Solution to Problem 352A:



Using the oblique shock graph with M = 5 and $\theta = 20^{\circ}$, the oblique shock inclination to the horizontal is $\beta = 30^{\circ}$. Then $M_1 \sin \beta = 5 \sin 30^{\circ} = 2.5$. Then using the shock wave table, $M_2 \sin (\beta - \theta) = 0.513$ and hence $M_2 = 2.95$.

Now consider the Prandtl-Meyer expansion fan with the upstream Mach number $M_2 = 2.95$. From the Prandtl-Meyer function graph or table, it follows that $\nu(M_2) = 48.8^{\circ}$. Therefore the maximum angle of turn at the vertex is $130.5^{\circ} - 48.8^{\circ} = 81.7^{\circ}$ and therefore the maximum value of θ for which the flow would remain attached is $\theta = 81.7^{\circ} - 20^{\circ} = 61.7^{\circ}$.