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Advective Flow of a Rotating Fluid Layer in a Vibrational Field

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This paper presents a derivation of new exact solutions to the Navier–Stokes equations in Boussinesq approximation describing two advective flows in a rotating thin horizontal fluid layer with no-slip or free boundaries in a vibrational field. The layer rotates at a constant angular velocity; the axis of rotation is aligned with the vertical axis of coordinates. The temperature is linear along the boundaries of the layer. The case of longitudinal vibration is considered. The resulting solutions are similar to those describing the advective flows in a rotating fluid layer with solid or free boundaries without vibration. In both cases, the velocity profile is antisymmetric. Thus, in particular, in the absence of rotation, the longitudinal vibration in the presence of advection can be considered as a kind of “one-dimensional” rotation. The presence of rotation initiates the vortex motion of the fluid in the layer. Longitudinal vibration has a stronger effect on the x th component of the velocity than on the y th component. At large values of the Taylor number and (or) the vibration analogue of the Rayleigh number thin boundary layers of velocity, temperature and amplitude of the pulsating velocity component arise, the thickness of which is proportional to the root of the fourth degree from the sum of these numbers.

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1. Introduction

Advective flows occur in a horizontal layer of an incompressible fluid with a horizontal temperature gradient at its boundaries causing horizontal convection. In the case of linear temperature distribution, the flow is described analytically, being an exact solution of the Navier–Stokes equations in Boussinesq approximation [1, 17].

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In [11] G. Z. Gershuni and E. M. Zhukhovitsky deduce a formula describing plane-parallel advective flow in an infinite horizontal layer at vibration. In [7, 8] it was shown that vibration increases the stability of advective flow under gravity conditions of practically all types of disturbances, excluding flat thermal waves, whose existence area moves towards small values of the Prandtl number. In [9] R. V. Birikh described advective flow that occurs in a zero-gravity situation under the action of linear high-frequency oscillations, and the hydrodynamic instability of this flow is studied in [2]. In [15, 16] the advective flow, which is formed in a vertical magnetic field, has a velocity profile similar to the flow profile in a vibration field [11]. The paper [3] presents a new class of exact solutions describing advective flows in a horizontal fluid layer with nonlinear temperature distribution at the boundaries. The study of vibration effects in solids is presented in [6, 10].

The monograph [4] presents a procedure for obtaining exact solutions of Navier–Stokes equations describing closed advective flows in a rotating horizontal layer of incompressible fluid. On its basis, the new solutions describing the advective flow in a rotating layer in a vibration field are constructed.

2. Exact solution

Let us consider a thin infinite horizontal layer of an incompressible fluid with flat boundaries $z = \pm h$ that have a linear temperature distribution along the axis Ox (Fig. 1). The layer rotates at a constant angular velocity Ω_0 , and the axis of rotation is aligned with the vertical axis of coordinates Oz . Let us consider the situation where the Froude number $Fr = \Omega_0^2 l/g \ll 1$ [12], l being a characteristic horizontal scale, and g the acceleration of gravity. Following [13, 14], the dimensionless equations for averaged velocity and temperature fields in the presence of vibration are written in a rotating coordinate system. By choosing as the units of length x, y, z , time t , velocity $\vec{v} = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$, temperature T and pressure P , respectively, the half-thickness of the layer h , h^2/ν , $g\beta Ah^2/\nu$, Ah , $\rho_0 g\beta Ah^2$ (here ν is the kinematic viscosity, β is the coefficient of thermal expansion, ρ_0 is the average density, A is a constant horizontal temperature gradient at the boundaries of the layer), the initial equations in dimensionless form have the following representation:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + Gr(\vec{v}\nabla)\vec{v} + \sqrt{Ta}(\vec{i}_z \times \vec{v}) = -\nabla P + \Delta \vec{v} + T\vec{i}_z + \frac{Ra_V}{GrPr}(\vec{w}\nabla)(T\vec{n} - \vec{w}), \quad (2.1)$$

$$div \vec{v} = 0, \quad div \vec{w} = 0, \quad rot \vec{w} = \nabla T \times \vec{n}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + Gr\vec{v}\nabla T = \frac{1}{Pr}\Delta T, \quad (2.3)$$

where \vec{w} is the amplitude of the pulsating component of velocity, (its unit here coincides with the unit of temperature measurement), $\vec{n} = (n_x, n_y, n_z)$ is the axis of vibration, $\vec{i}_z = (0, 0, 1)$, $Ta = (2\Omega_0 h^2/\nu)^2$ is the Taylor number, $Gr = g\beta Ah^4/\nu^2$ is the Grashof number, $Pr = \nu/\chi$ is the Prandtl number, where χ is the coefficient of thermal diffusivity, $Ra_V = (\beta b \omega Ah^2)^2/2\nu\chi$ is the vibrational analogue of the Rayleigh number (the Gershuni number), b is the amplitude of displacement, ω is the circular frequency of harmonic oscillations in the gravity field, performed by non-isothermal fluid layer, the Laplace operator $\Delta \equiv \partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2 + \partial^2/\partial z^2$, ∇ is a gradient.

Following the conclusions of [11], we restrict ourselves to the case of longitudinal vibration: $\vec{n} = (1, 0, 0)$. In a flat rotating layer of an incompressible fluid, a stationary advective flow

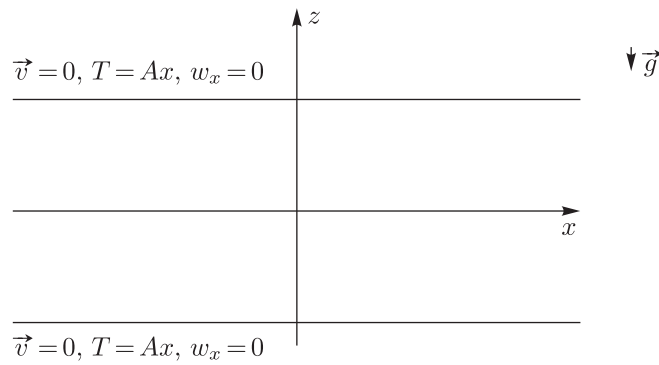


Fig. 1. A sketch of the geometry of the infinite horizontal fluid layer for the case of solid boundaries.

homogeneous in the plane x, y is formed:

$$\begin{aligned} v_x = u_0(z), \quad v_y = v_0(z), \quad v_z = 0, \quad T = x + \tau_0(z), \quad P = p_0(x, y, z), \\ w_x = w_x(z), \quad w_y = w_z = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Two problems with symmetric boundary conditions will be considered which will allow us to find an exact solution quite easily. It is a rotating horizontal layer with no-slip and with free boundaries.

2.1. A layer with solid boundaries

On the horizontal boundaries of the layer at $z = \pm 1$:

$$\vec{v} = 0, \quad T = x, \quad w_x = 0. \tag{2.5}$$

Substituting Eq. (2.4) into the system of equations (3.1)–(2.3), (2.5), we obtain the equations for finding the velocity, temperature and pressure:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial z} = T, \quad -\sqrt{T}av_0 = -\frac{\partial p_0}{\partial x} + u_0'' + \frac{Ra_V}{GrPr}w_x, \\ \sqrt{T}au_0 = -\frac{\partial p_0}{\partial y} + v_0'', \quad Gr u_0 \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{Pr} \tau_0'', \quad w_x' = \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

Let us add boundary conditions

$$u_0(\pm 1) = 0, \quad v_0(\pm 1) = 0, \quad \tau_0(\pm 1) = 0, \quad w_x(\pm 1) = 0 \tag{2.7}$$

and closed-loop conditions

$$\int_{-1}^1 u_0 dz = 0, \quad \int_{-1}^1 v_0 dz = 0 \tag{2.8}$$

and let us start looking for an exact solution to this problem.

The first equation of the system (2.6) is integrated to determine the pressure:

$$p_0 = p_h + x(z + 1) + \int_{-1}^z \tau_0(\zeta) d\zeta, \tag{2.9}$$

where p_h is the pressure at the lower boundary. The velocity, temperature and the amplitude of the pulsating component of velocity are obtained by substituting Eq. (2.9) into Eqs. (2.6)

$$\begin{aligned} u_0''(z) + \sqrt{Ta}v_0(z) &= \frac{\partial p_h}{\partial x} + (z+1) - \frac{Ra_V}{GrPr}w_x(x), \\ v_0''(z) - \sqrt{Ta}u_0(z) &= \frac{\partial p_h}{\partial y}, \\ \tau_0''(z) &= Ra u_0(z), \quad w'_x = \tau_0'(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

With the help of the first equation of (2.10) $v_0(z)$ is defined as $v_0(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Ta}} \left[\frac{\partial p_h}{\partial x} + (z+1) - u_0''(z) - \frac{Ra_V}{GrPr}w_x(x) \right]$, then from the second equation $\sqrt{Ta}u_0(z) = -\frac{\partial p_h}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{Ta}} \left[-u_0^{IV}(z) - \frac{Ra_V}{GrPr}w_x''(z) \right]$, in addition, $w_x'' = \tau_0'' = GrPr u_0(z)$. As a result, to find the first component of the velocity, an ordinary differential equation of the fourth order is found, which has the form

$$u^{IV}(z) + (Ta + Ra_V)u_0(z) + \sqrt{Ta}\frac{\partial p_h}{\partial y} = 0. \quad (2.11)$$

Taking into account the boundary conditions (2.7), we obtain

$$u_0(\pm 1) = 0, \quad u_0''(-1) = \frac{\partial p_h}{\partial x}, \quad u_0''(1) = \frac{\partial p_h}{\partial x} + 2. \quad (2.12)$$

From the condition of flow closure (2.8) $\frac{\partial p_h}{\partial y} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial p_h}{\partial x} + 1 = 0$.

The second component of the velocity $v_0(z)$ is found using the third equation of (2.6) and the corresponding conditions (2.7) and (2.8).

The temperature component $\tau_0(z)$ is based on the boundary-value problem

$$\tau_0''(z) = GrPr u_0(z), \quad \tau_0(\pm 1) = 0. \quad (2.13)$$

The solution of the problem (2.11)–(2.13) subject to condition (2.8) has the following representation:

$$\begin{aligned} u_0(z) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{Ta + Ra_V}} \operatorname{Im} f_1(z), \quad v_0(z) = \frac{\sqrt{Ta}}{Ta + Ra_V} [z - \operatorname{Re} f_1(z)], \\ \tau_0(z) = w_x(z) &= \frac{GrPr}{Ta + Ra_V} [z - \operatorname{Re} f_1(z)], \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

where $f_1(z) = \sinh \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda z / \sinh \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$, $\lambda = \sqrt[4]{Ta + Ra_V}$. The profiles of the components of the velocity and temperature coincide, up to a multiplier, with the corresponding profiles of advective flow in a rotating fluid layer with solid horizontal boundaries described in [4, 5]. It can be expected that the properties of the solution [14] are similar to those of the flow described in [4, 5]. In particular, the temperature profile $\tau_0(z)$ and the amplitude of the pulsation velocity component $w_x(z)$ coincide, up to a multiplier, with the profile of the second velocity component $v_0(z)$.

2.2. A layer with free boundaries

On the horizontal boundaries of the layer at $z = \pm 1$:

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} = v_z = 0, \quad T = x, \quad \frac{\partial w_x}{\partial z} = 0, \tag{2.15}$$

The system of equations (2.6) is used to find velocity, temperature and pressure by adding the boundary conditions

$$u'_0(\pm 1) = 0, \quad v'_0(\pm 1) = 0, \quad \tau_0(\pm 1) = 0, \quad w'_x(\pm 1) = 0 \tag{2.16}$$

and the closed-loop conditions (2.8).

To find the first component of the velocity, the ordinary differential fourth-order equation (2.11) is solved using the boundary conditions (taking into account Eqs. (2.16))

$$u'_0(\pm 1) = 0, \quad u''_0(\pm 1) = 1. \tag{2.17}$$

From the condition of flow closure (2.8) $\frac{\partial p_h}{\partial y} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial p_h}{\partial x} = 0$.

The second component of the velocity $v_0(z)$ is found using the third equation of (2.6) and the corresponding conditions, Eqs. (2.16) and Eq. (2.8).

The temperature component $\tau_0(z)$ is found from the boundary problem (2.13).

The solution of the problem, Eq. (2.11) and Eq. (2.17), taking into account the condition of closure (2.8) has the following representation:

$$u_0(z) = -\frac{1}{2\lambda^3} \left[\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sinh \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda z}{\cosh \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda} + \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sinh \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda z}{\cosh \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda} \right], \tag{2.18}$$

$$v_0(z) = -\frac{1}{2\lambda^3} \sqrt{\frac{Ta}{Ta + Ra_V}} \left[\frac{\sinh \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda z}{\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \cosh \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda} + \frac{\sinh \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda z}{\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \cosh \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda} \right].$$

Given the antisymmetric profile of the first component of the $v_0(z)$

$$\tau_0(z) = GrPr[v_0(z) - v_0(1)z], \tag{2.19}$$

$$w_x(z) = GrPrv_0(z). \tag{2.20}$$

3. Properties of the exact solution

3.1. A layer with solid boundaries

In the absence of rotation at $Ta = 0$ the advective flow (2.14) coincides with [11], having one component of velocity $u_0(z)$. In the absence of vibration at $R_V = 0$, the solution coincides with the description of advective flow in the rotating fluid layer with solid boundaries [4], having two components of velocity $u_0(z)$ and $v_0(z)$. The longitudinal vibration affects the advective flow like a kind of “one-dimensional” rotation. For all nonzero values of the Taylor number and the vibrational analogue of the Rayleigh number, vortex motion is formed in the layer (Fig. 2). At the same time, the effect of longitudinal vibration has a stronger effect on the x th component of the velocity than on the y th one (Fig. 2b, Fig. 2d).

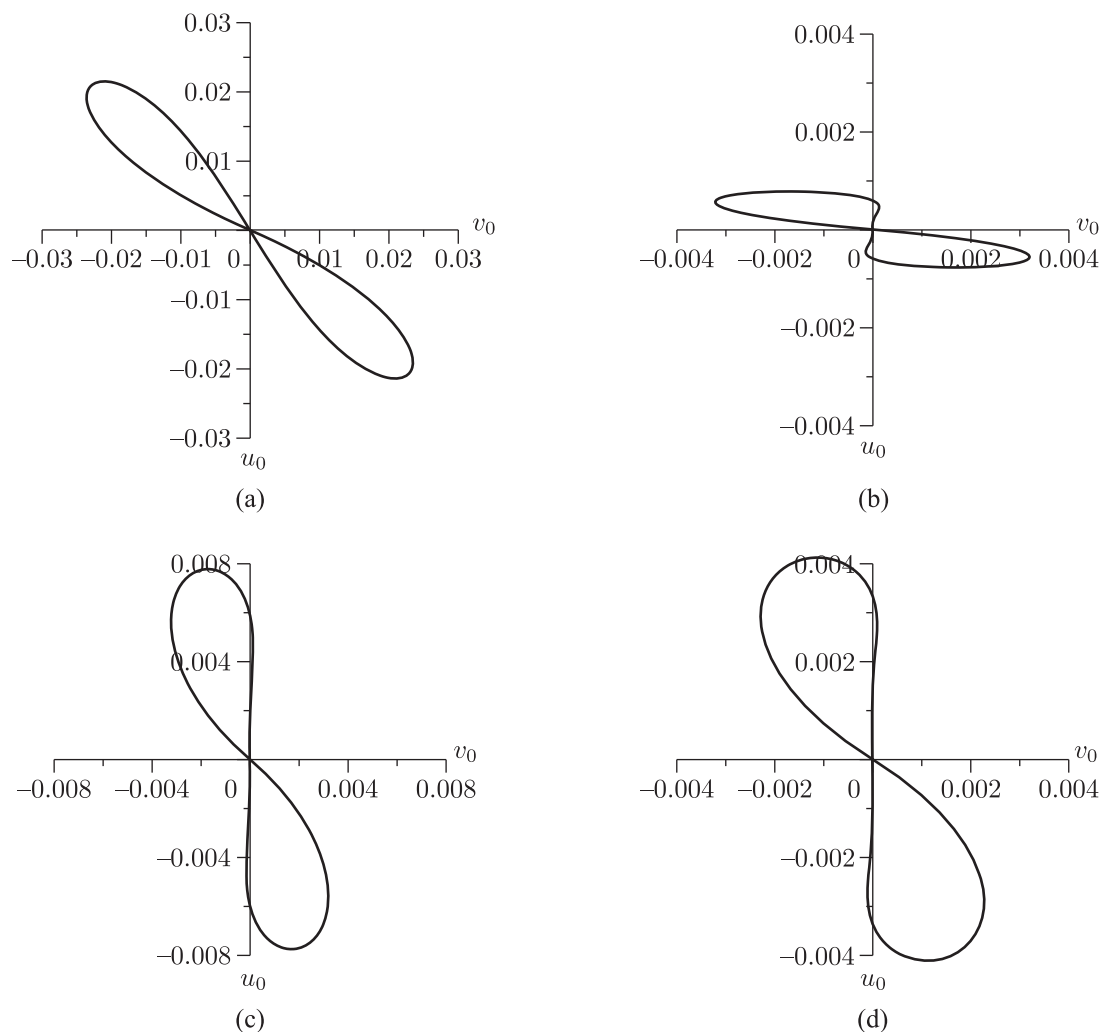


Fig. 2. Hodographs of the flow velocity at (a) $Ta = 100$, $Ra_V = 100$, (b) $Ta = 100$, $Ra_V = 10000$, (c) $Ta = 10000$, $Ra_V = 100$, (d) $Ta = 10000$, $Ra_V = 10000$.

In the absence of rotation, the advective flow has only one x -component of velocity. When $Ta > 0$ and as the Taylor numbers and (or) the vibrational analogue of the Rayleigh number grow, the maximum of the first velocity component monotonically decreases. With the growth of $Ta > 0$ and (or) $Ra_v > 0$ the second y -component of the velocity appears, the maximum of which increases to some values of the Taylor and the Gershuni numbers. A numerical study of the solution (2.14) has shown that they are determined by using an empirical formula

$$Ta \approx 98 + 1.07Ra_V. \quad (3.1)$$

For all values of the parameters Ta and Ra_V the profiles of the components of the velocity $u_0(z)$, $v_0(z)$ and temperature $\tau_0(z)$, as well as the amplitude of the pulsating component of the velocity $w_x(z)$ are antisymmetric (Fig. 3). For $Ta \gg 1$, $Ra_V \gg 1$, near both boundaries, boundary layers of velocity, temperature and amplitude of the pulsating component of velocity occur, and the relative thickness of the boundary layer is equal $\lambda/\sqrt{2}$. Figure 3d shows the pressure graph at $x = 0$.

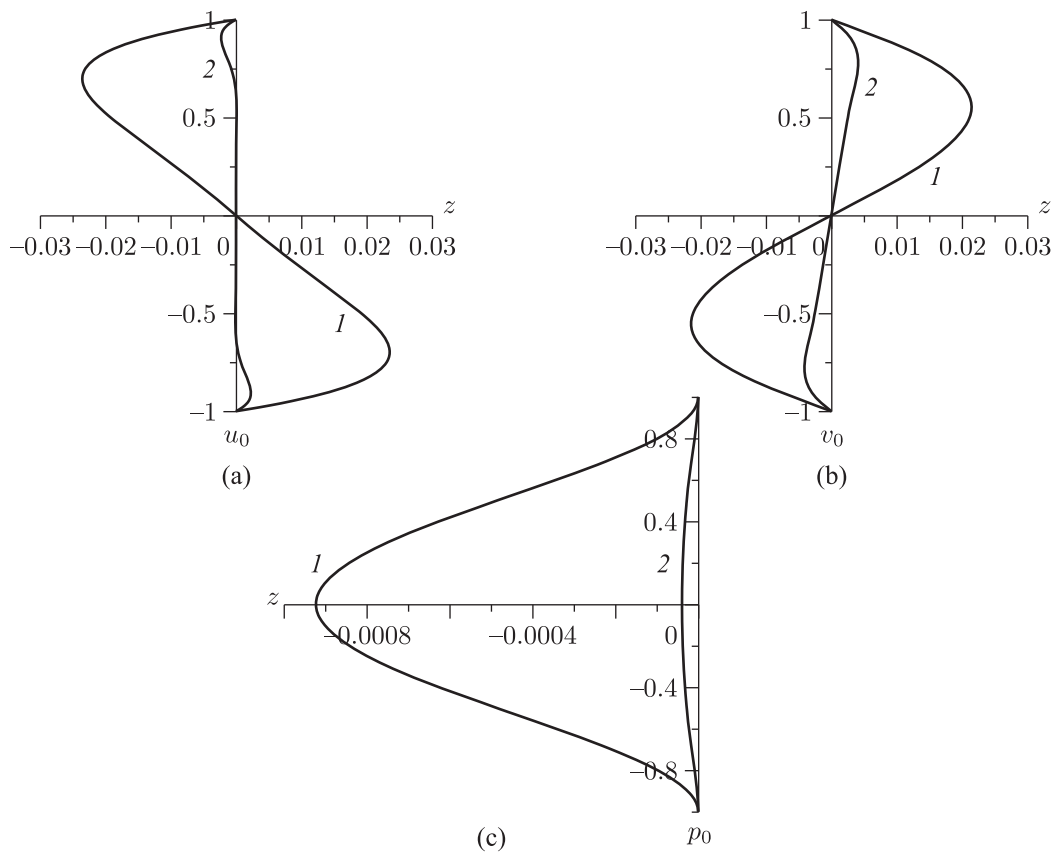


Fig. 3. The profiles of the velocity components (a) u_0 , (b) v_0 and (c) pressure p_0 for $x = 0$ at 1 — $Ta = 100$, $Ra_V = 100$ and 2 — $Ta = 10000$, $Ra_V = 10000$.

3.2. A layer with free boundaries

Similar to the case with solid boundaries for all nonzero values of the Taylor number and the vibrational analogue of the Rayleigh number, a spiral motion is formed in the layer (Fig. 4). In this case, the effect of longitudinal vibration is also stronger on the x -th component of the velocity than on the y -th.

In the absence of rotation, the advective flow has only one x th velocity component $u_0(z)$, at $Ta > 0$ the second y th velocity component $v_0(z)$ appears. In this case, both components of the velocity are multidirectional along the layer. In the upper half of the layer $u_0(z)$ is directed from right to left, and in the lower one it is directed from left to right (Fig. 5a). On the contrary, the second velocity component in the top half is directed from left to right, and that in the bottom is directed from right to left (Fig. 5b). The temperature profile is similar to the profile of the second velocity component (Fig. 5c).

At low values of Ta and Ra_V the velocity component profiles are almost linear (Fig. 5), their extreme values are located at the boundaries of the horizontal fluid layer. As the values of these parameters increase, the maximum and the minimum of the second component of the velocity are shifted to the depth of the layer (Fig. 5b). Similar to the case of the layer with solid boundaries at $Ta \gg 1$, $Ra_V \gg 1$, near the boundaries there are boundary layers of velocity, temperature and amplitude of the pulsating velocity component, and the relative thickness of the boundary layer is equal to $\lambda/\sqrt{2}$ (Fig. 5). Figure 5d shows the pressure graph at $x = 0$.

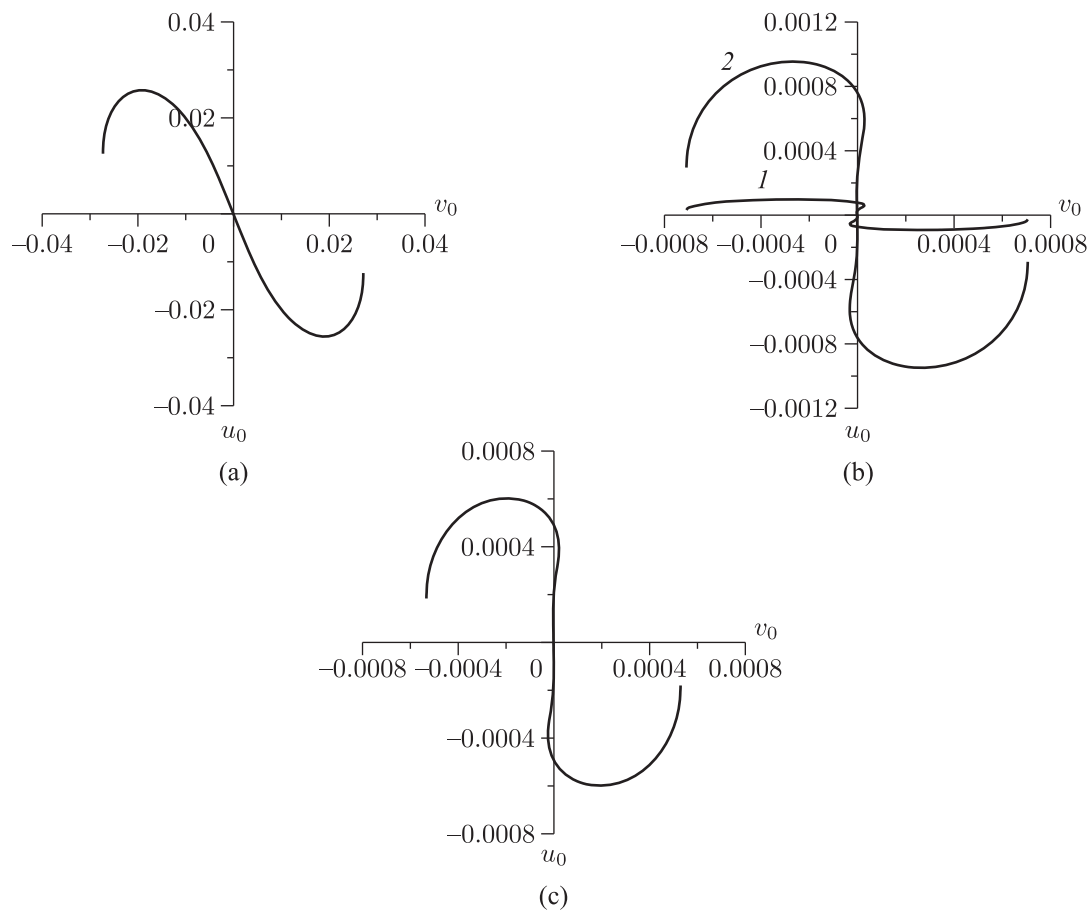


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4. Conclusion

A new exact solution of the Navier–Stokes equations in the Boussinesq approximation describing the advective flow of a rotating horizontal fluid layer in the presence of longitudinal oscillations in a rotating horizontal fluid layer for the case of solid boundaries is presented. In the absence of rotation, a known plane-parallel advective flow in a vibration field with one horizontal velocity component is obtained [11]. In the absence of vibration, a known advective flow in the rotating fluid layer is obtained too, described by two velocity components forming the vortex motion of the fluid. In the newly obtained flow, the velocity and temperature component profiles are similar to the velocity and temperature profile of the advective flow in the absence of vibration [4]. It is known [12] that the effect of rotation is largely similar to the effect of the magnetic field. It can be argued that the effect of longitudinal vibration on the advective flow is somewhat similar to the effect of rotation. The influence of the longitudinal vibration in this case can be called “one-dimensional” rotation.

A new exact solution of the Navier–Stokes equations in the Boussinesq approximation describing advective flows of a rotating horizontal fluid layer in the presence of longitudinal oscillations in a rotating horizontal fluid layer for the case of free boundaries is presented. The flow has two horizontal velocity components. The velocity and temperature profiles of the

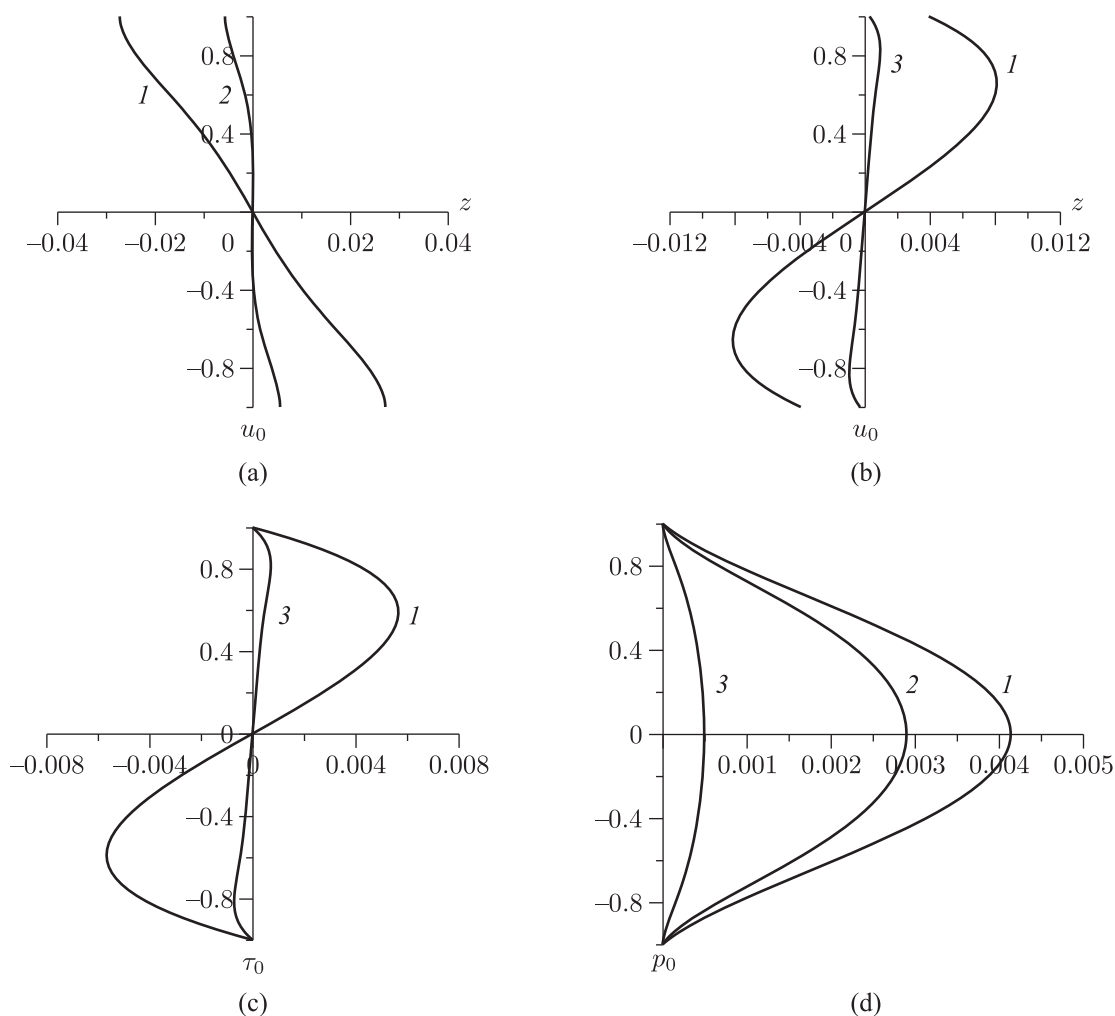


Fig. 5. The profiles of the velocity components (a) u_0 , (b) v_0 , (c) τ_0 and (d) p_0 for $x = 0$ at 1 — $Ta = 10$, 2 — $Ta = 1000$, 3 — $Ta = 10000$.

advective flow as well as for the case of rigid boundaries are antisymmetric. A spiral movement is formed, with fast rotation and (or) high-frequency longitudinal vibration near the boundaries of the layer, and thin boundary layers of velocity and temperature are formed.

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