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We consider the problem of the stability of the compression and expansion of an axisymmetrical gas with a spatially constant density. The analogous problem for the spherically symmetrical case has been investigated previously [1].

For the unperturbed motion we adopt the self-similar solution

$$\rho = \rho_0 t_0^2 / t^2$$
, $u = r/t$,

where r is the Euler distance to the z axis, ρ_0 and t_0 are constants, $t \to +\infty$ in expansion, and $t \to -\infty$ in compression.

We assume below that the motion is adiabatic, with adiabatic exponent $\gamma > 1$. This unperturbed motion corresponding to cylindrical compression (or expansion) of a gas column with a pressure at the boundary of the gas that varies according to the power law

$$p = A \rho^{\gamma} = p_0 (t_0/t)^{2\gamma}.$$

Qualitatively, instability sets in because the problem involves two velocities: the velocity of the gas u = r/t, which depends on the radius, and the velocity of sound, which is constant in space. We represent the perturbed motion in the form

$$\rho = \rho_0 \left(\frac{t^2}{t^2} \right) [1 + \omega(r, t)], u = (r/t) [1 + v(r, t)].$$

We also regard the perturbation as a small quantity and retain only terms linear in ω and v in the equations. If in the equation of continuity and the Euler equation

$$\partial \rho / \partial t + \operatorname{div} \rho u = 0, \ \partial u / \partial t + (u \nabla) u = -(1/\rho) \nabla \rho$$

we transform to Lagrangian coordinates t, R = r/t, we obtain the following expressions for the density and velocity perturbations:

$$t\partial v/\partial t + v = -(c^2/R)\partial \omega/\partial R, \quad t\partial \omega/\partial t + (1/R)\partial R^2 v/\partial R = 0.$$

Consolidating these equations, we obtain a single equation for $\omega(R, t)$:

$$t^2\partial^2\omega/\partial t^2 + 2t\partial\omega/\partial t - c^2\{\partial^2\omega/\partial R^2 + (1/R)\partial\omega/\partial R\} = 0,$$

the solution of which we expand in a series of Bessel functions:

$$\omega(R, t) = \sum_{k} \omega(k, t) J_0(kR).$$

The function $\omega(k, t)$ satisfies the equation

$$t^2\partial^2\omega/\partial t^2 + 2t\partial\omega/\partial t + c^2k^2\omega = 0.$$

Since in this equation $c^2 = c_0^2 |t|^{-2(\gamma-1)}$, where c_0 is a constant, for $\gamma \neq 1$ its solution has the form $\omega(k, t) = |t|^{-1/2} \{AJ_{\nu}(x) + BJ_{-\nu}(x)\}$, where $\nu = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma-1)$; $x = [c_0k/(\gamma-1)] |t|^{-(\gamma-1)}$; and A, B, D are constants.

As
$$t \rightarrow -0$$

$$\omega(k, t) \to D|t|^{(1/2)(\gamma-2)} \cos(x + \pi \nu/2 - \pi/4).$$

Hence it is clear that in compression, if $\gamma < 2$, the motion will be unstable. The amplitude of the standing wave grows in an oscillating manner. For $\gamma > 2$ the motion will be stable.

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In the isothermal case $(\gamma = 1)\omega(k, t)$ has a power-law dependence on the time:

$$\omega(k, t) = C_1 t^{\alpha_1} + C_2 t^{\alpha_2},$$

where $\alpha_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{(\frac{1}{4} - c_0^2 k^2)^{1/2}}$ and C_1 , C_2 are constants. When α is complex-valued, $C_1 = \overline{C}_2$. In the isothermal case the motion is unstable, and the amplitude growth depends on the wavelength.

If we express the growth of the perturbations in terms of the relative compression ρ/ρ_0 , we have

$$(\Delta \rho/\rho)/(\Delta \rho/\rho)_0 \leqslant (\rho/\rho_0)^{(1/4)(2-\gamma)} < (\rho/\rho_0)^{1/4}$$

because for real gases $1 \le \gamma \le 2$.

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PROPAGATION OF FINITE-AMPLITUDE PRESSURE PERTURBATIONS IN A BUBBLING VAPOR - LIQUID MEDIUM

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The investigation of the propagation of pressure perturbations in a liquid saturated with vapor bubbles has produced two different models describing this process. In [1] the wave evolution process is analyzed from the point of view of a thermodynamic-equilibrium model, in which the characteristic sound velocity is calculated in the form [2]

$$c_{+} = \mu r p_{0} / (B \rho_{1} T_{0} (c_{p_{1}} T_{0})^{1/2}),$$

where p and T are the pressure and temperature of the medium, ρ is the density, c_p is the specific heat, r is the latent heat of phase transition, B is the gas constant, and μ is the molecular weight. We use the indices 1 and 2 everywhere to designate the liquid and the vapor respectively, and the index 0 for the unperturbed state. However, it is inferred from experiments [3-5] that the gas dynamics of a vapor-liquid medium with a bubble structure must be formulated on the basis of a nonequilibrium approach. A model has been proposed in [6] for the propagation of pressure disturbances with allowance for the unsteady behavior of the heat and mass transfer at the bubble-liquid phase interface during the transmission of the pressure pulse. As the characteristic velocity in this model we adopt the "frozen" sound velocity c_0 , the value of which can be determined from the expression

$$\frac{1}{c_0^2} = \frac{(1-\varphi_0)^2}{c_1^2} + \frac{\varphi_0 (1-\varphi_0) \rho_1}{\gamma \rho_0},$$

in which φ_0 is the initial vapor content and γ is the adiabatic exponent for the vapor. The experiments reported in [5] show that the model used in [6] for the heat transfer between a vapor bubble and a liquid well describes the dynamics of bubbles for an arbitrary variation of the external conditions (pressure or temperature). The same experiments also show that the behavior of bubbles in a pressure wave is strongly mirrored in the structure and evolution of the waves. It was observed earlier [4] that under definite conditions the evolution of a pressure perturbation in a liquid containing vapor bubbles can be affected not only by interphase heat and mass transfer, but also by nonlinear and dispersion effects, which are typical of a bubbling gas—liquid medium [7].

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