

2D Incompressible Euler Equation Linearized at Shear Flows: An Introduction

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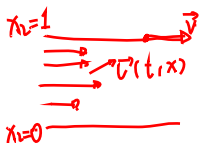
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2D Incompressible Euler Equation

- 2D incompressible Euler equation in a fixed channel
 $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega := \mathbb{T}_L \times (0, 1)$, $\mathbb{T}_L = \mathbb{R} \setminus L\mathbb{Z}$.
 $v = (v_1, v_2)(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^2$: velocity,
 $p = p(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}$: pressure.



$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v + v \cdot \nabla v + \nabla p = 0, & x \in \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot v = 0, & x \in \Omega \\ v_2(x_2 = 0, 1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

- Shear flows:** $v_* = (U(x_2), 0)$, $p_* \equiv 0$.
- Question: **Stability** of this shear flow?

Linearized at Shear Flows

- Linearize at shear flows:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v_2 + U(x_2) \partial_{x_1} v_2 + \partial_{x_2} p = 0, & x \in \Omega \\ \Delta p = -2U'(x_2) \partial_{x_2} v_2, & x \in \Omega \\ \partial_{x_2} p|_{x_2=0,1} = 0, \\ v_2(x_2 = 0, 1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

- Seek an **unstable** solution in the form:

$$v_2(t, x_1, x_2) = e^{ik(x_1 - ct)} y(c, k, x_2) + c.c.$$

$k \in \mathbb{Z}$: wave number, $c = c_R + ic_I \in \mathbb{C}$: wave speed.

$k > 0$, $c_I > 0$

Eigenvalue Problem

- Rayleigh equation:

$$-y''(x_2) + \left(k^2 + \frac{U''(x_2)}{U(x_2) - c}\right)y(x_2) = 0, \quad x_2 \in (0, 1)$$

w/ fixed boundary condition:

$$y(0) = y(1) = 0.$$

- ▷ $y \longleftrightarrow$ vertical component.
- ▷ $\lambda = -ikc$: eigenvalue.
- ▷ $(c, k > 0), c_l > 0$: unstable mode.

Classical Results

When $c \notin U(\overset{[0, 1]}{\cancel{[-h, 0]}})$, let ψ be $y(x_2) = (U(x_2) - c)\psi(x_2)$.

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- No neutral mode, i.e. $(c, k), c \in \mathbb{R}, w/ c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus U([0, 1])$.

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Let $Q := |\psi'|^2 + k^2|\psi|^2 \geq 0$.

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Imaginary part:

$$c_I \int_0^1 \frac{U''(x_2)}{|U(x_2) - c|^2} |y(x_2)|^2 dx_2 = 0.$$

Seek Unstable Eigenvalues

$$\begin{cases} \left(-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{U''}{U-c}\right) y = -k^2 y. \\ -y''(x_2) + \left(k^2 + \frac{U''(x_2)}{U(x_2)-c}\right) y(x_2) = 0, & x_2 \in (0, 1) \\ y(0) = y(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

- Treat k as a parameter.
 - ▶ No eigenvalue $\forall k \gg 1$.
- Continuation argument:
 - ▶ No eigenvalue w/ $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus U([0, 1])$
 - ▶ Semicircle theorem
 - ▶ Analyticity in $c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus U([0, 1])$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(kx) \\ & (-\pi, \pi) \\ & \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

† neutral limiting mode ($c_* \in \mathbb{R}, k_*, y_*$): limit of unstable modes.

- Rayleigh necessary condition.
 $c = U_s$: inflection value of U .

Seek Unstable Eigenvalues

Questions:

- Existence of neutral mode at $c = U_s$?
 - ▶ Class \mathcal{K}^+ : U has exactly one inflection value U_s ,

$$K(x_2) := -\frac{U''(x_2)}{U(x_2) - U_s}, \text{ bounded.}$$

e.g. $\sin(mx_2)$, $\cos(mx_2)$.

- ▶ $-k^2$: an eigenvalue of $-\frac{d^2}{dx_2^2} - K(x_2)$.

Let

$$-k_{\max}^2 = \inf_{y \in H_0^1(0,1)} \frac{\int_0^1 (|y'|^2 - K(x_2)|y|^2) dx_2}{\int_0^1 |y|^2 dx_2}$$

Seek Unstable Eigenvalues

Questions:

- Bifurcation of instability from $(c = U_s, k_{max})$?
- Linear instability when $k > k_{max}$ or $k < k_{max}$?
 - ▶ No eigenvalues for large k .
- Continuation of bifurcation curve?
 - ▶ $k \in (0, k_{max})$?



Linear Instability Arising from Inflection Value

Theorem (Lin, 2003)

If $U \in \mathcal{K}^+$, then

- for any neutral limiting mode (c_s, k_s, y_s) with $k_s > 0$, c_s must be U_s and y_s solves system Rayleigh system with U_s, k_s ,
- $\exists \epsilon_0 < 0$ s.t. for all $\epsilon \in (\epsilon_0, 0)$, there exists an unstable mode $(U_s + c(\epsilon), \sqrt{k_s^2 + \epsilon}, y_\epsilon)$,
- for all $k \in (0, k_{\max})$, there is an unstable mode.

Idea of Proof

- $c_s = U_s.$

$$(-y'' + k^2 y)(U - c) + U'' y = 0.$$

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 \parallel $U''=0 \text{ or } y=0$

- $\|y_n\|_2 \leq C$, where $\{y_n\}_n$: unstable solutions w/ $\{(c_n, k_n)\}_n$.
- $y(\underline{x}_{20}) \neq 0$, where $U(\underline{x}_{20}) = c_s$.

- Seek unstable modes in a cone.

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

$$y(0, c, k)$$



Couette Flow $U(x_2) = x_2$

- Eigenvalue problem $\iff \begin{cases} -y''(x_2) + k^2 y(x_2) = 0, \\ y(0) = y(1) = 0. \end{cases}$

† Only trivial solution \Rightarrow spectrally stable

- $\partial_t \omega + v \cdot \omega = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{linearize}} \partial_t \omega + x_2 \partial_{x_1} \omega = 0.$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(t, x_1, x_2) &= \omega^0(x_1 - tx_2, x_2), \\ &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{ikx_1} e^{-ikx_2 t} \omega_k^0(x_2). \end{aligned}$$

Continuous spectrum: $[0, k] \rightarrow$ inviscid damping.

Couette Flow (Linear Inviscid Damping)

Theorem (Lin-Zeng, 2011) $\int_0^1 v_i^0 dx_i = 0$.

Assume " $\int_0^1 \omega^0(x_1, x_2) dx_1 = 0$." Let $\omega(t, x_1, x_2)$ be the solution of $\partial_t \omega + x_2 \partial_{x_1} \omega = 0$ with $\omega(t=0) = \omega^0(x_1, x_2)$.

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$$S^1 := \{ \phi \in H^1_{x_1 x_2} \mid \phi = \begin{cases} c_1 & x_2=0 \\ c_2 & x_2=1 \end{cases} \}$$

Proof. (1) $S = \{ \phi \in H^1_{x_1 x_2} \mid \phi = 0 \text{ on } \{x_2 = 0, 1\} \}$. $\nabla^\perp \phi = \Gamma$.

$$\int_0^1 \partial_t v_i + v \cdot \nabla v_i + \partial_{x_1} p dx_1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \partial_t \int_0^1 v_i dx_1 = 0$$

$$\| \vec{v} \|_{L^2_x} \leq C \sup_{\phi \in S, \|\Gamma\|_{L^2} \leq 1} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \vec{v} \cdot \Gamma dx_2 dx_1 \quad \int_0^1 v_i^0 dx_1 = 0 \rightarrow \int_0^1 u_i^0 dx_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = c \quad x_2=0, 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\|v_2\|_{L_x^2}^2 &= \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{1}{it^2 k} \left(e^{-itkx_2} \frac{d}{dx_2} (\overline{\psi_{-k} \omega_k^0}) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{d^2}{dx_2^2} (\overline{\psi_{-k} \omega_k^0}) e^{-ikt x_2} dx_2 \right) \\ &\leq C \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{1}{t^2 |k|} \|\overline{\psi_k} \omega_k^0\|_{H_{x_2}^2} \leq C \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{1}{t^2 |k|} \|\psi_k\|_{H_{x_2}^2} \|\omega_k^0\|_{H_{x_2}^2} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{t^2} \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{1}{|k|} \|v_{2k}\|_{L_{x_2}^2} \|\omega_k^0\|_{H_{x_2}^2} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{t^2} \|\omega^0\|_{H_{x_1}^{-1} H_{x_2}^2} \|v_2\|_{L_x^2}\end{aligned}$$

Thank you for your attention!