

# Self-Similar Solutions of Leray's Type for Compressible Navier-Stokes Equations in Two Dimension

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**Abstract.** We study the backward self-similar solution of Leray's type for compressible Navier-Stokes equations in dimension two. The existence of weak solutions is established via a compactness argument with the help of an higher integrability of density. Moreover, if the density belongs to  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and the velocity belongs to  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , the solution is trivial; that is  $(\rho, \mathbf{u}) = 0$ .

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## 1 Introduction

This work concerns the backward self-similar solution of Leray's type for compressible isentropic Navier-Stokes equations with a positive number  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as the adiabatic constant  $\gamma > \frac{n}{2}$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \operatorname{div}(\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \partial_t(\rho \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) - \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} - \xi \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + M \nabla \rho^\gamma = 0, \\ (\rho, \mathbf{u})|_{t=0} = (\rho_0, \mathbf{u}_0), \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\mu > 0$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mu + \xi > 0$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  stand for the density and velocity of the flow, respectively. The positive constant  $M$  in (1.1) is the squared inverse of

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the Mach number. The weak solution of (1.1) in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  had been established first by Lions [15] for  $\gamma \geq \frac{3}{2}$  as  $n=2$  and  $\gamma \geq \frac{9}{5}$  as  $n=3$ , and later extended by Feireisl *et al.* [6] to allow  $\gamma > \frac{n}{2}$  in the Leray sense, see also [21] for  $\gamma = 1$  in dimension two and [1] for the general pressure in this direction.

**Definition 1.1.** A couple  $(\rho, \mathbf{u})$  with  $\rho \in L^\infty(0, T; L^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^n))$  and  $\nabla \mathbf{u} \in L^2((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  is said to be a renormalized weak solution to (1.1) with finite energy if  $(\rho, \mathbf{u})$  satisfies the following:

- The kinetic energy is bounded, i.e.,  $\rho|\mathbf{u}|^2 \in L^\infty(0, T; L^1(\mathbb{R}^n))$ . The density function is nonnegative, i.e.,  $\rho \geq 0$ .
- The momentum equation holds true in the sense of distributions.
- The identity

$$\partial_t b(\rho) + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}b(\rho)) = (b(\rho) - b'(\rho)\rho) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \tag{1.2}$$

holds true in the sense of distributions for any function  $b(t) \in C([0, \infty) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R}^+))$  such that  $b(t) - b'(t)t \in C([0, \infty))$  is bounded on  $[0, \infty)$ .

- The global energy inequality

$$E(\rho(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\mu |\nabla \mathbf{u}|^2 + \xi |\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}|^2) dx ds \leq E(\rho_0, \mathbf{u}_0) \tag{1.3}$$

holds true with

$$E(\rho, \mathbf{u}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \|\rho|\mathbf{u}|^2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \frac{M}{\gamma-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho^\gamma dx, & \text{if } \gamma > 1, \\ \frac{1}{2} \|\rho|\mathbf{u}|^2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} + M \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho \ln(1+\rho) dx & \text{if } \gamma = 1. \end{cases}$$

It is worth noticing that a number of efforts have been paid on the existence of weak solutions for both the time-discretized and the steady counterparts of (1.1) as  $\gamma \in [1, \frac{n}{2}]$ , see for instance [4, 12, 13, 19]. For the time-discretized version of (1.1), the concentration-cancellation occurs in dimension two (see [15, Section 6.6]) and in dimension three as  $\gamma > 1$  (see [20]); while the concentration set has been verified to be  $(\mathcal{H}^1, 1)$  rectifiable in dimension three as  $\gamma = 1$  in [20], where  $\mathcal{H}^1$  stands for the one dimensional Hausdorff measure. For the steady version of (1.1) as  $\gamma = 1$ , the concentration cancellation in dimension two has been verified in the work [7] due to a potential type estimate of the density (see [7, Lemma 3.1]), also see [14, 17, 22, 23] for the most recent improvement along this direction in dimension three. For time-dependent version (1.1), in [10] the author considered the