

One-dimensional flow of a compressible viscous micropolar fluid: The Cauchy problem

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Abstract. *The Cauchy problem for one-dimensional flow of a compressible viscous heat-conducting micropolar fluid is considered. It is assumed that the fluid is thermodynamically perfect and polytropic. A corresponding initial-boundary value problem has a unique strong solution on $]0, 1[\times]0, T[$, for each $T > 0$. By using this result we construct a sequence of approximate solutions which converges to a solution of the Cauchy problem.*

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1. Statement of the problem and the main result

In this paper we consider nonstationary 1-D flow of a compressible and heat-conducting micropolar fluid. The equations of motion for this fluid are derived from the integral form of conservation laws for polar fluids, under a number of supplementary assumptions such as politropy, Fourier's law, Boyle's law and selection of constitutive equations (see [7]). A corresponding initial-boundary value problem has a unique strong solution on $]0, 1[\times]0, T[$, for each $T > 0$ ([8]). By using this result we prove a global-in-time existence theorem for the Cauchy problem. In our proof we follow some ideas of S.N.Antontsev, A.V.Kazhykhov and V.N.Monakhov, applied to the case of a classical fluid ([1]).

Let ρ, v, ω and θ denote, respectively, the mass density, velocity, microrotation velocity and temperature of the fluid in the Lagrangean description. Governing equations of the flow under consideration are as follows ([7]):

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) - K \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho \theta), \quad (1.2)$$

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$$\rho \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} = A \left[\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} \right) - \omega \right], \quad (1.3)$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = -K \rho^2 \theta \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \rho^2 \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \rho^2 \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \omega^2 + D \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \right) \quad (1.4)$$

in $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^+$, where K, A and D are positive constants. Equations (1.1)-(1.4) are, respectively, local forms of the conservation laws for the mass, momentum, momentum moment and energy. We take the following non-homogeneous initial conditions :

$$\rho(x, 0) = \rho_0(x), \quad (1.5)$$

$$v(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad (1.6)$$

$$\omega(x, 0) = \omega_0(x), \quad (1.7)$$

$$\theta(x, 0) = \theta_0(x) \quad (1.8)$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where ρ_0, v_0, ω_0 and θ_0 are given functions. We assume that there exist $m, M \in \mathbb{R}^+$, such that

$$0 < m \leq \rho_0(x) \leq M, \quad m \leq \theta_0(x) \leq M, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1.9)$$

The aim of this paper is to prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1. *Let the initial functions satisfy conditions (1.9) and*

$$\rho_0 - 1, v_0, \omega_0, \theta_0 - 1 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}). \quad (1.10)$$

Then for each $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$ there exists a state function

$$S(x, t) = (\rho, v, \omega, \theta)(x, t) \quad (x, t) \in \Pi = \mathbb{R} \times]0, T[, \quad (1.11)$$

with the properties:

$$\rho - 1 \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\mathbb{R})) \cap H^1(\Pi), \quad (1.12)$$

$$v, \omega, \theta - 1 \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\mathbb{R})) \cap H^1(\Pi) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(\mathbb{R})) \quad (1.13)$$

which satisfies equations (1.1)-(1.4) in the sense of distributions in Π and conditions (1.5)-(1.8) in the sense of traces.

We denote by $B^k(\mathbb{R}), k \in \mathbf{N}_0$, the Banach space

$$B^k(\mathbb{R}) = \{u \in C^k(\mathbb{R}) : \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} |D^n u(x)| = 0, 0 \leq n \leq k\}, \quad (1.14)$$

where D^n is the n -th derivative; the norm is defined by

$$\|u\|_{B^k(\mathbb{R})} = \sup_{n \leq k} \left\{ \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |D^n u(x)| \right\}. \quad (1.15)$$

Remark 1.1. From Sobolev's embedding theorem ([3, Chapter IV]) and theory of vector-valued distributions ([4, pp. 467-480]) one can conclude that from (1.12) and (1.13) it follows:

$$\rho - 1 \in L^\infty(0, T; B^0(R)) \cap C([0, T]; L^2(R)), \quad (1.16)$$

$$v, \omega, \theta - 1 \in L^2(0, T; B^1(R)) \cap C([0, T]; H^1(R)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; B^0(R)) \quad (1.17)$$

and hence

$$v, \omega \in C([0, T]; B^0(R)), \quad \rho, \theta \in L^\infty(\Pi). \quad (1.18)$$

The state function S and its distributional derivatives that occur in (1.1)-(1.4) are locally integrable functions in Π and system (1.1)-(1.4) is satisfied a. e. in Π . In other words, state function (1.11) is a strong solution of our system (1.1)-(1.4).

In the proof of *Theorem 1.1* we construct a sequence of approximations $S_n = (\rho_n, v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ of the state function in Π ; we establish some estimates of approximations S_n which show that $\{S_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ belongs to a fixed ball (i.e. independent of n) of a certain normed space. Using the results of weak compactness of a unit ball in a Hilbert space (resp. a Banach space or resp. the dual of a normed space) from $\{S_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ we extract a subsequence which has limit in the some weak sense. Finally, we show that this limit is the solution of our problem.

2. Approximate solutions and a priori estimates

First we introduce the restrictions of the initial functions ρ_0 and θ_0 to $] - n, n[$. For $n \in \mathbf{N}$ let

$$\rho_{0n} = \rho_0 \text{ on }] - n, n[, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\theta_{0n} = \theta_0 \text{ on }] - n, n[. \quad (2.2)$$

We can easily verify that

$$\rho_{0n}, \theta_{0n} \in H^1(] - n, n[). \quad (2.3)$$

Since $\mathcal{D}(R)$ is dense in $H^1(R)$, there exist the sequences $\{v_{0n}\}$ and $\{\omega_{0n}\}$ of approximations of the initial functions v_0 and ω_0 with the following properties:

$$(i) \quad v_{0n}, \omega_{0n} \in H_0^1(] - n, n[), \quad v_{0n} = 0, \omega_{0n} = 0 \text{ on } \mathbb{R} \setminus] - n, n[, \quad (2.4)$$

$$(ii) \quad v_{0n} \rightarrow v_0, \omega_{0n} \rightarrow \omega_0 \text{ strongly in } H^1(R). \quad (2.5)$$

Let us consider equations (1.1) - (1.4) on $] - n, n[\times \mathbb{R}^+$, with the boundary conditions

$$v(-n, t) = v(n, t) = 0, \quad \omega(-n, t) = \omega(n, t) = 0, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}(-n, t) = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}(n, t) = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

for $t > 0$ and with $(\rho_{0n}, v_{0n}, \omega_{0n}, \theta_{0n})$ as the initial data on $] - n, n[$. Functions $\rho_{0n}, v_{0n}, \omega_{0n}$ and θ_{0n} satisfy the conditions taken for the initial functions in Theorem 1.1 of [8] and we conclude that, for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $T > 0$, problem (1.1)-(1.4), (2.6)-(2.7) has a unique strong solution

$$S_n(x, t) = (\rho_n, v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n)(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in Q_{nT} =] - n, n[\times] 0, T[\quad (2.8)$$

with the properties:

$$\rho_n \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(] - n, n[)) \cap H^1(Q_{nT}), \quad (2.9)$$

$$v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(] - n, n[)) \cap H^1(Q_{nT}) \\ \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(] - n, n[)), \quad (2.10)$$

$$\rho_n > 0, \quad \theta_n > 0 \quad \text{on } \bar{Q}_{nT}, \quad (2.11)$$

that in [7] and [8] is named a generalised solution. From embedding theorem ([6, Chapter II, Theorem 2.2.1]), theories of vector-valued distributions and interpolations ([4, pp. 467-480]) we observe that from (2.9) and (2.10) it follows:

$$\rho_n \in L^\infty(0, T; C([-n, n])) \cap C([0, T]; L^2(] - n, n[)), \quad (2.12)$$

$$v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n \in L^2(0, T; C^1([-n, n])) \cap C([0, T]; H^1(] - n, n[)), \quad (2.13)$$

$$v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n \in C(\bar{Q}_{nT}). \quad (2.14)$$

From the properties of the function ρ_n (see [1, pp. 44-45]) we get

$$\rho_n \in C(\bar{Q}_{nT}). \quad (2.15)$$

Next we prove uniform (in $n \in \mathbf{N}$) a priori estimates for S_n in Q_{nT} . By $C \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we denote a generic constant, independent of $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

We introduce non-negative functions U_n and V_n defined on $]0, T[$ by

$$U_n(t) = \int_{-n}^n \left[\frac{1}{2K} v_n^2 + \frac{1}{2AK} \omega_n^2 + \frac{1}{\rho_n} (\rho_n \ln \rho_n - \rho_n + 1) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{K} (\theta_n - \ln \theta_n - 1) \right] dx, \quad (2.16)$$

$$V_n(t) = \frac{1}{K} \int_{-n}^n \left[\frac{\rho_n}{\theta_n} \left(\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{\rho_n}{\theta_n} \left(\frac{\partial \omega_n}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{\omega_n^2}{\rho_n \theta_n} \right. \\ \left. + D \frac{\rho_n}{\theta_n^2} \left(\frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] dx. \quad (2.17)$$

Using the inequality $\ln x \leq x - 1$ for $U_n(0)$ we have

$$U_n(0) \leq \int_R \left[\frac{1}{2K} v_{0n}^2 + \frac{1}{2AK} \omega_{0n}^2 + \frac{(\rho_0 - 1)^2}{\rho_0} + \frac{1}{K} \frac{(\theta_0 - 1)^2}{\theta_0} \right] dx \quad (2.18)$$

and taking into account (1.9), (1.10) and (2.5) we immediately get

$$U_n(0) \leq C. \quad (2.19)$$

Now, multiply (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) by $\rho^{-1}(1 - \rho^{-1})$, $K^{-1}v$, $A^{-1}K^{-1}\omega\rho^{-1}$ and $K^{-1}(1 - \theta^{-1})\rho^{-1}$, respectively, and integrate over $] - n, n[$ and over $]0, t[$, $t \in]0, T[$. After addition of the obtained equations we find that

$$U_n(t) + \int_0^t V_n(\tau) d\tau = U_n(0) \leq C. \quad (2.20)$$

Lemma 2.1. For $t \in]0, T[$,

$$\|v_n(t)\|_{L^2(]-n, n])} \leq C, \quad (2.21)$$

$$\|\omega_n(t)\|_{L^2(]-n, n])} \leq C. \quad (2.22)$$

Proof. These estimates follow from (2.20) and the inequalities

$$\frac{1}{2K} \|v_n(t)\|_{L^2(]-n, n])}^2 \leq U_n(t), \quad \frac{1}{2AK} \|\omega_n(t)\|_{L^2(]-n, n])}^2 \leq U_n(t). \quad (2.23)$$

□

Like in [1, pp. 68-75] we can conclude that for each subset $]m, m + 1[$, $m \in \{-n, -n + 1, \dots, n - 1\}$, of $] - n, n[$ there exists $a_m(t) \in]m, m + 1[$ such that the restriction of ρ_n to $Q'_{mT} =]m, m + 1[\times]0, T[$ has the form

$$\rho_n(x, t) = \frac{\rho_{0n}(x) Y_{nm}(t) B_{nm}(x, t)}{1 + K \rho_{0n}(x) \int_0^t Y_{nm}(\tau) B_{nm}(x, \tau) \theta_n(x, \tau) d\tau}, \quad (2.24)$$

where

$$Y_{nm}(t) = \frac{1}{\rho_{0n}(a_m(t))} \exp \left\{ K \int_0^t \rho_n(a_m(\tau), \tau) \theta_n(a_m(\tau), \tau) d\tau \right\}, \quad (2.25)$$

$$B_{nm}(x, t) = \rho_n(a_m(t), t) \exp \left\{ \int_{a_m(t)}^x [v_{0n}(\xi) - v_n(\xi, t)] d\xi \right\}. \quad (2.26)$$

Also, there exist constants C_i ($i = 1, \dots, 5$) (independent of m and n) such that the estimates

$$C_1 \leq \int_m^{m+1} \theta_n(x, t) dx \leq C_2, \quad (2.27)$$

$$C_3^{-1} \leq B_{nm}(x, t) \leq C_3, \quad C_4 \leq Y_{nm}(t) \leq C_5 \quad (2.28)$$

are satisfied for $t \in]0, T[$ and $(x, t) \in Q'_{mT}$.

Because of (2.14) and (2.15) there exist positive functions

$$m_{\rho_n}(t) = \inf_{x \in]-n, n[} \rho_n(x, t), \quad m_{\theta_n}(t) = \inf_{x \in]-n, n[} \theta_n(x, t), \quad (2.29)$$

$$M_{\rho_n}(t) = \sup_{x \in]-n, n[} \rho_n(x, t) , \quad M_{\theta_n}(t) = \sup_{x \in]-n, n[} \theta_n(x, t) \quad (2.30)$$

defined on $]0, T[$ and we have the following results.

Lemma 2.2. For $t \in]0, T[$,

$$M_{\rho_n}(t) \leq C , \quad (2.31)$$

$$m_{\rho_n}(t) \geq C \left(1 + \int_0^t M_{\theta_n}(\tau) d\tau \right)^{-1} . \quad (2.32)$$

Proof. Using (1.9), (2.11), (2.29), (2.30) and estimates (2.28) from (2.24) we get (2.31) and (2.32). \square

We define non-negative functions I_{1n} and I_{2n} in $]0, T[$ by

$$I_{1n}(t) = \int_{-n}^n \rho_n(x, t) \left(\frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x}(x, t) \right)^2 dx , \quad (2.33)$$

$$I_{2n}(t) = \int_0^t I_{1n}(\tau) d\tau . \quad (2.34)$$

Obviously, I_{1n} and I_{2n} belong to $L^1(]0, T[)$.

Lemma 2.3. For $\varepsilon > 0$ sufficiently small, there exists a constant $C_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that, for $t \in]0, T[$, the inequality

$$M_{\theta_n}^2(t) \leq \varepsilon I_{1n}(t) + C_\varepsilon (1 + I_{2n}(t)) \quad (2.35)$$

holds true.

Proof. We introduce the function ψ_{nm} on Q'_{mT} by

$$\psi_{nm}(x, t) = \theta_n(x, t) - \int_m^{m+1} \theta_n(x, t) dx . \quad (2.36)$$

There exists $x_m(t) \in]m, m+1[$ such that $\psi_{nm}(x_m(t), t) = 0$. By means of the Hölder inequality we find that

$$|\psi_{nm}(x, t)|^{\frac{3}{2}} \leq \int_{x_m(t)}^x \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} |\psi_{nm}(\xi, t)|^{\frac{3}{2}} d\xi \leq$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \left(\int_m^{m+1} \rho_n^{-1}(\xi, t) |\psi_{nm}(\xi, t)| d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_m^{m+1} \rho_n(\xi, t) \left(\frac{\partial \psi_{nm}}{\partial \xi}(\xi, t) \right)^2 d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} . \quad (2.37)$$

Because of (2.27) we have $\int_m^{m+1} |\psi_{nm}(\xi, t)| d\xi \leq C$ (independently of m and n). Taking into account (2.32), (2.27), (2.33) and $\frac{\partial \psi_{nm}}{\partial \xi}(\xi, t) = \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial \xi}(\xi, t)$ from (2.37) we obtain

$$M_{\theta_n}^2(t) \leq C \left[\left(1 + \int_0^t M_{\theta_n}(\tau) d\tau \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} (I_{1n}(t))^{\frac{2}{3}} + 1 \right] , \quad t \in]0, T[. \quad (2.38)$$

Applying the Young inequality with parameter $\varepsilon > 0$, from (2.38) it follows

$$M_{\theta_n}^2(t) \leq \varepsilon I_{1n}(t) + C_\varepsilon \left(1 + \int_0^t M_{\theta_n}^2(\tau) d\tau \right) \quad (2.39)$$

and by means of the Gronwall's inequality ([1, p.25]) we get (2.35). \square

Now, we introduce the function

$$\Phi_n = \frac{1}{2}v_n^2 + \frac{1}{2A}\omega_n^2 + (\theta_n - 1) \text{ on } Q_{nT}. \quad (2.40)$$

Multiply equations (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) by $v_n\Phi_n$, $A^{-1}\rho_n^{-1}\omega_n\Phi_n$ and $\rho_n^{-1}\Phi_n$, respectively, and integrate over $] -n, n[$ using (2.6) and (2.7). After addition of the obtained equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-n}^n \Phi_n^2 dx + \int_{-n}^n \rho_n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial x} \right)^2 + (1 - A^{-1}) \int_{-n}^n \rho_n \frac{\partial \omega_n}{\partial x} \omega_n \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial x} dx \\ & + (D - 1) \int_{-n}^n \rho_n \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial x} dx - K \int_{-n}^n \rho_n \theta_n v_n \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial x} dx = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.41)$$

on $]0, T[$. Taking into account (2.21), (2.31) and (2.35), in the same way as in [8, Lemma 2.4], we conclude that the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{-n}^n (\Phi_n^2 + C_1 v_n^4 + C_2 \omega_n^4) dx + DI_{2n} \right) \\ & \leq C \left(1 + \int_{-n}^n (\Phi_n^2 + C_1 v_n^4 + C_2 \omega_n^4) dx + DI_{2n} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.42)$$

holds true. Using the embedding $H^1(R) \subset B^0(R)$, (2.2), (1.10) and (2.5) we obtain that $\|\Phi_n(0)\|_{L^2([-n,n])}^2 \leq C$ and after integration (2.42) over $]0, t[$, $t \in]0, T[$, we find that

$$\int_{-n}^n (\Phi_n^2 + C_1 v_n^4 + C_2 \omega_n^4) dx + DI_{2n} \leq C \text{ on }]0, T[. \quad (2.43)$$

Lemma 2.4. For $t \in]0, T[$,

$$\|(\theta_n - 1)(t)\|_{L^2([-n,n])} \leq C, \quad (2.44)$$

$$\int_0^t M_{\theta_n}^2(\tau) d\tau \leq C, \quad (2.45)$$

$$m_{\rho_n}(t) \geq C, \quad (2.46)$$

$$\int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2([-n,n])}^2 d\tau \leq C. \quad (2.47)$$

Proof. Estimate (2.44) follows from (2.43) and the inequality $\|\theta_n - 1\|_{L^2([-n,n])}^2 \leq \int_{-n}^n \Phi_n^2 dx$. Integrating (2.35) over $]0, t[$ and taking into account (2.33), (2.34) and

(2.43) we get (2.45). From (2.32) and (2.45) we obtain (2.46). At last, using (2.46) and the estimate for I_{2n} from (2.43) we conclude that (2.47) holds. \square

Differentiating equality (2.24) with respect to x we get

$$\frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial x} = \rho_n \varphi_n - \rho_n^2 Y_{nm}^{-1} B_{nm}^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\rho_{0n}} \right) + K \int_0^t B_{nm} Y_{nm} \left(\frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x} + \theta_n \varphi_n \right) d\tau \right], \quad (2.48)$$

where $\varphi_n(x, t) = v_{0n}(x) - v_n(x, t)$. Using (1.9), (1.10), (2.28) and (2.31) from (2.48) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial x}(t) \right\|_{L^2([-n, n])}^2 &\leq C \left(\|v_{0n}\|_{L^2([-n, n])}^2 + \|v_n(t)\|_{L^2([-n, n])}^2 \right) \\ &+ C \left[1 + \int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2([-n, n])}^2 d\tau + \int_0^t M_{\theta_n}^2(\tau) \left(\|v_{0n}\|_{L^2([-n, n])}^2 \right. \right. \\ &\left. \left. + \|v_n(\tau)\|_{L^2([-n, n])}^2 \right) d\tau \right], \quad t \in]0, T[. \end{aligned} \quad (2.49)$$

Lemma 2.5. For $t \in]0, T[$,

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial x}(t) \right\|_{L^2([-n, n])} \leq C. \quad (2.50)$$

Proof. By means of estimates (2.21), (2.45), (2.47) and (2.5) the result follows directly from (2.49). \square

Multiplying (1.2) and (1.3) by v_n and $\rho_n^{-1} \omega_n$, respectively, integrating over $] -n, n[$ and using (2.21) and (2.50) in the first equation, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-n}^n v_n^2 dx + \int_{-n}^n \rho_n \left(\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx &\leq K M_{\theta_n} \left\| \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial x} \right\|_{L^2([-n, n])} \|v_n\|_{L^2([-n, n])} \\ &+ C \left\| \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x} \right\|_{L^2([-n, n])} \|v_n\|_{L^2([-n, n])} \leq C \left(M_{\theta_n} + \left\| \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x} \right\|_{L^2([-n, n])} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.51)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-n}^n \omega_n^2 dx + A \int_{-n}^n \rho_n \left(\frac{\partial \omega_n}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx + A \int_{-n}^n \frac{\omega_n^2}{\rho_n} dx = 0 \text{ on }]0, T[. \quad (2.52)$$

Lemma 2.6. For $t \in]0, T[$,

$$\int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2([-n, n])}^2 d\tau \leq C, \quad (2.53)$$

$$\int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial \omega_n}{\partial x}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2([-n, n])}^2 d\tau \leq C. \quad (2.54)$$

Proof. Integrating (2.51) and (2.52) over $]0, t[$, $t \in]0, T[$, and applying (2.45)-(2.47), (2.5) and (2.31) we get (2.53) and (2.54). \square

Now, we write equation (1.1) in the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{\rho_n} \right) = \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x}. \quad (2.55)$$

Integrating over $]0, t[$, $t \in]0, T[$, squaring and integrating again over $] -n, n[$, we obtain the inequality

$$\int_{-n}^n \left(\frac{1 - \rho_n}{\rho_n} \right)^2 \leq C \left[\int_{-n}^n \left(\frac{1 - \rho_{0n}}{\rho_{0n}} \right)^2 dx + \int_0^t \int_{-n}^n \left(\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx d\tau \right]. \quad (2.56)$$

Lemma 2.7. For $t \in]0, T[$,

$$\|(\rho_n - 1)(t)\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 \leq C. \quad (2.57)$$

Proof. Using (1.9), (1.10), (2.31) and (2.53), from (2.56) we easily get (2.57). \square

Lemma 2.8. For $t \in]0, T[$,

$$\left\| \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x}(t) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 + \int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial^2 v_n}{\partial x^2}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 d\tau \leq C, \quad (2.58)$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \omega_n}{\partial x}(t) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 + \int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial^2 \omega_n}{\partial x^2}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 d\tau \leq C, \quad (2.59)$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial x}(t) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 + \int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial^2 \theta_n}{\partial x^2}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 d\tau \leq C. \quad (2.60)$$

Proof. After multiplying (1.2) by $\partial^2 v_n / \partial x^2$ and integrating by parts over $] -n, n[$ and over $]0, t[$, in the same way as in [1, pp.53-54], we obtain (2.58). Multiplying (1.3) and (1.4) by $A^{-1} \rho_n^{-1} \partial^2 \omega_n / \partial x^2$ and $\rho_n^{-1} \partial^2 \theta_n / \partial x^2$, respectively, and integrating by parts over $] -n, n[$ and over $]0, t[$, in the same way as in [8, Lemmas 2.7, 2.8] we get estimates (2.59) and (2.60). \square

Lemma 2.9. For $t \in]0, T[$,

$$\int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial t}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 d\tau \leq C, \quad (2.61)$$

$$\int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial t}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 d\tau \leq C, \quad (2.62)$$

$$\int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial \omega_n}{\partial t}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 d\tau \leq C, \quad (2.63)$$

$$\int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial \theta_n}{\partial t}(\tau) \right\|_{L^2(-n, n]}^2 d\tau \leq C. \quad (2.64)$$

Proof. We square equations (1.1) and (1.2), integrate over $] -n, n[$ and $]0, t[$. Then in the same way as in [1, pp.53-54] we get (2.61) and (2.62). Also, squaring equations (1.3) and (1.4), integrating over $] -n, n[$ and $]0, t[$ in the same way as in [8, Lemmas 2.7, 2.8] we obtain (2.63) and (2.64). \square

3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

Let us denote again by ρ_n and θ_n the extensions of ρ_n and θ_n by 1 from Q_{nT} to Π and by v_n and ω_n the extensions of v_n and ω_n by zero outside of Q_{nT} .

We can find a function $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(R)$ such that

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

and then we define φ_n by

$$\varphi_n(x) = \varphi\left(\frac{2x}{n}\right), \quad n \in N. \quad (3.2)$$

For v_n and ω_n we put

$$\bar{v}_n = v_n \varphi_n, \quad \bar{\omega}_n = \omega_n \varphi_n \quad (3.3)$$

and for ρ_n and θ_n we introduce

$$\bar{\rho}_n = (\rho_n - 1)\varphi_n + 1, \quad \bar{\theta}_n = (\theta_n - 1)\varphi_n + 1. \quad (3.4)$$

One can easily conclude that the function $\bar{S}_n = (\bar{\rho}_n, \bar{v}_n, \bar{\omega}_n, \bar{\theta}_n)$ satisfies system (1.1)-(1.4) a.e. in $] -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2}[\times]0, T[$ and initial data (2.1), (2.2) and (2.4) a.e. in $] -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2}[$. Using the properties of ρ_n, v_n, ω_n and θ_n from (3.2)-(3.4) we observe that

$$\bar{\rho}_{n0} - 1 \rightarrow \rho_0 - 1, \quad \bar{\theta}_{n0} - 1 \rightarrow \theta_0 - 1 \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(R) \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\bar{v}_{n0} \rightarrow v_0, \quad \bar{\omega}_{n0} \rightarrow \omega_0 \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(R), \quad (3.6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}_{n0} &= \bar{\rho}_n(x, 0), \quad \bar{\theta}_{n0} = \bar{\theta}_n(x, 0), \\ \bar{v}_{n0} &= \bar{v}_n(x, 0), \quad \bar{\omega}_{n0} = \bar{\omega}_n(x, 0), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

In order to simplify a notation in what follows we write ρ_n instead $\bar{\rho}_n$, etc..

From *Lemmas 2.5, 2.7 and 2.9* we conclude that

$$\{\rho_n - 1\} \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; H^1(R)) \text{ and } H^1(\Pi). \quad (3.8)$$

Moreover, taking into account (2.31) and (2.46), from (3.4) we obtain that

$$\{\rho_n\} \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(\Pi). \quad (3.9)$$

By means of *Lemmas 2.1, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8 and 2.9* from (3.3) and (3.4) we get that

$$\{v_n\}, \{\omega_n\}, \{\theta_n - 1\} \text{ are bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; H^1(R)), H^1(\Pi) \quad (3.10)$$

and $L^2(0, T; H^2(R))$.

Lemma 3.1. *There exists a function*

$$\rho - 1 \in H^1(\Pi) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H^1(R)) \quad (3.11)$$

and a subsequence of $\{\rho_n - 1\}$ (for simplicity denoted again as $\{\rho_n - 1\}$) such that

$$\rho_n - 1 \rightarrow \rho - 1 \text{ weakly}^* \text{ in } L^\infty(0, T; H^1(R)), \quad (3.12)$$

$$\rho_n - 1 \rightarrow \rho - 1 \text{ weakly in } H^1(\Pi). \quad (3.13)$$

The function ρ belongs to $L^\infty(\Pi)$ and has the properties:

$$\rho(x, 0) = \rho_0(x) \text{ a.e. in } \mathbb{R}, \quad (3.14)$$

$$m_1 \leq \rho \leq M_1 \text{ a.e. in } \Pi, \quad (3.15)$$

where $m_1, M_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

Proof. Since the sequence $\{\rho_n - 1\}$ is bounded in $L^\infty(0, T; H^1(R))$ (dual of $L^1(0, T; H^{-1}(R))$), it is possible to extract a subsequence (denoted again as $\{\rho_n - 1\}$) such that $\rho_n - 1 \rightarrow \rho - 1$ weakly* in $L^\infty(0, T; H^1(R))$ (see [4, pp.498-503]). It means that for $g \in L^1(0, T; H^{-1}(R))$, $(g(t) = (g_1(t), g_2(t)) \in L^2(R) \times L^2(R))$ we have

$$\int_{\Pi} (\rho_n - 1)g_1 dxdt + \int_{\Pi} \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial x} g_2 dxdt \rightarrow \int_{\Pi} (\rho - 1)g_1 dxdt + \int_{\Pi} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} g_2 dxdt. \quad (3.16)$$

Specially, for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Pi)$ from (3.16) we obtain

$$\int_{\Pi} (\rho_n - 1)\varphi dxdt \rightarrow \int_{\Pi} (\rho - 1)\varphi dxdt, \quad (3.17)$$

$$\int_{\Pi} \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial x} \varphi dxdt \rightarrow \int_{\Pi} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \varphi dxdt. \quad (3.18)$$

Also, $\{\rho_n\}$ is bounded in $L^\infty(\Pi)$ and therefore there exists a subsequence (denoted by $\{\rho_n\}$) such that $\rho_n \rightarrow \rho$ weakly* in $L^\infty(\Pi)$. Specially, for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Pi)$ we get

$$\int_{\Pi} \rho_n(x, t)\varphi(x, t) dxdt \rightarrow \int_{\Pi} \rho(x, t)\varphi(x, t) dxdt. \quad (3.19)$$

Because of (3.8) we can take a further subsequence of $\{\rho_n - 1\}$ such that $\rho_n - 1 \rightarrow \rho - 1$ weakly in $H^1(\Pi)$. From this convergence we find out that for $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Pi)$, it holds

$$\int_{\Pi} \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial t}(x, t)\varphi(x, t) dxdt \rightarrow \int_{\Pi} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(x, t)\varphi(x, t) dxdt. \quad (3.20)$$

Statement (3.11) is a consequence of the above convergences.

Taking into account (2.31), (2.46), (3.1), (3.2), (3.4) and (3.19) we conclude that there exist $m_1, M_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that (3.15) holds. From the embedding theorem (see [4, p.473]) we observe that functions $\rho_n - 1, \rho - 1$ belong to $C([0, T]; L^2(R))$ being equipped with the norm of uniform convergence. Now we may speak of the traces $\rho_n(x, 0) - 1$ and $\rho(x, 0) - 1$.

Let $\psi \in C^\infty([0, T])$, $\psi(0) \neq 0$ and ψ vanishes in a neighbourhood of T . Applying Green's formula ([4, p.477]) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_R \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial t}(x, t) u(x) \psi(t) dx dt + \int_0^T \int_R (\rho_n - 1)(x, t) u(x) \frac{d\psi}{dt}(t) dx dt \\ = -\psi(0) \int_R (\rho_{n0} - 1) u(x) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_R \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(x, t) u(x) \psi(t) dx dt + \int_0^T \int_R (\rho - 1)(x, t) u(x) \frac{d\psi}{dt}(t) dx dt \\ = -\psi(0) \int_R (\rho(x, 0) - 1) u(x) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

for all $u \in \mathcal{D}(R)$. Comparing (3.21) and (3.22) (when $n \rightarrow \infty$) and using (3.17), (3.20) and (3.5) we find that $\rho(x, 0) = \rho_0(x)$ in the sense of distributions in \mathbb{R} . \square

Lemma 3.2. *There exist functions*

$$v, \omega, \theta - 1 \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(R)) \cap H^1(\Pi) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(R)) \quad (3.23)$$

and a subsequence of $\{v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n - 1\}$ (denoted again as $\{v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n - 1\}$) such that

$$\{v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n - 1\} \rightarrow \{v, \omega, \theta - 1\} \text{ weakly }^* \text{ in } (L^\infty(0, T; H^1(R)))^3, \quad (3.24)$$

$$\{v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n - 1\} \rightarrow \{v, \omega, \theta - 1\} \text{ weakly in } (H^1(R))^3, \quad (3.25)$$

$$\{v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n - 1\} \rightarrow \{v, \omega, \theta - 1\} \text{ weakly in } (L^2(0, T; H^2(R)))^3. \quad (3.26)$$

Functions v, ω and θ have the properties:

$$v(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad \omega(x, 0) = \omega_0(x), \quad \theta(x, 0) = \theta_0(x) \text{ a.e. in } \mathbf{R}. \quad (3.27)$$

Proof. Conclusions (3.23)-(3.26) follow immediately from (3.10). From the weak convergences we conclude that for $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Pi)$, it follows

$$\int_\Pi v_n(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt \rightarrow \int_\Pi v(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt, \quad (3.28)$$

$$\int_\Pi \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x}(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt \rightarrow \int_\Pi \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt, \quad (3.29)$$

$$\int_\Pi \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial t}(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt \rightarrow \int_\Pi \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt, \quad (3.30)$$

$$\int_\Pi \frac{\partial^2 v_n}{\partial^2 x}(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt \rightarrow \int_\Pi \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial^2 x}(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt \quad (3.31)$$

(when $n \rightarrow \infty$), which is true for $\{\omega_n\}$ and $\{\theta_n - 1\}$ also. By means of Green's formula we get properties (3.27) in the same way as (3.14). \square

Lemma 3.3. *Functions ρ, v, ω and θ , defined by Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2 satisfy equations (1.1)-(1.4) a.e. in Π .*

Proof. Let $\{S_n = (\rho_n, v_n, \omega_n, \theta_n) : n \in \mathbf{N}\}$ be the subsequence defined by Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2. By means of (3.9) and (3.15) we obtain the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Pi} (\rho_n^2 \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} - \rho^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) \varphi dx dt \right| &\leq \left| \int_{\Pi} \rho_n^2 (\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) \varphi dx dt \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_{\Pi} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} (\rho_n - \rho) (\rho_n + \rho) \varphi dx dt \right| \\ &\leq C \left| \int_{\Pi} (\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) \varphi dx dt \right| \\ &\quad + C \left| \int_{\Pi} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} (\rho_n - \rho) \varphi dx dt \right|, \end{aligned} \quad (3.32)$$

for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Pi)$ and after integrating by parts we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Pi} (\rho_n^2 \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} - \rho^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) \varphi dx dt \right| &\leq C \left| \int_{\Pi} (\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) \varphi dx dt \right| \\ &\quad + C \left| \int_{\Pi} v (\frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}) \varphi dx dt \right| \\ &\quad + C \left| \int_{\Pi} v (\rho_n - \rho) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} dx dt \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (3.33)$$

Taking into account (3.29), (3.19), (3.18) and (1.18), we conclude that for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Pi)$, from (3.33) it follows

$$\int_{\Pi} \rho_n^2 \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} \varphi dx dt \rightarrow \int_{\Pi} \rho^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \varphi dx dt. \quad (3.34)$$

For $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Pi)$ there exists $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ such that for all $n \geq n_0$ functions ρ_n and v_n satisfy (1.1) in the sense of distributions in Π and therefore we have

$$\int_{\Pi} \left(\frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial t} + \rho_n^2 \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x} \right) \varphi dx dt = 0. \quad (3.35)$$

Applying (3.20) and (3.34), from (3.35) we get

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{a.e in } \Pi. \quad (3.36)$$

In the same way one can prove that equations (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) are satisfied. \square

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