## Example 4: a system of ODEs in different intervals

Consider a two-phase flow<sup>11</sup>

(i) Region 1

$$\frac{d^2u_1}{dy^2} + \frac{Gr}{Re}\sin(\phi)\theta_1 = P,$$
(22)

$$\frac{d^2\theta_1}{dy^2} + PrEc\left(\frac{du_1}{dy}\right)^2 = 0,$$
(23)

(ii) Region 2

$$\frac{d^2u_2}{dy^2} + \frac{Gr}{Re}\frac{nbh^2}{\lambda}\sin(\phi)\theta_2 - \frac{M^2h^2}{\lambda}u_2 = \frac{h^2}{\lambda}P,$$
(24)

$$\frac{d^2\theta_2}{dy^2} + EcPr\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_T} \left(\frac{du_2}{dy}\right)^2 + EcPr\frac{h^2}{\lambda_T}M^2u_2^2 = 0,$$
(25)

subject to

$$u_1(1) = 1, \ \theta_1(1) = 1, \tag{26}$$

$$u_1(0) = u_2(0), \ \theta_1(0) = \theta_2(0),$$
 (27)

$$u_1'(0) = \frac{\lambda}{h} u_2'(0), \ \theta_1'(0) = \frac{\lambda_T}{h} \theta_2'(0),$$
(28)

$$u_2(-1) = 0, \ \theta_2(-1) = 0, \tag{29}$$

where Gr is the Grashof number, Ec is the Eckert number, Pr is the Prandtl number, Re is the Reynolds number, M is the Hartmann number and P is the dimensionless pressure gradient. This model describes a two-fluid magnetohydrodynamic Poiseuille-Couette flow and heat transfer in an inclined channel. Umavathi<sup>11</sup> investigate this model analytically by regular perturbation method and numerically by finite difference technique.

The BVPh 2.0 can solve this problem (22)-(29) directly without difficulty. Since all the parameters in the system will be given, we have NumEQ = 4 and TypeEQ=1. The system is input as

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TypeEQ = 1;
NumEQ = 4;
f[1,z_,{u1_,s1_,u2_,s2_},Lambda_] :=
    D[u1, {z, 2}]+ Gr/Ra*Sin[phi]*s1 - P ;
f[2,z_,{u1_,s1_,u2_,s2_},Lambda_] :=
    D[s1, {z, 2}] + Pr*Ec*(D[s1, z])^2;
f[3,z_,{u1_,s1_,u2_,s2_},Lambda_] :=D[u2,{z, 2}]-h^2/lamb*P
    +Gr/Ra*Sin[phi]*n*b*h^2/lamb*s2-M^2*h^2/lamb*u2;
f[4,z_,{u1_,s1_,u2_,s2_},lambda_] :=D[s2,{z,2}]
    +Pr*Ec*lamb/lambT*D[u2,z]^2+Pr*Ec*h^2/lambT*M^2*u2^2;
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The eight boundary conditions (26)–(29) are defined as

NumBC=8; BC[1,z\_,{u1\_,s1\_,u2\_,s2\_}]:=(u1-1)/.z->1; BC[2,z\_,{u1\_,s1\_,u2\_,s2\_}]:=(u1-u2)/.z->0; BC[3,z\_,{u1\_,s1\_,u2\_,s2\_}]:=u2/.z->-1; BC[4,z\_,{u1\_,s1\_,u2\_,s2\_}]:=(D[u1,z]-D[u2,z]\*lamb/h)/.z->0; BC[5,z\_,{u1\_,s1\_,u2\_,s2\_}]:=(s1-1)/.z->1; BC[6,z\_,{u1\_,s1\_,u2\_,s2\_}]:=(s1-s2)/.z->0; BC[7,z\_,{u1\_,s1\_,u2\_,s2\_}]:=s2/.z->-1; BC[8,z\_,{u1\_,s1\_,u2\_,s2\_}]:=(D[s1,z]-D[s2,z]\*lambT/h)/.z->0;

Now let us input the solution intervals

zL[1] = 0; zR[1] = 1; (\* u1 \*) zL[2] = 0; zR[2] = 1; (\* s1 \*) zL[3] = -1; zR[3] = 0; (\* u2 \*) zL[4] = -1; zR[4] = 0; (\* s2 \*)

Note that the solution intervals are not the same. Since all the solution intervals are in finite intervals, we do not have to specify the integral interval to compute the squared residual error.

The initial guesses are chosen as  $u_{1,0} = \frac{\lambda}{h}(z-z^2)+1$ ,  $\theta_{1,0} = \frac{z\lambda_T}{h} + (1-\frac{\lambda_T}{h})z^2$ ,  $u_{2,0} = 1+z$  and  $\theta_{2,0} = z+z^2$ . They are input as

U[1, 0] = (z - z^2)*lamb/h+1;	(* u1 *)
U[2, 0] = z*lambT/h +(1-lambT/h)*z^2;	(* s1 *)
U[3, 0] = 1 + z;	(* u2 *)
$U[4, 0] = z^2 + z;$	(* s2 *)

The auxiliary linear operators are chosen as  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_2 = \mathcal{L}_3 = \mathcal{L}_4 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$ . They are defined as

L[1,u\_]:=D[u,{z,2}]; L[2,u\_]:=D[u,{z,2}]; L[3,u\_]:=D[u,{z,2}]; L[4,u\_]:=D[u,{z,2}];

Note that we use the delayed assignment SetDelayed(:=) to define these linear operators and z is the independent variable in the package.

Without loss of generality, let us consider the case when Pr = 7/10, Ec = 1/100, P = -5, b = 1, n = 1, Re = 1, M = 2, Gr = 5, h = 1,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\lambda_T = 1$ , and  $\phi = \pi/6$ . These physical parameters are input as

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P = -5; b = 1;
n = 1; Ra = 1;
M = 2; Gr = 5;
lamb = 1; lambT = 1;
h = 1; phi = Pi/6;
Pr = 7/10; Ec = 1/100;
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At this time, we have input all the data for this problem, except the convergence-control parameters c0[k]. We minimize the squared residual error of the 4th-order approximations to obtain optimal values for c0[k] by the command

GetOptiVar[4,{},{c0[1],c0[2],c0[3],c0[4]}];

Note that the second parameter of GetOptiVar is a empty list, which means that we give no constraints on the convergence-control parameters co[k].

After some time, we obtain the optimal values for c0[k], which reads  $c0[1] \approx -0.898166$ ,  $c0[2] \approx -0.946828$ ,  $c0[3] \approx -0.780946$  and  $c0[4] \approx -1.12363$ . Then we call the main module BVPh to get the 30th-order approximations

BVPh[1, 30];

The 30th-order approximations for  $u_1$ ,  $\theta_1$ ,  $u_2$ ,  $\theta_2$  are stored in U[1,30], U[2,30], U[3,30] and U[4,30], respectively, while the corresponding squared residual error is ErrTotal[30]. The 30th-order approximations are plotted in Fig. 10. The value of  $\theta(y)$  agrees with Umavathi's result<sup>11</sup> (black dots), as shown in Fig. 10. The 30th-order approximation of  $\theta(y)$  gives the heat transfer rate  $Nu_+ = \theta'_1(1) = 0.8860625$  and  $Nu_- = \theta'_2(1) = 1.122312$ , which agrees with  $Nu_+ = 0.88606$  and  $Nu_- = 1.12230$  in Umavathi's<sup>11</sup> Table 3.

The total error of the system for every two order of approximations is plotted in Fig. 11.



Fig. 10: The curve of u(y) (solid) and  $\theta(y)$  (dashed) for Example 4. The black dots are the values for  $\theta(y)$  obtained by Umavathi.<sup>11</sup>



Fig. 11: Total error vs. order of approximation for Example 4.

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