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## **Abstract**

The work presents an analytic, approximate solution to an internal flowfield for a solid rocket motor. The flowfield is modeled as a wall-normal injection or suction in a symmetric porous channel with laterally expanding or contracting walls. From the effective speeds that gases are ejected into the combustion chamber of typical rocket motors, the flowfield is modeled to be incompressible. Since the flame zone occurs in a very thin space above the propellant grain surface, it will be disregarded. Assuming linearly varying axial velocity and uniform expansion (or contraction), the Navier-Stokes equations will be reduced into a single nonlinear equation that can be solved asymptotically. The Adomian Decomposition Method is used to solve this problem. Its systematic approach to solving differential equations makes it ideally suited for the present application. With this method one can recover an exact solution for problems that allow an analytic treatment, it can also be used to arrive at approximate solutions for problems that cannot be solved exactly. The governing equation that describes the bulk fluid motion within the rocket chamber and the solution provided here will take into account the viscosity, wall regression, and wall permeability.

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## Nomenclature

$\dot{a}$	= wall regression/expansion speed
$a$	= channel half-spacing, radius of a porous cylinder
$A$	= injection coefficient, constant of proportionality
$F$	= Berman's characteristic mean flow function
$p$	= pressure
$R$	= Reynolds number, crossflow Reynolds number, sidewall injection Reynolds number
$R_b$	= blowing Reynolds number
$Re_{inj}$	= wall injection Reynolds number
$t$	= time
$u$	= velocity component, x-direction
$v$	= velocity component, y-direction
$V_w$	= normal injection speed, absolute speed of injection, crossflow injection speed at the wall
$V_b$	= blowing speed relative to the moving wall
$\bar{x}$	= axial distance from the headwall

### *Greek*

$r$	= wall expansion ratio, secondary perturbation parameter
$\nu$	= small parameter
$\gamma$	= $\frac{y}{a}, \frac{1}{2}r^2$
$\omega$	= flow vorticity, $-\nabla^2\mathbb{E}$
$\mathbb{E}$	= streamfunction
$\sim$	= dynamic viscosity
$\epsilon$	= kinematic viscosity, $\sim/\dots$

... = dimensional density

*Superscripts*

' = first derivative

" = second derivative

(3) or ''' = third-order derivative

(4) or '''' = fourth-order derivative

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

The analysis of wall-injected ducted flows remains a recurrent topic in the fluid dynamics and propulsion communities, owing in large part to the wealth of applications in which wall-normal injection is present. Depending on the application at hand, porous walls can be used to simulate different types of surface mechanisms. These include membrane separation, sweat cooling, boundary layer control, surface transpiration, phase change (e.g., sublimation of solidified carbon dioxide), paper manufacturing, irrigation, and, most notably in propulsive applications, grain regression and propellant burning. Similar events occur in a number of interesting models of biologically inspired flows, peristaltic motion, pulmonary respiration, biocirculation, flow filtration, chemical dispensing, and reverse osmosis.

The initiation of studies into porous channel flows is well attributed to work by Berman [1]. In this pioneering article, Berman investigates the mechanisms associated with the industrial separation of  $U_{235}$  from  $U_{238}$  through a process known as gas diffusion. Consequently, recognizing that the wall-normal velocity in a porous duct must remain independent of the axial distance from the headwall, Berman is able to reduce the Navier-Stokes equations into a single, nonlinear, fourth-order ODE that is known as Berman's equation. His resulting ODE can be expressed both in Cartesian and cylindrical coordinates, depending on whether the problem is planar (2D) or axisymmetric (polar cylindrical, with no variations in the tangential direction). Berman's

ordinary differential equation is subject to four fundamental boundary conditions and a crossflow Reynolds number,  $R$ . In this work, the small injection case is investigated, thus only small values of  $R$  will be considered. This Reynolds number is also referred to as the wall injection Reynolds number,  $Re_{inj}$ , especially in the propulsion community [2]. It is based on the normal injection speed,  $V_w$ , and the channel half-spacing  $a$ . In the axisymmetric geometry,  $a$  is taken to be the radius of the porous cylinder.

For small values of  $R$ , Berman obtains a regularly perturbed asymptotic expansion to the problem in question. Several related investigations later follow, and these are based on either analytical or computational techniques. Analytical approaches that are used in this context are diverse. They rely on methods such as integral analysis, method of averages, least-squares, power-series solutions, boundary layer theory, matched-asymptotic expansions, and multiple scales theories. Examples abound, and the interested reader may consult with the highly cited papers by Taylor [3], Yuan [4] and Terrill [5] (for large sidewall injection), Sellars [6] and Terrill [7] (for large sidewall suction), Proudman [8] and Shrestha and Terrill [9] (for large  $R$  and both symmetric and asymmetric sidewall injection), Morduchow [10] and White, Barfield and Goglia [11] (for arbitrary levels of sidewall injection). Investigations of asymmetric flow motion and temporal instability have also been performed by Cox [12], King and Cox [13], Zaturka, Drazin and Banks [14], Taylor, Banks, Zaturka and Drazin [15] and Watson, Banks, Zaturka and Drazin [16,17]. In what concerns the large suction case, some of the most elegant asymptotic treatment may be found in Cox and King [18], MacGillivray and Lu [19], and Lu [20].

The spatial instability of Berman-related solutions constitutes a separate topic that has opened up new lines of research inquiry. Investigations of this sort may be traced back to work by Varapaev and Yagodkin [21], Raithby and Knudsen [22], Hocking [23], Sviridenkov and Yagodkin [24], Brady [25], Durlofsky and Brady [26], and others. On this particular subject, the characterization and identification of multiple solutions that can arise over different ranges of the Reynolds number,  $R$ , are reported in articles by Robinson [27], Skalak and Wang [28], Shih [29], Hastings, Lu and MacGillivray [30], and Lu, MacGillivray and Hastings [31]. Under wall-injection conditions, only unique and stable symmetrical solutions are shown to exist for the entire range of the injection Reynolds number. This result is first reported by Skalak and Wang [28] and later confirmed using mathematical proof by Shih [29] and Hastings, Lu and MacGillivray [30]. For suction-induced motion in a porous channel, it is shown that one of the symmetric solutions can turn unstable in the presence of asymmetric disturbances. Subsequently, it can bifurcate into a pair of asymmetric solutions in the suction range corresponding to  $-\infty < R < -6.0014$ .

For a comprehensive survey of all possible configurations that correspond to suction-induced motions, the articles by Zaturka, Drazin and Banks [14], and Cox and King [18] may be referenced. Other useful studies include those by Cox [12], King and Cox [13], and Taylor, Banks, Zaturka and Drazin [15].

Besides theoretical modeling, several numerical and experimental studies have been carried out in an effort to better understand the character of the flow in porous channels. Though the list may be too long to enumerate, one may begin with Taylor [3],

whose work associated with flow through thin porous sheets led to the first analytical solution for the large wall-injection problem. His solutions later proved to be accurate not only for the porous channel configuration, but also for the porous tube and wedge geometries. Other studies include those by Varapaev and Yagodkin [21], Raithby and Knudsen [22], Sviridenkov and Yagodkin [24], Casalis, Avalon and Pineau [32], Saad and Majdalani [33], and Kurdyumov [34]. In short, all of these studies concur that in the case of wall-normal injection, the analytical approximations obtained by Taylor [3], Yuan [4], and Terrill [5] will develop quite rapidly into a self-similar form inside a porous channel. In the case of suction, however, more than one solution is reported, including the simple approximation derived by Sellars [6] and later confirmed by Terrill [7]. The analytical model for the large injection case has been frequently employed to model the internal flowfield in a solid rocket motor.

Despite the high temperature within solid rocket motors, Chu, Yang and Majdalani [35] and Vyas, Majdalani and Yang [36] have demonstrated that the majority of chemical reactions due to burning propellant remain confined to a thin layer above the solid propellant grain. The thickness of this layer in most practical applications does not exceed 5% of the chamber diameter. Calculating the blowing speed along the edge of this layer enables us to treat the gaseous motion within the chamber as non-reactive. The resulting bulk motion may be captured by the streamlines depicted in Fig. 1, where the wall-normal injection along the simulated propellant grain is illustrated.



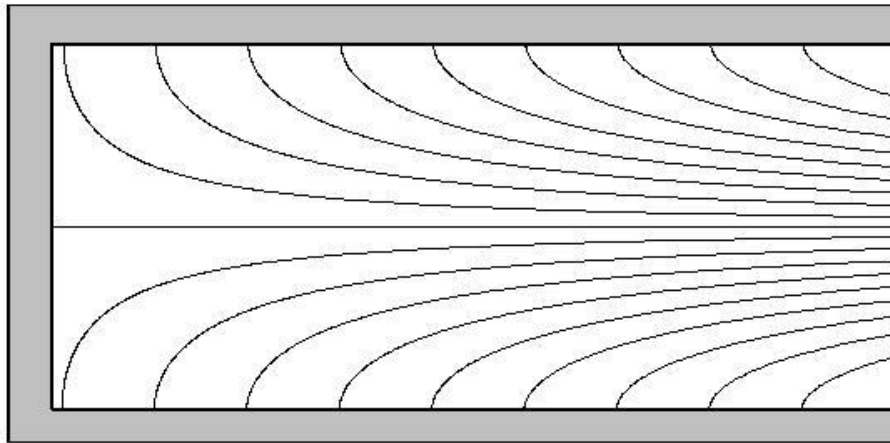


Figure 1. Streamlines associated with the bulk gaseous motion in solid rocket motors.

In actual motor firings, the internal volume of the combustion chamber expands radially outwardly as time passes in view of grain regression. In typical motors, gases are ejected into the chamber at effective speeds that fall in the range of 2-7 m/s. The average mean flow Mach number inside the chamber up to and excluding the nozzle entrance region does not usually exceed a value of 0.3. By virtue of the thin flame zone in which chemical reactions are confined, the flame zone may be disregarded, and blowing or injection may be taken to occur along the propellant surface itself. The resulting flowfield may be treated as an incompressible fluid in a porous channel with laterally expanding walls.

The purpose of this thesis is to extend previous investigations by presenting a new analytical solution for small injection in a porous channel with expanding or contracting walls. To be realistic, only symmetric configurations will be considered.

A main objective of this work is to leverage the use of the Adomian Decomposition to obtain new approximations for this problem. Another objective is to overcome deficiencies in available solutions that do not account for viscosity, wall regression, wall permeability, or some combination of these fundamental flow features. In the present work, all of these ingredients will be incorporated.

In modeling the internal flowfield in solid rocket motors, most previous studies have discounted the effects of viscous shear and grain burnback. The use of the inviscid Taylor profile became common, although studies by Apte and Yang [37], Lee and Beddini [38,39], and Majdalani [40] have confirmed the importance of retaining viscous dissipation terms due to their appreciable contributions to the attenuation or growth of vortico-acoustic waves. Viscosity does not only alter the bulk flow motion, but it can also influence the motor stability formulation in which the proper assessment of vortical energy is paramount. Furthermore, the inclusion of viscous effects in the base flow description leads to a consistently viscous vortico-acoustic solution in which fluid resistance is equally retained in both mean and unsteady velocities. This enables us to refine the vortico-acoustic solutions presented recently by Majdalani [40] or Majdalani and Roh [41].

Along similar lines, retention of wall regression stands to improve our accuracy in modeling energetic and fast burning propellants developed for high-acceleration vehicles [42,43]. It also increases our repertoire of engineering approximations for modeling the ablating surfaces of re-entry vehicles that depend on transpiration cooling [44]. It may also be used to mimic the sublimation process of dry ice (or solid CO<sub>2</sub>), a phase change

mechanism that has been recurrently used to simulate the burnback of solid propellant grains [45-47].

Finally, the repetitive sequence of expansions and contractions that are undertaken by porous channel walls can be used to model the peristaltic motion associated with fluid absorption [48,49]. The analytical framework to be developed here can therefore provide guidance to physiologists who are concerned with the modeling of fluid seepage and filtration processes [50-52] that often take place between parallel flat membranes. The framework will therefore consider ‘slit flows’ that arise in narrow passages with compliant membranes as part of the forthcoming formulation.

To derive the governing equation, we blend the tools employed by Berman [1], Yuan [4], Sellars [6], Terrill [7], and Goto and Uchida [49]. Assuming linearly varying axial velocity (or streamfunction) and uniform expansion (or contraction), the Navier-Stokes equations will be reduced into a single nonlinear equation that can be solved asymptotically. Depending on whether injection or suction is present, different analytical procedures will be implemented to arrive at closed-form approximations for Berman’s characteristic mean flow function,  $F$ . If desired, based on  $F$ , the magnitude of the velocity, pressure and shear stresses can be deduced and used to characterize the corresponding flow motion.

## Chapter 2

### Geometry and Governing Equations

In this chapter, the geometry associated with the simulated porous channel will be defined. Furthermore, the governing equations for the viscous and incompressible motion will be reconstructed to illuminate the origin of the equation that will be used in subsequent analysis.

#### A. Geometry

The geometry under consideration is shown in Figure 2. The flow to be studied evolves inside a 2D porous channel that is bounded by porous walls at  $\bar{y} = \pm a$ , where  $\bar{x}$  denotes the axial distance from the headwall. The porous walls of the channel undergo uniform expansion or contraction in the transverse direction. Through the two opposing walls of the chamber, a viscous fluid is uniformly injected or withdrawn at a spatially uniform speed,  $V_w$ . It should be noted that although the flow in cylindrical tubes with circular cross-sections are more common than planar flows; the latter are of equal academic importance. Not only are they more straightforward to describe, they also develop in porous channels and low aspect ratio enclosures that are often modeled as ‘slit’ flows, or flows between parallel plates. In this particular configuration, the flow field is induced by wall-normal suction or injection that is uniformly distributed along the sidewall. The use of Cartesian coordinates to describe the motion in planar geometry leads to a simplification in the desired solution that can yet capture the essential features of the flow.

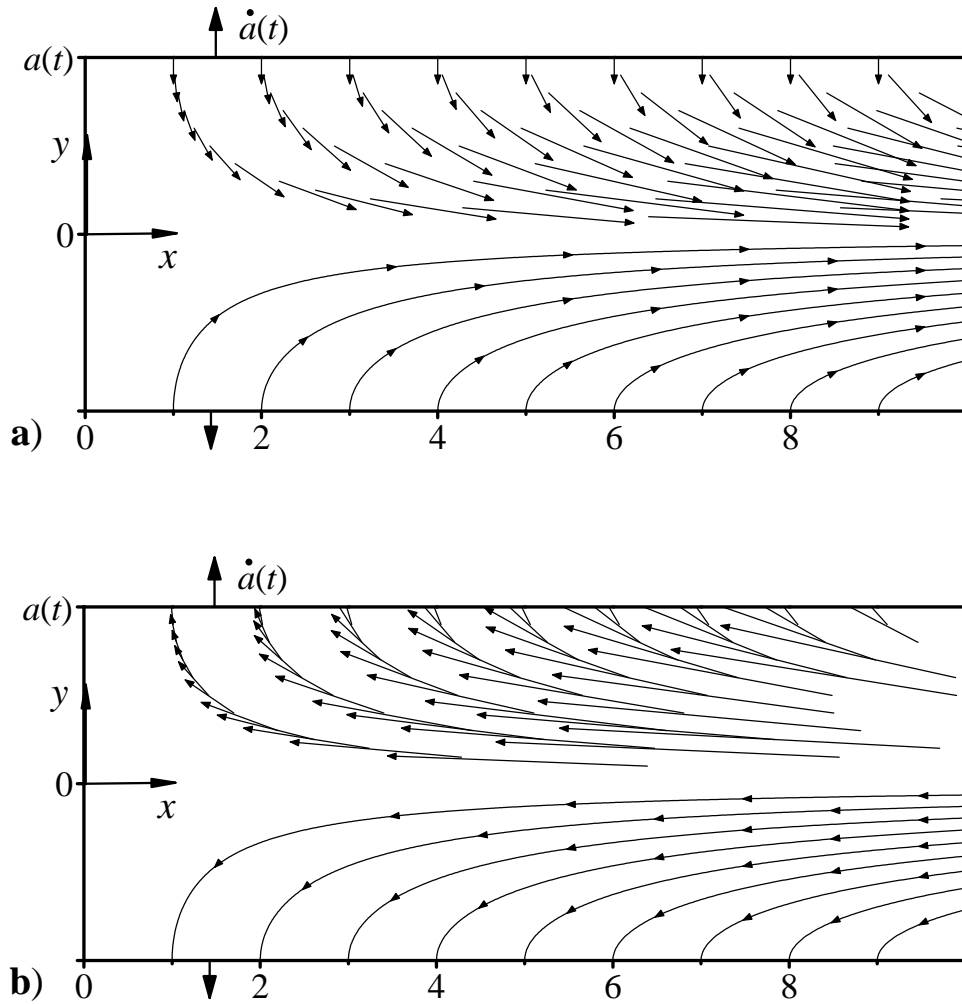


Figure 2. Geometry and dimensional coordinate system associated with a two-dimensional porous channel with a) sidewall injection or b) suction.

In the propulsion community, although the majority of idealized rocket motors comprise circular cross-sections, the Cartesian planar motion associated with a slab

rocket motor has become no less popular in recent years. A large number of experimental [32,45-47,53-56] and theoretical investigations [32,55-59] exist in which the 2D assumption is employed. This may be partly attributed to advantages offered by planar configurations such as the ease of computation or flow visualization when the experimental setting requires the use of a windowed environment.

## B. Planar Equations

The equations of motion associated with the flow of an incompressible fluid in a channel may be written as

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \text{ (mass conservation)} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \text{ (x-momentum)} \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right). \text{ (y-momentum)} \quad (2.3)$$

These are subject to the several key boundary conditions, namely,

$$y = a(t): \quad u = 0, \quad v = -V_w, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $V_w$  is the absolute speed of injection. This term can be written as  $V_w = V_b - \dot{a}$ , with  $V_b$  being the blowing speed relative to the moving wall. Intuitively, one may see that a contracting wall (i.e., one with a negative wall regression speed  $\dot{a}$ ) will impart an additional component to the incoming fluid. Conversely, an expanding wall will lead to a reduction in the absolute velocity of the injectant. Other boundary conditions include

$$x = 0: \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0, \quad v = 0, \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$y = 0: \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0, \quad v = 0, \quad (2.6)$$

As shown in Fig. 1, Cartesian coordinates  $(x, y)$  are used such that the  $x$ -axis is taken along the length of the channel and the vertical  $y$ -axis in the wall-normal direction. As usual,  $u$  and  $v$  are taken to represent the two-dimensional velocity components in the  $x$ - and  $y$ -directions, whereas  $\rho$ ,  $p$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $t$ , and  $V_w$  are set to denote the dimensional density, pressure, kinematic viscosity, time, and the (crossflow) injection speed at the wall. In view of the attendant symmetry about the midsection plane, Eqs. (2.4)-(2.6) are written in the upper half-domain ( $y \geq 0$ ) only.

At this juncture, one may introduce the streamfunction,  $\mathbb{E}$ , using  $u = \partial \mathbb{E} / \partial y$  and  $v = -\partial \mathbb{E} / \partial x$ . The conservation of mass relation is immediately fulfilled, thus leaving us with the vorticity transport equation which can be obtained from the curl of the momentum equation. Using  $\omega'$  to define the flow vorticity, one can put

$$\omega' = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\nabla^2 \mathbb{E} \quad (2.7)$$

and so

$$\frac{\partial \omega'}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \omega'}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \omega'}{\partial y} = \epsilon \left( \frac{\partial^2 \omega'}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \omega'}{\partial y^2} \right). \quad (2.8)$$

As shown by Dauenhauer and Majdalani [60], one can define two variable transformations, specifically

$$\mathbb{E} = (\epsilon x / a)F(y, t), \quad y = y / a \quad (2.9)$$

When Eq. (2.9) is substituted into the vorticity transportation equation, careful partial differentiation leads to

$$[F_{yyy} + FF_{yy} + F_y(2r - F_y) + r y F_{yy} - (a^2 / \epsilon) F_{yt}]_y = 0, \quad (2.10)$$

The boundary conditions given by Eqs. (2.4)-(2.6) become

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y = 0: \quad F = 0, \quad F_{yy} = 0 \\ y = 1: \quad F = R, \quad F_y = 0. \end{array} \right\} \quad (2.11)$$

Equations (2.10)-(2.11) control the motion of an incompressible fluid in a porous channel. It was first obtained by Dauenhauer and Majdalani [60] and presented in the third edition by White [61] as one of the new exact Navier-Stokes solutions for channel flows. Note that the wall expansion ratio,  $r = \dot{a}a / \epsilon$ , appears naturally in Eq. (2.10). Recalling that  $a$  and  $\dot{a}$  refer to the half-height of the channel and its expansion speed,  $r$  represents a Reynolds number based on the regression speed of the sidewalls. With  $\epsilon$  being the kinematic viscosity, a connection may be written between the crossflow Reynolds number and  $r$ , namely,  $R = V_w a / \epsilon = Ar$ . The constant of proportionality,  $A$ , denotes the so-called injection coefficient. It is important to remark that our sign convention associates a positive  $R$  with sidewall injection and a negative  $R$  with sidewall suction. The interested reader may refer to Dauenhauer and Majdalani [60], where the intermediate steps leading to Eq. (2.10) are provided with more detail.



A special case arises when the wall expansion ratio,  $r$ , is constant in time. The function  $F$  becomes dependent on  $y$  and  $r$  instead of  $(y, t)$ . One can put  $F_{y,t} = 0$  and write

$$\frac{a\dot{a}}{\epsilon} = \left( \frac{a\dot{a}}{\epsilon} \right)_{t=0} = \frac{a_0\dot{a}_0}{\epsilon} = r \quad (2.12)$$

In the above,  $a_0$  and  $\dot{a}_0$  are used to designate the initial channel height and expansion rate, respectively. Integration of Eq. (2.12) with respect to  $t$  leads to

$$a(t) = a_0 \sqrt{1 + 2 \frac{\epsilon r}{a_0^2} t} \quad (2.13)$$

Note that the crossflow Reynolds number is based on the absolute speed, namely,

$$R = \frac{V_w a}{\epsilon} = \frac{(V_b - \dot{a})a}{\epsilon} = \frac{V_b a}{\epsilon} - r = R_b - r \quad (2.14)$$

where  $R_b$  is the blowing Reynolds number relative to the regressing grain. Given the time-dependence of  $a(t)$ , the crossflow Reynolds is generally a function of time. To simplify the upcoming analysis, we limit ourselves to cases for which the absolute crossflow Reynolds number is constant. Based on Eq. (2.14), this implies

$$\frac{V_w a}{\epsilon} = \left( \frac{V_w a}{\epsilon} \right)_{t=0} = \frac{V_w(0)a_0}{\epsilon} = \text{constant} \quad (2.15)$$

whence

$$V_w(t) = \frac{V_w(0)a_0}{a(t)} \quad (2.16)$$

Then using Eq. (2.13), we can put

$$V_w(t) = \frac{V_w(0)}{\sqrt{1 + 2\epsilon r t / a_0^2}} \quad (2.17)$$

Finally, recalling that  $V_w a / \epsilon = A r$ , we have

$$\frac{V_w a}{\epsilon} = A \frac{a \dot{a}}{\epsilon} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{V_w}{\dot{a}} = A \quad (2.18)$$

By assuming a time-invariant injection coefficient,  $A$ , Eqs. (2.17) and (2.18) may be combined to give

$$\frac{V_w(t)}{V_w(0)} = \frac{\dot{a}}{\dot{a}_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 2\epsilon r t / a_0^2}}. \quad (2.19)$$

As shown by Dauenhauer and Majdalani [60], a backward substitution of these relations leads to an exact self-similarity equation for Berman's characteristic mean flow function,  $F$ . One finds

$$F'''' + r(yF''' + 3F'') + FF''' - F'F'' = 0; \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1 \quad (2.20)$$

with

$$F(0) = 0, \quad F''(0) = 0, \quad F(1) = R, \quad F'(1) = 0 \quad (2.21)$$

where  $F = F(y)$ . A further simplification may be realized by defining

$$f = \frac{F}{R} \quad (2.22)$$

This expression transforms Eqs. (2.20)-(2.21) into

$$f'''' + r(yf''' + 3f'') + R(ff''' - f'f'') = 0; \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1 \quad (2.23)$$

$$f(0) = f''(0) = f'(1) = 0, \quad f(1) = 1 \quad (2.24)$$

In what follows, this problem will be solved using the Adomian Decomposition Method.

### C. Axisymmetric Equations

As shown by Majdalani et al. [62,63], this problem may be repeated in cylindrical geometry  $(r, z)$  with the half-height being replaced by the radius of the cylinder. In this case, one can use  $y = \frac{1}{2}r^2$  to obtain a fourth-order nonlinear ODE:

$$yf'''' + r(yf''' + 2f'') + \frac{1}{2}R(ff''' - f'f'') + 2f''' = 0; \quad 0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}. \quad (2.25)$$

where, in similar fashion,  $R$  represents the sidewall injection Reynolds number, and  $r < 1$  denotes the wall expansion ratio. This fourth-order ODE has an assortment of four boundary conditions, specifically

$$f(0) = f'(\frac{1}{2}) = 0, \quad f(\frac{1}{2}) = 1, \quad \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (f''\sqrt{2y}) = 0 \quad (2.26)$$

## Chapter 3

### Adomian Decomposition Solution

The cylindrical equation of motion below will be solved using the Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM). The governing equation is as follows:

$$yF'''' + r(yF''' + 2F'') + \frac{1}{2}R(FF''' - F'F'') + 2F''' = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

$$0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\text{Boundary Conditions } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(0) = 0 \\ F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \\ F'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \\ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (F'' \sqrt{2y}) = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (3.3)$$

#### A. ADM Setup

First, rewrite the governing equation to isolate the highest derivative of  $F(y)$

$$F'''' = -r \left( F''' + \frac{2}{y} F'' \right) - \frac{1}{2y} R(FF''' - F'F'') - \frac{2}{y} F''' \quad (3.4)$$

A differential equation is written as

$$\mathcal{F}u = g(t) \quad (3.5)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the function dependent on  $u$  and  $g(t)$  is the forcing function, zero, in this

case. Hence,  $\mathcal{F}$  can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{F}u = \mathcal{L}u + \mathcal{N}u \quad (3.6)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}u$  and  $\mathcal{N}u$  are the linear and non-linear components of the function, respectively. The linear portion can be further divided into the highest  $m^{\text{th}}$  derivative,  $\mathcal{L}u$  and the remainder of the linear terms,  $\mathcal{R}u$ , as shown below,

$$\mathcal{L}u = \mathcal{L}u + \mathcal{R}u \quad (3.7)$$

The highest  $m^{\text{th}}$  order derivative in the governing equation is

$$\mathcal{L}(F) = F''' \quad (3.8)$$

The remainder is

$$\mathcal{R}(F) = -r \left( F''' + \frac{2}{y} F'' \right) - \frac{2}{y} F''' \quad (3.9)$$

The non-linear operator is

$$\mathcal{N}(F) = -\frac{R}{2y} (FF''' - F'F'') \quad (3.10)$$

## B. Adomian Polynomials

To derive the Adomian Polynomials,  $A_0 \dots A_n$ ,  $F$ , is first expanded as follows:

$$F = \sum_{n=0}^1 \}^n F_n = F_0 + \} F_1 \quad (3.11)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(F) = \mathcal{N}(F_0 + \} F_1 + \dots) \quad (3.12)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(F) = \frac{R}{2y} (F'F'' - FF''') \quad (3.13)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(F) = \frac{R}{2y} \left[ (F_0' + \} F_1') (F_0'' + \} F_1'') - (F_0 + \} F_1) (F_0''' + \} F_1''') \right]. \quad (3.14)$$

Expanding the previous equation and collecting the  $\}$  terms,

$$\mathcal{N}(F) = \frac{R}{2\mathcal{Y}} \left( F_0' F_0'' - F_0 F_0''' \right) + \frac{R}{2\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{Y} \left( F_1'' F_0' + F_1' F_0'' - F_1''' F_0 - F_1 F_0''' \right) + O(\mathcal{Y}^2) \quad (3.15)$$

The Adomian Polynomials are defined using the general form

$$A_n = \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{d^n \mathcal{N}(F(\mathcal{Y}))}{d\mathcal{Y}^n} \right|_{\mathcal{Y}=1} \quad (3.16)$$

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{d^0 \mathcal{N}(F(\mathcal{Y}))}{d\mathcal{Y}^0} \right|_{\mathcal{Y}=1} = \frac{R}{2\mathcal{Y}} \left( F_0' F_0'' - F_0 F_0''' \right) \quad (3.17)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{d^1 \mathcal{N}(F(\mathcal{Y}))}{d\mathcal{Y}^1} \right|_{\mathcal{Y}=1} = \frac{R}{2\mathcal{Y}} \left( F_1'' F_0' + F_1' F_0'' - F_1''' F_0 - F_1 F_0''' \right) \quad (3.18)$$

### C. Adomian Decomposition

Since the highest derivative is of the fourth order, we select an inverse linear operator to be a four-fold integrator:

$$\mathcal{L}F = F''' \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\mathcal{L}F \rightarrow F(\mathcal{Y}) \quad (3.19)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\mathcal{L}F = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F''') = \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}} \left\{ \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\mathcal{Y}_4} \left[ \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}_3} \left( \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}_2} F''' dy_1 \right) dy_2 \right] dy_3 \right\} dy_4 \quad (3.20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}} \left\{ \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\mathcal{Y}_4} \left[ \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}_3} (F'''(\mathcal{Y}_2) - F'''(0)) dy_2 \right] dy_3 \right\} dy_4 \\ &= \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}} \left\{ \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\mathcal{Y}_4} \left[ F''(\mathcal{Y}_3) - \mathcal{Y}_3 F'''(0) - F''(0) - \cancel{(0) F'''(0)} \right] dy_3 \right\} dy_4 \\ &= \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}} \left\{ F'(\mathcal{Y}_4) - F'(\tfrac{1}{2}) - \mathcal{Y}_4 F''(0) + \frac{1}{2} F''(0) - \frac{\mathcal{Y}_4^2}{2} F'''(0) + \frac{1}{8} F'''(0) \right\} dy_4 \\ &= F(\mathcal{Y}) - F(0) - \mathcal{Y} F'(\tfrac{1}{2}) - \frac{\mathcal{Y}^2}{2} F''(0) + \frac{\mathcal{Y}}{2} F''(0) - \frac{\mathcal{Y}^3}{6} F'''(0) + \frac{\mathcal{Y}}{8} F'''(0) \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}^{-1}F''' &= F(y) - y^3 \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{6}F'''(0)\right)}_{c_1} - y^2 \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}F''(0)\right)}_{c_2} \\
&\quad - y \underbrace{\left(F'(\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2}F''(0) - \frac{1}{8}F'''(0)\right)}_{c_3} - \underbrace{(F(0))}_{c_4}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

Rewriting the equation and making use of the constants  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $c_3$ , and  $c_4$ ,

$$F(y) = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}^{-1}F'''}_{\mathcal{L}(F)=F'''} + y^3c_1 + y^2c_2 + yc_3 + c_4 \tag{3.23}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(F) &= \mathcal{R}(F) + \mathcal{N}(F) \\
\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1}F''' &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\mathcal{R}(F) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\mathcal{N}(F)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

$$F(y) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\mathcal{R}(F) + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(F)}_{\mathcal{N}(F)=\sum_{n=0}^2 A_n} + y^3c_1 + y^2c_2 + yc_3 + c_4 \tag{3.25}$$

For  $F = F_0 + F_1 + F_2 + \dots$

$$F_0 + F_1 + F_2 = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}_0 + \mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{R}_2) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}(A_0 + A_1 + A_2) + y^3c_1 + y^2c_2 + yc_3 + c_4 \tag{3.26}$$

### i. Zeroth Order Solution

The zeroth order solution is defined by the equation

$$F_0 = y^3c_1 + y^2c_2 + yc_3 + c_4 \tag{3.27}$$

Applying the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
F_0(0) &= 0: \\
0 &= (0)c_1 + (0)c_2 + (0)c_3 + c_4 \\
\Rightarrow c_4 &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (F_0'' \sqrt{2y}) &= 0: \\ 0 &= 6y c_1 \sqrt{2y} + 2 \underbrace{c_2}_{\text{S}} \sqrt{2y} + 0\end{aligned}\quad (3.29)$$

Above, S is set as a constant. So far, the zeroth order equation is as follows:

$$F_0 = y^3 c_1 + y^2 S + y c_3 \quad (3.30)$$

Continuing with the remaining boundary conditions,

$$\begin{aligned}F_0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 1: \\ 1 &= \frac{1}{8} c_1 + \frac{1}{4} S + \frac{1}{2} c_3\end{aligned}\quad (3.31)$$

$$\begin{aligned}F_0'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 0: \\ 0 &= 3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) c_1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) S + c_3\end{aligned}\quad (3.32)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = -S - \frac{3}{4} c_1 \quad (3.33)$$

Next, substitute  $c_3$  into the previous boundary condition result,

$$1 = \frac{c_1}{8} + \frac{S}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \overbrace{\left(-S - \frac{3}{4} c_1\right)}^{c_3} \quad (3.34)$$

$$1 = \frac{c_1}{8} + \frac{S}{4} - \frac{S}{2} - \frac{3c_1}{8}$$

$$c_1 = -S - 4 \quad (3.35)$$

Now, substitute the result for constant  $c_1$  back into the  $c_3$  equation:

$$c_3 = -S - \frac{3}{4}(-S - 4) = -S + \frac{3S}{4} + 3 \quad (3.36)$$



$$c_3 = -\frac{S}{4} + 3 \quad (3.37)$$

$$\Rightarrow F_0 = y^3(-s-4) + y^2s + y\left(-\frac{S}{4} + 3\right) \quad (3.38)$$

To evaluate  $S$ , substitute the  $F_0$  equation back into the governing equation:

$$yF_0''' + r(yF_0'' + 2F_0') + \frac{1}{2}R(F_0F_0''' - F_0'F_0'') + 2F_0''' = 0 \quad (3.39)$$

$$F_0' = 3y^2(-s-4) + 2ys + \left(-\frac{S}{4} + 3\right) \quad (3.40)$$

$$F_0'' = 6y(-s-4) + 2s \quad (3.41)$$

$$F_0''' = 6(-s-4) = -6s - 24 \quad (3.42)$$

$$F_0'''' = 0 \quad (3.43)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & y(0) + r \{y(-6s-24) + 2[6y(-s-4) + 2s]\} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}R \left\{ \left[ y^3(-s-4) + y^2s + y\left(-\frac{S}{4} + 3\right) \right] [-6s-24] \right. \\ & \left. - \left[ 3y^2(-s-4) + 2ys + \left(-\frac{S}{4} + 3\right) \right] [6y(-s-4) + 2s] \right\} \\ & + 2(-6s-24) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

At the centerline,  $y = 0$ . Therefore, the equation becomes

$$r[2(2s)] + \frac{1}{2}R \left[ 0 - \left(-\frac{S}{4} + 3\right)(2s) \right] + 2(-6s-24) = 0 \quad (3.45)$$

$$r4s + R \left( \frac{S^2}{4} - 3s \right) + (-12s - 48) = 0 \quad (3.46)$$

$$r4s + \frac{R}{4}s^2 - 3Rs - 12s - 48 = 0 \quad (3.47)$$

$$-48 + (4r - 3R - 12)s + \frac{R}{4}s^2 = 0 \quad (3.48)$$

Using the quadratic formula to solve for  $S$  in the above equation, we get

$$S_1 = \frac{48 + 12R - 16r - \sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \quad (3.49)$$

$$S_2 = \frac{48 + 12R - 16r + \sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \quad (3.50)$$

After plotting, the only physical value for  $S$  is  $S_1$ . Now substituting  $S$  into the  $F_0$  equation, the resulting zeroth order solution equation is shown below:

$$F_0 = y^3 \left[ - \left( \frac{48 + 12R - 16r - \sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \right) - 4 \right] + y^2 \left( \frac{48 + 12R - 16r - \sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \right) + y \left[ - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{48 + 12R - 16r - \sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \right) + 3 \right] \quad (3.51)$$

## ii. First Order Solution

The first order solution is defined by the following equation:

$$F_1 = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}_0) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}(A_0) . \quad (3.52)$$

The zeroth order equation is simplified by substituting in for the constants:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_0 &= x_1 y + x_2 y^2 + x_3 y^3 \\
x_1 &= -\frac{6}{R} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2r}{R} - \frac{\sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \\
x_2 &= \frac{24}{R} + 6 - \frac{8r}{R} - \frac{\sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \\
x_3 &= -\frac{24}{R} - 10 + \frac{8r}{R} - \frac{\sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.53}$$

Recalling the equation for the zeroth order Adomian polynomial, the derivatives of the  $F_0$  equation are required and thus calculated,

$$A_0 = \frac{R}{2y} (F_0' F_0'' - F_0 F_0''') \tag{3.54}$$

$$F_0 = x_1 y + x_2 y^2 + x_3 y^3 \tag{3.55}$$

$$F_0' = x_1 + 2x_2 y + 3x_3 y^2 \tag{3.56}$$

$$F_0'' = 0 + 2x_2 + 6x_3 y \tag{3.57}$$

$$F_0''' = 0 + 0 + 6x_3 \tag{3.58}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore A_0 &= \frac{R}{2y} \left[ (x_1 + 2x_2 y + 3x_3 y^2)(2x_2 + 6x_3 y) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (x_1 y + x_2 y^2 + x_3 y^3)(6x_3) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{3.59}$$

$$= \frac{R}{2y} [2x_1 x_2 + 4x_2^2 y + 12x_2 x_3 y^2 + 12x_3^2 y^3] \tag{3.60}$$

$$A_0 = R \left[ \frac{x_1 x_2}{y} + 2x_2^2 + 6x_2 x_3 y + 6x_3^2 y^2 \right] \tag{3.61}$$

Next, recall the equation for the remainder of the linear portion of  $F$  :

$$\mathcal{R}_0(F) = -r \left( F_0''' + \frac{2}{y} F_0'' \right) - \frac{2}{y} F_0''' \quad (3.62)$$

$$= -r \left[ 6x_3 + \frac{2}{y} (2x_2 + 6x_3y) \right] - \frac{2}{y} (6x_3) \quad (3.63)$$

$$= -r \left[ 6x_3 + \frac{4}{y} x_2 + 12x_3 \right] - \frac{12}{y} x_3 \quad (3.64)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = -18x_3r + \frac{-4x_2r - 12x_3}{y} \quad (3.65)$$

Going back to the  $F_1$  equation,

$$F_1 = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}_0) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}(A_0) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}_0 + A_0) \quad (3.66)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( -18x_3r + \frac{-4x_2r - 12x_3}{y} + \frac{x_1x_2}{y} R + 2x_2^2R + 6x_2x_3yR + 6x_3^2y^2R \right) \quad (3.67)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{y} (-4x_2r - 12x_3 + x_1x_2R) + (2x_2^2R - 18x_3r) + 6x_2x_3yR + 6x_3^2y^2R \right) \quad (3.68)$$

Once again, using a four-fold integration as the inverse linear operator,  $F_1$ , is calculated:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 = & \frac{1}{12} (Rx_2^2 - 9x_3r) y^4 + \frac{1}{20} Rx_2x_3y^5 + \frac{1}{60} Rx_3^2y^6 \\ & + y^3 \left[ -\frac{11}{36} Rx_1x_2 + \frac{11}{3} x_3 + \frac{11}{9} x_2r + \frac{1}{6} (Rx_1x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2r) \ln(y) \right] \\ & + d_1y^3 + d_2y^2 + d_3y + d_4 \end{aligned} \quad (3.69)$$

Next, find the derivatives of  $F_1$ , and apply the boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1 &= \frac{1}{12}(Rx_2^2 - 9x_3\Gamma)y^4 + \frac{1}{20}Rx_2x_3y^5 + \frac{1}{60}Rx_3^2y^6 \\
&+ \frac{1}{6}(Rx_1x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2\Gamma)y^3 \ln(y) + \left(-\frac{11}{36}Rx_1x_2 + \frac{11}{3}x_3 + \frac{11}{9}x_2\Gamma\right)y^3 \quad (3.70) \\
&+ d_1y^3 + d_2y^2 + d_3y + d_4
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1' &= \frac{1}{6}(Rx_1x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2\Gamma)y^2 + \frac{1}{3}(Rx_2^2 - 9x_3\Gamma)y^3 + \frac{1}{4}Rx_2x_3y^4 \\
&+ \frac{1}{10}Rx_3^2y^5 + \frac{1}{2}(Rx_1x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2\Gamma)y^2 \ln(y) \quad (3.71) \\
&+ 3\left(-\frac{11}{36}Rx_1x_2 + \frac{11}{3}x_3 + \frac{11}{9}x_2\Gamma\right)y^2 + 3d_1y^2 + 2d_2y + d_3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1'' &= \frac{5}{6}(Rx_1x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2\Gamma)y + (Rx_2^2 - 9x_3\Gamma)y^2 + Rx_2x_3y^3 \\
&+ \frac{1}{2}Rx_3^2y^4 + (Rx_1x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2\Gamma)y \ln(y) \quad (3.72) \\
&+ 6\left(-\frac{11}{36}Rx_1x_2 + \frac{11}{3}x_3 + \frac{11}{9}x_2\Gamma\right)y + 6d_1y + 2d_2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} F_1 &= 0: \\
\Rightarrow d_4 &= 0
\end{aligned} \quad (3.73)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (F_1'' \sqrt{2y}) &= 0: \\
\Rightarrow d_2 &= 0
\end{aligned} \quad (3.74)$$

$$F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1:$$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \frac{1}{12}(Rx_2^2 - 9x_3\Gamma)\left(\frac{1}{16}\right) + \frac{1}{20}Rx_2x_3\left(\frac{1}{32}\right) + \frac{1}{60}Rx_3^2\left(\frac{1}{64}\right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{6}(Rx_1x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2\Gamma)\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)(-\ln(2)) \quad (3.75) \\
&+ \left(-\frac{11}{36}Rx_1x_2 + \frac{11}{3}x_3 + \frac{11}{9}x_2\Gamma\right)\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + d_1\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + d_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \frac{1}{192} Rx_2^2 - \frac{9}{192} x_3 \Gamma + \frac{1}{640} Rx_2 x_3 + \frac{1}{3840} Rx_3^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{48} (Rx_1 x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2 \Gamma) (-\ln(2)) \\
&\quad - \frac{11}{288} Rx_1 x_2 + \frac{11}{24} x_3 + \frac{11}{72} x_2 \Gamma + \frac{1}{8} d_1 + \frac{1}{2} d_3
\end{aligned} \tag{3.76}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1' \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) &= 0: \\
0 &= \frac{1}{3} (Rx_2^2 - 9x_3 \Gamma) \left( \frac{1}{8} \right) + \frac{1}{4} Rx_2 x_3 \left( \frac{1}{16} \right) + \frac{1}{10} Rx_3^2 \left( \frac{1}{32} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{6} (Rx_1 x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2 \Gamma) \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) (-3\ln(2) + 1) \\
&\quad + 3 \left( -\frac{11}{36} Rx_1 x_2 + \frac{11}{3} x_3 + \frac{11}{9} x_2 \Gamma \right) \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) d_1 + d_3
\end{aligned} \tag{3.77}$$

Solving the system of equations above, the solutions for  $d_1$  and  $d_3$  result:

$$\begin{aligned}
d_1 &= \frac{1}{2880} \left( -11520 + 1520Rx_1 x_2 - 180Rx_2^2 + 2880x_3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 72Rx_2 x_3 - 15Rx_3^2 - 6080x_2 \Gamma + 1620x_3 \Gamma \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 480Rx_1 x_2 \ln(2) - 5760x_3 \ln(2) - 1920x_2 \Gamma \ln(2) \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.78}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d_3 &= \frac{1}{3840} \left( 11520 + 80Rx_1 x_2 + 20Rx_2^2 - 960x_3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 12Rx_2 x_3 + 3Rx_3^2 - 320x_2 \Gamma - 180x_3 \Gamma \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.79}$$

Finally, the First Order Solution,  $F_1$ , is obtained:

$$\boxed{
\begin{aligned}
F_1 &= \frac{1}{12} (Rx_2^2 - 9x_3 \Gamma) y^4 + \frac{1}{20} Rx_2 x_3 y^5 + \frac{1}{60} Rx_3^2 y^6 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{6} (Rx_1 x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2 \Gamma) y^3 \ln(y) + d_1 y^3 + d_3 y
\end{aligned}
} \tag{3.80}$$

To set up the second order solution, the constants are rewritten as shown next:

$$F_1 = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{60} Rx_3^2\right)}_{y_1} y^6 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{20} Rx_2 x_3\right)}_{y_2} y^5 + \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{12} (Rx_2^2 - 9x_3 \Gamma)\right]}_{y_3} y^4 + \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{6} (Rx_1 x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2 \Gamma)\right]}_{y_4} y^3 \ln(y) + d_1 y^3 + d_3 y \quad (3.81)$$

$$F_1 = y_1 y^6 + y_2 y^5 + y_3 y^4 + y_4 y^3 \ln(y) + d_1 y^3 + d_3 y \quad (3.82)$$

### iii. Second Order Solution

The second order solution is defined by the following equation:

$$F_2 = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}_1) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}(A_1). \quad (3.83)$$

The zeroth and first order equations are rewritten below, along with the definition of the Adomian polynomial,  $A_1$ :

$$F_0 = x_1 y + x_2 y^2 + x_3 y^3 \quad (3.84)$$

$$F_1 = y_1 y^6 + y_2 y^5 + y_3 y^4 + y_4 y^3 \ln(y) + d_1 y^3 + d_3 y \quad (3.85)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{R}{2y} \left( F_1'' F_0' + F_1' F_0'' - F_1''' F_0 - F_1 F_0''' \right) \quad (3.86)$$

Next, the first, second, and third derivatives are found for the zeroth and first order equations:

$$F_0' = x_1 + 2x_2 y + 3x_3 y^2 \quad (3.87)$$

$$F_0'' = 2x_2 + 6x_3 y \quad (3.88)$$

$$F_0''' = 6x_3 \quad (3.89)$$

$$F_1' = 6y_1 y^5 + 5y_2 y^4 + 4y_3 y^3 + y_4 y^2 + 3y_4 y^2 \ln(y) + 3d_1 y^2 + d_3 \quad (3.90)$$

$$F_1'' = 30y_1y^4 + 20y_2y^3 + 12y_3y^2 + 5y_4y + 6y_4y \ln(y) + 6d_1y \quad (3.91)$$

$$F_1''' = 120y_1y^3 + 60y_2y^2 + 24y_3y + 6y_4 \ln(y) + 11y_4 + 6d_1. \quad (3.92)$$

Substituting the appropriate equations into the  $A_1$  equation,

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \frac{1}{2}R(-48x_2y_1 + 24x_3y_2)y^4 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}R(-90x_1y_1 - 10x_2y_2 + 30x_3y_3)y^3 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}R(24d_1x_3 - 40x_1y_2 + 8x_2y_3 + 10x_3y_4 + 24x_3y_4 \ln(y))y^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}R(12d_1x_2 - 12x_1y_3 + x_2y_4 + 12x_2y_4 \ln(y))y \\ &- 3Rx_1y_4 + \frac{d_3Rx_2}{y} \end{aligned} \quad (3.93)$$

Once again, recall the equation for the remainder of the linear portion of  $F$ , and substitute in the relevant equations for the derivatives of the first order solution,

$$\mathcal{R}_1(F) = -r \left( F_1''' + \frac{2}{y} F_1'' \right) - \frac{2}{y} F_1''' \quad (3.94)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_1 &= -180y_1ry^3 + (-240y_1 - 100y_2r)y^2 \\ &+ (-120y_2 - 48y_3r)y - 18y_4r \ln(y) \\ &+ \frac{1}{y}(-12d_1 - 22y_4 - 12y_4 \ln(y)) - 48y_3 - 18d_1r - 21y_4r \end{aligned} \quad (3.95)$$

Before applying the inverse linear operator, add  $\mathcal{R}_1$  and  $A_1$ :



$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{R}_1 + A_1 &= (-24Rx_2y_1 + 12Rx_3y_2)y^4 \\
&+ (-45Rx_1y_1 - 5Rx_2y_2 + 15Rx_3y_3 - 180y_1\Gamma)y^3 \\
&+ (12d_1Rx_3 - 240y_1 - 20Rx_1y_2 \\
&+ 4Rx_2y_3 + 5Rx_3y_4 - 100y_2\Gamma + 12Rx_3y_4 \ln(y))y^2 \\
&+ \left( 6d_1Rx_2 - 120y_2 - 6Rx_1y_3 + \frac{1}{2}(Rx_2y_4) - 48y_3\Gamma + 6Rx_2y_4 \ln(y) \right)y \\
&+ \left( -12d_1 + d_3Rx_2 - 22y_4 - 12y_4 \ln(y) \right) \frac{1}{y} - 18y_4\Gamma \ln(y) \\
&- 48y_3 - 3Rx_1y_4 - 18d_1\Gamma - 21y_4\Gamma
\end{aligned} \tag{3.96}$$

To simplify the previous equation, replace the constants as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
g_1 = -12d_1 + d_3Rx_2 - 22y_4 \\
g_2 = -48y_3 - 3Rx_1y_4 - 18d_1\Gamma - 21y_4\Gamma \\
g_3 = 6d_1Rx_2 - 120y_2 - 6Rx_1y_3 + \frac{1}{2}(Rx_2y_4) - 48y_3\Gamma \\
g_4 = 12d_1Rx_3 - 240y_1 - 20Rx_1y_2 + 4Rx_2y_3 + 5Rx_3y_4 - 100y_2\Gamma \\
g_5 = -45Rx_1y_1 - 5Rx_2y_2 + 15Rx_3y_3 - 180y_1\Gamma \\
g_6 = -24Rx_2y_1 + 12Rx_3y_2
\end{cases} \tag{3.97}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_1 + A_1 &= g_6y^4 + g_5y^3 + y^2(g_4 + 12Rx_3y_4 \ln(y)) \\
&+ y(g_3 + 6Rx_2y_4 \ln(y)) + g_2 + \frac{1}{y}(g_1 - 12y_4 \ln(y)) \cdot \\
&- 18y_4\Gamma \ln(y)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.98}$$

Now apply the inverse linear operator to the previous sum in order to find  $F_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2 &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}_1 + A_1) \\
&= \frac{g_6}{1680}y^8 + \frac{g_5}{840}y^7 + \left( \frac{g_4}{360} - \frac{19Rx_3y_4}{600} + \frac{1}{30}Rx_3y_4 \ln(y) \right) y^6 \\
&+ \left( \frac{g_3}{120} - \frac{77Rx_2y_4}{1200} + \frac{1}{20}Rx_2y_4 \ln(y) \right) y^5 \\
&+ \left( \frac{g_2}{24} + \frac{25y_4\Gamma}{16} - \frac{3}{4}y_4\Gamma \ln(y) \right) y^4 \\
&+ \left( -\frac{11g_1}{36} - \frac{85y_4}{18} + \frac{1}{6}g_1 \ln(y) + \frac{11}{3}y_4 \ln(y) - y_4 \ln(y)^2 \right) y^3 \\
&+ e_1 + e_2y + e_3y^2 + e_4y^3
\end{aligned} \tag{3.99}$$

To solve for the constants of integration,  $e_1 \rightarrow e_4$ , the boundary conditions are once again employed. Before that takes place, the first and second derivatives of the current form of  $F_2$  are calculated,

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2' &= \frac{g_6}{210}y^7 + \frac{g_5}{120}y^6 \\
&+ \left( \frac{Rx_3y_4}{30} + 6 \left( \frac{g_4}{360} - \frac{19Rx_3y_4}{600} + \frac{1}{30}Rx_3y_4 \ln(y) \right) \right) y^5 \\
&+ \left( \frac{Rx_2y_4}{20} + 5 \left( \frac{g_3}{120} - \frac{77Rx_2y_4}{1200} + \frac{1}{20}Rx_2y_4 \ln(y) \right) \right) y^4 \\
&+ \left( -\frac{3y_4\Gamma}{4} + 4 \left( \frac{g_2}{24} + \frac{25y_4\Gamma}{16} - \frac{3}{4}y_4\Gamma \ln(y) \right) \right) y^3 \\
&+ \left( 3e_4 + \frac{g_1}{6} + \frac{11y_4}{3} - 2y_4 \ln(y) \right. \\
&\left. + 3 \left( -\frac{11g_1}{36} - \frac{85y_4}{18} + \frac{1}{6}g_1 \ln(y) + \frac{11}{3}y_4 \ln(y) - y_4 \ln(y)^2 \right) \right) y^2 + e_2
\end{aligned} \tag{3.100}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2'' &= \frac{g_6}{30}y^6 + \frac{g_5}{20}y^5 \\
&+ \left( \frac{11Rx_3y_4}{30} + 30 \left( \frac{g_4}{360} - \frac{19Rx_3y_4}{600} + \frac{1}{30}Rx_3y_4 \ln(y) \right) \right) y^4 \\
&+ \left( \frac{9Rx_2y_4}{20} + 20 \left( \frac{g_3}{120} - \frac{77Rx_2y_4}{1200} + \frac{1}{20}Rx_2y_4 \ln(y) \right) \right) y^3 \\
&+ \left( -\frac{21y_4\Gamma}{4} + 12 \left( \frac{g_2}{24} + \frac{25y_4\Gamma}{16} - \frac{3}{4}y_4\Gamma \ln(y) \right) \right) y^2 \\
&+ \left( 6e_4 + \frac{5g_1}{6} + \frac{49y_4}{3} - 10y_4 \ln(y) \right. \\
&\left. + 6 \left( -\frac{11g_1}{36} - \frac{85y_4}{18} + \frac{1}{6}g_1 \ln(y) + \frac{11}{3}y_4 \ln(y) - y_4 \ln(y)^2 \right) \right) y
\end{aligned} \tag{3.101}$$

Below, the boundary conditions are once again applied:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} F_2 &= 0: \\
\Rightarrow e_1 &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3.102}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (F_2'' \sqrt{2y}) &= 0: \\
\Rightarrow e_3 &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3.103}$$

The remaining boundary conditions,  $F_2(\frac{1}{2})=1$  and  $F_2'(\frac{1}{2})=0$ , produce equations that

must be solved simultaneously. Solving the system of equations results in the solutions

to the constants of integration  $e_2$  and  $e_4$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
e_2 &= \frac{1}{2150400} (6451200 + 44800g_1 + 5600g_2 + 1120g_3 \\
&+ 280g_4 + 80g_5 + 25g_6 + 985600y_4 - 5264Rx_2y_4 \\
&- 2072Rx_3y_4 + 109200y_4\Gamma + 537600y_4 \ln(2) \\
&- 6720Rx_2y_4 \ln(2) - 3360Rx_3y_4 \ln(2) + 100800y_4\Gamma \ln(2))
\end{aligned} \tag{3.104}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
e_4 = \frac{1}{1612800} & \left( -6451200 + 358400g_1 - 50400g_2 \right. \\
& -6720g_3 - 1400g_4 - 360g_5 - 105g_6 + 4659200y_4 \\
& + 41664Rx_2y_4 + 12600Rx_3y_4 - 1587600y_4\Gamma \\
& + 268800g_1 \ln(2) + 4300800y_4 \ln(2) \\
& + 40320Rx_2y_4 \ln(2) + 16800Rx_3y_4 \ln(2) \\
& \left. - 907200y_4\Gamma \ln(2) + 1612800y_4 \ln(2)^2 \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.105}$$

This completes the Second Order solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2 = & \frac{g_6}{1680}y^8 + \frac{g_5}{840}y^7 \\
& + \left( \frac{g_4}{360} - \frac{19Rx_3y_4}{600} + \frac{1}{30}Rx_3y_4 \ln(y) \right) y^6 \\
& + \left( \frac{g_3}{120} - \frac{77Rx_2y_4}{1200} + \frac{1}{20}Rx_2y_4 \ln(y) \right) y^5 \\
& + \left( \frac{g_2}{24} + \frac{25y_4\Gamma}{16} - \frac{3}{4}y_4\Gamma \ln(y) \right) y^4 \\
& + \left( -\frac{11g_1}{36} - \frac{85y_4}{18} + \frac{1}{6}g_1 \ln(y) + \frac{11}{3}y_4 \ln(y) - y_4 \ln(y)^2 \right) y^3 \\
& + e_4y^3 + e_2y
\end{aligned} \tag{3.106}$$

#### iv. Adomian Decomposition Solution

Taking the zeroth, first, and second order solutions to  $F$ , we can combine them to form the complete solution,

$$F = F_0 + F_1 + F_2 \tag{3.107}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
F_0 = & y^3 \left[ - \left( \frac{48 + 12R - 16r - \sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \right) - 4 \right] \\
& + y^2 \left( \frac{48 + 12R - 16r - \sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \right) \\
& + y \left[ - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{48 + 12R - 16r - \sqrt{768R + (-48 - 12R + 16r)^2}}{2R} \right) + 3 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{3.108}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1 = & \frac{1}{12} (Rx_2^2 - 9x_3r) y^4 + \frac{1}{20} Rx_2x_3y^5 + \frac{1}{60} Rx_3^2y^6 \\
& + \frac{1}{6} (Rx_1x_2 - 12x_3 - 4x_2r) y^3 \ln(y) + dy^3 + d_3y
\end{aligned} \tag{3.109}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2 = & \frac{g_6}{1680} y^8 + \frac{g_5}{840} y^7 \\
& + \left( \frac{g_4}{360} - \frac{19Rx_3y_4}{600} + \frac{1}{30} Rx_3y_4 \ln(y) \right) y^6 \\
& + \left( \frac{g_3}{120} - \frac{77Rx_2y_4}{1200} + \frac{1}{20} Rx_2y_4 \ln(y) \right) y^5 \\
& + \left( \frac{g_2}{24} + \frac{25y_4r}{16} - \frac{3}{4} y_4r \ln(y) \right) y^4 \\
& + \left( -\frac{11g_1}{36} - \frac{85y_4}{18} + \frac{1}{6} g_1 \ln(y) + \frac{11}{3} y_4 \ln(y) - y_4 \ln(y)^2 \right) y^3 \\
& + e_4y^3 + e_2y
\end{aligned} \tag{3.110}$$

## Chapter 4

### Asymptotic Solution

The flow motion in a uniformly porous cylinder with expanding or contracting sidewalls can be used to simulate the motion in a solid rocket motor. Here, the cylindrical case for a small injection or suction is addressed. It can be described by a fourth-order, nonlinear ordinary differential equation (ODE) developed by Majdalani et al. [1,2]:

$$yF'''' + r(yF''' + 2F'') + \frac{1}{2}R(FF''' - F'F'') + 2F''' = 0 \quad (4.1)$$

$$0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

where  $R$  represents the sidewall injection Reynolds number, and  $r < 1$  denotes the wall expansion ratio (a small Reynolds number based on the expansion speed of the sidewall).

The fourth-order ODE has an assortment of four boundary conditions, specifically

$$\text{Boundary Conditions: } \begin{cases} F(0) = 0 \\ F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \\ F'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \\ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (F''\sqrt{2y}) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

#### A. Double Perturbation Method

For small injection or suction, we can let  $\nu \equiv R$  and assume that  $\nu$  is a secondary perturbation parameter. This will enable us to find

$F = F_0 + \nu F_1 + O(\nu^2)$  by interlacing a double perturbation expansion of the form

$F_0 = F_{00} + r F_{01} + O(r^2)$  and  $F_1 = F_{10} + r F_{11} + O(r^2)$ . Begin by rewriting the governing

equation below:

$$yF^{(4)} + r(yF^{(3)} + 2F'') + \frac{1}{2}\nu(FF^{(3)} - F'F'') + 2F^{(3)} = 0 \quad (4.3)$$

Substitute the following for  $F$  :

$$F = F_0 + \nu F_1 + \dots \quad (4.4)$$

$$y(F_0 + \nu F_1)^{(4)} + r\left(y(F_0 + \nu F_1)^{(3)} + 2(F_0 + \nu F_1)''\right) + \frac{1}{2}\nu\left((F_0 + \nu F_1)(F_0 + \nu F_1)^{(3)} - (F_0 + \nu F_1)'(F_0 + \nu F_1)''\right) + 2(F_0 + \nu F_1)^{(3)} = 0. \quad (4.5)$$

Expand the equation, and collect the  $\nu$  terms:

$$yF_0^{(4)} + \nu yF_1^{(4)} + r yF_0^{(3)} + \nu r yF_1^{(3)} + r 2F_0'' + \nu r 2F_1'' + \frac{1}{2}\nu F_0 F_0^{(3)} + \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 F_1 F_0^{(3)} + \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 F_0 F_1^{(3)} +$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\nu^3 F_1 F_1^{(3)} - \frac{1}{2}\nu F_0' F_0'' - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 F_1' F_0'' - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 F_0' F_1'' - \frac{1}{2}\nu^3 F_1' F_1'' + 2F_0^{(3)} + 2\nu F_1^{(3)} = 0 \quad (4.6)$$

$$\underbrace{yF_0^{(4)} + r yF_0^{(3)} + r 2F_0'' + 2F_0^{(3)}}_{\text{Leading Order}} +$$

$$\nu \underbrace{\left(yF_1^{(4)} + r yF_1^{(3)} + r 2F_1'' + \frac{1}{2}F_0 F_0^{(3)} - \frac{1}{2}F_0' F_0'' + 2F_1^{(3)}\right)}_{\text{First Order}} + O(\nu^2) = 0 \quad (4.7)$$

## B. Leading Order Solution

To solve for the leading order equation, substitute for  $F_0$  using the following equation with the secondary perturbation parameter of  $r$ . Expand the equation and collect the  $r$  terms,

$$\underbrace{yF_0^{(4)} + r y F_0^{(3)} + r 2F_0'' + 2F_0^{(3)}}_{\text{Leading Order}} = 0 \quad (4.8)$$

$$F_0 = F_{00} + r F_{01} + \dots \quad (4.9)$$

$$yF_{00}^{(4)} + y r F_{01}^{(4)} + r y F_{00}^{(3)} + r^2 y F_{01}^{(3)} + r 2F_{00}'' + r^2 2F_{01}'' + 2F_{00}^{(3)} + r 2F_{01}^{(3)} = 0 \quad (4.10)$$

$$\underbrace{yF_{00}^{(4)} + 2F_{00}^{(3)}}_{\substack{\text{Leading Order} \\ \text{Zero Term}}} + r \underbrace{\left( yF_{01}^{(4)} + yF_{00}^{(3)} + 2F_{00}'' + 2F_{01}^{(3)} \right)}_{\substack{\text{Leading Order} \\ \text{First Term}}} + O(r^2) = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

### i. Leading Order Zero Equation

Solve the linear ordinary differential equation (leading order zero equation), and apply the boundary conditions:

$$\underbrace{yF_{00}^{(4)} + 2F_{00}^{(3)}}_{\substack{\text{Leading Order} \\ \text{Zero Equation}}} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

$$F_{00} = c_1 + y c_2 + y^2 c_3 + c_4 (y - y \ln(y)) \quad (4.13)$$

$$F_{00}(0) = 0 \rightarrow c_1 = 0 \rightarrow F_{00} = y c_2 + y^2 c_3 + c_4 (y - y \ln(y)) \quad (4.14)$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left( F_{00}'' \sqrt{2y} \right) = \sqrt{2} \left( -\frac{c_4}{\sqrt{y}} + 2 c_3 \sqrt{y} \right) = 0 \rightarrow c_4 = 0 \rightarrow F_{00} = y c_2 + y^2 c_3$$

$$F_{00}'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = c_2 + c_3 = 0 \rightarrow c_2 = -c_3$$



$$F_{00}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \rightarrow \frac{c_2}{2} + \frac{c_3}{4} = 1 \rightarrow c_3 = -4 \text{ \& } c_2 = 4$$

$$\boxed{F_{00} = 4y - 4y^2} \quad (4.15)$$

## ii. Leading Order First Equation

Substitute equation (4.15) into the leading order first equation,

$$yF_{01}^{(4)} + 2F_{01}^{(3)} = -yF_{00}^{(3)} - 2F_{00}'' \quad (4.16)$$

$$yF_{01}^{(4)} + 2F_{01}^{(3)} = 16 \quad (4.17)$$

Repeat the steps used to solve for  $F_{00}$  in the leading order zero equation (4.12) to develop the solution to the leading order first equation from (4.11),

$$F_{01} = \frac{4}{3}y^3 + c_1 + yc_2 + y^2c_3 + c_4(y - y \ln(y)) \quad (4.18)$$

$$F_{01}(0) = 0 \rightarrow c_1 = 0 \rightarrow F_{01} = \frac{4}{3}y^3 + yc_2 + y^2c_3 + c_4(y - y \ln(y))$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (F_{01}'' \sqrt{2y}) = \sqrt{2y} \left( 2c_3 - \frac{c_4}{y} + 8y \right) = 0 \rightarrow c_4 = 0 \rightarrow F_{01} = \frac{4}{3}y^3 + yc_2 + y^2c_3$$

$$F_{01}'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$F_{01}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{6} + \frac{c_2}{2} + \frac{c_3}{4} = 1 \rightarrow c_3 = -\frac{4}{3} \text{ \& } c_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\boxed{F_{01} = \frac{1}{3}y - \frac{4}{3}y^2 + \frac{4}{3}y^3} \quad (4.19)$$

Substituting equations (4.15) and (4.19) into equation (4.9), the leading order solution is found:

**Leading Order Solution:** 
$$F_0 = (4y - 4y^2) + r \left( \frac{1}{3}y - \frac{4}{3}y^2 + \frac{4}{3}y^3 \right) \quad (4.20)$$

### C. First Order Solution

To solve for  $F_1$  in the first order equation, repeat the steps used to find the leading order solution. The leading order equation is taken from (4.7):

$$\underbrace{yF_1^{(4)} + ryF_1^{(3)} + r^2F_1'' + \frac{1}{2}F_0F_0^{(3)} - \frac{1}{2}F_0'F_0'' + 2F_1^{(3)}}_{\text{First Order}} = 0 \quad (4.21)$$

Separate the terms and use (4.21) to substitute in for the  $F_0$  terms:

$$yF_1^{(4)} + ryF_1^{(3)} + r^2F_1'' + 2F_1^{(3)} = -\frac{1}{2}F_0F_0^{(3)} + \frac{1}{2}F_0'F_0'' \quad (4.22)$$

$$F_1 = F_{10} + rF_{11} + \dots \quad (4.23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & yF_{10}^{(4)} + ryF_{11}^{(4)} + ryF_{10}^{(3)} + r^2yF_{11}^{(3)} + r^2F_{10}'' + r^2F_{11}'' + 2F_{10}^{(3)} + r^2F_{11}^{(3)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ (4y - 4y^2) + r \left( \frac{1}{3}y - \frac{4}{3}y^2 + \frac{4}{3}y^3 \right) \right] 8r \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ (4 - 8y) + r \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{8}{3}y + 4y^2 \right) \right] \left[ -8 + r \left( -\frac{8}{3} + 8y \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

$$\underbrace{\left( yF_{10}^{(4)} + 2F_{10}^{(3)} \right)}_{\text{First Order Zero Equation}} + r \underbrace{\left( yF_{11}^{(4)} + yF_{10}^{(3)} + 2F_{10}'' + 2F_{11}^{(3)} \right)}_{\text{First Order First Equation}} \quad (4.25)$$

$$= \underbrace{-16 + 32y}_{\text{First Order Zero Equation}} + r \underbrace{\left( -32y^2 + \frac{64}{3}y - \frac{20}{3} \right)}_{\text{First Order First Equation}}$$

**i. First Order Zero Equation**

Solve the linear ordinary differential equation (first order zero equation), and apply the boundary conditions given in (4.2):

$$y F_{10}^{(4)} + 2F_{10}^{(3)} = -16 + 32y \quad (4.26)$$

$$F_{10} = -\frac{4}{3}y^3 + \frac{4}{9}y^4 + c_1 + y c_2 + y^2 c_3 + c_4 (y - y \ln(y)) \quad (4.27)$$

$$F_{10}(0) = 0 \rightarrow c_1 = 0 \rightarrow F_{10} = -\frac{4}{3}y^3 + \frac{4}{9}y^4 + y c_2 + y^2 c_3 + c_4 (y - y \ln(y))$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (F_{10}'' \sqrt{2y}) = \\ & \sqrt{2} \left( 2 c_3 \sqrt{y} - \frac{c_4}{\sqrt{y}} - 8y \sqrt{y} + \frac{16y^2 \sqrt{y}}{3} \right) = 0 \rightarrow c_4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{10} = -\frac{4}{3}y^3 + \frac{4}{9}y^4 + y c_2 + y^2 c_3$$

$$F_{10}'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{7}{9} + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$F_{10}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \rightarrow -\frac{5}{36} + \frac{c_2}{2} + \frac{c_3}{4} = 1 \rightarrow c_3 = 1, c_2 = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\boxed{F_{10} = \frac{4}{9}y^4 - \frac{4}{3}y^3 + y^2 - \frac{2}{9}y} \quad (4.28)$$

**ii. First Order First Equation**

Next, the components for the first order first equation from (4.25) are taken and set equal to each other. Then it is reordered to separate the  $F_{11}$  and  $F_{10}$  terms:

$$y F_{11}^{(4)} + 2F_{11}^{(3)} = -y F_{10}^{(3)} - 2F_{10}'' - 32y^2 + \frac{64}{3}y - \frac{20}{3} \quad (4.29)$$

Before substituting the  $F_{10}$  terms into (4.29), the derivative forms of (4.28) are determined:

$$F'_{10} = \frac{16}{9}y^3 - 4y^2 + 2y - \frac{2}{9} \quad (4.30)$$

$$F''_{10} = \frac{16}{3}y^2 - 8y + 2 \quad (4.31)$$

$$F'''_{10} = \frac{32}{3}y - 8 \quad (4.32)$$

$$yF_{11}^{(4)} + 2F_{11}^{(3)} = -y\left(\frac{32}{3}y - 8\right) - 2\left(\frac{16}{3}y^2 - 8y + 2\right) - 32y^2 + \frac{64}{3}y - \frac{20}{3} \quad (4.33)$$

$$yF_{11}^{(4)} + 2F_{11}^{(3)} = -\frac{160}{3}y^2 + \frac{136}{3}y - \frac{32}{3} \quad (4.34)$$

$$F_{11} = -\frac{2}{9}y^5 + \frac{17}{27}y^4 - \frac{8}{9}y^3 + c_1 + y c_2 + y^2 c_3 + c_4 (y - y \ln(y)) \quad (4.35)$$

$$F_{11}(0) = 0 \rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$F_{11} = -\frac{2}{9}y^5 + \frac{17}{27}y^4 - \frac{8}{9}y^3 + y c_2 + y^2 c_3 + c_4 (y - y \ln(y)) \quad (4.36)$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (F''_{11} \sqrt{2y}) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left[ \sqrt{2y} \left( 2c_3 - \frac{c_4}{y} - \frac{16y}{3} + \frac{68y^2}{9} - \frac{40y^3}{9} \right) \right] = 0 \rightarrow c_4 = 0$$

$$F_{11} = -\frac{2}{9}y^5 + \frac{17}{27}y^4 - \frac{8}{9}y^3 + y c_2 + y^2 c_3 \quad (4.37)$$

$$F'_{11}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{91}{216} + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \rightarrow c_3 = \frac{91}{216} - c_2$$

$$F_{11}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \rightarrow = \frac{17}{216} + \frac{c_2}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{91}{216} - c_2\right) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow c_3 = \frac{19}{36} \ \& \ c_2 = -\frac{23}{216}$$

$$F_{11} = -\frac{2}{9}y^5 + \frac{17}{27}y^4 - \frac{8}{9}y^3 + \frac{19}{36}y^2 - \frac{23}{216}y \quad (4.38)$$

Substituting equations (4.28) and (4.38) into equation (4.23), the first order first equation solution becomes

$$F_1 = \left(\frac{4}{9}y^4 - \frac{4}{3}y^3 + y^2 - \frac{2}{9}y\right) + r \left(-\frac{2}{9}y^5 + \frac{17}{27}y^4 - \frac{8}{9}y^3 + \frac{19}{36}y^2 - \frac{23}{216}y\right). \quad (4.39)$$

#### D. Complete Solution

Substituting the results from the previous calculations, equations (4.20) and (4.39), into equation (4.4), the solution for  $F$  is obtained.

$$F(y) = (4y - 4y^2) + r \left(\frac{1}{3}y - \frac{4}{3}y^2 + \frac{4}{3}y^3\right) + v \left[\left(\frac{4}{9}y^4 - \frac{4}{3}y^3 + y^2 - \frac{2}{9}y\right) + r \left(-\frac{2}{9}y^5 + \frac{17}{27}y^4 - \frac{8}{9}y^3 + \frac{19}{36}y^2 - \frac{23}{216}y\right)\right] \quad (4.40)$$

Finally, by calculating the derivatives of  $F(y)$ , the final substitutions can be made into the governing equation, (4.1). The governing equation is restated below one final time:

$$yF''' + r(yF'' + 2F') + \frac{1}{2}R(FF''' - F'F'') + 2F''' = 0.$$

## Chapter 5

### Results

The results of the Adomian Decomposition Method are plotted in the following pages. In Figure 3 below, it is apparent that the plots agree with the boundary conditions where the value of  $F = 0$  for  $y = 0$  and  $F = 1$  for  $y = \frac{1}{2}$ . For this plot, the sample values of  $R = 5$  and  $r = 1$  are used. The Adomian Decomposition approximations are plotted along with the perturbation and numerical results [64] for comparison.

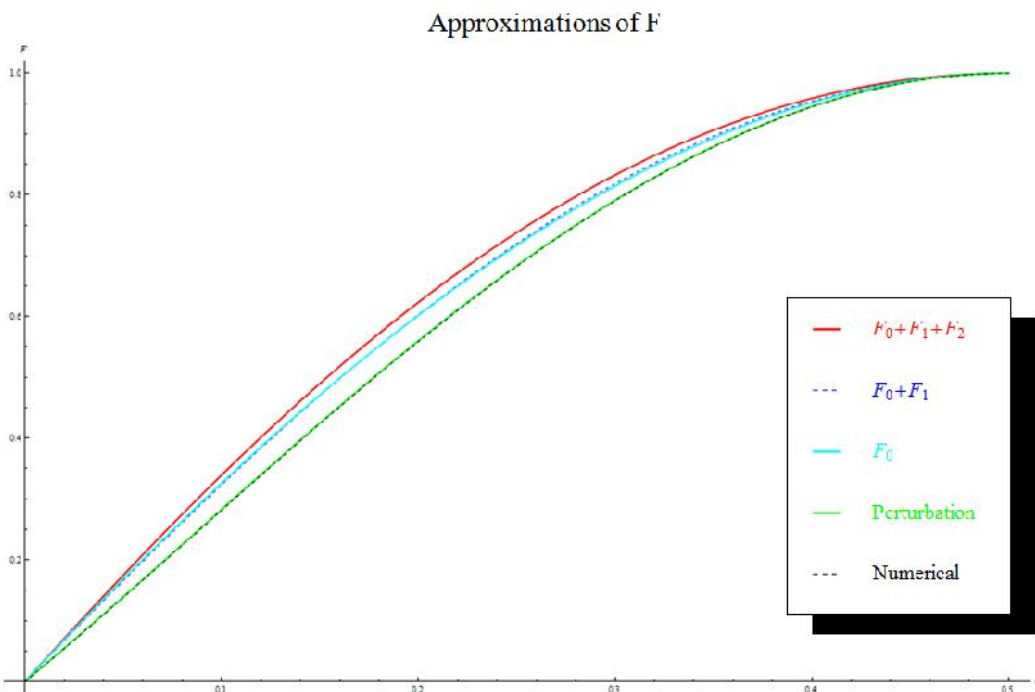


Figure 3.  $F$  vs.  $y$  for  $R=5$ ,  $r=1$ .

By taking the approximation of  $F$  and applying it to the streamfunction (2.9),  $\mathbb{E}$ , at  $y = 0.25$  and using the sample values of  $\epsilon$ ,  $R = 1$ , and  $r = 0.5$ , the velocity components in the x- and y-directions,  $u$  and  $v$ , can be calculated. The corresponding velocity field plot is shown in Figure 4.

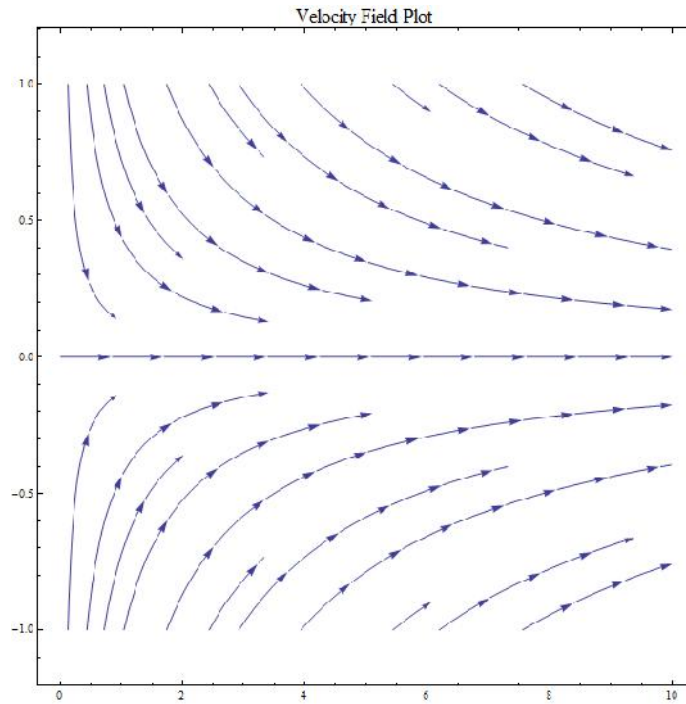


Figure 4. Velocity field plot.

To consider the effects of  $R$ , the resulting equation for  $F$  versus  $x$  is plotted over a range of values in Figure 5, with  $r = 0.25$ . The plot shows that as  $R$  exceeds 50, the equation begins to pull much farther away from the plots at smaller  $R$  values. As  $R$

increases, the value of  $F$  decreases between the boundary points. Recalling the calculations made in the Adomian Decomposition,  $R$  appears at many levels within the zeroth, first, and second order solutions, most often in the denominator. It is, therefore, fitting that changes in  $R$  would have significant effects on the resulting solution, as evidenced in Figure 5.

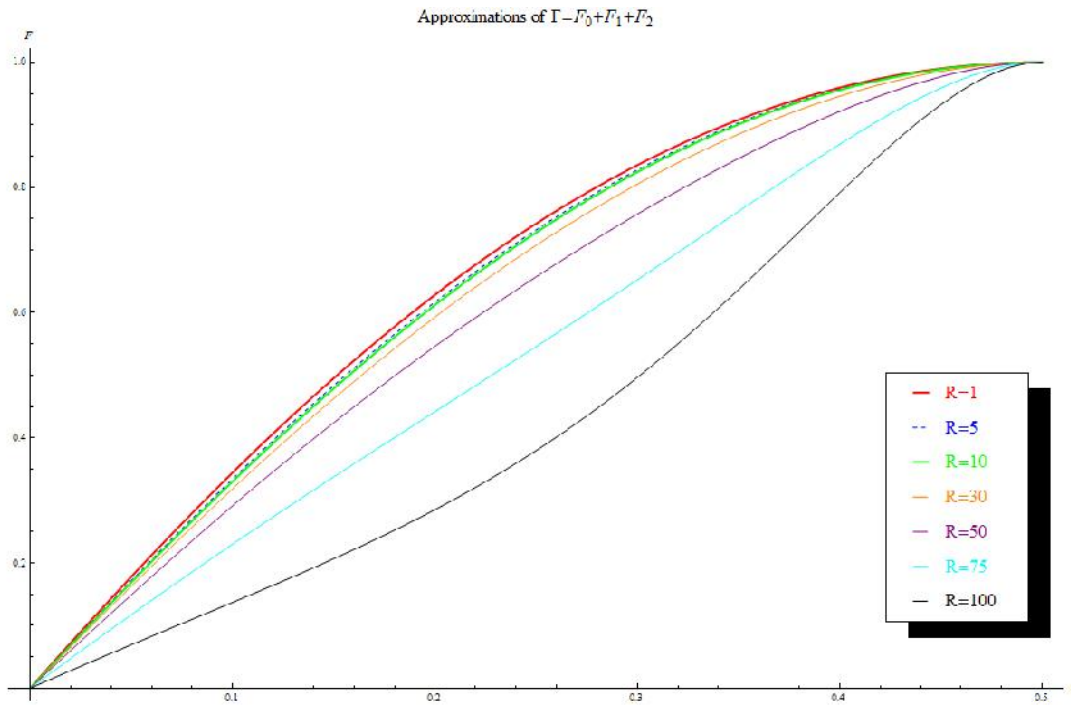


Figure 5. R plots.

To consider the effects of  $r$ , the result is plotted in Figure 6 over a range of values, while  $R = 10$ . The figure demonstrates that as  $r$  increases (closer the value of  $R$ ), the value of  $F$  increases between the boundary points. In the calculation steps which



solve for  $F$ ,  $r$  is commonly found in the numerator, providing for a direct relationship with  $F$ .

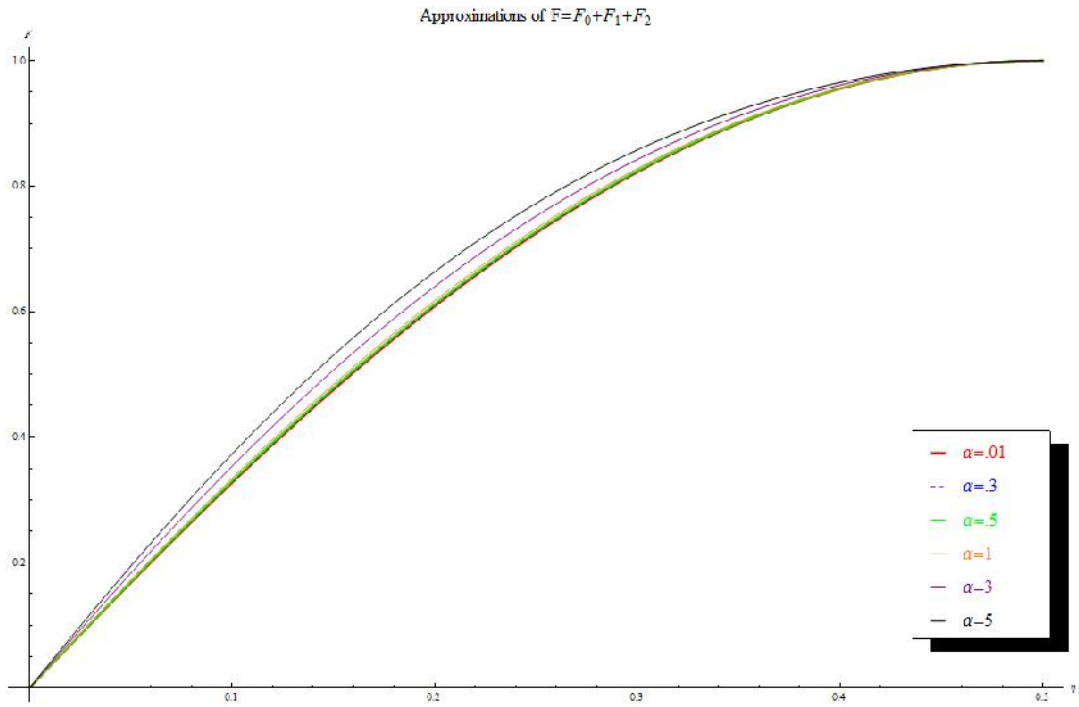


Figure 6. Plots.

## **Chapter 6**

### **Conclusion and Future Work**

In this study, the Adomian Decomposition Method is used to solve the given flowfield equation. The equation, which can be traced back to research pioneered by Berman [1] in the 1950's, is extended to take into account viscosity, wall regression, and wall permeability. Simplifications to the equation, as a result of disregarding the flame zone and treating the flow as compressible and non-reactive, are included to allow us to derive solutions that are largely in accord with observations.

#### **A. Conclusion**

The Adomian Decomposition Method was successfully applied to the governing flowfield equation, which resulted in the approximate solution. The equation was separated into nonlinear, highest-order linear, and the remaining linear terms. The Adomian polynomials were determined, and then the Adomian Decomposition was invoked. Using a four-fold integration as an inverse linear operator, the Adomian polynomials, and the given boundary conditions, the method was applied to obtain the zeroth, first, and second order solutions. These solutions were then added to obtain the final Adomian Decomposition approximate solution, accurate to second order.

#### **B. Future Work**

In future work, the Homotopy Analysis Method (HAM) should be applied to the governing equation to provide a solution using another method. Along with the Adomian Decomposition Method and the asymptotic solution, all three methods can also be

applied to a different problem, or a different form of the presented problem, to provide researchers with additional insight in their respective theoretical, experimental, and computational research.

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