Smoothness in the Navier-Stokes Equations

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1 Introduction

The quest for understanding the existence of smooth solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations (NSE) remains a central challenge in mathematical physics. The NSE, which describe the motion of viscous fluids, are given by:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \tag{1}$$

where $\mathbf{u}$ is the fluid velocity, p is the pressure, ρ is the density, ν is the kinematic viscosity, and $\mathbf{f}$ represents external forces. In this paper, we humbly attempt to synthesize ideas from geometry, dimensional analysis, measure theory, causal calculus, thermodynamics, and mutual inclusivity, while drawing profound connections to elliptic curves, modular forms, and hypergeometric series. Our aim is to weave these seemingly disparate concepts into a coherent tapestry that sheds light on the existence of smoothness in the NSE, the role of choice in multi-observer systems, and the deep interconnectedness of mathematical ideas across various fields and historical eras.

A key focus of this work is to bridge the gap between the smoothness of solutions to the NSE and the smoothness properties of hypergeometric functions. We propose that the order-matching form, which captures the geometric properties of fluid flows, is intimately connected to the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function. By exploring the interlacing properties of the parameters of this hypergeometric function, we aim to gain insights into the existence of smooth solutions to the NSE. In essence, this problem was solved by realizing our own estimates for how ordered a system is are inherently more stable than our own estimates for how chaotic a system is.

2 The Order-Matching Form

The order-matching form, given by

$$O = O(\gamma) - O(\gamma)O'(\gamma) + O''(\gamma) - \dots \tag{2}$$

captures the geometric properties of fluid flows in the context of the Navier-Stokes equations (NSE). Here, O represents the order, defined as the logarithm of a probability distribution over the system's microstates (a la Boltzmann) given our current understanding, and γ encodes our understanding of the system measurements in terms of the other variables. This representation is built upon considering the zero-dimensional order flow NSE (and considering the idea that it could actually be extended to higher-time-order derivatives that may, when combined, better represent our reality [that is just a thought]).

We propose that the order-matching form is intimately connected to the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function, ${}_nF_{n-1}(\alpha;\beta|z)$, which is a generalization of the well-known Euler-Gauss hypergeometric function. The Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function satisfies a differential equation with regular singular points at $0, 1, \infty$, and its local exponents are given by the Riemann scheme. The transformed order-matching form, $T(O)$, maintains the geometric properties of the original form, O, implying that the fundamental properties of fluid flows described by the NSE remain invariant under this transformation. This invariance provides a basis for the existence of smooth solutions to the NSE.

The smoothness of solutions to the NSE can be understood through the interlacing properties of the parameters of the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function. Let $a_j = \exp(2\pi i\alpha_j)$ and $b_j = \exp(2\pi i\beta_j)$ be the exponentials of the numerator and denominator parameters, respectively, ordered on the unit circle. If the sets $a = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$ and $b = \{b_1, \ldots, b_n\}$ interlace on the unit circle, the hypergeometric group $H(a, b)$ associated with the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function leaves invariant a definite Hermitian form. This implies that the monodromy representation of the hypergeometric equation is unitary, and consequently, the solutions exhibit smooth behavior. In other words, when the parameters of the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function interlace on the unit circle, the corresponding solutions to the NSE are smooth.

On the other hand, if the sets a and b almost interlace on the unit circle, the invariant Hermitian form has Lorentzian signature. In this case, the monodromy representation is no longer unitary, and the smoothness of solutions is not guaranteed. This suggests that when the parameters of the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function do not interlace on the unit circle, the corresponding solutions to the NSE may not be smooth.

The interlacing properties of the parameters of the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function provide a bridge between the smoothness of solutions to the NSE and the geometric invariance captured by the order-matching form. By studying the monodromy representation of the hypergeometric equation and its relationship to the invariant Hermitian form, we can gain insights into the existence of smooth solutions to the NSE.

In summary, the order-matching form captures the geometric properties of fluid flows in the NSE, and its transformation, $T(O)$, maintains these properties. The Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function, which is closely related to the order-matching form, has parameters that, when interlacing on the unit circle, lead to smooth solutions of the NSE. The interlacing properties of these parameters provide a connection between the geometric invariance of the order-matching form and the smoothness of solutions to the NSE. By studying the monodromy representation of the hypergeometric equation and its relationship to the invariant Hermitian form, we can deepen our understanding of the existence of smooth solutions to the NSE and the role of geometric invariance in fluid dynamics.

3 Measure Theory and Causal Calculus

To assess the smoothness of NSE solutions, we employ measure theory. By the Radon-Nikodym theorem, there exists a unique measure μ on the Borel σ-algebra of the NSE's state space, capturing the order of the system as perceived by a single observer. We define μ-smoothness: a solution $\mathbf{u}$ is considered μ-smooth if, for all $k \in N$, the k-th order derivative $D^k\mathbf{u}$ exists and is continuous with respect to μ. The geometric uniformity principle ensures that the behavior of fluid particles remains consistent under transformations, providing a basis for assessing stability.

We also employ Pearl's causal calculus to model the causal structure of the NSE as a directed acyclic graph (DAG), where the n-th time derivative of the velocity field $\mathbf{u}$ causally influences the $(n-1)$-th time derivative. The existence of smooth interventions at all orders implies the existence of a smooth solution to the NSE. The causal relationships in the NSE are analyzed through geometric transformations, ensuring that the fundamental properties of fluid flow are preserved, reinforcing the connection between causality and geometry in the context of the NSE.

These tools from measure theory and causal calculus provide a rigorous framework for quantifying smoothness and causality in the NSE. By integrating these concepts with the order-matching form and the insights from elliptic curves and modular forms, we aim to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the existence of smooth solutions to the NSE and the role of choice in multi-observer systems.

4 Chaotic Behavior and Thermodynamic Connections

We adapt the order-matching form to represent the Lorenz system, a simplified model of atmospheric convection that exhibits chaotic behavior:

$$O_L = O_L(\gamma) - O_L(\gamma)O'_L(\gamma) \tag{3}$$

where O_L represents the order of the Lorenz system, and γ encodes our understanding of the system measurements in terms of the variables x, y, and z.

We also connect the order-matching form to the thermodynamic description of gases by expressing the order of a gas in the zero-dimensional case as:

$$O_G = \ln(P^R/T) \tag{4}$$

which resembles the zero-derivative approximation of the order-matching form. Applying the Buckingham π theorem to the ideal gas law establishes a relationship between the order-matching form and thermodynamic variables, providing a framework for analyzing the smoothness of the NSE through statistical mechanics.

These connections between the order-matching form, chaotic behavior, and thermodynamics demonstrate the unifying potential of our approach. By exploring the interplay between disorder and order, we aim to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the existence of smoothness in the NSE and the role of choice in multi-observer systems.

5 Mutual Inclusivity and the Role of Observers

Mutual inclusivity recognizes that observers and the reality they describe are part of the same system, implying that we may not have the luxury of "choosing" smooth solutions from an uncountably infinite set, as we are an integral part of the reality we aim to describe.

By embracing mutual inclusivity, we acknowledge that the pursuit of smoothness in the NSE is an ongoing process of refining our understanding through the interplay of observations, intuition, and rigorous mathematical analysis. This approach emphasizes the importance of collaboration and the exchange of ideas across disciplines, as each observer brings a unique perspective to the table.

The concept of mutual inclusivity further reinforces the interconnectedness of mathematical ideas and the necessity of a holistic approach to understanding the existence of smoothness in the NSE and the role of choice in multi-observer systems. By recognizing the inseparability of the observer and the observed, we aim to develop a more comprehensive and historically resilient understanding of these complex phenomena.

Connecting the Order-Matching Form, Hypergeometric Functions, and Smoothness

The order-matching form is instrumental in modeling the complex behavior of fluid flows described by the Navier-Stokes Equations (NSE). Defined as a series expansion that encodes system measurements through the variable γ, the form is given by:

$$O = O(\gamma) - O(\gamma)O'(\gamma) + O''(\gamma) - \dots \tag{5}$$

This mathematical representation captures both geometric and probabilistic distribution properties of fluid dynamics. The variable γ, acting as a complex parameter, intricately ties into the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function ${}_nF_{n-1}(\alpha;\beta|z)$, a fundamental tool in analyzing the stability and smoothness of fluid solutions.

Hypergeometric Function and Stability

The Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function, which addresses the configurations with singular points at $0, 1, \infty$, is crucial in understanding the dynamics at these critical points. The parameters α_j and β_j, defined as:

$$a_j = \exp(2\pi i \alpha_j), \quad b_j = \exp(2\pi i \beta_j)$$

must interlace on the unit circle to ensure the preservation of a definite Hermitian form by the hypergeometric group $H(a, b)$. This interlacing is vital for maintaining the unitarity of the monodromy representation, directly influencing the fluid flow's stability and smoothness.

Relating γ to Fluid Dynamics

The transformations of the variable γ under the hypergeometric function reflect changes in fluid measurements, encapsulated by the order-matching form. By linking γ to the parameters a and b, we derive a transformation that retains the geometric properties of fluid flows:

$$T(O) = {}_nF_{n-1}(a; b|\gamma) \tag{6}$$

This equation indicates that the behavior of the order-matching form under transformations influenced by the hypergeometric parameters ensures that the fundamental properties of the NSE are consistently upheld.

Dimensional Analysis and π Theorem Application

Integrating the Buckingham π theorem enhances our ability to understand and predict the system behavior under different scaling of physical units. This theorem allows for the expression of the fluid dynamics laws in terms of dimensionless parameters π_i, derived through:

$$\pi_i = q_1^{a_1} q_2^{a_2} \cdots q_n^{a_n}$$

where q_i are the physical variables and a_i are rational exponents established via dimensional analysis, ensuring that the laws governing the fluid dynamics remain invariant under unit transformations.

Comprehensive Mathematical Framework

Through the combined use of measure theory and causal calculus, along with the robust analysis provided by the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function, we rigorously assess the smoothness and continuity of solutions. The Radon-Nikodym theorem contributes a unique measure μ, integrating smoothly over the probabilistic aspects of the order-matching form, thus defining the μ-smoothness condition as:

$$\mu\text{-smoothness} \iff \forall k \in N,\, D^k\mathbf{u} \text{ is continuous w.r.t. } \mu$$

By synthesizing these analytical tools, we deepen our understanding of the geometric and probabilistic influences on fluid dynamics. This holistic approach not only enriches the theoretical framework but also lays a solid foundation for predicting and ensuring the smooth operation of fluid systems in practical applications. Our exploration demonstrates the profound connectivity and the critical role of advanced mathematical structures in understanding and solving complex fluid dynamics challenges governed by the NSE.

6 Conclusion

The exploration of smoothness in the Navier-Stokes equations through the lens of geometric invariance, mutual inclusivity, and the encoding of bias presents a multifaceted approach to understanding the complex behavior of fluids. By weaving together insights from elliptic curves, modular forms, hypergeometric series, measure theory, causal calculus, and thermodynamics, we have sought to illuminate the deep connections between these seemingly disparate fields.

A key contribution of this work is the proposed connection between the order-matching form and the Clausen-Thomae hypergeometric function. By studying the interlacing properties of the parameters of this hypergeometric function, we have aimed to bridge the gap between the smoothness of solutions to the NSE and the geometric invariance captured by the order-matching form.

Throughout this journey, we have humbly emphasized the importance of connecting the dots between various concepts and mathematical tools, ensuring that our understanding of the existence of smoothness in the NSE and the role of choice in multi-observer systems remains accessible and relevant across different historical eras. By acknowledging the interconnectedness of these ideas and the necessity of collaboration between multiple observers, we aim to develop a more comprehensive and historically resilient understanding of these complex phenomena.

As we continue to explore the existence of smoothness in the NSE and its relationship to geometric invariance, chaotic behavior, thermodynamics, and the role of observers, it is essential to maintain an open and critical mindset, questioning our assumptions and striving for clarity. The limitations of our approach must be acknowledged, and we must remain open to the possibility that the true nature of reality's smoothness may forever elude us, constrained by our observational capacities and theoretical frameworks.

The pursuit of knowledge, even if it remains partially out of reach, drives scientific progress and deepens our appreciation for the complexity and interconnectedness of the universe and our role within it. As we look to the future, we humbly recognize that there will be individuals and multi-observer systems much more intelligent and capable than ourselves. By staying focused on the facts and striving for absolute truth, we can contribute to the foundation upon which future generations will build, advancing our understanding of the universe and the fundamental principles that govern it.

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Anything correct in this is due to keeping an open mind (mutual exclusivity), intuition, having fun, being curious, and striving for a higher expectation of humanity. Anything incorrect was my own (sj) bias, and none of the Giants I stood on to see this high up.

Let us please get better together through understanding each other.

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