Hamiltonian fluid dynamics and hydrodynamic stability

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Stability Theory

Quasigeostrophic Model

Stability of Zonal Flows

References

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- $\mathcal{H} = \iint \frac{1}{2} \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla \psi \, dA$ $- \sum_{n} \lambda_{n} \oint \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \psi \, ds$

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Poisson Bracket

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial t} &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{q}}^{\top} \mathbf{q}_{t} \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{q}}^{\top} \mathbf{J} \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{q}} \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{J} \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{q}} \right\rangle \\ &\equiv \left\{ \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H} \right\} \end{split}$$

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$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \iint \sum_{n=1}^{2} \left[\frac{1}{\alpha_n} \vec{\nabla} \psi_n \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi_n + 2C_n(q_n) \right] + (\psi_1 - \psi_2)^2 dA$$

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Second Variation

$$\delta^{2}\mathcal{H} = \iint \sum_{n} \left[\frac{1}{\alpha_{n}} \vec{\nabla} \delta \psi_{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \delta \psi_{n} + \psi'_{n} \cdot (\delta q_{n})^{2} \right] + (\delta \psi_{1} - \delta \psi_{2})^{2} dA$$

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