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■ Self-similarity, boundary layer & heat transfer in fluid mechanics

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1. Purposes of the lecture

1. Scaling analysis;
2. Self-similarity;
3. Boundary layer theory;
4. Heat transfer in fluid;
5. Learn about the natural convection.

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2. Self-similar solution of partial differential equation

- ▶ Fluid mechanics obeys to non-linear partial differential equations.
- ▶ Exact solutions are very scarce.
- ▶ Fortunately, particular solutions exist invariant by groups of affinity transformation.
- ▶ Affinity transformations linked to dimensional changes are remarkable in physics & in particular in fluid mechanics.
- ▶ Invariant solutions are called “self-similar” solutions.



Figure 1: Barnsley fern created by affinity geometric transformation.

2. Self-similar solution of partial differential equation

○ 2.1 Rayleigh problem

Let $u(y, t)$ x -component of the velocity obeying to

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$u(y, 0) = 0, \text{ for } t = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$u(0, t) = U, \text{ for } t > 0. \quad (3)$$

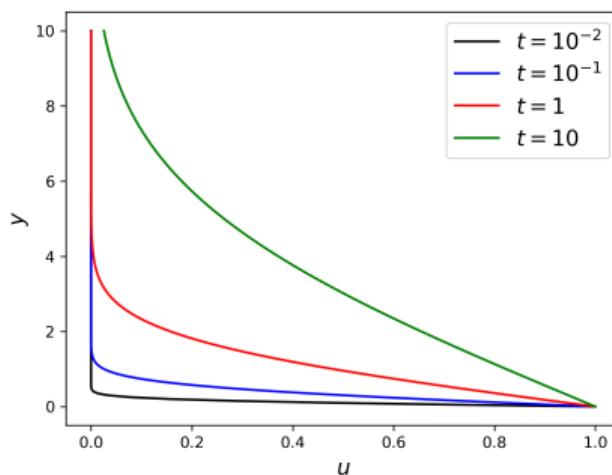


Figure 2: u vs. y at four increasing times.

2. Self-similar solution of partial differential equation

○ 2.1 Rayleigh problem

Normalisation of the equation:

$$\bar{u} = \frac{u}{U}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{y}{\ell}, \quad \bar{t} = \frac{t}{\tau}, \quad (4)$$

which gives

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \bar{t}} - \frac{\nu \tau}{\ell^2} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial \bar{y}^2} = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\bar{u}(\bar{y}, 0) = 0, \text{ for } \bar{t} = 0, \quad (6)$$

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Takes $\ell = \sqrt{\nu\tau}$.

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Theorem 1

If $\bar{u}(\bar{y}, \bar{t})$ is solution of (5), then $\bar{u}(\sqrt{a}\bar{y}, a\bar{t})$ is also solution of (5) for all constant a .

An homogeneous solution of $\bar{u}(\bar{y}, \bar{t})$ can be taken as $f(\bar{y}/\sqrt{\bar{t}})$ with $\eta = \bar{y}/\sqrt{\bar{t}}$ is the “self-similar” variable.
Here, for reason of simplification, η is written as

$$\eta = \frac{\bar{y}}{2\sqrt{\bar{t}}} = \frac{y}{2\sqrt{\nu t}}. \quad (8)$$

$f(\eta)$ is then solution of

$$f'' + 2\eta f' = 0, \text{ with } f' = \frac{df}{d\eta}, \quad (9)$$

$$f(0) = 1, \quad (10)$$

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} f(\eta) = 0. \quad (11)$$

The exact solution is

$$f(\eta) = \operatorname{erfc}(\eta). \quad (12)$$

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3. Singular perturbation method

- ▶ In fluid mechanics, there are various approximations depending on “small” or “large” parameters¹:
 - ▶ Stokes flows: $\text{Re} \ll 1$;
 - ▶ Boundary layer: $\text{Re} \gg 1$;
 - ▶ Boundary heat & mass layer: $\text{Pe} \gg 1$;
 - ▶ Quasi-steady state regime: $\text{St} \ll 1$,
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ The perturbation method is a useful technique to find approximative solution.

Definition 2

Let's ϵ a small parameter, if an approximated solution stays valide when $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, the approximation is said regular. Conversely, if the solution is non uniform when $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, the approximation is said singular.

¹M. Van Dyke: Perturbation methods in fluid mechanics, Stanford, California 1975.

3. Singular perturbation method

○ 3.1 Example of singular ODE

Consider the ordinary differential equation²

$$\epsilon y'' + y' + y = 0, \forall x \in]0, 1[, \quad (13)$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 1, \quad (14)$$

$$\epsilon < 1/4. \quad (15)$$

The exact solution is given by

$$y = \frac{e^{r_1 x} - e^{r_2 x}}{e^{r_1} - e^{r_2}}, \quad (16)$$

$$r_1 = -\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon}}{2\epsilon}, \quad r_2 = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon}}{2\epsilon}. \quad (17)$$

The solution is singular since r_2 diverges when $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.

²E. J. Hinch: Perturbation Methods, 1991.

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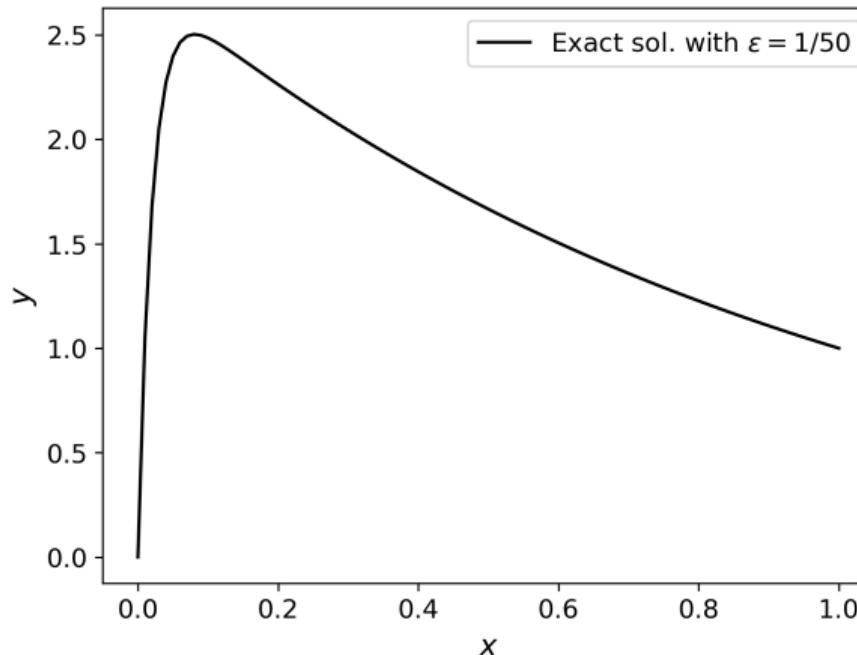


Figure 3: y vs. x for $\epsilon = 1/50$.

3. Singular perturbation method

○ 3.1 Example of singular ODE

To have an approximative solution, y can be expanded as ϵ^n as

$$y = y_0(x) + \epsilon y_1(x) + \epsilon^2 y_2(x) + \dots \quad (18)$$

After introduction in the ODE, we have

Zeroth order:

$$y'_0 + y_0 = 0, \quad (19)$$

$$y_0(0) = 0, \quad y_0(1) = 1. \quad (20)$$

First order:

$$y'_1 + y_1 = -y''_0, \quad (21)$$

$$y_1(0) = 0, \quad y_1(1) = 0. \quad (22)$$

Second order:

$$y'_2 + y_2 = -y''_1, \quad (23)$$

$$y_2(0) = 0, \quad y_2(1) = 0. \quad (24)$$

- ▶ The order of ODE is reduced by one order ➡ signature of the singular equation.
- ▶ Impossible to satisfy the two boundary conditions.
- ▶ Solution valid only for $x \gg 0$ ➡ **outer** solution.

3. Singular perturbation method

○ 3.1 Example of singular ODE

- ▶ To find the adequate approximation close to $x = 0$, **inner (stretched)** coordinate has to be introduced:

$$\tilde{x} = \frac{x}{\mu(\epsilon)}, \text{ with } \mu(\epsilon) \ll 1. \quad (25)$$

- ▶ By written $\tilde{y} = y(\tilde{x})$, the ODE becomes

$$\frac{\epsilon}{\mu^2} \tilde{y}'' + \frac{\tilde{y}'}{\mu} + \tilde{y} = 0. \quad (26)$$

Definition 3

The “**principle of least degeneracy**” involves that a significant degeneracy of an equation must keep a maximum of terms of the equation³.

³Van Dyke: Perturbation methods in fluid mechanics (see n. 1).

3. Singular perturbation method

○ 3.1 Example of singular ODE

- ▶ If the balance is done between in the first and the third terms:

$$\mu = \sqrt{\epsilon}. \quad (27)$$

- ▶ The ODE becomes

$$\sqrt{\epsilon}\tilde{y}'' + \tilde{y}' + \sqrt{\epsilon}\tilde{y} = 0. \quad (28)$$

- ▶ If $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, the ODE is simply $\tilde{y}' = 0$.
- ▶ If the balance is done between in the first and the second terms:

$$\mu = \epsilon. \quad (29)$$

- ▶ The ODE becomes

$$\tilde{y}'' + \tilde{y}' + \epsilon\tilde{y} = 0. \quad (30)$$

- ▶ If $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, the ODE is simply $\tilde{y}'' + \tilde{y}' = 0$.
- ▶ The principle of least degeneracy involves that the significant approximation is the second case.

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○ 3.1 Example of singular ODE

- ▶ The outer solution at the zeroth order is

$$y_0(x) = e^{1-x}. \quad (31)$$

- ▶ The inner solution is

$$\tilde{y}_0(\tilde{x}) = A_0 \left(1 - e^{-\tilde{x}} \right). \quad (32)$$

- ▶ A_0 is unknown. To find it, a matching between the inner and outer solutions have to do.
- ▶ Introduce a new coordinate:

$$\eta = x/\epsilon^\alpha, \text{ with: } 0 < \alpha < 1, \quad (33)$$

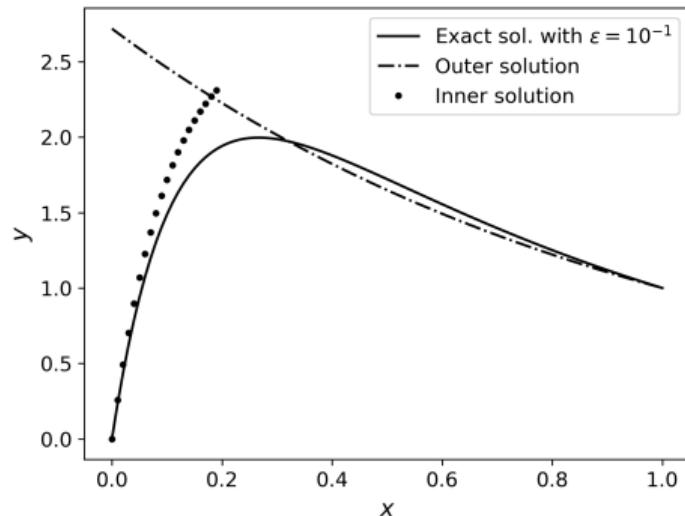
$$x = \epsilon^\alpha \eta, \quad \tilde{x} = \frac{\eta}{\epsilon^{1-\alpha}}. \quad (34)$$

- ▶ For a finite value of η , $x \rightarrow 0$ and $\tilde{x} \rightarrow \infty$ when $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.
- ▶ The matching between the two solutions gives: $A_0 = e$.

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○ 3.1 Example of singular ODE

(a) $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$



(b) $\epsilon = 10^{-2}$

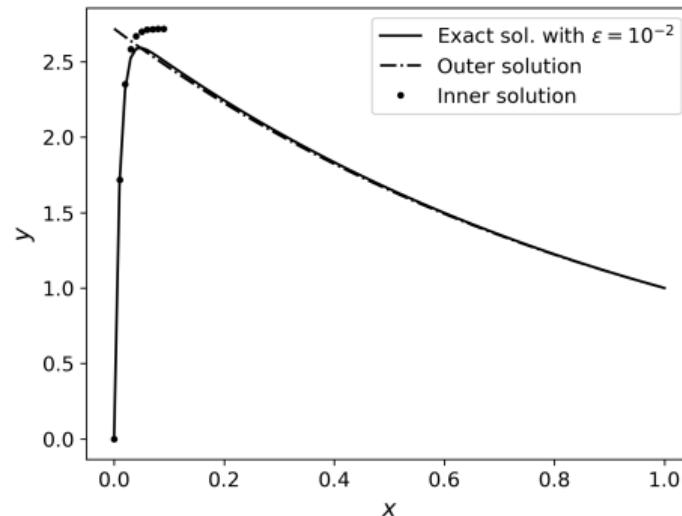


Figure 4: y vs. x with exact, inner and outer solutions.

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○ 3.2 Laminar boundary layer

By using $\text{Re} = UL/\nu$, the 2D Navier-Stokes equations for incompressible fluid are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (35)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad (36)$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right). \quad (37)$$

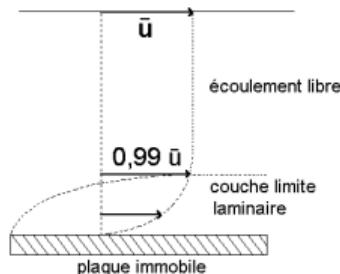


Figure 5: Sketch of the boundary layer close to horizontal wall.

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○ 3.2 Laminar boundary layer

- ▶ A CIMLIB_CFD case of this problem is available on [gitlab:franck.pigeonneau/laminarboundlayer.git](https://gitlab.com/franck.pigeonneau/laminarboundlayer.git).

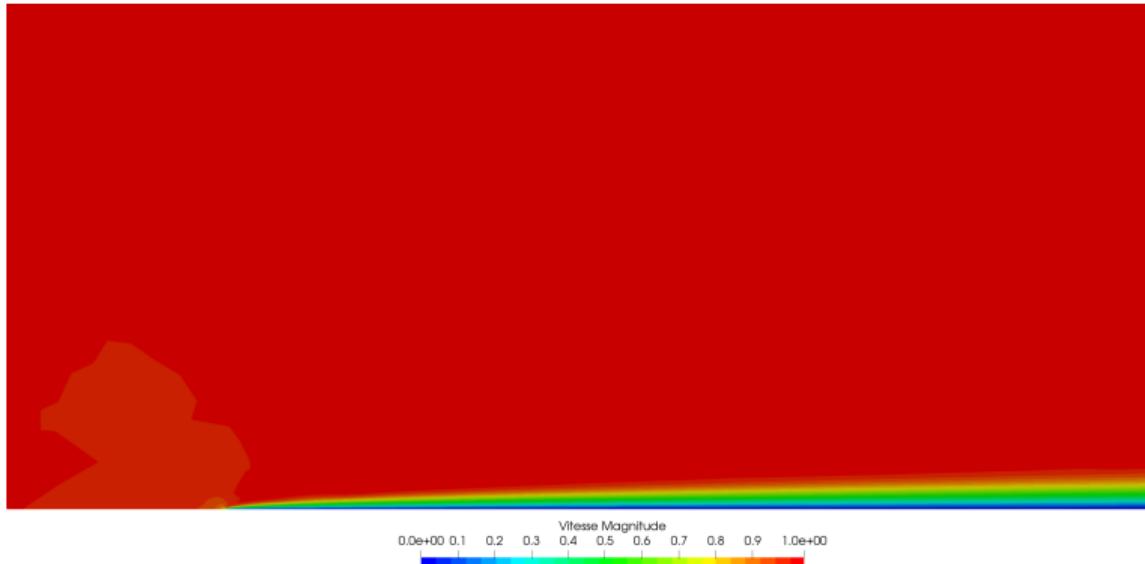


Figure 6: $\|u\|$ for $Re = 10^3$.

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○ 3.2 Laminar boundary layer

First, we introduce the “small” parameter

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{\text{Re}}. \quad (38)$$

The N-S equations become

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (39)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \epsilon \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad (40)$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \epsilon \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right). \quad (41)$$

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○ 3.2 Laminar boundary layer

- ▶ Study the boundary layer leads to study the behaviour of the equations for small ϵ .
- ▶ As shown above, we use the perturbation method. The solution is developed as a power of ϵ .
- ▶ In the first approximation, remove all the terms proportional to ϵ :

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (42)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}, \quad (43)$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}. \quad (44)$$

- ▶ Too abusive: **impossible to apply the boundary conditions both on the wall and at the infinity.**

3. Singular perturbation method

○ 3.2 Laminar boundary layer

- ▶ The spatial scales are different along x and y axis. Let introduce a new scale δ to normalize the y axis:

$$\tilde{y} = \frac{y}{\delta}, \quad \tilde{v} = \frac{v}{\delta} \quad (45)$$

- ▶ The change of the velocity is required to conserve the continuity equation. Now the N-S equations becomes

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{y}} = 0, \quad (46)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{y}} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} \left(\delta^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tilde{y}^2} \right), \quad (47)$$

$$\delta^2 \left[u \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{y}} \right] = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial \tilde{y}} + \epsilon \left(\delta^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \tilde{y}^2} \right). \quad (48)$$

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- ▶ Following the principle of least degeneracy, the simplification of the equations must keep the maximum of terms.
- ▶ In the case of the boundary layer, we must have

$$\delta^2 = \epsilon, \quad \delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Re}}}. \quad (49)$$

- ▶ The Prandtl boundary layer equations⁴:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{y}} = 0, \quad (50)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{y}} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tilde{y}^2}, \quad (51)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \tilde{y}} = 0. \quad (52)$$

⁴L. Prandtl: Zur Berechnung der Grenzschichten, in: Zeitschrift für Angewandte Mathematik und Mechanik 18.1 (1938), pp. 77–82.

3. Singular perturbation method

○ 3.2 Laminar boundary layer

- ▶ Since P is independent on \tilde{y} , P is a function of x .
- ▶ P can be matched with the outer (Euler) solution.
- ▶ Using the Bernoulli relation:

$$\frac{dP}{dx} = -U \frac{dU}{dx}, \quad (53)$$

with U the outer solution.

- ▶ In the particular case of the horizontal wall, $U = 1 \Rightarrow$ the pressure gradient vanishes.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{y}} = 0, \quad (54)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{y}} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \tilde{y}^2}. \quad (55)$$

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- ▶ According to Blasius⁵, the boundary layer equation can be solved using the stream function:

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{y}}, \quad \tilde{v} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}. \quad (56)$$

Then, eq. (55) becomes:

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{y}} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial \tilde{y}} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \tilde{y}^2} = \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial \tilde{y}^3}. \quad (57)$$

Theorem 4

If $\psi(x, \tilde{y})$ is solution of (57), then $\sqrt{a}\psi(ax, \sqrt{a}\tilde{y})$ is also solution of (57) for all constant a .

- ▶ Taking $ax = 1$, the self-similar solution is then defined as follows

$$\psi = \sqrt{x}f(\eta), \quad \text{with } \eta = \frac{\tilde{y}}{\sqrt{x}}. \quad (58)$$

⁵H. Blasius: Grenzschichten in Flüssigkeiten mit kleiner Reibung, in: Zeitschrift für Mathematik und Physik 56 (1908), pp. 1–37.

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○ 3.2 Laminar boundary layer

- ▶ f is solution of

$$2f''' + ff'' = 0, \quad (59)$$

- ▶ The boundary conditions are:

$$f(0) = f'(0) = 0, \quad (60)$$

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} f'(\eta) = 1. \quad (61)$$

- ▶ To solve this equation, we transform in a system of Cauchy problem and a shooting method is used to impose the boundary far away the wall.

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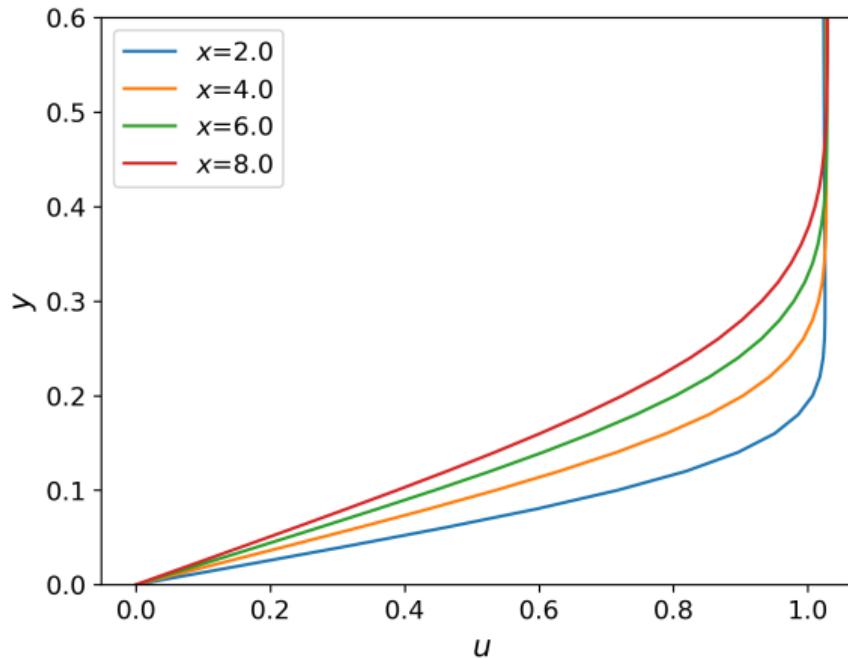


Figure 7: y vs. u obtained with CIMLIB_CFD for $\text{Re} = 10^3$ in $x=2, 4, 6 \& 8$.

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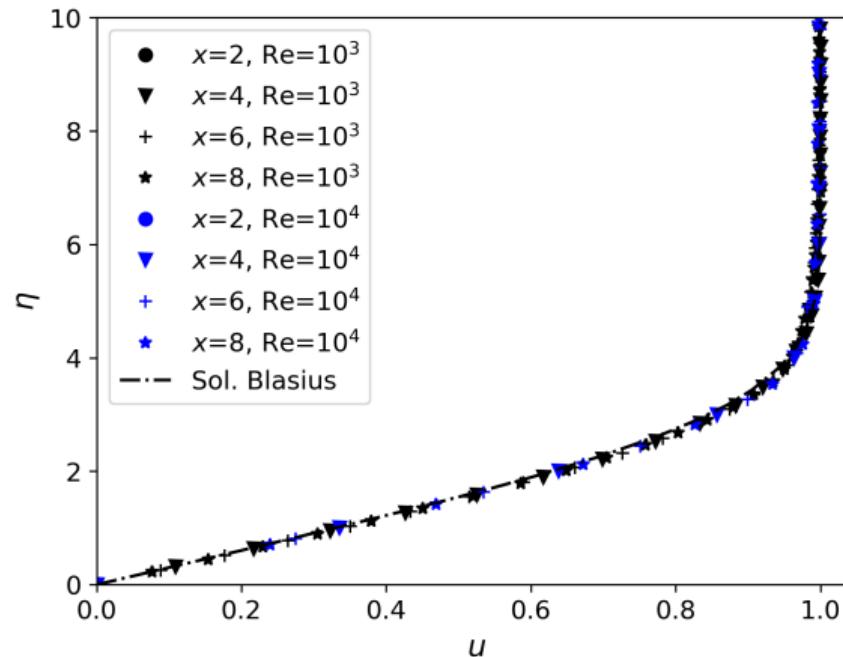


Figure 8: η vs. u obtained with CIMLIB_CFD for $\text{Re} = 10^3$ in $x=2, 4, 6$ & 8 . Comparison to the Blasius solution.

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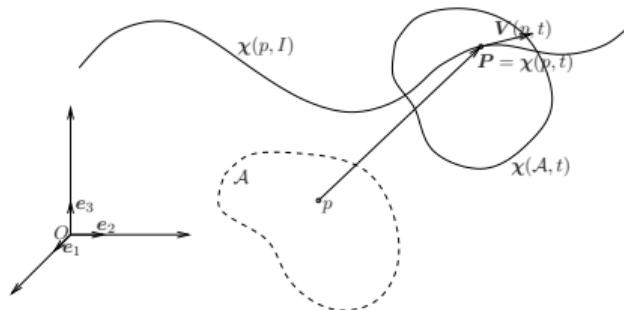


Figure 9: Motion of χ in \mathcal{R} .

$$M = \int_{\Omega(t)} \rho dV, \quad (62)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \int_{\Omega(t)} \rho \mathbf{u} dV, \quad (63)$$

$$E = \int_{\Omega(t)} \rho e_t dV; \quad e_t = e + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^2 + \Phi. \quad (64)$$

4. Balance equations of heat transfer

○ 4.1 General formulation

$$\frac{DM}{Dt} = 0, \quad (65)$$

$$\frac{DP}{Dt} = \int_{\Omega(t)} \rho \mathbf{f} dV + \int_{\partial\Omega(t)} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS; \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} = -P\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\tau}, \quad (66)$$

$$\frac{DE}{Dt} = \int_{\partial\Omega(t)} [-\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \cdot \mathbf{n}] dS. \quad (67)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \quad (68)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \rho \mathbf{f} - \nabla P + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}, \quad (69)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho e_t}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho e_t \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot (-\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}). \quad (70)$$

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○ 4.1 General formulation

$$\mathbf{q} = -\lambda \nabla T, \text{ Fourier law,} \quad (71)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = 2\mu \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{I} \left(\zeta - \frac{2\mu}{3} \right) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, \text{ Newtonian fluid,} \quad (72)$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^t \mathbf{u}). \quad (73)$$

- ▶ λ : thermal conductivity.
- ▶ μ : shear viscosity or dynamical viscosity.
- ▶ ζ : dilatational viscosity.
- ▶ Mostly in nature, ζ is equal to zero (Skokesian behaviour). The trace of the viscous stress is equal to zero.

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$$\rho \frac{D}{Dt} \left(e + \frac{\mathbf{u}^2}{2} + \Phi \right) = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}, \quad (77)$$

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Equivalent to the first principle of the thermodynamics: $dU = \delta Q - PdV$.

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For liquid,

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In summary, the balance equations are

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \quad (88)$$

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$$\rho C_p \frac{DT}{Dt} = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T) + \boldsymbol{\tau} : \mathbf{D}, \quad (90)$$

$$\overset{\circ}{\mathbf{D}} = \mathbf{D} - \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}}{3} \mathbf{I}. \quad (91)$$

To close the system of equations, an equation of state, $\rho = f(T, P)$ is needed.

4. Balance equations of heat transfer

○ 4.2 Boussinesq approximation

- ▶ The major of fluids dilate when T increases:

$$\rho = \rho_0 [1 - \beta(T - T_0)], \quad (92)$$

ρ_0 : density at T_0 , (93)

β : thermal volumetric coefficient. (94)

- ▶ $\beta > 0$ in general.
- ▶ Water is an noticeable exception: $\beta < 0$ for $T \in [0, 4]^\circ\text{C}$.

4. Balance equations of heat transfer

○ 4.2 Boussinesq approximation

- ▶ The Boussinesq approximation⁶ is used:
 - ▶ Fluid is considered as incompressible;
 - ▶ The effect of the thermal dilatation is only taken as a source term in the momentum equation.



J. Boussinesq, French mathematician (1842-1929) (my hero!).

⁶J. Boussinesq: Théorie analytique de la chaleur, vol. II, 1903.

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○ 4.2 Boussinesq approximation

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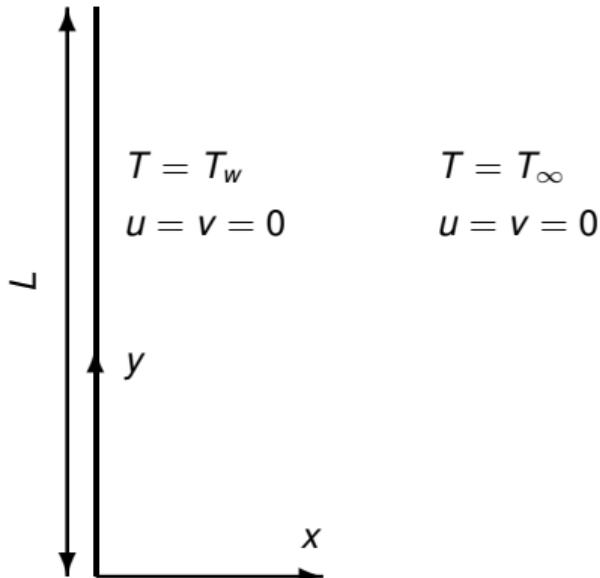
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- ▶ P loses his “thermodynamic” behaviour: P becomes just a **Lagrangian multiplier**.

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5. Natural convection in open and closed domains

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (98)$$

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \eta \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad (99)$$

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$$\rho C_p \left(u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) = \lambda \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right). \quad (101)$$

Figure 10: Vertical heated wall geometry with the thermal and kinematic boundary conditions.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains I

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- ▶ In natural convection, the order of magnitude of velocity is *a priori* unknown.
- ▶ To find an order of magnitude of velocity, a scaling analysis is needed.
- ▶ Need to write the balance equations under dimensionless form.
- ▶ x & x normalized by L ;
- ▶ u & v normalized by the unknown characteristic velocity u_0 ;
- ▶ P normalized by δP (unknown);
- ▶ T normalized by $T_\infty + \Delta T \theta$ with $\Delta T = T_w - T_\infty$.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains II

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (102)$$

$$\frac{\rho u_0^2}{L} \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = - \frac{\delta P}{L} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\eta u_0}{L^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad (103)$$

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$$u \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{\kappa}{u_0 L} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right). \quad (105)$$

- ▶ The buoyancy source term is the driven force to keep.
- ▶ Due to the incompressibility, the gradient of P must be kept.
- ▶ From the y -component momentum equation and by balancing inertia with the buoyancy term:

$$u_0 = \sqrt{g \beta \Delta T L}. \quad (106)$$

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains III

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- ▶ The Reynolds number is then

$$\text{Re} = \frac{u_0 L}{\nu} = \sqrt{\text{Gr}}, \text{ with ,} \quad (107)$$

$$\text{Gr} = \frac{g \beta \Delta T L^3}{\nu^2}, \text{ Grashof number.} \quad (108)$$

- ▶ The Péclet number defined by

$$\text{Pe} = \frac{u_0 L}{\kappa}, \quad (109)$$

is equal to

$$\text{Pe} = \sqrt{\text{Gr}} \text{Pr}, \text{ with ,} \quad (110)$$

$$\text{Pr} = \frac{\nu}{\kappa}, \text{ Prandtl number.} \quad (111)$$

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains IV

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- The problem statement becomes:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (112)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Gr}}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad (113)$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Gr}}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + \theta, \quad (114)$$

$$u \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Gr}} \text{Pr}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right). \quad (115)$$

- Solved numerically with CIMLIB_CFD, see the case on
[gitlab:franck.pigeonneau/verticalheatedplate.git](https://gitlab.com/franck.pigeonneau/verticalheatedplate.git).

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall



Figure 11: θ field obtained numerically for $\text{Gr}=10^4$ and $\text{Pr}=1$.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains

5.1 Vertical heated wall

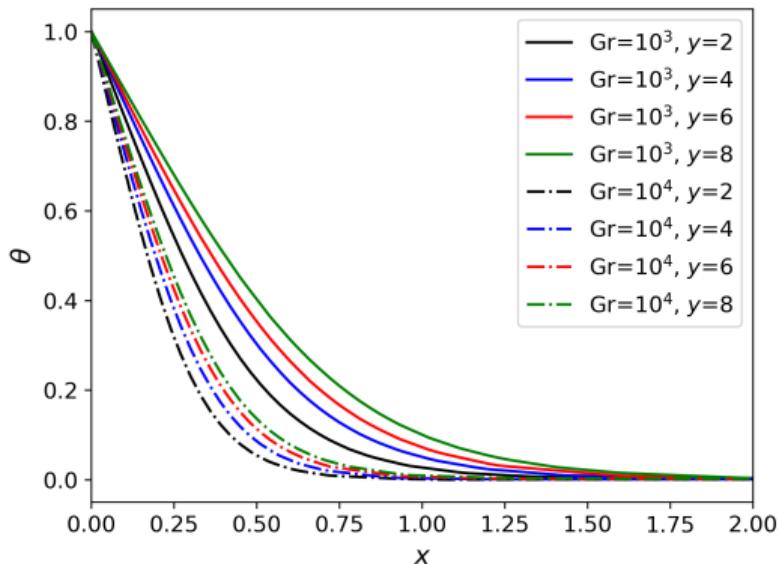


Figure 12: θ vs x for 4 locations in y and for $\text{Gr}=10^3$ & 10^4 and $\text{Pr}=1$.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- ▶ When $\text{Gr} \gg 1$, a boundary layer appears close to the vertical wall on $x=0$.
- ▶ The small parameter is $\epsilon = 1/\sqrt{\text{Gr}}$.
- ▶ To find the boundary layer equations, the x -coordinate is stretched:

$$\tilde{x} = \frac{x}{\delta}. \quad (116)$$

- ▶ Due to the continuity equation:

$$\tilde{u} = \frac{u}{\delta}. \quad (117)$$

- ▶ The balance equations become

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (118)$$

$$\delta^2 \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \epsilon \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \delta^2 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad (119)$$

$$\tilde{u} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{x}} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \delta^2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + \theta, \quad (120)$$

$$\tilde{u} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tilde{x}} + v \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2 \text{Pr}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \delta^2 \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right). \quad (121)$$

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- ▶ From the principle of least degeneracy:

$$\delta = \sqrt{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{\text{Gr}}}. \quad (122)$$

- ▶ Assuming a uniform pressure in the outer area, the boundary layer equations are

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (123)$$

$$\tilde{u} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{x}} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \theta, \quad (124)$$

$$\tilde{u} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tilde{x}} + v \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\text{Pr}} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \tilde{x}^2}, \quad (125)$$

with the boundary conditions:

$$\tilde{u} = v = 0, \theta = 1, \text{ in } \tilde{x} = 0, \quad (126)$$

$$\lim_{\tilde{x} \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{u} = \lim_{\tilde{x} \rightarrow \infty} v = \lim_{\tilde{x} \rightarrow \infty} \theta = 0. \quad (127)$$

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- Once again, the stream function can be used with

$$\tilde{u} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{x}}. \quad (128)$$

- The two equations to solve are

$$-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{x}} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y \partial \tilde{x}} = -\frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial \tilde{x}^3} + \theta, \quad (129)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tilde{x}} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{x}} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \tilde{x}^2}. \quad (130)$$

Theorem 5

If $\psi(\tilde{x}, y)$ and $\theta(\tilde{x}, y)$ are solution of (129) and (130) respectively, then $a^{3/4}\psi(\sqrt[4]{a}\tilde{x}, ay)$ and $\theta(\sqrt[4]{a}\tilde{x}, ay)$ are also (129) and (130). This set of solutions belongs to a self-similar group of scale change.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- ▶ A self-similar solution can be found using

$$\psi = y^{3/4} f(\eta), \quad \theta = g(\eta), \quad \text{with } \eta = \frac{\tilde{x}}{\sqrt[4]{y}}. \quad (131)$$

- ▶ f and g are solution of

$$f''' + \frac{3ff''}{4} - \frac{f'^2}{2} + g = 0, \quad (132)$$

$$g'' - \frac{3\Pr fg'}{4} = 0. \quad (133)$$

- ▶ The boundary conditions are:

$$f(0) = f'(0) = 0, \quad g(0) = 1, \quad (134)$$

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} f'(\eta) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} g'(\eta) = 0. \quad (135)$$

- ▶ These two equations numerically solved like a Cauchy problem of ODE, see program `python`.

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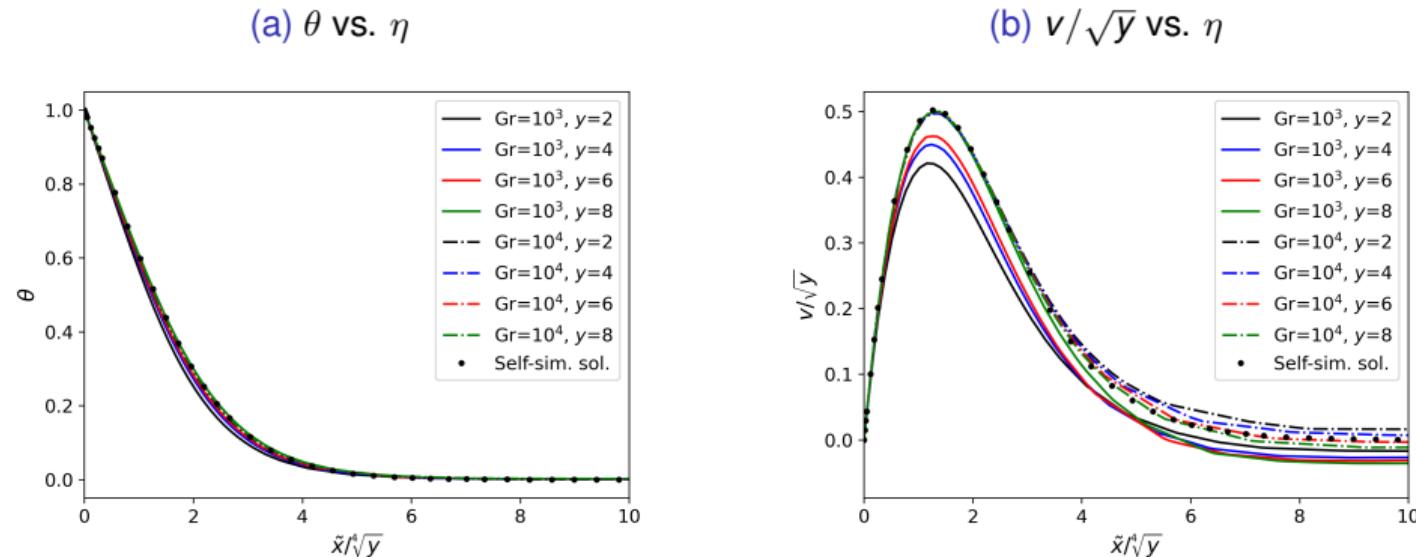


Figure 13: Comparison of the numerical and self-similar solution for $Gr=10^3$ & 10^4 and $Pr=1$.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains I

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- ▶ The heat flux on the wall can be determined as follows

$$\varphi(y) = \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0}. \quad (136)$$

- ▶ Using the self-similar solution, $\varphi(y)$ becomes (☞: here, y is in SI unit.)

$$\varphi(y) = \lambda \Delta T \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \Big|_{\eta=0} \frac{\sqrt[4]{\text{Gr}}}{L^{3/4} \sqrt[4]{y}}. \quad (137)$$

- ▶ The heat transfer coefficient is defined by

$$h = \lambda \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \Big|_{\eta=0} \frac{\sqrt[4]{\text{Gr}}}{L^{3/4} \sqrt[4]{y}}. \quad (138)$$

- ▶ The local Nusselt number is

$$\text{Nu}(y) = \frac{hL}{\lambda} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \Big|_{\eta=0} \sqrt[4]{\text{Gr}} \sqrt[4]{\frac{L}{y}}. \quad (139)$$

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains II

○ 5.1 Vertical heated wall

- ▶ The average Nusselt number over the height of the wall is

$$\langle \text{Nu} \rangle = \frac{4}{3} \left. \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \sqrt[4]{\text{Gr}}, \quad (140)$$

or

$$\langle \text{Nu} \rangle = C \sqrt[4]{\text{Gr}}. \quad (141)$$

- ▶ C obtained from the self-similar solution when $\text{Pr}=1$ is equal to 0.535 in perfect agreement with the solution given by Whitaker⁷.

⁷ S. Whitaker: Fundamental Principles of Heat Transfer, 1977, chap. 5.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains

○ 5.2 Differentially heated square cavity

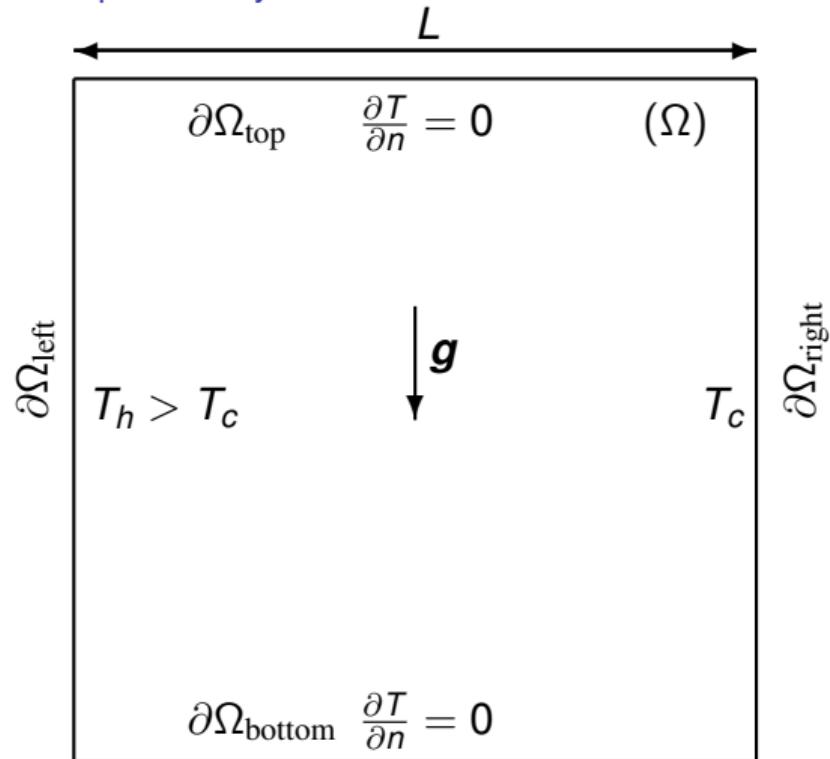


Figure 14: Thermal boundaries on the square cavity. No-slip conditions are taken on $\partial\Omega$.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains I

○ 5.2 Differentially heated square cavity

Theorem 6

Whatever the temperature difference, the fluid in the cavity is in motion.

To proof it, the vorticity is defined by

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \mathbf{u}. \quad (142)$$

The momentum equation can be written as follows

$$\rho_0 \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla P + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - \rho_0 \beta (T - T_0) \mathbf{g}. \quad (143)$$

In tensorial analysis⁸, we know that

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u} + \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}^2}{2} \right). \quad (144)$$

So, the momentum equation becomes

$$\rho_0 \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u} + \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}^2}{2} \right) \right] = -\nabla P + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - \rho_0 \beta (T - T_0) \mathbf{g}. \quad (145)$$

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains II

○ 5.2 Differentially heated square cavity

Taking the rotational of this equation, we obtain:

$$\rho_0 \left[\frac{\partial \nabla \times \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{u}) \right] = \mu \nabla^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{u} - \rho_0 \beta \nabla \times [(T - T_0) \mathbf{g}]. \quad (146)$$

Using the identity,

$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} \mathbf{u} - \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}, \quad (147)$$

and applied for $\mathbf{a} = \nabla \times \mathbf{u}$ with free-divergence velocity field:

$$\nabla \times [(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) - \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{u}. \quad (148)$$

Moreover, we use also the identity

$$\nabla \times [(T - T_0) \mathbf{g}] = \nabla T \times \mathbf{g}, \quad (149)$$

We obtain

$$\rho_0 \left[\frac{D \nabla \times \mathbf{u}}{Dt} - \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{u} \right] = \mu \nabla^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{u} - \rho_0 \beta \nabla T \times \mathbf{g}, \quad (150)$$

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○ 5.2 Differentially heated square cavity

or with the definition of the vorticity

$$\rho_0 \left[\frac{D\omega}{Dt} - \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} \right] = \mu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\rho_0 \beta}{2} \nabla T \times \mathbf{g}, \quad (151)$$

If the thermal gradient is not collinear to the gravity vector, $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is obviously not equal to zero. The fluid motion always occurs.

The first derivation of this result has been done by Euler⁹ in 1764!

⁸R. Aris: Vectors, Tensors and the basic equation of fluid mechanics, New York 1962.

⁹L. Euler: De motu fluidorum a diverso caloris gradu oriundo, in: Novi Commentarii academiae scientiarum Petropolitanae 11 (1767), pp. 232–267.

5. Natural convection in open and closed domains I

○ 5.2 Differentially heated square cavity

Theorem 7

In the steady-state regime, the thermal flux on the vertical walls defined as follows

$$\Phi_{T,\partial\Omega_{\text{left}}} = \int_{\Omega_{\text{left}}} \lambda \nabla T \cdot \mathbf{n} dl, \quad (152)$$

$$\Phi_{T,\partial\Omega_{\text{right}}} = \int_{\Omega_{\text{right}}} \lambda \nabla T \cdot \mathbf{n} dl, \quad (153)$$

verify the relation:

$$\Phi_{T,\partial\Omega_{\text{left}}} + \Phi_{T,\partial\Omega_{\text{right}}} = 0. \quad (154)$$

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○ 5.2 Differentially heated square cavity

To proof it, in steady-state regime, we have

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0. \quad (155)$$

So, the energy balance becomes

$$\rho_0 C_p \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T). \quad (156)$$

or for free-divergence velocity

$$\rho_0 C_p \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} T) = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T). \quad (157)$$

By integration over the whole domain, we obtain:

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho_0 C_p \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} T) dS = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T) dS. \quad (158)$$

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Using the theorem of the divergence (Green theorem), we have

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \rho_0 C_p \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} T dl = \int_{\partial\Omega} \lambda \nabla T \cdot \mathbf{n} dl. \quad (159)$$

Since the fluid velocity vanishes on the wall and due to the adiabatic condition on the two horizontal walls, we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega_{\text{left}}} \lambda \nabla T \cdot \mathbf{n} dl + \int_{\Omega_{\text{right}}} \lambda \nabla T \cdot \mathbf{n} dl = 0. \quad (160)$$

This criterion is often used in the numerical computation to control the time convergence.

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○ 5.2 Differentially heated square cavity

- ▶ Important to set the velocity scaling in the enclosure. Once again, dimensionless form is useful.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad (161)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0 u_0^2}{L} \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\frac{\delta P}{L} \nabla P + \frac{\mu u_0}{L^2} \nabla \cdot [2\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] - \rho_0 g(T_h - T_c) \beta \theta \mathbf{e}_g, \quad (162)$$

$$\frac{D\theta}{Dt} = \frac{\kappa}{u_0 L} \nabla^2 \theta, \text{ with } \kappa = \frac{\lambda}{\rho_0 C_p}. \quad (163)$$

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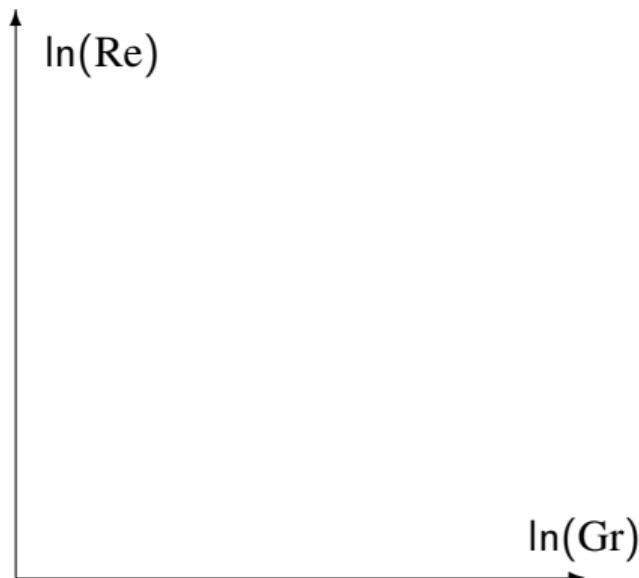


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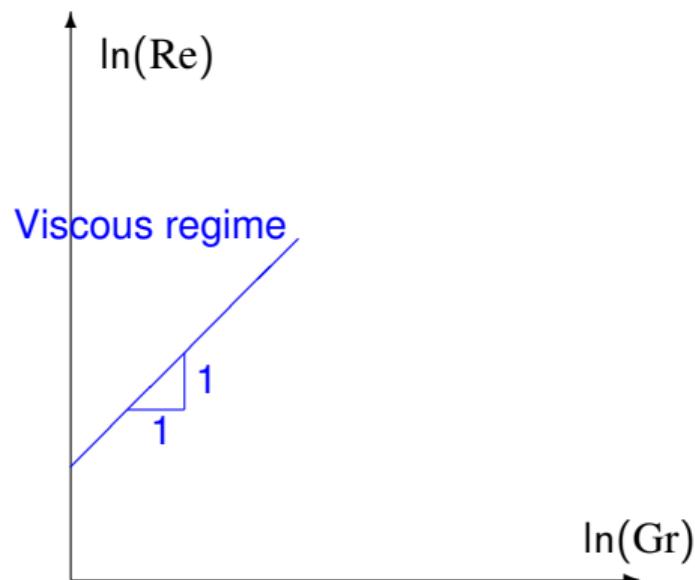


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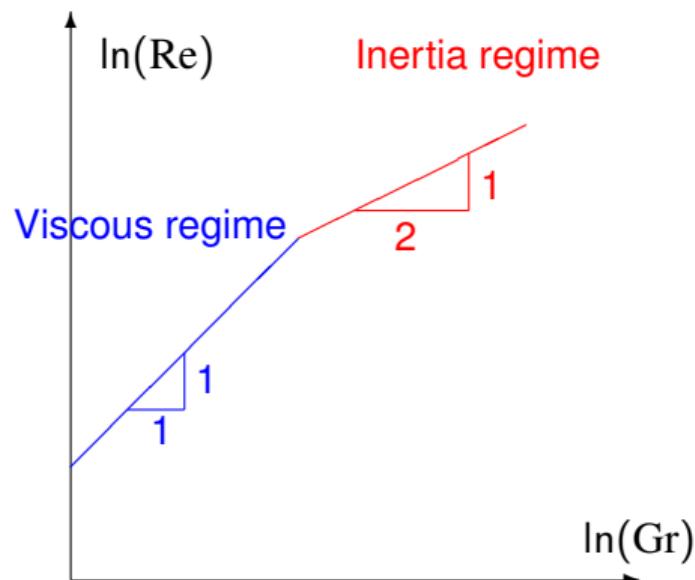


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- ▶ We solved the flow using the scaling of the inertial regime.
- ▶ The dimensionless equations are

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad (168)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla P + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Gr}}} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \theta \mathbf{e}_y, \quad (169)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{GrPr}}} \nabla^2 \theta. \quad (170)$$

- ▶ Two dimensionless numbers:

$$\text{Gr} = \frac{g\beta(T_h - T_c)L^3}{\nu^2}, \quad (171)$$

$$\text{Pr} = \frac{\nu}{\kappa}, \quad (172)$$

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}, \quad \kappa = \frac{\lambda}{\rho_0 C_p}. \quad (173)$$

- ▶ CIMLIB_CFD case is available on: gitlab.com/franck.pigeonneau/diffheatingcavity.git.

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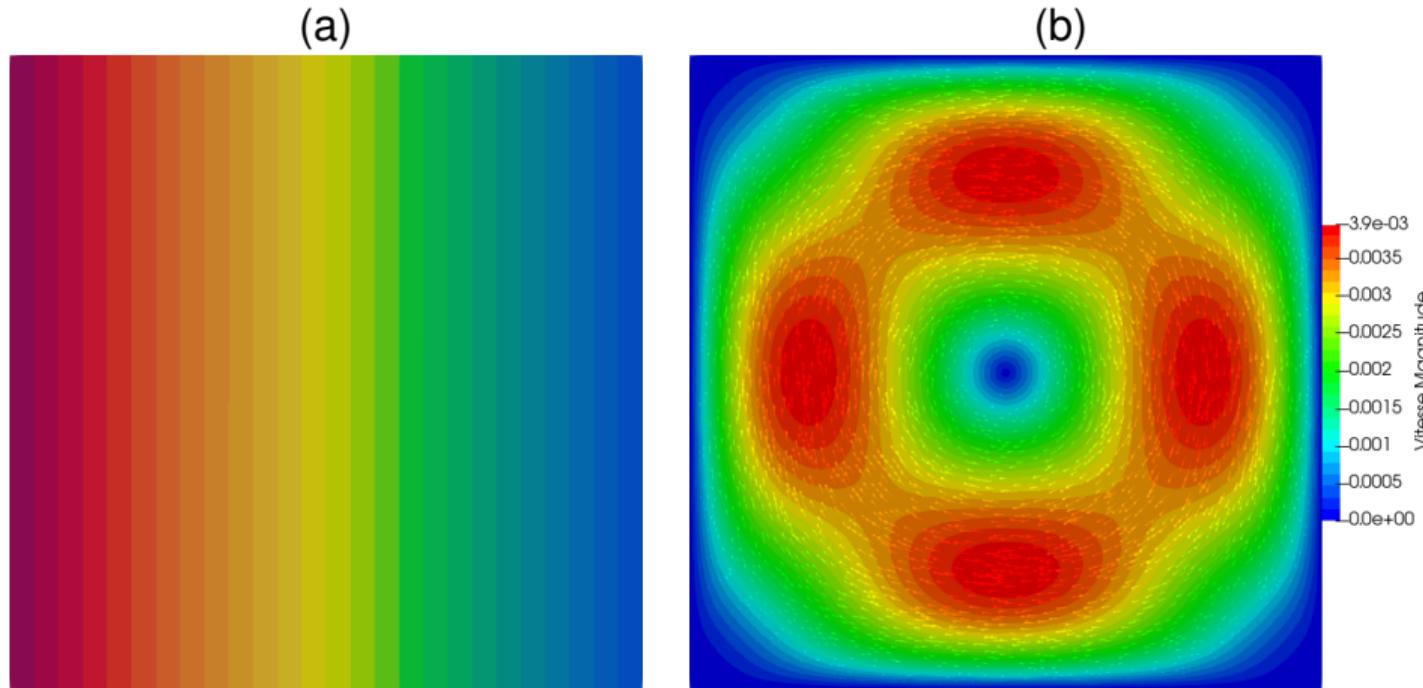


Figure 16: (a) temperature (b) velocity fields for $\text{Gr} = 1$, $\text{Pr} = 1$.

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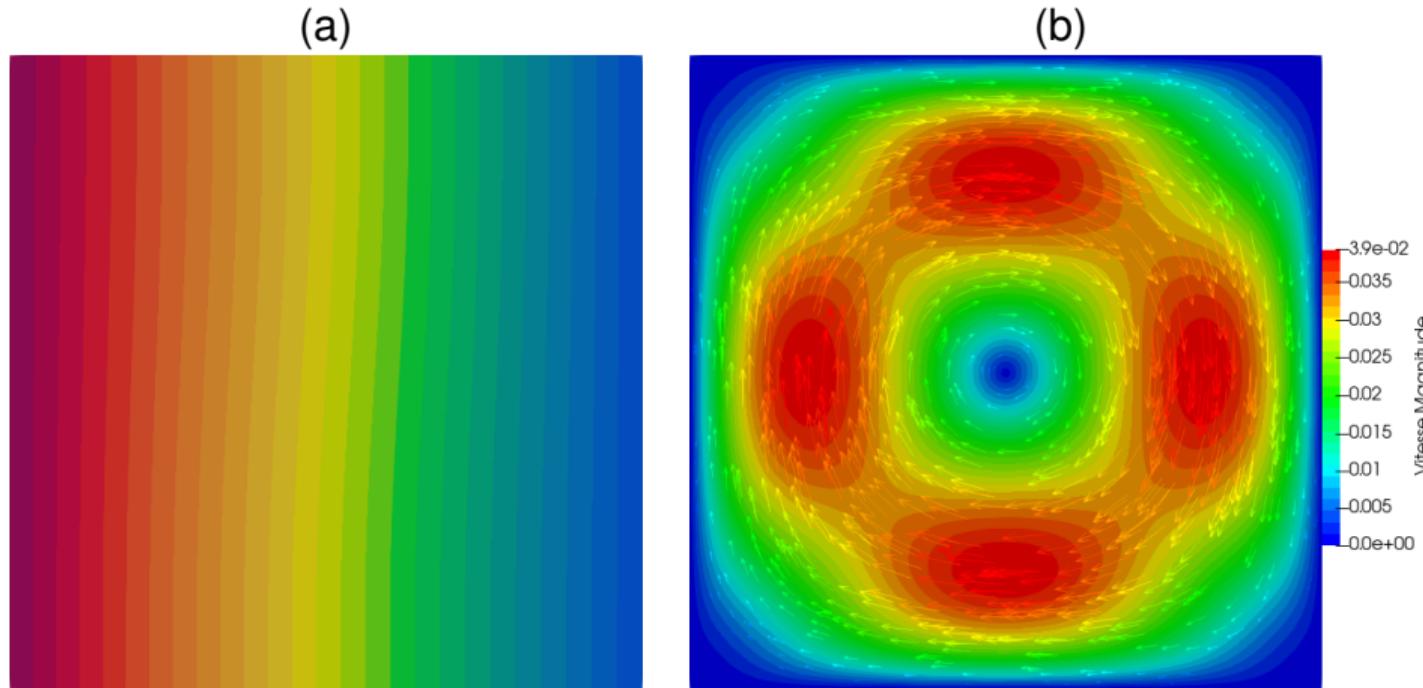


Figure 17: (a) temperature (b) velocity fields for $\text{Gr} = 10^2$, $\text{Pr} = 1$.

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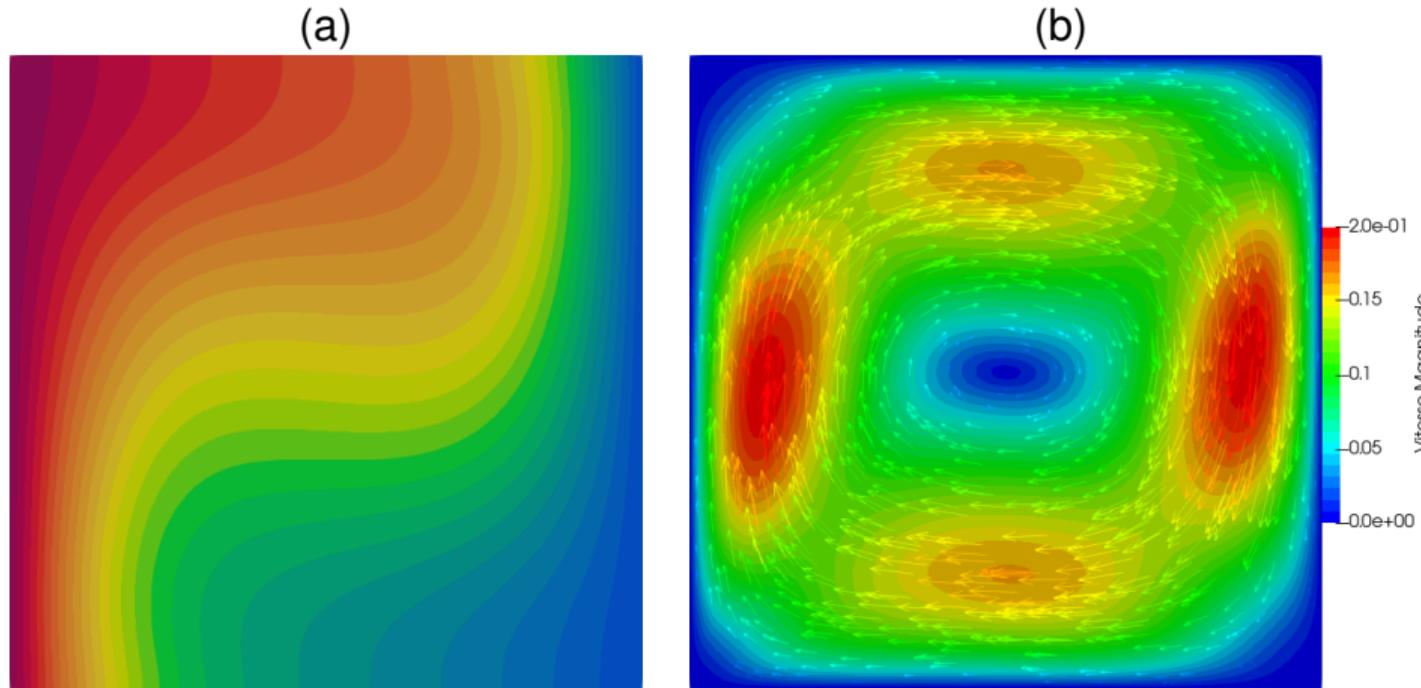


Figure 18: (a) temperature (b) velocity fields for $\text{Gr} = 10^4$, $\text{Pr} = 1$.

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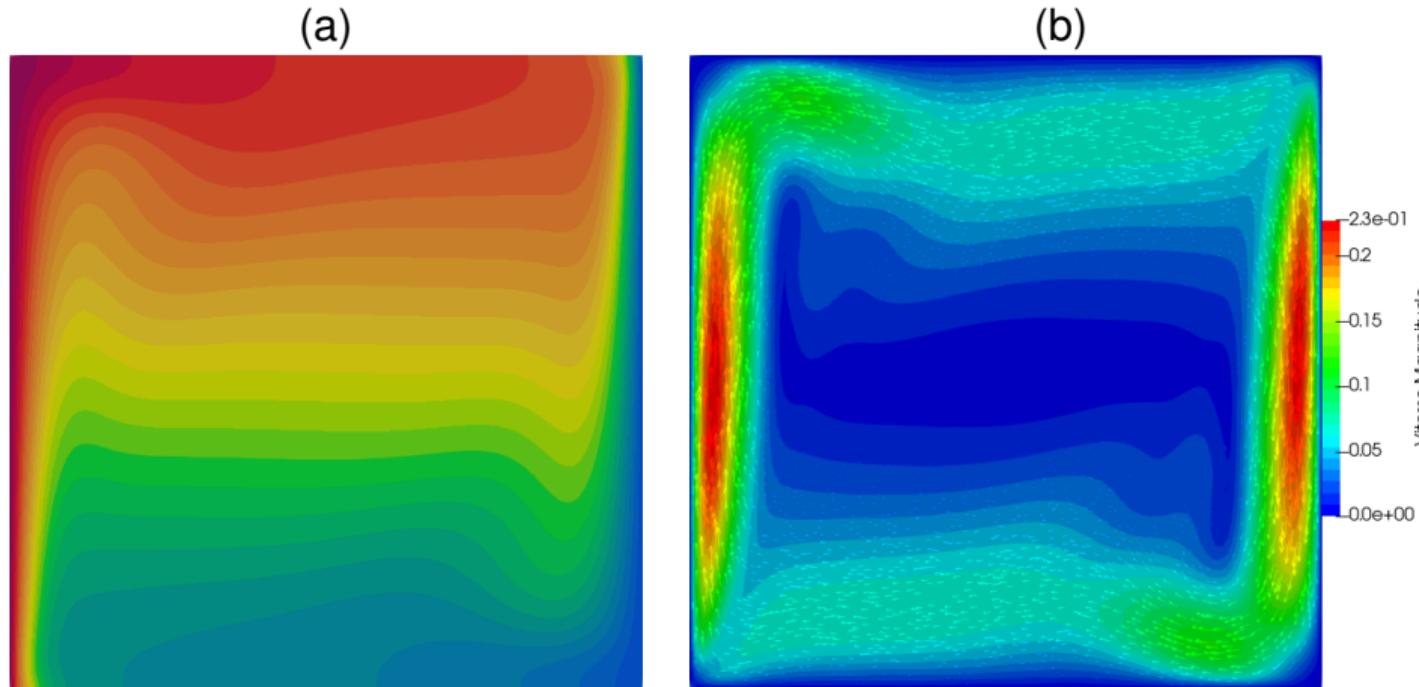


Figure 19: (a) temperature (b) velocity fields for $\text{Gr} = 10^6$, $\text{Pr} = 1$.

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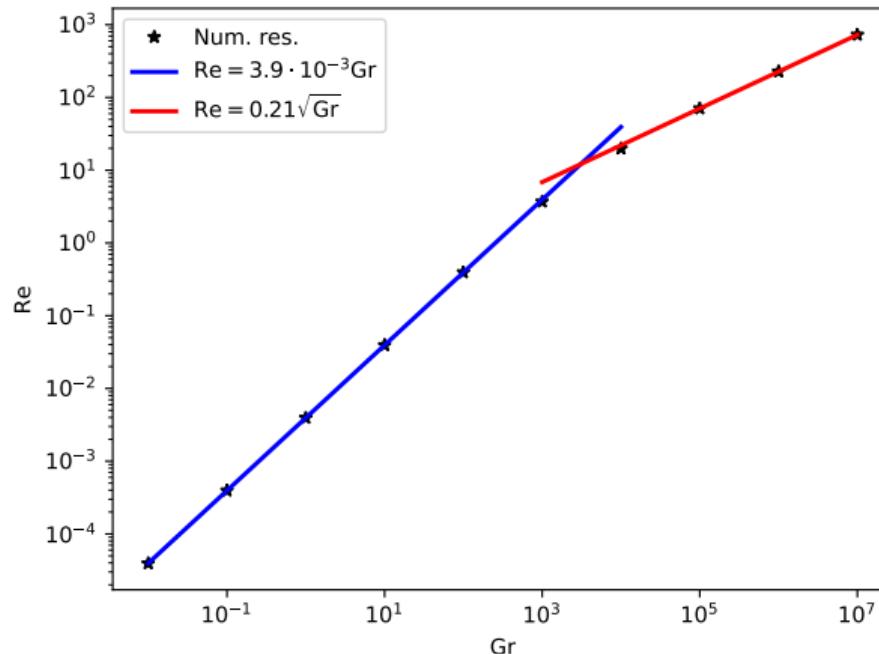


Figure 20: Re vs. Gr.

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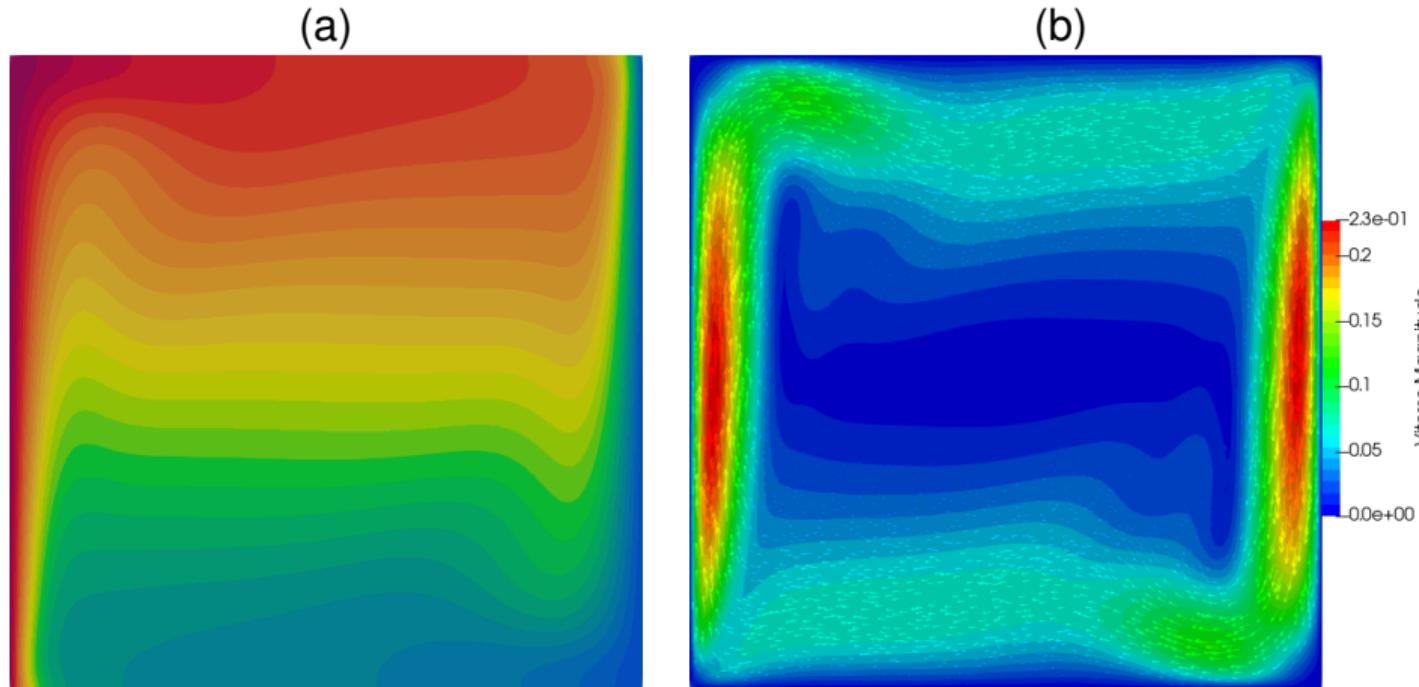


Figure 21: (a) temperature (b) velocity fields for $\text{Gr} = 10^6$, $\text{Pr} = 1$.

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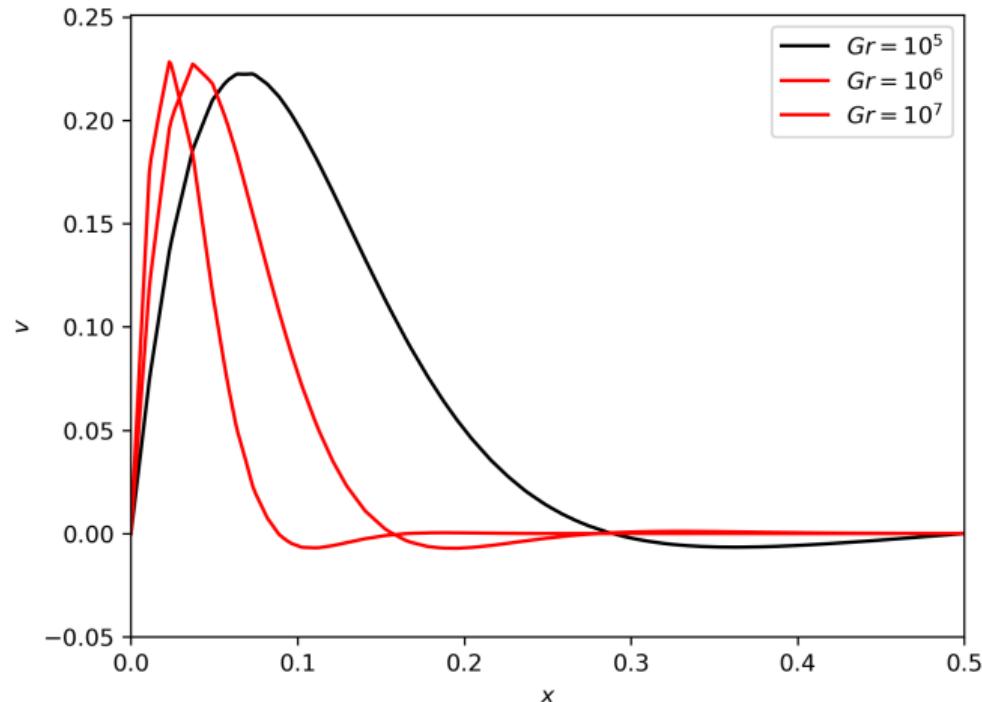


Figure 22: v vs. x on $\partial\Omega_{\text{left}}$ for $Gr = 10^5$, 10^6 and 10^7 .

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- ▶ Boundary layer appears close to the vertical walls similar to the previous study in open system.
- ▶ The boundary layer scales as $1/\sqrt[4]{Gr}$.

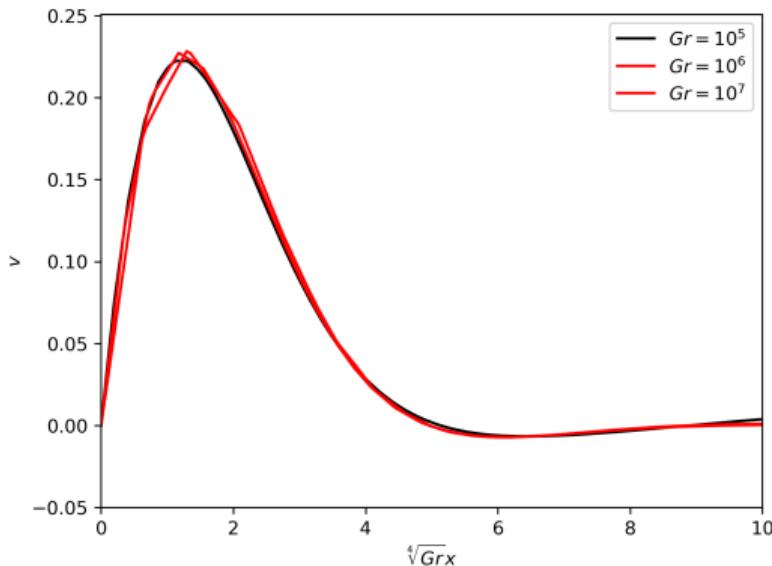


Figure 23: v vs. $x^{4/Gr}$ on $\partial\Omega_{left}$ for $Gr = 10^5$, 10^6 and 10^7 .

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The thermal flux at a boundary is given by

$$\varphi = \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial n}, \quad (174)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{L} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} \Delta T. \quad (175)$$

The thermal heat coefficient is

$$\alpha = \frac{\lambda}{L} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n}. \quad (176)$$

We define the Nusselt number

$$\text{Nu} = \frac{\alpha L}{\lambda} = f(\text{Ra}, \text{Pr}). \quad (177)$$

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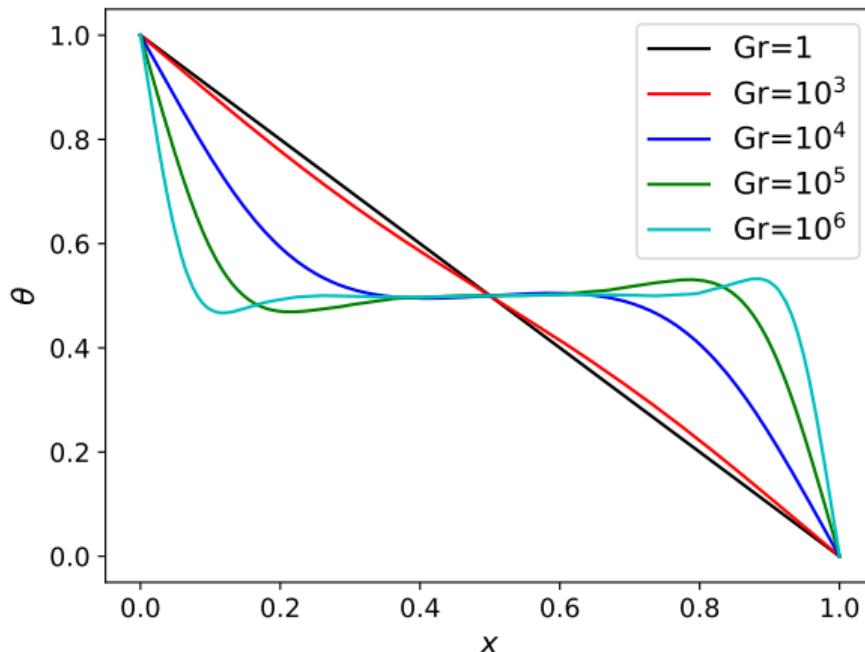


Figure 24: θ vs. x for various Gr .

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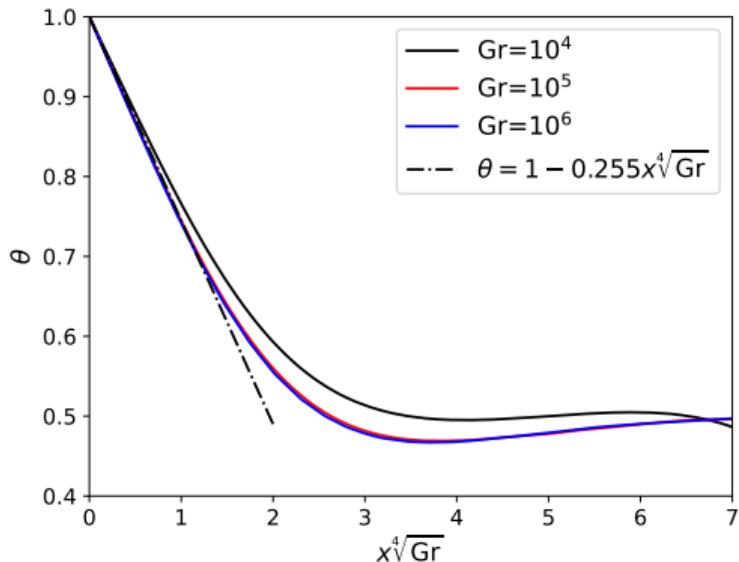


Figure 25: θ vs. $x\sqrt[4]{Gr}$ for various $Gr = 10^4, 10^5$ and 10^6 .

$$|Nu| = 0.255\sqrt[4]{Gr}. \quad (178)$$

6. Synthesis

- ▶ Before to investigate a numerical or experimental problem, the scaling analysis must be done:
 - ▶ To determine the relevant control parameters (dimensionless numbers);
 - ▶ To define scaling laws;
 - ▶ To do the best choice of the numerical solvers.
- ▶ Crucial to have approximated or exact solutions:
 - ▶ To control the accuracy of the numerical solutions.
 - ▶ Very useful to write articles coupling numerical solution vs. theory.
- ▶ Scaling analysis is a powerful tool to study the turbulent flows.

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Other beautiful problems not addressed here

(a)



(b)

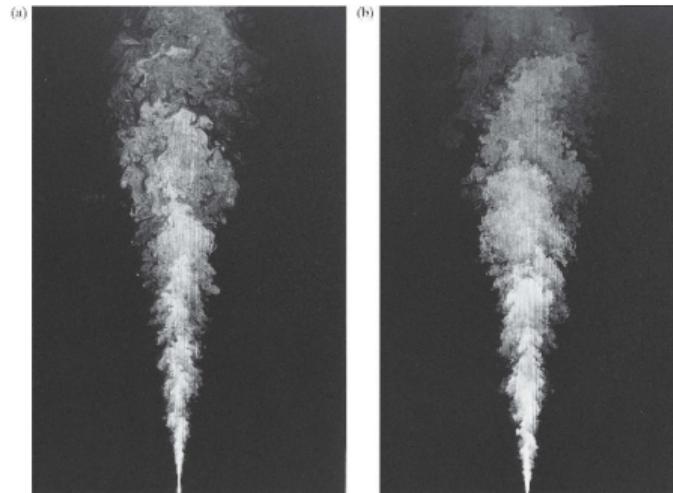


Figure 26: free shear turbulent flows: (a) Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, (b) Turbulent jets, $\text{Re}=5000$ and 20000^{10} .

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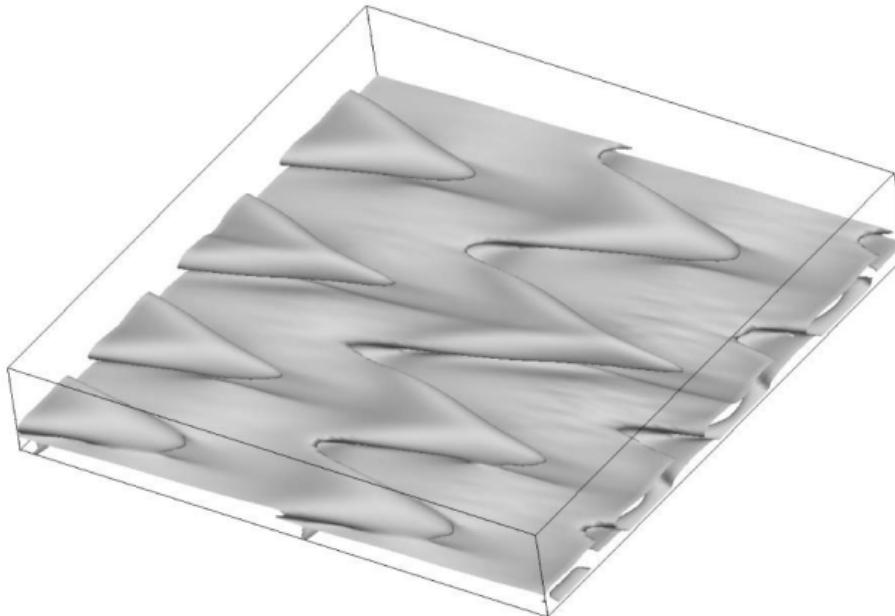


Figure 27: Vorticity of DNS solution of periodic channel flow at high Reynolds number¹¹.

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