

EXAMPLE OF THE GENERATION OF A SECONDARY STATIONARY OR PERIODIC FLOW WHEN THERE IS LOSS OF STABILITY OF THE LAMINAR FLOW OF A VISCOUS INCOMPRESSIBLE FLUID

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It is well-known that the solution of a stationary problem for the Navier-Stokes equations is unique 'in the small' (for a small Reynolds number, small mass forces, etc.). However, experiments and approximate calculations using Galerkin's method show that, in general, there is no uniqueness. For example, an experiment shows, a secondary stationary flow may arise with the loss of stability of a Couette flow between rotating cylinders. Up to now, however, the non-uniqueness has not been rigorously proved in a single case.

In the present paper the question of the bifurcation of stationary flows of a viscous incompressible fluid is considered. In section 1 the theory of bifurcation of solutions of operational equations, developed in [1] is shown to be applicable to this problem. Thus, the question of bifurcation of the Navier-Stokes equations reduces to the determination of the odd-multiple characteristic values which correspond to a linearized problem.

In section 2 a two-dimensional problem of the Navier-Stokes equations is considered with a periodicity condition on the stream function with respect to x, y corresponding to the periods $2\pi/\alpha_0, 2\pi$.

In [2] the stability of the solution of this problem $\psi_0 = - (y/\nu) \cos y$ was investigated (in the usual linear formulation) and it was shown that stability always occurs for $\alpha_0 > 1$ and is lost for sufficiently small α_0 , fixed (y/ν) and small ν . A proof of the method of linearization is given in [4].

In section 2 of the present paper it is shown that for $\alpha_0 \geq 1$ the stationary solution ψ_0 is stable 'in the large' and unique (2.2), and that for any $\alpha_0 < 1$ and sufficiently large

values of the parameter $\lambda = (\gamma/\nu^2)$ new stationary solutions branch off from the solution ψ_0 . (Revising the result from [2] by the method of section 2 (cf. lemma 2.1) it is not difficult to show that the solution ψ_0 is unstable for $\lambda > \lambda(\alpha_0)$ where $\lambda(\alpha_0)$ is the point of bifurcation found in section 2 (2.3).)

A basic result on non-uniqueness is formulated in theorem 2, where the exact number of points of bifurcation are determined depending on α_0 and some conclusions about the spectrum are drawn. From theorem 2 theorem 3 easily follows in which an example of the generation of a time periodic flow when there is loss of stability of a stationary flow is given as well as an example of the generation of a conditionally periodic flow when there is loss of stability of a periodic flow.

1. On the bifurcation of stationary solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations.

1.1. *Reduction to an operational equation.* We shall consider the stationary problem of the Navier-Stokes equations in the bounded domain D with the boundary S

$$\nu \Delta v_i' = \nu_k' \frac{\partial v_i'}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} - F_i \quad (i=1, 2, 3), \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}' \equiv \frac{\partial v_i'}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad \mathbf{v}'|_S = \mathbf{a} \quad (1.1)$$

where \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{a} are given vectors; $\mathbf{v}'(x)$, $P(x)$ are the unknown velocity and pressure. We shall employ the usual convention of omitting the summation sign for the repeated index.

We shall assume that \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{a} depend on a parameter γ and that for any γ ($-\infty < \gamma < \infty$) the problem (1.1) admits a solution of the form

$$\mathbf{v}' = \gamma \mathbf{v}_0(x), \quad P = P_0(x_0, \gamma) \quad (1.2)$$

where \mathbf{v}_0 no longer depends on γ . It is well known that for small γ this solution is unique. Later we shall be interested in solutions of problem (1.1) which are different from (1.2). We shall seek them in the form

$$\mathbf{v}' = \gamma \mathbf{v} + \gamma \mathbf{v}_0, \quad P = (1/\nu\gamma) p + P_0 \quad (1.3)$$

For determining \mathbf{v} and p we shall then obtain the problem

$$\Delta v_i = \lambda \left[v_{0k} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} + v_k \frac{\partial v_{0i}}{\partial x_k} + v_k \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} \right] + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}, \quad \operatorname{div} v \equiv \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad v|_S = 0 \quad (\lambda = \gamma/\nu) \quad (1.4)$$

Along with the problem (1.4) we shall consider the linearized problem which corresponds to it

$$\Delta u_i = \lambda \left[v_{0k} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} + u_k \frac{\partial v_{0i}}{\partial x_k} \right] + \frac{\partial q}{\partial x_i}, \quad \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad \mathbf{u}|_S = 0 \quad (1.5)$$

and the problem conjugate to (1.5)

$$\Delta w_i = -\lambda v_{0k} \left(\frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial w_k}{\partial x_i} \right) + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_i}, \quad \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad \mathbf{w}|_S = 0 \quad (1.6)$$

We shall reduce these three problems to equations with completely continuous operators. This is achieved essentially by inversion of the operators which correspond to $\lambda = 0$. We shall introduce a Hilbert space H_1 — a complete set of smooth solenoidal vectors which vanish near S , by the norm generated by the scalar products

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})_{H_1} = \int_D \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial x_k} dx = \int_D \text{rot } \mathbf{u} \cdot \text{rot } \mathbf{w} dx \quad (1.7)$$

According to a theorem of imbedding [3], the inequality

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_p} = \left(\int_D |\mathbf{u}|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq c_p \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1} \quad (1 \leq p \leq 6) \quad (1.8)$$

is correct for all $\mathbf{u} \in H_1$, where c_p depends only on the domain D and on p , but not on \mathbf{u} .

The vectors $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \in H_1$, which differ from zero and satisfy the integral identities

$$(\mathbf{v}, \Phi)_{H_1} = -\lambda \int_D \left[v_{0k} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} + v_k \frac{\partial v_{0i}}{\partial x_k} + v_k \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} \right] \Phi_i dx \quad (1.9)$$

$$(\mathbf{u}, \Phi)_{H_1} = -\lambda \int_D \left[v_{0k} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} + u_k \frac{\partial v_{0i}}{\partial x_k} \right] \Phi_i dx \quad (1.10)$$

$$(\mathbf{w}, \Phi)_{H_1} = \lambda \int_D v_{0k} \left(\frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial w_k}{\partial x_i} \right) \Phi_i dx \quad (1.11)$$

for all $\Phi \in H_1$ and some λ , the so-called eigen-value, will be called the generalized eigen-vectors of the problems (1.4) - (1.6), respectively. From the results of [4] (cf. also [5]) it follows that for sufficiently smooth F, S and \mathbf{a} the generalized eigen-vectors together with some functions $p(x), q(x)$, and $Q(x)$ will generate solutions of the problems (1.4) - (1.6) in the classical sense.

We shall now determine the operators K, A, A^* which act in H_1 by requiring that the integral identities

$$(K\mathbf{v}, \Phi)_{H_1} = -\int_D \left[v_{0k} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} + v_k \frac{\partial v_{0i}}{\partial x_k} + v_k \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} \right] \Phi_i dx \quad (1.12)$$

$$(A\mathbf{u}, \Phi)_{H_1} = -\int_D \left(v_{0k} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} + u_k \frac{\partial v_{0i}}{\partial x_k} \right) \Phi_i dx \quad (1.13)$$

$$(A^*\mathbf{w}, \Phi)_{H_1} = \int_D v_{0k} \left(\frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial w_k}{\partial x_i} \right) \Phi_i dx \quad (1.14)$$

be satisfied for any $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, \Phi \in H_1$.

Lemma 1.1. The operators K, A, A^* are completely continuous in H_1 .

The proof for the operator K is given in [4]. For A and A^* it is exactly the same.

Lemma 1.2. The problems of determining the generalized eigen-vectors defined in (1.9)-(1.11) are equivalent to the corresponding operational equations

$$\mathbf{v} = \lambda K\mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \lambda A\mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \lambda A^*\mathbf{w} \quad (1.15)$$

The validity of this lemma follows immediately from the definitions of the generalized eigen-vectors and the operators K, A, A^* .

Lemma 1.3. The operator A is a Fréchet differential of the operator K at the point $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

Proof. It is necessary to show that

$$\lim \frac{\|K\mathbf{u} - A\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1}} = 0 \quad \text{for } \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1} \rightarrow 0 \quad (1.16)$$

From (1.12) and (1.13) we conclude that

$$(K\mathbf{u} - A\mathbf{u}, \Phi)_{H_1} = - \int_D u_k \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \Phi_i dx = \int_D \mathbf{u} \times \text{rot } \mathbf{u} \cdot \Phi dx \quad (1.17)$$

We shall set $\Phi = K\mathbf{u} - A\mathbf{u}$ in (1.17). Evaluating the right-hand side of (1.17) by means of the Hölder inequality with indices $p_1 = 4, p_2 = 2, p_3 = 4$ and applying the imbedding inequality (1.8), we obtain

$$\|K\mathbf{u} - A\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1}^2 \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_1} \cdot \|\text{rot } \mathbf{u}\|_{L_2} \|K\mathbf{u} - A\mathbf{u}\|_{L_4} \leq c_4^2 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1}^2 \cdot \|K\mathbf{u} - A\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1}$$

Thus

$$\|K\mathbf{u} - A\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1} \leq c_4^2 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H_1}^2 \quad (1.18)$$

and hence (1.16) follows.

Lemma 1.4. The operator A^* is the conjugate of the operator A in H_1 .

Proof. Let \mathbf{w} and Φ be arbitrary vectors from H_1 . Integrating (1.14) by parts, we find

$$(A^* \mathbf{w}, \Phi)_{H_1} = - \int_D w_i \left[v_{0k} \frac{\partial \Phi_i}{\partial x_k} + \Phi_k \frac{\partial v_{0i}}{\partial x_k} \right] dx = (\mathbf{w}, A\Phi)_{H_1} \quad (1.19)$$

which proves the lemma.

We can now apply the theory of bifurcation of solutions of non-linear operational equations [1] to the determination of stationary flows which are different from (1.2).

The real number λ_0 is called a point of bifurcation of the operator K , if for any $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ a characteristic number λ of the operator K can be found such that $|\lambda - \lambda_0| < \epsilon$ even though $\|\mathbf{v}\|_{H_1} < \delta$ for some eigen-vector \mathbf{v} of the operator K which corresponds to this

characteristic number. Only the characteristic numbers of its Fréchet differential at zero, the operator A , can be points of bifurcation of the operator K .

In the case under consideration a theorem of M.A. Krasnosel'skii [1] gives the following: let λ_0 be a characteristic number of the operator K having odd multiplicity. Then the number λ_0 is a point of bifurcation of the operator K ; moreover, a continuous branch of eigen-vectors of the operator K corresponds to this point of bifurcation.

We shall explain the concepts applied here. Let λ_0 be a characteristic number of the operator A and u be any of the eigen-vectors corresponding to it. We shall consider the following problem:

$$u = \lambda_0 A u, \quad u_1 = \lambda_0 A u_1 + u_0, \dots, \quad u_r = \lambda_0 A u_r + u_{r-1}, \dots \quad (1.20)$$

As is well known, the complete continuity of the operator A implies that only a finite number r of them are resolvable. In this connection r is called the rank of the eigen-vector u .

If $r = 1$ we shall say that the eigen-vector u is simple. The vectors u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{r-1} are called adjoints to the eigen-vector u . The linear envelope of all the eigen-vectors and adjoint vectors corresponding to the given characteristic number λ_0 is called the invariant subspace of the operator A which corresponds to the characteristic number λ_0 .

The dimension n of this subspace is called the multiplicity of the characteristic number λ_0 .

If $n = 1$, λ_0 is then called a simple characteristic number; if $n > 1$, λ_0 is called a multiple characteristic number.

Something can be learned about the spectrum of the operator K (i.e., about the totality of its characteristic values) with the help of the following consideration. For every λ obtained from the characteristic numbers of the operator A the index of the stationary point $v = 0$ of the vector field $(I - K)v$ is equal to unity in absolute magnitude and changes sign when λ passes through an odd-multiple characteristic number of the operator A . On the other hand, the calculation of the rotation of the vector field $I - K$ on spheres of large radius turns out well in many cases.

For example, in [4] it is shown to be equal to $+1$, if the vector flux \mathbf{a} through every component of the boundary S is equal to zero. In this case we obtain (cf. [1]) that the interval between two characteristic numbers of the operator A , where the index of the stationary point $v = 0$ is -1 , entirely contains the spectrum of the operator K .

1.2. *On determining the multiplicity of a characteristic number.* It was shown above that to prove the existence of a point of bifurcation of the operator K it is necessary firstly to establish that the operator A has a real characteristic number and secondly to show that it is an odd multiple. But the operator is not self-adjoint and, in general, can not

have real characteristic values. For example, if $v_0(x)$ represents the motion of the fluid as a solid body, then real eigen-values do not exist. Moreover, in this case the stationary solution (1.2) is unique for any γ (these facts follow immediately from (1.9) and (1.10) if it is assumed here that $\Phi = v$, $\Phi = u$ respectively, and if it is noted that the right-hand sides now vanish).

Sometimes it is convenient to consider the operator A on the complex envelope H_1 of the space H_1 and to use the following simple lemma in establishing the reality of an eigen-number and the simplicity of the eigen-values.

Lemma 1.5. Let λ_0 be a characteristic number of a real (i.e., transformed real vectors in the system) linear operator A acting in H_1 . In order that λ_0 be real and have the rank 1, it is necessary and sufficient that to every eigen-vector u with characteristic number λ_0 there correspond at least one eigen-vector w of the conjugate operator A^* which has the same characteristic number and which is not orthogonal to u

$$(u, w)_{H_1} \neq 0 \quad (1.21)$$

Proof. For the proof we note that a necessary and sufficient condition for solving the equation

$$u_1 = \lambda_0 A u_1 + u \quad (1.22)$$

is the satisfaction of the equality

$$(u, w)_{H_1} = 0 \quad (1.23)$$

where w is any solution of the equation $w = \lambda_0^* A^* w$. If λ_0 is real, then $\lambda_0^* = \lambda_0$, and the need for condition (1.21) is demonstrated.

Now let (1.21) be satisfied. Then we have

$$(u, w)_{H_1} = (\lambda_0 A u, w)_{H_1} = \lambda_0 (u, A^* w)_{H_1} = \lambda_0 \left(u, \frac{1}{\lambda_0} w \right)_{H_1} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_0^*} (u, w)_{H_1} \quad (1.24)$$

and, since $(u, w)_{H_1} \neq 0$, we obtain $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0^*$. From (1.21) the unsolvability of equation (1.22) now follows; hence, u is a simple eigen-vector. The lemma is proved.

It is important to note that approximate values of λ_0 and of the eigen-vectors can be used to check condition (1.21). This, incidentally, permits the existence of real positive eigen-values in the instability spectrum of Couette flow to be established; in [6] eigen-values with a positive real part were found.

Broad classes of linear operators with simple eigen-vectors exist, such as, for example, the self-adjoint operators. However, even for such operators the calculation of the multiplicity of an eigen-number is a difficult problem. As an example we shall consider the problem of the eigen-values for the Laplace operator in the rectangle $\{0 \leq x \leq \pi/\alpha, 0 \leq y \leq \pi\}$ with the condition that the function vanish on the boundary. The eigen-values

are the numbers $\lambda_{kl} = -(\alpha^2 k^2 + l^2)$ ($k, l = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \lambda_{kl} \neq 0$). If α^2 is irrational, then they are all simple. For rational α^2 multiple eigen-values can also be found. Thus for $\alpha = 1$ all of the λ_{kl} with $k \neq l$ are multiples.

Sometimes the uniqueness of an eigen-vector can be obtained by narrowing down the space in which there is a solution. For example, let the problem

$$u'' = -\lambda(u + u^3), \quad u(-\pi) = u(\pi), \quad u'(-\pi) = u'(\pi) \quad (1.25)$$

be solved.

Turning to the operator d^2/dx^2 , it can be reduced to an equation with a completely continuous operator. The problem on the eigen-values of this Fréchet differential is equivalent to the boundary value problem (1.25) with the u^3 term discarded. The characteristic values will be $\lambda_k = k^2$ and the eigen-functions $\varphi_k = \sin kx, \varphi_k = \cos kx$ correspond to each of them. Since the rank of λ_k is equal to 1, we obtain that its multiplicity is equal to x . However, if solutions of (1.25) which are odd with respect to x are sought, then the function ϕ_{k_2} is 'eliminated', the eigen-values λ_k become simple and each of them can be affirmed as a point of bifurcation.

2. An example of non-uniqueness of a stationary flow.

2.1. *Solutions of the two-dimensional stationary Navier-Stokes equations.* We shall consider the equations

$$\nu \Delta \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \nabla P - \mathbf{F}, \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

under the condition of periodicity of the velocity with respect to x, y with the periods $2\pi/\alpha_0, 2\pi$ respectively. In addition, we shall require that the condition

$$\frac{\alpha_0}{4\pi^2} \int_D \mathbf{v}(x, y) dx dy = \mathbf{b} \quad (2.2)$$

be satisfied, where D is the rectangle $\{|x| \leq \pi/\alpha_0, |y| \leq \pi\}$, and \mathbf{b} is an unknown vector. We shall take $F_1 = -\gamma \sin y, F_2 = 0, \mathbf{b} = 0$. By introducing the stream function ψ the problem is reduced to determining a solution of the equation

$$\nu \Delta^2 \psi = \psi_y \Delta \psi_x - \psi_x \Delta \psi_y - \gamma \cos y \quad (2.3)$$

which is periodic with respect to x, y with the periods $2\pi/\alpha_0, 2\pi$. In order to fix the arbitrary additive in the determination of ψ , we shall further introduce the condition

$$\int_D \psi dx dy = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

The problem (2.3) and (2.4) obviously has the solution

$$\psi_0 = -\gamma/\nu \cos y \quad (2.5)$$

The substitution

$$\psi = \gamma / v (\varphi_0 - \cos y)$$

reduces equation (2.3) to the form

$$\Delta^2 \varphi_0 = \lambda [\varphi_{0y} \Delta \varphi_{0x} - \varphi_{0x} \Delta \varphi_{0y} + \sin y (\partial / \partial x) (\Delta \varphi_0 + \varphi_0)] \quad (2.6)$$

The corresponding linearized problem has the form

$$\Delta^2 \varphi = \lambda \sin y (\partial / \partial x) (\Delta \varphi + \varphi) \quad (\lambda = \gamma / v^2) \quad (2.7)$$

the adjoint problem is

$$\Delta^2 \Phi = -\lambda (1 + \Delta) (\partial / \partial x) (\Phi \sin y) \quad (2.8)$$

The functions φ_0, φ, Φ must finally satisfy the condition of periodicity with respect to x, y and the condition (2.4).

The concepts of the previous section apply to the investigation of the problem (2.1)-(2.3). The only requirement is to define the space H_1 in a different way: instead of vanishing on the boundary it should be required that the vectors of H_1 now satisfy the condition of periodicity with respect to x, y as well as the homogeneous condition (2.2). However, it is more convenient to deal with stream functions here.

We shall define the Hilbert space H_2 as the closed set of smooth functions, which satisfy condition (2.4) and are periodic with periods $2\pi / \alpha_0, 2\pi$ with respect to x, y and by the norm, generated by the product

$$(\psi_1, \psi_2)_{H_2} = \int_D \Delta \psi_1 \cdot \Delta \psi_2 dx dy$$

We shall define the operators L, B, B^* which act in H_2 , requiring that the integral identities

$$\begin{aligned} (L\varphi, \Phi)_{H_2} &= \int_D \Delta \varphi (\varphi_x \Phi_y - \varphi_y \Phi_x) dx dy - \int_D \sin y (\Delta \varphi + \varphi) \Phi_x dx dy \\ (B\varphi, \Phi)_{H_2} &= - \int_D \sin y (\Delta \varphi + \varphi) \Phi_x dx dy \\ (B^*\varphi, \Phi)_{H_2} &= \int_D (1 + \Delta) (\varphi \sin y) \Phi_x dx dy \end{aligned}$$

be satisfied for any $\varphi, \Phi \in H_2$. As in section 1 (cf. lemmas 1.1-1.4), it is easily verified that L, B, B^* are completely continuous, B is a Fréchet differential of the operator L , B^* is adjoint to the operator B , and the problems (2.6), (2.7), and (2.8) are equivalent, respectively, to the operational equations

$$\varphi_0 = \lambda L \varphi_0 \tag{2.9}$$

$$\varphi = \lambda B \varphi \tag{2.10}$$

$$\Phi = \lambda B^* \Phi \tag{2.11}$$

2.2. *The condition of uniqueness and stability. Theorem 2.1.* Let $\alpha_0 \gg 1$. Then, whatever $\nu > 0$ and γ are, the stationary solution (2.5) is unique, and all solutions of the unsteady Navier-Stokes equation

$$\partial \Delta \psi / \partial t + \psi_y \Delta \psi_x - \psi_x \Delta \psi_y - \nu \Delta^2 \psi = -\gamma \cos y \tag{2.12}$$

which are periodic with respect to x, y with periods $2\pi / \alpha_0, 2\pi$ tend toward it by the norm H_2 as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. We shall assume that $\psi = \psi_0 + \Phi$ in (2.12). The equation which $\Phi = \Phi(x, y, t)$, satisfies has the form

$$\frac{\partial \Delta \Phi}{\partial t} + \Phi_y \Delta \Phi_x - \Phi_x \Delta \Phi_y + \frac{\gamma}{\nu} \sin y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\Delta \Phi + \Phi) - \nu \Delta^2 \Phi = 0 \tag{2.13}$$

Multiplying this equation $\Delta \Phi + \Phi$ and integrating over the rectangle D , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_D [(\Delta \Phi)^2 - (\nabla \Phi)^2] dx dy + \nu \int_D [(\nabla \Delta \Phi)^2 - (\Delta \Phi)^2] dx dy = 0 \tag{2.14}$$

We shall expand Φ in a Fourier series in x, y

$$\Phi(x, y, t) = \sum_{k,l=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_{kl} \exp[i(\alpha_0 k x + l y)] \tag{2.15}$$

We then obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_1^2 &\equiv \int (\nabla \Phi)^2 dx dy = \frac{4\pi^2}{\alpha_0} \sum_{k,l} (\alpha_0^2 k^2 + l^2) |c_{kl}|^2 \\ J_2^2 &\equiv \int_D (\Delta \Phi)^2 dx dy = \frac{4\pi^2}{\alpha_0} \sum_{k,l} (\alpha_0^2 k^2 + l^2)^2 |c_{kl}|^2 \\ J_3^2 &= \int_D (\nabla \Delta \Phi)^2 dx dy = \frac{4\pi^2}{\alpha_0} \sum_{k,l} (\alpha_0^2 k^2 + l^2)^3 |c_{kl}|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

The inequalities

$$J_1^2 \leq J_2^2 \leq J_3^2 \tag{2.17}$$

$$K_1^2 \leq K_2^2 \quad (K_1^2 = J_2^2 - J_1^2, K_2^2 = J_3^2 - J_2^2) \tag{2.18}$$

$$K_1^2 \geq \frac{\alpha_0^2 - 1}{\alpha_0^2} J_3^2 \tag{2.19}$$

are easily derived from (2.16) for $\alpha_0 > 1$.

From (2.14) we derive the relation

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} K_1^2 = -\nu K_2^2 \leq -\nu K_1^2, \quad \frac{dK_1}{dt} \leq -\nu K_1 \quad (2.20)$$

from which follows

$$K_1(t) \leq e^{-\nu t} K_1(0) \quad (2.21)$$

For $\alpha_0 > 1$ it follows from (2.19), (2.21) that

$$J_2^2(t) = \int_D (\Delta \Phi)^2 dx dy \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty \quad (2.22)$$

and the theorem is proved in this case.

If $\alpha_0 = 1$, we then obtain

$$\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2, \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi_1 &= c_{10} e^{ix} + c_{-1,0} e^{-ix} + c_{01} e^{iy} + c_{0,-1} e^{-iy} \\ \Phi_2 &= \sum_{k^2+l^2>1} c_{kl} \exp i(kx+ly) \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

We note that

$$K_1^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{\alpha_0} \sum_{k^2+l^2>1} (k^2 + l^2) (k^2 + l^2 - 1) |c_{kl}|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_D (\Delta \Phi_2)^2 dx dy = J_2^2(t) \quad (2.24)$$

From (2.21) it follows that $J_2(t) \rightarrow \infty 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. But $J_2^2 = J_2^2 + J_0^2$, where

$$J_0^2(t) = \int_D \Phi_1^2 dx dy \quad (2.25)$$

Hence, it remains to prove that $J_0(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Substituting (2.23) into (2.13), multiplying the result by Φ_1 and integrating over D , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} J_0^2 + \nu J_0^2 = \int_D \Delta \Phi_2 (\Phi_{2x} \Phi_{1y} - \Phi_{2y} \Phi_{1x}) dx dy \quad (2.26)$$

Using the simple bound

$$\Phi_{1x}^2 + \Phi_{1y}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} J_0^2 \quad (2.27)$$

the Buniakovskii inequality and the inequality (2.17) for Φ_2 , we derive

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} J_0^2 + \nu J_0^2 \leq \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{2}} J_0 J_2^2$$

from (2.26) and taking (2.24) and (2.21) into account this gives the bound

$$J_0(t) \leq J_0(0) e^{-\nu t} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} K_1^2(0) \frac{1 - e^{-\nu t}}{\nu} e^{-\nu t} \quad (2.28)$$

Hence $J_0(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. The theorem is proved.

2.3. *The spectrum of the linearized problem and bifurcation.* Every non-trivial solution of the problem (2.8) which corresponds to a given characteristic number λ is a linear combination of solutions of the form

$$\Phi = e^{i\alpha x} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} (-1)^n c_n e^{in y} \tag{2.29}$$

where $\alpha = k\alpha_0$ (k is an integer) and the coefficients c_n satisfy the infinite system of linear algebraic equations ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$)

$$a_n c_n + c_{n-1} - c_{n+1} = 0 \quad \left(a_n = \frac{2}{\lambda} \frac{(n^2 + \alpha^2)^2}{\alpha(\alpha^2 - 1 + n^2)} \right) \tag{2.30}$$

We shall seek solutions of the system (2.30) such that $c_n \rightarrow 0$ as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$. From (2.30) it then follows that $|n|^k c_n \rightarrow 0$, also, whatever k is. Setting

$$\rho_n = \frac{c_n}{c_{n-1}}$$

we reduce (2.30) to the form

$$a_n + 1 / \rho_n = \rho_{n+1} \tag{2.31}$$

It follows from (2.31) that for any k

$$\rho_k = -\frac{1}{a_k} + \frac{1}{a_{k+1}} + \dots \tag{2.32}$$

The continued fraction (2.32) converge since $a_n \rightarrow +\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (cf. [7]). From (2.31) there follows another expression for ρ_k

$$\rho_k = a_{k-1} + \frac{1}{a_{k-2}} + \frac{1}{a_{k-3}} + \dots \tag{2.33}$$

Equating the right-hand sides of (2.32) and (2.33) to each other with $k = 1$, we obtain the following equation for determining the characteristic values λ , taking into account that $a_{-n} = a_n$:

$$-\frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \frac{1}{a_3} + \dots \equiv f(\lambda) \tag{2.34}$$

It is easy to verify that the right-hand sides of (2.32) and (2.33) coincide for all k provided that (2.34) is satisfied. If λ is a real root of equation (2.34), then the non-trivial solution of the system (2.30) with $|c_n| \rightarrow 0$ as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$ is unique to within a constant factor and is given by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &= 1, \quad c_n = \rho_1 \rho_2 \dots \rho_n \quad (n > 0) \\ c_n &= (\rho_0 \rho_{-1} \dots \rho_{n+1})^{-1} \quad (n < 0) \end{aligned} \tag{2.35}$$

For definiteness, let $\lambda > 0$, and $\alpha > 0$. From what comes later (cf. lemma 2.3) it follows that α must be less than 1. Then $a_0 < 0$ and $a_k > 0$ for $k \neq 0$. Now from (2.32) for $k > 0$ and from (2.33) for $k < 0$ it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\rho_k| &< \frac{1}{a_k} \rightarrow 0 & (k \rightarrow +\infty) \\ \rho_k &\geq a_{k-1} \rightarrow +\infty & (k \rightarrow -\infty) \end{aligned} \quad (2.36)$$

With the help of (2.36) it is easy to verify that (2.35) gives a solution of the system (2.30) with $|c_n| \rightarrow 0$ as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$.

Equation (2.34) is derived in [2]; there it is also shown that $c_n \neq 0$ ($n = 0, \mp 1, \dots$) for any solution with $|c_n| \rightarrow 0$ as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$ and, hence, the introduction of the quantities ρ_n is valid.

Lemma 2.1. Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. Equation (2.34) then has a positive root $\lambda = \lambda(\alpha)$ and, moreover, has only this one root.

Proof. We have

$$-\frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\alpha^3}{1 - \alpha^2} \quad (2.37)$$

For $f(\lambda)$ ($\lambda > 0$) the bound

$$f(\lambda) \leq \frac{1}{a_1} = \frac{\lambda}{2} \frac{\alpha^3}{(\alpha^2 + 1)^2} \quad (2.38)$$

is valid.

From (2.37) and (2.38) it is seen that $-\frac{1}{2}a_0 > f(\lambda)$ for small $\lambda = 0$. We shall show that the converse inequality is valid for large λ . For this it is sufficient to establish that

$$\lambda f(\lambda) \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow +\infty$$

But for $f(\lambda)$ the bound

$$f(\lambda) > \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{2n}} = \frac{a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{2n} + O(\lambda^{-2})}{1 + O(\lambda^{-2})} \quad (2.39)$$

obtains.

Setting

$$b_n = \lambda a_n = \frac{2(n^2 + \alpha^2)^2}{\alpha(\alpha^2 - 1 + n^2)}$$

we derive from (2.39) that

$$\underline{\lim} \lambda f(\lambda) \geq \sum_{k=1}^n b_{2k} \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty \quad (2.40)$$

The right-hand side of (2.40) tends to infinity as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, $\lambda f(\lambda) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$.

Thus, equation (2.34) has a positive root. In order to prove its uniqueness, we shall show that $\lambda f(\lambda)$ is a monotonically increasing function. We have

$$\lambda f(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda a_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda a_2} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\lambda} a_3} + \dots \tag{2.41}$$

When λ increases, the terms of this fraction with the odd numbers decrease and the terms with the even numbers do not change. Hence, $\lambda f(\lambda)$ increases. The lemma is proved.

Lemma 2.2. The positive root $\lambda = \lambda(\alpha)$ of equation (2.34) increases monotonically with α for $0 < \alpha < 1$.

Proof. We shall rewrite (2.34) in the form

$$\frac{1}{1 - \alpha^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^3 a_1} + \frac{\lambda}{\alpha^{-3} a_2} + \frac{1}{\alpha^3 a_3} + \dots \equiv \frac{1}{\alpha^3} \lambda f(\lambda) \tag{2.42}$$

The left-hand side of this equation is an increasing function of α . The proof will be complete if it is established that the right-hand side of (2.42) is a decreasing function of α . And this follows from the fact that the continued fraction (2.42) decreases when its odd terms increase and its even terms decrease and, in addition, from the fact that $\alpha^3 a_n$ increases with α

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \alpha^3 a_n = \frac{4\alpha(\alpha^2 + n^2)}{\lambda(\alpha^2 - 1 + n^2)^2} [2\alpha^4 + 3(n^2 - 1)\alpha^2 + n^2(n^2 - 1)] > 0 \quad (n \geq 1)$$

and $\alpha^{-3} a_n$ decreases

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \alpha^{-3} a_n = -\frac{4(\alpha^3 + n^2)}{\lambda \alpha^5 (\alpha^2 - 1 + n^2)^2} [\alpha^4 + 3n^2 \alpha^2 + 2n^2(n^2 - 1)] < 0 \quad (n \geq 1)$$

Lemma 2.3. As $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ the positive root of equation (2.34) $\lambda = \lambda(\alpha) \rightarrow +\infty$. As $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ the root $\lambda(\alpha) \rightarrow \sqrt{2}$. For $\alpha \geq 1$ there are no real characteristic numbers.

Proof. By virtue of (2.34) and (2.38)

$$\frac{\alpha^3}{1 - \alpha^2} = -\frac{a_0}{2} \lambda = \lambda f(\lambda) < \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 \frac{\alpha^3}{(\alpha^3 + 1)^2}$$

and, hence,

$$\lambda^2 > \frac{2(\alpha^2 + 1)^2}{1 - \alpha^2} \rightarrow \infty \quad (\alpha^3 \rightarrow 1 - 0) \tag{2.43}$$

Further, from (2.34) it follows that

$$\frac{1}{\lambda^2} = -\frac{2}{b_0 b_1} - \eta, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\lambda b_1} \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3} + \dots} \quad (b_n = \lambda a_n) \quad (2.44)$$

Passing to the limit as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ in (2.44) and noting that

$$0 < \eta < \frac{1}{b_1 b_2} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\alpha \rightarrow 0), \quad b_0 b_1 \rightarrow -1 \quad (\alpha \rightarrow 0)$$

we obtain

$$\lambda(\alpha) \rightarrow \sqrt{2} \quad \text{as } \alpha \rightarrow 0$$

Finally, the non-existence of a root for $\alpha > 1$ follows immediately from (2.34) since in the case under consideration the left-hand and right-hand sides of the equation have different signs for any real λ . If $\alpha = 1$, then equation (2.34) has no meaning but it follows from (2.30) that $c_0 = 0$ and, after finding c_2, c_3, \dots successively from (2.30) for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, we obtain that $c_n \rightarrow +\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, there are no real characteristic numbers in this case also. The lemma is proved.

Lemma 2.4. Let $0 < \alpha_0 < 1$. Then equations (2.11) and (2.10) have exactly $[1/\alpha_0]$ positive* (and as many negative) characteristic numbers. Each of them has a multiplicity equal to 2.

Proof. Let $\alpha = \alpha_0 k < 1$; k is a positive integer. Then equation (2.11) has the eigenfunction (2.29), where the c_n are defined by the equalities (2.35), and the characteristic number $\lambda = \lambda(\alpha_0 k)$ which corresponds to it is a positive root of equation (2.34) (cf. lemma 2.1).

The system (2.30) is invariant with respect to the substitutions $\alpha \rightarrow -\alpha$, $c_n \rightarrow (-1)^n c_n$. Therefore, the eigenfunction obtained from this substitution into (2.29) will also correspond to the same characteristic number $\lambda = \lambda(\alpha_0 k)$. From lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 it follows that there are no other eigen-functions with the eigen-number $\lambda(\alpha_0 k)$.

We shall establish that the multiplicity of $\lambda(\alpha_0 k)$ is equal to 2, if we show that its rank is equal to 1. The real eigen-functions have the form $\Phi = c_1 \Phi_1 + c_2 \Phi_2$, in which

$$\Phi_1 = f(y) e^{i\alpha x} + f^*(y) e^{-i\alpha x}, \quad \Phi_2 = i [f(y) e^{i\alpha x} - f^*(y) e^{-i\alpha x}] \quad (2.45)$$

where

$$f(y) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} (-1)^n c_n e^{in y} \quad (2.46)$$

* $[1/\alpha_0]$ denotes the number of positive integers less than $1/\alpha_0$.

It is immediately verified that from the eigen-functions of problem (2.7) or equation (2.10) there will be

$$\varphi_1 = g(y) e^{i\alpha x} + g^*(y) e^{-i\alpha x}, \quad \varphi_2 = i [g(y) e^{i\alpha x} - g^*(y) e^{-i\alpha x}] \quad (2.47)$$

where

$$g(y) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} d_n e^{iny}, \quad d_n = \frac{-c_n}{\alpha^2 + n^2 - 1}$$

We shall note one more relation needed for what follows. Multiplying (2.7) by $\Delta\varphi + \varphi$ and integrating over D , we obtain

$$\int_D (\nabla\Delta\varphi_k)^2 dx dy - \int_D (\Delta\varphi_k)^2 dx dy = 0 \quad (k=1, 2) \quad (2.48)$$

Taking (2.47) into account, we rewrite the equality (2.48) in the form

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} (\alpha^2 + n^2)^2 (\alpha^2 + n^2 - 1) d_n^2 = 0 \quad (2.49)$$

We shall now calculate the quantities $(\varphi_i, \Phi_k)_{H_1}$. We have

$$(\varphi_1, \Phi_1)_{H_1} = \int_D \Delta\varphi_1 \cdot \Delta\Phi_1 dx dy = \frac{8\pi^2}{\alpha_0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} (n^2 + \alpha^2)^2 (\alpha^2 + n^2 - 1) d_n^2 \quad (2.50)$$

or, taking (2.49) into account,

$$(\varphi_1, \Phi_1)_{H_1} = \frac{32\pi^2}{\alpha_0} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots} (n^2 + \alpha^2) (\alpha^2 + n^2 - 1) d_n^2 > 0 \quad (2.51)$$

Later, we shall convince ourselves directly that

$$(\varphi_1, \Phi_2)_{H_1} = (\varphi_2, \Phi_1)_{H_1} = 0 \quad (2.52)$$

Thus, if $\varphi = c_1\varphi_1 + c_2\varphi_2$ (c_1, c_2 are real constants) is any eigen-function of problem (2.9) and $\Phi = c_1\Phi_1 + c_2\Phi_2$, then

$$(\varphi, \Phi)_{H_1} = c_1^2 (\varphi_1, \Phi_1) + c_2^2 (\varphi_2, \Phi_2) > 0 \quad (2.53)$$

According to lemma 1.5 this means that the rank of the eigen-number $\lambda = \lambda(\alpha_0 k)$ is equal to 1. Thus, the multiplicity of this characteristic number is equal to 2. The lemma is proved.

Lemma 2.5. The rotation of the vector field $\Omega_1\varphi = (I - \lambda L)\varphi$ [cf. (2.9)] on a sphere of sufficiently large radius with center at 0 is equal to +1.

Proof. It is sufficient to prove [1] that the deformation

$$\Omega_t\varphi = (I - t\lambda L)\varphi \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1)$$

brings about the homotopy of the vector field Ω_1 and the unit field $\Omega_0\varphi = \varphi$. To do this

it is necessary to establish only that all of the zeros of the field Ω_t lie in a sphere of known radius (which is independent of t). But if $\Omega_t \varphi = 0$, then, according to the definition of the operator L , we have

$$(\varphi, \Phi)_{H_1} = t\lambda \int_D \Delta \varphi (\varphi_x \Phi_y - \varphi_y \Phi_x) dx dy - t\lambda \int_D \sin y (\Delta \varphi + \varphi) \Phi_x dx dy \tag{2.54}$$

for any $\Phi \in H_2$. Setting

$$\varphi = \psi + \cos y, \Phi = \psi_t$$

in (2.54), we find

$$\|\psi\|_{H_1}^2 = \int_D \Delta \psi \cos y dx dy \tag{2.55}$$

from which, applying the Buniakovskii inequality and the inequality $\|\varphi\| \leq \|\psi\| + \|\cos y\|$, we conclude that

$$\|\varphi\|_{H_1} \leq 2 \|\cos y\|_{H_1} = 2\pi \sqrt{2/\alpha_0} \tag{2.56}$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

Theorem 2.2. Let $0 < \alpha_0 < 1$. Then there exist exactly $m = [1/\alpha_0]$ positive numbers $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_m$, which are points of bifurcation of equation (2.9). To each of them there corresponds a continuous branch of eigen-functions of equation (2.9) which are non-trivial solutions of problem (2.6). The numbers $-\lambda_1, -\lambda_2, \dots, -\lambda_m$ are also points of bifurcation. The spectrum of equation (2.9) contains all of the intervals $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2), (\lambda_3, \lambda_4), \dots, (\lambda_{2k-1}, \lambda_{2k})$, and also the intervals which are symmetric to them the negative semi-axis. If m is odd, then it also contains the intervals $(-\infty, -\lambda_m), (\lambda_m, \infty)$.

Proof. Let H_2° be a subspace of H_2 , consisting of functions which satisfy the condition $\psi(-x, -y) = \psi(x, y)$. It is immediately verified that the operators L, B, B^* act in H_2° . In addition, the spectrum of operator B considered in H_2° coincides with the spectrum of operator B on all of H_2 and consists of the numbers $\mp \lambda(\alpha_0), \mp \lambda(2\alpha_0), \dots, \mp \lambda(m\alpha_0)$, where $m = [1/\alpha_0]$ (cf. lemma 2.4). To a characteristic number $\lambda_k = \lambda(\alpha_0 k)$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots, m$) there corresponds only one eigen-function Φ_k , defined in (2.45). The rank of λ_k according to lemma 2.4 is equal to 1. Thus, all of the characteristic numbers $\mp \lambda_1, \mp \lambda_2, \dots, \mp \lambda_m$ are simple. Hence, according to a theorem of M.A. Krasnosel'skii [1] stated in section 1, all of them are points of bifurcation and to each of them corresponds a continuous branch of eigen-functions of the operator L .

If λ belongs to one of the intervals indicated in the condition of the theorem, then the index of the fixed point $\phi_0 = 0$ of the operator L is equal to -1 . And therefore, according to lemma 2.5, the rotation of the vector field $(I - L)\phi$ on large spheres is equal to $+1$ for such λ that correspond to non-trivial solutions of equation (2.9). The theorem is proved.

2.3. An example of the generation of a periodic regime. We shall consider the problem (2.1), (2.2) with the previously used quantity $\mathbf{F} = (-\gamma \sin y, 0)$ and with $\mathbf{b} = (U, 0)$. This problem has the stationary solution

$$v_{01} = \gamma / \nu \sin y + U, \quad v_{02} = 0, \quad P_0 = 0 \quad (2.57)$$

The velocity vector \mathbf{v}_0 has the stream function

$$\psi_0' = -\frac{\gamma}{\nu} \cos y + Uy$$

If we assume in (2.12) $\psi = \psi_0' + \Phi$, we obtain the periodicity conditions for $\Phi(x, y, t)$ with respect to x and y with the periods $2\pi / \alpha_0$, 2π and the equation

$$\frac{\partial \Delta \Phi}{\partial t} + \Phi_y \Delta \Phi_x - \Phi_x \Delta \Phi_y + U \Delta \Phi_x + \frac{\gamma}{\nu} \sin y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\Delta \Phi + \Phi) - \nu \Delta^2 \Phi = 0 \quad (2.58)$$

Theorem 2.3. For all values of λ for which equation (2.6) has non-trivial solutions, equation (2.58) has non-trivial solutions which are periodic with respect to time.

Proof. For some λ let there be a non-trivial solution $\Phi_0(x, y)$ of equation (2.6) and let it have a period $2\pi / \alpha$ with respect to x (α is a multiple of α_0).

Then, it is easy to be convinced that

$$\Phi_0 = \varphi_0(x - Ut, y) \quad (2.59)$$

is a solution of problem (2.58) which is periodic with respect to time with period $\omega = 2\pi / \alpha U$. The theorem is proved.

We note that the flow in (2.59) is nothing other than stationary flow in a coordinate system which moves along the x -axis with constant velocity U .

We shall now make the coordinate system also move along the y -axis with velocity V . It is not difficult to be convinced that the flow with the stream function

$$\psi = -\frac{\gamma}{\nu} \cos(y - Vt) + Uy - Vx + \varphi_0(x - Ut, y - Vt) \quad (2.60)$$

presents an example of a conditionally periodic flow arising when there is loss of stability of a flow which is periodic with respect to time with the stream function

$$\psi_0'' = -\frac{\gamma}{\nu} \cos(y - Vt) + Uy - Vx$$

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