1. Consider flow over a flat plate with zero pressure gradient. Blasius found that by definition of following variables (He used  $\alpha = 1$ ):

$$\psi(x,y) = \sqrt{\alpha\nu x U} f(\eta)$$
 and  $\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U}{\alpha\nu x}}$ 

the boundary layer equations reduce to

$$f''' + \frac{\alpha}{2}ff'' = 0$$

with the following boundary conditions:

$$f = f' = 0$$
 at  $\eta = 0$   
 $f' = 1$  as  $\eta \to \infty$ 

## **Required:**

- (a) Write a computer program to solve the Blasius equation using the Keller-Box scheme. Carry out the computations for two values of step size  $\Delta \eta = 0.5$ and  $\Delta \eta = 0.1$ , and the stretching grid mentioned in the class. For each case, apply the outer boundary condition at a distance from the wall such that  $\eta_{\text{max}} = 12.0$ .
- (b) Make a table of quantities f, f', and f'' for all the  $\eta$  locations for each case.
- (c) Plot the velocity profile in the form of u/U vs  $y\sqrt{U/\alpha\nu x}$  for each case.
- (d) Compute  $C_f Re_x^{1/2}$  for each case.
- (e) Prepare a report describing your program and discussing your results.