

Core Module: Derivation of the Streamfunction Equation (for a Tropical Storm Scenario: no eye)

The core module is steady, axisymmetric, inviscid, and saturated.

So the vapor mass fraction $Y \rightarrow Y_A(T', p')$, where $Y_A(T', p') = G \frac{P'(T')}{p'} = 0.622 \frac{P'(T')}{p'}$, $P'(T')$ given

note: sometimes I write $P'(T')$ as $p_p'(T')$, an old habit. Y' is a contradiction because prime denotes dimensional, and the vapor mass fraction is dimensionless, but I reserve the symbol Y for a normalized vapor mass fraction, Y' is not conserved on streamlines $\eta(r', z')$ owing to condensation.

So there are just three integrals that are constant on streamlines in the core:

$$E'(\eta') = c_p T' + L' Y_A(T', p') + g' z' + q'^2/2$$

where we often approximate $q'^2/2 \rightarrow v'^2/2$

but more generally $q'^2 = u'^2 + v'^2 + w'^2$.

$$S'(\eta') = c_p \ln(T'/T_n') - R_a \ln(p'/p_n') + L' Y_A(T', p')$$

by choice:

\rightarrow gas constant for dry air

$$T_n' = T_{ref} = T'(r_0', 0) = T_{amb}(0)$$

$$p_n' = p_{ref} = p'(r_0', 0) = p_{amb}(0)$$

$$\Pi'(\eta') = r_0' r' + \Omega' r'^2$$

$$p/p_n' = (p'/p_n')(T/T_n')$$

Solving the S' equation for p'/ρ' , and substituting for h'/ρ' from the E' equation gives

$$\left\{ \frac{T'}{T_n} \right\}^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \exp \left[-\frac{S'(\eta')}{R_n} + \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - \frac{1}{2}u'^2}{R_n T'} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right]$$

$$\rho' \{ \eta', z', \eta'(\eta', z'), T'[\eta', z', \eta'(\eta', z')] \} / \rho_n = \left\{ \frac{T'}{T_n} \right\}^{1/(\gamma-1)} \exp \left[-\frac{S'(\eta')}{R_n} + \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - \frac{1}{2}u'^2}{R_n T'} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right]$$

note: $E'(\eta')$ is an implicit algebraic equation for $T'[\eta', z', \eta'(\eta', z')]$, once the streamfunction $\eta'(\eta', z')$ is found.

Since $\rho' = \rho' \{ \eta', z', \eta'(\eta', z'), T'[\eta', z', \eta'(\eta', z')] \}$, by the chain rule:

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} [\eta', z', \eta'(\eta', z'), T'[\eta', z', \eta'(\eta', z')]] \right\}_{z'} = \left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{\eta', \eta', z'} \left\{ \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{z'} + \left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{\eta', \eta', z'} + \left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial T'} \right\}_{\eta', \eta', z'} \left\{ \frac{\partial T'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{\eta', z'} \left\{ \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{z'} + \left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial T'} \right\}_{\eta', \eta', z'} \left\{ \frac{\partial T'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{\eta', z'} \left\{ \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{z'}$$

We need this expression because we seek the streamfunction equation from the conservation of radial momentum:

$$\rho' u' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial \eta'} + \rho' u' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial z'} - 2\Omega' \rho' r' - \rho' \frac{u'^2}{r'} = - \left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{z'}$$

There are three partial derivatives of ρ' to be found.

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial r'} \right\}_{z'} = \rho' \omega' r' \text{ from continuity}$$

$$R_p' T' + \frac{L' \sigma T_a'(T')/R_a'}{\left(\frac{T'}{T_a'} \right)^{\delta/(\delta-1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{S'(\eta')}{R_a'} + \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'z'/2}{R_a' T'} - \frac{\delta}{\delta-1} \right\}}$$

$\rightarrow \eta'$ ← dimensionless, so it has no prime superscript
 $= E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'z'/2$

This is a useful form from which to obtain two needed partial derivatives of T' .

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial r'} \right\}_{T', \eta', z'} = \rho' \left[-\alpha' \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} - \omega' \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} - \omega' \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{T', \eta', z'} = \rho' \left[-T' \frac{dS'(\eta')}{d\eta'} + \frac{dE'(\eta')}{d\eta'} - \omega' \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} \right]$$

$$\Gamma(\eta') = r'\omega' + \Omega' r'^2 \Rightarrow \omega' = \frac{\Gamma(\eta') - \Omega' r'^2}{r'}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{T', \eta', z'} = \frac{d\Gamma(\eta')}{d\eta'} \frac{1}{r'}$$

$$= \rho' \left[-T' \frac{dS'(\eta')}{d\eta'} + \frac{dE'(\eta')}{d\eta'} - \frac{\omega'}{r'} \frac{d\Gamma(\eta')}{d\eta'} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial T'} \right\}_{\eta', r', z'} = \rho' \left[\frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'z'/2}{T'} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial I'}{\partial \eta'} \right\}_{r', z'} = \frac{\frac{dE'(\eta')}{d\eta'}}{R_p' + R_a' T' [X] \left\{ \frac{\partial \rho_a'(T')/\partial T'}{T_a'(T')} - \frac{\delta}{\delta-1} \frac{1}{T'} + \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'z'/2}{R_a' T'^2} \right\}}$$

$$X \equiv \frac{L' \sigma T_a'(T')/R_a'}{T'(R_a' T')}$$

X is dimensionless
so it has no prime

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial T'}{\partial r'} \right\}_{r', z'} = \frac{- \left(u' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial r'} + v' \frac{\partial v'}{\partial r'} + w' \frac{\partial w'}{\partial r'} \right) [1 + \chi]}{C_p + R_a T' [\chi] \left\{ \frac{dP_a(T')/dT'}{P_a(T')} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{T'} + \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'^2/2}{R_a T'^2} \right\}}$$

Substituting for the pressure gradient in the equation for conservation of radial momentum:

$$\rho' u' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial r'} + \rho' w' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial z'} - 2 \rho' \Omega' v' - \rho' v'^2 / r' =$$

$$- \rho' \left[-T' \frac{dS'(\eta')}{d\eta'} + \frac{dE'(\eta')}{d\eta'} - v' \frac{\partial v'}{\partial r'} \right] \rho' w' r'$$

$$= \rho' \left[-u' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial r'} - v' \frac{\partial v'}{\partial r'} - w' \frac{\partial w'}{\partial r'} \right]_{r', z'}$$

$$= \rho' \left[C_p - \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'^2/2}{T'} \right] \rho' w' r'.$$

$$\left\{ \frac{dE'(\eta')}{d\eta'} [1 + \chi] - v' \left(\frac{\partial v'}{\partial r'} \right)_{r', z'} [1 + \chi] - T' \frac{dS'(\eta')}{d\eta'} [\chi] \right\} \\ \left\{ C_p + R_a T' [\chi] \left\{ \frac{dP_a(T')/dT'}{P_a(T')} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{T'} + \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'^2/2}{R_a T'^2} \right\} \right\}$$

$$+ \rho' \left[C_p - \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'^2/2}{T'} \right].$$

$$\left\{ \frac{u' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial r'} + v' \frac{\partial v'}{\partial r'} + w' \frac{\partial w'}{\partial r'}}{C_p + R_a T' [\chi] \left\{ \frac{dP_a(T')/dT'}{P_a(T')} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{T'} + \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'^2/2}{R_a T'^2} \right\}} \right\}_{r', z'} [1 + \chi]$$

We take: $v' \frac{\partial v'}{\partial r'} \gg (u' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial r'} + w' \frac{\partial w'}{\partial r'})$ in the last term

$$\text{We note: } -2\Omega' v' - \frac{v'^2}{r'} = v' \left(\frac{\partial v'}{\partial r'} \right)_{r'} ;$$

$$C_p - \frac{E'(\eta') - g'z' - g'^2/2}{T'} = - \frac{L' \gamma_a(T') (T')}{T'} = - \frac{L'}{T'} \frac{\sigma P_a(T')}{P'}$$

Cancel ρ' in all terms, and divide each term by w' .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u'}{\partial z'} - \frac{\partial w'}{\partial r'} &= -\rho' r' \left[-T' \frac{dS'(\eta')}{d\eta'} + \frac{dE'(\eta')}{d\eta'} - n' \frac{\partial n'}{\partial \eta'} \right] \\ &- \rho' r' \left[-\frac{L'}{T'} \frac{\sigma P_A'(T')}{P'} \right] \left\{ \frac{dE'(\eta')}{d\eta'} [1+X] - n' \left(\frac{\partial n'}{\partial \eta'} \right)_{r', z'} [1+X] - T' \frac{dS'(\eta')}{d\eta'} [X] \right\} \\ &\quad \left[\frac{E_p' + R_A' T' [X]}{P_A'(T')} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{T'} + \frac{E'(\eta') - \gamma z' - \frac{\gamma^2}{2}}{R_A' T'^2} \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{n'} \left[-\frac{L'}{T'} \frac{\sigma P_A'(T')}{P'} \right] \left\{ n' \left(\frac{\partial n'}{\partial r'} \right)_{r', z'} [1+X] \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left[\frac{E_p' + R_A' T' [X]}{P_A'(T')} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{T'} + \frac{E'(\eta') - \gamma z' - \frac{\gamma^2}{2}}{R_A' T'^2} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Since $n' = n'(\eta', r')$, a well-known identity is

$$\left(\frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial r'} \right)_{n'} \left(\frac{\partial n'}{\partial \eta'} \right)_{r', z'} \left(\frac{\partial r'}{\partial n'} \right)_{\eta'} = -1$$

For terms in the last two lines to cancel,

$$\rho' w' r' \left(n' \frac{\partial n'}{\partial \eta'} \right)_{r', z'} = -n' \left(\frac{\partial n'}{\partial r'} \right)_{r', z'}$$

But $\rho' w' r' = \left(\frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial r'} \right)_{n'}$, so

$$\left(\frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial r'} \right)_{n'} \left(\frac{\partial n'}{\partial \eta'} \right)_{r', z'} \left(\frac{\partial r'}{\partial n'} \right)_{\eta'} = -1$$

We take this to hold to good approximation, so terms involving n' in the last two lines cancel.

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial}{\partial z'} \left(\frac{1}{\rho' r'} \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial z'} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial r'} \left(\frac{1}{\rho' r'} \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial r'} \right) &= -\rho' r' \left[-T' \frac{dS'(\eta')}{d\eta'} + \frac{dE'(\eta')}{d\eta'} \frac{n'}{r} \frac{d[r(\eta')]}{d\eta'} \right] \\ &+ \rho' r' \left[\frac{L' Y_A'(T, p')}{T'} \right] \left[\frac{(dE'(\eta')/d\eta') [1+X] - T' (dS'(\eta')/d\eta') [X]}{E_p' + R_A' T' [X]} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left[\frac{dP_A'(T')}{P_A'(T')} + \frac{L' Y_A'(T, p')/T'}{R_A' T'} \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$Y_A'(T, p') \equiv \sigma P_A(T)/p'$$

Recall:

$$\chi \equiv \frac{L' \sigma p'(T')/R'}{[T] R' T'}, \quad T = \left(\frac{T'}{T_{ref}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \exp \left[\frac{S(\eta')}{R'} + \frac{L' Y_A(T', p')}{R' T'} \right]$$

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial z'} \left\{ \frac{1}{p'n'} \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial n'} \right\} - \frac{\partial}{\partial n'} \left\{ \frac{1}{p'n'} \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial z'} \right\} =$$

$$-p'n' \left\{ -T' \frac{dS(\eta')}{d\eta'} \left[1 - \frac{[\chi] L' Y_A(T', p')/T'}{c_p' + R' T' [\chi] \left\{ \frac{dp'_A(T')/dT'}{p'_A(T')} + \frac{L' Y_A(T', p')/T'}{R' T'} \right\}} \right] \right.$$

$$+ \frac{dE(\eta')}{d\eta'} \left[1 - \frac{[1+\chi] L' Y_A(T', p')/T'}{c_p' + R' T' [\chi] \left\{ \frac{dp'_A(T')/dT'}{p'_A(T')} + \frac{L' Y_A(T', p')/T'}{R' T'} \right\}} \right]$$

$$\left. - \frac{n' d\eta'(\eta')}{n' d\eta'} \right\}$$

• Nondimensionalization

$$\tilde{Y}_A(T, p) \equiv Y_A'(T', p')/Y_{ref}', \quad Y_{ref}' \equiv Y'_{amb, surface}$$

$$T \equiv T'/T_{ref}, \quad p \equiv p'/p_{ref}, \quad p_A(T) = p'_A(T')/p_{ref}$$

$$\tilde{Y}_A(T, p) = \frac{\sigma [p'_A(T')/p_{amb, A}'] \sqrt{(p'/p_{amb, A})}}{\sigma [(RH)_{amb, A} p'_A(T_{amb, A})/p_{amb, A}'] \sqrt{(p'_{amb, A}/p'_{amb, A})}}$$

$$= \frac{p_A(T)/p}{(RH)_{amb, A} p_A(1)}, \quad (RH)_{amb, A} \equiv \frac{(p'_r)_{ref}}{p'_A(T'_{ref})}$$

$$p'_r \equiv \text{water vapor pressure}; \quad p_r \equiv p'_r/p_{ref}$$

$$S(\eta) = S(\eta')/R', \quad \pi_i \equiv \frac{L' Y_{ref}'}{c_p' T_{ref}} \quad [\pi_i \equiv \text{dimensionless group } i]$$

$$T = T^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \exp \left[-S(\eta) + \pi_i \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{\tilde{Y}_A(T, p)}{T} \right]$$

$$\chi = \pi_0 \left\{ \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right\} \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_A(T, P)}{T[\gamma]}$$

$$\pi_2 \equiv (\Omega'^2 \rho_0'^2) / (c_p' T_{ref}')$$

$$\pi_4 \equiv \tilde{z}_t'^2 / \rho_0'^2 \quad \{ \tilde{z}_t' \text{ is an alternate for } \tilde{z}_{gd}' \}$$

$$S = S'/R_A', \{ R_A'/c_p' \} = (\gamma-1)/\gamma,$$

$$\eta = \frac{\eta'}{\eta_{ref}'} , \quad \eta_{ref}' \equiv \rho_{ref}' \Omega' \rho_0'^3 (E/2)^{1/2}, \quad E \equiv \left(\frac{v'}{\Omega' \rho_0'^2} \right)^2$$

$$\rho = \rho'/\rho_0', \quad z = z'/z_t', \quad p = p'/p_{ref}', \quad T = T'/T_{ref}', \quad \rho = \rho'/\rho_{ref}',$$

$$p_0 = p_0'/p_{ref}', \quad p_A = p_A'/p_{ref}', \quad p_{ref}' = p_{ref}' R_A' T_{ref}'$$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma' / (\Omega' \rho_0'^2) = \rho \Gamma + \Omega^2, \quad v = v' / (\Omega' \rho_0'^2)$$

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial z} \right\} - \pi_4 \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \eta} \right\} = -\frac{\pi_4}{\pi_2 (E/2)} \rho \eta \left\{ -\frac{\pi_2}{\pi} \frac{v}{\eta} \frac{d\Gamma(\eta)}{d\eta} \right\}$$

Interesting groupings:
 $E \ll 1, \pi_2 \ll 1, \pi_4 \ll 1$;
 we anticipate that
 $\pi_4 / [\pi_2 (E/2)] = O(1)$ for
 cases of physical
 interest: both sides enter.

$$\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} T \frac{dS}{d\eta} \left[1 - \frac{[\chi] \pi_1 \tilde{\gamma}_A(T, P)/T}{1 + \pi_1 \left[\tilde{\gamma}_A(T, P)/T \right] \left\{ \pi_1 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_A(T, P)}{T} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} + \frac{T}{p_A(T)} \frac{dp_A(T)}{dT} \right\}} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{dE}{d\eta} \left[1 - \frac{[1+\chi] \pi_1 \tilde{\gamma}_A(T, P)/T}{1 + \pi_1 \left[\tilde{\gamma}_A(T, P)/T \right] \left\{ \pi_1 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_A(T, P)}{T} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} + \frac{T}{p_A(T)} \frac{dp_A(T)}{dT} \right\}} \right]$$

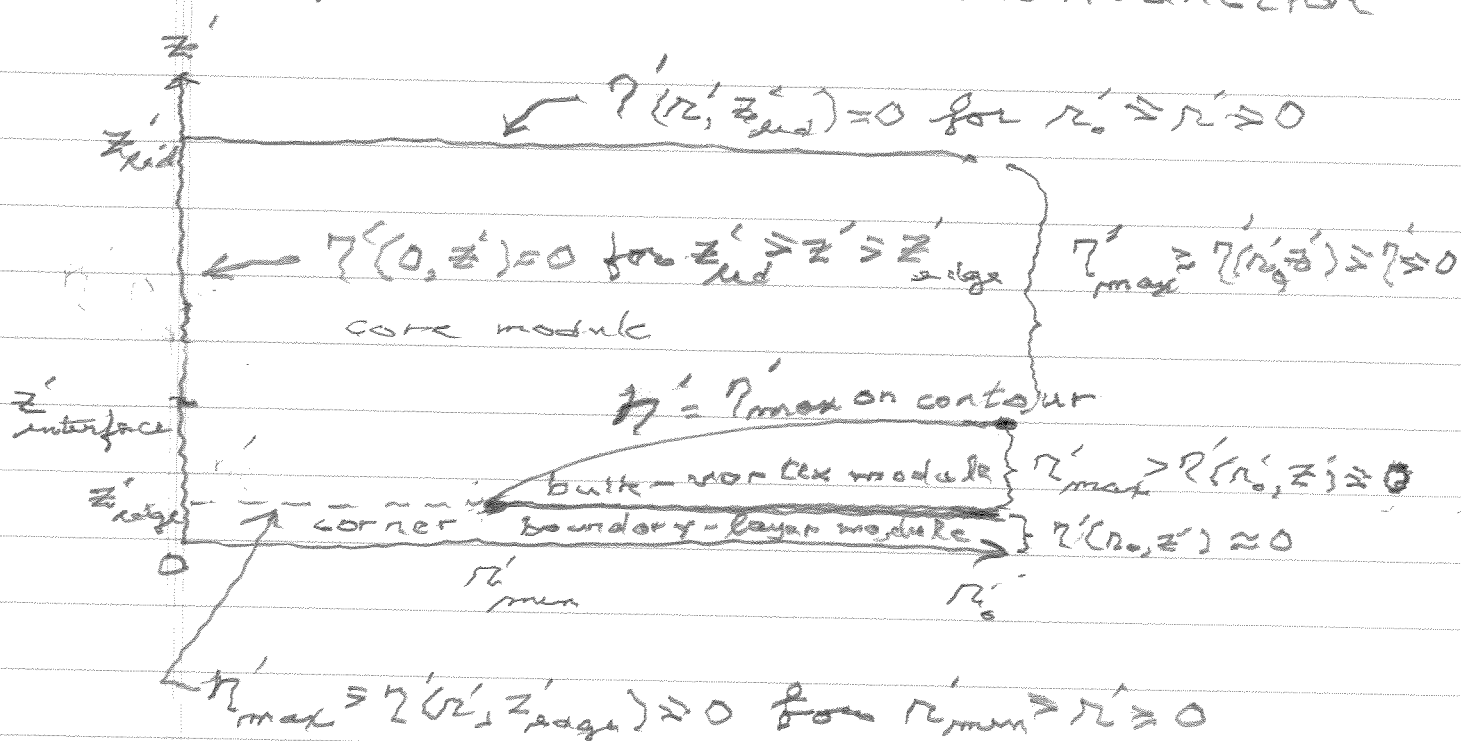
$\pi_1 \approx O(0.2)$ or so, typically

$\pi_4 = 10^{-3}, E = 10^{-1}, \pi_2 = 10^{-2}$, typically

Core Module

Boundary Conditions on Streamfunction

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The boundary condition holding on $r' = r'_0$, $z'_{ed} \geq z' \geq z'_{interface}$ deserves discussion.

$\psi'(r'_0, z')$ should decrease monotonically from $\psi' = \psi'_{max}$ at $z' = z'_{interface}$ to $\psi' = 0$ at $z' = z'_{ed}$, but we really can't prescribe how.

$$-\rho' u'(r'_0, z') r'_0 = \frac{\partial \psi'(r'_0, z')}{\partial z'}, \quad \rho' w'(r'_0, z') r'_0 = \frac{\partial \psi'(r'_0, z')}{\partial r'}$$

$\frac{\partial \psi'(r'_0, z')}{\partial z'} < 0 \Rightarrow u'(r'_0, z') \geq 0$ (outflow). We expect

$\frac{\partial \psi'(r'_0, z')}{\partial r'} = 0$ at $z' = z'_{interface}$ and $z' = z'_{ed}$ because these

are streamlines (no cross flow), but $\frac{\partial \psi'(r'_0, z')}{\partial r'}$ might be discontinuous (vortex sheet: inflow below $z' = z'_{interface}$, outflow above $z' = z'_{interface}$).

though $\frac{\partial \psi'(r'_0, z'_{interface})}{\partial z'} = 0$ is not excluded (smooth transition). We might see whether it suffices to take

$$\frac{\partial \psi'(r'_0, z')}{\partial r'} = 0, \quad z'_{ed} \geq z' \geq z'_{interface}$$

Core Module: Finding the Dependent Variables after the Streamfunction $\psi'(r', z')$ is in Hand

- $v'(r', z') = [\Gamma'(\psi'(r', z')) - \Omega' r'^2] / r'$
 $v'(0, z') = 0$

- Simultaneous nonlinear algebraic equations for $p'(r', z')$ and $T'(r', z')$:

$$y'(r', z') = \sigma p'[T'(r', z')] / p'(r', z')$$

$$c_p' T'(r', z') + L' y'(r', z') + g' z' + \frac{v'^2(r', z')}{2} = E[\psi'(r', z')]$$

$$\ln \left[\frac{T'(r', z')}{T'_{ref}} \right]^{1/(Y-1)} - \ln \left[\frac{p'(r', z')}{p'_{ref}} \right] + \frac{L' y'(r', z')}{R' T'(r', z')} = \frac{S'[\psi'(r', z')]}{R'}$$

- $p'(r', z') = p(r', z') / [R' T'(r', z')]$

- $u'(r', z') = - \frac{1}{p'(r', z')} \frac{1}{r'} \frac{\partial \psi'(r', z')}{\partial z'}$

- $w'(r', z') = \frac{1}{p'(r', z')} \frac{1}{r'} \frac{\partial \psi'(r', z')}{\partial r'}$