

# Bryce Lindsey - MAE5943 HW8 (Homann flow)

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This document summarizes the HW8 assignment for MAE5943  
(problem statement seen below)

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## HW8 Problem Statement :

Stagnation point flow problem towards an axisymmetric body such as a sphere or a cone can be represented using the ordinary differential equation (ODE) below:

$$\psi''' + 2\psi\psi'' - (\psi')^2 + 1 = 0$$

Boundary Conditions:

$$\psi(\eta=0) = 0$$

$$\psi'(0) = 0$$

$$\psi'(\eta \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow 0$$

Solve the Homann flow problem using the numerical methods discussed in the lecture.

- Investigate the effect of  $\eta_{max}$  and  $N_{max}$ .
  - Assume that  $N_{max}=40$  and compare the solutions for  $\eta_{max}=[5, 10, 20]$ .
  - Assume  $\eta_{max}=10$  and compare the solution for  $N_{max}=[10, 20, 40, 80]$ .
- Discuss your observations and submit your findings in a technical report format.
- On the same plot, compare the solutions of Hiemenz and Homann flows for  $\eta_{max}=10$  and  $N_{max}=40$ .
- Include your code in the appendix.

# Homann Flow

Homann flow is an approach to solve a flow approaching a radially-symmetric body, where a stagnation point exists, by splitting the analysis into the inviscid outer region and the viscous boundary layer region. Homann flow is typically considered:

- Laminar
- Axisymmetric
- Steady
- Incompressible

**We showed in lecture that Homann flow can be represented by the following ODE using a similarity solution:**

$$\phi''' + 2\phi\phi'' - (\phi')^2 + 1 = 0$$

In this ODE, the parameter  $\phi'$  corresponds to the velocity profile at a particular location along the body in the flow.  $\phi'$  is a function of  $\eta$ , which is a non-dimensional term which can be associated with a location on the body (if desired).

**Boundary Conditions:**

$$\phi'(0) = 0$$

$$\phi(0) = 0$$

$$\phi'(\eta \rightarrow \infty) = 1$$

(I believe there is a typo in the problem statement for  $\Phi'$ )

**Transformation:**

with  $\phi' = h$  and  $\phi = p$ , and using Thomas' algorithm, this ODE can be *numerically* solved.

# Homann flow function

My Homann flow function is defined in the block below

## Inputs

- $\eta_{max}$  = Maximum value of  $\eta$  (treat as infinity boundary condition)
- $N$  = number of discrete points throughout  $\eta$  to use
- $h\_itermax$  = Maximum amount of iterations for  $h$  to converge (given the error inputs). This prevents a "run away" while loop during  $h$  convergence.
- $\epsilon_{Profile}$  = Each iteration of " $h$ " will compute the profile error between the current  $h$  and the last  $h$ . Make  $\epsilon_{Profile}$  small enough to have confidence in the final profile of  $h$ .
- $\epsilon_{BC}$  = Computes the error of the last 2 points in the  $h$  vector (at the BCs). These 2 points can be thought of as  $h[\infty]-h[\infty-1]$  and the difference between the two should be very small after the convergence of  $h$  occurs ( $h$  changes very little at the BCs)

## Output

- $\eta$  = Output values of  $\eta$ .
- $h$  = Is refined throughout the  $h$  convergence loops and is equivalent to the primary output parameter we want,  $\phi'$  (which corresponds to a local velocity profile).

## BL\_homann

Computes the Homann flow transformed solution

```
BL_homann( $\eta_{max}$ ,  $N$ ,  $h\_itermax$ ,  $\epsilon_{Profile}$ ,  $\epsilon_{BC}$ )
```

If the arguments are missing, it will use the default values.

```
BL_homann( $\eta_{max}=10$ ,  $N=50$ ,  $h\_itermax=50$ ,  $\epsilon_{Profile}=1e-6$ ,  $\epsilon_{BC}=1e-6$ )
```

```
1  """
2  Computes the Homann flow transformed solution
3
4      BL_homann( $\eta_{max}$ ,  $N$ ,  $h\_itermax$ ,  $\epsilon_{Profile}$ ,  $\epsilon_{BC}$ )
5
6  If the arguments are missing, it will use the default values.
7
8      BL_homann( $\eta_{max}=10$ ,  $N=50$ ,  $h\_itermax=50$ ,  $\epsilon_{Profile}=1e-6$ ,  $\epsilon_{BC}=1e-6$ )
9  """
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10  """
11  function BL_homann( $\eta$ max=10, N=50, h_itermax=50,  $\epsilon$ Profile=1e-6,  $\epsilon$ BC=1e-6)
12       $\Delta\eta$  =  $\eta$ max/N
13       $\Delta\eta^2$  =  $\Delta\eta^2$ 
14
15      iter = 0
16      errorProfile = 1.
17      errorBC = 1.
18
19      A = zeros(N+1)
20      B = zeros(N+1)
21      C = zeros(N+1)
22      D = zeros(N+1)
23
24      G = zeros(N+1)
25      H = zeros(N+1)
26
27      p = zeros(N+1)
28      h = zeros(N+1)
29       $\eta$  = zeros(N+1)
30
31       $\eta$  = [(i-1)* $\Delta\eta$  for i=1:N+1]
32
33      h[1] = 0.0
34      h[N+1] = 1.0
35      p[1] = 0.0
36
37      G[1] = 0.0
38      H[1] = 0.0
39
40      h = [(i-1)/N for i=1:N+1]
41
42      for i=2:N+1
43          p[i] = p[i-1] + (h[i] + h[i-1])* $\Delta\eta$ /2)
44      end
45
46      hstart = time()
47      println("##### \nBeginning h-convergence
48      loop... \n")
49      println("h iteration    h profile error    convergence of h( $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ )")
50      println("-----")
51
52      while ( $\epsilon$ Profile<=errorProfile ||  $\epsilon$ BC <= errorBC) && iter<h_itermax
53
54          A = [ 1/ $\Delta\eta^2$  + p[i]/ $\Delta\eta$  for i=1:N+1]
55          B = [-2/ $\Delta\eta^2$  - h[i] for i=1:N+1]
56          C = [ 1/ $\Delta\eta^2$  - p[i]/ $\Delta\eta$  for i=1:N+1]
57          D = [ 1 for i=1:N+1]
58

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59     for i=2:N+1
60         G[i] = - ( C[i]*G[i-1] + D[i] )/(B[i] + C[i] * H[i-1])
61         H[i] = - A[i] /(B[i] + C[i] * H[i-1])
62     end
63
64     hold = copy(h)
65     for i=N:-1:2
66         h[i] = G[i] + H[i] * h[i+1]
67     end
68
69     errorBC = abs(h[N+1]-h[N])
70     errorProfile = maximum(abs.(hold-h))
71
72     for i = 2:N+1
73         p[i] = p[i-1] + (h[i] + h[i-1])*Δη/2
74     end
75     @printf("%4.4d \t %16.6e \t %16.6e \n", iter, errorProfile, errorBC)
76
77
78     iter += 1
79 end
80 println("\n --> time taken for h convergence: $(time()-hstart) \n")
81 return η, h
82
83 end
84
85
86 # end of function

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([0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, more ,10.0], [0.0, 0.242688, 0.44557, 1

Baseline convergence for default inputs:



#####  
Beginning h-convergence loop...

h iteration	h profile error	convergence of $h(\eta \rightarrow \infty)$
0000	1.298370e+00	4.258480e-05
0001	5.978384e-01	1.529414e-07
0002	1.261300e-01	1.862502e-10
0003	3.135210e-02	1.063682e-11
0004	6.878020e-03	8.482104e-14
0005	1.408148e-03	0.000000e+00
0006	2.714288e-04	2.220446e-16
0007	4.947427e-05	0.000000e+00
0008	8.618355e-06	0.000000e+00
0009	1.449355e-06	0.000000e+00
0010	2.372800e-07	1.110223e-16

--> time taken for h convergence: 0.0075190067291259766

## Tasks given in problem statement

### Task 1: Investigate effects of $\eta_{\max}$ changes

According to the problem statement, the following inputs will be used

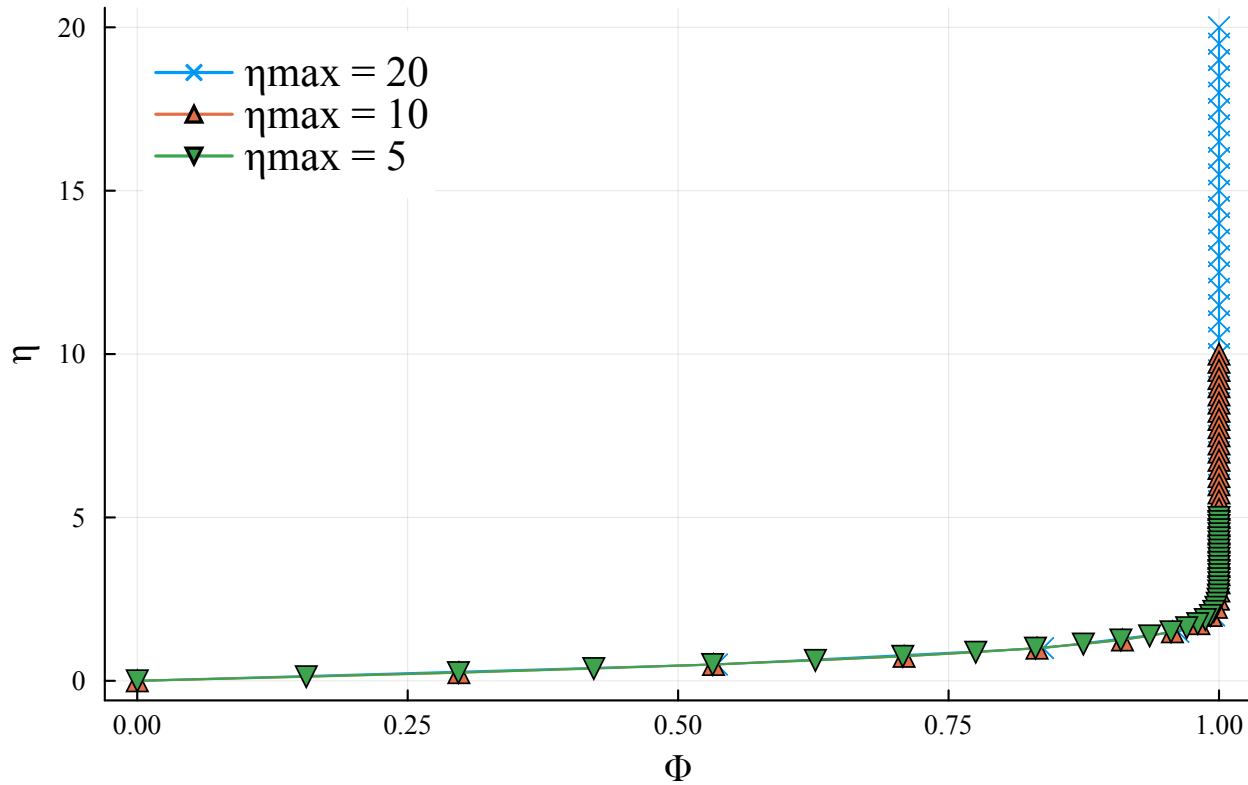
$N = 40$

$\eta_{\max} = 5, 10, 20$

$\epsilon_{\text{Profile}} = 1e-8$  (my personal choice)

The results of  $\eta$  vs  $\varphi'$  will be plotted for each  $\eta_{\max}$

# Homann Flow - Study on Viscous Layer Height Change



```

1  begin
2      η5, h5 = BL_homann(5, 40, 50, 1e-8)
3      η10, h10 = BL_homann(10, 40, 50, 1e-8)
4      η20, h20 = BL_homann(20, 40, 50, 1e-8)
5
6      plot(reverse([h5 h10 h20]),reverse([η5 η10 η20]),
7           fontfamily="Times",
8           title="Homann Flow - Study on Viscous Layer Height Change",
9           label = ["ηmax = 20" "ηmax = 10" "ηmax = 5"],
10          legend_position = :topleft,
11          legendfontsize=12,
12          legend_foreground_color=nothing,
13          markersize=[5 5 5],
14          markershape = [:x :utriangle :dtriangle],
15          xlabel="Φ", ylabel="η",
16      )
17
18
19  end
20

```

```
#####
Beginning h-convergence loop...

h iteration    h profile error    convergence of h( $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ )
-----
0000           8.994720e-01      5.052074e-05
0001           2.885161e-01      1.485845e-06
0002           2.872255e-02      6.489978e-08
0003           4.562970e-03      2.964637e-09
0004           7.806314e-04      1.305536e-10
0005           1.326575e-04      2.900646e-11
0006           2.205718e-05      1.956491e-11
0007           3.593980e-06      2.023137e-11
0008           5.764474e-07      2.017353e-11
0009           9.141770e-08      2.017964e-11
0010           1.438523e-08      2.017897e-11
0011           2.251834e-09      2.017897e-11

--> time taken for h convergence: 0.0005841255187988281

#####
Beginning h-convergence loop...

h iteration    h profile error    convergence of h( $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ )
-----
0000           1.349629e+00      8.091311e-05
0001           6.547217e-01      2.706832e-07
0002           1.415757e-01      1.835824e-09
0003           3.607937e-02      3.936051e-11
0004           8.043665e-03      1.680878e-13
0005           1.669163e-03      2.664535e-15
0006           3.215307e-04      0.000000e+00
0007           5.842378e-05      0.000000e+00
0008           1.012875e-05      0.000000e+00
0009           1.692803e-06      0.000000e+00
0010           2.750627e-07      0.000000e+00
0011           4.375699e-08      0.000000e+00
0012           6.852644e-09      0.000000e+00

--> time taken for h convergence: 0.0004980564117431641

#####
Beginning h-convergence loop...

h iteration    h profile error    convergence of h( $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ )
```

## Task 1 Discussion

As  $\eta_{\max}$  increases, regions beyond the boundary layer are better captured. However, at the lowest  $\eta_{\max}$  value of 5, the entire viscous region is captured. Just how high to set  $\eta_{\max}$  depends on how much of the inviscid region one would like to capture, but a  $\eta_{\max}$  value of 20 does a very good job of capturing all of the velocity profile out to the freestream and beyond.



## Task 2: Investigate effects of N changes

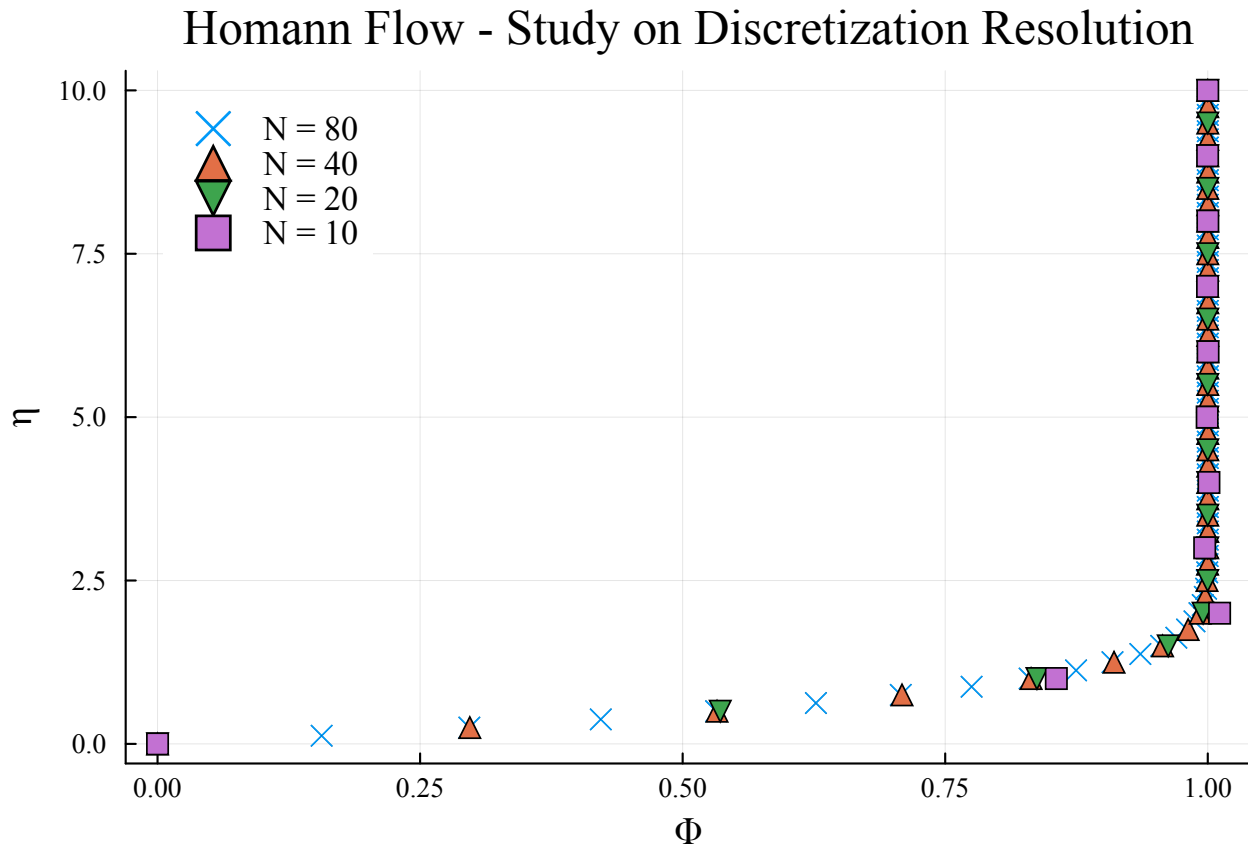
According to the problem statement, the following inputs will be used

$N = 10, 20, 40, 80$

$\eta_{\max} = 10$

$\epsilon_{\text{Profile}} = 1e-8$  (my personal choice)

The results of  $\eta$  vs  $\phi'$  will be plotted for each N



```
1 begin
2      $\eta$ _N80, h_N80 = BL_homann(10, 80, 50, 1e-6)
3      $\eta$ _N40, h_N40 = BL_homann(10, 40, 50, 1e-6)
4      $\eta$ _N20, h_N20 = BL_homann(10, 20, 50, 1e-6)
5      $\eta$ _N10, h_N10 = BL_homann(10, 10, 50, 1e-6)
6
7
8     plot([h_N80, h_N40, h_N20, h_N10],[ $\eta$ _N80,  $\eta$ _N40,  $\eta$ _N20,  $\eta$ _N10];
9         seriotype=:scatter,
10        fontfamily="Times",
11        title="Homann Flow - Study on Discretization Resolution",
12        label = ["N = 80" "N = 40" "N = 20" "N = 10"],
13        legend_position = :topleft,
14        legendfontsize=10,
15        legend_foreground_color=nothing,
16        markersize=[5 5 5 5],
17        markershape = [:x :utriangle :dtriangle :square],
18        xlabel=" $\Phi$ ", ylabel=" $\eta$ ",
19    )
20
21
22 end
```

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#####
Beginning h-convergence loop...
```

h iteration	h profile error	convergence of $h(\eta \rightarrow \infty)$
0000	1.209918e+00	1.085382e-05
0001	4.940185e-01	4.645620e-08
0002	9.385258e-02	2.292859e-10
0003	2.214499e-02	8.468781e-13
0004	4.796458e-03	1.776357e-15
0005	9.797532e-04	0.000000e+00
0006	1.879955e-04	0.000000e+00
0007	3.421047e-05	0.000000e+00
0008	5.965864e-06	1.110223e-16
0009	1.006677e-06	0.000000e+00
0010	1.656970e-07	2.220446e-16

```
--> time taken for h convergence: 0.0006818771362304688
```

```
#####
Beginning h-convergence loop...
```

h iteration	h profile error	convergence of $h(\eta \rightarrow \infty)$
0000	1.349629e+00	8.091311e-05
0001	6.547217e-01	2.706832e-07
0002	1.415757e-01	1.835824e-09
0003	3.607937e-02	3.936051e-11
0004	8.043665e-03	1.680878e-13
0005	1.669163e-03	2.664535e-15
0006	3.215307e-04	0.000000e+00
0007	5.842378e-05	0.000000e+00
0008	1.012875e-05	0.000000e+00
0009	1.692803e-06	0.000000e+00
0010	2.750627e-07	0.000000e+00

```
--> time taken for h convergence: 0.00040793418884277344
```

```
#####
Beginning h-convergence loop...
```

h iteration	h profile error	convergence of $h(\eta \rightarrow \infty)$
0000	1.501970e+00	5.708232e-04
0001	8.460316e-01	1.466840e-06

## Task 2 Discussion

The full "shape" of the transformed velocity profile,  $\varphi'$ , is captured in each instance of different values of "N". However, a value of  $N=10$  seems to have two interesting qualities:

- The number of iterations required is much higher than the other values of N
- The curve seems to overshoot at the "turn" which, given the high number of iterations for h, implies that the solution did not converge.

Actually, the  $N=10$  h-iterations hit the maximum ( $h_{\text{itermax}}=50$ ). Given this info, I'd say a value of  $N=10$  is not appropriate. The other values seem to do fine, but in this case I would use a value close to 100 for confidence.

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## Task 3: Compare Hiemenz and Homann flow solutions

According to the problem statement, the following inputs will be used

$N = 40$

$\eta_{\text{max}} = 10$

$\epsilon_{\text{Profile}} = 1e-8$  (my personal choice for Homann function)

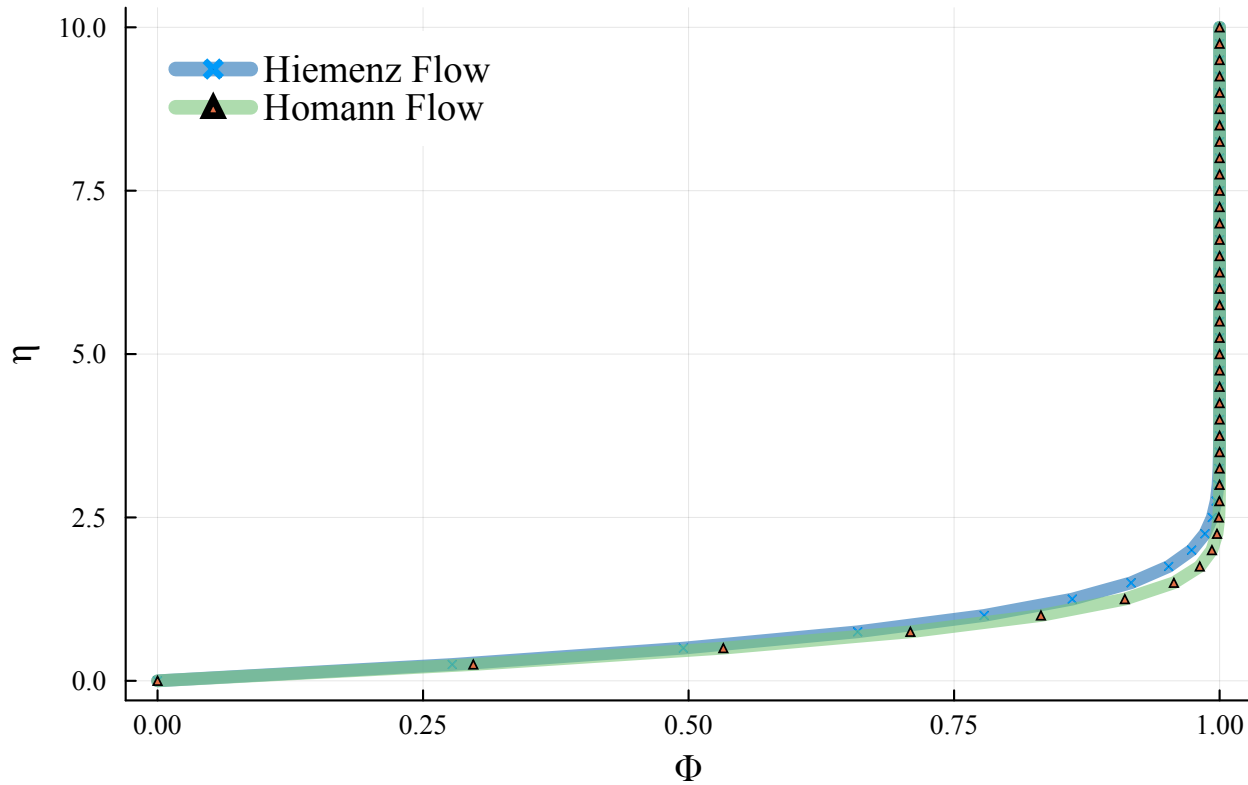
The results of  $\eta$  vs  $\varphi'$  will be plotted for each solution

### BL\_hiemenz

Inserting my Hiemenz flow function from HW7 here. For details, see the .jl script on my Github:

[BLHW7HiemenzFlow](#)

# Hiemenz Flow vs Homann Flow



```
1 begin
2    $\eta$ Hiemenz, hHiemenz = BL_hiemenz(10, 40, 1e-7)
3    $\eta$ Homann, hHomann = BL_homann(10, 40, 50, 1e-7, 1e-6)
4
5
6   plot([hHiemenz, hHomann], [ $\eta$ Hiemenz,  $\eta$ Homann];
7       label=["Hiemenz Flow" "Homann Flow"],
8       linecolor = ["#2171b5" "#78c679"],
9       lw=6,
10      legend_position = :topleft,
11      legendfontsize=11,
12      legend_foreground_color=nothing,
13      markersize=[2 2],
14      markershape = [:x :utriangle],
15      fontfamily="Times",
16      xlabel=" $\Phi$ ", ylabel=" $\eta$ ",
17      title="Hiemenz Flow vs Homann Flow",
18      linealpha=[.6 .6]
19  )
20
21 end
22
```

#####  
Beginning h-convergence loop...



h iteration	h profile error	convergence of $h(\eta \rightarrow \infty)$
0000	1.349629e+00	8.091311e-05
0001	6.547217e-01	2.706832e-07
0002	1.415757e-01	1.835824e-09
0003	3.607937e-02	3.936051e-11
0004	8.043665e-03	1.680878e-13
0005	1.669163e-03	2.664535e-15
0006	3.215307e-04	0.000000e+00
0007	5.842378e-05	0.000000e+00
0008	1.012875e-05	0.000000e+00
0009	1.692803e-06	0.000000e+00
0010	2.750627e-07	0.000000e+00
0011	4.375699e-08	0.000000e+00

--> time taken for h convergence: 0.0009229183197021484

### Task 3 Discussion

Both Hiemenz and Homann flow solutions are very close. The area that differs is the gradient at the boundary of viscous and inviscid solutions. Homann flow solution suggests the gradient in this location is slightly higher, but this discrepancy between the two is very small!

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END OF ASSIGNMENT :)