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According to the axial vortical effect, an axial current J_A^μ is produced in a fluid undergoing a macroscopic vortical motion, which is equal to the local kinematic vorticity ω^μ multiplied by the axial vortical conductivity σ_A^ω . We probe the curvature corrections to σ_A^ω by computing the thermal expectation value of J_A^μ with respect to a rigidly-rotating quantum state at finite temperature. The calculation is computed in the real time formalism using a novel KMS relation which includes the effect of rotation, being based on an exact expression for the fermion vacuum two-point function (the analysis is restricted to subcritical rotations when no speed of light surface forms, such that the rotating and stationary vacua are identical). Our results confirm the Minkowski expression for σ_A^ω , revealing a novel contribution proportional to the Ricci scalar. At vanishing mass, the conservation of J_A^μ implies a non-vanishing flux through the adS boundary, while at non-vanishing mass, the flux of J_A^μ is completely converted into a volumetric density of pseudoscalar condensate $-i\bar{\psi}\gamma^5\psi$.

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