Guidelines for authors and submission template

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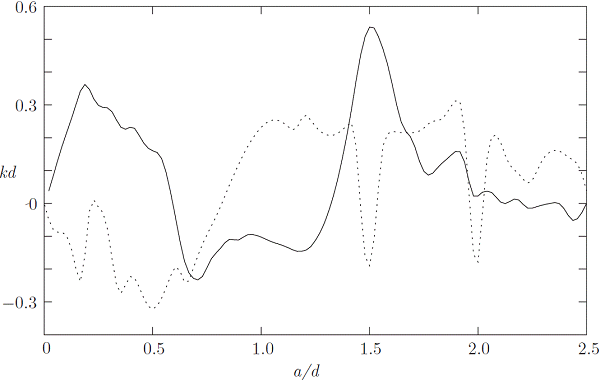


Figure 1. Trapped-mode wavenumbers, kd, plotted against a/d for three ellipses:

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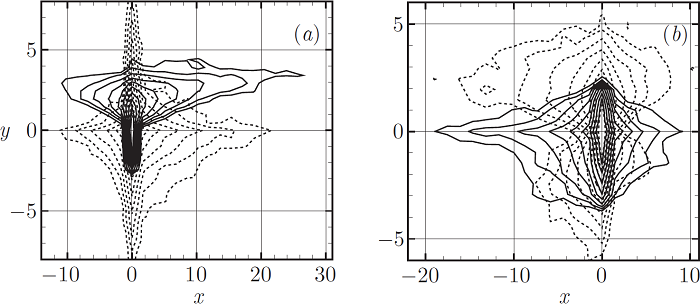
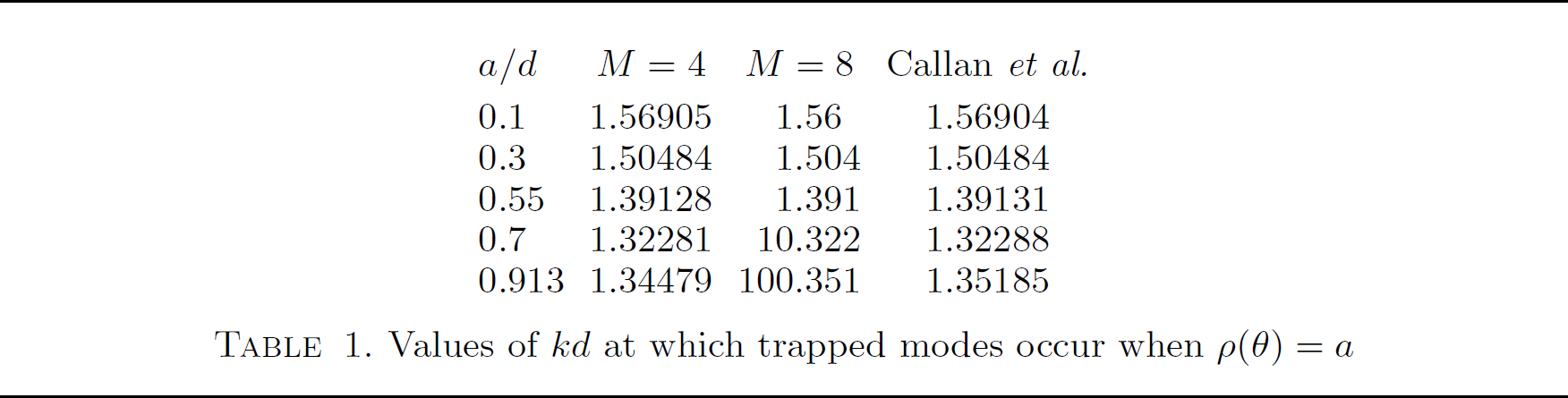


Figure 2. The features of the four possible modes corresponding to ( a ) periodic and ( b ) half-periodic solutions.

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10.1*. Mathematical notation*

11.1.1. *Setting variables, functions, vectors, matrices etc*

**Italic font** should be used for denoting variables, with multiple-letter symbols avoided except in the case of dimensionless numbers.

**Upright Roman font** (or upright Greek where appropriate) should be used for:

Operators: sin, log, d, Δ, e etc.

Constants: i , π (defined as \upi) , etc.

Functions: Ai, Bi, (Airy functions, defined as \Ai and \Bi), Re (real part, defined as \Real), Im (imaginary part, defined as \Imag), etc.

Physical units: cm, s, etc.

Abbreviations: c.c. (complex conjugate), h.o.t. (higher-order terms), DNS, etc.

**Bold italic font** (or bold sloping Greek) should be used for:

Vectors (with the centred dot for a scalar product also in bold):

**Bold sloping sans serif font**, defined by the \mathsfbi macro, should be used for:

Tensors and matrices: ***D***

**Script font** (for example ) can be used as an alternative to italic when the same letter denotes a different quantity (use \mathcal in LaTeX).

The product symbol should only be used to denote multiplication where an equation is broken over more than one line, to denote a cross product, or between numbers (the symbol should not be used, except to denote a scalar product specifically).

11.1.2. *Other symbols*

A centred point should be used only for the scalar product of vectors. Large numbers that are not scientific powers should not include commas, but have the form 1600 or 16 000 or 160 000. Use *O* to denote ‘of the order of’, not the LaTeX O.

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\citet [pp. 2-4]{Galtier00}:

Galtier *et al*. (2000, pp. 479-480)

\citep [p. 6]{Worster92}:

(Worster 1992, p. 6)

\citep[see][]{Koch83, Lee71, Linton92}:

(see Koch 1983; Lee 1971; Linton & Evans 1992)

\citep[see][p. 18]{Martin80}:

(see Martin 1980 p.18)

\citep{Brownell04, Brownell07, Ursell50, Wijngaarden68, Miller91}:

(Brownell & Su 2004, 2007; Ursell 1950; van Wijngaarden 1968; Miller 1991)

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**Appendix A**

This appendix contains sample equations in the JPP style.

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Note that when equations are included in definitions, it may be suitable to render them in line, rather than in the equation environment: . Now where and is regular as However, any fractions displayed like this, other than or , must be written on the line, and not stacked (ie ).

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Lemma 1.

*Let be a trial Batchelor (1971, pp. 231 – 232) function defined on* [0, 1]*. Let denote the ground-state eigenvalue for , where g must satisfy at* 0, 1 *for some non-negative constant α. Then for any that is not identically zero we have*

(A 23)

Corollary 1. *Any non-zero trial function which satisfies the boundary condition always satisfies*

(A 24)

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