

Pointwise Bounds in the Cauchy Problem of Elastic Plates

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Let an elastic plate occupy a region D with boundary C . On a portion Σ of C the deflection, slope, moment, and shear are measured. In terms of these data, and crude bounds for the maximum deflection and moment, pointwise bounds for the value of the deflection and its derivatives in D are obtained. These bounds are such that if the data on Σ and the loading perpendicular to the plane of the plate tend to zero, the deflection tends to zero at every point in D . Similar bounds are obtained in the slow flow problem for a viscous fluid.

1. Introduction

The following plate problem is considered. Let an elastic plate occupying a region D in the xy -plane be subjected to a load $p(x,y)$ normal to the plane of the plate. The deflection v satisfies the equation

$$\Delta^2 v = \left(\frac{\partial^4 v}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 v}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 v}{\partial y^4} \right) = p/\mathcal{D}, \quad (1.1)$$

where D denotes the plate rigidity (see [3, p. 488]).¹ We assume that on a portion Σ of the boundary of D we are able to measure the deflection, slope, the sum of the two principle moments, and the normal component of shear with known error; or equivalently we assume

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma} (v-f)^2 d\sigma \leq \alpha_1, & \quad \int_{\Sigma} (v_{,i}-F_i)(v_{,i}-F_i) d\sigma \leq \alpha_2 \\ \int_{\Sigma} (\Delta v-g)^2 d\sigma \leq \alpha_3, & \quad \int_{\Sigma} (\Delta v_{,i}-G_i)(\Delta v_{,i}-G_i) d\sigma \leq \alpha_4 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.2)$$

where f , F_i , g , and G_i are the measured values of $v, v_{,i}$, Δv , and $\Delta v_{,i}$ respectively. In (1.2) the comma denotes differentiation and a repeated subscript i implies summation over i ($i = 1, 2$). The Δ symbol is used throughout to denote the Laplace operator.

In (1.2) then the α_i are assumed to be small known constants. We wish to obtain upper and lower bounds for the solution v at any point in R .

It is well known that as it stands the Cauchy problem for the biharmonic equation is not well posed (see Hadamard [1]). The solution does not depend in a continuous way on the boundary data. We leave aside the question of existence of solution and merely remark that in most physical situations in which one would be interested in considering such a problem the question does not arise. For instance, we might wish to treat an ordinary plate boundary value problem, but find that part of the boundary is inaccessible for measurement of boundary data whereas on another portion of the boundary it is possible to measure v , $\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}$, Δv , and $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\Delta v)$.

If in addition to the Cauchy data we have uniform bounds for both v and Δv throughout D then the solution to the plate problem will be seen to be stable. This is in fact an immediate consequence of the results of Laurentiev [2].

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¹ Figures in brackets indicate the literature references at the end of this paper.

In order to simplify the procedure somewhat we decompose the solution v into

$$v = v_p + v', \quad (1.3)$$

where v_p is any particular solution of (1.1) defined in D and v' satisfies

$$\Delta^2 v' = 0 \quad (1.4)$$

in D . We approximate v' by a biharmonic function ϕ and set $w = v' - \phi$. Thus w satisfies in D

$$\Delta^2 w = 0. \quad (1.5)$$

Also bounds for the Cauchy expressions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \eta_1 &= \int_{\Sigma} w^2 d\sigma, & \eta_2 &= \int_{\Sigma} w_{,i} w_{,i} d\sigma \\ \epsilon_1 &= \int_{\Sigma} (\Delta w)^2 d\sigma, & \epsilon_2 &= \int_{\Sigma} \Delta w_{,i} \Delta w_{,i} d\sigma \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.6)$$

are known. In fact

$$\eta_1 = \int_{\Sigma} [(v' + v_p - f) - (\phi + v_p - f)]^2 d\sigma \leq 2\alpha_1 + 2 \int_{\Sigma} (\phi + v_p - f)^2 d\sigma \quad (1.7)$$

with similar inequalities for η_2 , ϵ_1 , and ϵ_2 . It is clear that if α_1 is small and ϕ can be chosen to approximate $f - v_p$ in mean square on Σ then η_1 will be small. A similar statement holds for η_2 , ϵ_1 , and ϵ_2 . We shall show in this paper that it is possible to obtain an *a priori* bound for w of the following type at any point in R :

$$|w(P)|^2 \leq A_1 M_1^{1-\delta_1} \{a_1 \eta_1 + a_2 \eta_2\}^{\delta_1} + A_2 M_2^{1-\delta_2} \{b_1 \epsilon_1 + b_2 \epsilon_2\}^{\delta_2}, \quad (1.8)$$

where A_1 , A_2 , a_1 , a_2 , b_1 , b_2 , are determined constants, δ_1 and δ_2 are constants satisfying

$$0 < \delta_2 < \delta_1 < 1, \quad (1.9)$$

and M_1 and M_2 are the uniform bounds for w , and Δw in D . It is clear that knowledge of uniform bounds for v' and $\Delta v'$ implies knowledge of uniform bounds for w and Δw since $w - v'$ is a known function.

With an inequality of type (1.8) it is clear from (1.7) and the corresponding inequalities for η_2 , ϵ_1 , and ϵ_2 that if the α_i are sufficiently small and the Rayleigh-Ritz technique is used to make the integral expression on the extreme right small then we obtain close upper and lower bounds for $v'(P)$. This paper will be concerned then with the establishing of (1.8).

2. *A priori* Bounds

We consider a two-dimensional region D bounded by a closed surface C . On a portion Σ of C , Cauchy data are prescribed. We denote the remainder of the surface ($C - \Sigma$) by $\bar{\Sigma}$. (As will become apparent later the portion $\bar{\Sigma}$ need not actually be prescribed.) We now choose the origin of a polar coordinate system at a point P_0 which has the property that there exists a circle $K(r)$ of radius r and center at P_0 such that the intersection of C and $K(r)$ contains no point of $\bar{\Sigma}$. (If two or more disjoint regions are formed by the intersection of $K(r)$ and D , it is sufficient that the boundary of any one of these regions contains no points of $\bar{\Sigma}$.) We denote by D_r the intersection of $K(r)$ and D (the portion whose boundary contains no points of $\bar{\Sigma}$ if two or more disjoint regions are formed) and require that P_0 lie outside of D_r . We denote by R the radius of the largest circle satisfying the above conditions (for a fixed P_0) and by r_0 the radius of the smallest such circle. As indicated in the previous paper [5] we locate P_0 in such a

way that $K(r_0)$ is tangent to D at some point of Σ . Finally we denote by $\omega(r)$ the portion of the surface of $K(r)$ which lies interior to C .

As in [5] we introduce for any function u the notation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \epsilon_1 &= \int_{\Sigma} u^2 d\sigma \\ \epsilon_2 &= \int_{\Sigma} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] d\sigma, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.1)$$

where $d\sigma$ denotes an element of surface area on Σ , and let

$$A_r(u) = \iint_{D_r} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] dx dy. \quad (2.2)$$

In [5] we proved that if u satisfies

$$\Delta u = 0, \quad |u| \leq M \text{ in } D, \quad (2.3)$$

then the functional

$$v(r, u) = \log \left[\int_{r_0}^r \rho^{-1} A_{\rho}(u) d\rho + \kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2 \right] + C (\log r)^2 \quad (2.4)$$

is a convex functional of $\log r$ in $r_0 < r < R$, where

$$C = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{2}) r_0 R^{-1}; \quad \kappa_1 = \frac{3}{2} r_0^{-1}; \quad \kappa_2 = \frac{1}{2} \{ r_0^2 [\log(R/r_0)]^2 + R^2 \} r_0^{-1}. \quad (2.5)$$

It was emphasized in [5] that the constants in [2.5] are usually not the optimal constants, which in any specific problem depend on the geometry of Σ and D as well as the location of P_0 .

An evaluation of the integral in (2.4) leads immediately to the inequality

$$\left| \int_{r_0}^r \rho^{-1} A_{\rho}(u) d\rho - \frac{1}{2} r^{-1} \int_{\omega(r)} u^2 ds \right| \leq r_0^{-1} \epsilon_1 + r_0 \log(R/r_0) \epsilon_2. \quad (2.6)$$

Following the procedure indicated in [5] we are lead to the inequality

$$r^{-1} \int_{\omega(r)} u^2 ds + r_0^{-1} \epsilon_1 + R^2 r_0^{-1} \epsilon_2 \leq 2BM^{2(1-\delta)} (\kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2)^{\delta}. \quad (2.7)$$

The constant B is easily computed and in this case

$$\delta = \log(R/r) / \log(R/r_0). \quad (2.8)$$

In the plate problem under consideration (1.5), (1.6) we now set

$$\Delta w = u. \quad (2.9)$$

Then (2.7) is valid with u replaced by Δw . Since we shall need it later we obtain now by integration the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{D_r} (\Delta w)^2 dx dy + \frac{1}{2} (r^2 - r_0^2) r_0^{-1} \epsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2} (r^2 - r_0^2) R^2 r_0^{-1} \epsilon_2 \\ & \leq 2B \frac{[r^2 M^{2(1-\delta)} (\kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2)^{\delta}] \left[1 - \frac{r_0^2}{r^2} \left(\frac{\kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2}{M^2} \right)^{1-\delta} \right] \log(R/r_0)}{\log[M^2 R^2 / r_0^2 (\kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2)]}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Note that for

$$\kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2 \leq M^2, \quad (2.11)$$

which must hold if the estimates are to be useful, we obtain the cruder but simpler inequality

$$\iint_{D_r} (\Delta w)^2 ds dy + \frac{1}{2} (r^2 - r_0^2)^{-1} r_0 \epsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2} (r^2 - r_0^2) R^2 r_0^{-1} \epsilon_2 \leq B r^2 M^{2(1-\delta)} (\kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2)^\delta. \quad (2.12)$$

We wish to find a bound for $\int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds$. But once such a bound is known then pointwise bounds for w at points in D_r follow at once; for we need merely introduce the biharmonic Green's function $\Gamma(P, Q)$ which vanishes with its Laplacian on the circle of radius r and center at P_0 , and has a fundamental singularity at a point P in D_r . We then make use of the identity

$$w(P) = - \int_{\omega(r)} w \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\Delta \Gamma) ds - \int_{\omega(r)} \Delta w \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial n} ds - \int_{\Sigma'} \left[w \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\Delta \Gamma) - \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} \Delta \Gamma + \Delta w \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial n} - \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\Delta w) \Gamma \right] d\sigma, \quad (2.13)$$

where Σ' denotes the portion of Σ which lies interior to $K(r)$. An application of Schwarz's inequality then yields the desired result.

In order to obtain the bound for $\int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds$ we introduce the following functional:

$$U(r, w) = \log \left\{ \int_{r_0}^r \rho^{-p} \left[A_\rho(w) + \iint_{D_\rho} w \Delta w dx dy \right] d\rho + l_1 \eta_1 + l_2 \eta_2 + l_3 \eta_3 + l_4 \eta_4 \right\} + C_1 r^{-2q}, \quad (2.14)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \eta_1 &= \int_{\Sigma} w^2 d\sigma, & \eta_2 &= \int_{\Sigma} w, {}_i w, {}_i d\sigma, \\ \eta_3 &= \iint_{D_{R_1}} (\Delta w)^2 dx dy, & \eta_4 &= 2BR_1 M^{2(1-\beta)} (\kappa_1 \epsilon + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2)^\beta \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.15)$$

for

$$r_0 < r < R_1 < R; \quad \beta = \log(R/R_1) / \log(R/r_0) \quad (2.16)$$

and

$$p > 1, \quad q > p - 1. \quad (2.17)$$

We demonstrate that for p and q satisfying (2.17) and the constants l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4 , and C_1 suitably chosen, U is a convex function of r^{-q} .

To this end we introduce the notation

$$U(r, w) = \log E(r, w) + C_1 r^{-2q} \quad (2.18)$$

(where E is the term in braces in (2.14)), and form

$$\begin{aligned} q^2 E^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{(\partial r^{-q})^2} &= E \left\{ (q+1-p) r^{2q+1-p} \left[A_r(w) + \iint_{D_r} w \Delta w dx dy \right] + r^{2(q+1)-p} \left(\int_{\omega(r)} [|\text{grad } w|^2 \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + w \Delta w] ds \right) \right\} - r^{2(q+1)-p} \left[A_r(w) + \iint_{D_r} w \Delta w dx dy \right]^2 + 2q^2 C_1 E^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

As in [5] we obtain in a straightforward manner the inequality

$$m_1 \eta_1 + m_2 \eta_2 \leq E - \frac{1}{2} r^{-p} \int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds - \frac{1}{2} (p-1) \iint_{D_r} \rho^{-(p+1)} w^2 dx dy - l_3 \eta_3 - l_4 \eta_4 \leq n_1 \eta_1 + n_2 \eta_2, \quad (2.20)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m_1 &= l_1 - \frac{(p+2)r_0^{-p}}{2(p+1)}, & m_2 &= l_2 - \frac{r_0^{-(p-2)}}{2(p+1)}, \\ n_1 &= l_1 + \frac{(p+2)r_0^{-p}}{2(p+1)}, & n_2 &= l_2 + \frac{r_0^{-(p-2)}}{2(p+1)}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.21)$$

The constants l_1 and l_2 are to be so chosen that m_1 and m_2 are positive.

By Green's theorem

$$A_r(w) + \iint_{D_r} w \Delta w dx dy = \int_{w(r)} w \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} ds + \int_{\Sigma_r} w \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} d\sigma. \quad (2.22)$$

Thus by applying Schwarz's inequality in (2.22) and using the fact that the arithmetic mean is not less than the geometric mean we obtain from (2.19) using (2.21), (2.7), and (2.9)

$$\begin{aligned} q^2 E^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{(\partial r^{-q})^2} &\geq \frac{1}{2} r^{-p} \int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds \left\{ (q+1-p)r^{2q+1-p} \left[A_r(w) - \frac{b_1}{2} r^{-2} \iint_{D_r} w^2 dx dy - \frac{r^2}{2b_1} \eta_3 \right] \right. \\ &+ r^{2(q+1)-p} \left[\int_{\omega(r)} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \right)^2 \right\} ds - \frac{b_2 r^{-2}}{2} \int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds - \frac{r^2}{2b_2} \eta_4 \right] - \frac{\alpha_1}{2} (\gamma_1 \eta_1 + \gamma_2 \eta_2) \left. \right\} \\ &+ \left[\frac{(p-1)}{2} \iint_{D_r} r^{-(p+1)} w^2 dx dy + m_1 \eta_1 + m_2 \eta_2 + l_3 \eta_3 + l_4 \eta_4 \right] \\ &\times \left\{ (q+1-p)r^{2q+1-p} \left[A_r(w) - \frac{b_3 r^{-2}}{2} \iint_{D_r} w^2 dx dy - \frac{r^2}{2b_3} \eta_3 \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + r^{2(q+1)-p} \left[\int_{\omega(r)} |\text{grad } w|^2 ds - \frac{b_4}{2} \int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds - \frac{\eta_4}{2b_4} \right] \right\} \\ &- \frac{1}{2\alpha_1} \int_{\omega(r)} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \right)^2 ds (\gamma_1 \eta_1 + \gamma_2 \eta_2) - \eta_1 \eta_2 \\ &+ 2q^2 C_1 \left\{ \frac{r^{-p}}{2} \int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds + \frac{(p-1)}{2} \iint_{D_r} r^{-(p+1)} w^2 dx dy + l_3 \eta_3 + l_4 \eta_4 + m_1 \eta_1 + m_2 \eta_2 \right\}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

where $\alpha_1, b_1, b_2, b_3,$ and b_4 are arbitrary positive constants. From the Rellich identity [6, 7], it follows that

$$r \int_{\omega(r)} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \right)^2 \right\} ds = 2 \iint_{D_r} r \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \Delta w dx dy + 2 \int_{\Sigma_r} r \frac{\partial r}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} d\sigma - \int_{\Sigma_r} r \frac{\partial r}{\partial n} |\text{grad } w|^2 d\sigma. \quad (2.24)$$

Thus, for any $\delta_1 > 0$,

$$\int_{\omega(r)} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \right)^2 \right\} ds \geq -\frac{\delta_1}{r} A_r(w) - \frac{r}{\delta_1} \eta_3 - \sqrt{2} \eta_2. \quad (2.25)$$

If $\partial^2 U / (\partial r^{-q})^2$ is to be non-negative, then the coefficient of the term $A_r(w) \int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds$ must be non-negative. After insertion of (2.25) in (2.23) we find that this coefficient is positive if

$$q - p + 1 - \delta_1 \geq 0. \quad (2.26)$$

The coefficients of all other terms may be made positive by choosing C_1 sufficiently large provided

$$p > 1. \tag{2.27}$$

But (2.26) and (2.27) are just the imposed conditions (2.17). Hence for such a choice of the constants, U is a convex function of r^{-q} .

We now let

$$\delta^* = [(R_1/\gamma_0)^{-q} - 1] / [(R_1/\gamma_0)^{-q} - 1]. \tag{2.28}$$

It follows then that

$$e^{Cr^{-2q}} E(r, w) \leq [e^{CR_1^{-2q}} E(R_1, w)]^{1-\delta^*} [e^{Cr_0^{-2q}} E(r_0, w)]^{\delta^*}. \tag{2.29}$$

Using (2.20) we obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} r^{-p} \int_{\omega(r)} w^2 ds + \frac{(p-1)}{2} \int w^2 r^{-(p+1)} dx dy + m_1 \eta_1 + m_2 \eta_2 + l_3 \eta_3 + l_4 \eta_4 \\ \leq C_1 M_1^{1-\delta^*} \{m_1 \eta_1 + m_2 \eta_2\}^{\delta^*} + C_2 M_2^{1-\delta'} \{\kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2\}^{\delta'}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.30}$$

where the constants C_1 and C_2 are determined as indicated in [5]. We have used (2.10) or (2.12) for η_3 and the notation

$$\delta' = \delta \delta^*. \tag{2.31}$$

By use of Schwarz's inequality and inequalities (2.7), (2.9), and (2.30), equation (2.13) then yields the desired pointwise bounds for $w(P)$ at any point P in D_r .

In order to obtain the desired bounds in $D - D_r$ we first form from (2.13) $w_{,i}$, Δw and $\Delta w_{,i}$. For P a finite distance from the boundary of D_r the differentiation may be carried out under the integral sign on the right and all of the resulting integrals converge. Thus using (2.7), (2.9), (2.13), (2.29) we obtain the pointwise bounds in D_r not only for $w(P)$, but also for the quantities $|\text{grad } w|$, Δw and $\text{grad } \Delta w$ (in fact estimates for any derivative of w). If we now integrate these inequalities over a portion of a spherical surface $\omega(r_1)$, where $r_1 < r$ and each point on $\omega(r_1)$ is a finite distance from Σ , then we may regard $\omega(r_1)$ as a new Cauchy surface and proceed to define a new region D_{r_1} , continuing as indicated in [5]. We are thus able to obtain pointwise bounds for w and its derivatives at any point on the interior of D .

3. Analogous Viscous Flow Problems

Instead of interpreting our biharmonic Cauchy problem as a plate problem we could also have considered v in (1) to be the stream function in the slow flow of an incompressible viscous fluid [4, p. 541] (here $p \equiv 0$). However, in this problem the actual value of v is of no physical significance. The velocity components are expressed in terms of derivatives of v , and the physical quantities which we measure on Σ are the velocity components, the vorticity and the pressure gradient. In terms of v the vorticity is the Laplacian of v and the pressure gradient involves the derivatives of Δv .

Hence we are interested in estimating only the derivatives of v and not v itself. At the same time we would like for these bounds to involve only η_2 , ϵ_1 , and ϵ_2 , and not η_1 . In order to

accomplish this we consider instead of (2.13) the identity

$$\begin{aligned} w(P) - w(\bar{P}) = - \int_{\omega(r)} [w - w(\bar{P})] \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\Delta \Gamma) ds - \int_{\omega(r)} \Delta w \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial n} ds \\ - \int_{\Sigma'} \left\{ [w - w(\bar{P})] \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\Delta \Gamma) - \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} \Delta P + \Delta w \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial n} - \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\Delta w) \Gamma \right\} d\sigma, \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

where \bar{P} is the point on Σ at which $K(r_0)$ is tangent to C .

For points away from the boundary of D_r we differentiate (3.1) carrying out the differentiation of Γ on the right. An application of Schwarz's inequality yields the same types of terms as those encountered previously except for the terms $\int_{\omega(r)} [w-w(\bar{P})]^2 ds$ and $\int_{\Sigma} [w-w(\bar{P})]^2 d\sigma$. Using the arguments employed in deriving (2.29) with w replaced by $w-w(\bar{P})$, we may bound the integral over $\omega(r)$ in terms of η_2 , ϵ_1 , ϵ_2 , and $\int_{\Sigma} [w-w(\bar{P})]^2 d\sigma$. Let us now define λ by

$$\lambda = \min_{\psi} \frac{\int_0^l \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \sigma} \right)^2 d\sigma}{\int_0^l \psi^2 d\sigma} \quad (3.2)$$

among continuously differentiable functions ψ which vanish at the origin. The number λ is the lowest eigenvalue for a vibrating string fixed at the origin and free at $\sigma=l$. Thus

$$\lambda = \pi^2/4l^2. \quad (3.3)$$

We now let l be the shortest distance on Σ from \bar{P} to either of the points of intersection of $\omega(r)$ and Σ , and denote by L the length of Σ . Thus

$$l \leq L/2 \quad (3.4)$$

and since $w-w(\bar{P})$ is clearly an admissible function ψ in (2.32)—the origin being taken at \bar{P} —we obtain using (3.3) and (3.4)

$$\int_{\Sigma} [w-w(\bar{P})]^2 d\sigma \leq L^2 \pi^{-2} \int_{\Sigma} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial \sigma} \right)^2 d\sigma \leq L^2 \pi^{-2} \eta_2. \quad (3.5)$$

It is thus possible to obtain in D_r the following bounds for the velocity components $w_{,x}$ using (2.7), (2.9), (2.30), (3.5), and (2.13):

$$|w_{,x} w_{,x}|^2 \leq C'_1 M_1^{1-\delta^*} \eta_2^{\delta^*} + C'_2 M_2^{1-\delta'} \{ \kappa_1 \epsilon_1 + \kappa_2 \epsilon_2 \}^{\delta'}, \quad (3.6)$$

where C'_1 and C'_2 are constants and all other terms are the same as those occurring on the right in (2.30). Note that as in [5] the constant M_1 , which is a bound for $|w-w(\bar{P})|$, may be replaced by a constant L_1 , which involves a bound for the kinetic energy in D .

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This is the third of a series of papers on the Stokes (slow viscous) flow about axially symmetric bodies immersed in a uniform flow parallel to the axis of symmetry. The flow itself then has axial symmetry and is amenable to attack by the generalized axially symmetric potential theory of A. Weinstein. In this particular paper the flow in multiple connected regions is considered and, in particular, the problem of flow about a torus is solved. The mathematical problem which characterizes the flow does not have a unique solution. Uniqueness is insured by the physical condition that the pressure be continuous throughout the flow field.

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3. Current phase, from 1955. The most general constitutive equations consistent with the observed phenomena are determined.

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It is the purpose of this paper to present three charts, which will enable one to easily compute the bivariate normal integral to a maximum error of 10^{-2} . This should be sufficient for most practical applications. Owen and Wiesen [5] have also presented charts with a similar objective; however, as pointed out below, we believe the charts presented here lend themselves more easily to visual interpolation. Actually the motivation for these charts came from the Owen and Wiesen work.

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