

We assume, the spanwise velocity follows a profile of the following shape:

$$w = w_1 + \alpha \log \left(\frac{z}{z_1} \right) + \beta(z - z_1) \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \frac{\alpha}{z} + \beta \quad (2)$$

We now determine α and β such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \Big|_{z_1} &= C_1 \\ w(z_2) &= C_2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The lower boundary yields

$$C_1 = \alpha/z_1 + \beta \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \beta = C_1 - \alpha/z_1 & \text{viz. (i)} \\ \alpha = z_1(C_1 - \beta) & \text{viz. (ii)} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

We can now substitute β or α in Eq. (1) to yield:

(i) when substituting β

$$w = w_1 + \alpha \log \left(\frac{z}{z_1} \right) + \left(C_1 - \frac{\alpha}{z_1} \right) (z - z_1) \quad (5)$$

$$w - w_1 - C_1(z - z_1) = \alpha \left[\log \left(\frac{z}{z_1} \right) - \frac{z}{z_1} \right] \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{C_2 - w_1 - C_1(z_2 - z_1)}{\log(z_2/z_1) - z_2/z_1} \quad (7)$$

(ii) when substituting α

$$w = w_1 + z_1(C_1 - \beta) \log \left(\frac{z}{z_1} \right) + \beta(z - z_1) \quad (8)$$

$$w - w_1 - C_1 z_1 \log(z/z_1) = \beta \left[z - z_1 \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{z}{z_1} \right) \right) \right] \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{C_2 - w_1 - C_1 z_1 \log(z_2/z_1)}{z_2 - z_1 (1 + \log(z_2/z_1))} \quad (10)$$