

Solution to Ex. 6.28

of *Turbulent Flows* by Stephen B. Pope, 2000

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Differentiate Eq. (6.216) to obtain

$$\frac{dE_{11}(\kappa_1)}{d\kappa_1} = -2\kappa_1 \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} E(\kappa) \kappa^{-3} d\kappa \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d^2 E_{11}(\kappa_1)}{d\kappa_1^2} = \frac{2E(\kappa_1)}{\kappa_1^2} - 2 \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} E(\kappa) \kappa^{-3} d\kappa \quad (2)$$

Hence verify Eq. (6.127). Use Eq. (6.221) to show that $E_{11}(\kappa_1)$ is a monotonically decreasing function of κ_1 , and hence is maximum at $\kappa_1 = 0$.

Solution

Using the rule of “differentiation under the integral”¹, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} E_{11}(\kappa_1) &= \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} \frac{E(\kappa)}{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa_1^2}{\kappa^2}\right) d\kappa \\ &= \underbrace{-\frac{E(\kappa_1)}{\kappa_1} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa_1^2}{\kappa_1^2}\right)}_0 + \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} \frac{E(\kappa)}{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa_1^2}{\kappa^2}\right) d\kappa \\ &= -2\kappa_1 \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} \frac{E(\kappa)}{\kappa^3} d\kappa \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{d\kappa_1^2} E_{11}(\kappa_1) &= \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} E_{11}(\kappa_1) \\ &= \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} \left(-2\kappa_1 \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} \frac{E(\kappa)}{\kappa^3} d\kappa \right) \\ &= -2\kappa_1 \left(-\frac{E(\kappa_1)}{\kappa_1^3} + \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} \underbrace{\frac{d}{d\kappa_1} \frac{E(\kappa)}{\kappa^3}}_{=0} d\kappa \right) - 2 \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} \frac{E(\kappa)}{\kappa^3} d\kappa \\ &= \frac{2E(\kappa_1)}{\kappa_1^2} - 2 \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} \frac{E(\kappa)}{\kappa^3} d\kappa \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Rearrange Eq. (3)

$$\frac{1}{\kappa_1} \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} E_{11}(\kappa_1) = -2 \int_{\kappa_1}^{+\infty} \frac{E(\kappa)}{\kappa^3} d\kappa \quad (5)$$

Insert Eq. (5) into Eq. (4)

$$\frac{d^2}{d\kappa_1^2} E_{11}(\kappa_1) = \frac{2E(\kappa_1)}{\kappa_1^2} + \frac{1}{\kappa_1} \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} E_{11}(\kappa_1) \quad (6)$$

Again, rearrange the terms

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2E(\kappa_1)}{\kappa_1^3} &= \frac{1}{\kappa_1} \frac{d^2}{d\kappa_1^2} E_{11}(\kappa_1) - \frac{1}{\kappa_1^2} \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} E_{11}(\kappa_1) \\ &= \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa_1} \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} E_{11}(\kappa_1) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Then it is straight forward that

$$E(\kappa_1) = \frac{1}{2} \kappa_1^3 \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa_1} \frac{d}{d\kappa_1} E_{11}(\kappa_1) \right) \quad (8)$$

Since κ_1 should be non-negative, then Eq. (3) indicates that the first order derivative of $E_{11}(\kappa_1)$ respect to κ_1 is always negative. Thus $E_{11}(\kappa_1)$ is a monotonically decreasing function of κ_1 with it maximum value at $\kappa_1 = 0$.

¹ <http://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1743872/derivative-of-an-integral-function/1743902>