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**On the equation of nonstationary stratified fluid motion: uniqueness and existence of the solutions.**

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Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain with smooth boundary in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , where  $n$  is 2 or 3. The motion of a viscous inhomogeneous incompressible fluid with velocity  $u$ , pressure  $p$ , density  $\rho$  and viscosity 1 is governed by the system  $\partial\rho/\partial t + u \cdot \nabla\rho = 0$ ,  $\rho\{\partial u/\partial t + (u \cdot \nabla)u\} = \Delta u - \nabla p$ ,  $\operatorname{div} u = 0$  ( $0 < t$ ;  $x \in \Omega$ ) and the boundary conditions, where  $a$  and  $\rho_0$  are data,  $u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ ,  $u|_{t=0} = a(x)$ ,  $\rho|_{t=0} = \rho_0(x)$ . O. A. Ladyzhenskaya and V. A. Solonnikov [*J. Soviet Math.* **9** (1978), 697–749; [MR0425391 \(54 #13347\)](#)] studied this boundary value problem using  $L^p$  norms with  $p > n$  on  $\{(t, x): t = \text{const}, x \in \Omega\}$ . The author uses  $L^2$  norms for  $u$  and  $\nabla u$ . He also proves local (in time) existence and uniqueness theorems, which also hold in the large for  $n = 2$  and moreover for  $n = 3$  and small initial data. He applies H. Fujita and T. Kato's method [*Arch. Rational Mech. Anal.* **16** (1964), 269–315; [MR0166499 \(29 #3774\)](#)].

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