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ON NORMAL OSCILLATIONS OF A VISCOUS STRATIFIED FLUID

The spectrum of normal oscillations, basis properties of eigenfunctions and other questions were studied.

Let a rigid immovable vessel be partially filled with a heavy viscous incompressible stratified fluid (with coefficient of dynamical viscosity $\mu > 0$). We assume that in an equilibrium state the density of a fluid is a function of the vertical variable x_3 , i.e., $\rho_0 = \rho_0(x_3)$. In this case the gravitational field with constant acceleration $\vec{g} = -g\vec{e}_3$ acts on the fluid, here $g > 0$ and \vec{e}_3 is a unit vector of the vertical axis Ox_3 , which is directed opposite to \vec{g} . Let Ω be a domain filled with a fluid in equilibrium state, S be a rigid wall of the vessel adherent to the fluid, Γ be a free surface of a fluid. We take the origin O of Cartesian coordinate system $Ox_1x_2x_3$ on Γ . Then the equation of the surface Γ has the form $x_3 = 0$.

Let us consider the basic case of stable stratification of the fluid:

$$0 < N_{min}^2 \leq N^2(x_3) \leq N_{max}^2 = N_0^2 < \infty, \quad (1)$$

$$N^2(x_3) = -\frac{g\rho_0'(x_3)}{\rho_0(x_3)}, \quad \rho_0(0) > 0,$$

where $N^2(x_3)$ is square frequency of buoyancy.

In equilibrium state the pressure in a fluid is distributed under the law:

$$p_0 = p_0(x_3) = p_0(0) - g \int_0^{x_3} \rho_0(\tau) d\tau. \quad (2)$$

Consider small motions of a fluid near equilibrium state. We denote by $p = p(x, t)$, where $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega$, the difference of a pressure field from equilibrium field (2), and by $\rho = \rho(x, t)$ the difference of density field from initial field $\rho_0(x_3)$. We denote also the small velocity field in a fluid by $\vec{u}(x, t)$ and a vertical displacement of a free surface from equilibrium one by $\zeta(\hat{x}, t)$, $\hat{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in \Gamma$. In the sequel, we suppose the unknown function $\vec{u}(x, t)$, $p(x, t)$, $\rho(x, t)$ and $\zeta(\hat{x}, t)$ are infinitesimal of the first order.

Consider linearized Navier-Stokes equations which describe small motion of a viscous stratified fluid, and also boundary conditions and initial data. The initial boundary value problem has the form (see, for instance, [1], [3]):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} &= \rho_0^{-1}(x_3)(-\nabla p - g\rho\vec{e}_3 + \mu\Delta\vec{u}) + \vec{f}(x, t) \quad (\text{in } \Omega), \\ \text{div } \vec{u} &= 0, \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \rho_0 \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad (\text{in } \Omega), \\ \vec{u} &= \vec{0} \quad (\text{on } S), \quad \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} = u_n = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{n} \quad (\text{on } \Gamma), \quad \int_{\Gamma} \zeta d\zeta = 0, \\ \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_i} \right) &= 0 \quad (i = 1, 2; \text{on } \Gamma), \quad -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} = -g\rho_0(0)\zeta \quad (\text{on } \Gamma), \\ \vec{u}(x, 0) &= \vec{u}^0(x), \quad \rho(x, 0) = \rho^0(x) \quad (x \in \Omega), \quad \zeta(\hat{x}, 0) = \zeta_0(\hat{x}) \quad (\hat{x} \in \Gamma). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Fist let us introduce the following functional spaces.

a) Denote by $\bar{L}_2(\Omega, \rho_0)$ the space of vector-functions with inner product

$$(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \rho_0(x_3) \bar{u}(x) \overline{\bar{v}(x)} d\Omega.$$

For this space the orthogonal decomposition $\bar{L}_2(\Omega, \rho_0) = \bar{J}_0(\Omega, \rho_0) \oplus \bar{G}_{h,S}(\Omega, \rho_0) \oplus \bar{G}_{0,\Gamma}(\Omega, \rho_0)$ holds ([3]). Here

$$\bar{J}_0(\Omega, \rho_0) = \{ \bar{u} \in \bar{L}_2(\Omega, \rho_0) : \text{div} \bar{u} = 0 \text{ (in } \Omega), \quad u_n := \bar{u} \cdot \bar{n} = 0 \text{ (on } \partial\Omega) \},$$

$$\bar{G}_{h,S}(\Omega, \rho_0) = \{ \bar{v} \in \bar{L}_2(\Omega, \rho_0) : \bar{v} = \rho_0^{-1} \nabla p, \quad \bar{v} \cdot \bar{n} = 0 \text{ (on } S), \quad \nabla \cdot \bar{v} = 0 \text{ (in } \Omega), \quad \int_{\Gamma} p d\Gamma = 0 \},$$

$$\bar{G}_{0,\Gamma}(\Omega, \rho_0) = \{ \bar{w} \in \bar{L}_2(\Omega, \rho_0) : \bar{w} = \rho_0^{-1} \nabla \varphi, \quad \varphi = 0 \text{ (on } \Gamma) \}.$$

b) Denote by $L_2(\Gamma)$ the space of function with inner product $(\zeta, \eta)_0 = \int_{\Gamma} \zeta(\hat{x}) \overline{\eta(\hat{x})} d\Gamma$.

Denote by $\mathfrak{S}_2(\Omega)$ the space of scalar-function with inner product

$$(\varphi, \psi) = g^2 \int_{\Omega} [\rho_0(x_3) N^2(x_3)]^{-1} \varphi \bar{\psi} d\Omega.$$

Further, consider auxiliary boundary value problems and corresponding operators.

Problem 1. Solve the following boundary value problem in unknown function $p_1(x)$:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_0^{-1} \cdot \nabla p_1) = 0 \quad (\text{in } \Omega), \quad \rho_0^{-1}(x_3) \cdot \nabla p_1 \cdot \bar{n} = 0 \quad (\text{on } S),$$

$$\rho_0^{-1}(0) p_1 = \psi \quad (\text{on } \Gamma), \quad \int_{\Gamma} \psi d\Gamma = 0.$$

Let $p_1(x)$ be a solution of Problem 1 for $\psi \in H_{\Gamma}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ($H_{\Gamma}^{\frac{1}{2}} = H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma) \cap H_0$; $H_0 = L_2(\Gamma) \oplus \{1_{\Gamma}\}$ and $H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$ is the space of Sobolev-Slobodetskiij [1]). Then $\rho_0^{-1}(x_3) \nabla p_1 \in \bar{G}_{h,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$ and $\rho_0^{-1}(x_3) \nabla p_1 = G\psi$, where $G : H_{\Gamma}^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \bar{G}_{h,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$ is linear bounded operator.

Problem 2. Solve the following boundary value problem in unknown function $\bar{u} \in \bar{J}_{0,S}^1(\Omega, \rho_0)$ and $\rho_0^{-1} \nabla p_2 \in \bar{G}(\Omega, \rho_0)$:

$$\rho_0^{-1}(x_3) \nabla p_2 - P_{0,S}(\rho_0^{-1} \mu \Delta \bar{u}) = \bar{f}_1, \quad \text{div} \bar{u} = 0 \text{ (on } \Omega),$$

$$\bar{u} = \bar{0} \text{ (on } S), \quad \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0 \text{ (} i = 1, 2, \text{ on } \Gamma), \quad -p_2 + 2\mu \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} = 0 \text{ (on } \Gamma),$$

where $P_{0,S}$ is orthoprojector on the subspace $\bar{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0) := \bar{J}_0(\Omega, \rho_0) \oplus \bar{G}_{h,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$.

The solution of this problem can be written in the form $\bar{u} = \mu^{-1} A^{-1} \bar{f}$, where the operator A is self-adjoint and positive definite (strictly positive) operator, and has the following properties:

1. $D(A) \subset D(A^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \bar{J}_{0,S}^1(\Omega, \rho_0) \subset \bar{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$, $\bar{D}(A) = \bar{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$.
2. Operator A has a discrete spectrum $\{\lambda_n(A)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ with accommodation point $+\infty$.
3. Inverse operator A^{-1} is compact and positive and acts in the space $\bar{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$.

Using the operators defined above and auxiliary boundary value problems, we can formulate the problem (3) as Cauchy problem for differential operator equation in Hilbert space:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \zeta \\ \rho \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mu A & gG & C \\ -\gamma_n & 0 & 0 \\ -C^* & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \zeta \\ \rho \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{f}_{0,S} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$(\vec{u}(0), \zeta(0), \rho(0))^t = (\vec{u}^0, \zeta^0, \rho^0)^t, \quad (5)$$

$$(\vec{u}, \zeta, \rho)^t \in \bar{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0) \oplus H_0 \oplus \mathfrak{S}_2(\Omega) =: \mathcal{H},$$

where $C^*u := -\nabla\rho_0 \cdot \vec{u}$, $C\rho := P_{0,S}(\rho_0^{-1}(x_3)g\rho\vec{e}_3)$ and $\|C\| = \|C^*\| \leq N_0$, γ_n is trace operator of normal velocity component: $\gamma_n\vec{u} := u_n = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{n}|_\Gamma$ ($\vec{u} \in \bar{J}_{0,S}^1(\Omega, \rho_0)$).

Lemma 1. a) The operator γ_n can be expanded to operator $\tilde{\gamma}_n$ with the domain $D(\tilde{\gamma}_n) = \{\vec{v} \in \bar{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0) : \tilde{\gamma}_n\vec{v} \in L_{2,\Gamma}\}$ and in this case operator $\tilde{\gamma}_n$ is operator adjoint to the operator G from problem 1: $\tilde{\gamma}_n = G^*$. b) For operators A and $\tilde{\gamma}_n$ the following inclusions hold:

$$D(A) \subset D(A^{1/2}) = \bar{J}_{0,S}^1(\Omega, \rho_0) \subset D(\tilde{\gamma}_n).$$

We connect with the problem (4) the operator matrix

$$\mathcal{A}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} A & G & C \\ -G^* & 0 & 0 \\ -C^* & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which has dense in \mathcal{H} domain $D(\mathcal{A}_0) = D(A) \oplus D(G) \oplus \mathfrak{L}_2(\Omega)$. It turns out that the operator \mathcal{A}_0 is not closed and therefore is not maximal accretive one.

Put $y(t) := (\vec{u}, \zeta, \rho)^t = e^{at}(\vec{v}, \eta, \sigma)^t$. Then we have the following Cauchy problem from (4)

$$dy/dt + \mathcal{A}_a y = f(t), \quad y(0) = y^0, \quad (6)$$

where $\mathcal{A}_a = \mathcal{A}_0 + aI$, I is the identity operator in \mathcal{H} .

Theorem 1. The closure $\mathcal{A} := \overline{\mathcal{A}_a}$ of the operator \mathcal{A}_a is a maximal accretive operator. In addition

$$D(\mathcal{A}) = \{(\vec{v}, \eta, \sigma)^t \in \mathcal{H} : \vec{v} \in D(A_a^{\frac{1}{2}}), \vec{v} + A_a^{-\frac{1}{2}}Q_1^*\eta \in D(A_a)\}, \quad (7)$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_a^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} I & Q_1^* & Q_2^* \\ -Q_1 & aI & 0 \\ -Q_2 & 0 & aI \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} A_a^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

where $A_a = A + aI$, $Q_1 := G^*A_a^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, $Q_2 := C^*A_a^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

Consider the homogeneous problem

$$dy/dt + \mathcal{A}y = 0, \quad (9)$$

and its solution of the form

$$y(t) = y \cdot \exp(-\lambda t). \quad y \in \mathcal{H}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (10)$$

We shall call solution (10) by normal oscillations. Substituting function (10) into (9), we obtain the spectral problem

$$\mathcal{A}y = \lambda y, \quad y \in D(\mathcal{A}). \quad (11)$$

Here \mathcal{A} is the matrix operator defined by formulae (7), (8). We shall call \mathcal{A} the operator associated with initial boundary value problem (3).

The operator \mathcal{A} has the following properties.

Lemma 2. The operator \mathcal{A} has bounded inverse one \mathcal{A}^{-1} such that $\|\mathcal{A}^{-1}\| \leq a^{-1}$. The spectrum $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ of the operator \mathcal{A} belongs to the domain

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}\lambda \geq a\}. \quad (12)$$

In this the point $\lambda = a$ is infinite multiple eigenvalue and some set of equilibrium states of viscous stratified fluid corresponds to it: $\vec{v} = 0$, $\eta = 0$, $\sigma = \sigma(x_3) \in L_2(x_{3,\min}, x_{3,\max})$.

The further investigation is based on the theory of linear operators that are self-adjoint in Hilbert space with indefinite metric [2]. Let us introduce the following notations: $\mathfrak{K}_+ := \vec{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$, $\mathfrak{K}_- := H_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_2(\Omega)$.

Lemma 3. 1. The operator matrix A and its inverse A^{-1} are \mathcal{J} -selfadjoint operators with $\mathcal{J} := \text{diag}(I_{\mathfrak{K}_+}, I_{\mathfrak{K}_-})$, where $I_{\mathfrak{K}_+}$ and $I_{\mathfrak{K}_-}$ are identity operators in \mathfrak{K}_+ and \mathfrak{K}_- , respectively. Spectrum $\sigma(A)$ of the operator A is symmetrical with respect to the real axis and is located in domain (12).

2. Essential (limiting) spectrum $\sigma_{ess}(A)$ of the operator A coincides with the set $\{a\} \cup \{\infty\}$.
3. Eigenelements corresponding to infinite multiple eigenvalue $\lambda = a$ are negative and has no associate elements.

Lemma 4. Problem (11) has countable set of (finite-multiple) positive eigenvalues $\{\lambda_k^+\}_{k=1}^\infty$ with a unique accumulation point $\lambda = +\infty$ and eigenelements $\{y_k^+\}_{k=1}^\infty$, $y_k^+ = (\bar{v}_k^+, \eta_k^+, \sigma_k^+)^t \in \mathcal{H}$, such that the set of projections $\{\bar{v}_k^+\}_{k=1}^\infty$ onto $\vec{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$ form Riesz basis with a finite defect in the space $\vec{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$. This Riesz basis is a p_0 -basis (with a finite defect) in $\vec{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0)$ for $p_0 > 3/4$.

Lemma 5. Problem (11) has countable set (finite multiple) positive eigenvalues $\{\lambda_k^-\}_{k=1}^\infty$, $\lambda_k^- > a > 0$, with unique accumulation point $\lambda = a$ and eigenelements $\{y_k^-\}_{k=1}^\infty$, $y_k^- = (\bar{v}_k^-, \eta_k^-, \sigma_k^-)^t \in \mathcal{H}$, such that the set of projections $(\eta_k^-, \sigma_k^-)^t$ onto $H_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_2(\Omega)$ form Riesz basis with a finite defect in the space $H_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_2(\Omega)$. This Riesz basis is a p_0 -basis (with a finite defect) in $H_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_2(\Omega)$ for $p_0 > 3/4$.

We denote by $F_0(A)$ the closure of linear hull of eigenelements of the operator A corresponding to the finite multiple eigenvalues, and by $F(A)$ we denote the closure of linear hull of root elements, respectively.

As a corollary of Lemma 4 and Lemma 5, we have the following result.

Theorem 2. For the operator A from problem (11), the following assertions hold:

1. $\dim(F(A)/F_0(A)) < \infty$.
2. $\mathcal{H} = F(A)$, i.e., the closure of linear hull of root elements of the operator A coincides with the whole $\mathcal{H} = \vec{J}_{0,S}(\Omega, \rho_0) \oplus H_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_2(\Omega)$.
3. $\mathcal{H} = F_0(A)$ iff there are no adjoint elements corresponding to the nonreal eigenvalue λ of the operator A , i.e., $\mathcal{L}_\lambda(A) = \ker(A - \lambda I)$.
4. If $\mathcal{H} = F_0(A)$ (respectively $\mathcal{H} = F(A)$), then there exists nearly \mathcal{J} -orthonormal Riesz basis formed by eigenelements (respectively root elements) of the operator A .
5. If $F_0(A) = \mathcal{H}$, then \mathcal{J} -orthonormal basis in the space \mathcal{H} formed by eigenelements of the operator A exists iff $\sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{R}$.
6. Above-mentioned bases can be chosen as p -bases for $p > 3/2$.

It can be proved that the solutions of spectral problem (11) are directly connected with the solutions of the problem in the form a some operator pencil.

Theorem 3. Let λ_0 be a finite multiple eigenvalue of the operator A and elements y_0, y_1, \dots, y_k be the chain of eigenelement and associated to it, $y_j = (\bar{v}_j, \eta_j, \sigma_j)^t$, $j = \overline{0, k}$. Then $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k$, $\varphi_j = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \bar{v}_j$, form the chain of eigenelement and associated to it (in M.V. Keldysh's sense) for the operator pencil:

$$L(\lambda) = I - \lambda A^{-1} - \lambda^{-1}(B + E), \tag{13}$$

$$B := \tilde{Q}_1^* \tilde{Q}_1 \in \mathfrak{S}_\infty, \quad E := \tilde{Q}_2^* \tilde{Q}_2 \in \mathfrak{S}_\infty, \quad \tilde{Q}_1 := G^* A^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \tilde{Q}_2 := C^* A^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

and these elements correspond to eigenvalue $\lambda = \lambda_0 - a$.

Inversely, to each chain $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k$ of eigen- and associated to it, elements of the pencil (13) and eigenvalue λ_0 — a there corresponds the chain of root elements y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k of the operator A and eigenvalue λ_0 , where

$$y_j = (\bar{v}_j, \eta_j, \sigma_j)^t = (A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\varphi_j, \bar{Q}_1 \sum_{i=0}^j (a - \lambda_0)^{i-j-1} \varphi_i, \bar{Q}_2 \sum_{i=0}^j (a - \lambda_0)^{i-j-1} \varphi_i)^t, \quad j = \overline{0, k}. \quad (14)$$

As a corollary of Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 we have the following assertion.

Theorem 4. For the operator A the following properties are valid.

1. Nonreal eigenvalues of the operator A and those real ones to which there correspond associated elements are located in the segment

$$M := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} \lambda - a \geq \mu(2\|A^{-1}\|)^{-1}, \quad |\lambda - a| \leq 2\mu^{-1}\|gB + E\|\}$$

of complex domain \mathbb{C} . To this finite set of eigenvalues there correspond neutral eigenelements of the operator A . Conversely, to neutral eigenelements of the operator A there correspond eigenvalues that are located in the segment M and for real eigenvalues the operator A has associated elements.

2. Eigenvalues λ_k^+ corresponding to the positive eigenelements from nonnegative invariant subspace \mathcal{L}_+ are located on interval $(a + 2\mu^{-1}\|gB + E\|, \infty)$. Respectively, eigenvalues λ_k^- corresponding to negative eigenelements from nonpositive invariant subspace \mathcal{L}_- are located on the interval $[a, a + \mu(2\|A^{-1}\|)^{-1}]$.

3. If condition $4\|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|gB + E\| < \mu^2$ holds, then the operator A has no nonreal eigenvalues, neutral eigenelements and also associated elements. Here the union of normalized eigenelements $\{y_k^+\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{L}_+$ and $\{y_k^-\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{L}_-$ form \mathcal{J} -orthonormal basis in the space \mathcal{H} .

4. For eigenvalues λ_k^+ and λ_k^- two-side estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\lambda_k(A) - 2\mu^{-1}\|gB + E\| &\leq \lambda_k^+ - a \leq \mu\lambda_k(A), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \mu^{-1}\lambda_k(gB + E) &\leq \lambda_k^- - a \leq \mu^{-1}\lambda_k(gB + E)/[1 - 2\mu^{-2}\lambda_k(gB + E)\|A^{-1}\|], \end{aligned}$$

and asymptotic formulas

$$\lambda_k^+ = \mu\lambda_k(A) + O(1) = \mu c_a^{-\frac{2}{3}} k^{\frac{2}{3}} [1 + o(1)] \quad c_a = (3\pi^2)^{-1} \int_{\Omega} [\rho_0(x_3)]^{\frac{2}{3}} d\Omega,$$

$$\lambda_k^- = a + \mu^{-1}\lambda_k(gB + E)[1 + o(1)] \quad (k \rightarrow \infty), \text{ hold.}$$

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