

Module 3:

“Convective” heat and mass transfer

Lecture 27:

Heat Transfer to Boundary Layers

(Continued)

Continuity equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(Rv_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(Rv_y) = 0$$

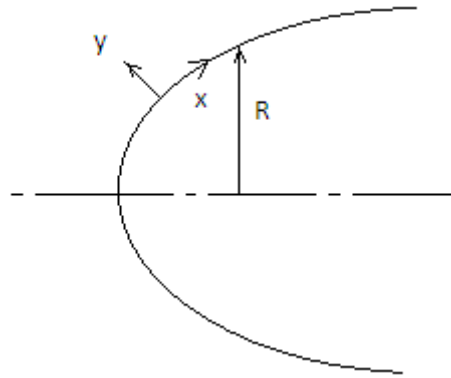


Fig. 1

$$v_x = B(x)y$$

$$v_y = -\frac{1/2 y^2 (RB)'}{R}$$

Convective-Diffusion equation for this case is given by

$$yB \frac{d\theta}{dx} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{y^2}{R} \frac{d(RB)}{dx} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = D \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2}$$

Transformation is

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$$\eta = \frac{y(RB)^{1/2}}{\left[9D \int_0^x R(RB)^{1/2} dx \right]^{1/3}} \quad (1)$$

and the solution is again

$$\theta = \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \int_0^\eta e^{-x^3} dx$$

$$N_y \Big|_{y=0} = - \frac{D(c_\infty - c_w)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \frac{\sqrt{B}}{\left[9D \int_0^x R(RB)^{1/2} dx \right]^{1/3}} \quad (2)$$

For small Pr (liquid metals) $\delta_T \gg \delta$ and

$v_x = v_\infty(x)$ = free stream velocity

For 2-D (plane) flow use transformation

$$\eta = \frac{y v_\infty(x)}{\left[4\alpha \int_0^x v_\infty(x) dx \right]^{1/2}} \quad (3)$$

Temperature profile is

$$\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\eta e^{-x^2} dx \quad (4)$$

$$q_y \Big|_{y=0} = - \frac{k(T_\infty - T_w)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{v_\infty(x)}{\left[\alpha \int_0^x v_\infty(x) dx \right]^{1/2}} \quad (5)$$

Mises Transformation (Laminar flow)

Consider the equation:

$$\underbrace{v_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}}_{\text{Convective}} + \underbrace{v_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}}_{\text{Conductive}} = \alpha \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (6)$$

If y is replaced by ψ as the independent variables, this term will drop out because no flow occurs streamlines (i.e., lines of $\psi = \text{const.}$)

First, let's write the equation by which a transformation from variables x and y to variables ξ and η is accomplished.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}$$

Now introduce x and ψ for ξ and η , and make use of equation defining the stream function ψ to obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - v_y \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = v_x \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi}$$

$$\left(\text{Note: } v_x = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \text{ and } v_y = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_{\psi} - v_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial \psi}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = v_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial \psi}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = v_x \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left(v_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial \psi} \right)$$

Introducing these into eqn. (2) given in lecture 24, yields

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)_{\psi} = \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left(v_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial \psi} \right)$$

where α is a constant

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)_{\psi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left((\alpha v_x) \frac{\partial T}{\partial \psi} \right) \quad (7)$$

This is like the heat conduction equation with variable thermal conductivity. It is easier to solve compared to convection equation (2) given in lecture 24.

B.C.: We can select $\psi = 0$ at the surface ($y = 0$)

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Then

$$\begin{aligned} T &= T_w & \text{at } \psi &= 0 \\ T &= T_\infty & \text{as } \psi &\rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

“Initial condition” : $T = \text{finite at } x = 0$

If we are interested in solutions of eqn. (7) near the surface (e.g. for $Pr \rightarrow \infty$), we can retain only the leading terms of a series expansion of $v_x(\psi, x)$.