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ABSTRACT

The developments of the “kinetic theory” of gases made within the last ten years have enabled it to account satisfactorily for many of the laws of gases. The mathematical deductions of Clausius, Maxwell and others, based upon the hypothesis of a gas composed of molecules acting upon each other at impact like perfectly elastic spheres, have furnished expressions for the laws of its elasticity, viscosity, conductivity for heat, diffusive power and other properties. For some of these laws we have experimental data of value in testing the validity of these deductions and assumptions. Next to the elasticity, perhaps the phenomena of the viscosity of gases are best adapted to investigation.¹

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Chapter 1

Introduction

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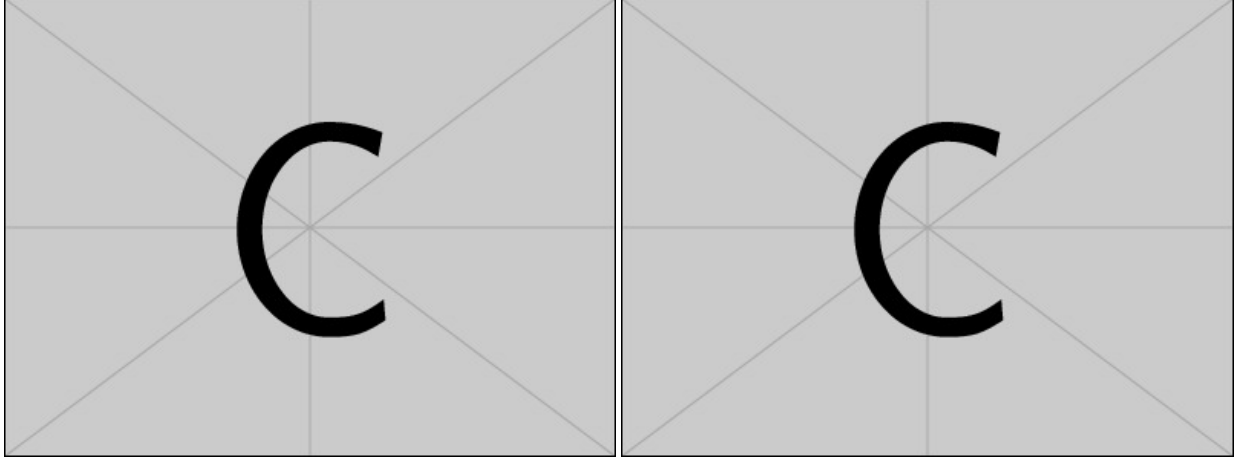
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1.1 A section discussing the first issue: $\mathbf{J}/\psi$

We begin with some ideas from the literature [8,9].

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1.2 Description our paradigm

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¹First footnote. $a_h = F_m$ See section 1.4.

²Another interesting detail.

³And another really important idea to have in mind [13–18].

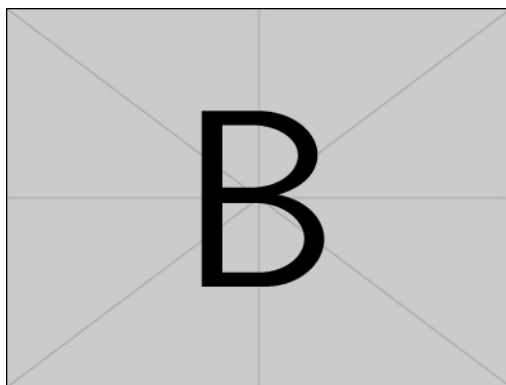


Figure 1.2: Caption text [1].

1.2.1 Conversion to a metaheuristic

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1.3 Other generalizations

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1.3.1 The most general case

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$$\frac{4}{\pi} = 1 + \frac{1^2}{2 + \frac{3^2}{2 + \frac{5^2}{2 + \frac{7^2}{2 + \frac{9^2}{2 + \dots}}}}} \quad (1.3)$$

1.4 Baroclinic generation of vorticity

Substitution of the particle acceleration and application Stokes theorem leads to the *Kelvin-Bjerknes circulation theorem*, for $\rho \neq \text{fn}(p)$:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_C \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \quad (1.4)$$

$$= \int_C \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} \cdot d\mathbf{r} + \underbrace{\int_C \mathbf{u} \cdot d\left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right)}_{=0} \quad (1.5)$$

$$= \iint_S \nabla \times \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \quad (1.6)$$

$$= \iint_S \nabla p \times \nabla \left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right) \cdot d\mathbf{A} \quad (1.7)$$

Baroclinic generation of vorticity accounts for the sea breeze and various other atmospheric currents in which temperature, rather than pressure, creates density gradients. Further, this phenomenon accounts for ocean currents in straits joining more and less saline seas, with surface currents flowing from the fresher to the saltier water and with bottom current going oppositely.

Weak shock wave. A weak shock wave travelling in a perfect gas is described by the following Burgers equation derived from approximations due to G. I. Taylor (1910)

$$u_t + \left(a_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma + 1)u\right) u_x = \frac{\delta}{2} u_{xx} \quad (1.8)$$

Here, γ is the specific heat capacity ratio, δ is the diffusivity of sound, u_1 is the downstream speed, $u_2 < u_1$ is the upstream speed, and a_0 is the undisturbed sound speed. The travelling-wave, or Taylor shock, solution of this equation is

$$\frac{u - u_2}{u_1 - u_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \tanh \left(\frac{\gamma + 1}{4\delta} (u_1 - u_2)(x - ct) \right) \right] \quad (1.9)$$

where $c = a_0 + (\gamma + 1)(u_1 + u_2)/4$. This solution exists for a compressive wave, $u_1 > u_2$.

Table 1.1: The error function and complementary error function

x	$\text{erf}(x)$	$\text{erfc}(x)$	x	$\text{erf}(x)$	$\text{erfc}(x)$
0.00	0.00000	1.00000	1.10	0.88021	0.11980
0.05	0.05637	0.94363	1.20	0.91031	0.08969
0.10	0.11246	0.88754	1.30	0.93401	0.06599
0.15	0.16800	0.83200	1.40	0.95229	0.04771
0.20	0.22270	0.77730	1.50	0.96611	0.03389
0.30	0.32863	0.67137	1.60	0.97635	0.02365
0.40	0.42839	0.57161	1.70	0.98379	0.01621
0.50	0.52050	0.47950	1.80	0.98909	0.01091
0.60	0.60386	0.39614	1.8214	0.99000	0.01000
0.70	0.67780	0.32220	1.90	0.99279	0.00721
0.80	0.74210	0.25790	2.00	0.99532	0.00468
0.90	0.79691	0.20309	2.50	0.99959	0.00041
1.00	0.84270	0.15730	3.00	0.99998	0.00002

Table 1.2: Table with more complicated columns: $\Delta T_m = \delta\theta/\Theta_0$

Experiment	u [m/s]	T [°C]
The first test we ran this morning	124.3	68.3
The second test we ran this morning	82.50	103.46
Our competitor's test	72.321	141.384

1.5 Summary

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Table 1.3: Brinkman number at which liquid dissipation makes $< 5\%$ or $< 1\%$ contribution to θ_b or q_w from the Graetz solution at the points where θ_b equals 0.05, 0.02, or 0.01.

θ_b	x^+	$q_w D_h / k \Delta T$	Br			
			5% of θ_b	1% of θ_b	5% of q_w	1% of q_w
0.05	0.09621	0.3770	3.646×10^{-3}	7.292×10^{-4}	1.571×10^{-3}	3.142×10^{-4}
0.02	0.1266	0.1508	1.458×10^{-3}	2.917×10^{-4}	6.824×10^{-4}	1.257×10^{-4}
0.01	0.1496	0.07541	7.292×10^{-4}	1.458×10^{-4}	3.142×10^{-4}	6.284×10^{-5}

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Nomenclature for Chapter 1

Roman letters

- $\mathcal{C}$ material curve
- $\mathbf{r}$ material position [m]
- $\mathbf{u}$ velocity [m s⁻¹]

Greek letters

- Γ circulation [m² s⁻¹]
- ρ mass density [kg m⁻³]
- ω vorticity [s⁻¹]

Appendix A

Multipage and sideways tables

A.1 A multipage table of numbers

This example uses the `longtable` package. The values in the table are the one-term coefficients for one-dimensional, transient heat conduction, $\theta = A_1 f_1 \exp(-\lambda_1^2 \text{Fo})$, $\bar{\theta} = D_1 \exp(-\lambda_1^2 \text{Fo})$.

Table A.1: One-term coefficients for one-dimensional heat conduction with a convective boundary condition. Data follow H. D. Baehr and K. Stephan [2].

Bi	<i>Plate</i>			<i>Cylinder</i>			<i>Sphere</i>		
	λ_1	A_1	D_1	λ_1	A_1	D_1	λ_1	A_1	D_1
0.01	0.09983	1.0017	1.0000	0.14124	1.0025	1.0000	0.17303	1.0030	1.0000
0.02	0.14095	1.0033	1.0000	0.19950	1.0050	1.0000	0.24446	1.0060	1.0000
0.03	0.17234	1.0049	1.0000	0.24403	1.0075	1.0000	0.29910	1.0090	1.0000
0.04	0.19868	1.0066	1.0000	0.28143	1.0099	1.0000	0.34503	1.0120	1.0000
0.05	0.22176	1.0082	0.9999	0.31426	1.0124	0.9999	0.38537	1.0150	1.0000
0.06	0.24253	1.0098	0.9999	0.34383	1.0148	0.9999	0.42173	1.0179	0.9999
0.07	0.26153	1.0114	0.9999	0.37092	1.0173	0.9999	0.45506	1.0209	0.9999
0.08	0.27913	1.0130	0.9999	0.39603	1.0197	0.9999	0.48600	1.0239	0.9999
0.09	0.29557	1.0145	0.9998	0.41954	1.0222	0.9998	0.51497	1.0268	0.9999
0.10	0.31105	1.0161	0.9998	0.44168	1.0246	0.9998	0.54228	1.0298	0.9998
0.15	0.37788	1.0237	0.9995	0.53761	1.0365	0.9995	0.66086	1.0445	0.9996
0.20	0.43284	1.0311	0.9992	0.61697	1.0483	0.9992	0.75931	1.0592	0.9993
0.25	0.48009	1.0382	0.9988	0.68559	1.0598	0.9988	0.84473	1.0737	0.9990
0.30	0.52179	1.0450	0.9983	0.74646	1.0712	0.9983	0.92079	1.0880	0.9985
0.40	0.59324	1.0580	0.9971	0.85158	1.0931	0.9970	1.05279	1.1164	0.9974
0.50	0.65327	1.0701	0.9956	0.94077	1.1143	0.9954	1.16556	1.1441	0.9960
0.60	0.70507	1.0814	0.9940	1.01844	1.1345	0.9936	1.26440	1.1713	0.9944
0.70	0.75056	1.0918	0.9922	1.08725	1.1539	0.9916	1.35252	1.1978	0.9925
0.80	0.79103	1.1016	0.9903	1.14897	1.1724	0.9893	1.43203	1.2236	0.9904
0.90	0.82740	1.1107	0.9882	1.20484	1.1902	0.9869	1.50442	1.2488	0.9880
1.00	0.86033	1.1191	0.9861	1.25578	1.2071	0.9843	1.57080	1.2732	0.9855
1.10	0.89035	1.1270	0.9839	1.30251	1.2232	0.9815	1.63199	1.2970	0.9828
1.20	0.91785	1.1344	0.9817	1.34558	1.2387	0.9787	1.68868	1.3201	0.9800
1.30	0.94316	1.1412	0.9794	1.38543	1.2533	0.9757	1.74140	1.3424	0.9770
1.40	0.96655	1.1477	0.9771	1.42246	1.2673	0.9727	1.79058	1.3640	0.9739

Table A.1: (continued)

Bi	<i>Plate</i>			<i>Cylinder</i>			<i>Sphere</i>		
	λ_1	A_1	D_1	λ_1	A_1	D_1	λ_1	A_1	D_1
1.50	0.98824	1.1537	0.9748	1.45695	1.2807	0.9696	1.83660	1.3850	0.9707
1.60	1.00842	1.1593	0.9726	1.48917	1.2934	0.9665	1.87976	1.4052	0.9674
1.70	1.02725	1.1645	0.9703	1.51936	1.3055	0.9633	1.92035	1.4247	0.9640
1.80	1.04486	1.1695	0.9680	1.54769	1.3170	0.9601	1.95857	1.4436	0.9605
1.90	1.06136	1.1741	0.9658	1.57434	1.3279	0.9569	1.99465	1.4618	0.9570
2.00	1.07687	1.1785	0.9635	1.59945	1.3384	0.9537	2.02876	1.4793	0.9534
2.20	1.10524	1.1864	0.9592	1.64557	1.3578	0.9472	2.09166	1.5125	0.9462
2.40	1.13056	1.1934	0.9549	1.68691	1.3754	0.9408	2.14834	1.5433	0.9389
2.60	1.15330	1.1997	0.9509	1.72418	1.3914	0.9345	2.19967	1.5718	0.9316
2.80	1.17383	1.2052	0.9469	1.75794	1.4059	0.9284	2.24633	1.5982	0.9243
3.00	1.19246	1.2102	0.9431	1.78866	1.4191	0.9224	2.28893	1.6227	0.9171
3.50	1.23227	1.2206	0.9343	1.85449	1.4473	0.9081	2.38064	1.6761	0.8995
4.00	1.26459	1.2287	0.9264	1.90808	1.4698	0.8950	2.45564	1.7202	0.8830
4.50	1.29134	1.2351	0.9193	1.95248	1.4880	0.8830	2.51795	1.7567	0.8675
5.00	1.31384	1.2402	0.9130	1.98981	1.5029	0.8721	2.57043	1.7870	0.8533
6.00	1.34955	1.2479	0.9021	2.04901	1.5253	0.8532	2.65366	1.8338	0.8281
7.00	1.37662	1.2532	0.8932	2.09373	1.5411	0.8375	2.71646	1.8673	0.8069
8.00	1.39782	1.2570	0.8858	2.12864	1.5526	0.8244	2.76536	1.8920	0.7889
9.00	1.41487	1.2598	0.8796	2.15661	1.5611	0.8133	2.80443	1.9106	0.7737
10.00	1.42887	1.2620	0.8743	2.17950	1.5677	0.8039	2.83630	1.9249	0.7607
12.00	1.45050	1.2650	0.8658	2.21468	1.5769	0.7887	2.88509	1.9450	0.7397
14.00	1.46643	1.2669	0.8592	2.24044	1.5828	0.7770	2.92060	1.9581	0.7236
16.00	1.47864	1.2683	0.8541	2.26008	1.5869	0.7678	2.94756	1.9670	0.7109
18.00	1.48830	1.2692	0.8499	2.27556	1.5898	0.7603	2.96871	1.9734	0.7007
20.00	1.49613	1.2699	0.8464	2.28805	1.5919	0.7542	2.98572	1.9781	0.6922
25.00	1.51045	1.2710	0.8400	2.31080	1.5954	0.7427	3.01656	1.9856	0.6766
30.00	1.52017	1.2717	0.8355	2.32614	1.5973	0.7348	3.03724	1.9898	0.6658
35.00	1.52719	1.2721	0.8322	2.33719	1.5985	0.7290	3.05207	1.9924	0.6579
40.00	1.53250	1.2723	0.8296	2.34552	1.5993	0.7246	3.06321	1.9942	0.6519
50.00	1.54001	1.2727	0.8260	2.35724	1.6002	0.7183	3.07884	1.9962	0.6434
60.00	1.54505	1.2728	0.8235	2.36510	1.6007	0.7140	3.08928	1.9974	0.6376
80.00	1.55141	1.2730	0.8204	2.37496	1.6013	0.7085	3.10234	1.9985	0.6303
100.00	1.55525	1.2731	0.8185	2.38090	1.6015	0.7052	3.11019	1.9990	0.6259
200.00	1.56298	1.2732	0.8146	2.39283	1.6019	0.6985	3.12589	1.9998	0.6170
∞	1.57080	1.2732	0.8106	2.40483	1.6020	0.6917	3.14159	2.0000	0.6079

A.2 A sideways table

Table A.2 uses the `sidewaystable*` environment from the `rotating` package.

Table A.2: Data sets for local heat transfer coefficients in liquids. Boundary condition (B.C.) and r.m.s. freestream turbulence (u_r'/u_∞) are as indicated.

Authors	B.C.	Range of Re_x	u_r'/u_∞	Comments
<i>Data for Water</i>				
Hollingsworth, 1989	UWT	$\approx 5 \times 10^5$	0.5 – 1.5%	Data for $Pr = 5.93 \pm 0.13$ with 4 K b.l. temperature difference. Boundary layer tripped ahead of plate, with a substantial unheated section; two locations measured in uncurved channel. Plate temperature controlled by rows of electrically heated strips. Data analysis focuses on enthalpy thickness Reynolds number. Data were used to calibrate a numerical model, leading to a correlation: $St = 0.02426 Re_x^{-n} Pr^{-0.895}$ for $n = 0.1879 Pr^{-0.18}$ for $0.7 \leq Pr \leq 8$. Measurement uncertainties (2σ): $St \pm 3.3\%$; $Re_x \pm 1.6\%$.
Žukauskas & Šlančiauskas, 1987 summary	UHF	$4.0 \times 10^3 - 4.4 \times 10^6$	$\sim 1.2\%$	Data for Prandtl numbers of 2.95, 5.4, and 6.6. Stated uncertainty in heat transfer is up to $\pm 10\%$, being largest for higher fluxes. Background turbulence measured at inlet to test section. For $Pr = 5.4$: Run 17, ΔT is 7–8 K for the turbulent and transitional data, with the laminar points rising to 17 K; Run 18, $6.5 \leq \Delta T \leq 21.4$ K; Table 25, ΔT is 7–8 K for the turbulent and transitional data, again rising to 15–17 K in the laminar region. For $Pr = 6.6$: Run 7, $1.3 \leq \Delta T \leq 4.2$ K; Run 8, $6.5 \leq \Delta T \leq 21.4$ K. For $Pr = 2.95$: $5.4 \leq \Delta T \leq 8.6$ K.
<i>Data for higher Pr</i>				
Žukauskas & Šlančiauskas, 1987 summary	UHF	$1.2 \times 10^4 - 7.7 \times 10^5$	$\sim 0.7\%$	Data for “transformer oil” at several Prandtl numbers (55–257). Uncertainty in heat transfer stated as $\pm 5\%$. Background turbulence measured at inlet to test section. Much of this data has significant property variation across the boundary layer. (An additional data set is given for cooling hot glycerin at higher Pr , but with even stronger property variations.)

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