

Solution to Problem 115B

Given that

$$u = U \left(\frac{2y}{ax} - \frac{y^2}{a^2x^2} \right)$$

it follows that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = U \left[-\frac{2y}{ax^2} + 2\frac{y^2}{a^2x^3} \right]$$

Now the continuity equation for a 2-D, incompressible flow is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

and therefore it follows that

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = U \left[\frac{2y}{ax^2} - 2\frac{y^2}{a^2x^3} \right]$$

Integrating this

$$v(x, y) = \int U \left[\frac{2y}{ax^2} - 2\frac{y^2}{a^2x^3} \right] dy = U \left[\frac{y^2}{ax^2} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{y^3}{a^2x^3} \right] + f(x)$$

and since $v(x, 0) = f(x) = 0$ it follows that

$$v(x, y) = U \left[\frac{y^2}{ax^2} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{y^3}{a^2x^3} \right]$$