MIT Department of Mechanical Engineering 2.25 Advanced Fluid Mechanics

Problem 9.03

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Consider a laminar boundary layer or the laminar sublayer of a turbulent boundary in two-dimensional flow. The fluid is incompressible and has constant viscosity.

Show that, at the wall, the velocity profile is concave upwards in flow with a favorable pressure gradient $(\partial p/\partial x ; 0)$. Whereas it is concave downwards for flow with an unfavorable pressure gradient $(\partial p/\partial x > 0)$.

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