

Wave trains bifurcating from Poiseuille flow in viscous compressible fluid

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1. Introduction

- $\rho = \rho(x, t)$, $v = (v^1(x, t), \dots, v^n(x, t))$, $t \geq 0$, $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ($n \geq 2$).

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \operatorname{div}(\rho v) = 0, \\ \rho(\partial_t v + v \cdot \nabla v) - \mu \Delta v - (\mu + \mu') \nabla \operatorname{div} v + \nabla P(\rho) = \rho g. \end{cases}$$

- $P = P(\rho)$: pressure; smooth in ρ ,

$$P'(\rho_*) > 0 \text{ for a constant } \rho_* > 0$$

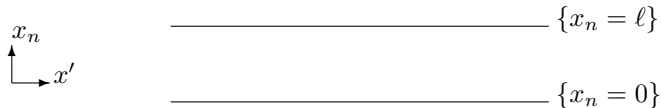
- μ, μ' : const's,

$$\mu > 0, \quad \frac{2}{n} \mu + \mu' \geq 0$$

- g : external force
- Quasilinear hyperbolic-parabolic system

Infinite Layer

- $\Omega_\ell = \{x = (x', x_n); x' = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1}, 0 < x_n < \ell\}$

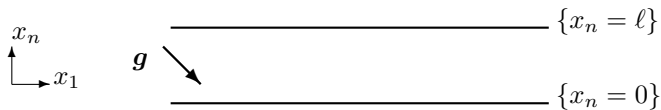


- B.C.:

$$v|_{x_n=0,\ell} = 0.$$

Parallel Flow

- $\mathbf{g} = (g^1(x_n), 0, \dots, 0, g^n(x_n))$; bounded smooth
- (B.C) $v|_{x_n=0,\ell} = 0$



$\Rightarrow \exists$ smooth stationary flow $u_s(x_n) = (\rho_s(x_n), v_s(x_n))$:

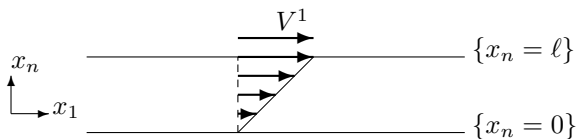
$$\inf_{x_n \in [0, \ell]} \rho_s(x_n) > 0, \quad \frac{1}{\ell} \int_0^\ell \rho_s(x_n) dx_n = \rho_*$$

$$v_s = (v_s^1(x_n), 0, \dots, 0)$$

E.g.,

plane Couette flow

- $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0}$,
- $v|_{x_n=\ell} = (V^1, 0, \dots, 0)$, $v|_{x_n=0} = \mathbf{0}$

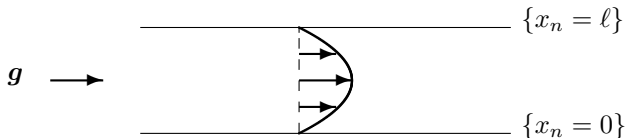


$$\rho_s = \rho_* > 0,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_s = \left(\frac{V^1}{\ell} x_n, 0, \dots, 0 \right).$$

Poiseuille flow

- $\mathbf{g} = (g^1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ($g^1 \equiv \text{const.} \neq 0$)



$$\bar{\rho}_s = \rho_*$$

$$\bar{v}_s = \left(\frac{\rho_* g^1}{2\mu} x_n (\ell - x_n), 0, \dots, 0 \right).$$

3. Stability of Poiseuille flow under incompressible perturbations

- Incompressible Navier-Stokes equation:

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} v = 0, \\ \rho_*(\partial_t v + v \cdot \nabla v) - \mu \Delta v + \nabla p = \rho_* \mathbf{g}. \end{cases}$$

- $w = v - v_s$: perturbation

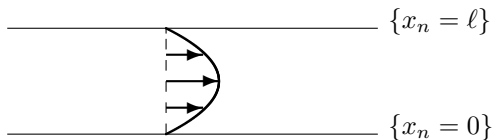
$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} w = 0, \\ \partial_t w - \nu \Delta w + v_s \cdot \nabla w + w \cdot \nabla v_s + w \cdot \nabla w + \nabla p = 0. \end{cases}$$

- Unconditional stability: Reynolds number $\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{\nu}$ ($\mathbf{R} = \frac{\rho_* \ell V}{\mu}$)

$$\mathbf{R} \leq \exists \mathbf{R}_0, \Rightarrow |w(t)|_{L^2} \leq e^{-\delta_0 t} |w_0|_{L^2}.$$

(Energy method + Poincaré inequality)

Poiseuille flow



$$\rho_s = \rho_*,$$

$$v_s = \left(\frac{\rho_* g^1}{2\mu} x_n (\ell - x_n), 0, \dots, 0 \right).$$

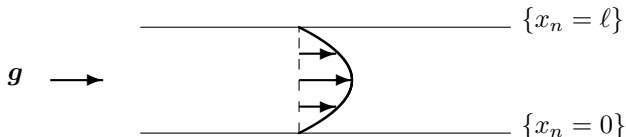
Incompressible case: Orszag (1971) $\exists R_c \sim 5772$ s.t. $R = \frac{\rho_* \ell V}{\mu}$,

$R < R_c \Rightarrow$ exponentially stable under small perturbations

$R > R_c \Rightarrow$ unstable

4. Stability of Poiseuille flow under compressible perturbations

- $\mathbf{g} = (g^1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ($g^1 \equiv \text{const.} \neq 0$)



$$\bar{\rho}_s = \rho_*,$$

$$\bar{v}_s = \left(\frac{\rho_* g^1}{2\mu} x_n (\ell - x_n), 0, \dots, 0 \right).$$

. Equations for Perturbation

- Non-dimensionalization

$$x = \ell \tilde{x}, \quad t = \frac{\ell}{V_0} \tilde{t}, \quad v = V_0 \tilde{v}, \quad \rho = \rho_* \tilde{\rho}, \quad P = \rho_* V_0^2 \tilde{P}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{\rho_* g^1 \ell^2}{\mu}$$

- $\rho_* \mapsto 1, \bar{v}_s \mapsto v_s = (v_s^1, 0, \dots, 0), v_s^1 = \frac{1}{2}x_n(1 - x_n)$
- $u(t) = (\phi(t), w(t)) = (\gamma^2(\rho(t) - 1), v(t) - v_s)$: perturbation

$$\partial_t \phi + v_s^1 \partial_{x_1} \phi + \gamma^2 \operatorname{div} w = f^0,$$

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \partial_t w - \nu \Delta w - \tilde{\nu} \nabla \operatorname{div} w + \nabla \phi \\ - \frac{\nu}{\gamma^2} \phi e_1 + v_s^1 \partial_{x_1} w + w^n \partial_{x_n} v_s^1 e_1 = \mathbf{f}, \end{aligned}$$

- $e_1 = {}^\top(1, 0, \dots, 0), f^0, \mathbf{f}$: nonlinearities

- $\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{P'(\rho_*)}}{8V}, \nu = \frac{\mu}{16\rho_* \ell V}, \tilde{\nu} = \frac{\mu + \mu'}{16\rho_* \ell V}, V = \max |\bar{v}_s| = \frac{\rho_* g^1 \ell^2}{8\mu}.$

- $R = \frac{1}{16\nu}$: Reynolds number, $M = \frac{1}{8\gamma}$: Mach number

- $\Omega_\ell \rightarrow \Omega \equiv \Omega_1$

$$\Omega = \{x = (x', x_n); x' = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1}, 0 < x_n < 1\}$$

$$\text{-----} \{x_n = 1\}$$

$$\text{-----} \{x_n = 0\}$$

- Boundary condition:

$$w|_{x_n=0,1} = 0,$$

- Initial condition:

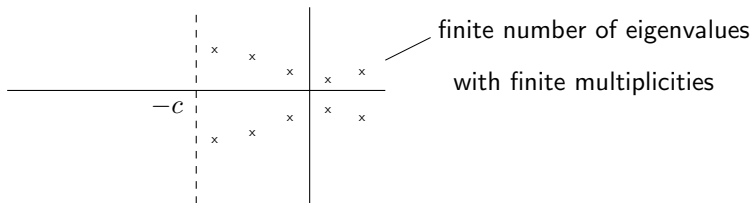
$$(\phi, w)|_{t=0} = (\phi_0, w_0).$$

4-1. Stability under spatially periodic perturbations

Iooss–Padula (1998): Linear stability of parallel flow in a cylindrical domain under spatially periodic perturbations

- $\partial_t u + Lu = 0, \quad u|_{t=0} = u_0.$
- Structure of the spectrum of the linearized operator :

$$\sigma(-L) \cap \{\lambda; \operatorname{Re} \lambda > -c\} = \{\text{finite number of eigenvalues}\}$$



4-2. Stability under local perturbations (non-periodic, decaying at infinity)

Theorem 1 (Y.K., 2012)

$\nu \geq \exists \nu_0 > 0$, $\gamma \geq \exists \gamma_0 > 0$ (i.e., $R \leq \exists R_0$, $M \leq \exists M_0$),

$$\|u_0\|_{(H^m \cap L^1)(\Omega)} \ll 1 \quad (m \geq [n/2] + 1),$$

\Rightarrow

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = O(t^{-\frac{n-1}{4}}) \quad (t \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\|u(t) - \sigma(t)u^{(0)}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = O(t^{-\frac{n-1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}} \eta_n(t)) \quad (t \rightarrow \infty),$$

where $u^{(0)} = u^{(0)}(x_n)$; $\sigma = \sigma(x', t)$:

$$n \geq 3: \quad \partial_t \sigma - \kappa_1 \partial_{x_1}^2 \sigma - \kappa'' \Delta'' \sigma + a_1 \partial_{x_1} \sigma = 0, \quad \sigma|_{t=0} = \int_0^1 \phi_0(x', x_n) dx_n$$

$$\Delta'' = \partial_{x_2}^2 + \cdots + \partial_{x_{n-1}}^2, \quad \eta_n(t) = 1 \quad (n \geq 4), \quad \eta_3(t) = \log(1+t)$$

$$n = 2: \quad \partial_t \sigma - \kappa_1 \partial_{x_1}^2 \sigma + a_1 \partial_{x_1} \sigma + a_2 \partial_{x_1}(\sigma^2) = 0, \quad \sigma|_{t=0} = \int_0^1 \phi_0(x_1, x_2) dx_2,$$

$$\eta_2(t) = t^\delta \quad (\forall \delta > 0).$$

5. Instability of Poiseuille flow (joint work with T. Nishida)

- 2D spatial-periodic perturbations ($\frac{2\pi}{\alpha}$ -periodic in x_1)

$$\Omega_\alpha = \left[-\frac{\pi}{\alpha}, \frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right) \times (0, 1)$$

Linearized Problem

$$\partial_t u + Lu = 0, \quad u = \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ w \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Linearized operator L on $L^2(\Omega_\alpha)$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} v_s^1 \partial_{x_1} & \gamma^2 \operatorname{div} \\ \nabla & -\nu \Delta - \tilde{\nu} \nabla \operatorname{div} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu}{\gamma^2} \mathbf{e}_1 & v_s^1 \partial_{x_1} + (\partial_{x_2} v_s^1) \mathbf{e}_1^\top \mathbf{e}_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$D(L) = \{u = {}^\top(\phi, w) \in L^2(\Omega_\alpha) : w \in H_{0,per}^1(\Omega_\alpha), Lu \in L^2(\Omega_\alpha)\}.$$

Here $\mathbf{e}_1 = {}^\top(1, 0)$, $\mathbf{e}_2 = {}^\top(0, 1) \in \mathbf{R}^2$.

Theorem 2 (T. Nishida - Y.K., 2014)

There are constants $r_0 > 0$, $\eta_0 > 0$ such that if $\alpha \leq r_0$, then

$$\sigma(-L) \cap \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : |\lambda| \leq \eta_0\} = \{\lambda_{\alpha,m} : |m| = 0, 1, \dots, m_1\}$$

for some $m_1 \in \mathbf{N}$. Here $\lambda_{\alpha,m}$ are simple eigenvalues of $-L$;
as $|\alpha m| \rightarrow 0$,

$$\lambda_{\alpha,m} = -\frac{i}{6}\alpha m + \kappa_0 \alpha^2 m^2 + O(|\alpha m|^3),$$

$$\kappa_0 = \frac{1}{12\nu} \left[\left(\frac{1}{280} - \gamma^2 \right) - \frac{\nu}{30\gamma^2} (3\nu + \nu') \right].$$

Therefore, if

$$\gamma^2 < \frac{1}{280} \quad \text{and} \quad 30\gamma^2 \left(\frac{1}{280} - \gamma^2 \right) > \nu(3\nu + \nu'),$$

then $\kappa_0 > 0$ and Poiseuille flow is unstable.

Remark 1

Instability condition: Reynolds number $R = \frac{1}{16\nu}$, Mach number $M = \frac{1}{8\gamma}$

$$M > \sqrt{\frac{35}{8}} \sim 2.09, \quad \frac{1}{35} - \frac{1}{8M^2} > \frac{M^2}{15R} \left(\frac{3}{R} + \frac{1}{R'} \right).$$

For example, if

$$M = 2.5, \quad R = \frac{173}{16} \sim 10.81, \quad \frac{1}{R'} = -\frac{2}{3R} \quad (\text{i.e., } \nu' = -\frac{2\nu}{3}),$$

then instability condition is satisfied, and plane Poiseuille flow is unstable.

Remark 2

- Incompressible case:

Orszag (1971) : Critical Reynolds number $R_c \sim 5772$

$R < R_c \Rightarrow$ stable under small perturbations

$R > R_c \Rightarrow$ unstable

6. Bifurcating traveling waves (Wave Trains) (joint work with T.Nishida)

2D flow: $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $\frac{2\pi}{\alpha}$ -periodic in x_1 , $0 < x_2 < 1$

- $m = \pm 1$

$$\lambda_{\alpha, \pm 1} = \mp \frac{i}{6} \alpha + \kappa_0 \alpha^2 + O(|\alpha|^3),$$

$$\kappa_0 = \frac{1}{12\nu} \left[\left(\frac{1}{280} - \gamma^2 \right) - \frac{\nu}{30\gamma^2} (3\nu + \nu') \right].$$

- γ : fix $\frac{1}{280} - \gamma^2 > 0$
- $\exists \nu_1 > 0$ such that $\kappa_0 < 0$ for $\nu = \nu_1$ and $\text{Re } \lambda_{\alpha, \pm 1} < 0$.
- ν decreases from ν_1 , then $\lambda_{\alpha, \pm 1}$ cross the imaginary axis at some $\nu = \nu_0$.
- ν : Bifurcation parameter

Notation:

$$\lambda_{\alpha, \pm 1} = \lambda_{\alpha, \pm 1}(\nu), \quad L = L_\nu.$$

- For each $0 < \alpha \ll 1$, there exists $\nu_0 > 0$ such that

$$\nu > \nu_0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Re } \lambda_{\alpha, \pm 1}(\nu) < 0;$$

$$\nu = \nu_0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Re } \lambda_{\alpha, \pm 1}(\nu_0) = 0;$$

$$\nu < \nu_0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Re } \lambda_{\alpha, \pm 1}(\nu) > 0.$$

Assumption:

$$\sigma(-L_{\nu_0}) \cap \{\lambda; \operatorname{Re} \lambda = 0\} = \{\lambda_{\alpha,+1}(\nu_0), \lambda_{\alpha,-1}(\nu_0)\}. \quad (1)$$

Theorem 3 (T. Nishida - Y.K., 2015)

Assume that (1) holds true. Then there is a solution branch $\{\nu, u\} = \{\nu_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon\}$ ($|\varepsilon| \ll 1$) such that

$$\nu_\varepsilon = \nu_0 + O(\varepsilon),$$

$$u_\varepsilon = u_\varepsilon(x_1 - c_\varepsilon t, x_2), \quad u_\varepsilon(x_1 + \frac{2\pi}{\alpha}, x_2) = u_\varepsilon(x_1, x_2),$$

$$u_\varepsilon(x_1, x_2) = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} x_2 (1 - x_2) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \alpha x_1 (1 + O(\alpha)) + O(\varepsilon^2),$$

$$\rho(x, t) = 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{2}\gamma^2} \cos \alpha (x_1 - c_\varepsilon t) (1 + O(\alpha)) + O(\varepsilon^2),$$

$$v(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} x_2 (1 - x_2) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{2}\gamma^2} \cos \alpha (x_1 - c_\varepsilon t) (1 + O(\alpha)) \right) + O(\varepsilon^2),$$

$$c_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{6} + O(\alpha^2) + O(\varepsilon).$$

Remark 3

Iooss and Padula showed that, for each ν , there exists a positive number Λ such that the set

$$\sigma(-L_\nu) \cap \{\lambda; \operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq -\Lambda\}$$

consists of a finite number of eigenvalues with finite multiplicities. Therefore, it seems very unlikely that assumption (1) does not hold true.