

Technical Comments

Comments on "Similar Laminar Boundary Layer with Large Injection"

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IN Ref. 1 it was stated that to order $1/f_w$ a variation of the pressure gradient parameter β around the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ (for the axisymmetric stagnation point) does not alter the inner constant shear layer structure (see Ref. 1 for definition of symbols). The result is in error because of the use of a perturbation scheme which did not contain consistent orders of magnitude for the various terms. This can be corrected by noting that in the inner layer $f \sim 0$ (f_w) and $\eta \sim 0$ (f_w); thus, the correct variables are $\tilde{f} = f/f_w$ and $\tilde{\eta} = \eta/f_w$. The result shows that relative to the $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ case for a given f_w , the wall shear decreases for $\beta < \frac{1}{2}$, and increases when $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$. However, as indicated in Ref. 1, only the $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ case has constant shear throughout the inner layer.

There is no need to resort to the method discussed in Ref. (1) to study the inner layer. Pretsch² and, more recently, Aroesty and Cole³ have considered boundary-layer flows with asymptotically large injection. The boundary-layer characteristics noted previously and in Ref. 1 are contained in these papers.

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