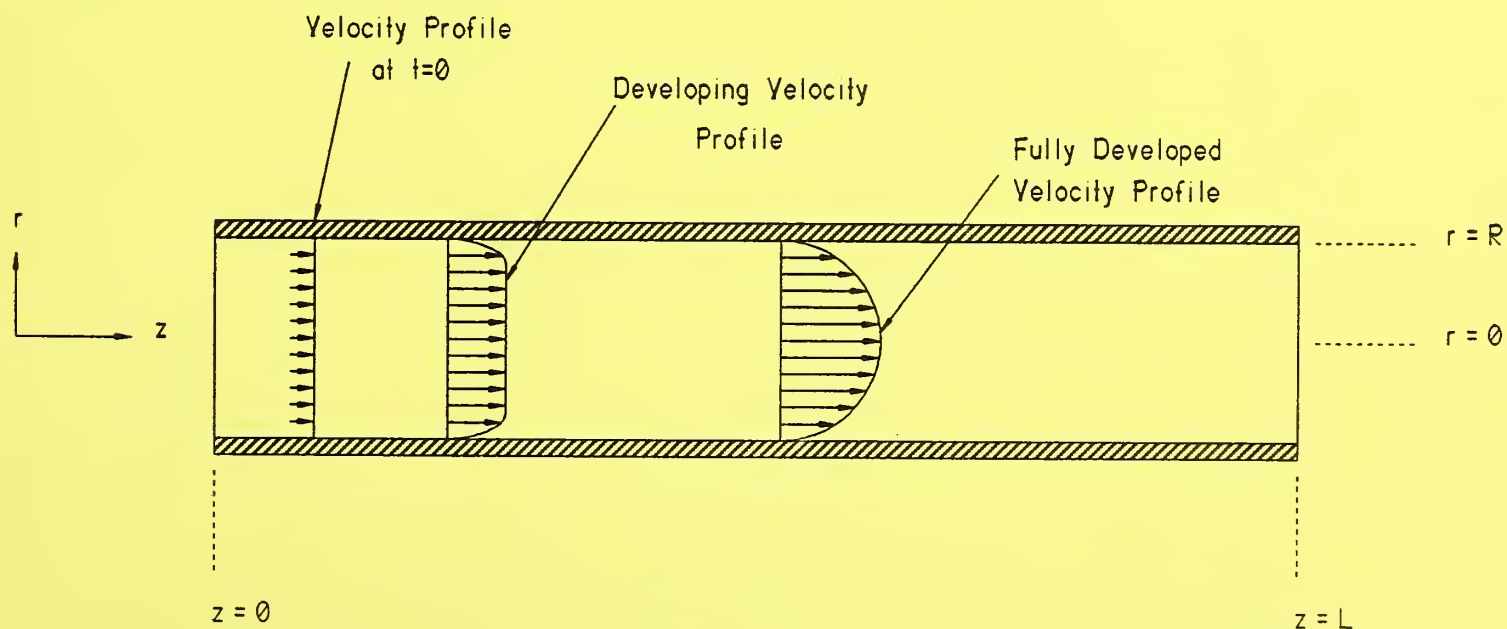


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HERCOL, a computer code for the integration of second—order differential equations in one space dimension by Hermitian collocation, was used to calculate the unsteady velocity profiles for laminar flow in a circular tube. The code was tested for stability and accuracy on this problem for which an analytical solution exists prior to application to a like problem in which the initial and boundary conditions preclude the existence of analytical solutions.

The test problem is one in which a pressure gradient is imposed on a fluid initially at rest in a circular tube; the fluid accelerates, and, at steady state, has a parabolic velocity profile. A second example was constructed from the first; a pressure gradient equal but opposite in sign is imposed on the fluid with a fully developed parabolic velocity profile. At steady state, the velocity is again parabolic but in the opposite direction to that at the initial conditions.

Excellent agreement with the analytical solution was obtained in the first problem; in the second, the behaviour was as expected. This example is suitable for first—time users of the code.

Key words: numerical integration; partial differential equation; unsteady—state laminar flow;

INTRODUCTION

Velocity profiles for two examples of unsteady laminar flow of a fluid of constant density, ρ , and constant viscosity, μ , in a horizontal tube of length L and radius R (Figure 1) were calculated with the aid of HERCOL [1], a computer code for the integration of second—order differential operators in one space dimension. For the first example, the analytical solution [2,3] was compared with the results obtained from the code to assess the performance of HERCOL and to estimate its efficacy for the solution of similar problems for which no analytical solution exists. A simple modification of the first example to form a second was used to emphasize the speed and ease with which problems, with no readily available analytical solution may be solved with HERCOL.

In addition to serving as a test for HERCOL, the solution may be useful for estimating the time required for the flow in a sampling tube operated in a periodic fashion to achieve steady state.

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A pressure gradient, $-\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$, of constant magnitude $(p_0 - p_L)/L$ is imposed on a fluid contained in a tube shown in Figure 1. The fluid initially at rest is accelerated and at steady state has the Poiseuille velocity distribution given in Table 1

As shown in Table 2, the equations of continuity and motion are combined, and the result is transformed by a change of variables; the solution in the form of an infinite series is obtained by separation of variables [3].

The second example was constructed from the first; the fluid was assumed to have a Poiseuille velocity distribution initially, and the imposed pressure gradient had the same magnitude but opposite sign. The effect was to decelerate and reverse the flow. The equation of motion and related boundary conditions and initial conditions are listed in Table 3.

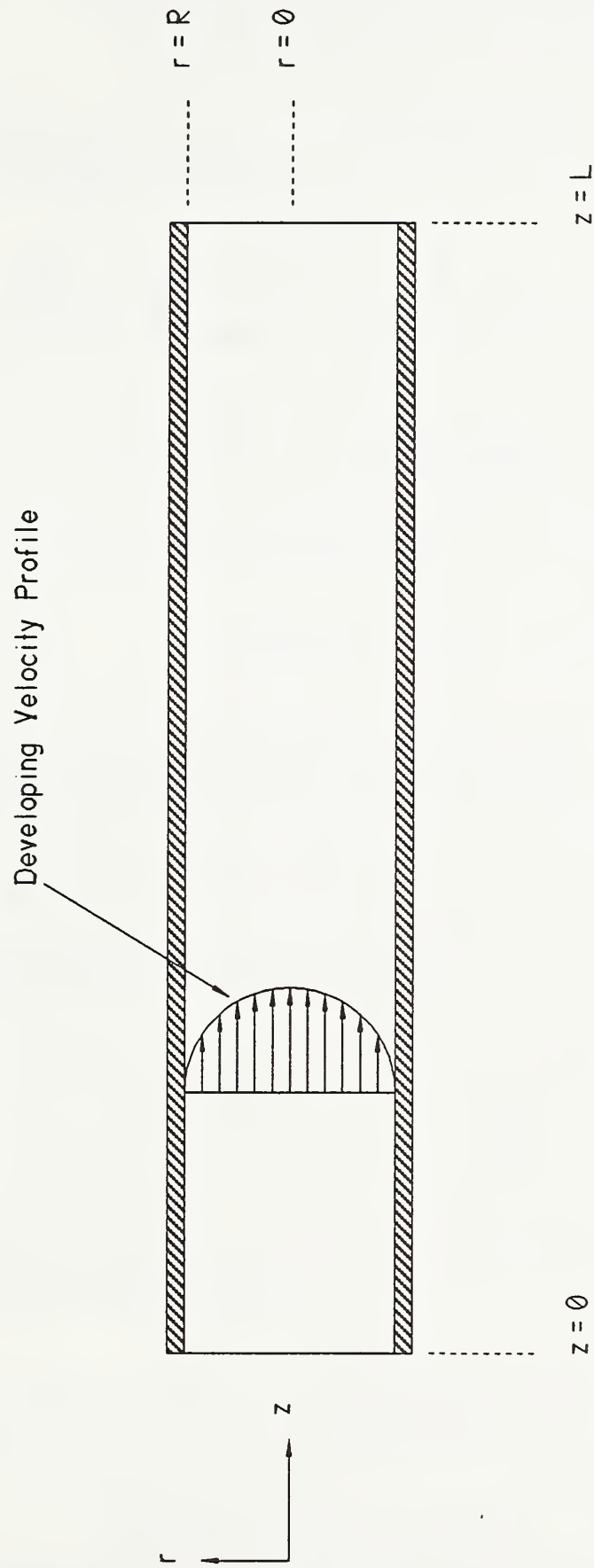


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the cylindrical tube.

TABLE 1
POISEUILLE VELOCITY PROFILE

Dimensional Form	
Velocity Profile	$v_z = v_{\max} [1 - (r/R)^2]$
Maximum Velocity	$v_{\max} = (p_0 - p_L) \frac{R^2}{4\mu}$

Dimensionless Form	
Dimensionless Velocity	$\phi = v_z/v_{\max}$
Dimensionless Position Variable	$\xi = r/R$
Dimensionless Velocity Profile	$\phi = 1 - \xi^2$

TABLE 2

EQUATIONS OF CONTINUITY AND MOTION
IN CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES (r, θ, z)
FOR A FLUID INITIALLY AT REST

<p>EQUATION OF CONTINUITY ($v_r, v_\theta = 0$, ρ and μ constant)</p> $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho v_z) = 0$
<p>EQUATION OF MOTION ($v_r, v_\theta \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0$, ρ and μ constant)</p> $\rho \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right] \right]$
<p>TRANSFORMATION OF VARIABLES</p> $\phi = \frac{v_z}{v_{\max}} \quad -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = (p_0 - p_L)/L \quad \xi = r/R \quad \tau = \frac{\mu t}{\rho R^2}$
<p>TRANSFORMATION OF EQUATION OF MOTION</p> $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} = 4 + \frac{1}{\xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left[\xi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} \right] \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} = 4 + \left[\frac{1}{\xi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^2} \right]$
<p>INITIAL BOUNDARY CONDITIONS</p> <p>I.C.: $\tau = 0 \quad \phi = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq \xi \leq 1$</p> <p>B.C. 1: $\xi = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} = 0$</p> <p>B.C. 2: $\xi = 1 \quad \phi = 0$</p>
<p>ANALYTICAL SOLUTION [3]</p> $\phi = (1-\xi^2) - 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{J_0(\alpha_n \xi)}{\alpha_n^3 J_1(\alpha_n)} e^{-\alpha_n^2 \tau}$ <p style="text-align: center;">where α_n are the roots of $J_0(\alpha)$</p>

TABLE 3

EQUATIONS OF CONTINUITY AND MOTION
IN CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES (r, θ, z)
FOR A FLUID INITIALLY IN MOTION

<p>EQUATION OF CONTINUITY ($v_r, v_\theta = 0$, ρ and μ constant)</p> $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho v_z) = 0$		
<p>EQUATION OF MOTION ($v_r, v_\theta \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0$, ρ and μ constant)</p> $\rho \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right] \right]$		
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<p>TRANSFORMATION OF EQUATION OF MOTION</p> $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} = -4 + \frac{1}{\xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left[\xi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} \right] \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} = -4 + \left[\frac{1}{\xi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^2} \right]$		
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COMPARISON OF NUMERICAL AND ANALYTICAL SOLUTIONS

Velocity profiles, Figure 2, for the example in which the fluid was initially at rest, were calculated on the interval 0 to 1 with steps of 0.1, [0 (0.1) 1.0], for the equation of motion written in the form

$$\xi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} = 4 \xi + \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} + \xi \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^2} \right]$$

to eliminate numerical difficulties at $\xi = 0$. Results from HERCOL are denoted by asterisks "*", analytical solutions are shown as dashed curves (---), and the steady—state solution is shown as a solid line (—). Tables 4 and 5 list values of ϕ for ξ on the interval [0, (0.1), 1.0] calculated from HERCOL, and from the analytical solution; for practical purposes, the results are identical.

Figure 3 is a plot of the velocity profiles for the second example; the fluid is initially in motion with a Poiseuille velocity distribution and a pressure gradient with the same magnitude as in the first example but with opposite sign as imposed on the flow at $\tau = 0$. At $\tau = 0.05$, the velocity profile has been distorted and at $\tau = 0.20$, the flow is in the opposite direction. At steady—state, the velocity profile is symmetric about $\phi = 0$ with respect to the initial velocity profile. A condition such as this may occur in the discharge lines of a surge—type gas compressor.

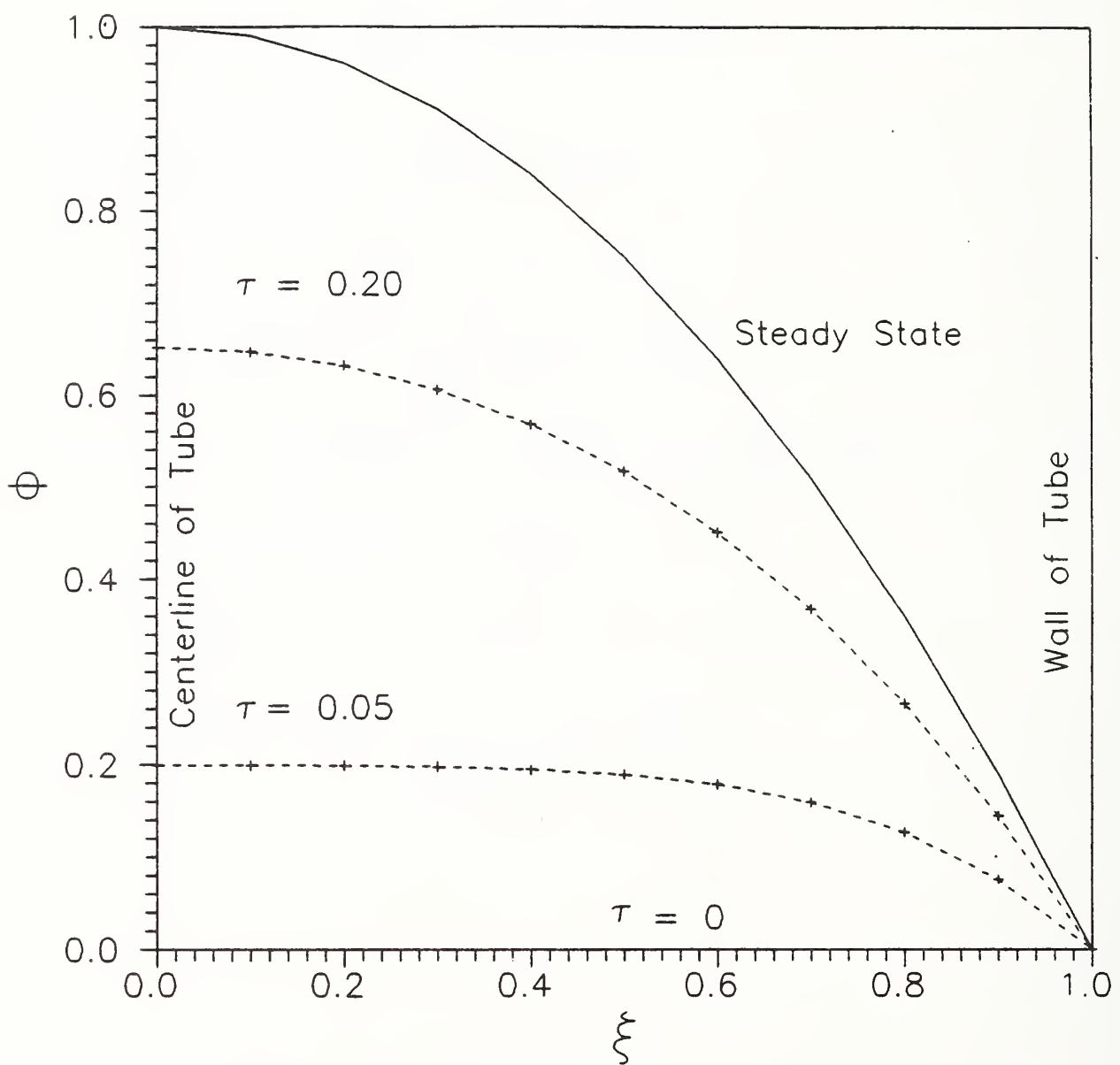


Figure 2. Velocity profiles for unsteady laminar flow in a circular tube, fluid at rest initially.

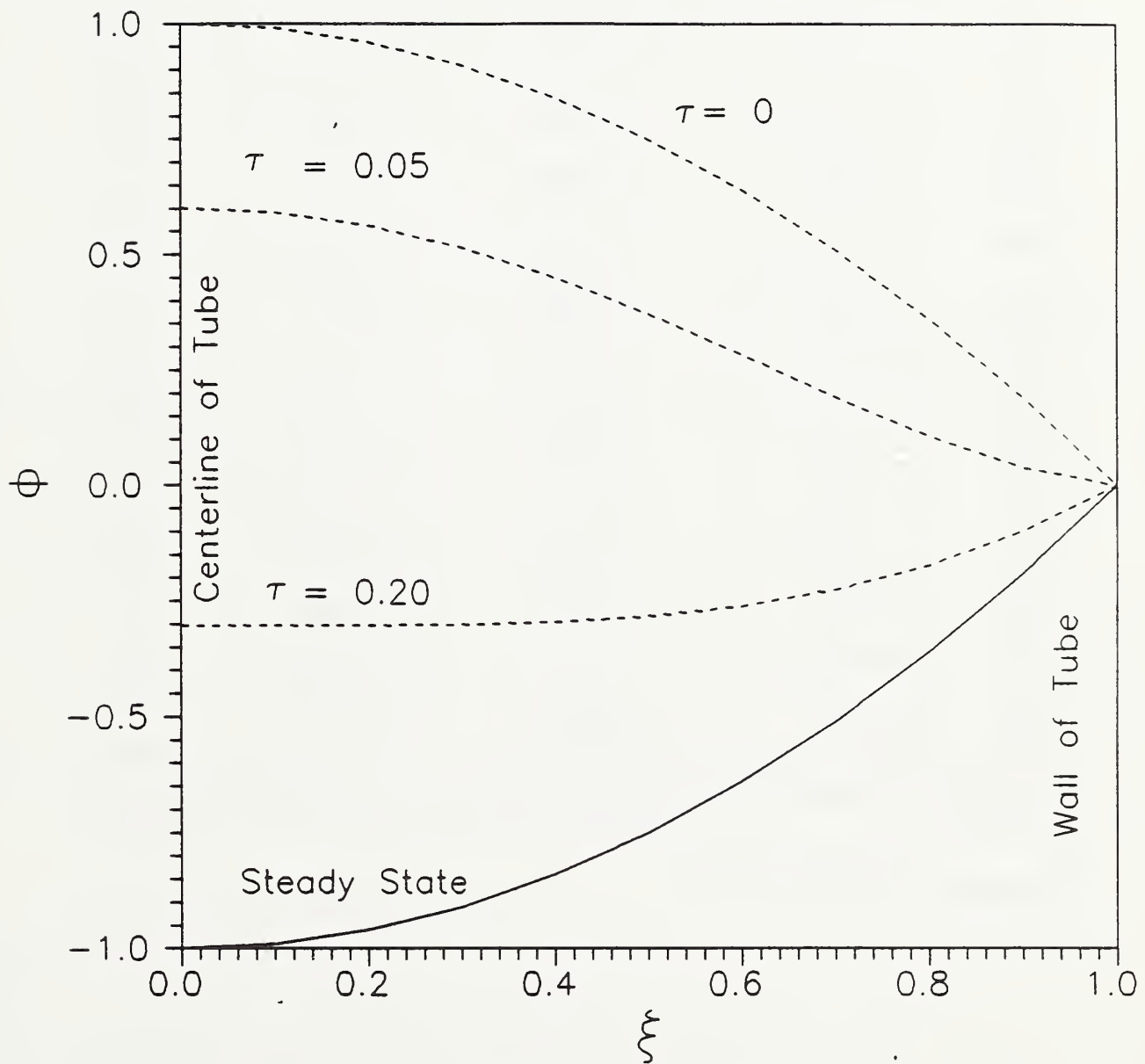


Figure 3. Velocity profiles for unsteady laminar flow in a cylindrical tube, fluid in motion initially.

TABLE 4

COMPARISON OF NUMERICAL AND ANALYTICAL SOLUTIONS OF

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} = 4 + \left[\frac{1}{\xi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^2} \right]$$

ON THE INTERVAL [0 (0.1) 1.0] AT $\tau = 0.05$

ξ	ϕ_{HERCOL}	$\phi_{\text{analytical}}$	% Difference
0.00	0.19962	0.19959	0.015
0.10	0.19948	0.19946	0.010
0.20	0.19897	0.19894	0.015
0.30	0.19772	0.19769	0.015
0.40	0.19497	0.19495	0.010
0.50	0.18935	0.18933	0.011
0.60	0.17861	0.17859	0.011
0.70	0.15936	0.15934	0.013
0.80	0.12701	0.12698	0.024
0.90	0.07594	0.07592	0.026
1.00	0.00000	0.00000	—

ϕ_{HERCOL} : numerical results from HERCOL

$\phi_{\text{analytical}}$: analytical solution

TABLE 5

COMPARISON OF NUMERICAL AND ANALYTICAL SOLUTIONS OF

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} = 4 + \left[\frac{1}{\xi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^2} \right]$$

ON THE INTERVAL [0 (0.1) 1.0] AT $\tau = 0.20$

ξ	ϕ HERCOL	ϕ analytical	% Difference
0.00	0.65181	0.65178	0.005
0.10	0.64680	0.64678	0.003
0.20	0.63158	0.63156	0.003
0.30	0.60551	0.60549	0.003
0.40	0.56759	0.56758	0.002
0.50	0.51646	0.51645	0.002
0.60	0.45049	0.45048	0.002
0.70	0.36782	0.36781	0.003
0.80	0.26650	0.26650	0
0.90	0.14454	0.14453	0.007
1.00	0.00000	0.00000	—

ϕ HERCOL : numerical results from HERCOL

ϕ analytical : analytical solution

CONCLUSIONS

The performance of HERCOL was quite satisfactory for the solution of the equation of motion in cylindrical coordinates,

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} = 4 + \left[\frac{1}{\xi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^2} \right],$$

with combined Dirichlet, $\phi \Big|_{\xi}$, and Neumann, $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} \Big|_{\xi}$, boundary conditions.

The code will be useful for generation of solutions for similar problems in which the initial and boundary conditions preclude analytical solutions, the equation of state is not a simple function, or the transport properties of the fluid are not constant.

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NOMENCLATURE**Symbols** p = pressure r = radial coordinate, L R = tube radius, L t = time, t v = velocity, L/t z = rectangular coordinate, L α = roots of Bessel function of the first kind, zero order ρ = density, M/L² ξ = dimensionless position variable ϕ = dimensionless velocity variable θ = azimuthal coordinate, radians τ = dimensionless time variable**Subscripts**

analytical analytical solution

HERCOL numerical solution

L station "L"

max maximum

z z—component

0 station "0"

Mathematical Functions J_0 = Bessel function of the first kind, zero order J_1 = Bessel function of the first kind, first order

APPENDIX A

LISTING OF SOURCE CODE FOR CALCULATION OF
UNSTEADY LAMINAR VELOCITY PROFILES

C Name: BSL126.FOR
 C Required: HERCOL.FOR
 C Purpose: Solve for unsteady laminar flow in a
 C circular duct, Example 4.1-1 BSL
 C Keywords: fluid flow, laminar, duct, unsteady
 C Type: Program
 C Status: Experimental
 C Reference: Bird, R.B., W.E. Stewart, and E.N. Lightfoot,
 C "Transport Phenomena", John Wiley & Sons, New York
 C (1960), p. 126
 C Version: 011591

PROGRAM HCTEST

PARAMETER (NU1=81, NU2=4, LW=20)
 REAL RWORK(10000), XPTS(NU1), U(NU1, NU2)
 REAL WL(LW), WR(LW)
 REAL XO(NU1), UX(NU1, NU2), UERR(NU1,3), UMX, SECOND
 REAL RTOL, ATOL, T, TOUT, CPU1, CPU2, PI2, ALPHA, EPSA, EPSR
 INTEGER IWORK(1000), INFO(15), NODE(2), LUNIT, NPRT, NSYS
 INTEGER NPTS, LRW, LIW, MESS, L, NPDE, M, K, IDID, NODE2, I

COMMON /FCOM/ NSYS
 COMMON /INICOM/ ALPHA
 COMMON /TOLCOM/ NODE2(2), EPSR, EPSA

C INTEGER NU1, NU2, LW

DATA LRW, LIW/20000, 1000/

C OPEN(9, FILE='BSERRM.OUT', STATUS='UNKNOWN')
 OPEN(10, FILE='BSCALCS.OUT', STATUS='UNKNOWN')

C DO 600, MM = 1,5

MESS = 10

C WRITE ERROR MESSAGES ON UNIT 9

LUNIT = 9

NSYS = 2

C INITIAL VALUE OF THE TIME-LIKE VARIABLE

T = 0.

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C FINAL VALUE OF THE INTEGRATION VARIABLE
      TOUT = 0.20

C INFO IS USED TO SET OPTIONS
      DO 005, L = 1,15
        INFO(L) = 0
005  CONTINUE

C ALPHA = 10**(MM + 1)
C WRITE (MESS, 200) ALPHA

C NUMBER OF ODE VARIABLES WL AT LEFT BOUNDARY XPTS(1)
      NODE(1) = 0

C NUMBER OF ODE VARIABLES WR AT RIGHT BOUNDARY XPTS(NPTS)
      NODE(2) = 0

C RELATIVE AND ABSOLUTE ERROR TOLERANCES
      RTOL=1.0E-4
      ATOL=1.0E-4

C NUMBER OF COMPONENTS IN THE VECTOR OF UNKNOWNNS, U
      NPDE = 1

C NUMBER OF BREAKPOINTS, XPTS(1)...XPTS(NPTS)
      NPTS = 11

C SET UP THE MESH AND SPECIFY THE INITIAL VALUE OF U
      DO 010 I=1,NPTS
        XPTS(I) = REAL(I-1)/REAL(NPTS-1)

C Bird, Stewart, and Lightfoot (4.1-28)
      U(I,1) = 0.0
C Bird, Stewart, and Lightfoot (4.1-27)
      UX(I,1) = 0.0

010  CONTINUE

      EPSR=RTOL
      EPSA=ATOL

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      NODE2(1)=NODE(1)
      NODE2(2)=NODE(2)

C  WRITE OUT THE INPUT PARAMETERS
      WRITE (MESS,198)
      WRITE (MESS, 210) NPDE, NPTS, T, TOUT, RTOL, ATOL, NSYS,
$      (INFO(L), L=1, 15)
      WRITE (MESS, 220) NODE

C  TIME THE HERCOL SUBROUTINE

      CPU1 = SECOND()

      CALL HERCOL(INFO, IDID, U, UX, NU1, NPTS, NPDE, WL, WR, NODE, XPTS,
1      T, TOUT, RTOL, ATOL, RWORK, LRW, IWORK, LIW, LUNIT)

      CPU2 = SECOND() - CPU1

      IF(IDID .LT. 0) THEN
          WRITE (MESS,230) IDID,T
          GOTO 600
      END IF

      WRITE (MESS, 240) T, IDID, CPU2
      WRITE (MESS, 250) RWORK(7), (IWORK(L), L=11, 15), IWORK(8)

C  CALCULATE THE ERROR
      IFLAG = 0

      UMX = 0.0
      SQERR = 0.0

C  COMPUTE THE SQUARE ERROR

C      DO 020 I = 1,NPTS
C          VAL = THETA(XPTS(I), T, IFLAG)
C          UERR(I,1) = ABS(U(I,1) - VAL)
C          UMX = MAX(UMX,ABS(UERR(I,1)))
C          SQERR = SQERR + UERR(I,1)**2
020  CONTINUE

      WRITE (MESS,370) NSYS,T,UMX

      WRITE (MESS,398)

      DO 030 I = 1,NPTS

      WRITE (MESS,405) I, XPTS(I), U(I,NPDE)

C      WRITE (MESS,405) I, XPTS(I), U(I,NPDE), UX(I,NPDE), UERR(I,NPDE)

030  CONTINUE

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C      WRITE (MESS,201) SQERR

600    CONTINUE

      CLOSE(9)
      CLOSE(10)
C  FORMAT STATEMENTS

198    FORMAT (1X,'+++++')
200    FORMAT (1X,'ALPHA = ',1PE12.4)
201    FORMAT (1X,' SQUARE ERROR = ',1PE12.4)
210    FORMAT (/ ' EX 4.1-2 BSL, P. 126      '/1X,'NPDE=', I2,' NPTS=',
$ I3,' T=', 1P E10.3,' TOUT=', E10.3/1X,'RTOL=', E9.2,' ATOL=',
$ E9.2,' NSYS=', I2/1X,'INFO=', 15I4)
220    FORMAT (' NODE=', 2I5)
230    FORMAT (/ ' ***** HERCOL FAILED IDID=',I6,' T=',1PE10.3)
240    FORMAT (' T=', 1P E10.3,' IDID=', I5,' CPU=', E9.2)
250    FORMAT (3X,' H=', 1P E9.2,' NSTEP=', I4,' NFE=', I4,' NJE=', I4,
$ ' NEF=', I3,' NCF=', I3,' NQ=', I1)
370    FORMAT(5X,'NSYS=',I2,' T=',1PE10.3,' MAX ABS ERROR=',E10.3)
398    FORMAT (1X,'TABLE OF CALCULATED RESULTS')
405    FORMAT (1X,I4,2X,5(1PE12.4))
610    FORMAT(' UERR(M,I)      M=',I2/(5X,1P8E9.2))
620    FORMAT(' UERR(I)      '/(5X,1P8E9.2))

```

END

C=====

```

SUBROUTINE FUN(T, XC, UT, U, UX, UXX, NCPT, NPDE, FT, IRES)
C   FOR THE HCTEST OF HERCOL

REAL  T, XC(NCPT), U(NCPT, NPDE), UX(NCPT, NPDE),
$     UXX(NCPT, NPDE), FT(NCPT, NPDE), UT(NCPT, NPDE)

COMMON /FCOM/ NSYS

INTEGER NCPT, NPDE, IRES
INTEGER M, I
INTEGER  NSYS

DO 020 M = 1, NPDE

DO 010 I = 1, NCPT

C   Bird, Stewart, and Lightfoot (4.1-21)

      FT(I, M) = XC(I)*UT(I,M) - XC(I) * UXX(I,M) - UX(I,M) - 4 * XC(I)

010     CONTINUE
020     CONTINUE

      RETURN
      END

C
C   =====
C
C   SUBROUTINE BDYLFT(T, UT, U, UX, NPDE, WT, W, B, IRES)
C   FOR THE HCTEST OF HERCOL
C
C   REAL T, UT(NPDE), U(NPDE), UX(NPDE), WT(*), W(*), B(*), PI2
C
C   COMMON /FCOM/ NSYS
C
C   INTEGER NPDE, IRES
C   INTEGER  NSYS
C
C   FINITE VALUE OF U AT LEFT-HAND BOUNDARY

      B(1) = UX(1)

      RETURN
      END

C   =====
C
C   SUBROUTINE BDYRHT(T, UT, U, UX, NPDE, WT, W, B, IRES)

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REAL T, UT(NPDE), U(NPDE), UX(NPDE), WT(*), W(*), B(*), PI2
INTEGER NPDE, IRES
INTEGER NSYS
COMMON /FCOM/ NSYS
COMMON /INICOM/ ALPHA
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C U = 0 AT RIGHT-HAND BOUNDARY
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B(1) = U(1)
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```
RETURN
END
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C

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```
SUBROUTINE JACOB(T, XC, UT, U, UX, UXX, WTL, WL, WTR, WR,  
$          NCPT, NPDE, DFDU, DBLDW, NBL, NWL, DBLDU, DBRDW, NBR, NWR,  
1          DBRDU)
```

C

PROVIDE AN ANALYTIC JACOBIAN FOR THE HCTEST CODE

```
REAL XC(NCPT), UT(NCPT, NPDE), U(NCPT, NPDE),  
$    UX(NCPT, NPDE), UXX(NCPT, NPDE), WTL(*), WL(*), WTR(*),  
$    WR(*), DFDU(NCPT, NPDE, NPDE, 4), DBLDW(NBL, NWL, 2),  
$    DBLDU(NBL, NPDE, 3), DBRDW(NBR, NWR, 2),  
$    DBRDU(NBR, NPDE, 3), T
```

COMMON /FCOM/ NSYS

```
INTEGER NCPT, NPDE, NBL, NBR, NWL, NWR  
INTEGER K, M  
INTEGER NSYS
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C

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DBLDU(1, 1, 1) = 1.0E0  
DBLDU(1, 1, 2) = -1.0E0  
DBRDU(1, 1, 1) = 1.0E0  
DBRDU(1, 1, 2) = -1.0E0
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```
RETURN  
END
```

C

=====

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SUBROUTINE SETTOL(RTOLK,ATOLK,RTOLW,ATOLW,NPTS, NPDE)
C   SET ERROR TOLERANCE ARRAY FOR TEST CASES

REAL  RTOLK(NPTS, NPDE), ATOLK(NPTS, NPDE),
1     RTOLW(*), ATOLW(*)

REAL  EPSR, EPSA

COMMON /TOLCOM/ NODE(2), EPSR, EPSA
COMMON /FCOM/  NSYS

INTEGER ND1, NPDE, NPTS, K, M
INTEGER  NSYS, NODE
C
DO 20 K=1, NPTS
DO 20 M=1, NPDE

RTOLK(K, M)=EPSR
ATOLK(K, M)=EPSA

20  CONTINUE

IF(NODE(1) .NE. 0) THEN

DO 30 K=1, NODE(1)

RTOLW(K)=EPSR
30  ATOLW(K)=EPSA

END IF

IF(NODE(2) .GT. 0) THEN
ND1=NODE(1)

DO 40 K=ND1+1, NODE(2)+ND1

RTOLW(K)=EPSR
ATOLW(K)=EPSA

40  CONTINUE

END IF
RETURN

END

```

C =====

SUBROUTINE UINIT(XC,UC,NCPT, NPDE, WL, WR)

REAL XC(NCPT), UC(NCPT, NPDE), WL(*), WR(*), PI2
REAL ALPHA

COMMON /INICOM/ ALPHA
COMMON /FCOM/ NSYS

INTEGER NCPT, NPDE, K, M
INTEGER NSYS

DO 100 K = 1, NCPT

UC(K, 1) = XC(K)**2

100 CONTINUE

RETURN
END

C----- END OF TEST ROUTINE -----

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HERCOL, a computer code for the integration of second-order differential equations in one space dimension by Hermitian collocation was used to calculate the unsteady velocity profiles for laminar flow in a circular tube. The code was tested for stability and accuracy on this problem for which an analytical solution exists prior to application to a like problem in which the initial and boundary conditions preclude the existence of analytical solutions.

The test problem is one in which a pressure gradient is imposed on a fluid initially at rest in a circular tube; the fluid accelerates and at steady state has a parabolic velocity profile. A second example was constructed from the first; a pressure gradient equal but opposite in sign is imposed on the fluid with a fully developed parabolic velocity profile. At steady state, the velocity is again parabolic but in the opposite direction to that at the initial conditions.

Excellent agreement with the analytical solution was obtained in the first problem; in the second, the behaviour was as expected. This example is suitable for first-time users of the code.

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