

Visualizing Convection

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Stream function

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} ; \quad v = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

Kimura and Bejan → 1984, ✓

$H(x, y)$

Example.

Steady state, 2D, constant property, homogeneous fluid. ✓

$$\rho c_p \frac{DT}{Dt} = k \nabla^2 T$$

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$$\rho c_p \left[u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right] = k \left[\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right] \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

↓ bulk
↓ Mol. diff.

$$\left[\rho c_p u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right] + \left[\rho c_p v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} - k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\rho c_p u T - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\rho c_p v T - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right] = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

The heat function $H(x, y)$ defines as

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = \rho c_p u (T - T_{ref}) - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

$$-\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \rho c_p v (T - T_{ref}) - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}$$

