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1 # falkner_skan.py
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4 from scipy import optimize, integrate
5 import numpy as np
6 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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9 def falkner_skan(m, verbose=False):
10     """
11     Solves the Falkner-Skan equation for a given value of m.
12     See Wikipedia for reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
13     /Falkner-Skan_boundary_layer
14     :param m: power-law exponent of the edge velocity (i.e.
15      $u_e(x) = U_{inf} * x ^ m$ )
16     :param verbose: boolean about whether you want to print
17     detailed output (for debugging)
18     :return: eta, f0, f1, and f2 as a tuple of 1-dimensional
19     ndarrays.
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21     Governing equation:
22      $f''' + f*f'' + \beta*(1 - (f')^2) = 0$ , where:
23      $\beta = 2 * m / (m+1)$ 
24      $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$ 
25      $f'(inf) = 1$ 
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27     Syntax:
28     f0 is f
29     f1 is f'
30     f2 is f''
31     f3 is f'''
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33     """
34
35     # Assign beta
36     beta = 2 * m / (m + 1)
37
38     ### Figure out what f2(0) is with the shooting method:
39     f2_init_guess = 1.233 # Dear god whatever you do don't
40     change this initial guess, it took so much trial and error to
41     find a initial guess that's stable for all values of m
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43     # Nelder-Mead simplex optimization algorithm
44     opt_result = optimize.minimize(

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40         fun=falkner_skan_error_squared,
41         x0=f2_init_guess,
42         args=(beta,),
43         method='nelder-mead',
44         options={
45             'fatol': 1e-12
46         }
47     )
48     f2_init = opt_result.x
49     if verbose:
50         print("f''_init: %f" % f2_init)
51         print("Residual: %f" % opt_result.fun)
52
53     ### Calculate the solution
54     eta = np.linspace(0, 10, 1001) # values of eta that you
55     want data at
56     f_init = [0, 0, f2_init] # f(0), f'(0), and f''(0)
57     soln = integrate.solve_ivp(
58         fun=lambda eta, f: falkner_skan_differential_equation(
59             eta, f, beta),
60         t_span=(0, 10),
61         y0=f_init,
62         t_eval=eta,
63         method='BDF' # More stable for stiff problems
64     )
65
66     ### Format and return the output
67     f0 = soln.y[0, :]
68     f1 = soln.y[1, :]
69     f2 = soln.y[2, :]
70     return eta, f0, f1, f2
71
72 def falkner_skan_error_squared(f2_init, beta):
73     """
74     For a given guess of f''(0) and fixed parameter beta,
75     returns the square of the error of the Falkner-Skan solution
76     :param f2_init: Guess of f''(0)
77     :param beta: The Falkner-Skan beta parameter (beta = 2 * m
78     / (m + 1) )
79     :return: The square of the difference between f'(infinity
80     ) and 1, since 1 is the boundary condition that should be
81     enforced.
82     """
83     eta, f0, f1, f2 = falkner_skan_solution(f2_init, beta)

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80     f1_inf = f1[
81         -1] # Gets the last value of f1 that was calculated
            (typically at eta = 20, considered far enough to be infinity
            ).
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83     error_squared = (f1_inf - 1) ** 2
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85     if f2_init < 0:
86         error_squared = np.Inf # Eliminate separated
            solutions by adding a "penalty function" for negative f''(0)
            values.
87         # Negative f''(0) values imply negative shear stress
            at the wall, or separation.
88         # This is implemented like this because the Nelder-
            Mead simplex algorithm in scipy.optimize doesn't support
            constraints.
89         # (This is sort of like a barrier method)
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91     return error_squared
92
93
94 def falkner_skan_solution(f2_init, beta):
95     """
96     Returns the Falkner-Skan solution for a given guess f''(0
97     ) and fixed parameter beta.
98     :param f2_init: Guess of f''(0)
99     :param beta: The Falkner-Skan beta parameter (beta = 2 *
100     m / (m + 1) )
101     :return: eta, f0, f1, and f2 as a tuple of 1-dimensional
102     ndarrays.
103     """
104     f_init = [0, 0, f2_init] # f(0), f'(0), and f''(0)
105     raw_soln = integrate.solve_ivp(
106         fun=lambda eta, f: falkner_skan_differential_equation
            (eta, f, beta),
107         t_span=(0, 20),
108         y0=f_init,
109         method='BDF' # More stable for stiff problems
110     )
111     eta = raw_soln.t
112     f0 = raw_soln.y[0, :]
113     f1 = raw_soln.y[1, :]
114     f2 = raw_soln.y[2, :]

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113     return eta, f0, f1, f2
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116 def falkner_skan_differential_equation(eta, f, beta):
117     """
118         The governing differential equation of the Falkner-Skan
119         boundary layer solution.
120         :param eta: The value of eta. Not used; just set up like
121         this so that scipy.integrate.solve_ivp() can use this
122         function.
123         :param f: A vector of 3 elements: f, f', and f''.
124         :param beta: The Falkner-Skan beta parameter (beta = 2 * m / (m + 1) )
125         :return: The derivative w.r.t. eta of the input vector,
126         expressed as a vector of 3 elements: f', f'', and f'''.
127     """
128     dfdeta = [
129         f[1],
130         f[2],
131         -f[0] * f[2] - beta * (1 - f[1] ** 2)
132     ]
133
134     return dfdeta
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136
137 if __name__ == "__main__":
138     # Run through a few tests to ensure that these functions
139     are working correctly.
140     # Includes all examples in Table 4.1 of Drela's Flight
141     Vehicle Aerodynamics textbook, along with a few others.
142     # Then plots all their velocity profiles.
143     m_tests = [-0.0904, -0.08, -0.05, 0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.6, 0.8,
144 1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2]
145     for m_val in m_tests:
146         eta, f0, f1, f2 = falkner_skan(m=m_val)
147         plt.plot(f1, eta)
148     plt.ion()
149     plt.grid(True)
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