

# Plane Poiseuille flow

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## 1. ORR-SOMMERFELD-SQUIRE EQUATIONS

The linearized Navier-Stokes disturbance equations for plane Poiseuille flow leads to velocity-vorticity formulation  $(\hat{v} - \hat{\eta})$ , which is well known as Orr-Sommerfeld-Squire equations. The equations on  $-1 < y < 1$  read

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \left[ i\alpha U (D^2 - k^2) - i\alpha U'' - \frac{1}{Re} (D^2 - k^2)^2 \right] \hat{v} &= i\omega (D^2 - k^2) \hat{v} \\ i\beta U' \hat{v} + \left[ i\alpha U - \frac{1}{Re} (D^2 - k^2) \right] \hat{\eta} &= i\omega \hat{\eta}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.1)$$

Here “ $\prime$ ” and  $D$  denotes the derivative w.r.t  $y$ -coordinate. The boundary condition at the impermeable walls given by  $\hat{v} = D\hat{v} = \hat{\eta} = 0$  at  $y = \pm 1$ .

## 2. NUMERICAL APPROACH

The variables dependent on  $y$ -direction have been numerically implemented through the use of Chebyshev polynomials on a grid of Gauss-Lobatto nodes. Gauss-Lobatto nodes on  $y$ -coordinate:

$$y_j = \cos \left( \frac{j\pi}{N} \right), \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (2.1)$$

The Chebyshev polynomials are defined as,

$$T_n(y) = \cos(n\theta), \quad \theta = \cos^{-1}(y) \quad (2.2)$$

which (Eq. (2.2)) is the trigonometric form of the Chebyshev polynomials. They can be implemented using the following recurrence relation:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_0 &= 1 \\ T_1 &= y \\ T_{n+1} &= 2yT_n - T_{n-1} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.3)$$

We will approximate the dependent variables in Eq. (1.1) on the Gauss-Lobatto points in Eq. (2.1) i.e., expand  $\hat{v}$  and  $\hat{\eta}$  on  $y$  in terms of Chebyshev expansions,

$$\hat{v}(y_j) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n T_n(y_j), \quad \hat{\eta}(y_j) = \sum_{n=0}^N b_n T_n(y_j), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ 's are Chebyshev coefficient vector of size  $N + 1$ , and  $T_n(y)$  is the  $n$ -th Chebyshev polynomial. Note that discretization of  $\hat{v}$  in  $y$ -coordinate leads to the following linear system,

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \hat{v}(y_0) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{v}(y_n) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{v}(y_N) \end{pmatrix}}_{N+1 \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} T_0(y_0) & \cdots & T_n(y_0) & \cdots & T_N(y_0) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ T_0(y_n) & \cdots & T_n(y_n) & \cdots & T_N(y_n) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ T_0(y_N) & \cdots & T_n(y_N) & \cdots & T_N(y_N) \end{pmatrix}}_{N+1 \times N+1} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \\ \vdots \\ a_N \end{pmatrix}}_{N+1 \times 1} \quad (2.5)$$

This is in more compact notation,  $\{\hat{v}\} = [\mathcal{D}_0] \{\mathbf{a}\}$ . Thus the velocity-vorticity formulation (say  $\hat{q} = [\hat{v} \quad \hat{\eta}]^T$ ) can be written as,

$$\hat{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{v} \\ \hat{\eta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [\mathcal{D}_0] & 0 \\ 0 & [\mathcal{D}_0] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6)$$

It is also to be noted from that the Eq. (1.1) consists of higher order derivative of the dependent variables (e.g.  $D\hat{v}, D^2\hat{v}, \dots$  etc.) and hence the corresponding higher order derivative variables,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{v}'(y_j) &= \sum_{n=0}^N a_n T_n'(y_j) \rightarrow \{D\hat{v}\} = [\mathcal{D}_1] \{\mathbf{a}\} \\ \hat{\eta}'(y_j) &= \sum_{n=0}^N b_n T_n'(y_j) \rightarrow \{D\hat{\eta}\} = [\mathcal{D}_1] \{\mathbf{b}\} \\ \hat{v}''(y_j) &= \sum_{n=0}^N a_n T_n''(y_j) \rightarrow \{D^2\hat{v}\} = [\mathcal{D}_2] \{\mathbf{a}\} \\ \hat{\eta}''(y_j) &= \sum_{n=0}^N b_n T_n''(y_j) \rightarrow \{D^2\hat{\eta}\} = [\mathcal{D}_2] \{\mathbf{b}\} \\ \hat{v}'''(y_j) &= \sum_{n=0}^N a_n T_n'''(y_j) \rightarrow \{D^3\hat{v}\} = [\mathcal{D}_3] \{\mathbf{a}\} \\ \hat{\eta}'''(y_j) &= \sum_{n=0}^N b_n T_n'''(y_j) \rightarrow \{D^3\hat{\eta}\} = [\mathcal{D}_3] \{\mathbf{b}\} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.7)$$

Here the operators  $\mathcal{D}_0, \mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \mathcal{D}_4$  contains the zeroth, first, second, and fourth order derivatives of the Chebyshev polynomial on the Gauss-Lobatto points  $y_j$ . Thus we define p-th order derivative of the Chebyshev polynomial  $T_n^{(p)}(y)$  by the following recurrence relation,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_0^{(p)}(y_j) &= 0 \\ T_1^{(p)}(y_j) &= T_0^{(p-1)}(y_j), \\ T_2^{(p)}(y_j) &= 4T_1^{(p-1)}(y_j) \\ T_n^{(p)}(y_j) &= 2nT_{n-1}^{(p-1)}(y_j) + \frac{n}{n-1}T_{n-1}^{(p)}(y_j), \quad n = 3, 4, \dots \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.8)$$

Now all  $D, D^2, D^4$  in Eq.(1.1) are implemented using Eq. (2.7). Hence from Eq. (1.1)

$$\left[ \alpha \{U(y_j)\} (\mathcal{D}_2 - k^2 \mathcal{D}_0) - \alpha \{U''(y_j)\} \mathcal{D}_0 - \frac{1}{iRe} (\mathcal{D}_4 - 2k^2 \mathcal{D}_2 + k^4 \mathcal{D}_0) \right] \mathbf{a} = \omega (\mathcal{D}_2 - k^2 \mathcal{D}_0) \mathbf{a} \quad (2.9)$$

$$\{\beta U'(y_j)\} \mathcal{D}_0 \mathbf{a} + \left[ \alpha \{U(y_j)\} \mathcal{D}_0 - \frac{1}{iRe} (\mathcal{D}_2 - k^2 \mathcal{D}_0) \right] \mathbf{b} = \omega \mathcal{D}_0 \mathbf{b} \quad (2.10)$$

The boundary conditions are given by,

$$Eqs. (2.9) - (2.10) \hat{v} = 0 \quad \text{at } y = \pm 1 \longrightarrow \sum_{n=0}^N a_n T_n(\pm 1) = 0 \text{ i.e., } \mathcal{D}_0(\pm 1) \mathbf{a} = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

$$D\hat{v} = 0 \quad \text{at } y = \pm 1 \longrightarrow \sum_{n=0}^N a_n T'_n(\pm 1) = 0 \text{ i.e., } \mathcal{D}_1(\pm 1) \mathbf{a} = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

$$\hat{\eta} = 0 \quad \text{at } y = \pm 1 \longrightarrow \sum_{n=0}^N b_n T_n(\pm 1) = 0 \text{ i.e., } \mathcal{D}_0(\pm 1) \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (2.13)$$

The final result from Eqs. (2.9)-(2.10) is a generalized eigevalue problem,

$$\mathcal{A} \mathbf{q} = \omega \mathcal{B} \mathbf{q}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{q} = [\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}]^T \quad (2.14)$$

The boundary conditions (2.11) and (2.12) are implemented by removing first-second and last-second last row of the Orr-Sommerfeld matrix, and similarly (2.13) is implemented by replacing the first and last row of the Squire matrix. (The procedure is outlined in Schmidt and Henningson book). *The boundary rows of  $\mathcal{A}$  can be chosen as a complex multiple of the corresponding rows in  $\mathcal{B}$ . By carefully selecting this complex multiple, the spurious modes associated with the boundary conditions can be mapped to an arbitrary location in the complex plane. Otherwise if  $\mathcal{B}$  consists of some zero rows due to zero boundary conditions, then  $\mathcal{B}^{-1}$  does not exist, and due to badly conditioned system spurious mode will appear.*

The MATLAB code using Chebyshev collocation method is given in Appendix A.

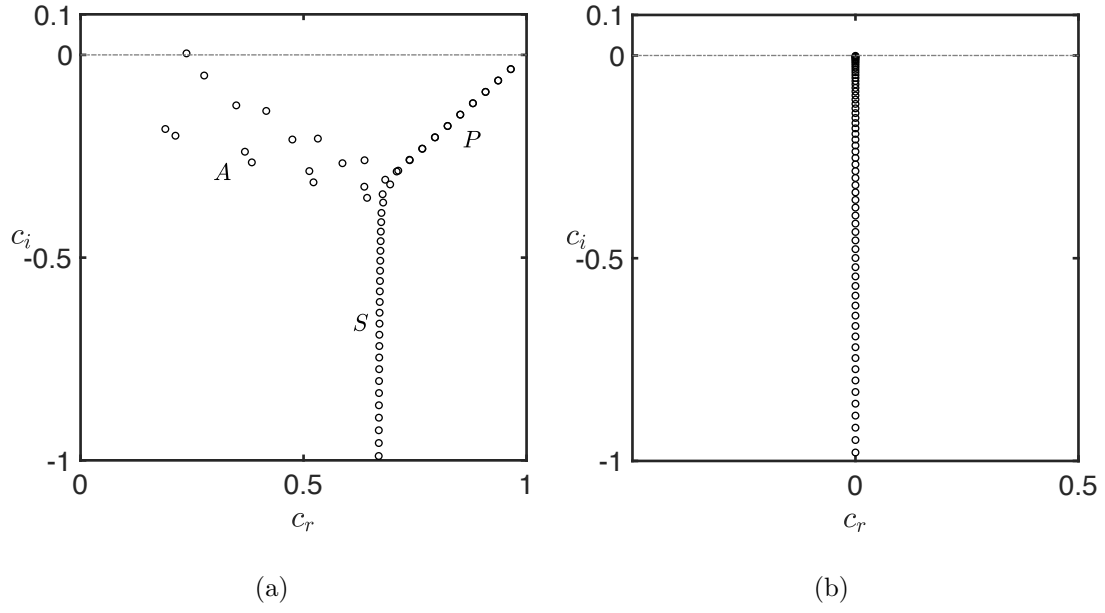


FIG. 1. Orr-Sommerfeld spectrum for plane Poiseuille flow for  $Re = 10000$ : **(a)**  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta = 0$ , **(b)**  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1$ .

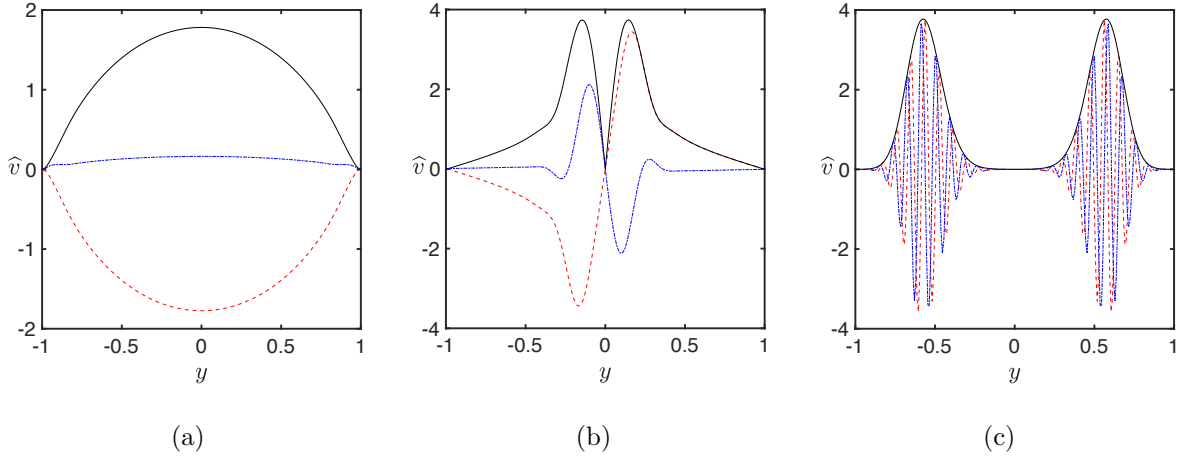


FIG. 2. Orr-Sommerfeld eigenfunction for a eigenvalue at **(a)**  $A$  branch (Wall-mode), **(b)**  $P$  branch (Center mode), **(c)**  $S$  branch of Fig. 1(a).

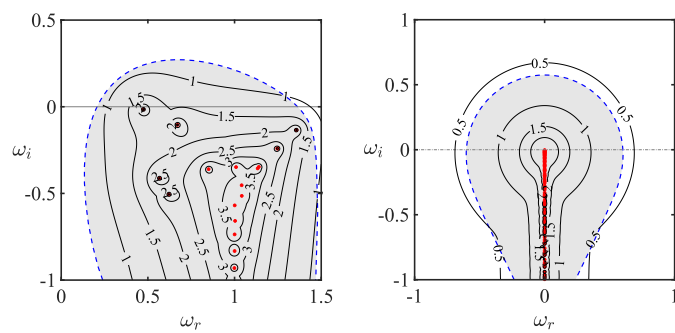


FIG. 3. Caption

**Appendix A: MATLAB code for eigenvalue and eigenfunction calculation of plane Poiseuille flow**

MATLAB driver program

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clc
clear
close all

% Input parameters
N = 100;
Re = 5772;
alp = 1.02;
beta = 0;

% Chebyshev matrix
[D0,D1,D2,D3,D4]=Dmat(N);

% Combined Matrices
[A,B]=PlanePoiseuille(N,Re,alp,beta,D0,D1,D2,D4);
os_evals=1:N+1;
[v,d]=eig(A(os_evals,os_evals),B(os_evals,os_evals));
eOS=diag(d);

% Sorting the eigenvalues
[~,is]=sort(-imag(eOS));
vs=v(:,is);
eOS=eOS(is);

figure(1)
plot(real(eOS),imag(eOS),'ko','MarkerSize',10);
set(gca,'fontsize',20)
ylim([-1 0.1]);
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xlim([0 1]);
title('Orr-Sommerfeld eigenvalues ', 'FontSize', 18);
ylabel("$c_i$", "interpreter", "latex");
xlabel("$c_r$", "interpreter", "latex");

% Eigenfunction plotting of particular input eigenvalue
yj =cos(pi*(0:2*N)/(2*N));% Grid points
ll =input(" Eigenvalue position which to be plotted: ");

efn=cheb_expansion_soln(yj,vs(:,ll));
figure(2)
plot(yj,real(efn),'--r');
hold on
plot(yj,abs(efn),'-k');
hold on
plot(yj,imag(efn),'.b');
hold off
title(["Eigenfunction of eigenvalue:" num2str(eOS(ll))]);
set(gca,"fontsize",20)
ylabel("$\widehat{v}$", "interpreter", "latex");
xlabel("$y$", "interpreter", "latex");

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## Chebyshev Differentiation matrix

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function [D0,D1,D2,D3,D4]=Dmat(N)
%
% Function to create differentiation matrices
%
% N      = number of modes
% D0     = zero'th derivative matrix
% D1     = first derivative matrix
% D2     = second derivative matrix
% D4     = fourth derivative matrix

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% initialize
num=round(abs(N));
% create D0
D0=[];
vec=(0:1:num)';
for j=0:1:num
    D0=[D0 cos(j*pi*vec/num)];
end
% create higher derivative matrices
lv=length(vec);
D1=[zeros(lv,1) D0(:,1) 4*D0(:,2)];
D2=[zeros(lv,1) zeros(lv,1) 4*D0(:,1)];
D3=[zeros(lv,1) zeros(lv,1) zeros(lv,1)];
D4=[zeros(lv,1) zeros(lv,1) zeros(lv,1)];
for j=3:num
    D1=[D1 2*j*D0(:,j)+j*D1(:,j-1)/(j-2)];
    D2=[D2 2*j*D1(:,j)+j*D2(:,j-1)/(j-2)];
    D3=[D3 2*j*D2(:,j)+j*D3(:,j-1)/(j-2)];
    D4=[D4 2*j*D3(:,j)+j*D4(:,j-1)/(j-2)];
end
end

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## Computing combined Orr-Sommerfeld Squire matrices

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function [A,B]=PlanePoiseuille(N,Re,alp,beta,D0,D1,D2,D4)
% Matrices (A,B) for Generalized eigenvalue problem Ax=cBx
% N    =number of colocation points
% Re   =Reynolds number
% alp  = Streamwise wave number
% beta=Spanwise wave number
% D0   = Zeroth derivative matrix
% D1   = First derivative matrix

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% D2 = Second derivative matrix
% D3 = Third derivative matrix
% D4 = Fourth derivative matrix

zi=sqrt(-1);  er=-200*zi;

k2=alp^2+beta^2;
[Nos,Nsq]=deal(N+1);
Z=zeros(Nos,Nsq);
vec=(0:1:N)';

% Mean Velocity and Derivative of that
u=(ones(length(vec),1)-cos(pi*vec/N).^2);
du=-2*cos(pi*vec/N);

% Setup Orr-Sommerfeld matrix
A11=-(D4-2*k2*D2+k2^2*D0)/(zi*Re);
A11=A11+alp*(u*ones(1,length(u))).*(D2-k2*D0)+alp*2*D0;
A11=[er*D0(1,:); er*D1(1,:); A11(3:Nos-2,:); er*D1(Nos,:); er*D0(Nos,:)];

B11=(D2-k2*D0);
B11=[D0(1,:); D1(1,:); B11(3:Nos-2,:); D1(Nos,:); D0(Nos,:)];

% Setup the Squire matrix
A21=beta*(du*ones(1,length(u))).*D0;
A22=alp*(u*ones(1,length(u))).*D0-(D2-k2*D0)/(zi*Re);
B22=D0;
A22=[er*D0(1,:); A22(2:Nsq-1,:); er*D0(Nsq,:)];
A21=[Z(1,:); A21(2:Nsq-1,:); Z(1,:)]; % Boundary Conditions

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% Combining all the blocks
A=[A11 Z;
    A21 A22];
B=[B11 Z;
    Z B22];
end

Chebyshev expansion

function val = cheb_expansion_soln(y,a)
%function that evaluates the Chebyshev expansion for given coeffs
% y = Gauss-Lobatto points
% a = vector of coeffs for the Chebyshev expansion
val = zeros(length(y),1);
for i=1:length(y)
    for j=1:length(a)
        val(i) = val(i) + a(j)*cheb_basis(y(i),j-1);
    end
end
end
end

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Chebyshev polynomial

function val = cheb_basis(y,n)
% Chebyshev Polynomial of order n evaluated at y
%  $T_n(y) = \cos(n \cos^{-1}(y))$ 
val = cos(n*acos(y));
end

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