

Blasius-secondary flow flat plate boundary layer similarity solution

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The equations to solve are $f''' + cff'' = 0$, where prime denotes $d/d\eta$, and $h'' + 0.5fh' - f'h + 1 - (f')^2 = 0$.

Here, let $c = 1/2$, following Kundu's book. $c := 0.5$

The boundary conditions are $f'(0)=1$, $f(0)=1$, $f'(\infty)=1$, $h(0)=0$, and $h(\infty)=0$.

Since two of these are at infinity, $f''(0)$ and $h'(0)$ need to be guessed until the boundary conditions at infinity are satisfied.

First define a vector Y which contains five unknowns, $Y_1 = f''$, $Y_2 = f'$, $Y_3 = f$, $Y_4 = h'$, and $Y_5 = h$.

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Known boundary conditions: Guessed boundary conditions:

$Y_2 := 0$ $Y_3 := 0$ $Y_5 := 0$ $Y_1 := 0.332057$ $Y_4 := 1.085973166$

Verify the vector: $Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0.33206 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1.08597 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Now define the derivative vector D which contains the first derivative with respect to η of each variable in the Y vector. This derivative vector D is needed for the Runge-Kutta solution.

Now calculate the solution as η marches from η_{start} to η_{end} . Here Z is the solution matrix, where the first column is η , the second column is Y_1 , the third column is Y_2 , the fourth column is Y_3 , the fifth column is Y_4 , and the last column is Y_5 .

$$D(\eta, Y) := \begin{bmatrix} -c \cdot Y_3 \cdot Y_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ -1 + (Y_2)^2 + Y_2 \cdot Y_5 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot Y_3 \cdot Y_4 \\ Y_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here the function $Rkadapt$ is used, which is similar to $rkfixed$ except it internally uses adaptable spacing instead of fixed spacing (more accuracy where needed). It reports at fixed spacing however.

$\eta_{start} := 0$ $\eta_{end} := 10$ $num_steps := 2000$ $Z := Rkadapt(Y, \eta_{start}, \eta_{end}, num_steps, D)$

Top portion of Z :

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	0.33206	0	0	1.08597	0
2	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.33206	$1.66028 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.15071 \cdot 10^{-6}$	1.08097	$5.41737 \cdot 10^{-3}$
3	0.01	0.33206	$3.32057 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.66028 \cdot 10^{-5}$	1.07597	0.01081
4	0.015	0.33206	$4.98085 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.73564 \cdot 10^{-5}$	1.07097	0.01618
5	0.02	0.33206	$6.64114 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$6.64114 \cdot 10^{-5}$	1.06597	0.02152
6	0.025	0.33206	$8.30142 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.03768 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.06098	0.02684
7	0.03	0.33206	$9.96171 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.49426 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.05598	0.03213
8	0.035	0.33206	0.01162	$2.03385 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.05098	0.0374
9	0.04	0.33206	0.01328	$2.65646 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.04598	0.04264
10	0.045	0.33206	0.01494	$3.36208 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.04098	0.04786

Bottom portion of Z (to verify BCs):

	1	2	3	4	5	6
991	9.95	1.03781·10 ⁻⁸	1	8.22921	-2.12027·10 ⁻⁹	1.43271·10 ⁻⁶
992	9.955	1.01667·10 ⁻⁸	1	8.23421	-1.69195·10 ⁻⁹	1.4327·10 ⁻⁶
993	9.96	9.95948·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.23921	-1.27186·10 ⁻⁹	1.4327·10 ⁻⁶
994	9.965	9.75637·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.24421	3.59864·10 ⁻¹⁰	1.43269·10 ⁻⁶
995	9.97	9.55729·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.24921	-4.558·10 ⁻¹⁰	1.43269·10 ⁻⁶
996	9.975	9.36215·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.25421	5.95158·10 ⁻¹¹	1.43269·10 ⁻⁶
997	9.98	9.17088·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.25921	3.29137·10 ⁻¹⁰	1.43269·10 ⁻⁶
998	9.985	8.9834·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.26421	7.10305·10 ⁻¹⁰	1.43269·10 ⁻⁶
999	9.99	8.79965·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.26921	1.08413·10 ⁻⁹	1.43269·10 ⁻⁶
2000	9.995	8.61955·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.27421	1.45076·10 ⁻⁹	1.4327·10 ⁻⁶
2001	10	8.44303·10 ⁻⁹	1	8.27921	1.81033·10 ⁻⁹	1.43271·10 ⁻⁶

Now generate a plot of the similarity variables: `n := 1 .. num_steps`

