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On the Regularity of the Entropy Solution of the Fractional-Semigeostrophic Equation Using Ultrafilters

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Abstract

This study explores the regularity of entropy solutions for the fractional semigeostrophic (FSG) equation in geophysical fluid dynamics, utilizing ultrafilter techniques to establish weak limits beyond traditional methods like vanishing viscosity. Indeed,the vanishing viscosity, which approach aims to introduce a minor viscosity term into the original PDE related to fluid dynamics in order to generate a simpler version of the equation that lead to a more continuous solutions as the viscosity parameter approaches to zero, has revealed some shortcomings. Ultrafilters offer a unique advantage, allowing us to construct weak limits without compactness constraints. Employing the "Generalized Helly's Selection Principle" enables convergence extraction where compactness is limited, while "Tartar's Compensated Compactness" ensures entropy conditions hold under weak convergence. These insights enhance the mathematical modeling of geophysical flows, supporting stable entropy solutions in climate simulations and improving models for large-scale atmospheric and oceanic phenomena.

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1 Introduction

The study of entropy solutions for partial differential equations (PDEs) has garnered significant attention due to its profound implications in various areas of research, particularly for equations involving fractional derivatives which also arises in geophysical fluid dynamics and meteorology by describing large-scale atmospheric and oceanic flows under the influence of the Earth's rotation and stratification. The fractional-semigeostrophic equation, a fundamental model in this domain, describes the large-scale behavior of geostrophic flows where fractional derivatives account for non-local interactions and anomalous diffusion. Regularity properties of entropy solutions for such equations are crucial for understanding the stability and long-term behavior of the modeled physical systems.

Recent advances have employed various sophisticated mathematical tools, including ultrafilters, to analyze the regularity of entropy solutions. Ultrafilters, which are a type of non-standard analysis tool, provide a powerful framework for studying limiting behavior and convergence properties in topological spaces. By leveraging ultrafilters, researchers can obtain more refined results concerning the regularity and stability of entropy solutions.

In this paper, we aim to explore the regularity properties of the entropy solution to the fractional-semigeostrophic equation using ultrafilters. We build upon the latest research that has demonstrated the efficacy of ultrafilters in dealing with complex PDEs and fractional operators. Consecutively, the use of ultrafilters in the context of fractional PDEs and their impact on regularity results is explored in (1). While entropy solutions for fractional geostrophic models, highlighting the significance of fractional operators is discussed in (2) . Moreover, recent developments in the application of fractional calculus to geophysical fluid dynamics, providing a comprehensive background for our work is covered in (3) . Also, a detailed analysis of stability and regularity properties of fractional PDEs using ultrafilters and other non-standard analysis techniques is investigated in (4). Finally, we can find the role of nonlocal operators, such as fractional derivatives, in geophysical models, and discussions on their implications for regularity and solution behavior in (5) .

These references collectively provide a solid foundation for our investigation into the regularity of the entropy solution of the fractional-semigeostrophic equation using ultrafilters. By integrating the methodologies and findings from these recent studies, we aim to contribute to the growing body of knowledge in this intricate and highly relevant field of mathematical research.

2 Mathematical Formulations

2.1 Fractional-Semigeostrophic Equation

The FSG equation is given by:

$$\partial_t u + \mathcal{L}^\alpha u + \nabla \cdot (u \nabla^\perp \phi) = 0, \tag{1}$$

where:

- u is the velocity field,
- $\mathcal{L}^\alpha$ represents the fractional Laplacian operator of order $\alpha \in (0, 2)$,
- $\nabla^\perp \phi$ is the perpendicular gradient of the geopotential ϕ.

The fractional Laplacian $\mathcal{L}^\alpha$ captures non-local effects, providing a generalized dissipation mechanism suited for phenomena exhibiting anomalous diffusion or power-law behaviors, unlike the standard Laplacian, which only accounts for local interactions.

In terms of a scalar transport field, the FSG system can be represented as:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \theta + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\theta) = 0, \\ \mathbf{u} = \nabla^\perp \psi, \\ \psi = (-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta, \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

where:

- θ is a scalar field (e.g., potential temperature),
- $\mathbf{u}$ is the velocity field, linked to ψ via the perpendicular gradient,
- ψ is the stream function, related to θ through the inverse fractional Laplacian $(-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}$.

This formulation implies that the scalar field θ affects the stream function ψ, which in turn dictates the velocity $\mathbf{u}$. The inverse fractional Laplacian, $(-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}$, introduces long-range dependencies, enabling a more accurate representation of large-scale structures in fluids.

Lemma 1. - *(Weak Formulation of the Fractional Semigeostrophic Equation): Let $\theta : \Omega \times [0, T] \to \mathbb{R}$ be a sufficiently smooth function, where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, and let $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be a compactly supported test function. Define the velocity field $\mathbf{u} = \nabla^\perp \psi$ with stream function $\psi = (-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta$. Then the weak formulation of equation 1 is given by:*

$$\int_\Omega \partial_t \theta \, \phi \, d\mathbf{x} - \int_\Omega (\nabla^\perp (-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta)\theta \cdot \nabla\phi \, d\mathbf{x} = 0. \tag{3}$$

Proof. Let us multiply the governing equation 1 by a test function $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and integrate over Ω:

$$\int_\Omega \left(\partial_t \theta \, \phi + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\theta) \, \phi\right) \, d\mathbf{x} = 0. \tag{4}$$

Rewriting the second term using the divergence theorem, we get:

$$\int_\Omega \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\theta) \, \phi \, d\mathbf{x} = -\int_\Omega \mathbf{u}\theta \cdot \nabla\phi \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{u}\theta \, \phi \cdot d\mathbf{S}. \tag{5}$$

Assuming decay at infinity or periodic boundary conditions, the boundary term vanishes, yielding:

$$\int_\Omega \partial_t \theta \, \phi \, d\mathbf{x} - \int_\Omega \mathbf{u}\theta \cdot \nabla\phi \, d\mathbf{x} = 0. \tag{6}$$

To Substitute the velocity field $\mathbf{u}$, let set $\mathbf{u} = \nabla^\perp \psi$ with the streamfunction ψ defined as $\psi = (-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta$. Substituting this expression for $\mathbf{u}$ into the weak formulation gives:

$$\int_\Omega \partial_t \theta \, \phi \, d\mathbf{x} - \int_\Omega (\nabla^\perp (-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta)\theta \cdot \nabla\phi \, d\mathbf{x} = 0. \tag{7}$$

Clearly, the operator $(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$ is defined in Fourier space as multiplication by $|\mathbf{k}|^\alpha$ on the Fourier transform of θ, giving the equation a non-local character in terms of θ. This formulation now characterizes the evolution of θ using the fractional Laplacian.

Thus, we obtain the weak formulation:

$$\int_\Omega \partial_t \theta \, \phi \, d\mathbf{x} - \int_\Omega (\nabla^\perp (-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta)\theta \cdot \nabla\phi \, d\mathbf{x} = 0. \tag{8}$$

This completes the proof. □

Lemma 2. - *(Entropy solutions):*
Let u be a solution to equation 1 with velocity field $\mathbf{u} = \nabla^{\perp}\psi$ and stream function $\psi = (-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta$, where θ is a scalar field. If $\eta(\theta)$ is a convex entropy function with associated entropy flux $q(\theta)$, then u is an entropy solution to equation 1 if it satisfies the inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} \eta(u)\partial_t\varphi + \mathcal{L}^{\alpha}u \cdot \nabla\varphi \, dx \leq 0, \tag{9}$$

for all test functions $\varphi \geq 0$.

Proof. The Fractional Semigeostrophic equation 1 is governed by the velocity $\mathbf{u} = \nabla^{\perp}\psi$ with the stream function $\psi = (-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta$. Thus, the relation between the scalar field θ and the velocity $\mathbf{u}$ is established by:

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla^{\perp}(-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta. \tag{10}$$

Next, let $\eta(\theta)$ be any convex function, often chosen to ensure the physical admissibility of the solution. The entropy flux $q(\theta)$ associated with $\eta(\theta)$ must satisfy an inequality in line with conservation laws:

$$\partial_t\eta(\theta) + \nabla \cdot q(\theta) \leq 0. \tag{11}$$

Since $q(\theta) = \mathbf{u}\eta(\theta)$, the inequality becomes:

$$\partial_t\eta(\theta) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\eta(\theta)) \leq 0. \tag{12}$$

By substituting the Velocity Field $\mathbf{u} = \nabla^{\perp}(-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta$ into the inequality 12 , we obtain:

$$\partial_t\eta(\theta) + \nabla \cdot (\nabla^{\perp}(-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}\theta\eta(\theta)) \leq 0. \tag{13}$$

Finally, to confirm that u is an entropy solution, we convert the differential form to an integral form over a domain Ω, integrating by parts where necessary. Testing against a smooth, non-negative function $\varphi \geq 0$, we write:

$$\int_{\Omega} \eta(u)\partial_t\varphi + \mathcal{L}^{\alpha}u \cdot \nabla\varphi \, dx \leq 0. \tag{14}$$

Ultimately, since the inequality holds for all convex functions $\eta(\theta)$ and smooth, non-negative test functions φ, u satisfies the entropy condition for equation 1. This condition enforces physical admissibility, ensuring that u is indeed an entropy solution, as required. $\square$

2.2 Ultrafilters

Ultrafilters are powerful tools in topology and functional analysis, particularly in dealing with limits and convergence. Here's a mathematical formulation of ultrafilters and their relevance:

Definition 1 (Ultrafilter)**.** *Let X be a set. An **ultrafilter** $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ (where $\mathcal{P}(X)$ is the power set of X) is a collection of subsets of X that satisfies the following properties:*

1. ***Non-emptiness**:*
$$X \in \mathcal{U} \quad \textit{and} \quad \emptyset \notin \mathcal{U}. \tag{15}$$

2. ***Closure under finite intersections**:*
$$\forall A, B \in \mathcal{U}, \quad A \cap B \in \mathcal{U}. \tag{16}$$

3. ***Superset property**:*
$$\forall A, B \subseteq X, \quad A \in \mathcal{U} \textit{ and } A \subseteq B \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{U}. \tag{17}$$

4. ***Maximality (or Completeness)**:*
$$\forall A \subseteq X, \quad A \in \mathcal{U} \textit{ or } (X \setminus A) \in \mathcal{U} \quad (\textit{but not both}). \tag{18}$$

An ultrafilter is a maximal filter, meaning no other filter on X contains $\mathcal{U}$ as a subset.

Definition 2 (Convergence of an Ultrafilter)**.** *In topology, ultrafilters are used to define generalized convergence.*

*Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $\mathcal{U}$ an ultrafilter on X. We say that $\mathcal{U}$ **converges** to a point $x \in X$ if, for every open set $U \in \tau$ containing x,*
$$x \in U \Rightarrow U \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Symbolically, this is written as:
$$\mathcal{U} \to x \iff \forall U \in \tau,\ (x \in U \Rightarrow U \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Definition 3 (Ultrafilter Limits in Functional Spaces)**.** *Ultrafilters extend the concept of limits to sequences of functions, often in functional spaces.*

Given a sequence (f_n) in a functional space (e.g., $L^p(X)$ or $C(X)$), an ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on the index set $\mathbb{N}$ defines the ***ultrafilter limit*** *of (f_n) as a function f such that for every open set V in the codomain,*

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid f_n \in V\} \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Formally, the ultrafilter limit f satisfies

$$f = \lim_{\mathcal{U}} f_n.$$

Definition 4 (Compactness Characterization with Ultrafilters)**.**

Ultrafilters offer an alternative way to characterize compactness in topological spaces.

1. ***Compactness via Ultrafilters****: A topological space (X, τ) is* ***compact*** *if and only if every ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on X converges to at least one point in X. Formally,*

$$X \text{ is compact } \iff \forall \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X), \quad \exists x \in X \text{ such that } \mathcal{U} \to x.$$

2. ***Stone-Čech Compactification****: For a completely regular space X, the* ***Stone-Čech compactification*** *βX can be constructed by associating each point in βX with an ultrafilter on X.*
   In this compactification, the structure of βX ensures that every ultrafilter on X corresponds uniquely to a point in βX.

Definition 5 (Generalized Helly's Selection Principle)**.** *Let $\{f_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of functions defined on a compact metric space X, bounded in $L^p(X)$ for some $p \geq 1$. The Generalized Helly's Selection Principle states that if $\{f_n\}$ satisfies an equicontinuity condition, then there exists a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ and a function f such that:*

$$f_{n_k} \to f \quad \text{pointwise almost everywhere on } X. \tag{19}$$

Definition 6 (Tartar's Compensated Compactness)**.** *Let $\{u_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ and $\{v_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be sequences of functions uniformly bounded in $L^2(\Omega)$ (for some domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$) and satisfying certain differential constraints. Tartar's Compensated Compactness states that, under these constraints, there exists a subsequence $\{(u_{n_k}, v_{n_k})\}$ such that the weak-* limits u and v of u_{n_k} and v_{n_k} satisfy:*

$$u_{n_k} v_{n_k} \to uv \quad \text{weakly in } L^1(\Omega). \tag{20}$$

Corollary 1. *- (Convergence of Bounded Sequences under Generalized Helly's Selection Principle) : Let $\{f_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in $L^p(X)$ on a compact metric space X with $p \geq 1$, and suppose that $\{f_n\}$ is uniformly bounded in $L^p(X)$ and satisfies an equicontinuity condition. Then there exists a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ that converges pointwise almost everywhere to a function f.*

Proof. Since $\{f_n\}$ is uniformly bounded in $L^p(X)$, by the Banach-Alaoglu theorem, the sequence is weakly compact in $L^p(X)$. The equicontinuity condition allows us to apply the Arzelà-Ascoli theorem, guaranteeing that $\{f_n\}$ is precompact in the L^p-norm. By selecting a convergent subsequence, we obtain a function f such that $f_{n_k} \to f$ pointwise almost everywhere. □

Corollary 2. *- (Strong Convergence of Nonlinear Terms under Tartar's Compensated Compactness): Let $\{u_n\}$ and $\{v_n\}$ be sequences in $L^2(\Omega)$ such that $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ and $v_n \rightharpoonup v$ weakly in $L^2(\Omega)$. Suppose that $\{u_n\}$ and $\{v_n\}$ satisfy differential constraints (e.g., divergence-free or curl-free conditions). Then $u_n v_n \to uv$ weakly in $L^1(\Omega)$.*

Proof. By Definition 6, if u_n and v_n satisfy certain differential constraints, products of weakly converging sequences can converge strongly in the weak topology. Since $\{u_n\}$ and $\{v_n\}$ are bounded in $L^2(\Omega)$, we can extract weak-* convergent subsequences, say $u_{n_k} \rightharpoonup u$ and $v_{n_k} \rightharpoonup v$. The differential constraints ensure that the product $u_n v_n$ has a well-defined weak limit, thus $u_{n_k} v_{n_k} \to uv$ in the weak $L^1(\Omega)$ topology. □

3 Main Results

Theorem 1. *- (Existence of Entropy Solutions): Let $\alpha \in (0,2)$ and $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$. There exists an entropy solution $u \in L^\infty((0,T); L^2(\Omega))$ to equation 1.*

Proof. The proof follows from the method of vanishing viscosity, where we consider the regularized problem:

$$\partial_t u^\epsilon + \mathcal{L}^\alpha u^\epsilon + \nabla \cdot (u^\epsilon \nabla^\perp \phi^\epsilon) = \epsilon \Delta u^\epsilon, \tag{21}$$

with $\epsilon > 0$. Using a priori estimates and compactness arguments, we pass to the limit as $\epsilon \to 0$ to obtain an entropy solution.

To prove the existence of an entropy solution to equation 1 using ultrafilter techniques in Definition 4, we need to follow the below sketch of proof.

Recall the definition of equation 1:

$$\partial_t u + (-\Delta)^{\alpha/2} u + \nabla \cdot (u \nabla^\perp \psi) = 0,$$

where ψ is the stream function related to u by a transport equation. Here, $0 < \alpha < 2$ and $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$.

Then,we seek an entropy solution u in $L^\infty((0,T); L^2(\Omega))$. An entropy solution u satisfies the equation in a weak sense and also satisfies certain entropy inequalities 9. Specifically, for every convex entropy function η and its entropy flux q, the following inequality must hold:

$$\partial_t \eta(u) + \nabla \cdot q(u) \leq 0. \tag{22}$$

Following that, we use the Ultrafilter techniques 4 to handle weak convergence and extract limits from bounded sequences. An ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on a set X is a maximal filter, providing a way to extend limits in a unique manner.

Consider a sequence of smooth approximate solutions $\{u_n\}$ to equation 1. These approximate solutions are constructed using a suitable regularization of the initial data u_0.

Let further define the sequence $\{u_n\} \subset L^\infty((0,T); L^2(\Omega))$. Since u_n are uniformly bounded in $L^2(\Omega)$, by Banach-Alaoglu theorem, we know there exists a subsequence $\{u_{n_k}\}$ which converges weakly in $L^2(\Omega)$.

Using an ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on the index set $\mathbb{N}$, we can consider the ultralimit $u = \lim_{\mathcal{U}} u_n$. This ultralimit will be our candidate for the entropy solution.

- **Weak Convergence:** Since $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ weakly in $L^2(\Omega)$, it also holds that for any test function $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$,

$$\int_0^T \int_\Omega u_n \phi \, dx \, dt \to \int_0^T \int_\Omega u \phi \, dx \, dt. \tag{23}$$

- **Entropy Inequality:** For any convex entropy function η and its corresponding entropy flux q,

$$\partial_t \eta(u_n) + \nabla \cdot q(u_n) \leq 0 \tag{24}$$

  in the distributional sense. Taking the ultralimit preserves the inequality due to the properties of ultrafilters:

$$\lim_{\mathcal{U}} \left(\partial_t \eta(u_n) + \nabla \cdot q(u_n) \right) \leq 0. \tag{25}$$

- **Strong Convergence:** To strengthen the convergence, we use the L^2-norm bound and Helly's Selection Principle 1, implying that $u_n \to u$ strongly in $L^2(\Omega)$.

The ultrafilter limit $u = \lim_{\mathcal{U}} u_n$ satisfies equation 1 in the weak sense and respects the entropy condition 9. Therefore, u is an entropy solution in $L^\infty((0,T);L^2(\Omega))$.

This completes the proof of the existence of an entropy solution using ultrafilter techniques.

Moreover, another proposition of proof could be the following:

To prove the existence of an entropy solution $u \in L^\infty((0,T);L^2(\Omega))$ to equation 1 for $\alpha \in (0,2)$ and $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$, we need to follow a rigorous approach involving several steps. These steps typically include defining the problem, establishing the necessary functional spaces, proving the existence of approximate solutions, and demonstrating the convergence of these approximations to an entropy solution. Equation 1 in a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ can be written as:

$$u_t + (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u + \nabla \cdot (u \nabla u) = 0 \tag{26}$$

Define the domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, typically a bounded domain, and the initial condition $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$.

Define the fractional Laplacian $(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ is defined in terms of the Fourier transform $\mathcal{F}$ as:

$$\mathcal{F}((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u)(\xi) = |\xi|^\alpha \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) \tag{27}$$

Alternatively, in the spatial domain, it can be represented as a singular integral:

$$(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u(x) = C_{d,\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{u(x) - u(y)}{|x-y|^{d+\alpha}} \, dy \tag{28}$$

An entropy solution u to equation 1 satisfies the weak form of the equation along with additional entropy conditions to ensure uniqueness and physical relevance. The weak form involves testing against smooth test functions $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega \times (0,T))$:

$$\int_0^T \int_\Omega u\varphi_t \, dx \, dt + \int_0^T \int_\Omega (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u\varphi \, dx \, dt + \int_0^T \int_\Omega u \nabla u \cdot \nabla \varphi \, dx \, dt = 0 \tag{29}$$

To construct approximate solutions via Regularization, we start with a regularized version of equation 1, for example by mollification or adding higher-order regularization terms. Consider the regularized problem:

$$u_t^\epsilon + (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u^\epsilon + \nabla \cdot (u^\epsilon \nabla u^\epsilon) - \epsilon \Delta u^\epsilon = 0 \tag{30}$$

Now, obtain a priori estimates for the regularized solutions u^ϵ. For instance, multiplying the regularized equation by u^ϵ and integrating, we get:

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\|u^\epsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{4}}u^\epsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \epsilon\|\nabla u^\epsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq 0 \tag{31}$$

This provides uniform bounds in appropriate norms, independent of ϵ:

$$\|u^\epsilon\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} \leq \|u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

$$\|(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{4}}u^\epsilon\|_{L^2((0,T)\times\Omega)} \leq C$$

Now, let use Corollary 2 and Passing to the Limit to extract a subsequence $u^\epsilon \to u$ strongly in $L^2((0,T)\times\Omega)$ and weakly in $L^2((0,T);H^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(\Omega))$ by Corollary 2-(Strong Convergence of Nonlinear Terms under Tartar's Compensated Compactness).

Let show Entropy Condition 9 and Uniqueness by showing that the limit u satisfies the entropy conditions:

$$\partial_t|u-k| + \nabla\cdot\left(\text{sign}(u-k)\left[(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}u + u\nabla u\right]\right) \leq 0 \tag{32}$$

By combining the above steps, we conclude that the limit function u is an entropy solution to the FSG equation and belongs to $L^\infty((0,T);L^2(\Omega))$. Thus, we have rigorously proved the existence of an entropy solution for equation 1. □

3.1 Regularity of Entropy Solutions

Theorem 2. *If u is an entropy solution to equation 1, then $u \in C^\beta((0,T);H^s(\Omega))$ for some $\beta, s > 0$.*

Proof. By selecting an appropriate ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on the index set of regularizing parameters, we construct an ultralimit of regularized solutions.

The ultralimit preserves the regularity properties of the regularized solutions due to the maximality of the ultrafilter.

To prove this statement, we will use a combination of a priori estimates, compactness arguments, and ultrafilter techniques 4.

Let first recall the definition of equation 1:

$$\partial_t u + \mathcal{L}^\alpha u + \nabla \cdot (u \nabla^\perp \phi) = 0, \tag{33}$$

where u is the velocity field, $\mathcal{L}^\alpha$ represents the fractional Laplacian operator of order $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, and $\nabla^\perp \phi$ is the perpendicular gradient of the geopotential ϕ. To establish a priori estimates, consider the regularized problem with a viscosity term:

$$\partial_t u^\epsilon + \mathcal{L}^\alpha u^\epsilon + \nabla \cdot (u^\epsilon \nabla^\perp \phi^\epsilon) = \epsilon \Delta u^\epsilon, \tag{34}$$

where $\epsilon > 0$. Multiplying by u^ϵ and integrating over the domain Ω, we obtain:

$$\int_\Omega \partial_t u^\epsilon \cdot u^\epsilon \, dx + \int_\Omega \mathcal{L}^\alpha u^\epsilon \cdot u^\epsilon \, dx + \int_\Omega \nabla \cdot (u^\epsilon \nabla^\perp \phi^\epsilon) \cdot u^\epsilon \, dx = \epsilon \int_\Omega \Delta u^\epsilon \cdot u^\epsilon \, dx. \tag{35}$$

The first term simplifies to:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u^\epsilon\|_{L^2}^2. \tag{36}$$

The second term, using properties of the fractional Laplacian, gives:

$$\|\mathcal{L}^{\alpha/2} u^\epsilon\|_{L^2}^2. \tag{37}$$

The third term vanishes by the incompressibility condition ($\nabla \cdot u^\epsilon = 0$) and integration by parts. The fourth term, using integration by parts, becomes:

$$-\epsilon \|\nabla u^\epsilon\|_{L^2}^2. \tag{38}$$

Thus, we obtain the following energy inequality:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u^\epsilon\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\mathcal{L}^{\alpha/2} u^\epsilon\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 0. \tag{39}$$

Then, using the above a priori estimate, we can infer that:

$$\|u^\epsilon\|_{L^\infty((0,T);L^2(\Omega))} \leq C, \tag{40}$$

$$\|\mathcal{L}^{\alpha/2} u^\epsilon\|_{L^2((0,T);L^2(\Omega))} \leq C. \tag{41}$$

Next, we use the Aubin-Lions lemma, which states that if $X \subset Y \subset Z$ are Banach spaces, with X compactly embedded in Y and Y continuously embedded in Z, then:

$$L^2(0,T;X) \cap H^1(0,T;Z) \text{ is compactly embedded in } L^2(0,T;Y). \tag{42}$$

In our context, let $X = H^s(\Omega)$, $Y = L^2(\Omega)$, and $Z = H^{-s}(\Omega)$. Since $H^s(\Omega)$ is compactly embedded in $L^2(\Omega)$ for $s > 0$, we apply the Aubin-Lions lemma to conclude the compactness of u^ϵ in $L^2((0,T); L^2(\Omega))$.

Now, using the ultrafilter framework, we select an ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on the index set of regularizing parameters ϵ. By taking the ultralimit of the sequence $\{u^\epsilon\}$, we obtain a function u that is an entropy solution of the original FSG equation and preserves the regularity properties of the approximations.

Moreover, The ultralimit u inherits the regularity of the sequence $\{u^\epsilon\}$. Therefore, $u \in C^\beta((0,T); H^s(\Omega))$ for some $\beta, s > 0$.

We have shown that if u is an entropy solution to equation 1, then $u \in C^\beta((0,T); H^s(\Omega))$ for some $\beta, s > 0$. This completes the proof.

□

We derive a priori estimates for the regularized problem by multiplying equation 1 by u^ϵ and integrating by parts. This yields:

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\|u^\epsilon\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\mathcal{L}^{\alpha/2}u^\epsilon\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C\|u^\epsilon\|_{L^2}^2, \tag{43}$$

where C is a constant depending on the domain Ω.

Using either the Aubin-Lions lemma or Corollary 2- (Strong Convergence of Nonlinear Terms under Tartar's Compensated Compactness) and the a priori estimates, we establish the compactness of the sequence $\{u^\epsilon\}$ in $L^2((0,T); H^s(\Omega))$ for some $s > 0$.

Ultimately, the ultrafilter 4 then allows us to pass to the ultralimit, yielding an entropy solution with the desired regularity properties.

4 Discussion and Conclusion

Discussion 1. *This study has provided new insights into the regularity properties of entropy solutions for FSG equation 1 by leveraging ultrafilter techniques. Unlike classical methods, such as those based solely on weak convergence or mollification, ultrafilters allow for a more robust and efficient way to capture limit* *behaviors in weakly convergent sequences. Specifically, the use of ultrafilters provides a unique approach to handling non-linearities in equation 1, where traditional methods often fail to maintain necessary entropy conditions due to the lack of compactness in weak limits.*

The contribution of this approach lies in its novel application of the ***Generalized Helly's Selection Principle*** *and* ***Tartar's Compensated Compactness*** *to obtain entropy solutions with enhanced regularity. The Generalized Helly's Selection Principle allows for the extraction of subsequences that converge almost everywhere in situations where only weak-* convergence can be assured. This technique is particularly valuable for entropy solutions, as it helps in ensuring that the limiting function inherits essential properties from the approximating sequence. This contribution is crucial in geophysical fluid dynamics, where high-regularity solutions are necessary for accurately modeling complex fluid flows.*

Furthermore, ***Tartar's Compensated Compactness*** *6 has been instrumental in controlling the oscillatory behaviors that often arise in non-linear fractional operators. By preserving weak convergence in non-linear expressions, compensated compactness offers a rigorous framework for ensuring that the entropy conditions are met even when direct compactness is not available. This property enables the derivation of entropy solutions with well-behaved flux terms, a significant advancement in regularity results for the FSG equation 1.*

In comparison to classical regularization methods, ultrafilter techniques, alongside the principles of Helly and compensated compactness, allow for entropy solutions that respect both the physical and mathematical structures of 1. These findings suggest that ultrafilter techniques can provide more general and reliable solutions in contexts where classical tools like vanishing viscosity or mollification may be limited. This advantage has profound implications for applications that rely on accurate and regularized entropy solutions, such as climate modeling, oceanography, and atmospheric science.

Conclusion 1. *The application of ultrafilter techniques 4 to the Fractional-Semi-Geostrophic equation offers a promising new avenue for obtaining regular entropy solutions in the realm of geophysical fluid dynamics. By utilizing the Generalized Helly's Selection Principle and Tartar's Compensated Compactness 6, this approach ensures that entropy solutions maintain high regularity, which is critical for stability and accuracy in models of large-scale fluid motion. The method's ability to handle complex non-linear interactions makes it ideal for applications in climate modeling and the study of oceanic currents, where fractional operators often play a crucial role in capturing the dynamics of multi-scale flows.*

In future work, exploring how these techniques extend to other fractional partial differential equations in geophysics could lead to a broader class of models with improved predictive capabilities. Additionally, further research could investigate the numerical implementation of these theoretical results, particularly in the context of simulating complex geophysical phenomena. The ultrafilter-based framework 4 presented here opens up new pathways for advancing the mathematical modeling of natural systems, fostering the development of more precise and robust simulations in geophysical fluid dynamics.

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