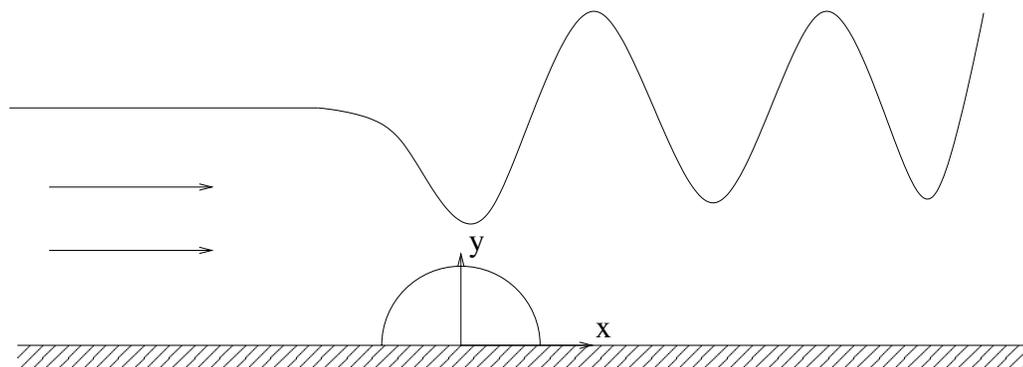


NUMERICAL
INVESTIGATION OF THE
PROPERTIES OF
NONLINEAR FREE SURFACE
FLOWS

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An axisymmetric free surface with a 120 degree angle along a circle

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Singularities on Free Surfaces of Fluid Flows

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Isolated singularities on free surfaces of two-dimensional and axially symmetric three-dimensional steady potential flows with gravity are considered. A systematic study is presented, where known solutions are recovered and new ones found. In two dimensions, the singularities found include those described by the Stokes solution with a 120° angle, Craya's flow with a cusp on the free surface, Gurevich's flow with a free surface meeting a rigid plane at 120° angle, and Dagan and Tulin's flow with a horizontal free surface meeting a rigid wall at an angle less than 120° . In three dimensions, the singularities found include those in Garabedian's axially symmetric flow about a conical surface with an approximately 130° angle, flows with axially symmetric cusps, and flows with a horizontal free surface and conical stream surfaces. The Stokes, Gurevich, and Garabedian flows are exact solutions. These are used to generate local solutions, including perturbations of the Stokes solution by Grant and Longuet-Higgins and Fox, perturbations of Gurevich's flow by Vanden-Broeck and Tuck, asymmetric perturbations of Stokes flow and nonaxisymmetric perturbations of Garabedian's flow. A generalization of the Stokes solution to three fluids meeting at a point is also found.

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Rising bubbles in a two-dimensional tube with surface tension, Phys. Fluids, 27 (1984), pp. 2604-2607.

Alex Doak and VdB (2017)

SINGULARITIES....

two-dimensional flows

axisymmetric flows

three-dimensional flows

TWO-DIMENSIONAL FLOWS

fluid is inviscid and incompressible

flow is irrotational

steady

FORMULATION

$$u = \phi_x = \psi_y \quad \text{and} \quad v = \phi_y = -\psi_x$$

$$\phi_{xx} + \phi_{yy} = 0$$

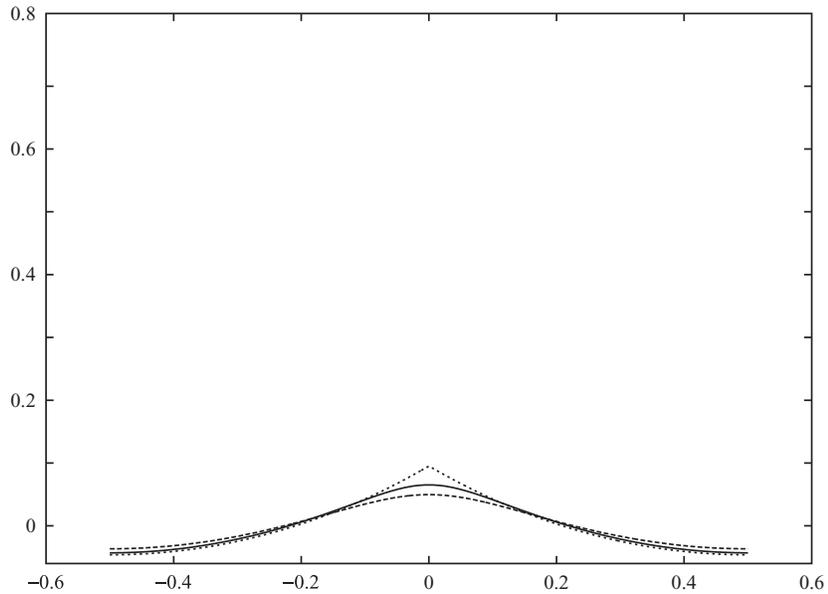
$$\phi_y = \phi_x \zeta_x \quad \text{on} \quad y = \zeta(x)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\phi_x^2 + \phi_y^2) + gy - \frac{T}{\rho} \frac{\zeta_{xx}}{(1 + \zeta_x^2)^{1/3}} = B \quad \text{on} \quad y = \zeta(x)$$

$$\phi_n = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \text{rigid boundaries}$$

$f = \phi + i\psi$: analytic functions of $z = x + iy$

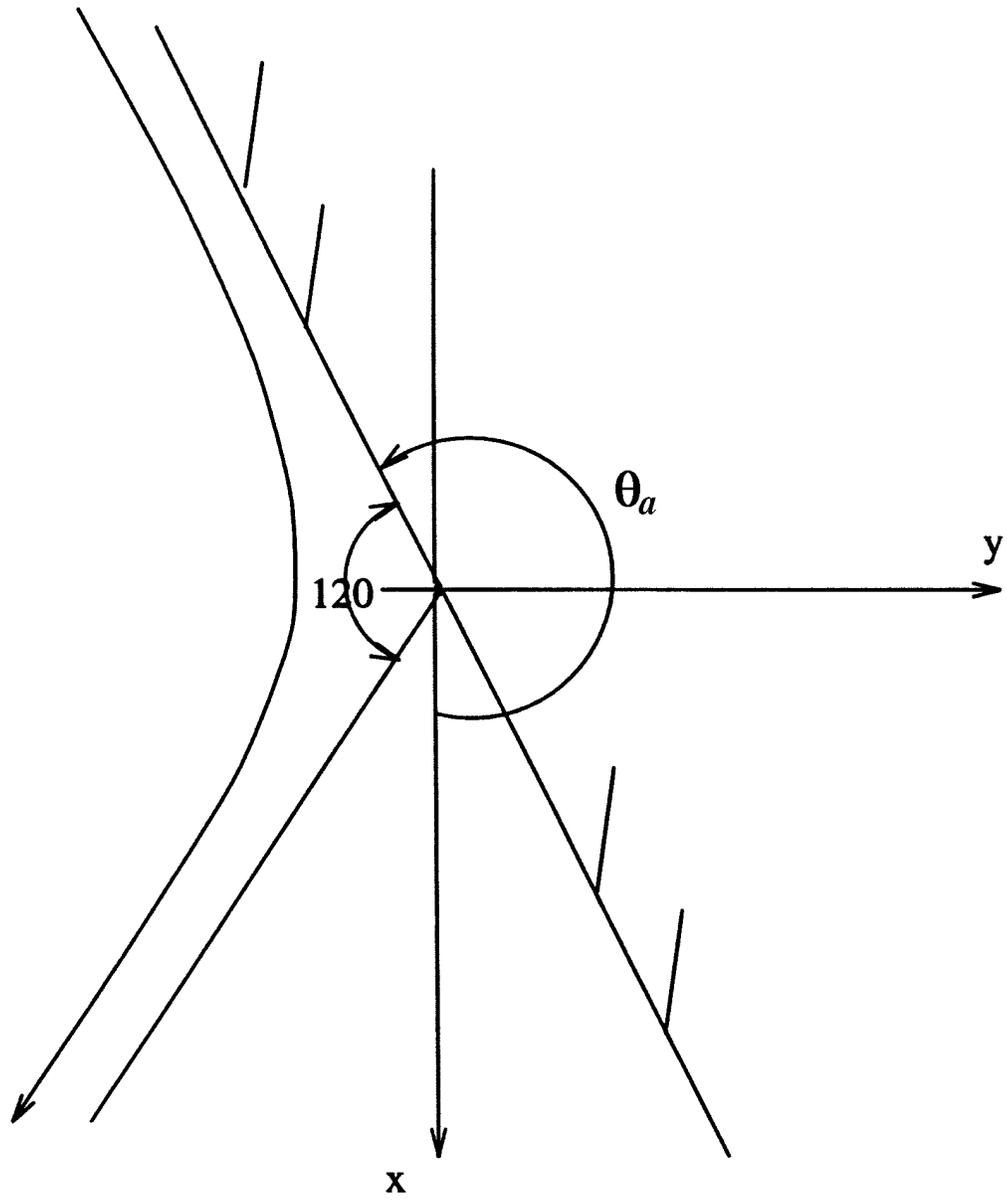
$u - iv$: analytic function of z and of $f = \phi + i\psi$

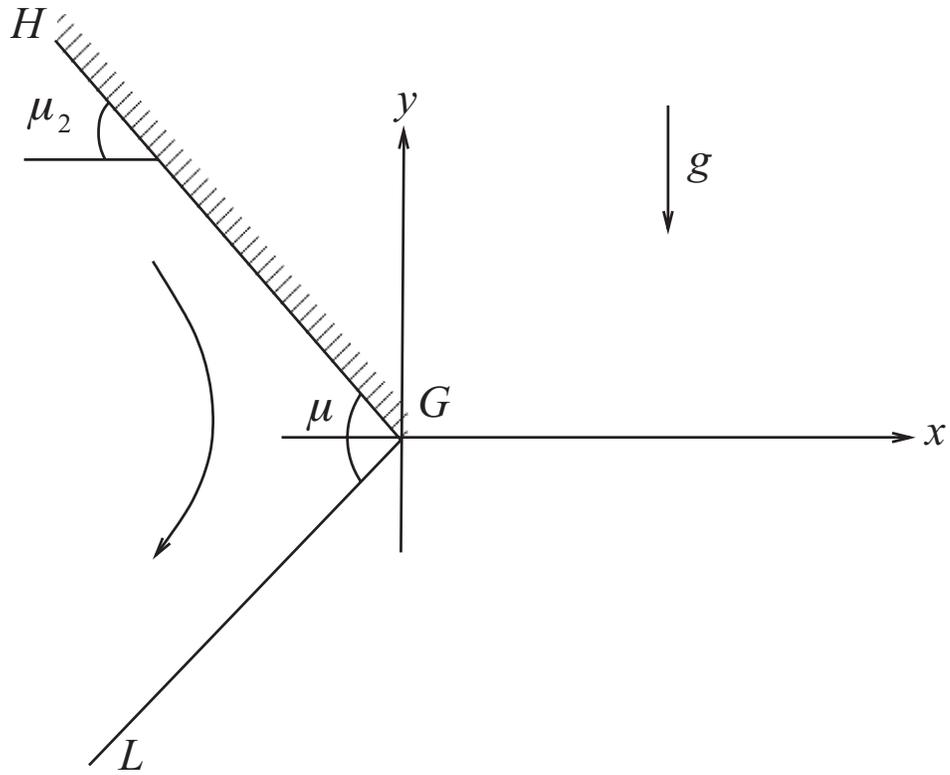


Stokes (1847), Michell (1883), Amick, Fraenkel
and Toland (1982)

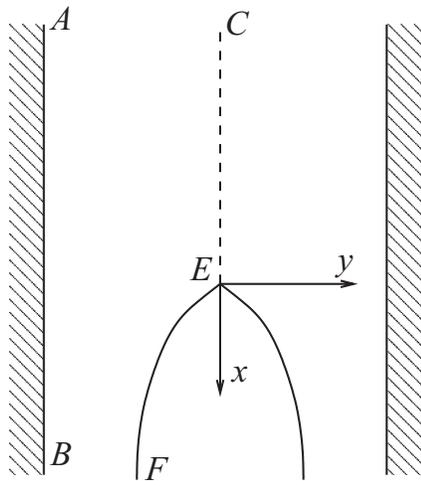
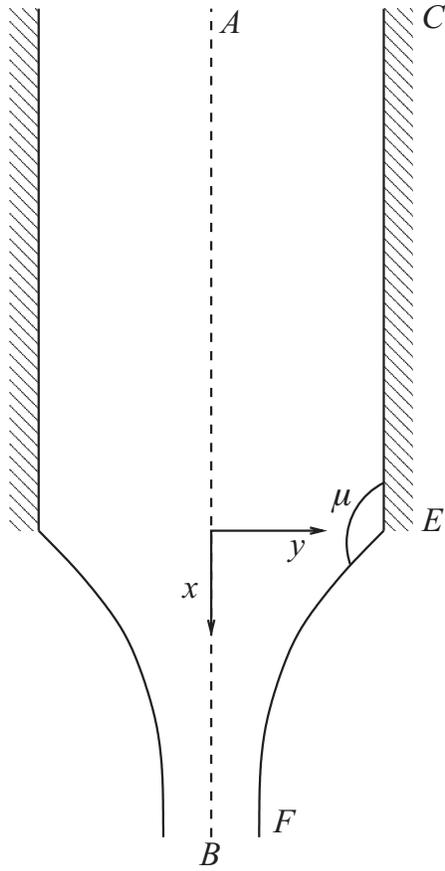
Olfe and Rottman (1980)

Vdb (2012)





$$\mu = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \quad \mu = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \mu = \pi$$



$$F = \frac{U}{(gH)^{1/2}}$$

$$\mu = \pi, \quad \mu = \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$F_c \approx 0.36$$

$$\mu = \pi \quad \text{for} \quad F > F_c$$

$$\mu = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{for} \quad F < F_c$$

$$\mu = \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad \text{for} \quad F = F_c$$

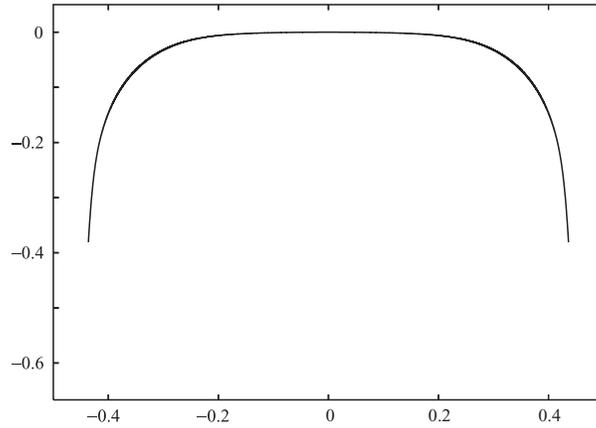


Fig. 3.48. Rising bubble in a tube for $F = 0.1$.

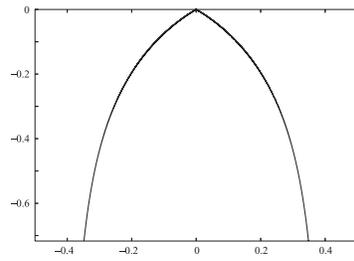


Fig. 3.50. Rising bubble in a tube for $F = F_c$. There is a 120° angle at the apex of the bubble.

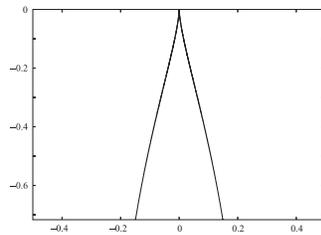
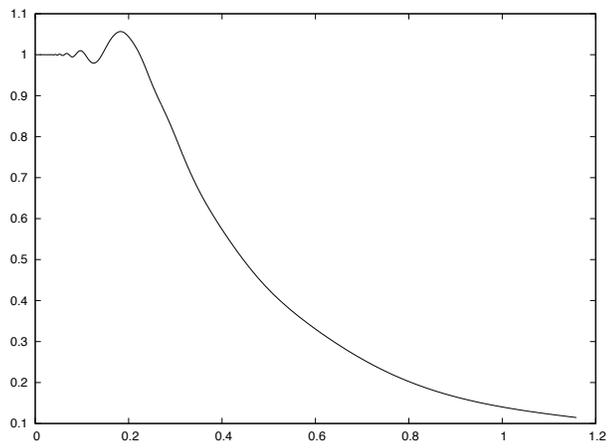
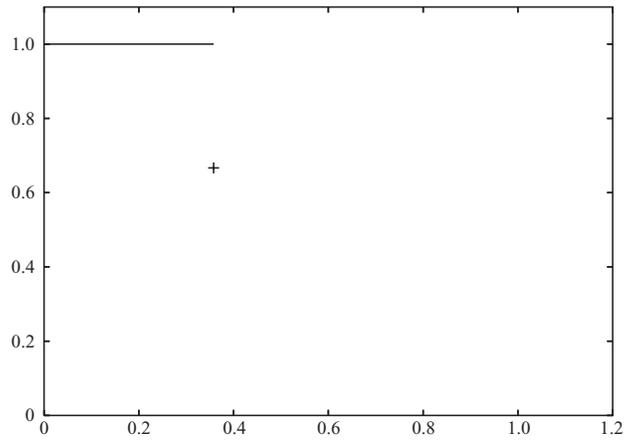
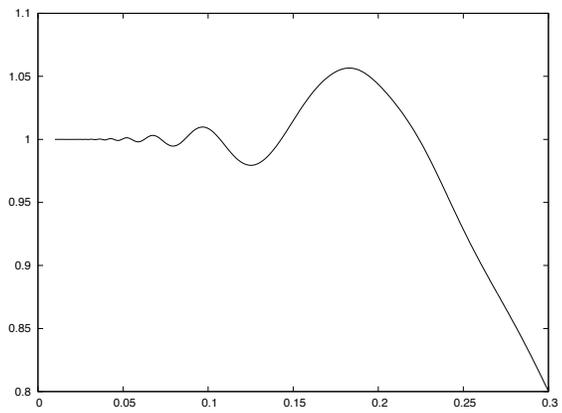
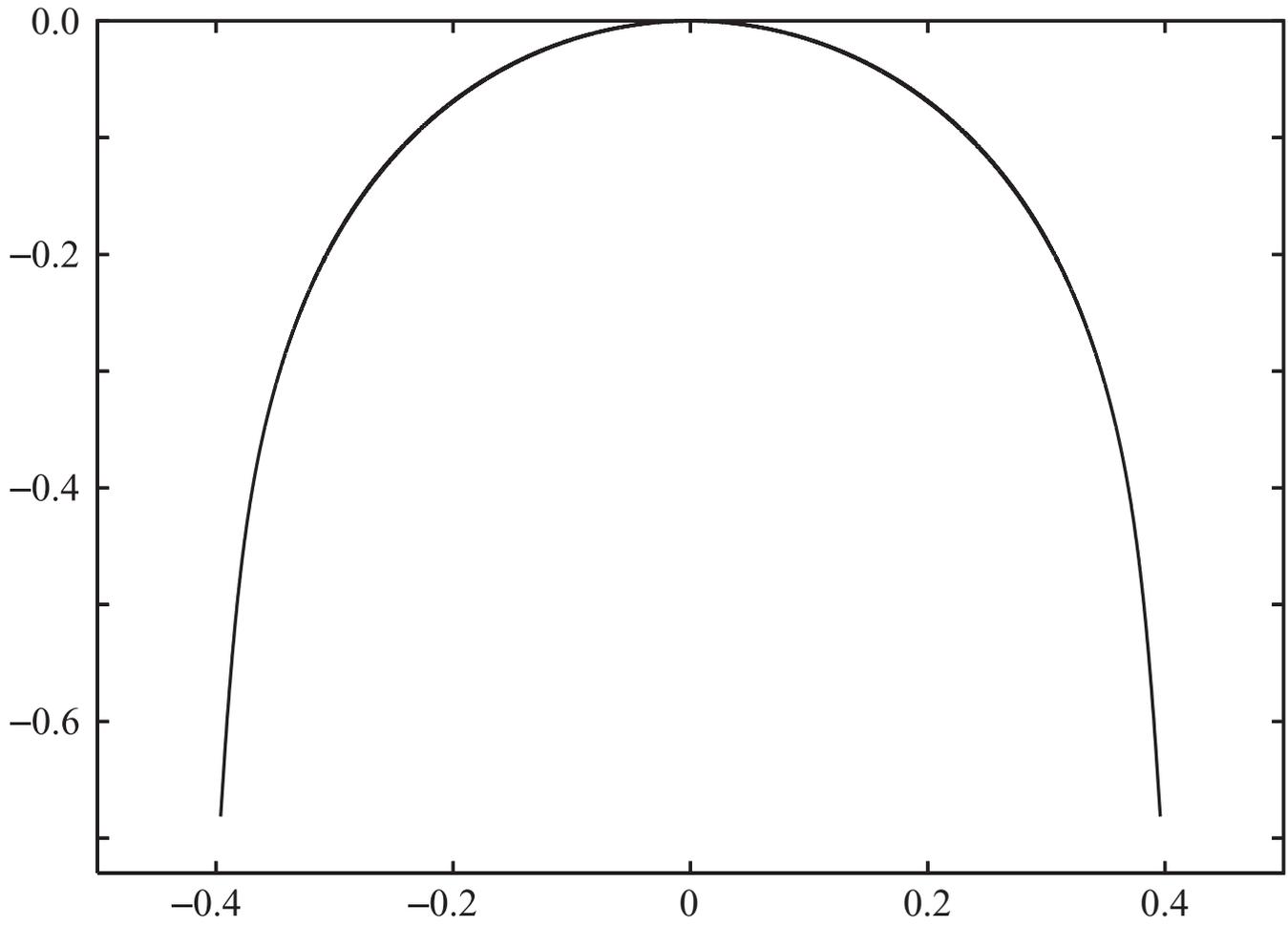


Fig. 3.52. Rising bubble in a tube for $F = 1$. There is a cusp at the apex of the free surface profile.

$$\nu = 2 \frac{\pi - \mu}{\pi}$$







F experimental 0.25

F numerical 0.23

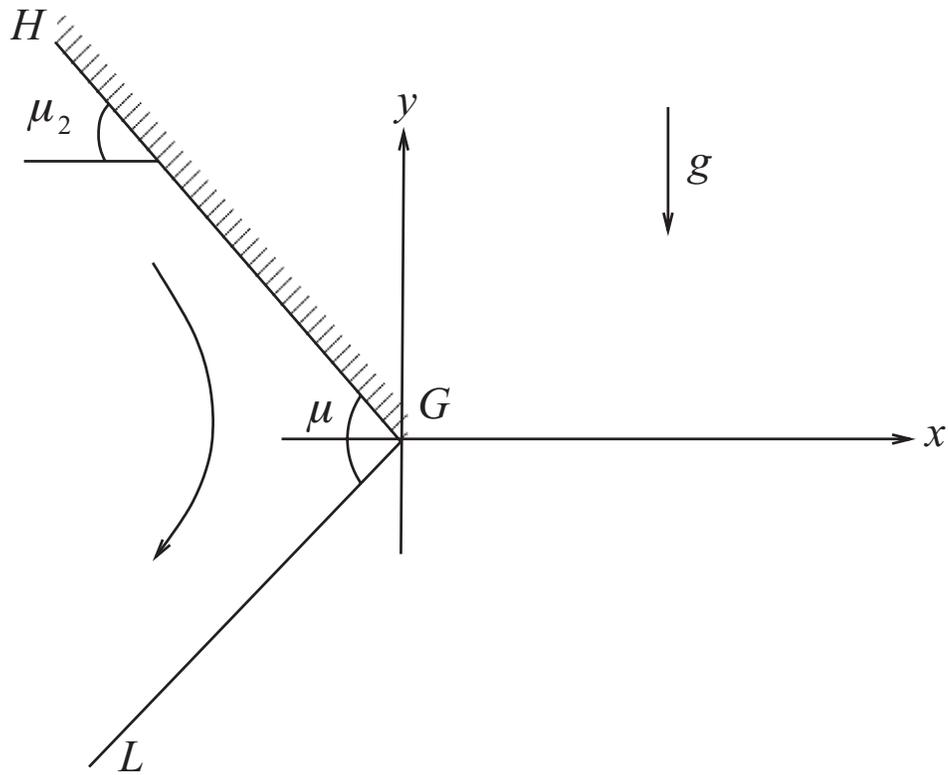
Fingers in a Hele Shaw cell

Vdb, 1983, Fingers in a Hele-Shaw cell with surface tension. *Phys. Fluids* 26, 2033 –2034.

AXISYMMETRIC FLOWS

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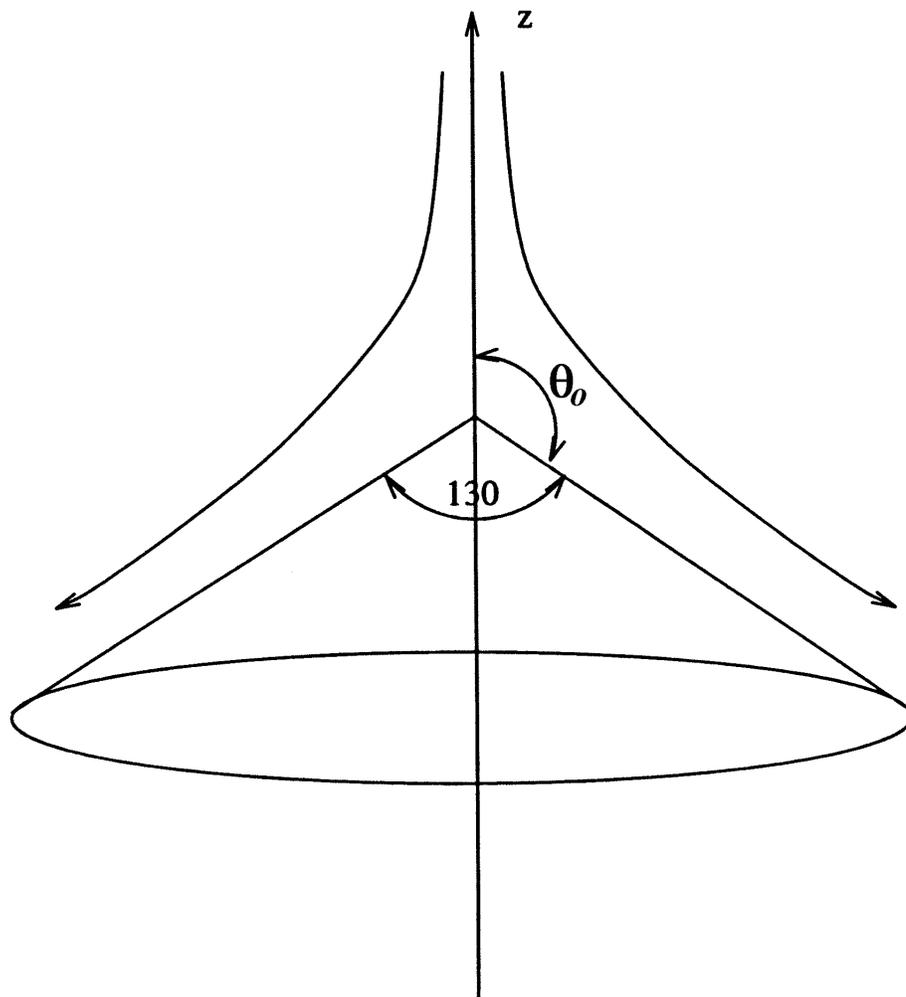
Recall the two-dimensional case

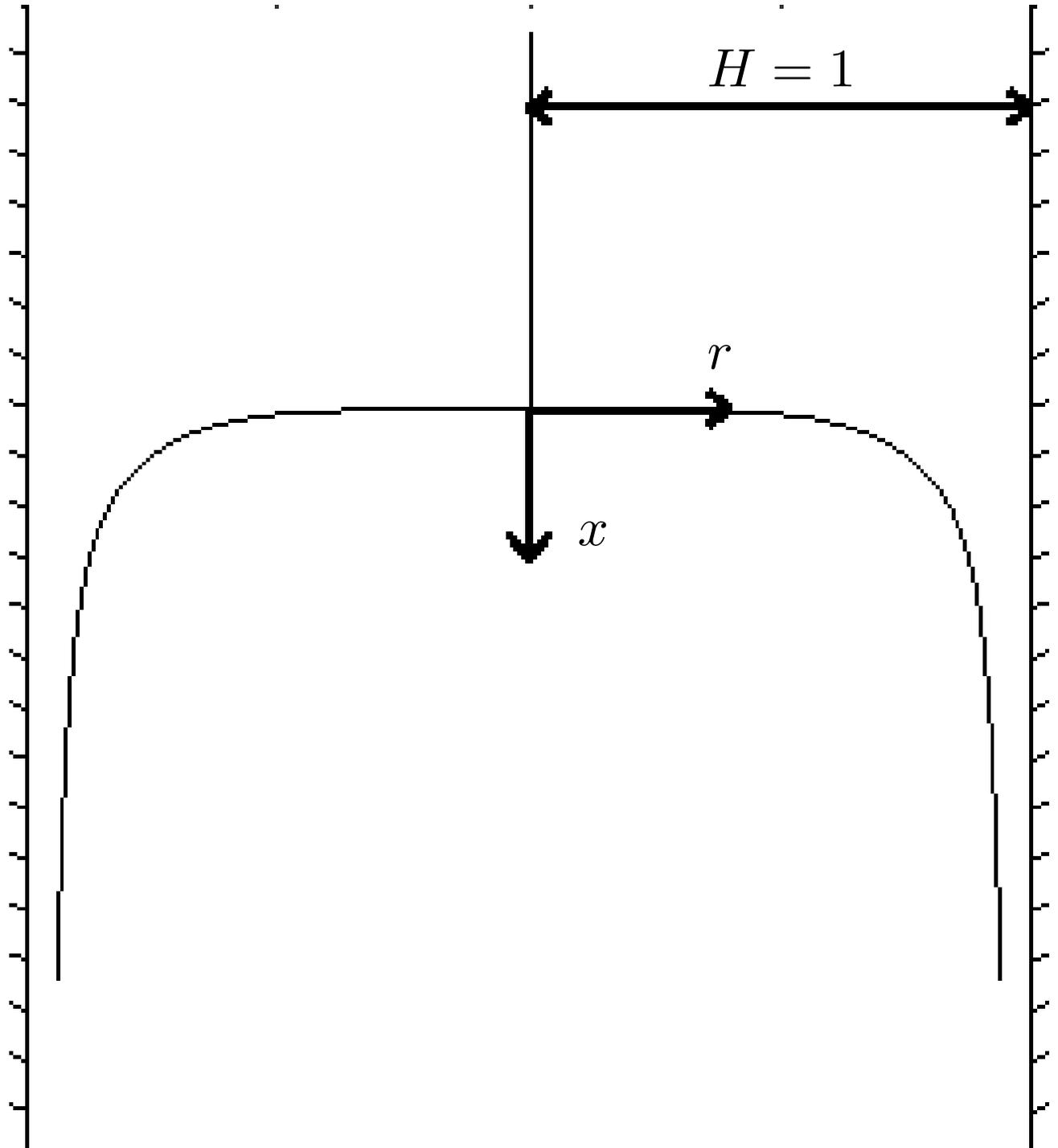


$$\mu = 120^0, \quad \mu = 90^0, \quad \mu = 180^0$$

Now take $\mu_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and rotate....then

$$\mu = 115^0, \quad \mu = 90^0, \quad \mu = 180^0$$

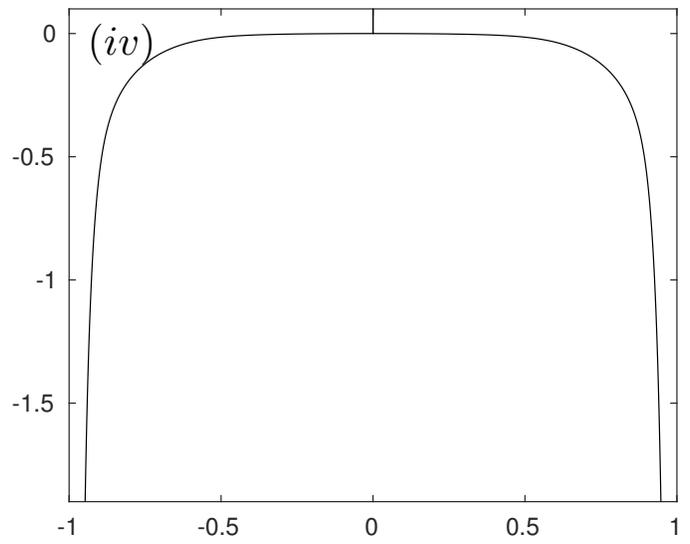
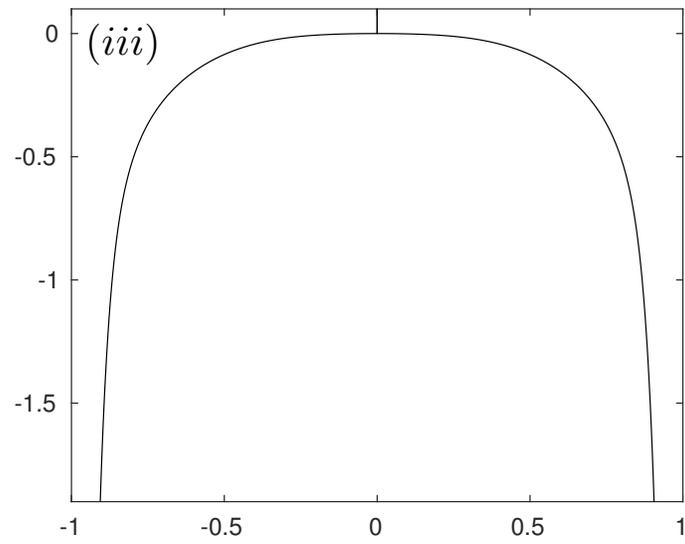
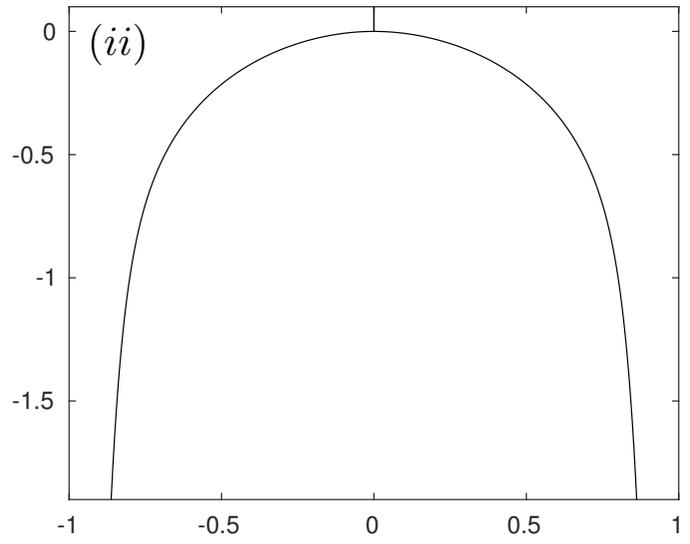
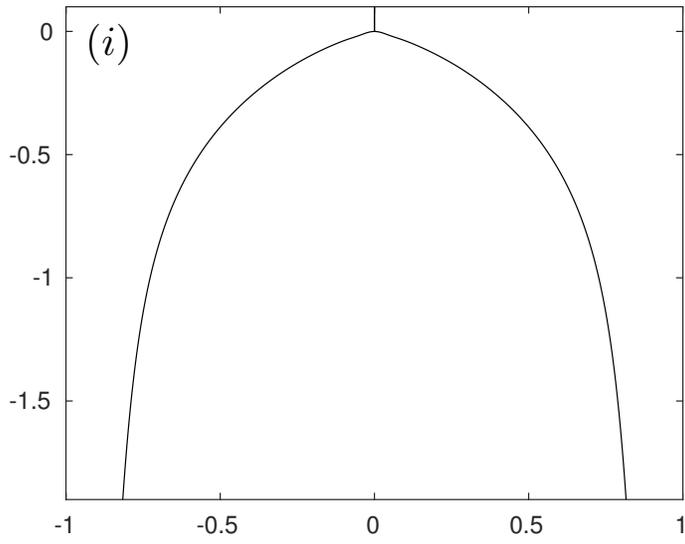




R.M. Davies and G.I. Taylor (1950)

Previous work: H. Levine and Y. Yang (1989)

L.C. Woods (1951, 1953)



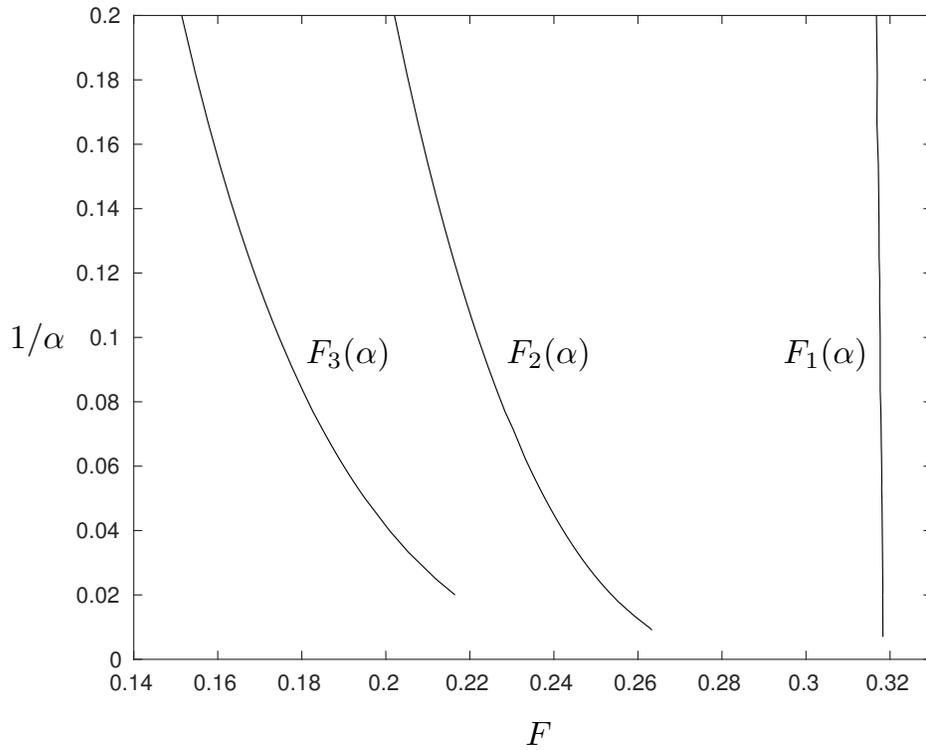


Figure 6: The first three $\mu = \pi/2$ solution branches F_1 , F_2 and F_3 for the 2D problem. In the limit $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$, the solution branches approach $F^* \approx 0.318$

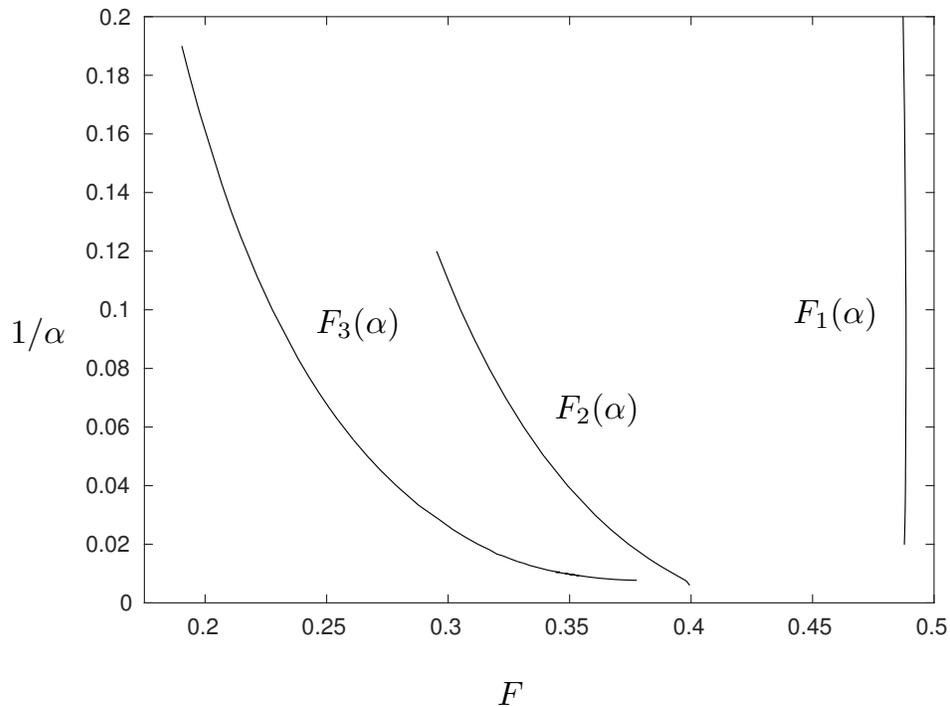


Figure 7: The first three solution branches F_1 , F_2 and F_3 for the 3D problem. In the limit $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$, the solution branches approach $F^* \approx 0.49$

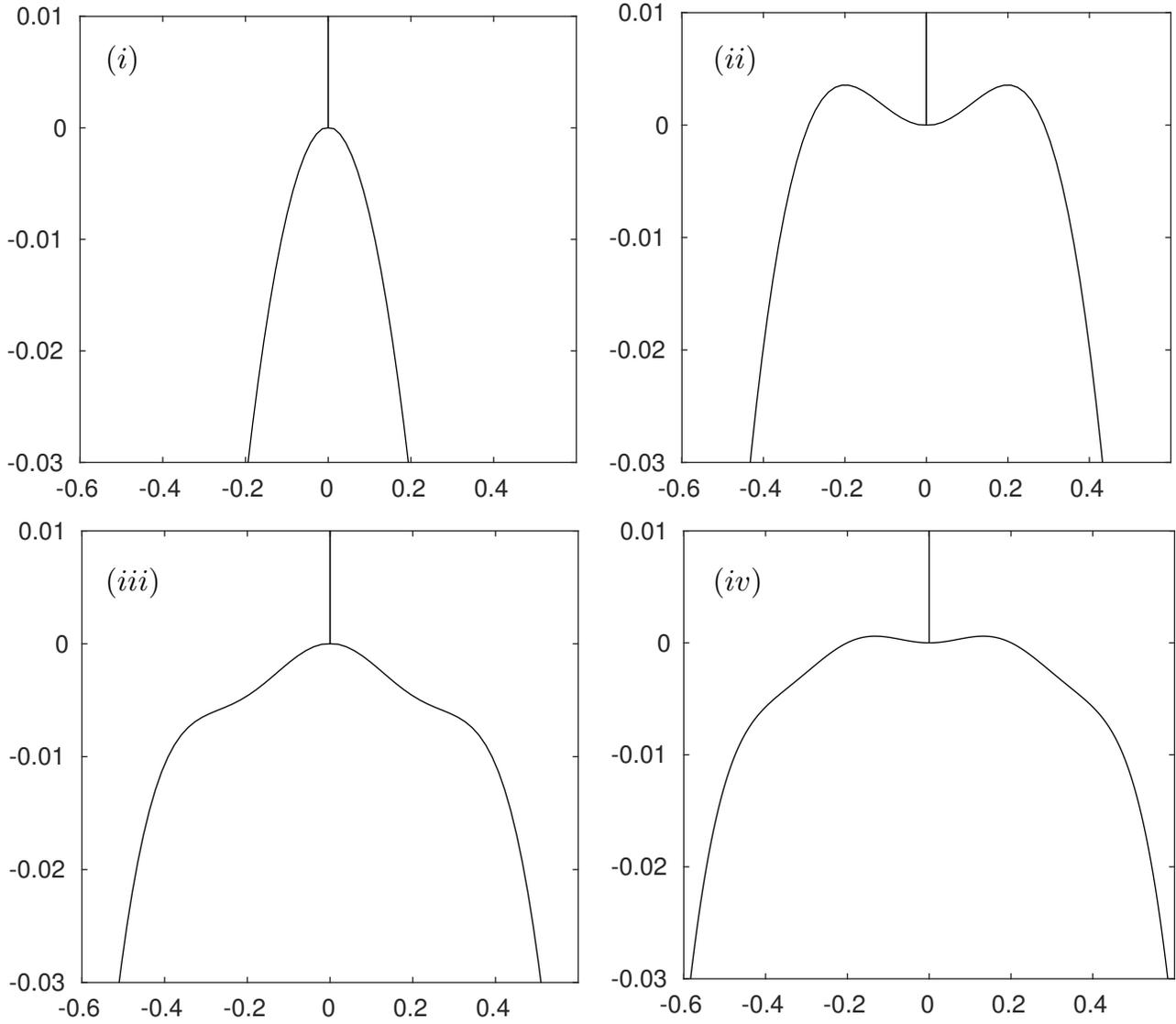


Figure 8: Solutions to the 2D problem with $\mu = \pi/2$ from the first four branches. Every solution is given by $\alpha = 5$, and the values of F are (i) $F_1(5) = 0.316$, (ii) $F_2(5) = 0.202$, (iii) $F_3(5) = 0.151$ and (iv) $F_4(5) = 0.122$.

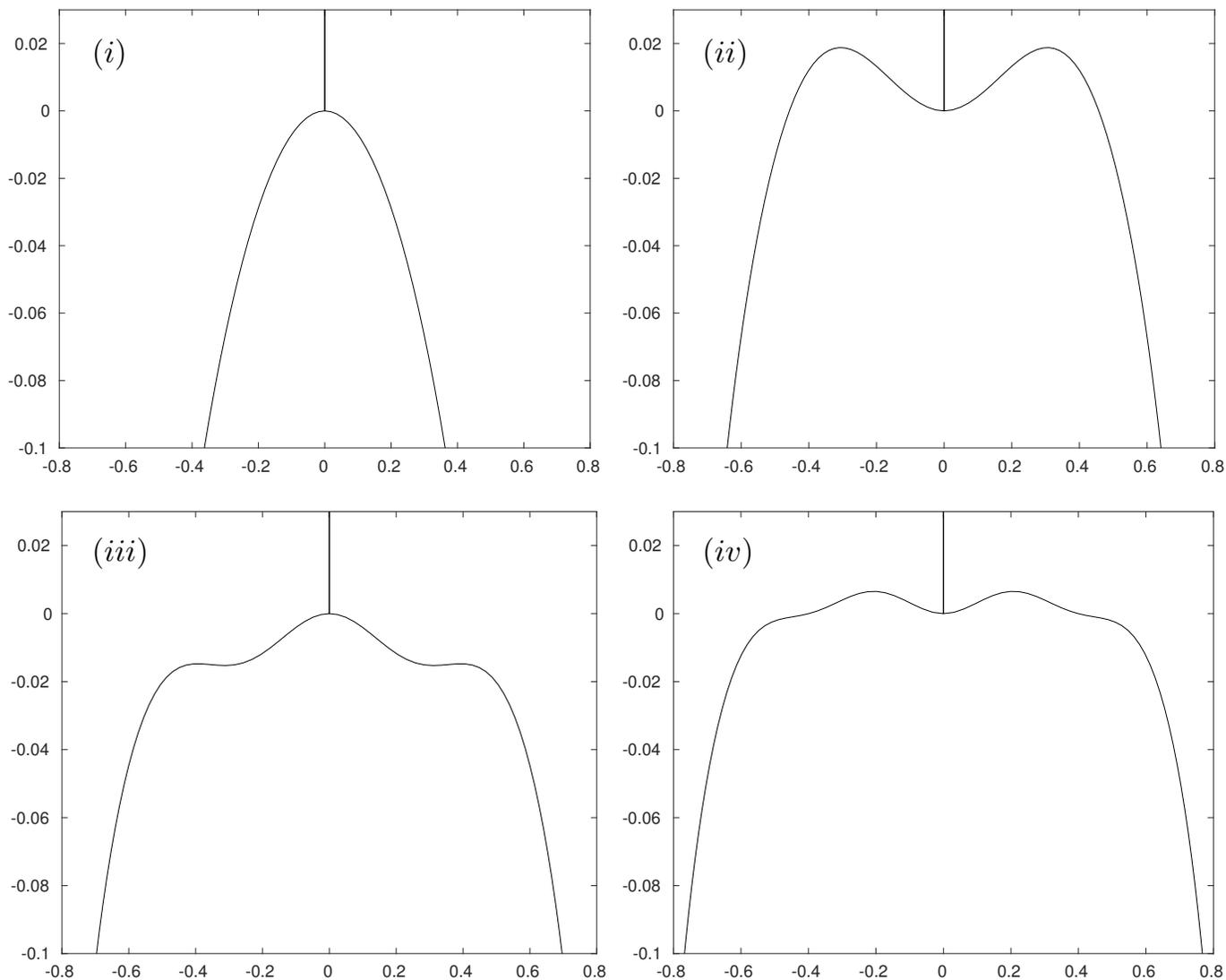
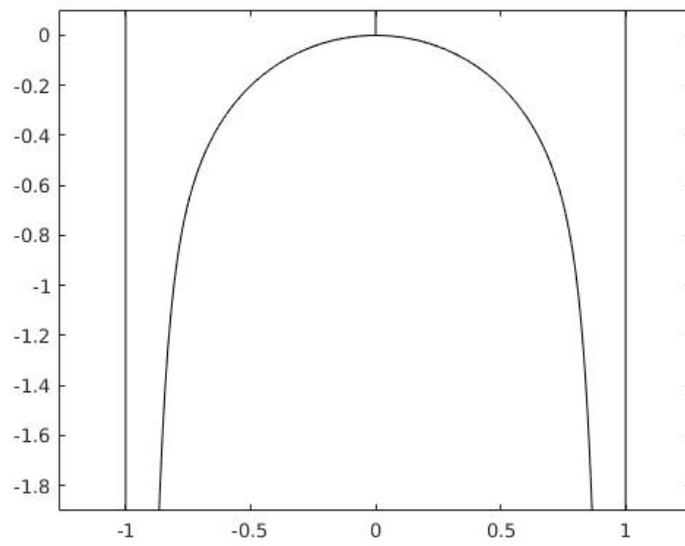
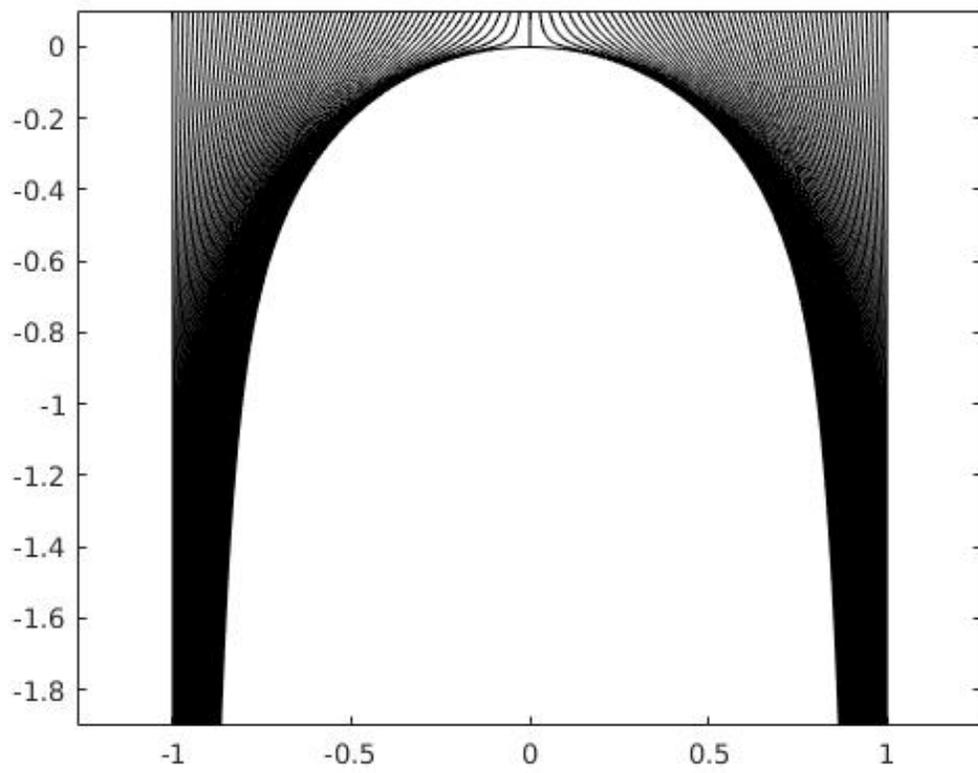


Figure 9: Solutions to the 3D problem with $\mu = \pi/2$ from the first three branches. Every solution is given by $\alpha = 10$, and the values of F are (i) $F_1(10) = 0.488$, (ii) $F_2(10) = 0.305$ and (iii) $F_3(10) = 0.228$



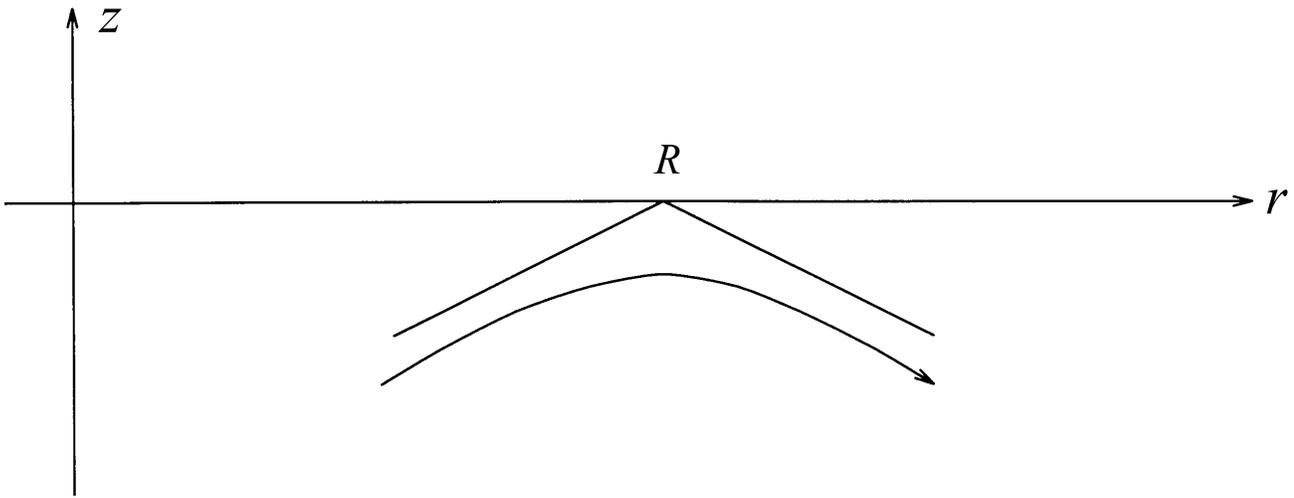
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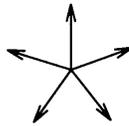
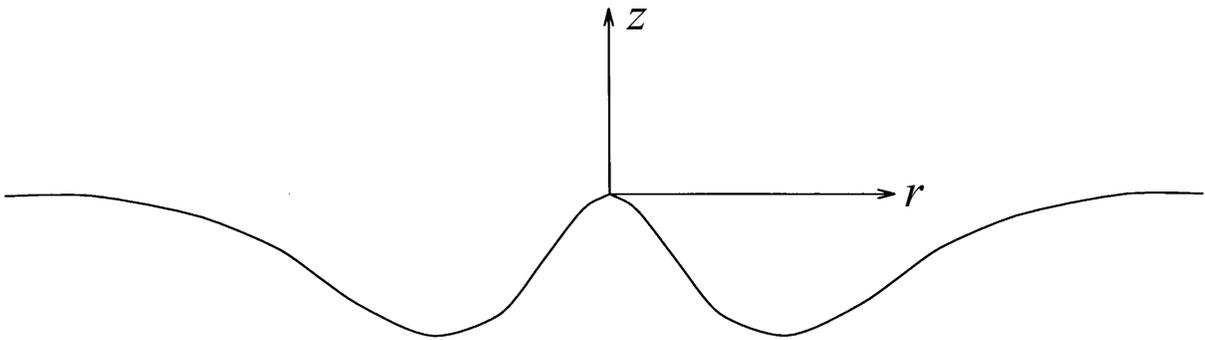
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THREE DIMENSIONAL FLOWS

Keller and VdB (1997)





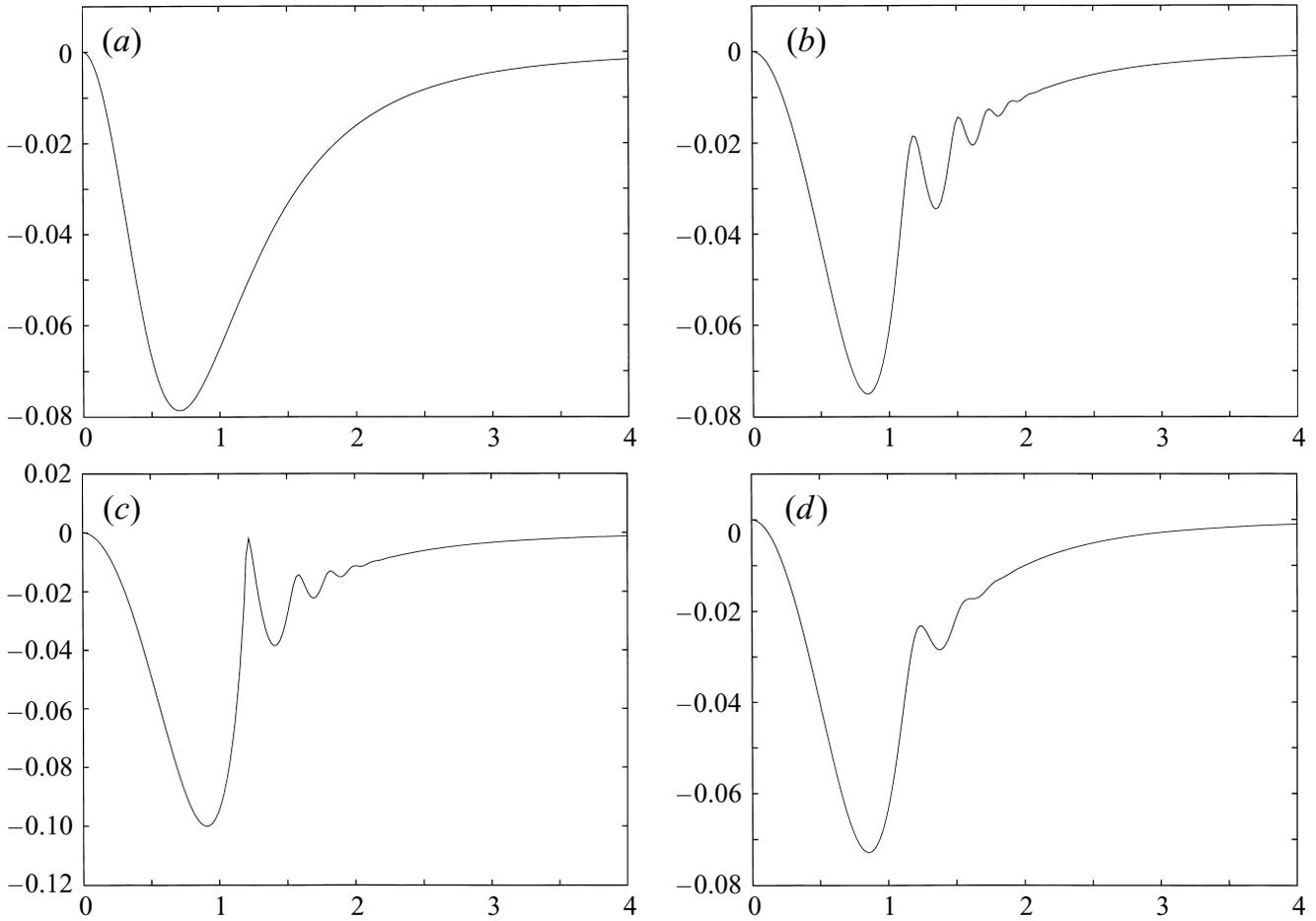
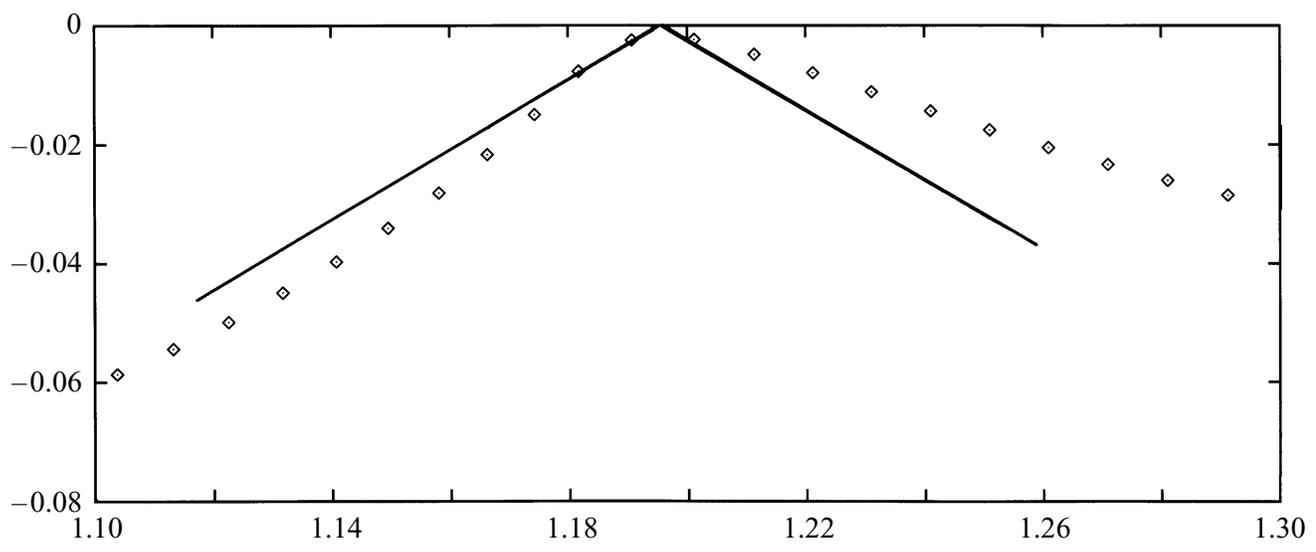


FIGURE 2. Free-surface profiles in the (r, z) -plane for (a) $F = 2$, (b) $F = 5$, (c) $F = F_c \approx 5.4$, (d) $F = 5$. The profile (d) differs from the one in (b) because the truncation value of r is not large enough.



CONCLUSIONS

two-dimensional free surface flows

axisymmetric free surface flows

three-dimensional free surface flows