26)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla T \mathbf{u}_{n}|^{2} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |T \mathbf{u}_{n}|^{2} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot T \mathbf{u}_{n},$$

(3.27)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla T \mathbf{u}|^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |T \mathbf{u}|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot T \mathbf{u}.$$

What was done before directly yields

(3.28)
$$\lambda \int_{\Omega} |T\mathbf{u}_n|^2 \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \lambda \int_{\Omega} |T\mathbf{u}|^2,$$

(3.29)
$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot T \mathbf{u}_n \xrightarrow[n \to +\infty]{} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot T \mathbf{u},$$

so that we deduce

(3.30)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla T \mathbf{u}_n|^2 \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla T \mathbf{u}|^2.$$

The weak convergence and (3.30) yield the strong convergence $T\mathbf{u}_n \xrightarrow[n \to +\infty]{} T\mathbf{u}$ in V_{η} for the norm

(3.31)
$$N_{\nu}(\mathbf{u}) := \left(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{0,2,\Omega}^2 + \|\varrho^{\eta/2} \widetilde{\nu}^{1/2} \nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{0,2,\Omega}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Given that this norm and $\|\cdot\|_{V_{\eta}}$ are equivalent, we obtain the strong convergence $T\mathbf{u}_n \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} T\mathbf{u}$ in V_{η} , which concludes the proof.

3.3 Convergence to the solutions of the original problem

In this subsection, we consider a sequence of parameters $(\alpha_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ converging to 0, and a sequence $(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ of solutions of (1.1)-(1.5) with the parameter α_n in (1.4). We prove that this sequence converges to a solution \mathbf{u} of (1.9)-(1.12).

Theorem 3.2. Let $\eta \in [0; 1[$, $\lambda > 0$ and $\mathbf{f} \in L^2(\Omega)^3$. Let $(\alpha_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that $\alpha_n \xrightarrow[n \to +\infty]{} 0$, and $(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ a sequence of functions satisfying for any $\mathbf{v} \in V_\eta$

(3.32)
$$\int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \times \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \nabla \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} : \nabla \mathbf{v} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v},$$

where $\bar{\omega}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n})$ is obtained with the method detailed in section 3, with equation

(3.33)
$$-\alpha_n^2 \Delta \bar{\omega}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) + \bar{\omega}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) = \omega(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}).$$

• If $0 \le \eta < 1/5$, a subsequence of $(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ strongly converges in V_{η} to a function \mathbf{u} satisfying for any $\mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}$

(3.34)
$$\int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla \mathbf{u} : \nabla \mathbf{v} + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

• If $1/5 \le \eta < 1$, a subsequence of $(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges at the distribution sense to a function $\mathbf{u} \in V_{\eta}$ satisfying (3.34) for any $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V}$.

Proof. Let $\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} \in V_{\eta}$ satisfying (3.32). Taking $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}$ directly yields $\|\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}\|_{V_{\eta}} \leq M$, where M > 0 is defined in (3.14).

Therefore $(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ is bounded, so there is a subsequence still named the same way which weakly converges in V_{η} to a certain function $\mathbf{u} \in V_{\eta}$. As in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we directly obtain for any $\mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}$

(3.35)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} : \nabla \mathbf{v} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} \nabla \mathbf{u} : \nabla \mathbf{v},$$

(3.36)
$$\lambda \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} \cdot \mathbf{v} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \lambda \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

Thus, we only need to focus on the transport term, and we write a decomposition

(3.37)
$$\int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \times \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \int_{\Omega} ((\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) - \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{u})) \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \times (\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} - \mathbf{u})) \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

Case 1 $(0 \le \eta < 1/5)$: we consider any test function $\mathbf{v} \in V_{\eta}$.

On one hand, $\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} \xrightarrow[n \to +\infty]{V_{\eta}} \mathbf{u}$ which implies $\boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \xrightarrow[n \to +\infty]{L^p} \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{u})$. Thus, Theorem 2.4 yields $\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \xrightarrow[n \to +\infty]{L^p} \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{u})$. We deduce

(3.38)
$$\int_{\Omega} ((\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) - \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{u})) \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0.$$

On the other hand, taking s given by (3.6), we have

$$(3.39) \qquad \left| \int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \times (\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} - \mathbf{u})) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right| \leq \|\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n})\|_{0,s,\Omega} \|\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n} - \mathbf{u}\|_{0,r,\Omega} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0,r,\Omega} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0,$$

with the same arguments as in Theorem 3.1.

Consequently, (3.37) yields

(3.40)
$$\int_{\Omega} (\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \times \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

Passing to the limit in (3.32) shows that **u** satisfies (3.34).

Now the strong convergence needs to be proved. Taking $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}$ in (3.32) and $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$ in (3.34) yields

(3.41)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}|^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n}|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\alpha_n},$$

(3.42)
$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\eta} \widetilde{\nu} |\nabla \mathbf{u}|^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{u}|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u}.$$

We conclude with the same method as used in the proof of Theorem 3.1.

Case 2 $(1/5 \le \eta < 1)$: we consider a test function $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V}$.

The proof is the same as before, but \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{u}_{α_n} cannot be taken as test functions, so that the convergence is not strong.

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