

**Homework problems on Fluid Dynamics**  
(1.63J/2.21J)

Chiang C. Mei, 2002

cir-jet.tex

**1. Jet from a point source of momentum**

Consider a laminar jet formed by fluid forced out of a hole by high pressure. Apply boundary layer approximation for a jet of high initial momentum flux. Let the momentum source be at  $(r = 0, z = 0)$  and the  $z$  axis be also the jet axis. Start from the continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial(ur)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(wr)}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (1)$$

and the momentum equation

$$u \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \frac{\nu}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \right) \quad (2)$$

Show first that the momentum flux across the jet is constant in  $z$  and is equal to the value  $M$  at the source. Express the velocity components and all boundary conditions in terms of a stream function, then solve the problem by the method of similarity. Plot the result and discuss.