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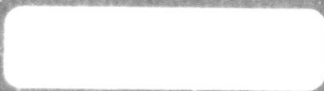
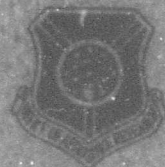
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# THE EVOLUTION OF STRATUS CLOUDS IN THE SURFACE BOUNDARY LAYER OF THE ATMOSPHERE

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The evolution of stratus clouds, whose base is in the surface boundary layer of the atmosphere, is investigated. Formulas are derived that describe the displacement of the base of stratus clouds during a brief time interval ( $t \leq 10$  to 20 min).

Recently much attention has been paid to the theory of stratus cloud formation. The work in this field has primarily been directed to describing the cloud in a hydrodynamic approximation while neglecting its discrete structure.

The most systematic works of this type were the investigations of L. T. Matveiev, V. S. Kozharin, and Ie. M. Reigel'son [3, 5].

The recent paper of K. V. Klubovich [2] is a step backwards compared to the aforementioned papers since, instead of consistently excluding terms that describe the condensation of water vapor and the evaporation of cloud droplets [3, 5], in [2] the author attempts to express these members only in terms of the vapor density, assuming that the mean radius and number of droplets is constant. But it can easily be seen that the liquid-water content can be expressed in terms of the mean radius of droplets and their number. Consequently, the

assumption that the latter are constant leads to the constancy of the liquid-water content and, thus, it need not be defined.

However, even [3, 5] primarily considered the formation of stratiform clouds and the effect of various factors on them. Less attention was paid to the evolution of these clouds, i. e., to how their properties change with the passage of time under the influence of various external factors. Nonetheless this problem is of definite interest for predicting the base of the clouds.

In order to predict the behavior of the cloud base, one need not know the entire history of its origin and development.

But, once the state of the atmosphere and the characteristics of the cloud are known for a given moment of time, a full description of the process of evolution requires that one be able to predict the time-dependent changes not only of the state of the cloud but also of the state of the atmosphere (the level of turbulence, vertical and horizontal motions, etc.). At present this is a complex problem.

However, for practical applications one often needs to know the tendency of changes in the stratus clouds for brief periods of time during which the state of the atmosphere can be assumed to be constant (the coefficient of turbulent diffusion, and vertical and horizontal currents are not time dependent).

Let us pass to the examination of the behavior of stratus clouds whose base is within the limits of the surface boundary layer.

The system of equations that describes thermal and moisture transfer together with the processes of phase transition have the form

(one should write the kinetic equation for the distribution function of cloud droplets by size [6] rather than the equation for  $\omega$ ).

But [6] shows that when the rate of descent of the cloud droplets is neglected, the kinetic equation reduces to the equation for  $\omega$ ):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k(z) \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial z} &= 4\pi D (q - q_s(T)) r N_0, \\ \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k(z) \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} &= -4\pi D (q - q_s(T)) \bar{r} N_0, \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k(z) \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} &= 4\pi D \alpha (q - q_s(T)) \bar{r} N_0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

where  $\omega$  is the liquid-water content of the cloud;  $q$  is the concentration of the water vapor;  $T$  is the temperature in  $K^{\circ}$ ;  $q_s(T)$  is the concentration of saturated vapor at temperature  $T$ ;  $D$  is the coefficient of water vapor diffusion;  $N_0$  is the number of droplets per  $cm^3$ ;  $k(z)$  is the coefficient of turbulent diffusion;  $u$  is the velocity of the ascending currents;  $\alpha = L / c_p \rho_B$ ;  $L$  is the heat of the water vapor phase transition;  $c_p$  is the specific heat of the air at constant pressure;  $\rho_B$  is the air density;  $\gamma_a$  is the adiabatic lapse rate;  $z$  is the vertical coordinate with axis  $OZ$  directed upward;  $z = 0$  is the ground level and  $\bar{r}(z, t)$  is the mean radius of the cloud droplets (expressed on the basis of function of the cloud droplet size distribution) which is a function of  $z$  and  $t$ . [The actual form of  $\bar{r}(z, t)$  is not given since we will use a method of integrating system (1) that consists of the elimination of terms with  $\bar{r}(z, t)$ .]

Let us use the procedure employed previously in [6] as a method for solving system (1). The essence of this method is that we are not interested in finding the functions  $\omega$ ,  $q$ , and  $T$  for each point. Rather, we want to derive the equation for the movement of the cloud boundary. Let us introduce two functions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S &= \omega + q, \\ \Psi &= T - \alpha \omega. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

For these functions the system of equations (1) dissociates into two independent equations:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k(z) \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k(z) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} = -\gamma_s u. \quad (4)$$

In this approximate method, none of the equations of system (1) is solved since, with the condition that  $q = q_s(T)$  and  $\omega = 0$  at the boundary of the cloud simultaneously (the criteria of this approximation are indicated in [6]), the equation for the motion of the boundary can be derived on the basis of the functions  $S$  and  $\Phi$

$$S = q_s [\Phi(z, t)]. \quad (5)$$

Let us examine the selection of the manner in which  $k(z)$  and  $u$  are dependent on the vertical coordinate.

The function  $k(z)$  is selected for the surface boundary layer of the atmosphere in the form of the degree law [1]:  $k(z) = k_\infty (z/z_\infty)^p$  when  $0 \leq z \leq z_\infty$ ; when  $z \geq z_\infty$   $k(z) = k_\infty$ ,  $0 \leq p < 1$ . There is no exact boundary  $z = z_\infty$  that divides the surface boundary layer from the free atmosphere with  $k(z) = k_\infty$ , therefore the conclusions resulting from the solution to the problem are valid for  $z$  close to  $z_\infty$  only to the extent that the above indicated function accurately represents  $k(z)$  at  $z$  close to  $z_\infty$ .

The velocity of ascending motion within the surface boundary layer is assumed to be zero.

The very question of the existence of vertical motions within the friction layer requires discussion. Since it is precisely in the

friction layer that the transition takes place from the final velocities of motion to the zero velocities at the earth's surface, and since this layer is vertically very inhomogeneous, it is difficult to speak of the existence of directed motions. Beyond the surface boundary layer ( $z > z_\infty$ ), the velocity of vertical motions is assumed to be constant ( $u = \text{const}$ ). The above observation regarding the boundary  $z = z_\infty$  is also appropriate here.

Now the determination of the functions  $S$  and  $\Phi$  is separated into finding  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $\Phi_1$ , and  $\Phi_2$ , as determined in the intervals

$$S = \begin{cases} S_1(z, t), & 0 \leq z \leq z_\infty; \\ S_2(z, t), & z_\infty \leq z < \infty; \end{cases}$$

$$\Phi = \begin{cases} \Phi_1, & 0 \leq z \leq z_\infty; \\ \Phi_2, & z_\infty \leq z < \infty \end{cases}$$

and satisfying the equations (from now on, when solving similar equations for  $S$  and  $\Phi$ , we will refer only to  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ , while  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  will be derived by substituting the appropriate boundary and initial conditions and the conversion of  $\gamma_2$  into 0).

$$\frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} z^p \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial z}; \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial t} + \frac{uz_\infty}{k_\infty} \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\gamma_2 u z_\infty^2}{k_\infty}. \quad (7)$$

In equations (6) and (7) a transition was made to the dimensionless variables

$$z \rightarrow \frac{z}{z_\infty}, \quad t \rightarrow \frac{t}{t_0}, \quad t_0 = \frac{z_\infty^2}{k_\infty}.$$

Equations (6) and (7) as well as similar equations for  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  were solved with initial and boundary conditions that were derived from corresponding restrictions for  $T$ ,  $w$ , and  $q$

$$T = T(0, z), \quad w = w(0, z), \quad q = q(0, z) \text{ when } t = 0,$$

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Thus, in conformity with equation (2), for the functions  $S$  and  $\Phi$ , we have:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S(0, z) &= q(0, z) + w(0, z), \\ \Phi(0, z) &= T(0, z) - \alpha w(0, z); \\ S(t, 0) &= q(t, 0) + w(t, 0), \\ \Phi(t, 0) &= T(t, 0) - \alpha w(t, 0). \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (8)$$

The solution to equation (6) and the corresponding solution to  $S_1(z, t)$  are found in appendix 1 by generalizing the method of potentials for the case where the coefficient of turbulence is dependent on the coordinates [formula (A.11)]. They are determined by the formulas:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Phi_1(z, t) &= \int_0^{\infty} dz' G(z, z', t) \Phi(z', 0) + \int_0^t d\tau G(z, 0, t - \tau) \mu_1(\tau) + \\ &\quad + \int_0^t d\tau G(z, 1, t - \tau) \mu_2(\tau), \\ G(z, z', t) &= \frac{(zz')^{\frac{1-p}{2}}}{(2-p)t} \exp\left(\frac{z'^2 - p + z^2 - p}{(2-p)^2 t}\right) I_{\frac{p-1}{2-p}}\left(\frac{2(z z')^{\frac{2-p}{2}}}{(2-p)^2 t}\right), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

where  $I_\nu(x)$  is the Bessel function of the imaginary argument of subscript  $\nu$ . It is well known that the solution to the heat conductivity equation (7) in the interval  $1 \leq z < \infty$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_2(z, t) &= \left( \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\Phi(z', 0)}{2\sqrt{z'}} e^{-\frac{(z-z')^2}{4t} - \frac{uz_\infty}{2k_\infty} z'} dz' + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^t \frac{\mu_3(\tau) e^{-\frac{(z-1)^2}{4(t-\tau)}}}{2\sqrt{\pi(t-\tau)}} d\tau \right) \exp\left[\frac{uz_\infty}{2k_\infty} z - \left(\frac{uz_\infty}{2k_\infty}\right)^2 t\right] - \frac{\gamma_\alpha u z_\infty^2}{k_\infty} t. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The three unknown functions  $\mu_1$ ,  $\mu_2$ , and  $\mu_3$ , must be determined from the boundary condition  $\Phi_1(z, t)/z = 0 = \Phi(0, t)$  and also

from the equality of  $\dot{\phi}_1$  and  $\dot{\phi}_2$  and their derivatives when there is a tendency of  $z \rightarrow 1$  on the left in the first case and on the right in the second case.

In the form in which equations (9) and (10) appear, the function  $\phi$  satisfies equation (4) as well as the boundary conditions and the initial condition (8). This form can be used to numerically compute  $\mu_1$ ,  $\mu_2$ , and  $\mu_3$ .

The analytic expressions for  $\mu_1$ ,  $\mu_2$ , and  $\mu_3$  can be found for brief time intervals ( $t^{1/2} \ll 1$ ) (in this case  $\mu_1$  does not require definition as a value for the term of the exponential order of small magnitude), but in the equation for boundary motion (5) they produce a contribution that is negligible except when  $(h - 1)^2 \ll 4t$ , where  $h$  is the initial height of the cloud base. Whence it is seen that  $\mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  need only be allowed for when the base of the cloud coincides with  $z_\infty$ . But, since it is impossible to determine the latter exactly, for practical purposes another limiting case which does not require  $\mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  to be determined, viz.,  $[(h - 1)^2 \gg 4t]$ , is important.

Now, consistent with the general nature of the assumptions which we have admitted, let us assume that, during the time intervals examined, the cloud base is only able to move a distance that is much less than the height of the cloud ( $h$ )

$$z(t) = h + \chi(t), \quad h \gg \chi.$$

After substituting this expression for  $z(t)$  into (10) and (9), let us asymptotically compute the first integrals, assuming that in

the general case the functions  $\Phi_{1,2}(z, 0)$  [like  $S_{1,2}(z, 0)$ ] may undergo discontinuity of the derivatives at the cloud boundary

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_1(\chi, t) = & T(h, 0) + \frac{\chi}{2} [T'(h-0, 0) + T'(h+0, 0) - \alpha w'(h+0, 0)] + \\
 & + \frac{t^{1/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} [T'(h+0, 0) - T'(h-0, 0) - \alpha w'(h+0, 0)] + \\
 & + \frac{t}{2} \left\{ \frac{\rho}{h^{1-\rho}} [T'(h+0, 0) + T'(h-0, 0) - \alpha w'(h+0, 0)] + \right. \\
 & + h^\rho [T''(h+0, 0) + T''(h-0, 0) - \alpha w''(h+0, 0)] - \frac{(4-3\rho)\rho}{8h^{2-\rho}} T(h, 0) \left. \right\} + \\
 & + \frac{\chi^2}{2} \left\{ T''(h+0, 0) + T''(h-0, 0) - \alpha w''(h+0, 0) - \right. \\
 & - \frac{(4-\rho)\rho}{8h} [T''(h+0, 0) + T''(h-0, 0) - \alpha w''(h+0, 0)] \left. \right\} + \\
 & + \chi t^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{3\rho}{4h^{3/2}} [T'(h+0, 0) - T'(h-0, 0) - \alpha w'(h+0, 0)] + \right. \\
 & + \frac{h^{\rho/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} [T''(h+0, 0) - T''(h-0, 0) - \alpha w''(h+0, 0)] \left. \right\} - \\
 & - \exp\left(-\frac{(h+\chi)^{2-\rho}}{(2-\rho)^2 t}\right) \frac{(2-\rho)t^{1/2}}{2h^{3/2}\sqrt{\pi}} \left(1 - \frac{2-\rho}{2} \frac{\chi}{h} + \dots\right) T(h, 0) + \\
 & + \frac{T'(h+0, 0) - T'(h-0, 0) - \alpha w'(h+0, 0)}{2h^{\rho/2}} \cdot \frac{\chi}{t^{1/2}} + O, \tag{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $O$  are terms of the subsequent small orders of magnitude.

For the function  $\Phi_2$ , as determined beyond the height of the surface boundary layer, the expansion of brief time intervals and small displacements by degrees  $[\chi, (t)]$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_2(\chi, t) = & T(h, 0) + \frac{\chi}{2} [T'(h-0, 0) + T'(h+0, 0) - \alpha w'(h+0, 0)] + \\
 & + \frac{t^{1/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} [T'(h+0, 0) - T'(h-0, 0) - \alpha w'(h+0, 0)] + \\
 & + \frac{t}{2} \left\{ T''(h+0, 0) + T''(h-0, 0) - \alpha w''(h+0, 0) - \frac{u^2 \alpha}{k_\infty} [T'(h+0, 0) + \right. \\
 & \left. + T'(h-0, 0) - \alpha w'(h+0, 0)] \right\} +
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{\chi^2}{2} \left\{ T''(h+0, 0) - \alpha \omega''(h+0, 0) - \frac{u z_\infty}{k_\infty} [T'(h+0, 0) - \alpha \omega'(h+0, 0)] + \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + T''(h-0, 0) + 3 \left( \frac{u z_\infty}{2k_\infty} \right)^2 T(h) - \frac{u z_\infty}{k_\infty} T'(h-0, 0) \right\} + \\
 & + \frac{\chi t^{1/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ T''(h+0, 0) - \alpha \omega''(h+0, 0) - \frac{u z_\infty}{k_\infty} [T''(h+0, 0) - \alpha \omega''(h+0, 0) - \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - T'(h+0, 0) + \alpha \omega'(h+0, 0) + T'(h-0, 0)] \right\} - \frac{\gamma_1 u z_\infty^2}{k_\infty} t - \frac{T(h, 0)}{2h \sqrt{\pi}} \times \\
 & \quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{(h+\chi)^2}{4t}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{h} + \dots\right) + O, \tag{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $O$  are terms of the subsequent small orders of magnitude.

In expressions (11) and (12) the derivatives at the points  $h - 0$  and  $h + 0$  means that they are taken on the left and right, respectively, of the point  $z = h$ . An analysis of expressions (11) and (12) permits us to draw the conclusion that, during brief time intervals, i. e., when  $t^{1/2} \ll 1$ ,  $\chi/t^{1/2} \ll 1$ , and  $h \approx 1$ ,  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  can be limited to the first three terms. The expressions for  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are derived from  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ , respectively, by the substitution of  $T \rightarrow q$  and  $-\alpha\omega \rightarrow \omega$ .

The substitution of  $\Phi_1$ ,  $S_1$ ,  $\Phi_2$ , and  $S_2$  in equation (5) makes it possible to determine the lower and upper displacements ( $\chi_B$  and  $\chi_N$ ) of the boundary

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi_n(t) = & -\frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ t^{1/2} [q_s'(T) T'(h-0, 0) - q'(h-0, 0) + \right. \\
 & \left. + \omega'(h+0, 0)(1 + \alpha q_s'(T))] + \frac{q_s'(T) T - q_s(T)}{16 h^2 - p} (4 - 3p) p t \right\}; \tag{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi_b(t) = & -\frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ t^{1/2} [q_s'(T) T'(h-0, 0) - q'(h-0, 0) + \right. \\
 & \left. + \omega'(h+0, 0)(1 + \alpha q_s'(T))] - q_s'(T) \frac{\gamma_1 u z_\infty^2}{k_\infty} t, \tag{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} [\omega'(h+0, 0)(1 + \alpha q_s'(T)) - q_s'(T) T'(h-0, 0) + q'(h-0, 0)].$$

When computing (14) it was assumed that the velocity  $u$  does not exceed 1 cm/sec.

The time intervals during which expressions (13) and (14) hold are small:  $t^{1/2} \ll |1 - h|$ ; in dimensional units, assuming that  $z_{\infty} = 100$  m, we have:  $t^{1/2} \ll 10^{3/2}$ , i. e.,  $t$  is about 2 min. However, considering that it is important for us to know at least the qualitative pattern of the displacement, i. e., the sign of the displacement, the sign can approximately be assumed to hold up to several tens of minutes. The sign in equations (13) and (14) is obviously determined by the sign of the numerator, since the sign of the denominator in the majority of actual situations is positive.

It is interesting to note that, given the same initial stratifications of temperature, liquid-water content, and water vapor concentration, boundaries within the limits of the surface boundary layer and above it can have different signs for the displacement.

### Appendix 1

In the appendix we determine in detail the solution to the equation in the form (6), i. e., the generalized heat conductivity equation in the interval  $0 < z < l$  under the appropriate initial and boundary conditions.

Let the equation sought for have the form

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} z^p \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

The initial and boundary conditions for the function  $\varphi$  are written in the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(z, t)|_{t=0} &= \varphi(z, 0); \quad \varphi(z, t)|_{z=l} = \varphi(l, t); \\ \varphi(z, t)|_{z=0} &= \varphi(0, t). \end{aligned} \tag{A.2}$$

Let us attempt to formulate a solution to (A.1) that is analogous to the method of heat potentials for the heat conductivity equation. In order to do this, one must find the Green's function of equation (A.1). The function of influence (The Green's function) can be derived from the solution to (A.1) with the initial condition (A.2) in infinite space.

In this case let us seek a solution in the form of the separation of variables

$$\varphi^*(z, t) = \int_0^{\infty} d\lambda v(\lambda, z) a(\lambda, t). \tag{A.3}$$

The substitution of (A.3) into (A.1) produces the equation

$$\frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{1}{v} \frac{d}{dz} z^p \frac{dv}{dz} = -\lambda^2. \tag{A.4}$$

The sign in front of  $\lambda^2$  on the right-hand side of (A.4) is determined by the tendency of  $\varphi^*(z, t) \rightarrow 0$  when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . From (A.4) we find for  $a(\lambda, t)$

$$a(\lambda, t) = c(\lambda) e^{-\lambda^2 t}, \tag{A.5}$$

where  $c(\lambda)$  is the function of the parameter  $\lambda$ .

For  $v(\lambda, z)$  we have from (A.4)

$$\frac{d}{dz} z^p \frac{dv}{dz} + \lambda^2 v = 0. \tag{A.6}$$

This equation is a Bessel type equation, and its solution can be written in the form [4]

$$v(z, t) = z^{\frac{1-p}{2}} I_{\frac{p-1}{2-p}} \left( \frac{2\lambda}{2-p} z^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \right), \quad (\text{A. 7})$$

where  $I_{\nu}(x)$  is the Bessel function of the subscript  $\nu$  from the argument  $x$ .

The selection of the Bessel function as a solution to (A. 6) is explained by the fact that the solution to  $\varphi^*(z, t)$  must be finite when  $z = 0$ . The sign in front of the subscript and argument will be understood from further discussion.

The substitution of (A. 7) and (A. 5) into (A. 4) produces the solution to  $\varphi^*(z, t)$ . The function  $c(\lambda)$  is determined from the initial condition (A. 2). Assuming that  $t = 0$  in (A. 4), we have

$$\varphi^*(z, 0) = \int_0^{\infty} c(\lambda) z^{\frac{1-p}{2}} I_{\frac{p-1}{2-p}} \left( \frac{2\lambda}{2-p} z^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \right) d\lambda.$$

Using the "orthogonality" of the Bessel functions in an infinite interval

$$\int_0^{\infty} I_{\nu}(sp) I_{\nu}(st) s ds = \frac{1}{t} \delta(p - t),$$

for  $c(\lambda)$  we obtain the equations

$$c(\lambda) = \frac{2\lambda}{2-p} \int_0^{\infty} I_{\frac{p-1}{2-p}} \left( \frac{2\lambda}{2-p} z'^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \right) \varphi(z', 0) z'^{\frac{2-p}{2}} dz'. \quad (\text{A. 8})$$

In the derivation we assumed that  $\varphi(z', 0) = 0$  when  $z' < 0$ .

Substituting (A. 8) into (A. 5) and integrating over  $\lambda$ , we obtain for  $\varphi^*(z, t)$  the equation

$$\varphi^*(z, t) = \frac{1}{(2-p)t} \int_0^\infty dz' (zz')^{\frac{1-p}{2}} \varphi(z', 0) e^{-\frac{z'^{2-p} + z^{2-p}}{(2-p)t}} I_{\frac{p-1}{2-p}} \left( \frac{2(zz')^{\frac{2-p}{2}}}{(2-p)^2 t} \right), \quad (\text{A. 9})$$

where  $I_\nu(x)$  is the Bessel function for the imaginary argument of the subscript  $\nu$ .

The function  $G(z, z', t)$  appearing in (A. 9) in addition to  $\varphi(z', 0)$  is called the Green's function for the operator of equation (A. 1)

$$G(z, z', t) = \frac{(zz')^{\frac{1-p}{2}}}{(2-p)t} e^{-\frac{z'^{2-p} + z^{2-p}}{(2-p)t}} I_{\frac{p-1}{2-p}} \left( \frac{2(zz')^{\frac{2-p}{2}}}{(2-p)^2 t} \right). \quad (\text{A. 10})$$

Now, just as in the case of the heat conductivity equation, one can solve equation (A. 1) in the interval  $0 < z < l$  with the initial and boundary conditions (A. 2), in the form

$$\varphi(z, t) = \int_0^l dz' G(z, z', t) \varphi(z', 0) + \int_0^t d\tau G(z, 0, t - \tau) \mu_1(\tau) + \int_0^t d\tau G(z, l, t - \tau) \mu_2(\tau). \quad (\text{A. 11})$$

In this form  $\varphi(z, t)$  satisfies equation (A. 1) since the function  $G(z, z', t)$  satisfies this equation. Satisfaction of the initial condition (A. 2) follows directly from the formulation of the solution to  $\varphi^*(z, t)$  and the boundary conditions (A. 2) are allowed for by the appropriate selection of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ .

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