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**George R Sell.** *Global strong solutions of equations in geophysical fluid dynamics.*

We study the Boussinesq equations of the ocean which is a nonlinear system of equations for fluid velocity  $u$ , temperature  $T$  and the concentration of salinity  $S$ . The domain considered has depth of order  $\varepsilon$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . The velocity field is subject to the Navier friction boundary conditions on the non-flat top and bottom boundaries. The friction coefficients are of order  $\varepsilon$  as well. Roughly speaking, we show that for generic domains and appropriate forces, if the  $H^1$  norm of initial velocity is  $O(\varepsilon^{-1/2})$ , and the  $L^2$  norms of the initial temperature and salinity concentration are  $O(\varepsilon^{-3/2})$ , then there exists a unique “strong-weak” solution  $(u, T, S)$  which is strong in  $u$  and weak in  $(T, S)$  for all time. Moreover, if additional regularity of the initial data is assumed, then the corresponding strong solution (in all  $u, T$  and  $S$ ) uniquely exists for all time. (Received September 11, 2007)