

$$(\partial_t - \nu \Delta) \Delta_h \psi = \hat{z} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{b})$$

$$(\partial_t - \nu \Delta) \Delta \Delta_h \phi = -\hat{z} \cdot (\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{b})$$

$$r = R$$

$$z = \pm h$$

$$\Delta^2 \partial_\theta \psi - r \Delta \partial_{rz} \psi = 0$$

$$\Delta \Delta_h \psi = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \psi_\theta + \phi_{rz} = 0$$

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$$\Delta_h \phi = 0$$

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$$-\psi_r + \frac{1}{r} \phi_{\theta z} = 0$$

$$-\psi_r + \frac{1}{r} \phi_{\theta z} = r \Omega_\pm$$

$$\phi = 0$$

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$$E f_\psi^P = b_\psi \quad f_\psi^P|_0 = 0$$

$$E f_\psi^{ki} = 0$$

$$f_\psi^{1i}(j) = \delta_{ij} \quad f_\psi^{2i}(j) = 0$$

$$\Delta_h \psi^P = f_\psi^P \quad \psi^P|_0 = 0$$

$$\Delta_h \psi^{ki} = f_\psi^{ki}$$

$$\psi^{1i}(j) = 0 \quad \psi^{2i}(j) = \delta_{ij}$$

$$E g_\phi^P = b_\phi \quad g_\phi^P|_0 = 0$$

$$E g_\phi^i = 0$$

$$g_\phi^i(j) = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\Delta f_\phi^P = g_\phi^P \quad f_\phi^P|_0 = 0$$

$$\Delta f_\phi^i = g_\phi^i$$

$$f_\phi^i(j) = 0$$

$$\Delta_h \phi^P = f_\phi^P \quad \phi^P|_0 = 0$$

$$\Delta_h \phi^i = f_\phi^i$$

$$\phi^i(j) = 0$$

Particular solutions

Homogeneous solutions

$$\psi = \psi^P + \sum_{i \in B} \sum_{k=1}^2 c_\psi^{ki} \psi^{ki}$$

$$\phi = \phi^P + \sum_{i \in B} c_\phi^i \phi^i$$

$$0 = \left( \frac{1}{r} \psi_\theta + \phi_{rz} \right)(j) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta \psi^P(j)} + \sum_{i \in B} \sum_{k=1}^2 c_\psi^{ki} \underbrace{\frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta \psi^{ki}(j)} + \underbrace{\partial_{rz} \phi^P(j)} + \sum_{i \in B} c_\phi^i \underbrace{\partial_{rz} \phi^i(j)}$$

$$\underbrace{0}_{r \Omega_\pm} = \underbrace{\left( -\psi_r + \frac{1}{r} \phi_{\theta z} \right)(j)} = \underbrace{-\partial_r \psi^P(j)} + \sum_{i \in B} \sum_{k=1}^2 c_\psi^{ki} \underbrace{\left( -\partial_r \psi^{ki}(j) \right)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{r} \partial_{\theta z} \phi^P(j)} + \sum_{i \in B} c_\phi^i \underbrace{\frac{1}{r} \partial_{\theta z} \phi^i(j)}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{rhs vector}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} r \Delta \partial_{rz} \psi - \Delta^2 \partial_\theta \psi \\ \Delta \Delta_h \psi \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{influence matrix}} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{r} \Delta \partial_{rz} \psi^P(j) + \sum_{i \in B} \sum_{k=1}^2 c_\psi^{ki} \frac{1}{r} \Delta \partial_{rz} \psi^{ki}(j) - \Delta^2 \partial_\theta \phi^P(j) \right)}_{\text{rhs vector}} - \underbrace{\sum_{i \in B} c_\phi^i \Delta^2 \partial_\theta \phi^i(j)}_{\text{rhs vector}}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$  = elements of rhs vector

$\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$  = elements of influence matrix

Questions:

- 1) Substrate function satisfying BCs  $u_0 = r\Omega_{\pm}$  at  $z = \pm h$
- 2) Special operator  $E$  ensuring that  $\Delta \Delta_h \psi = 0$  at  $z = \pm h$   
 $(\partial_z - \gamma \Delta) \Delta_h \psi = h \psi$

$$u_0^{BC} = r l(z) \text{ where } l(z) = \frac{\Omega_+ - \Omega_-}{2h} z + \frac{\Omega_+ + \Omega_-}{2}$$

$$\vec{u} = \nabla \times \psi \hat{e}_z + \nabla \times \nabla \times \phi \hat{e}_z$$

$$\nabla \times \psi \hat{e}_z = \hat{e}_r \frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta \psi - \hat{e}_\theta \partial_r \psi$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \phi \hat{e}_z = \underbrace{\hat{e}_r \partial_{zr} \phi + \hat{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \partial_{z\theta} \phi}_{\Delta_h \partial_z \phi} - \hat{e}_z \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{r} \partial_r r \partial_r \phi + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 \phi \right)}_{\Delta_h \phi}$$

$$u_r = \frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta \psi + \partial_{zr} \phi$$

$$u_\theta = -\partial_r \psi + \frac{1}{r} \partial_{z\theta} \phi$$

$$u_z = -\Delta_h \phi$$

$$\Delta \vec{u} = \hat{e}_r \left( \Delta u_r - \frac{z}{r^2} \partial_\theta u_\theta \right) + \hat{e}_\theta \left( \Delta u_\theta + \frac{z}{r^2} \partial_\theta u_r \right) + \hat{e}_z \Delta u_z$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{u} = \hat{e}_r \left( \frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta u_z - \partial_z u_\theta \right) + \hat{e}_\theta \left( \partial_z u_r - \partial_r u_z \right) + \hat{e}_z \left( \frac{1}{r} \partial_r r u_\theta - \frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta u_r \right)$$

$$= \hat{e}_r \left( -\frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta \Delta_h \phi + \partial_{zr} \psi - \frac{1}{r} \partial_{z\theta} \phi \right)$$

$$+ \hat{e}_\theta \left( \frac{1}{r} \partial_{z\theta} \psi + \partial_{zr} \phi + \Delta_h \partial_r \phi \right)$$

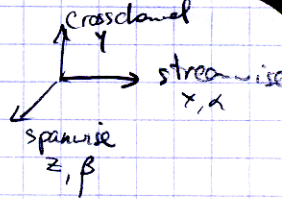
$$+ \hat{e}_z \left( \frac{1}{r} \partial_r r \partial_r \psi + \frac{1}{r} \partial_{z\theta} \phi - \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 \psi - \frac{1}{r} \partial_{z\theta} r \phi \right)$$

$$= \hat{e}_r \left( \partial_{zr} \psi - \frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta \Delta \phi \right) + \hat{e}_\theta \left( \frac{1}{r} \partial_{z\theta} \psi + \partial_r \Delta \phi \right) + \hat{e}_z \left( -\Delta_h \psi \right)$$

$$= \nabla_h \partial_z \psi - \nabla \times \Delta \phi \hat{e}_z - \hat{e}_z \Delta_h \psi$$

# Plane Channel Flow

$$\vec{U} = U(y)\hat{e}_x$$



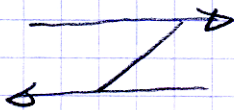
Plane Poiseuille

$$U(y) = 1 - y^2$$



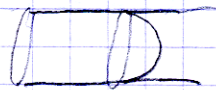
Plane Couette

$$U(y) = y$$



Pipe Poiseuille

$$U(r) = 1 - r^2$$



Linear instability  
for  $Re = 5772$   
(first numerical result  
of spectral methods)

turb for  $Re \geq 1000$

Linearly stable for  
all  $Re$   
(proved, Romanov)

Lab & comp:  
turb for  $Re \geq 325$

thought linearly  
stable for all  $Re$

turb for  $Re > 2000$

What is linear stability?

Reynolds Orr equation: Take  $U, p$  for  $U, p$  satisfying N-S

$$\frac{\partial(U+u)}{\partial t} + (U+u) \cdot \nabla(U+u) = -\nabla(P+p) + \nu \nabla^2(U+u) \quad \nabla \cdot (U+u) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + U \cdot \nabla u + u \cdot \nabla U = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 u \quad \nabla \cdot u = 0$$

Scalar product with  $u$  to derive eq for disturbance energy

$$u_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_i U_j \partial_j u_i + u_i u_j \partial_j U_i + u_i u_j \partial_j u_i = -u_i \partial_i p + \nu u_i \partial_j^2 u_i$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} u_i^2 \right) + U_j \partial_j \left( \frac{1}{2} u_i^2 \right) = -u_i u_j S_{ij} - 2\nu s_{ij}^2 - \partial_j \left( \frac{1}{2} u_i u_i u_j + u_j p - 2\nu u_i S_{ij} \right)$$

Reynolds Orr equation:

$$\frac{\partial E_v}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{1}{2} u_i^2 = - \int u_i u_j S_{ij} - \frac{2}{R} \int s_{ij}^2$$

$\uparrow$  exchange energy with mean flow  
 $\uparrow$  dissipation

$$\text{where } S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

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No nonlinear terms  $u_i u_j u_k$

So energy of perturbation grows via linear mechanisms below  $Re$ , no non-linear

Instantaneous growth rate  $\frac{1}{E_v} \frac{\partial E_v}{\partial t}$  is independent of disturbance amplitude

	$Re_E$	$Re_L$
plane Poiseuille	49.6	5772
plane Couette	20.7	$\infty$
pipe Poiseuille	81.5	$\infty$
Blasius	—	315

Linear stability eqns for  $U(y) \hat{e}_x$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial x} + v U' \hat{e}_x = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{R} \nabla^2 \vec{u} \quad \text{and } \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \nabla \cdot u}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \left( U \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial (v U')}{\partial x}} = -\nabla^2 p + \frac{1}{R} \nabla^2 \nabla \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$0 \quad U \frac{\partial \nabla \cdot \vec{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial x} \cdot \nabla U + U' \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad 0$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} U' + U' \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \nabla^2 p = -2U' \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \nabla^2 v}{\partial t} + \nabla^2 \left( U \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{\partial \nabla^2 p}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{R} \nabla^4 v$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \left( U \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + 2 \nabla U \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + U \nabla^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( -2U' \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{R} \nabla^4 v \\ U'' \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + 2U' \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} + U \frac{\partial \nabla^2 v}{\partial x} &= 2U' \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + 2U'' \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \nabla^2 v}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \nabla^2 v}{\partial x} - U'' \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{R} \nabla^4 v = 0$$

$$\left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \nabla^2 - U'' \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{R} \nabla^4 \right] v = 0$$

Orr-Sommerfeld equation for velocity normal to plates

Normal vorticity:  $\eta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{R} \nabla^2 \right] \eta = -U' \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$

BCs  $u, v, w = 0$  at walls at  $y = \pm 1$

$$\begin{aligned} v, v', \eta = 0 & \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \text{ at walls} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ at walls} \\ \text{at walls} & \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ at walls} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ at walls} \end{aligned}$$

$v, v', \eta$  bounded in far field

Equations are homogeneous in  $x, z, t \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \eta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \eta \end{pmatrix}(y) e^{i\alpha x} e^{i\beta z} e^{-i\alpha c t}$

$c$  may be complex  
 $C_i > 0 \Rightarrow$  instability

$$\left[ (-i\alpha c + U i\alpha) (D^2 - k^2) - U'' i\alpha - \frac{1}{R} (D^2 - k^2)^2 \right] v = 0$$

$$k^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

$$\left[ -i\alpha c + U i\alpha - \frac{1}{R} (D^2 - k^2) \right] \eta = -U' i\beta v$$

$$D \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

Note  $v$  eqn stable alone but  $\eta$  eqn forced by  $v$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ B & C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rayleigh equation: OS without viscosity (1880)

$$[-i\alpha + U\alpha] (D^2 - k^2) - U''\alpha v = 0$$

$$(D^2 - k^2)v = \frac{U''\alpha v}{-i\alpha + U\alpha} = \frac{U''v}{U-c}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dy v^* (D^2 - k^2)v = \int_{-1}^1 dy \frac{v^* U'' v}{U-c}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dy \frac{|v|^2 U''}{U-c} = \int_{-1}^1 dy \frac{|v|^2 U''}{|U-c|^2} (U - (c_r - i c_i)) = \int_{-1}^1 dy \frac{|v|^2 U''}{(U-c)^2} (U-c_r) + c_i \int_{-1}^1 dy \frac{|v|^2 U''}{|U-c|^2}$$

Imag part of eqn:  $c_i \int_{-1}^1 dy \frac{|v|^2 U''}{|U-c|^2} = 0$

Instability:  $c_i > 0 \Rightarrow$  integral must be zero  $\Rightarrow U''$  must change sign somewhere  
 $\Rightarrow U$  must have inflection point  $U''=0$

Fjortoft used real part of eqn to conclude that  $U'$  must be max (not min) for instability

Return to OS: Squire's Theorem (1933)

$$[(U-c)(D^2 - k^2) - U'' - \frac{1}{i\alpha R} (D^2 - k^2)^2] v = 0$$

$$[(U-c)(D^2 - \alpha^2) - U'' - \frac{1}{i\alpha R} (D^2 - \alpha^2)^2] v = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha} &= k \\ \tilde{\alpha} R &= \alpha R \\ \tilde{\beta} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

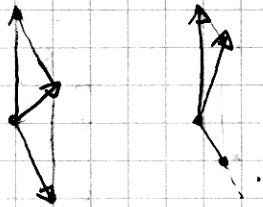
$$\Rightarrow (\alpha, \beta, R) \Rightarrow (\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}, 0, \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}} R)$$

higher x wavenumber  
 lower x wavenumber  
 2D only  
 lower Reynolds #

$\Rightarrow$  solve only 2D problem

But 2D results don't explain transition to turbulence

# Transient growth



Laurette Tuckerman  
Georgia Tech Lecture Nov 7 '02  
"All that is known about pipe  
and channel flows"

$$u = \sum c_k \psi_k$$

$$A u_k = \lambda_k u_k \text{ with all } |\lambda_k| < 1$$

If  $\psi_k$  orthogonal

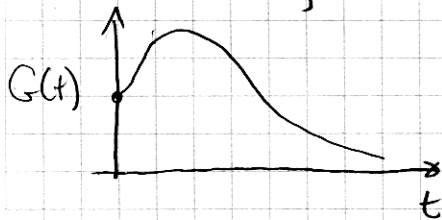
$$1 = \|u\|^2 = \sum c_k^2 \|\psi_k\|^2 = \sum c_k^2$$

$$1 = \|A u\|^2 = \sum c_k^2 \lambda_k^2 \|\psi_k\|^2 = \sum c_k^2 \lambda_k^2 < \sum c_k^2 = 1$$

But if  $\psi_k$  not orthogonal

$$1 = \|u\|^2 = \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j \langle \psi_i, \psi_j \rangle$$

$$\|A u\|^2 = \sum_{i,j} \lambda_i c_i \lambda_j c_j \langle \psi_i, \psi_j \rangle \text{ may not be smaller than } \|u\|^2$$



$$\text{where } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = L u$$

$$G(t) = \max_{u_0} \frac{\|u(t)\|}{\|u_0\|^2}$$

$$G = \max_t G(t)$$

Flow	$\max G(t) \times 10^3$	$t_{\max}$	$\alpha$	$\beta$
plane Poiseuille	$0.2 R^2$	$.08 R$	0	2
plane Couette	$1.2 R^2$	$.12 R$	$35/R$	1.6
pipe Poiseuille	$0.1 R^2$	$.05 R$	0	1
Blasius bdy layer	$1.5 R^2$	$.78 R$	0	0.65