

Equation Derivations for τ_ν

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1 Viscous Time

The non-dimensional equations for convection using τ_ν are:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla P + \frac{R_F}{Pr} T \hat{\mathbf{z}} + \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - Ta^{\frac{1}{2}} \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}, \quad (2)$$

$$\partial_t T + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) T = \frac{1}{Pr} [\nabla^2 T + \mathcal{H}], \quad (3)$$

2 Applying perturbation theory

From here we can decompose to an equilibrium state and a small order perturbation:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{eq} + \epsilon \mathbf{u}', \quad T = T_{eq} + \epsilon T', \quad P = P_{eq} + \epsilon P', \quad (4)$$

where ϵ is a small parameter. We can substitute these into the non-dimensionalised equations, gather terms of the same order in epsilon, ignore terms of order ϵ^2 and higher, and remember that all ϵ^0 terms are a steady-state equilibrium, so ∂_t terms = 0 and $\mathbf{u}_{eq} = 0$. With this, we get:

ϵ^0 (equilibrium equations):

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{eq} = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\nabla P_{eq} = \frac{R_F}{Pr} T_{eq} \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \quad (6)$$

$$-\nabla^2 T_{eq} = \mathcal{H}. \quad (7)$$

ϵ^1 (perturbation equations):

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}' = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u}' + \nabla P' - \frac{R_F}{Pr} T' \hat{\mathbf{z}} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}' + Ta^{\frac{1}{2}} \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}' = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\partial_t T' + (\mathbf{u}' \cdot \nabla) T_{eq} - \frac{1}{Pr} \nabla^2 T' = 0. \quad (10)$$

In the case of the Kazemi+22 heating function, we can solve the third ϵ^0 equation to calculate T_{eq} . Since

$$\mathcal{H} = ae^{\frac{-z}{\ell}} - \beta, \quad (11)$$

we can show that

$$\partial_z T_{\text{eq}} = a\ell e^{\frac{-z}{\ell}} + \beta z + C, \quad (12)$$

and we can use the boundary condition that $\partial_z T_{\text{eq}}|_{z=0} = 0$ to show that $C = -a\ell$. We can then find

$$T_{\text{eq}} = -a\ell^2 e^{\frac{-z}{\ell}} + \frac{\beta z^2}{2} - a\ell z + C, \quad (13)$$

where C is an arbitrary constant. It can be shown that choosing $C = 1 + a\ell^2$ will set $T_{\text{eq}}|_{z=0} = 1$, so we can deduce our equilibrium temperature profile as

$$T_{\text{eq}} = -a\ell^2 e^{\frac{-z}{\ell}} + \frac{\beta z^2}{2} - a\ell z + 1 + a\ell^2. \quad (14)$$

3 Boundary Conditions

The boundary conditions for the perturbation equations are:

Impermeable top and bottom:

$$w'(z=0) = w'(z=L) = 0, \quad (15)$$

Free-Slip top and bottom:

$$\partial_z u'(z=0) = \partial_z u'(z=L) = 0, \quad (16)$$

$$\partial_z v'(z=0) = \partial_z v'(z=L) = 0, \quad (17)$$

Insulating top and bottom:

$$\partial_z T'(z=0) = \partial_z T'(z=L) = 0. \quad (18)$$

The perturbation equations and boundary conditions are inputted into `eigenvalue.py` and solved using `eigentools`, which should recover the critical Rayleigh number and critical wave number for a given Taylor number.