

Supplemental material accompanying ‘Variational
methods for finding periodic orbits in the
incompressible Navier-Stokes equations’

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Here we give the full gradients of the two objective functionals considered for relative periodic orbits, namely

$$J_{PV}[u, v, p, c, T] = \frac{1}{2} \int \left\{ \left(I_{PV}^{(1)} \right)^2 + \left(I_{PV}^{(2)} \right)^2 + \left(I_{PV}^{(3)} \right)^2 \right\} dV, \quad (1)$$

and

$$J_{SV}[\psi, \omega, c, T] = \frac{1}{2} \int \left\{ \left(I_{SV}^{(1)} \right)^2 + \left(I_{SV}^{(2)} \right)^2 \right\} dV, \quad (2)$$

where we have defined

$$I_{PV}^{(1)} = \frac{2\pi}{T} \partial_s u - c \partial_x u + u \partial_x u + v \partial_y u + \partial_x p - \frac{1}{Re} \Delta u - \sin 4y, \quad (3)$$

$$I_{PV}^{(2)} = \frac{2\pi}{T} \partial_s v - c \partial_x v + u \partial_x v + v \partial_y v + \partial_y p - \frac{1}{Re} \Delta v, \quad (4)$$

$$I_{PV}^{(3)} = \partial_x u + \partial_y v, \quad (5)$$

$$I_{SV}^{(1)} = \frac{2\pi}{T} \partial_s \omega - c \partial_x \omega + \partial_y \psi \partial_x \omega - \partial_x \psi \partial_y \omega - \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \omega - 4 \cos 4y, \quad (6)$$

$$I_{SV}^{(2)} = \omega + \Delta \psi. \quad (7)$$

Then we derive the partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial J_{PV}}{\partial c} = - \int \left(I_{PV}^{(1)} \partial_x u + I_{PV}^{(2)} \partial_x v \right) dV, \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial J_{PV}}{\partial T} = - \int \frac{2\pi}{T^2} \left(I_{PV}^{(1)} \partial_s u + I_{PV}^{(2)} \partial_s v \right) dV, \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial J_{SV}}{\partial c} = - \int I_{SV}^{(1)} \partial_x \omega dV, \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial J_{SV}}{\partial T} = - \int \frac{2\pi}{T^2} I_{SV}^{(1)} \partial_s \omega dV, \quad (11)$$

and the functional derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta J_{PV}}{\delta u} = & -\frac{2\pi}{T} \partial_s I_{PV}^{(1)} - c \partial_x I_{PV}^{(1)} + I_{PV}^{(1)} \partial_x u + I_{PV}^{(2)} \partial_x v - \partial_x \left(u I_{PV}^{(1)} \right) - \partial_y \left(v I_{PV}^{(1)} \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{Re} \Delta I_{PV}^{(1)} - \partial_x I_{PV}^{(3)}, \quad (12) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta J_{PV}}{\delta v} = & -\frac{2\pi}{T} \partial_s I_{PV}^{(2)} - c \partial_x I_{PV}^{(2)} + I_{PV}^{(1)} \partial_y u + I_{PV}^{(2)} \partial_y v - \partial_x \left(u I_{PV}^{(2)} \right) - \partial_y \left(v I_{PV}^{(2)} \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{Re} \Delta I_{PV}^{(2)} - \partial_y I_{PV}^{(3)}, \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\delta J_{PV}}{\delta p} = - \left(\partial_x I_{PV}^{(1)} + \partial_y I_{PV}^{(2)} \right), \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\delta J_{SV}}{\delta \psi} = -\partial_y I_{SV}^{(1)} \partial_x \omega + \partial_x I_{SV}^{(1)} \partial_y \omega + \Delta I_{SV}^{(2)}, \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\delta J_{SV}}{\delta \omega} = -\frac{2\pi}{T} \partial_s I_{SV}^{(1)} - c \partial_x I_{SV}^{(1)} + \partial_y I_{SV}^{(1)} \partial_x \psi - \partial_x I_{SV}^{(1)} \partial_y \psi - \frac{1}{Re} \Delta I_{SV}^{(1)} + I_{SV}^{(2)}. \quad (16)$$

Slightly different but analytically equivalent formulations of the nonlinear terms are possible. The forms given here are those that were implemented in the code.