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Regularity criteria for the 3D magneto-micropolar fluid equations in Besov spaces with negative indices

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ABSTRACT

We consider the Cauchy problem of the magneto-micropolar fluid equations in three space dimensions. It is proved that if the velocity, magnetic field and the micro-rotational velocity belong to some critical Besov space with negative indices, then the solution is in fact smooth.

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1. Introduction

We consider the magneto-micropolar fluid (MMF) equations in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u - (\mu + \chi)\Delta u - b \cdot \nabla b + \nabla(p + b^2) - \chi \nabla \times \omega = 0, \\ \partial_t \omega - \gamma \Delta \omega - \kappa \nabla \operatorname{div} \omega + 2\chi \omega + u \cdot \nabla \omega - \chi \nabla \times u = 0, \\ \partial_t b - \nu \Delta b + u \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla u = 0, \\ \nabla \cdot u = \nabla \cdot b = 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad \omega(0, x) = \omega_0(x), \quad b(0, x) = b_0(x). \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Here $u = u(x, t)$ represents the velocity field, $b = b(x, t)$ represents the magnetic field, $\omega = \omega(x, t)$ represents the micro-rotational velocity; p denotes the hydrodynamic pressure; $\mu > 0$ is the kinematic viscosity, $\chi > 0$ is the vortex viscosity, $\kappa > 0$ and $\gamma > 0$ are spin viscosities, $1/\nu$ (with $\nu > 0$) is the magnetic Reynold; while u_0, b_0, ω_0 are the corresponding initial data with $\nabla \cdot u_0 = \nabla \cdot b_0 = 0$.

System (1.1) was first proposed by Galdi and Rionero [5]. The existence of global (in time) weak solutions were established by Rojas-Medar and Boldrini [12], while the local strong solutions and global strong solutions for the small initial data were considered, respectively, by Rojas-Medar [11] and Ortega-Torres and Rojas-Medar [13]. However, whether the weak solution is regular or the unique strong solution can exist globally is unknown. Thus there are a lot of literatures devoted to find sufficient conditions to ensure smoothness, see [2,8,9,14,18] for the Navier–Stokes equations ($\omega = b = 0$ in (1.1)), and [6,19] for the MHD equations ($\omega = 0$ in (1.1)).

Very recently, Gala [4] and Zhang et al. [17] considered system (1.1) and showed that if u or ∇u belongs to some critical Besov space, then the solution is actually regular. Our motivation is then to lower the regularity of u to ensure smoothness also, but as a compensation, we need ω and b have some (also rough) regularity. Our result seems to be more helpful in the regularity theory of system (1.1) since the smoothness of u, ω and b are always the same.

The main result now reads:

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Theorem 1.1. Let $u_0, \omega_0, b_0 \in \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with $\nabla \cdot u_0 = \nabla \cdot b_0 = 0$, and the triple (u, ω, b) be the strong solution on $(0, T)$ of system (1.1) with initial data (u_0, ω_0, b_0) . If additionally,

$$u, \omega, b \in L^{1-\frac{2}{\alpha}}(0, T; \dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^{-\alpha}), \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \tag{1.2}$$

then the solution (u, ω, b) can be extended smoothly beyond $t = T$.

Remark 1.1. Checking the proof of Bernstein Lemma (see [3]), it follows that the Riesz transform $R_j (1 \leq j \leq 3)$ is bounded in $\dot{B}_{p, q}^s$ for all $s \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$. Thus by Theorem 1.1, we have the condition

$$\nabla \times u, \nabla \times \omega, \nabla \times b \in L^{1-\frac{2}{\alpha}}(0, T; \dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^{-1-\alpha}), \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

is enough to ensure the smoothness. This is a Beal–Kato–Majda type criteria (see [1,10]).

Remark 1.2. Our result covers the one in [7] for the Navier–Stokes equations. We would also like to mention that the result in [16] is an immediate corollary of the one in [7] in view of the boundedness of R_j in $\dot{B}_{p, q}^s$.

Let us now introduce the function spaces appeared in Theorem 1.1. Take $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ be a radial function supported in $\{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3; 3/4 \leq |\xi| \leq 8/3\}$ with

$$\sum_j \int_{\mathbb{Z}} \psi(2^{-j}\xi) = 1, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\}.$$

Let $h = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\psi$, then we have the formal Littlewood–Paley decomposition

$$f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \Delta_j f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi(2^{-j}D)f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{3j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} h(2^{3j}y)f(x - y)dy.$$

For $s \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$, the homogeneous Besov space is defined as

$$\dot{B}_{p, q}^s = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3); \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p, q}^s} < \infty \right\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p, q}^s} = \left\| \left\{ 2^{js} \|\Delta_j f\|_p \right\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \right\|_{l^q}.$$

It is proved in [16] that

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{B}_{p, q}^s} \leq C \left(\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p_1, q_1}^{s+\gamma}} \|g\|_{\dot{B}_{p_2, q_2}^{-\gamma}} + \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p_3, q_3}^{-\delta}} \|g\|_{\dot{B}_{p_4, q_4}^{s+\delta}} \right), \tag{1.3}$$

if $s, \gamma, \delta > 0, 1 \leq p, q; p_1, q_1; p_2, q_2 \leq \infty$ satisfying

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p_3} + \frac{1}{p_4}, \quad \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{q_3} + \frac{1}{q_4}.$$

Also, it is well known that

$$\dot{F}_{\infty, \infty}^s = \dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^s, \quad \dot{B}_{2, 2}^2 = \dot{H}^s, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For more detailed properties of Besov spaces, see [15].

Through the proof in the next section, we shall frequently use the Young inequality

$$ab \leq \epsilon a^p + C_\epsilon b^q, \quad \forall \epsilon > 0, 1 < p, q < \infty \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \tag{1.4}$$

and its generalization

$$abc \leq \epsilon a^p + \epsilon b^q + C_\epsilon c^r, \quad \forall \epsilon > 0, 1 < p, q, r < \infty \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 1. \tag{1.5}$$

2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

As in [4], applying ∂_i to both sides of (1.1), and then multiplying both sides by $\partial_i u, \partial_i \omega, \partial_i b$, respectively, integration over \mathbb{R}^3 , after suitable integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|(\partial_t u, \partial_t \omega, \partial_t b)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{j=1}^3 \left[(\mu + \chi) \|\partial_{ij}^2 u\|_{L^2}^2 + \gamma \|\partial_{ij}^2 \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu \|\partial_{ij}^2 b\|_{L^2}^2 \right] + 2\chi \|\partial_t \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa \|\nabla \operatorname{div} \omega\|_{L^2}^2 \\
 & \leq |\langle \partial_t u \cdot \nabla u, \partial_t u \rangle| + |\langle \partial_t b \cdot \nabla b, \partial_t u \rangle| + |\langle \partial_t u \cdot \nabla b, \partial_t b \rangle| + |\langle \partial_t b \cdot \nabla u, \partial_t b \rangle| + |\langle \partial_t u \cdot \nabla \omega, \partial_t \omega \rangle| + 2\chi |\langle \nabla \times \partial_t u, \partial_t \omega \rangle| \\
 & = 2\chi |\langle \nabla \times \partial_t u, \partial_t \omega \rangle| + |\langle \partial_{ij}(u_j u_k), \partial_t u_k \rangle| + |\langle \partial_{ij}(b_j b_k), \partial_t u_k \rangle| + \{ |\langle \partial_{ij}(u_j b_k), \partial_t b_k \rangle| + |\partial_{ij}(b_j u_k), \partial_t b_k \rangle| + |\langle \partial_{ij}(u_j u_k), \partial_t \omega_k \rangle| \} \\
 & =: \sum_{l=1}^5 I_l,
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where we use the following facts:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \nabla \cdot u = \nabla \cdot b = 0, \\
 & \langle b \cdot \partial_i \nabla b, \partial_i u \rangle + \langle b \cdot \nabla \partial_i u, \partial_i b \rangle = 0, \\
 & \langle \nabla \times \partial_t u, \partial_t \omega \rangle = \langle \nabla \times \partial_t \omega, \partial_t u \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Young inequality, I_1 is easily estimated as

$$I_1 \leq \frac{\chi}{2} \|\nabla \times \partial_t u\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\chi \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2}^2. \tag{2.2}$$

For the second term I_2 , invoking (1.3) and Young inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 & = |\langle \Lambda^{-\alpha} \partial_{ij}(u_j u_k), \Lambda^\alpha \partial_t u_k \rangle| \leq \|u \otimes u\|_{\dot{B}_{2,2}^{2-\alpha}} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^{1+\alpha}} \leq C \left(\|u\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2} \right) \left(\|u\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1-\alpha} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^\alpha \right) = C \left(\|u\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1-\alpha} \right) \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^{1+\alpha} \\
 & \leq C_\epsilon \|u\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}}^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2 + \epsilon \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Here and thereafter, $\epsilon > 0$ is to be determined later. Utilizing (1.5) with exponents

$$\left(\frac{2}{1-\alpha}, \frac{2}{\alpha}, 2 \right), \tag{2.4}$$

the third term I_3 is dominated as

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_3 & \leq \|b \otimes b\|_{\dot{B}_{2,2}^{2-\alpha}} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^{1+\alpha}} \leq C \left(\|b\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} \|b\|_{\dot{H}^2} \right) \left(\|u\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1-\alpha} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^\alpha \right) = \left(\|b\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1-\alpha} \right) \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^\alpha \|b\|_{\dot{H}^2} \\
 & \leq C \|b\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}}^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2 + \epsilon \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 + \epsilon \|b\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

For I_4 , using Young inequality with exponents $(2/(1-\alpha), 2/(1+\alpha))$ and (1.5) with exponents as in (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_4 & \leq 2 \|u \otimes b\|_{\dot{B}_{2,2}^{2-\alpha}} \|b\|_{\dot{H}^{1+\alpha}} \leq C \left(\|u\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} \|b\|_{\dot{H}^2} + \|b\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2} \right) \|b\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1-\alpha} \|b\|_{\dot{H}^2}^\alpha \\
 & = C \left(\|u\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} \|b\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1-\alpha} \right) \|b\|_{\dot{H}^2}^\alpha + \left(\|b\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} \|b\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1-\alpha} \right) \|b\|_{\dot{H}^2}^\alpha \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2} \leq C \left(\|u\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}}^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}} + \|b\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}}^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}} \right) \|b\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2 + \epsilon \|b\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 + \epsilon \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

The last term I_5 , is treated the same way as the third, leading to

$$I_5 \leq C \|u\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}}^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}} \|\omega\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2 + \epsilon \|\omega\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 + \epsilon \|u\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2. \tag{2.7}$$

Gathering (2.2) and (2.3), Eqs. (2.5)–(2.7), and substituting into (2.1), taking $\epsilon > 0$ sufficiently small, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|(\nabla u, \nabla \omega, \nabla b)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \| (u, \omega, b) \|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}}^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}} \|(\nabla u, \nabla \omega, \nabla b)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Gronwall inequality then implies the fact

$$u, \omega, b \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1),$$

which ensures the continuation of strong solutions beyond $t = T$. The proof is complete. \square

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