

# LEOPACK



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**Boundary Locked Steady Convection Non Linear Solutions and Instability Calculate**

The equation defining the advection of heat is (see [GR87])

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \kappa \nabla^2 T + \frac{q}{C_p \rho} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}$  is the fluid flow,  $T$  the temperature,  $\kappa$  the thermal diffusivity ( $\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ ),  $q$  the rate of local heating ( $\text{Jm}^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$ ),  $C_p$  the specific heat capacity ( $\text{Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ ) and  $\rho$  the density ( $\text{kgm}^{-3}$ ). The convection codes assume that the temperature,  $T$ , is expressed as follows:-

$$T(r, t, \theta, \phi) = T_0(r) + T_1(r, t, \theta, \phi) \quad (2)$$

The steady, basic state temperature distribution,  $T_0(r)$ , is given the form

$$T_0(r) = -\frac{1}{2}b_1r^2 + \frac{b_2}{r} + b_3 \quad (3)$$

where  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$  and  $b_3$  are constants. Its purpose is to define the temperature profile for the sphere or spherical shell, incorporating any internal heating sources. It satisfies

$$\nabla T_0 = -(b_1r + b_2r^{-2}) \mathbf{e}_r, \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_r$  is the unit vector in the radial direction, and

$$\nabla^2 T_0 = -3b_1. \quad (5)$$

If we substitute the definition (2) into Equation (1) and apply (4) and (5) we derive

$$\frac{\partial T_1}{\partial t} = \kappa \nabla^2 T_1 - 3\kappa b_1 + \frac{q}{C_p \rho} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T_1 \quad (6)$$

It is now clear that the constant  $b_1$  defines the sources of internal heating with

$$b_1 = \frac{q}{3C_p \rho \kappa}. \quad (7)$$

If there are no internal heating sources, then  $q = 0$  and hence  $b_1 = 0$ . The constant  $b_2$  is chosen appropriately for systems which have a simple temperature gradient from the inner to the outer boundary.

For numerical simplicity, it is best to solve for temperature functions with homogeneous boundary conditions. We therefore decompose  $T_1$ , the perturbation from the basic state temperature,

$$T_1(r, t, \theta, \phi) = \Theta(r, t, \theta, \phi) + \varepsilon T_a(r, \theta, \phi). \quad (8)$$

$\Theta$  is the function which is solved for in all of the calculations.  $T_a$  is an additional temperature which is imposed if, for example, an inhomogeneous heat-flux at the outer boundary is required.

If we denote the radial component of the velocity  $u_r$ , then applying Equation (8) to Equation (6) gives us the heat equation as applied in all of the programs:

$$c_a \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial t} = c_d \nabla^2 (\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) + b_1 u_r r + b_2 \frac{u_r}{r^2} - c_c \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla (\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) \quad (9)$$

The constants  $c_a$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $c_c$  and  $c_d$  are arbitrarily named, with no physical meaning attached to them. Their use simply allows for any scaling to be applied to the equations. In the codes,  $c_a$  is stored in the double precision variable **CA**; and similarly with  $b_1$  (**CB1**),  $b_2$  (**CB2**),  $c_c$  (**CC**) and  $c_d$  (**CD**).

In the Boussinesq approximation, all density variations except those with respect to the buoyancy force are considered to be negligible, and following the analysis of [GR87], the momentum equation is written

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \tilde{\omega} + \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho_0} \mathbf{g} + \frac{\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}}{\rho_0} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}, \quad (10)$$

where  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are respectively the electric current and magnetic field. The scalar function  $\tilde{\omega}$  combines the pressure,  $p$ , and the centrifugal force such that

$$\tilde{\omega} = \frac{p}{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}|^2,$$

and can be removed from the problem by taking the curl of Equation (10). The density variation  $\delta \rho$  is expressed in terms of the thermal expansivity,  $\alpha$  ( $\text{K}^{-1}$ ), and  $T$ , the temperature perturbation from a well mixed state ( $\rho = \rho_0$ ), to give

$$\frac{\delta \rho}{\rho_0} = -\alpha T. \quad (11)$$

The acceleration due to gravity,  $\mathbf{g}$  is written in terms of the radial vector  $\mathbf{r}$  as

$$\mathbf{g} = -\gamma \mathbf{r}, \quad (12)$$

for a constant  $\gamma$ , ( $\text{s}^{-2}$ ). The linear dependence of  $\mathbf{g}$  on  $r$  is a good approximation for the core (see for example [DA81] or [And89]), but would not be appropriate for the mantle.  $\nu$  is the viscosity ( $\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ ) and  $\mathbf{\Omega} = \Omega \mathbf{k}$  is the rotation vector, in terms of the unit vector,  $\mathbf{k}$ . The electric current is related to the magnetic field by

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{J} \quad (13)$$

where  $\mu$  is the magnetic permeability and assumed to equal  $\mu_0$ , the magnetic permeability of free space everywhere.

In order to eliminate the pressure gradient from the momentum equation, we take the curl of Equation (10) and apply equations (11) and (12). If we denote the vorticity (the curl of  $\mathbf{u}$ ) by  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ , then our vorticity equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} = & -\nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) - 2\Omega \nabla \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{u}) \\ & + \alpha \gamma \nabla \times (T \mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{\rho \mu_0} \nabla \times [(\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B}] + \nu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

It is assumed here that the kinematic viscosity,  $\nu$ , is not a function of space. The basic state temperature,  $T_0$ , is a function of radius alone and therefore cannot contribute to the buoyancy term in the vorticity equation. Giving arbitrarily defined names to the scalings which multiply the terms in our equation (14), we write the curl of the momentum equation

$$\begin{aligned} c_e \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} = & -c_f \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) - c_g \nabla \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{u}) \\ & + c_h \nabla \times [(\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) \mathbf{r}] + c_j \nabla \times [(\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B}] + c_i \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

There are two vector quantities in the momentum equation, the velocity  $\mathbf{u}$  and the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$ .  $\mathbf{B}$  must always satisfy the solenoidal condition

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (16)$$

and similarly, for a Boussinesq fluid,  $\mathbf{u}$  must satisfy

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0. \quad (17)$$

We can therefore express both velocity and magnetic field in poloidal/toroidal decompositions

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \nabla \times \left[ \begin{matrix} {}^P B(r, t, \theta, \phi) \\ \mathbf{r} \end{matrix} \right] + \nabla \times \left[ \begin{matrix} {}^T B(r, t, \theta, \phi) \\ \mathbf{r} \end{matrix} \right] \quad (18)$$

and

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla \times \nabla \times \left[ \begin{matrix} {}^P v(r, t, \theta, \phi) \\ \mathbf{r} \end{matrix} \right] + \nabla \times \left[ \begin{matrix} {}^T v(r, t, \theta, \phi) \\ \mathbf{r} \end{matrix} \right]. \quad (19)$$

Note that these definitions are different from those of, for example Bullard and Gellman - [BG54], who use the unit radial vector,  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ , instead of  $\mathbf{r}$ .

In this proram, we completely ignore the magnetic field,  $\mathbf{B}$ .

The temperature function  $T_1$ , the perturbation from the basic state temperature (see Equation 6), is subject to the decomposition

$$T_1(r, t, \theta, \phi) = \Theta(r, t, \theta, \phi) + \varepsilon T_a(r, \theta, \phi). \quad (20)$$

where  $T_a$  is an additional temperature imposed in order to apply an inhomogeneous heat-flux at the boundary: either inner, outer or both. Our heat and momentum equations are

$$c_a \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial t} = c_d \nabla^2 (\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) + b_1 u_r r + b_2 \frac{u_r}{r^2} - c_c \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla (\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) \quad (21)$$

and

$$c_e \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} = -c_f \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) - c_g \nabla \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{u}) + c_h \nabla \times [(\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) \mathbf{r}] + c_i \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}. \quad (22)$$

We assume that the laterally varying heat-flux,  $T_a$ , locks the flow (i.e.  $\partial \Theta / \partial t = 0$  and  $\partial \mathbf{u} / \partial t = 0$ ). `blscnlsic` then solves for the steady solution,  $(\mathbf{u}_0, \Theta_0)$ , to the equations

$$0 = c_d \nabla^2 (\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) + b_1 u_r r + b_2 \frac{u_r}{r^2} - c_c \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla (\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) \quad (23)$$

and

$$0 = -c_f \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) - c_g \nabla \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{u}) + c_h \nabla \times [(\Theta + \varepsilon T_a) \mathbf{r}] + c_i \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}. \quad (24)$$

This solution is done with Newton-Raphson iteration.

Once the solution  $(\mathbf{u}_0, \Theta_0)$  is obtained, `blscnlsic` tests the stability of the boundary-locked solution by solving the eigenproblem specified by

$$c_a \sigma \tilde{\Theta} = c_d \nabla^2 \tilde{\Theta} + b_1 \tilde{u}_r r + b_2 \frac{\tilde{u}_r}{r^2} - c_c \mathbf{u}_0 \cdot \nabla \tilde{\Theta} - c_e \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla (\Theta_0 + \varepsilon T_a) \quad (25)$$

and

$$c_e \sigma \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = -c_f \nabla \times (\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_0) - c_f \nabla \times (\mathbf{u}_0 \cdot \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) - c_g \nabla \times (\mathbf{k} \times \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) + c_h \nabla \times [\tilde{\Theta} \mathbf{r}] + c_i \nabla^2 \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}. \quad (26)$$

Here,  $\sigma$  is the complex growth rate of the perturbation variables  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$  and  $\tilde{\Theta}$ . If the steady solution contains only wavenumbers 0 and multiples of the non-zero  $m_0$ , then sub-classes of the perturbations  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$  and  $\tilde{\Theta}$  are defined by the Floquet parameter,  $M$ . For example, if  $m_0 = 6$  then  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$  and  $\tilde{\Theta}$  will have classes defined by  $M = 0$ ,  $M = 1$ ,  $M = 2$  and  $M = 3$ . The  $M = 0$  sub-class will contain wavenumbers  $\{0, 6, 12, \dots\}$ , the second  $\{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, \dots\}$ , the third  $\{2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16, \dots\}$  and the last  $\{3, 9, 15, \dots\}$ . The highest  $M$  the program investigates is specified by the integer `MFLOQ`.

$T_a$  has an essentially arbitrary form apart from the conditions that it must satisfy either

$$T_a(r_i, \theta, \phi) = g_i(\theta, \phi) \quad (27)$$

or

$$\left. \frac{\partial T_a(r, \theta, \phi)}{\partial r} \right|_{r=r_i} = g_i(\theta, \phi) \quad (28)$$

at the inner boundary, and either

$$T_a(r_o, \theta, \phi) = g_o(\theta, \phi) \quad (29)$$

or

$$\left. \frac{\partial T_a(r, \theta, \phi)}{\partial r} \right|_{r=r_o} = g_o(\theta, \phi) \quad (30)$$

at the outer boundary: depending upon whether a constant temperature or constant heat-flux boundary condition is to be satisfied.

The functions  $g_i$  and  $g_o$  are both expanded as series of spherical harmonics:

$$g_i(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_i}}{N_i} \sum_{l=0}^{l=L} \sum_{m=0}^{m=l} \left[ g_{i,l}^{mc} \cos m\phi + g_{i,l}^{ms} \sin m\phi \right] P_l^m(\cos \theta) \quad (31)$$

and

$$g_o(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_o}}{N_o} \sum_{l=0}^{l=L} \sum_{m=0}^{m=l} \left[ g_{o,l}^{mc} \cos m\phi + g_{o,l}^{ms} \sin m\phi \right] P_l^m(\cos \theta), \quad (32)$$

where the associated Legendre function  $P_l^m(\cos \theta)$  satisfies the Schmidt quasi-normalisation condition

$$\int_0^\pi [P_l^m(\cos \theta)]^2 \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{2(2 - \delta_{m0})}{2l + 1}. \quad (33)$$

The user specifies the non-zero coefficients  $g_{i,l}^{mc}$ ,  $g_{i,l}^{ms}$ ,  $g_{o,l}^{mc}$  and  $g_{o,l}^{ms}$ , and **blscnlsic** calculates normalisation factors,  $N_i$  and  $N_o$ , such that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [g_i(\theta, \phi)]^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = \varepsilon_i \quad (34)$$

and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [g_o(\theta, \phi)]^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = \varepsilon_o. \quad (35)$$

Therefore, if a user specified that the only non-zero coefficients in the series (31) and (32) were to be  $g_{o,2}^{2c} = 3.0$  and  $g_{o,3}^{2s} = -3.0$  with  $\varepsilon_o = 1.0$ , the result would be exactly the same had the user specified the coefficients  $g_{o,2}^{2c} = 0.012$  and  $g_{o,3}^{2s} = -0.012$  with  $\varepsilon_o = 1.0$ . This gives the user a global control on the normalisation of the “strength” of the functions  $g_i$  and  $g_o$  without having to worry about the actually coefficients themselves, other than their relative sizes.

A file specifies all the coefficients  $g_{i,l}^{mc}$ ,  $g_{i,l}^{ms}$ ,  $g_{o,l}^{mc}$  and  $g_{o,l}^{ms}$ . Coefficients not listed are assumed to be zero.

This file contains one line for each coefficient. The first two characters of each line must contain either **IB** or **OB**: which specify either inner or outer boundary.

These two characters must be exactly at the beginning of a line. The remaining part of the line contains, in any format, the numbers L, M, ICS and COEF.

L and M are clearly  $l$  and  $m$ : ICS is 1 to indicate a  $\cos m\phi$  harmonic (i.e.  $g_{i,l}^{mc}$  or  $g_{o,l}^{mc}$ ) and 2 to indicate a  $\sin m\phi$  harmonic (i.e.  $g_{i,l}^{ms}$  or  $g_{o,l}^{ms}$ ). COEF is ofcourse just the value of the coefficient.

## Examples

The file

```
OB  2  2  1      1.0
```

sets all coefficients to zero except for  $g_{o,2}^{2c}$  which is set to unity.

The file

```
IB  2  2  1      1.0
OB  2  2  1      1.0
OB  3  2  2      1.0
```

sets  $g_{i,2}^{2c} = 1.0$ ,  $g_{o,2}^{2c} = 1.0$  and  $g_{o,3}^{2s} = 1.0$ . This fixes the contribution from  $g_{o,2}^{2c}$  relative to that from  $g_{o,3}^{2s}$ , whereas the contribution from  $g_{i,2}^{2c}$  is only fixed relative to the others by the parameters  $\varepsilon_i$  and  $\varepsilon_o$ .

The stand-alone source code version of the program is compiled by typing

```
make blscnlsic
```

within this directory. Once the executable is created, begin execution by typing

```
blscnlsic < inputfile
```

The inputs file must have the following format.

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```
* input file for blscnlsic
*
boundary_coeffs           : INHOMOG TEMP. FILE
example_a0OUTPUT          : ROOT
0.6666666666  1.6666666666  2  1  45 : RI, RO, IVELBC, ITHEBC, LU
 12  0.001  10.0  4  14      : MXATT CTOL DRSV, NEV, NCV
*-----*
*NR  ISP  LH  SYM  MLOW  MINC  MMAX  IOF  CC  CB1  CB2  CA  CE
*  CD  CF   CG   CH   CI  EPS_in  EPS_out  DCH  NCH  MFLOQ
*-----*
*
* In Zhang and Gubbins (1996), Phys Fluids, v8 p1141-1148,
* epsilon is set to 0.001 for the calculation which is performed
* in Table 1.
*
* Their spherical harmonics have normalisation \int_S (Y_l^m)^2 = 4 \pi
* Our function is normalised so that \int_S g(theta,phi)^2 = 1
* Our epsilon must be 2.0 * sqrt( 4.0 * pi ) multiplied by the epsilon
* quoted by Zhang and Gubbins.
```

```

*
* Hence eps = 0.001 --> eps = 0.0070898154
*
*-----
30  1  14  1  0    6  12    0  7.0  1.0  0.0  7.0  1.0
    1.0  1.0  447.2136  7500.0  1.0  0.0  0.0070898154  500.0  1  3
40  1  14  1  0    6  12    0  7.0  1.0  0.0  7.0  1.0
    1.0  1.0  447.2136  7500.0  1.0  0.0  0.0070898154  500.0  1  3
50  1  14  1  0    6  12    0  7.0  1.0  0.0  7.0  1.0
    1.0  1.0  447.2136  7500.0  1.0  0.0  0.0070898154  500.0  1  3
50  2  14  1  0    6  12    0  7.0  1.0  0.0  7.0  1.0
    1.0  1.0  447.2136  7500.0  1.0  0.0  0.0070898154  500.0  1  3
*-----
30  1  16  1  0    6  12    1  7.0  1.0  0.0  7.0  1.0
    1.0  1.0  447.2136  7500.0  1.0  0.0  0.0070898154  500.0  1  3
40  1  16  1  0    6  12    2  7.0  1.0  0.0  7.0  1.0
    1.0  1.0  447.2136  7500.0  1.0  0.0  0.0070898154  500.0  1  3
50  1  16  1  0    6  12    3  7.0  1.0  0.0  7.0  1.0
    1.0  1.0  447.2136  7500.0  1.0  0.0  0.0070898154  500.0  1  3
50  2  16  1  0    6  12    4  7.0  1.0  0.0  7.0  1.0
    1.0  1.0  447.2136  7500.0  1.0  0.0  0.0070898154  500.0  1  3
*-----

```

Any line in the input file beginning with an asterisk, \*, is ignored by the program and can thus be used to enter comments and notes.

The following arguments are common to all of the runs carried out by the execution:

- INHOMOG TEMP. FILE: Name of file containing the coefficients for boundary temperature as described above.
- ROOT: Stem of filename for all output files.
- RI. Inner boundary radius.
- RO. Outer boundary radius.
- IVELBC: Boundary condition for the velocity.  
 IVELBC = 1 → rigid boundaries.  
 IVELBC = 2 → stress-free boundaries.
- ITHEBC: Boundary condition for the temperature.  
 ITHEBC = 1 → fixed temperature at both  $r = r_i$  and  $r = r_o$ .  
 ITHEBC = 2 → fixed temperature at  $r = r_i$  and fixed heat-flux at  $r = r_o$ .  
 ITHEBC = 3 → fixed heat-flux at  $r = r_i$  and fixed temperature at  $r = r_o$ .
- LU: Output flag. Set to zero to suppress growth rate information and set to 45 to output growth rate information.
- MXATT: The number of attempts allowed for convergence of the Newton-Raphson iteration towards  $(\mathbf{u}_0, \Theta_0)$ .



- CTOL: Stopping criterion for Newton-Raphson iteration. The difference between the residual-norms for two consecutive iterations must be less than CTOL. (Note that the residual norm itself will not actually go to zero in the program: this is due to the treatment of the boundaries.)
- DRSV. The real shift for ARPACK eigensolver.
- NEV. The number of eigenvalues requested.
- NCV. The length of the Arnoldi factorisation. See [LSY98]) for details.

The following (uncommented) lines come in pairs, with two consecutive lines giving the parameters for a single run. The first one of each of these pairs must contain the inputs

- NR. Number of radial grid nodes.
- ISP. Radial grid node spacings flag.  
isp = 1 forces evenly spaced grid nodes from ESNAAS and isp = 2 forces Chebyshev zero spaced nodes from ZCPAAS.
- LH. Highest spherical harmonic degree,  $l$  requested.
- SYM. Equatorial symmetry flag.  
SYM = 1  $\rightarrow$  equatorially symmetric modes.  
SYM = 2  $\rightarrow$  equatorially anti-symmetric modes.  
SYM = 3  $\rightarrow$  both symmetries.
- MLOW: Lowest wavenumber required in the solution. This is (almost?) invariably 0.
- MINC: The smallest non-zero wavenumber required.
- MMAX: The largest wavenumber allowed. Wavenumbers will then include all multiples of MINC up to MMAX.
- IOF: File output flag.  
IOF = 0  $\rightarrow$  no file output.  
IOF = 1  $\rightarrow$  standard output for homogeneous part of locked solution only. (This is recommended.)  
IOF = 2  $\rightarrow$  radial function output.  
IOF = 3  $\rightarrow$  standard output for total locked solution (i.e. including inhomogeneous boundaries). This is useful for easy display of the solution but not very helpful if you wish to use the solution for time-stepping etc. as such solutions should be homogeneous.  
IOF = 4  $\rightarrow$  standard output for both homogeneous part and total locked solution.

- CC: Scaling parameter  $c_c$  in equations (23) and (25).
- CB1: Scaling parameter  $b_1$  in equations (23) and (25).
- CB2: Scaling parameter  $b_2$  in equations (23) and (25).
- CA: Scaling parameter  $c_a$  in Equation (25).
- CE: Scaling parameter  $c_e$  in Equation (26).

The second of these lines contains the numbers

- CD: Scaling parameter  $c_d$  in equations (23) and (25).
- CF: Scaling parameter  $c_f$  in equations (24) and (26).
- CG: Scaling parameter  $c_g$  in equations (24) and (26).
- CH: Scaling parameter  $c_h$  in equations (24) and (26).
- CI: Scaling parameter  $c_i$  in equations (24) and (26).
- EPS\_in: Strength of heating heterogeneity at inner boundary,  $\varepsilon_i$ , as defined in Equation (34).
- EPS\_out: Strength of heating heterogeneity at outer boundary,  $\varepsilon_o$ , as defined in Equation (35).
- DCH: Increment in parameter  $c_h$ :  $\Delta c_h$ . See NCH.
- NCH: Number of increments in  $c_h$  to be made. If NCH = 0 then only a single solution will be calculated for that given run. Otherwise, solutions and instability calculations will be performed for  $c_h = \text{CH}$ ,  $c_h = \text{CH} + \text{DCH}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $c_h = \text{CH} + \text{NCH} \cdot \text{DCH}$ . This way, a search of parameter space is much more effective to administer.
- MFLOQ. The maximum value of Floquet integer,  $M$ .

An alternative code to run is `blscnlsic_evecs`. This performs an identical calculation to `blscnlsic` but outputs files differently (produces solution vector files for all of the instability eigenmodes).

## 1.1 Subprograms required for blscnlsic

### SUBS subroutines

fopen.f vecop.f esnaas.f zcpaas.f ontppf.f gauwts.f  
schnla.f vthmsr.f cindsw.f svfdcf.f fdcmbd.f shcanc.f  
ithcar.f blcnrs.f shkeer.f hmfwt.f svfwt.f xarrwt.f  
svprnt.f vtfhsr.f itslsr.f fclose.f fnamer.f ldgnmf.f  
gfdcf.f lmfind.f itfcf.f cntric.f vspcc.f vccpcc.f  
casvdr.f ibtdva.f ssvlc.f ssvlp.f ssvhst.f ssvta.f  
sdrqst.f sdvgta.f rqstcf.f rqstcp.f rqstca.f rqstsv.f  
avmlta.f rv0cva.f rvcv0a.f rv0gta.f rvgi0a.f amsdea.f  
nrcwmf.f bmwdfs.f asvcpl.f asvdr.f radvlf.f sbrrfc.f  
vmeps.f evalas.f evecex.f matop.f shvect.f vfdp.f  
forsst.f vfcf.f vf2qst.f itfa.f rqstvf.f grinvf.f  
vfcor.f vfrqst.f rqstdr.f amlp.f amlc.f amccfa.f  
amta.f amcl.f amhst.f invcvt.f vicexr.f innlca.f  
invgtt.f invgit.f bmrcop.f dvecz.f asvta.f asvcl.f  
vesr.f cubeop.f fftrlv.f amdlt.f amlica.f amccft.f  
corcof.f amhsar.f matind.f powtwo.f

### SUBS double precision function

pmm.f pmm1.f plm.f dpmm.f dpmm1.f dplm.f  
emmult.f sqrl11.f dl.f dldl.f

### SUBS integer function

indshc.f indfun.f

### BLAS double precision function

dnrm2.f ddot.f dasum.f

### BLAS integer function

idamax.f

### BLAS subroutines

dgemm.f daxpy.f dtrsm.f dgemv.f dswap.f dcopy.f  
dger.f dscal.f dtbsv.f dtrmm.f drot.f dtrmv.f

### ARPACK subroutines

dnaupd.f dneupd.f dnaup2.f dvout.f ivout.f second.f  
dstatn.f dmout.f dgetv0.f dnaitr.f dnconv.f dneigh.f  
dngets.f dnapps.f dlaqrb.f dsortc.f

## LAPACK subroutines

dgetrf.f dgetri.f dgbtrf.f dgbtrs.f dgetf2.f dlaswp.f  
xerbla.f dtrtri.f dgbtf2.f dlahqr.f dgeqr2.f dlacpy.f  
dlaset.f dorm2r.f dtrevc.f dtrsens.f dtrti2.f dlabad.f  
dlanv2.f dlarfg.f dlarf.f dlaln2.f dlacon.f dtrexc.f  
dtrsyl.f dlarnv.f dlascl.f dlartg.f dlassq.f dladiv.f  
dlaexc.f dlasy2.f dlaruv.f dlarfx.f

## LAPACK double precision function

dlapy2.f dlamch.f dlanhs.f dlange.f

## LAPACK integer function

ilaenv.f

## LAPACK logical function

lsame.f

## 1.2 Run-time limitations

Several parameters are set at the outset which limit the physical size of the problem.

```
INTEGER NRMAX, LHMAX, NHMAX, NPHMAX, NTHMAX, KLMAX,
1      NBNDMX, NDCS, NDRVM, ISVMAX, NPMAX, LHLH2M, NCFM,
2      NBN, NRUNM, NITHMX, NCVM
PARAMETER ( NRMAX = 50, LHMAX = 62, NHMAX = 200, NBN = 3,
1          NTHMAX = 64, NPHMAX = 128, KLMAX = (NBN+1)*NHMAX-1,
2          NBNDMX = 3*KLMAX+1, NDCS = 4, NDRVM = 4,
3          ISVMAX = NRMAX*NHMAX, NITHMX = 100 )
PARAMETER ( NPMAX = (LHMAX+1)*(LHMAX+2)/2,
1          LHLH2M = LHMAX*(LHMAX+2), NCFM = 2*NBN + 1,
2          NRUNM = 100, NCVM = 20 )
```

If the values are insufficient, then change them and recompile. (Note that NDCS and NDRVM are not size dependent and should not be changed.)

- NRMAX is the maximum permitted number of radial grid nodes.
- LHMAX is the highest permitted spherical harmonic degree,  $l$ .
- NHMAX is the maximum permitted number of spherical harmonic radial functions.

- NBNM is the number of upper (and lower) diagonals in the banded matrix. NBNM = 3 is recommended value.
- NTHMAX is the maximum permitted number of grid nodes in  $\theta$  for Gaussian quadrature in the spherical transforms.
- NPHMAX is the maximum permitted number of grid nodes in  $\phi$  for the Fast Fourier Transforms.
- NCVM is the maximum value of NCV.
- NRUNM is the maximum number of independent runs permitted.

## IMPORTANT

In addition to the limitations in the top of the program source code file, the program also calls the subroutine BLCNRS which also contains a series of parameter declarations. This may return a message of the form

```
Subroutine BLCNRS
NR   =   40  NRMAX  =   200
NH   =   162 NHMAX  =   146
LH   =   14  LHMAX  =   62
N2   =   6480 ISVMAX =   29200
NPHP =   32 NPHMAX =   128
NTHP =   16 NTHMAX =   64
Recompile routine with higher dimensions.
Program aborted.
```

This immediately tells us that the value NH is insufficient: change that as necessary, recompile and try again!

## 1.3 Outputs from BLSCNLSIC

If the filename stem “root” was specified in the input file, the files `root.bc`, `root.ca`, `root.cb1`, `root.cb2`, `root.cc`, `root.cd`, `root.ce`, `root.cf`, `root.cg`, `root.ch`, `root.ci`, `root.epsi`, `root.epso`, `root.isp`, `root.isym`, `root.lh`, `root.log`, `root.m`, `root.nr`, `root.res`, `root.ri` and `root.ro` will all be created. These files just contain the values of various parameters for each run. My advice is to comment out the lines which write these files.

The most important files are the `.res` and `.log` files. The `.log` writes out all of the growth rates calculated, for example:

```

Mfl:  0 Eval  1 (      -1.2294760,      -10.3727416)
Mfl:  0 Eval  2 (      -1.2294760,       10.3727416)
Mfl:  0 Eval  3 (      -9.8093893,       0.0000000)
Mfl:  0 Eval  4 (     -14.1000474,       0.0000000)
Mfl:  1 Eval  1 (      -2.9137588,      -4.7972498)
Mfl:  1 Eval  2 (      -2.9137588,       4.7972498)
Mfl:  1 Eval  3 (      -6.2098478,      -6.3950447)
Mfl:  1 Eval  4 (      -6.2098478,       6.3950447)
Mfl:  2 Eval  1 (      -5.7388850,     -14.2413705)
Mfl:  2 Eval  2 (      -5.7388850,      14.2413705)
Mfl:  2 Eval  3 (      -8.1439697,     -0.6292984)
Mfl:  2 Eval  4 (      -8.1439697,       0.6292984)

```

from which it is clear that for this particular run, the stability is controlled by the sub-class with Floquet integer  $M$  (growth rate with the largest real part).

The `.res` file writes out the numbers  $c_h$  (Rayleigh number of current solution), the total kinetic energy of the boundary locked solution for this Rayleigh number, the Floquet integer  $M$  studied which gives the highest instability growth rate, the corresponding  $\sigma_r$  value, the corresponding  $\sigma_i$  value,  $\varepsilon_0$ <sup>1</sup>.

In addition, output files of solutions will be created as required by the user - specified by the integer `IOF`. Look at the sample runs to see how the naming system works.

## 1.4 Sample runs of blscnlsic

The directory

`LEOPACK_blscnlsic`

contains example input files.

### 1.4.1 Example a

We will reproduce the results of [ZG96] - see the original article for a complete formulation of the problem. With the file `example_a.input` we seek to calculate the boundary-locked solutions and instability growth rates for the  $P_r = 7.0$ ,  $g(\theta, \phi) = Y_6^6$  case which is tabulated in Table (1) of this article.

The spherical harmonic temperature variation at the outer boundary is specified by the file `boundary_coeffs` which reads

```
OB   6   6   1       1.0
```

---

<sup>1</sup>I have yet to apply inhomogeneous thermal boundaries at the inner surface.

$L$	$N$	Rayleigh number 7500	Rayleigh number 8000
14	30	$-2.399 + 2.748i$	$1.509 + 2.875i$
14	40	$-2.414 + 2.746i$	$1.493 + 2.874i$
14	50	$-2.419 + 2.745i$	$1.488 + 2.872i$
14	50 <sup>†</sup>	$-2.421 + 2.743i$	$1.486 + 2.869i$
16	30	$-2.393 + 2.746i$	$1.512 + 2.873i$
16	40	$-2.410 + 2.745i$	$1.496 + 2.871i$
16	50	$-2.413 + 2.743i$	$1.491 + 2.870i$
16	50 <sup>†</sup>	$-2.415 + 2.740i$	$1.489 + 2.867i$

Table 1: Growth rates of perturbations calculated by blscnlsic for the calculation detailed in Table (1) of [ZG96]. † indicates Chebyshev spaced irregular radial grid nodes, otherwise they are uniformly spaced.

See note in the input file on the scaling of epsilon.

We summarise the numerical convergence of the instability growth rates in Table (1). These are a direct comparison with table 1 in [ZG96]. You will notice that this program took a LONG time to run - almost 14 hours on a Sun Ultra 10. This is due to the fact that MFLOQ was set to 3 for all runs and so every equatorially symmetric perturbation sub-class was tested for stability. The  $M = 1$  and  $M = 2$  sub-classes contain far more spherical harmonic radial functions than the  $M = 0$  sub-class (or the  $M = 3$  class, which contains the fewest) and so solving the linear eigensystem takes a long time. If we can safely avoid testing all the Floquet integers for stability then we should.

#### 1.4.2 Example b

We will attempt to reproduce the results of [ZG93] - see the original article for a complete formulation of the problem. With the file `example_b.input` we seek to calculate the boundary-locked solutions and instability growth rates for the  $g(\theta, \phi) = Y_6^6$  case which is tabulated in Table (1) of this article.

See note in the input file on the scaling of epsilon.

This time, for the sake of speed, MFLOQ was set to zero and so only perturbations with the same spatial form as the boundary-locked solution were tested for stability.

The `.res` file produced was

```

5.40000000D+03  1.70928445D+01  0 -1.22947598D+00 -1.03727416D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.60000000D+03  1.74154855D+01  0  2.09540287D-01 -1.07033889D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.40000000D+03  1.70964860D+01  0 -1.22886250D+00 -1.03704999D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.60000000D+03  1.74198215D+01  0  2.10224480D-01 -1.07010638D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.40000000D+03  1.70961569D+01  0 -1.22865664D+00 -1.03699838D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.60000000D+03  1.74198026D+01  0  2.10450097D-01 -1.07005288D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.40000000D+03  1.70773338D+01  0 -1.22186823D+00 -1.03736761D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.60000000D+03  1.73942405D+01  0  2.17898010D-01 -1.07046786D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.40000000D+03  1.70809414D+01  0 -1.22124182D+00 -1.03714414D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.60000000D+03  1.73985307D+01  0  2.18597171D-01 -1.07023615D+01  7.08981540D-02

```

$L$	$N$	Rayleigh number 5400	Rayleigh number 5600
14	30	$-1.229 + 10.373i$	$0.210 + 10.703i$
14	40	$-1.229 + 10.370i$	$0.210 + 10.701i$
14	50	$-1.229 + 10.370i$	$0.210 + 10.701i$
16	30	$-1.222 + 10.374i$	$0.218 + 10.705i$
16	40	$-1.221 + 10.371i$	$0.219 + 10.702i$
16	50	$-1.221 + 10.371i$	$0.219 + 10.702i$

Table 2: Growth rates of perturbations calculated by blscnlsc for the calculation detailed in Table (1) of [ZG93]. All calculations performed with Chebyshev-zero spaced radial grid nodes.

```

5.40000000D+03  1.70806065D+01  0 -1.22103266D+00 -1.03709270D+01  7.08981540D-02
5.60000000D+03  1.73985039D+01  0  2.18826598D-01 -1.07018286D+01  7.08981540D-02

```

We summarise the numerical convergence of the instability growth rates in Table (2). These are a direct comparison with table 1 in [ZG93].



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