

# On local strong solutions of the non-homogeneous Navier-Stokes Equations

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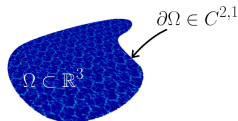
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Here:

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Then  $u = v + E$  (with pressure  $p = \tilde{p} + h$ ) solves **(NNSE)**

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- Lebesgue spaces:

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- Sobolev spaces:

- $W^{k,q}(\Omega)$  with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{k;q}$ ,  $1 \leq q < \infty$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$

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- Sobolev trace spaces:

- $W^{\beta,q}(\partial\Omega)$  with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\beta;q}$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$

- $W^{-\beta,q'}(\partial\Omega) := (W^{\beta,q}(\partial\Omega))'$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1$  with norm

- $\|\cdot\|_{-\beta;q'} := \sup_{0 \neq \Phi \in W^{\beta,q}(\partial\Omega)} \frac{|\langle \cdot, \Phi \rangle_{\partial\Omega}|}{\|\Phi\|_{\beta;q}}$

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Moreover:

- $(A_q^\alpha)^{-1} = A_q^{-\alpha}$
- $(A_q)^\alpha = A_{q'}$  with  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1$

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