

Bénard Problem

governing eqs.
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \Pr^{-1} \{ \underline{v}_t + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} \} &= -\nabla P + \nabla^2 \underline{v} + R\theta \underline{k} \\ \theta_t + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \theta &= \nabla^2 \theta + W\theta \\ \nabla \cdot \underline{v} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right.$$

linear stability:

$$\theta = \left\{ A \cos \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} k_x \cos \frac{1}{2} k_y + B \cos k_y \right\} \sin \pi z$$

• note: fn of x, y, z .
• similarly for \underline{v}

$k^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2$ — any geometry was possible with linear theory. These were dependent on k^2 (rolls, rectangles, hexagons).

$$A=0, B \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{roll}$$

$$A \neq 0, B=0 \Rightarrow \text{rectangle}$$

$$A = \pm 2B \Rightarrow \text{hexagon}$$

- How do we get the preferences on structure?
- Get the Landau eq. for A' and B'

$$A' = \nu A - \alpha A^3 - \gamma AB^2$$

$$B' = \nu B - \beta B^3 - \frac{\gamma}{2} A^2 B$$

interaction terms.
from sin & cos terms.

α, β, γ are positive constants

$$\gamma + \beta = 4\alpha$$

$$\nabla = R - R_L$$

• one solution is $A=B=0$ \rightarrow stable $\nabla < 0$
(basic state)

unstable $\nabla > 0$

Other steady solutions

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} = 0 \\ 0 = \nabla A - \alpha A^3 - \gamma AB^2 \\ 0 = \nabla B - \beta B^3 - \frac{1}{2}\gamma A^2 B \end{cases}$$

Solutions:

(1) $A=B=0$

(2) $B=0, A^2 = \frac{\nabla}{\alpha} \quad (\nabla > 0)$

(3) $A=0, B^2 = \frac{\nabla}{\beta} \quad (\nabla > 0)$

(4) $A \neq 0, B \neq 0 \quad (\nabla > 0)$

(4) \rightarrow

$$\begin{cases} \nabla = \alpha A^2 + \gamma B^2 \\ \nabla = \frac{1}{2}\gamma A^2 + \beta B^2 \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow \text{divide thru by } A$$

combining;

$$(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\gamma)A^2 = (\beta - \gamma)B^2$$

$$\alpha, \left(\frac{1}{4}\gamma + \frac{1}{4}\beta - \frac{1}{2}\gamma\right)A^2 = (\beta - \gamma)B^2$$

$$\alpha, \quad \frac{1}{4}(\beta - \gamma)A^2 = (\beta - \gamma)B^2$$

$$\alpha, \quad \boxed{A = \pm 2B} \quad \leftarrow \text{hexagons.}$$

To do stability analysis use:

$$A = \bar{A} + a$$

$$B = \bar{B} + b$$

substitute and linearize.

$$\begin{cases} a' = \alpha a - 3\alpha \bar{A}^2 a - \gamma \bar{B}^2 a - 2\gamma \bar{A} \bar{B} b \\ b' = \beta b - 3\beta \bar{B}^2 b - \gamma \bar{A} \bar{B} a - \frac{1}{2}\gamma \bar{A}^2 b \end{cases}$$

now substitute in $A \neq B$ for cases (2) \rightarrow (4) and calculate eigenvalues (as done before).

This exercise shows that,

Hexagon \rightarrow unstable
 rolls \rightarrow stable
 rectangle \rightarrow unstable

Why do we see hexagons then? Because we modeled problem with free surface on top. free / rigid

In reality, free surface influenced by surface tension. This stabilizes hexagons.

given by $e^{-i\omega t}$; $\omega = \alpha C_r$

Hopf Bifurcation Theorem

3a. 3a. If as R increases through R_c , the real part of one pair of complex conjugate eigenvalues of A changes sign, then a solution bifurcates from $x=0$, $R=R_c$. This solution is periodic with freq. $\omega = \omega(R)$ which goes to ω_0 as $R \rightarrow R_c$, where ω_0 is a freq. of linear eigenfunction at criticality.

4a. If in addition to 3a all the eigenvalues of A have neg. real parts when $R < R_c$, then the bifurcation sol. is stable if supercritical and unstable if subcritical.

Thermal Convection Problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Pr^{-1} \{ \underline{v}_t + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} \} = -\nabla p + \nabla^2 \underline{v} + R\theta \hat{k} \\ \theta_t + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \theta = \nabla^2 \theta + w \\ \nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Free-Free boundary conditions $\rightarrow w = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$
and, $\theta = 0 \rightarrow$ on $z=0,1$

2-D problem: $v = 0$, $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 0$

by continuity, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$

stream fn: $u = \psi_z$, $w = -\psi_x$

Two eqs. are:

after taking curl

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{P}_r^{-1} \left\{ \nabla^2 \psi_z + \psi_z \nabla^2 \psi_x - \psi_x \nabla^2 \psi_z \right\} = \nabla^4 \psi - R\theta \\ \theta_z + \psi_z \theta_x - \psi_x \theta_z = \nabla^2 \theta - \psi_x \end{cases}$$

nonlinear terms

Linear eigenfunction:

$$\theta \sim \cos kx \sin \pi z$$

$$\psi \sim \sin kx \sin \pi z$$

$$R_L = \frac{(k^2 + \pi^2)^3}{k^2}$$

Nonlinear Method:

① - Ignore $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ term (criticality), look for a small, finite amplitude steady solution.

② - Seek a Landau eq. by writing

$$\theta = A(t) \cos kx \sin \pi z$$

$$\psi = B(t) \sin kx \sin \pi z$$

generally: $\theta = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n e^{i n k x} \sin \pi z$

Compute nonlinear contributions due to linear forms.

$$\Psi_z \nabla^2 \Psi_x - \Psi_x \nabla^2 \Psi_z = \pi B \sin kx \cos \pi z (-k^2 - \pi^2) k B \cos kx \cdot$$

$$\cdot \sin \pi z - \left\{ Bk \cos kx \sin \pi z (-k^2 - \pi^2) \cdot \right.$$

$$\left. \cdot \pi B \sin kx \cos \pi z \right\} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

\therefore these terms drop out.

$$\Psi_z \Theta_x - \Psi_x \Theta_z = B\pi \sin kx \cos \pi z (-kA \sin kx \sin \pi z) -$$

$$\left\{ Bk \cos kx \sin \pi z \cdot \pi A \cos kx \cos \pi z \right\}$$

$$= -AB\pi k (\sin^2 kx + \cos^2 kx) \sin \pi z \cos \pi z$$

$$= -\frac{AB\pi k}{2} \sin 2\pi z \quad \text{(note: no } x \text{ dependence only } z \text{ dependence)}$$

• subst. into eqs. of motion, solve for Θ and Ψ .

• solution will be $\Psi = 0$ and $\Theta \sim A_0 \sin 2\pi z$

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$$B_0 = 0$$

③ Now leave in $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ term, put in

$$\Psi = B_1 \sin kx \sin \pi z + \cancel{B_0} + \text{harmonics} \quad \text{truncate}$$

$$\Theta = A_1 \cos kx \sin \pi z + A_0 \sin 2\pi z + \text{harmonics} \quad \text{truncate}$$

substitute into disturbance eqs.

$$Pr^{-1} \left\{ -(k^2 + \pi^2) B_1 \sin kx \sin \pi z \right\} = (k^2 + \pi^2)^2 B_1 \sin kx \sin \pi z + Rk A_1 \sin kx \sin \pi z$$

or,

$$-Pr^{-1} (k^2 + \pi^2) B_1' = (k^2 + \pi^2)^2 B_1 + Rk A_1 \tag{a}$$

Other eq:

$$A_1' \cos kx \sin \pi z + A_0' \sin 2\pi z - \frac{1}{2} A_1 B_1 \pi k \sin \pi z - B_1 k \cos kx \sin \pi z \cdot A_0 2\pi \cos 2\pi z = -(k^2 + \pi^2) A_1$$

$$A_1' \cos kx \sin \pi z - A_0 4\pi^2 \sin 2\pi z - k B_1 \cos kx \sin \pi z$$

note: $\sin \pi z \cos 2\pi z = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\sin \pi z + \sin 3\pi z \right\}$ neglect harmonics

equating like terms,

$$A_1' + A_0 B_1 k \pi = -(k^2 + \pi^2) A_1 - k B_1 \tag{b}$$

$$A_0' - \frac{1}{2} \pi k A_1 B_1 = -4\pi^2 A_0 \tag{c}$$

put $\tau = (k^2 + \pi^2)t$, $A_1 = ka$, $B_1 = (k^2 + \pi^2)b$,

$$A_0 = \frac{a_0}{\tau}$$

we get,

$$-Pr^{-1} (k^2 + \pi^2)^3 b_1' = (k^2 + \pi^2)^3 b_1 + Rk^2 a_1$$

which becomes,

$$\boxed{-P_r^{-1} b_1' = b_1 + \frac{R}{R_L} a_1} \quad (a')$$

and, $(k^2 + \pi^2) k a_1' + k(\pi^2 + k^2) a_0 b_1 = -(k^2 + \pi^2) k a_1 - k(k^2 + \pi^2) b_1$

or,

$$\boxed{a_1' + a_0 b_1 = -a_1 - b_1} \quad (b')$$

and, $\frac{k^2 + \pi^2}{\pi} a_0' - \frac{1}{2} \pi k^2 (\pi^2 + k^2) a_1 b_1 = -\frac{4\pi^2}{\pi} a_0$

or,

$$\boxed{a_0' = \frac{-4\pi^2}{k^2 + \pi^2} a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 k^2 a_1 b_1} \quad (c')$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1' = -a_1 - b_1 - a_0 b_1 \\ b_1' = P_r \left\{ -\gamma a_1 - b_1 \right\} \\ a_0' = -b a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 k^2 a_1 b_1 \end{array} \right. \quad ; \quad \begin{array}{l} \gamma = \frac{R}{R_L} \\ b = \frac{4\pi^2}{\pi^2 + k^2} \end{array}$$

if $a_1 = \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \pi^2 k^2}}$, $b_1 = \frac{B_1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \pi^2 k^2}}$ etc.

then,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_1' = -A_1 - B_1 - A_0 B_1 \\ B_1' = P_r \left\{ -\gamma A_1 - B_1 \right\} \\ A_0' = -b A_0 + A_1 B_1 \end{array} \right. \quad \longrightarrow \text{Lorentz eqs.}$$