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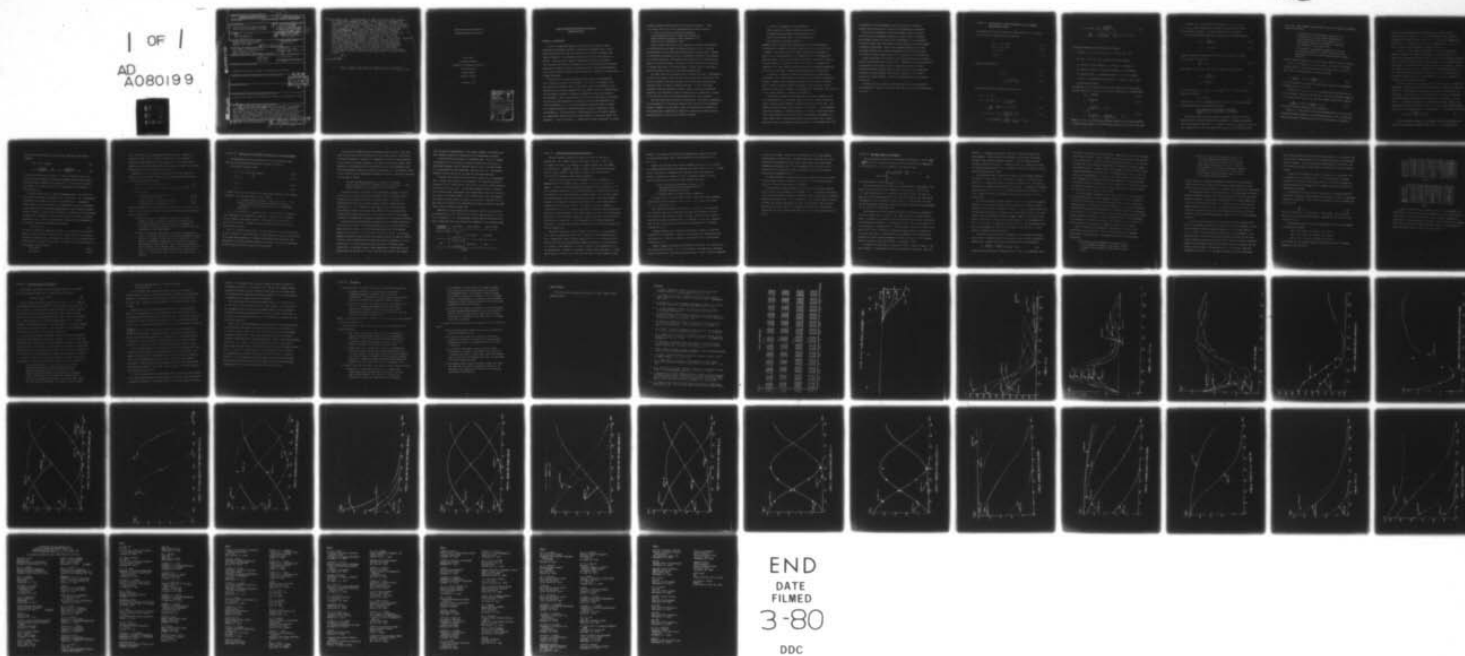
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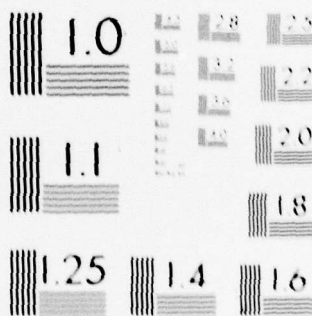
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cont. → obtaining a well-posed mathematical model with time scales suitable for large scale atmospheric flows. Three types of conditions are considered at the lateral boundaries: 1) outflow, 2) inflow (driven velocity is specified and is essentially independent of the internal flow, 3) inflow (passive) - inflow is created primarily by the inter flow configuration. The upper boundary conditions include ~~the~~ two derived ~~in [1]~~, the continuous and discontinuous boundary conditions, and a third condition, which is designed to allow the flow to propagate independently of the height of the region. Numerical solutions are obtained for various test cases, and convergence of the calculations is demonstrated. One sees that, although the calculations are reasonable, both from a mathematical and physical standpoint, the various calculations differ from each other very significantly, both qualitatively and quantitatively. It is suggested, therefore, that the process of specifying and evaluating boundary conditions will proceed more efficiently if more physical understanding is obtained in regard to relatively simple flows, such as a wave entering a stationary flow at a lateral boundary.

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## Lateral Boundary Conditions for Quasisteady Atmospheric Flows

### Section I: Introduction

In ref. [1] quasisteady equations were derived on the basis of scale assumptions approximately satisfied in large-scale atmospheric flow. Several upper boundary conditions were also derived, but the lateral boundaries were severely simplified. The underlying philosophy used in the above work was as follows: Assuming that the complete time-dependent problem is well-posed (this includes specification of boundary and initial conditions), derive internal equations and boundary conditions by employing clearly stated scale assumptions. In the present paper, an attempt is made to extend this approach to include lateral boundary conditions.

Difficulties with boundary conditions, particularly at free boundaries, arise in almost all areas of fluid dynamics. In the case of supersonic flow, the problems are generally simpler, since one can expect perturbations at such boundaries not to feed back upstream (see, for example, ref.[2]). Mathematically the hydrodynamic equations, representing a hyperbolic system, are reasonably well understood. This is particularly true for the one-dimensional case, although in two or more space dimensions, the existence and uniqueness theorems are not so well formulated [3]. It is in fact physical understanding that is lacking: It is perhaps impossible to specify physically "accurate" conditions at these free boundaries. This situation has so deteriorated that the scientist engaged in computational studies feels free in many instances to ignore the physics and mathematics. Chen [4] discusses "...computational boundary conditions, in contrast

to physical boundary conditions which are originally required..." Also, in his survey article [5, p.19], Belotserkovskii can write as follows:

"...the basic principle underlying the statement of the conditions is that no substantial disturbances should penetrate through the "open" boundaries of the region into the computational region."

Various authors have written of the necessity of neither over-specifying nor under-specifying the number of boundary conditions [6,7,8]. In large scale atmospheric flow an additional stumbling block presents itself: Because of "simplifying" assumptions, such as the hydrostatic assumption, the equations are no longer hyperbolic. The question then arises anew as to even the proper number of boundary conditions. The paper of Oliger & Sundström [9] would seem to indicate that there is no "proper" number: A major result in this paper is that the hydrostatic model is not well-posed mathematically.

The above result has been quoted often in the last few years. Unfortunately, at least in the author's view, the result has at times been interpreted to mean that the researcher (since the equations are not well-posed anyway) can now experiment freely in terms of boundary conditions. In fact, Oliger and Sundström's work does produce the expected result: Having made quasisteady assumptions (the hydrostatic equation represents such an assumption), it should not be surprising that not all boundary conditions are still compatible.

This turn away from the physics is disconcerting. Historically, mathematics has been productive to the applied community when closely tied to the physical problem. Hadamard [10], who seems to have first introduced the concept of a well-posed problem, emphasized the importance of maintaining contact with the physical problem. In [10, p.32] he writes as follows:



"... But it is remarkable, on the other hand,  
that a sure guide is found in physical interpretation:  
An analytical problem always being correctly set, in  
our use of the phrase, when it is the translation of  
some mechanical or physical question..."

Hadamard's specific concern was different than ours (he was objecting to the mathematical assumption of analytic data), but his point is still valid. It appears to the author that in the area of computation the atmospheric physicist has relinquished much of his responsibility to the mathematician/numerical analyst. This is not intended to disparage the latter (if anything, the author would be so classified). Rather, the intent is to emphasize the importance of at least partially judging the results of numerical computations on the basis of the physical problem that one postulates is being solved.

For example, "reflective" behavior at a boundary may in some sense be undesirable, and its existence may in some sense be significant for diagnostic purposes. However, such a phenomenon remains at best a symptom. Since one does not define a physical problem by specifying "non-reflective", neither should one impose such a criterion on the mathematical formulation. And, needless to say, neither should it be imposed on the numerics.

One possible procedure for specifying outflow boundary conditions is to first assume physically a relatively simple form for the solution outside the region, and then specify boundary conditions associated with this flow. (one boundary condition proposed in this paper is of this form). In the atmospheric case such a procedure is difficult because so few "simple" solutions are known. This is particularly due to the fact that in an atmospheric environment even simple flows, such as a wave entering from a lateral boundary into a region of stationary flow, have extremely complicated solutions. Nevertheless, this lack



of knowledge is highly detrimental to both the process of specifying boundary conditions and to the evaluation of corresponding calculations.

The point to be emphasized is that the boundary conditions, however specified, must be interpreted physically in terms of what is inherently being assumed regarding the external flow configuration. This philosophy does differ greatly from that employed by most atmospheric scientists engaged in numerical calculations. Many of the techniques presently in use (see, for example, Orlanski [11], Perkey & Kreitzberg [12], and Kemp and Lilley [13]) share the common characteristics of not referring to the external flow.

Boundary conditions are discussed for the time-dependent case in Section II and for the quasisteady case in Section III. Calculations using these conditions are described in Section IV, V and VI: Section IV considers a problem involving internally generated flow, Section V considers a bell-shaped wave entering at a lateral boundary, and Section VI considers a "flat" wave entering at a lateral boundary. Section VII summarizes possible conclusions of the study.

An accuracy study, in terms of a decreased mesh size, was conducted for all calculations. Results of this study are shown for the bell-wave calculation in Section V.

## Section II: Specification of Boundary Conditions for the Complete Time-Dependent Problem

The variables to be used are similar to those defined in ref. 1, except that the velocity components are now normalized:

$$\tilde{u} = (u - aw) / \sqrt{1+a^2} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\tilde{w} = (w + au) / \sqrt{1+a^2} \quad (1.2)$$

$$\pi = \bar{p}(\gamma-1)/\gamma \quad (1.3)$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{\bar{p}} \bar{p}^{-1/\gamma} \quad (1.4)$$

Using the transformation

$$\tau = t \quad (2.1)$$

$$\eta = x/L \quad (2.2)$$

$$\zeta = \frac{a - f_1(t, x)}{f_2(t, x) - f_1(t, x)} \quad (2.3)$$

The hydrodynamic equations take the following form:

$$\theta_\tau = -r\theta_\zeta - \frac{u}{L} \theta_\eta \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_\tau = -G_1 = & -r\tilde{u}_\zeta - \frac{u}{L} \tilde{u}_\eta - \frac{c^2}{(\gamma-1)\pi L \sqrt{1+a^2}} \pi_\eta \\ & + \frac{a\zeta}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} - \frac{\tilde{w}}{1+a^2} (a_\tau + r a_\zeta + \frac{u}{L} a_\eta). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_\tau = -G_2 = & -r\pi_\zeta - \frac{u}{L} \pi_\eta - \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{L\sqrt{1+a^2}} (\tilde{u}_\eta + a\tilde{w}_\eta) \\ & - (\gamma-1)\pi\zeta \sqrt{1+a^2} w_\zeta - \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} \left( \frac{w}{L\sqrt{1+a^2}} a_\eta - \tilde{u}\zeta_\eta a_\zeta \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}_\tau = -G_3 = -r\tilde{w}_\zeta - \frac{u}{L}\tilde{w}_\eta - \frac{c_s^2 \zeta_z \sqrt{1+a^2}}{(\gamma-1)\pi} \pi_\zeta \\ - \frac{g}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} - \frac{ac_s^2}{(\gamma-1)\pi L \sqrt{1+a^2}} \pi_\eta + \frac{\tilde{u}}{1+a^2} (a_\tau + ra_\zeta + \frac{u}{L}a_\eta) \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

The various parameters defined above are as follows:

$$a = \zeta_x / \zeta_z, \quad r = \zeta_t + w\zeta_z + u\zeta_x, \quad \gamma = 1 + R/c_v, \quad c_s^2 = \gamma RT,$$

$$\bar{p} = p/p_0, \quad \bar{T} = T/T_0, \quad f_1 = \text{position of the lower boundary,}$$

$$f_2 = \text{position of upper boundary, } \rho = \text{density, } T = \text{temperature,}$$

$$w = \text{vertical velocity, } u = \text{horizontal velocity, } R = \text{gas constant,}$$

$$c_v = \text{specific heat, } x = \text{horizontal distance, } z = \text{vertical distance,}$$

$$t = \text{time, } g = \text{acceleration due to gravity, } p = \text{pressure} = \rho RT, \quad \rho_0 \text{ and}$$

$$T_0 \text{ are reference values.}$$

The equations for the floating top and for the continuous and discontinuous boundary conditions [1: eqs. 10, 15, 21] take respectively the following form:

$$(f_2)_\tau = \tilde{w} \sqrt{1+a^2} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\pi_\tau = \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{c_s} \tilde{w} \quad (4.2)$$

$$\pi_\tau = \begin{cases} \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{c_s} \tilde{w}_\tau & : \tilde{w} \leq 0 \\ \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{c_s} \tilde{w}_\tau - \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi g}{c_s^2} (f_2)_\tau & : \tilde{w} > 0 \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

Remark: In ref. 1 the discontinuous boundary condition was written incorrectly in that the scale factor  $(1+a^2)^{-1/2}$  was omitted from the first term on the right.



A solution is to be obtained in the region  $0 \leq \tau \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq r_{\text{end}}$ . Before considering the boundary conditions for eq.(3) at the four spatial boundaries, a general condition will be discussed.

A simplified one-dimensional model consists of the following equations:

$$u_t = - \frac{c_s^2}{(\gamma-1)\pi} \pi_x \quad (5.1)$$

$$\pi_t = - (\gamma-1)\pi u_x \quad (5.2)$$

Assuming a steady wave, moving with velocity  $c_w$ , one "watches" the wave front approach by the equation,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -c_w \quad (5.3)$$

Substituting eq.(5.3), eqs. (5.1) and (5.2) take the following form:

$$u_t = \frac{c_s^2}{(\gamma-1)\pi c_w} \pi_t \quad (5.4)$$

$$\pi_t = \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{c_w} u_t \quad (5.5)$$

In the case that  $c_w = c_s$  (that is, a sound wave), eqs. (5.4) and (5.5) both become the following:

$$u_t = \frac{c_s}{(\gamma-1)\pi} \pi_t \quad (5.6)$$

Eq.(5.6) has been used as a boundary condition in earlier work [14,15], where the following physical interpretation was given:

At a boundary eq.(5.6) models a sound wave, moving into an infinite region of undisturbed flow.

Eq.(5.6) will be used in this paper as a boundary condition. An obvious objection would be that the problem of most interest in atmospheric situations will not be sound-wave dominated. It is tempting, therefore, to use  $c_w$  in eq.(5.3) as a "fudge-factor" by which one could obtain various forms of either eq.(5.4)



or eq.(5.5). This approach has been avoided, and in this regard the following points are pertinent:

- i) The philosophy of this paper, as discussed in the introduction, is that the boundary conditions must make an assumption in terms of the external flow. It is incorrect, therefore, to calculate  $c_w$  "adaptively" from conditions of the internal flow.
- ii) If specific two-dimensional steady-state solutions to atmospheric problems were known, then perhaps these solutions could be used to derive more appropriate boundary conditions.

Specific boundary conditions at the four spatial boundaries will now be given.

A)  $\zeta = 0$  is assumed to be a solid boundary. An appropriate boundary condition is  $\tilde{w} = 0$ . One can then obtain  $\theta$  and  $\tilde{u}$  from eqs.(3.1) and (3.2), while  $\pi$  can be calculated from the following equation:

$$\frac{c_s}{(\gamma-1)\pi} \pi_\tau - \tilde{w}_\tau = - \left( \frac{c_s}{(\gamma-1)\pi} G_2 - G_3 \right) \quad (7.1)$$

Eq. (7.1) represents the linearized characteristic variable which propagates information from  $\zeta > 0$  to  $\zeta = 0$ .

B) Because of eq. (4.1),  $\zeta = 1$  is a streamline and consequently one and only one boundary condition is required here. The three differential equations to be used are eqs.(3.1) and (3.2), and the following characteristic equation:

$$\frac{c_s}{(\gamma-1)\pi} \pi_\tau + \tilde{w}_\tau = - \left( \frac{c_s}{(\gamma-1)\pi} G_2 + G_3 \right) . \quad (7.2)$$

Three upper boundary conditions will be considered.

1) Eq.(4.2): This equation was derived mathematically in ref [1] as the continuous boundary condition. The interpretation given by (6) is not entirely valid here because the derivative in eq.(4.2) is with respect to  $\tau$  and not  $t$ .

Thus, with this boundary condition, the floating top pushes a line of constant pressure ( namely  $\zeta = 1$  ) into the "undisturbed" region and then superimposes the change dictated by eq.(4.2). In essence, the characteristic variable of eq. (7.1) remains constant as it propagates from  $\zeta > 1$  to  $\zeta = 1$ ; this, of course, ignores hydrostatic changes far above  $\zeta = 1$ .

2) Eq.(4.3): This equation was derived in [1] as the discontinuous boundary condition. The physical interpretation is that the flow at  $\zeta = 1$  behaves as a weak compression wave moving into a region of relatively undisturbed flow. However, the assumption now is that the wave acts at the moving boundary with respect to the undisturbed hydrostatic pressure at that position. That is, the change dictated by eq.(4.2) is imposed on the undisturbed region above  $\zeta = 1$ ; the second term on the right in eq.(4.3), for  $\tilde{w} > 0$ , accounts for the hydrostatic change in pressure. Interpretation (6) would seem, therefore, to be valid for this boundary condition.

3) Both eqs.(4.2) and (4.3) assume that the flow above  $\zeta = 1$  is relatively undisturbed. There are situations where this physical assumption is clearly not justified. One such example would be that of an incoming lateral wave, with the assumption that the wave is also entering above the region of computation. A possible physical assumption for this flow would be as follows: The flow above  $\zeta = 1$  propagates laterally in a one-dimensional fashion, without being significantly affected by the flow below  $\zeta = 1$ . This is modeled mathematically by eq.(5.6), with interpretation (6). Transforming to  $\tau$ , one obtains the following:

$$\pi_\tau + \zeta_t \pi_\zeta = \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{c_s} (\tilde{u}_\tau + \zeta_t \tilde{u}_\zeta) . \quad (8)$$

C) At the lateral boundaries, three boundary conditions are required for inflow and one otherwise (assuming subsonic flow). At a non-inflow point

eq.(3.1) can be used along with the following linearized characteristic equations:

$$\tilde{a}u_{\tau} - \tilde{w}_{\tau} = -(aG_1 - G_3) \quad (9)$$

$$\tilde{u}_{\tau} \pm \frac{c_s \sqrt{1+a^2}}{(\gamma-1)\pi} \pi_{\tau} + a\tilde{w}_{\tau} = -(G_1 \pm \frac{c_s \sqrt{1+a^2}}{(\gamma-1)\pi} G_2 + aG_3) \quad (10)$$

In eq.(10), the plus sign is used at  $\eta = 1$  and the negative sign at  $\eta = 0$ . As at the other boundaries, the additional boundary conditions must reflect a physical assumption regarding the outside flow. At the non-inflow points it was decided to use either eq.(8), with the same physical interpretation, or the condition  $u = 0$ .

At inflow points, eq.(10) - with the appropriate sign - can be used, but three additional boundary conditions need to be specified. This is particularly troublesome for  $\theta$  because of the fact that perturbations in  $\theta$  propagate so slowly, namely at the flow velocity: the computational times to be considered in this paper are far less than the approximately 14 hours required to traverse 500 km. at 10m/sec. It was decided, therefore, to assume that  $\theta$  is not perturbed by outside flow. Physically, this would imply that  $\theta$  is constant on incoming streamlines, but it is not so clear how best to interpret this mathematically. The following equation was eventually settled upon:

$$\theta_{\tau} + r \theta_{\zeta} = 0. \quad (11)$$

In order to determine the remaining conditions, it is necessary to distinguish between "forced" inflow and "passive" inflow. Forced inflow, which represents physically an external flow being impressed on the region, can be modeled simply: Either velocity or pressure is specified. For purposes of the present paper, it was decided to specify velocity:

$$\tilde{u} = h_1(t, z) \quad (12.1)$$

$$\tilde{w} = h_2(t, z) \quad (12.2)$$



(Eqs. (10) and (11), then, essentially determine  $\theta$  and  $\pi$ ). However, the second case, where flow is in effect pulled into the region because of internally produced gradients, is more complicated. One possible physical assumption would be that the wave enters as a sound wave normal to the surface. Mathematically, this translates to eqs.(8) and  $w = 0$ .

Summarizing, eq.(3) at interior points and the following equations at boundary points are assumed to define a well-posed mathematical formulation of a well-defined physical problem:

$$i) \zeta = 0: \tilde{w} = 0, (3.1), (3.2), (7.1). \quad (13.1)$$

$$ii) \zeta = 1: (3.1), (3.2), (7.2) \text{ and one of } [(4.2), (4.3), (8)]. \quad (13.2)$$

$$iii) \eta = 0 \text{ or } 1:$$

$$a) \text{ non-inflow: } (3.1), (9), (10), u = 0 \quad (13.3)$$

$$\text{or, } (3.1), (9), (10), (8). \quad (13.4)$$

$$b) \text{ forced inflow: } (10), (11), (12.1), (12.2) \quad (13.5)$$

$$c) \text{ passive inflow: } (10), (11), (8), w = 0 \quad (13.6)$$

The above formulation does not consider the corner points: ( $\eta = 0, 1; \zeta = 0, 1$ ).

Several severe problems, which have been consistently ignored in the literature, arise at these points:

i) There are two sets of equations, corresponding to the two boundaries, that can be used. Generally, one attempts to use those relationships which are forcing the flow configuration. For example, an algebraic boundary condition, because of continuity requirements, is considered forcing.

ii) Since the linearized characteristic equations are in general not valid, it may become necessary to use a partial differential equation directly. For example, if the flow is being forced at  $\eta = 0, \zeta = 0$ , then it is reasonable to impose eqs.(12.1), and (12.2), with  $h_2 = 0$ , and to impose  $\theta$ , say with eq.(11), but one expects to calculate  $\pi$  from the internal flow. However, neither eqs.(3.2) and (7.1), from the  $\zeta = 0$  set, nor eqs.(10) and (11) from the  $\eta = 0$  set, can be applied. In this case one might be forced to use eq.(3.3),  $\pi_t = -G_2$ , directly.

### Section III: Specification of Boundary Conditions for the Quasisteady Model

The quasisteady equations are obtained from eq.(3) by assuming that  $\pi$  and  $\tilde{w}$  are in quasisteady equilibrium with respect to  $\theta$  and  $\tilde{u}[1]$ .

The following equations result:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \theta_{\tau} &= -r\theta_{\zeta} - \frac{u}{L} \theta_{\eta}, \\ \tilde{u}_{\tau} &= -G_1, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ unchanged} \quad (14.1)$$

$$(14.2)$$

$$G_2 = 0, \quad (14.3)$$

$$G_3 = 0. \quad (14.4)$$

It remains now to study the effect of the quasisteady assumption on the boundary conditions. The underlying principle is as follows:

If a boundary equation involves  $\pi_{\tau}$  or  $\tilde{w}_{\tau}$ , and if the equation involves flow conditions internal to the region of computation, then the equation will be put in quasisteady equilibrium. (15)

At  $\zeta = 0$  the situation is relatively simple.  $\tilde{w} = 0$  and eqs.(3.1) and (3.2) remain unaffected by the quasisteady assumption. According to (15), however, eq.(7.1) becomes a quasisteady equation. This means that the right side of eq.(7.1) is set to zero. Because of eqs.(14.3) and (14.4), then, eq.(7.1) is deleted from the system.

At  $\zeta = 1$  a similar analysis holds: Eqs.(3.1) and (3.2) are still valid, while eq.(7.2) is deleted. On the other hand, the upper boundary conditions are unaffected by the quasisteady assumption: Although involving quasisteady variables, these equations do not require internal conditions of the flow; in fact, the "derivation" of these equations related to external flow conditions.

At the lateral boundaries a more complicated situation exists. First note that eqs.(14.3) and (14.4) were derived only at internal points of the flow and need not in principal be imposed at the boundaries. However, if these equations are not used at the lateral boundaries, the resulting solution may exhibit steep gradients. Such gradients will be inconsistent with the scale assumptions upon which the quasisteady equations are based [1, assumption 2]. (This perhaps relates to the discussion in the introduction regarding the results of Oliger and Sundström). One concludes as follows:

The basic quasisteady assumption [1, assumption 2] requires that eqs.(14.3) and (14.4) be applied at all points of the lateral boundaries except possible at the corner points. (16)

As noted in ref. [1], the effect of the quasisteady equations, eqs.(14.3) and (14.4), is to remove internal time dependence from the variables  $\pi$  and  $\tilde{w}$ . Boundary conditions must account for the time-dependence:  $\tilde{w} = 0$  at  $\zeta = 0$  accomplishes this for  $\tilde{w}$  and the upper boundary condition provides the time dependence for  $\pi$ . It is important to note that eqs.(4.2) and (4.3) provide time dependence relative to the upper flow, while eq.(8) also relates to the external lateral flow; therefore, if eq.(8) is used at the top it is necessary to consider the possibility of incurring inconsistencies at the lateral boundaries.

Consider first non-inflow points and assume the upper boundary condition is either eq.(4.2) or (4.3). If the lateral equation set is given by (13.3), one would use eqs.(3.1) and  $u = 0$  for the quasisteady model, and if the lateral equation set is given by (13.4), one would use eqs.(3.1) and (8). If the upper boundary condition is given by eq.(8), the situation remains the same for equation set (13.3), but an inconsistency can arise with respect to equation set (13.4). clearly near  $\zeta = 1$ , eq.(8) cannot be used to calculate  $\tilde{u}$  "laterally" and  $\pi$  "vertically". In this case, since it seems reasonable to assume that  $\tilde{u}$  can be obtained from the internal flow, eq.(3.2) has been used directly (this assumes



that the required time-dependence at the lateral boundary is provided by the upper boundary condition in conjunction with the quasisteady equations).

At forced inflow the situation is reasonably clear. Eq.(10) is deleted from equation set (13.5) because it involves internal time derivatives of quasisteady variables, and the algebraic equation (12.2) is deleted because it is inconsistent with the quasisteady equation, eq.(14.3). The remaining equations, eqs.(11) and (12.2), are used with the quasisteady model.

At passive inflow points eq.(11) can still be applied in the quasisteady case. As above, eqs.(10) and  $w = 0$  are deleted. The remaining equation of equation set (13.6), namely eq.(8), can be used if the upper boundary condition is given by eq.(4.2) or (4.3). If the upper boundary condition is given by eq.(8), then the same inconsistency, as discussed above, can arise if eq.(8) is also used at the lateral boundary. This situation has not yet been resolved. One possible solution might be to again use eq.(3.2) for  $\tilde{u}$  (perhaps it is in some sense the "residue" of the quasisteady limit process relative to eq.(10)). Further study is required for this case.

Summarizing, the quasisteady model consists of eqs.(14.3) and (14.4) at all points and eqs. (14.1) and (14.2) at all points except possibly  $\eta = 0$  or 1.  $\tilde{w} = 0$  is imposed at  $\tau = 0$ . The additional feasible boundary conditions to be used in conjunction with these equations are summarized in the following table:

| Top Boundary Condition | non-inflow                           | forced inflow | passive inflow |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| (4.2) or (4.3)         | (3.1), $u = 0$<br>or<br>(3.1), (8)   | (11), (12.1)  | (11), (8)      |
| (8)                    | (3.1), $u = 0$<br>or<br>(3.1), (3.2) | (11), (12.1)  | (11), ?        |

TABLE 1

#### Section IV: Internally Generated Outflow and Inflow

The basic numerical scheme can be found in ref.[1] and will not be repeated here. All boundary conditions are solved implicitly ( that is, at the forward time step ). For example, at a lateral boundary eq. (3.2) would be differenced as,  $\frac{1}{\Delta t} (u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^n) = -(G_1)_{i,j}^{n+1}$ , where one-sided differences would be used as required. Since eqs.(14.3) and (14.4) are also solved implicitly, the iteration problem becomes complicated.

The initial data used for the test problems in ref.[1] consisted of a stationary flow with a lateral pressure gradient in a region of height  $h$  and length  $L$ . Because the lateral boundaries were assumed to be solid walls ( $u = 0$  was the boundary condition), the flow thereby generated proceeded to reflect from the boundaries. In the present study, the right boundary will be a free boundary. The lateral boundary conditions must therefore allow the flow to move through and then, as it turns out, to move back into the region. These results will be compared with the following test case: The region is tripled to length  $3L$ , initial data in  $0 \leq x \leq L$  is as above, data for the additional region is stationary flow with no pressure gradient. This latter problem is solved with the quasisteady model and  $u = 0$  at the lateral boundaries. During a reasonably long time period, during which the results at  $x = L$  are independent of the boundary conditions imposed at  $x = 3L$ , the results obtained with the large region can be compared with the free boundary case.

The initial flow field, for the region  $0 \leq x \leq 480 \text{ km.} = L$ , is as shown in fig. 1 (this is reproduced from ref.[1]).  $\tilde{w}$  and  $\tilde{u}$  are zero throughout at time zero. Overpressure, with no pressure gradient in  $L < x < 3L$ , is shown in fig. 2. For this test case the continuous upper boundary condition, eq.(4.2) was used at  $\zeta = 1$ , and  $u = 0$  was imposed at  $\eta = 0$  and 1. Figure 3 shows pressure at  $z = Q$  for various times. Initially a "secondary" pressure front forms near  $x = L$  (this can be seen at  $t = 1600$ ), but by 2400 sec. this front is moving toward the right

boundary. This pressure distribution is accompanied by a reverse flow; this can be seen from figures 4 and 5, which display the  $\bar{u}$  distribution at  $\zeta = 0$  and  $\zeta = 1$ .

Ideally, one would now like to specify boundary conditions at  $x = L$  so that the solution thereby obtained would reproduce the above flow in  $0 \leq x \leq L$ . It seems fairly clear that for a problem of this complexity such a goal cannot be attained. Nevertheless, because the flow is internally generated, one can expect to obtain the following with proper boundary conditions:

- a) The flow should be qualitatively correct (in this case outflow and reverse flow should occur in a generally appropriate time scale).
- b) Quantitatively, the results should be comparable.

If inflow occurs, it will be passive inflow. Thus, the following boundary conditions are used (see table 1): At  $x = \eta = 0$ ,  $u = 0$  and eq.(3.1), and at  $x/L = \eta = 1$ , eqs.(8) and (11).

This solution was run until time 4000 sec. In ref. [1] it was shown that the oscillation time for this boundary condition was approximately 1600 sec. This implies a wave velocity of  $L/1600 \approx 300 \frac{\text{m.}}{\text{sec.}}$ , or about 6400 sec. would be required for the wave to travel from  $L$  to  $3L$  and back. It was felt, therefore, that for this time period the results should be independent of the boundary condition at  $x = 3L$ .

Boundary condition (8) is intended to represent a situation in which the external flow is undisturbed. Clearly, for this problem this assumption is not valid near  $x = L$ . However, it perhaps is satisfied for the flow sufficiently distant from  $x = L$ .

Figure 6 compares the pressure distribution at two times. The solid dots are the results using eq.(8) at  $x = L$ . At time 800 sec. the comparison is very good, while at time 4000 sec. some discrepancy can be seen. Figure 7 shows the comparison



in  $u$  at the top surface. The effect of eq.(8) seems to be to delay somewhat the development of reverse flow. The author judges this comparison to be good: In addition to maintaining the time scale of the problem, the results remain reasonable quantitatively also: It might perhaps also be noted that this is considered to be a difficult test case, particularly because of the combined inflow-outflow configuration at  $x = L$ .

It seems reasonable to suppose that even better agreement could be obtained by appropriately "tuning" the factor  $c_s$  in eq.(8). For the reasons discussed in Section II, such a procedure was not attempted.

A calculation was also made with eq.(3.2) replacing the boundary condition eq.(8); that is,  $\tilde{u}$  is calculated at the boundary  $x = L$ . The physical significance is not clear, particularly because this condition seems to make no direct assumption regarding the external flow. It is interesting to note therefore that the results, not shown, are sensible numerically, but show little agreement with the results obtained with the large region. For example, at time 4000 sec., the pressure distribution has oscillated back essentially to the distribution existing at time 800 sec.

## Section V: Bell-Wave Input at Left Boundary

For this case the initial flow is stationary and hydrostatic:  $\tilde{u} = \tilde{w} = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial z} = -\frac{(\gamma-1)g}{c_0^2}$ ,  $\theta(0,x,z) = \theta(0,0,z)$  and  $\theta(0,0,z)$  is as in the test case of Section IV [1, eq.(22.8)]. At  $x = 0$   $\tilde{u}$  is specified as a function of time:

$$\tilde{u}(\tau, 0, \zeta) = \begin{cases} 16 u_{\max} \left(\frac{\tau}{c_1}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{\tau}{c_1}\right)^2 : 0 < \tau < c_1 \\ 0 : \tau > c_1. \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

$\tilde{u}$  thereby achieves a maximum of  $u_{\max}$  at  $\tau = c_1/2$ .

The first calculation uses eq.(8) at the upper boundary. Consequently, from table 1, eq.(11) and (12.1) were imposed at  $\eta = 0$  and eqs.(3.1) and (3.2) at  $\eta = 1$  (note that inflow at  $\eta = 1$  does not occur for this case). The values of  $u_{\max}$  and  $c_1$  were taken respectively as 2.5 and 3200. Figure 8 shows the velocity distribution at the top surface for various times. At time 4800 sec. this wave has left the region, and the flow, except for a small perturbation of approximately 4%, has returned to a stationary flow.

This residual flow, which apparently proceeds to oscillate back through the region with values  $|\tilde{u}| < .1$  and  $|\tilde{w}| < .005$ , does not seem to be numerical error. Rather, it appears to be related to the difficulty noted in Section II of achieving a true steady-state solution. This difficulty is due to the slow time scale of  $\theta$ . At time 6000 sec., the variation of  $\theta$  from its values at time zero is still on the order of  $10^{-4}$ ; this is sufficient to maintain pressure gradients to account for the values noted above. To partially check this statement, the calculation was repeated with  $\theta$  held constant throughout the region ( $\theta \equiv \theta_0 = 1.05$ ). The "residual" values of velocity in this case were  $|\tilde{u}| < .001$  and  $|\tilde{w}| < .0001$ .

The shape of the wave form, as a function of time, is shown in Figure 9. The curve labeled  $x = 0$  represents eq.(17) for the conditions given above. The curve

labeled  $x = L$  represents the velocity curve as it exits the region at the upper boundary. Since the region was initially in equilibrium, one expects the wave to move through relatively unchanged. The curve shown for eq.(8) indicates that this is the case. In addition, there is no damping of the wave. The exiting velocity curve at  $z = 0$  is similar to that shown in Figure 9, except that the maximum value is 2.288.

This problem was next solved with the other two upper boundary conditions. From table 1, eqs.(11) and (12.1) are used at  $\eta = 0$  and eqs.(3.1) and (8) are used at  $\eta = 1$ . Again, the shape of the curve is maintained well. The vertical distribution is somewhat more pronounced for this case. For example, the maximum outflow velocity at  $\zeta = 0$  is  $\tilde{u} = 2.151$ , while the maximum value of  $\tilde{u}$  at  $\zeta = 1$  is 2.505. Figure (10) shows the horizontal velocity distribution at  $\zeta = 0$  for various times.

For the discontinuous boundary condition, eq.(4.3), the results are markedly different. Since a small pressure gradient is maintained at the top surface, horizontal velocity falls off rapidly at the top. In fact, as noted in Figure (11), the wave does not reach the far boundary, but instead decays rapidly. This would indicate that a large amount of energy is being dissipated to the outside upper region. Velocity at  $\zeta = 0$  does build up more completely: The maximum value of  $\tilde{u}$  at ( $\zeta = 0, \eta = \frac{1}{2}$ ) is 1.5 and occurs at time 2800 sec., while the maximum value at the right boundary ( $\zeta = 0, \eta = 1$ ) is .1 and occurs at time 3800 sec. By time 4800 sec., a complete reverse flow exists.

It was also thought of interest to combine the upper boundary conditions. Eqs.(8) and (4.3) together make little sense, since each contains a hydrostatic pressure term. However, eqs.(8) and (4.2) produce the following equation:

$$\pi_{\tau} = \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{c_s} \tilde{w}_{\tau} + \frac{(\gamma-1)\pi}{c_s} (\tilde{u}_{\tau} + \zeta_{\tau} \tilde{u}_{\zeta}) - \zeta_{\tau} \pi_{\zeta} \quad (18)$$

Although the precise physical interpretation of eq.(18) is not completely clear,



the idea is to combine both a vertical effect, namely eq.(4.2), with the horizontal effect given by eq.(8). Figure 12 shows results of the calculation using eq.(18) at the top and eqs.(5.1) and (3.2) at the right lateral boundary. It is seen that the wave form is much like that obtained with the individual equations (compare with Figures 8 and 9). However, there is an important distinction in that eq.(18) produces some damping of the wave form: The maximum value of  $u$  at  $\eta = 1$  is 2.36 and occurs at approximately  $t = 3100$  sec. This damping appears to be totally an upper boundary effect, unrelated to the lateral boundaries: Note that the wave is already depressed by time 2400 sec. Also, comparison at an earlier time, before the wave has propagated into the region, shows no appreciable difference between the three cases eq.(8), eq.(4.2), and eq.(18).

The three boundary conditions, eqs.(4.2),(4.3), and (8), differ in another important characteristic, namely dependence on height. Eq.(8) was "designed" to minimize this dependence: The physical assumption that the flow is also being imposed above  $\zeta = 1$  indicates that the wave profile at  $\zeta = 1$  should be relatively unaffected by the height of the lower region. This was verified by a calculation with a height of 5 km. instead of 10 km. The other two boundary condition, however, assume undisturbed flow above  $\zeta = 1$  and consequently should be height dependent. This dependence is reflected in the form of the equations: Eqs.(4.2) and (4.3) involve vertical velocity, which is a quantity very sensitive to height.

Figure 13 compares two calculations, with heights of 10 km. and 5 km. respectively, both using eq.(4.2) at the top and the same lateral boundary conditions as discussed earlier. Two features of the flow are particularly interesting:

- 1) The smaller region propagates the wave more slowly.  
This is perhaps as expected, since vertical velocity is smaller and consequently pressure builds up more slowly.

- 2) There is a damping effect related to height. The 5 km. case produced a maximum outlet velocity of 1.89 m/sec., while for the 10 km. case the maximum outlet velocity was shown to be 2.505. Perhaps for this combination of wave input and boundary condition the height of 10 km. is some kind of "magic number": At this height the wave propagates across the field in a relatively unperturbed manner.

Clearly, there is a significant mathematical relationship between the wave input, the height of the region, and the upper boundary condition. At the present time what one requires here is a physical explanation of this relationship.

As discussed in ref.[1], the floating top is an important part of the model. Figure 14 displays the motion of the top for the case with eq.(8) as the upper boundary condition. In general this motion parallels the velocity profile, as can be seen by comparing with Figure 8. This was also true for the cases of boundary conditions (4.2) and (18). The maximum perturbation for each of the three cases (using eq.(8), (4.2), and (18) respectively) was 87.6 m., 81.75m., and 87.4m. For the discontinuous boundary condition, eq.(4.3), the top boundary rose 241.5 m.

As in the test case of Section IV, the lateral boundary conditions were tested by increasing the length of the region. The region was doubled in length, with the boundary conditions formerly imposed at  $x = L$  now being imposed at  $x = 2L$ . Figures 15 and 16 show typical results of this investigation. This particular data is from the case with upper boundary condition (18) and right lateral conditions given by eqs.(3.1) and (3.2). The solid lines are the results obtained with the doubled length, while the solid dots are the results with the original length of 480km. The agreement at  $\zeta = 1$  is very good, while some discrepancy builds up at  $\zeta = 0$ . The author concludes that these calculations

give strong assurance that the lateral boundary conditions, in conjunction with the given upper boundary condition, are consistently modeling the hypothesized physical situation. In this case the hypothesized physical situation is that of an external flow which is undisturbed "sufficiently far" from the region of interest.

Accuracy of the computations, relative to mesh size, is considered to be an important part of a numerical study. Of the three classes of problems discussed in this paper, the bell-wave problem of this section displayed the steepest gradients and consequently also displayed the greatest difficulty in establishing convergence.

As discussed in [1], one should at least be able to demonstrate that the solutions of a numerical algorithm behave as though they are part of a convergent sequence of calculations. For a first order method the following criterion was derived in [1]:

$$\frac{\Delta 2}{\Delta 1} \leq .5, \quad (19)$$

where  $\Delta 1 = f^*(\tau, \eta, \zeta, h) - f^*(\tau, \eta, \zeta, \frac{h}{2})$ ,  $\Delta 2 = f^*(\tau, \eta, \zeta, \frac{h}{2}) - f^*(\tau, \eta, \zeta, \frac{h}{4})$ , and  $f^*(\tau, \eta, \zeta, h)$  is the numerical approximation, obtained with step-size  $h$ , to the variable  $f(\tau, \eta, \zeta)$ .

For the problem using eq.(8) at the upper boundary, the following sequence of calculations was made:

run 1:  $\Delta x = 20$  km.,  $\Delta z \sim 1.25$  km.,  $\Delta t = 40$  sec.,

run 2:  $\Delta x = 10$  km.,  $\Delta z \sim .625$  km.,  $\Delta t = 20$  sec.,

run 3:  $\Delta x = 5$  km.,  $\Delta z \sim .3125$  km.,  $\Delta t = 10$  sec.

At time 1600 sec., the following tables display typical results for various quantities in the flow field:



|                     | $\tilde{u}(\tau, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$ | $\tilde{w}(\tau, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$ | $\Delta f_2(\tau, 0)$ | $P(\tau, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ | $\theta(\tau, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| run 1               | 1.4634                            | .0747                             | 46.75                 | 1034.448                  | .0000064                                 |
| run 2               | 1.4683                            | .0739                             | 46.42                 | 1034.938                  | .0000071                                 |
| run 3               | 1.4694                            | .0734                             | 46.20                 | 1035.078                  | .0000075                                 |
| $\Delta 1$          | -.0049                            | .0008                             | .33                   | -.490                     | .0000007                                 |
| $\Delta 2$          | -.0011                            | .0005                             | .22                   | -.140                     | .0000004                                 |
| $\Delta 2/\Delta 1$ | .224                              | .625                              | .667                  | .286                      | .57                                      |

Table 2

|                     | $\tilde{u}(\tau, 1, 0)$ | $\tilde{u}(\tau, 1, 1)$ | $P(\tau, 0, 0)$ | $P(\tau, 0, 1)$ | $\tilde{w}(\tau, 0, 1)$ |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| run 1               | .0054                   | .0041                   | 1038.503        | 268.697         | .0049                   |
| run 2               | -.0002                  | -.0007                  | 1038.915        | 268.730         | .0013                   |
| run 3               | -.0011                  | -.0012                  | 1039.014        | 268.757         | .0001                   |
| $\Delta 1$          | .0056                   | .0048                   | -.412           | -.043           | .0036                   |
| $\Delta 2$          | .0009                   | .0005                   | -.099           | -.027           | .0012                   |
| $\Delta 2/\Delta 1$ | .161                    | .104                    | .240            | .63             | .333                    |

Table 3

In general, criterion (19) is satisfied very well.  $\Delta f_2$  represents the actual motion of the top surface and  $\theta$  represents the deviation of  $\theta$  from its initial value: In both these cases there is some question regarding the significance of the digits shown in the table. Note also that  $P(\tau, 0, 1)$  changes little from its initial value (namely 269.039), while  $P(\tau, 0, 0)$  changes much more significantly (from its initial value of 1029.792).

## Section VI: Flat Wave Input at Left Boundary

The problem is precisely as that discussed in Section V, except that eq.(17), the input function for  $\tilde{u}$ , is replaced by the following:

$$\tilde{u}(\tau, 0, \zeta) = u_{\max} (1 - e^{-c_1 \tau^2}) . \quad (20)$$

For the sample calculation  $u_{\max}$  was again 2.5 and  $c_1 = 10^{-6}$ . Using the upper boundary condition eq.(8) and the lateral boundary conditions (at  $\eta = 1$ ) eqs.(3.1) and (3.2), one obtains the solution depicted in Figures 17 and 18. The solution at the top surface is as expected: the velocity builds up, according to eq.(20), and propagates across the field. However, the solution at  $\zeta = 0$  was not expected, in that the maximum velocity at  $\eta = 0$  did not propagate in the expected time scale. (By time 6000 sec., the profile changes little from that at time 4000 sec.). The "discrepancy" is approximately the same as that seen earlier in the bell-wave calculation.

It is clear, from simple conservation of mass considerations, that the solution as shown cannot be a steady-state solution. It is also clear, from calculations with reduced mesh size, that numerical error cannot account for the unexpected form of the solution. One next needs to ask whether the calculation satisfies the original time-dependent problem. This is difficult to judge, but if the answer is no, then presumably the quasisteady equations are not valid.

As noted in ref[1], the quasisteady equations do introduce errors into the solution. In the present problem this error can be seen clearly at  $\eta = 0$ :

The velocity input at  $\eta = 0$  would, with eqs.(3), produce a pressure increase with a significant non-hydrostatic vertical variation (at least in the short term). One expects, over the long term, that the vertically propagating "fast" characteristics will dissipate the "non-hydrostatic" variation. The quasisteady equations, on the other hand, ignore the short-term time-development, and thereby inherently assume

that any steep gradients at  $\eta = 0$  are not important in the long term.

It is not thought that the above error would account for the results shown in Figures 17 and 18. One expects the error introduced by the quasisteady equations to be manifested, not in the final flow profiles, but in the short-term time scale. Relative to the time-scale of the problem, this error should be small.

Referring to eq.(3.2), one sees that the  $\pi_\eta$  term is the most important factor in the propagation of  $\tilde{u}$ . The coefficient of this term involves only  $\theta$ . A calculation with  $\theta$  constant should, then, remove much of the vertical variation, but would not affect the quasisteady assumptions. Such a calculation was made, with  $\theta \equiv 1.05$ . In this case the variation in sound speed was even more pronounced:

$\frac{(c_s)_{\text{bottom}}}{(c_s)_{\text{top}}} = 1.22$ . The velocity profiles are much like those of Figure 17, except slightly retarded. However, there is no significant variation between the top and bottom horizontal velocity. Furthermore, this calculation achieves a steady-state: By time 4400 sec., the variation in the position of the top surface is 1.3m (from  $\eta = 0$  to  $\eta = 1$ ), and the maximum value of  $|\tilde{w}|$  is .0001.

A more careful analysis of the original calculation (with variable  $\theta$ ) shows that the solution, although not in steady-state, is very slowly varying. For example, at time 6000 sec. the variation in the position of the top surface is 5.52m., and the maximum value of  $|\tilde{w}|$  is .0062. In light of the constant  $\theta$  calculation, it would appear that the variables  $\tilde{u}$ ,  $\tilde{w}$ , and  $\pi$  are in quasi-steady equilibrium with respect to the  $\theta$  field. (This problem of the slowly varying  $\theta$  was discussed in Section II).

If one then assumes that the quasisteady model is producing a valid solution to the time-dependent problem, one then needs to ask whether or not the solution is physically meaningful. As discussed earlier, this question has not yet been



answered. If the answer is yes, one could develop reasonable confidence in the boundary conditions. If the answer is no, then one can reexamine various features of the model, such as the velocity input function, quasisteady forms of the characteristic equations, and boundary conditions. In any case, physical significance of the solution needs to be considered.

This problem was also solved with boundary conditions (4.2) and (4.3) at the top; eqs.(3.1) and (8) were used at the right boundary. With eq.(4.2) the wave propagates across the region in a reasonable fashion, but a significant overshoot in velocity (approximately 10%) occurs at the right corner point. It is not yet clear whether the problem is due to the boundary conditions or to the corner point equations.

With eq.(4.3) the wave propagates across the field at a much slower velocity. This can be seen from Figure 19, which displays the velocity profiles at  $\zeta = 0$  for the two cases at a fixed time. The solution with eq.(4.3) displays another interesting characteristic: Rather than achieving a steady-state, the flow continues to push upward into the undisturbed flow. Figure 20 shows the horizontal velocity at  $\zeta = 1$ . Near  $\eta = 0$  the flow appears to achieve a linear profile rather than a constant profile. This, then, produces a non-zero vertical velocity near  $\eta = 0$ , and this in turn allows the flow to push upward into the region. This upward motion, in terms of the position of the top surface, is shown in Figure 21. It is conceivable that an appropriate incoming lateral flow could move vertically into the less dense fluid, rather than propagate horizontally. Boundary condition (4.3) could be suitable for this type of flow.

## Section VII: Conclusions

For the most part this study is based on the following two assumptions:

- 1) A boundary condition, by its very nature, must reflect a physical assumption in regard to the external flow configuration. Consequently, a proposed physical interpretation should be associated with any proposed boundary condition.
- 2) Eq.(3) is to be solved in a region of height  $h$  and length  $L$ , with  $h \ll L$ . It is assumed that boundary conditions and initial conditions to be imposed on Eq.(3) are such that the flow variables will experience significant variations only over time scales which are large compared to  $h/L$ .

Remark: The second of the above is the basic scale assumption, and was formulated in ref.[1] as assumption (2).

A primary purpose of this paper was to investigate the validity of the following hypotheses:

- i) There exists a significant lack of physical understanding in regard to several relatively simple flows in an atmospheric environment. This situation seriously hampers the process of specifying and evaluating boundary conditions to be used in mathematical models for large-scale atmospheric flow.
- ii) Assume that Eq.(3), together with a given set of boundary and initial conditions, defines a well-posed mathematical problem. It is then possible, by consistently applying the above assumption (2) to both the partial differential equations and the boundary conditions, to obtain well-posed mathematical models whose time-dependent scale is suitable for large-scale atmospheric flow.

In support of the first hypothesis, the following specific points are noted:

- a) Because of the slow reaction time for  $\theta$ , it appears that actual steady-state solutions cannot be reached in the time scale of these problems. This behavior of  $\theta$  needs to be factored into the physical interpretation of the problem.

- b) In the problem of a wave entering at a lateral boundary, several factors may significantly affect the profile of the propagating waves. These factors include the height of the region of entry and the choice of the upper boundary condition. Mathematically, all solutions seemed reasonable. Consequently, further evaluation requires more physical input regarding definition of the problem.
- c) In Section IV an example was described in which the solution, although reasonable mathematically, did not agree with the solution for the extended region. Again, physical input (which was not postulated for this particular set of boundary conditions) is required.

In support of the second hypothesis, the following specific points are noted:

- a) The quasisteady model operates on a time-scale suitable for large-scale atmospheric flow.
- b) All solutions were shown to be stable and continuously dependent on the data. (In ref.[1] it was indicated that convergence in terms of a decreasing mesh size is a test of stability).
- c) All solutions shown appear to have a sensible physical interpretation. However, in one problem (see Section VI) an overshoot occurred at a corner point; this might indicate that, for this choice of boundary conditions, the quasisteady limit was not taken correctly.
- d) The proposed lateral boundary conditions behaved well and it was shown that they could be interpreted physically. In particular, the comparison with solutions for an extended region was very satisfactory.



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**Figure 1: Initial Flow Field**



|     | $\theta(0,x,z)$ |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|-----|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1.  | 1.2670          | 1.2670 | 1.2670 | 1.2670 | 1.2670 | 1.2670 | 1.2670 | 1.2670 | 1.2670 | 1.2670 | 1.2670 |
| .75 | 1.1600          | 1.1502 | 1.1608 | 1.1617 | 1.1628 | 1.1641 | 1.1654 | 1.1668 | 1.1691 | 1.1701 | 1.1709 |
| .50 | 1.0335          | 1.0901 | 1.0956 | 1.0976 | 1.1006 | 1.1038 | 1.1072 | 1.1106 | 1.1138 | 1.1169 | 1.1209 |
| .25 | 1.0595          | 1.0601 | 1.0618 | 1.0642 | 1.0673 | 1.0708 | 1.0744 | 1.0781 | 1.0816 | 1.0847 | 1.0888 |
| 0.  | 1.0500          | 1.0500 | 1.0500 | 1.0500 | 1.0500 | 1.0500 | 1.0500 | 1.0500 | 1.0500 | 1.0500 | 1.0500 |

|     | $\pi(0,x,z)$ |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|-----|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1.  | .68721       | .68721  | .68721  | .68721  | .68721  | .68721  | .68721  | .68721  | .68721  | .68721  | .68721  |
| .75 | .76193       | .74092  | .76040  | .76081  | .76083  | .76079  | .76075  | .76070  | .76066  | .76062  | .76057  |
| .50 | .84723       | .84720  | .84010  | .83946  | .83978  | .83958  | .83937  | .83916  | .83896  | .83878  | .83852  |
| .25 | .92318       | .92311  | .92289  | .92287  | .92217  | .92171  | .92123  | .92076  | .92031  | .91992  | .91940  |
| 0.  | 1.00783      | 1.00773 | 1.00745 | 1.00703 | 1.00651 | 1.00592 | 1.00529 | 1.00447 | 1.00409 | 1.00359 | 1.00282 |

|     | $P(0,x,z)$ |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1.  | 269.039    | 269.039  | 269.039  | 269.039  | 269.039  | 269.039  | 269.039  | 269.039  | 269.039  | 269.039  | 269.039  |
| .75 | 394.325    | 394.313  | 394.278  | 394.226  | 394.160  | 394.086  | 394.008  | 393.930  | 393.856  | 393.792  | 393.740  |
| .50 | 543.744    | 543.666  | 543.452  | 543.129  | 542.726  | 542.271  | 541.791  | 541.314  | 540.866  | 540.473  | 540.160  |
| .25 | 755.976    | 755.753  | 755.139  | 754.216  | 753.064  | 751.745  | 750.398  | 749.040  | 747.767  | 746.653  | 745.768  |
| 0.  | 1027.670   | 1027.310 | 1026.316 | 1024.822 | 1022.952 | 1020.650 | 1018.650 | 1016.457 | 1014.403 | 1012.604 | 1011.177 |

|     | $T(0,x,z)$ |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|-----|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1.  | 237.831    | 237.831 | 237.831 | 237.831 | 237.831 | 237.831 | 237.831 | 237.831 | 237.831 | 237.831 | 237.831 |
| .75 | 241.105    | 241.147 | 241.244 | 241.460 | 241.661 | 241.912 | 242.178 | 242.444 | 242.694 | 242.916 | 243.092 |
| .50 | 250.977    | 251.090 | 251.403 | 251.876 | 252.460 | 253.141 | 253.853 | 254.565 | 255.237 | 255.829 | 256.414 |
| .25 | 267.183    | 267.314 | 267.655 | 268.178 | 268.835 | 269.579 | 270.367 | 271.156 | 271.900 | 272.555 | 273.078 |
| 0.  | 289.053    | 289.024 | 289.044 | 289.824 | 290.574 | 290.504 | 289.326 | 288.146 | 287.982 | 287.836 | 287.720 |

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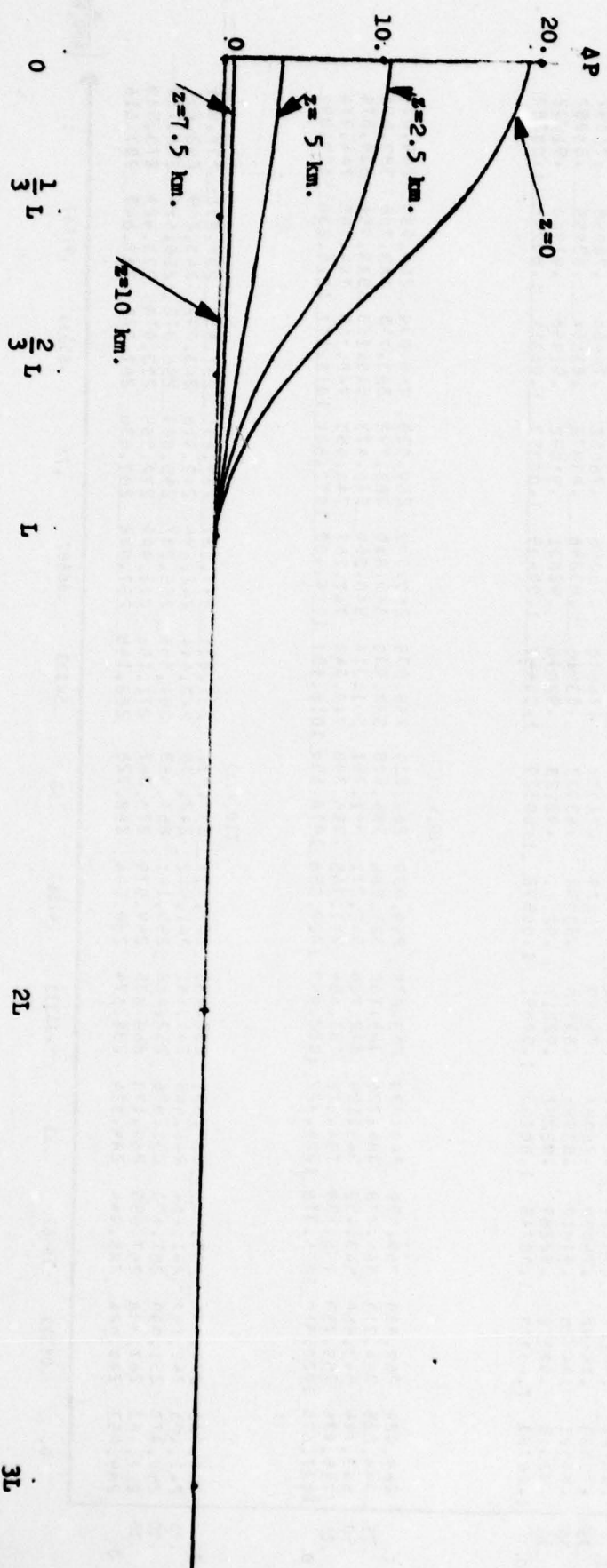


FIGURE 2: OVERPRESSURE AT INITIAL TIME:  $\Delta P = P(0, x, z) - P(0, L, z)$

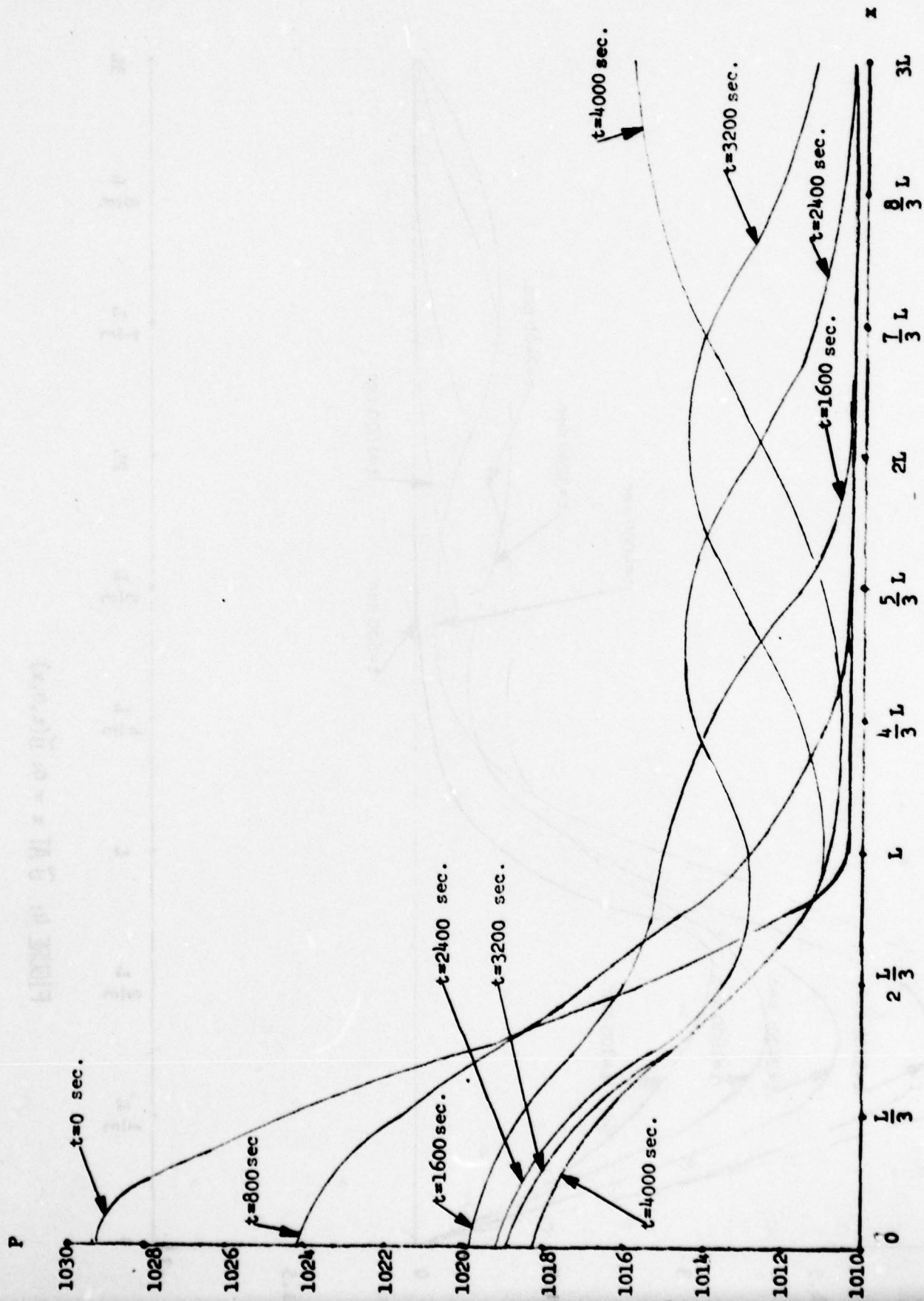


FIGURE 3:  $P(t, x, 0)$

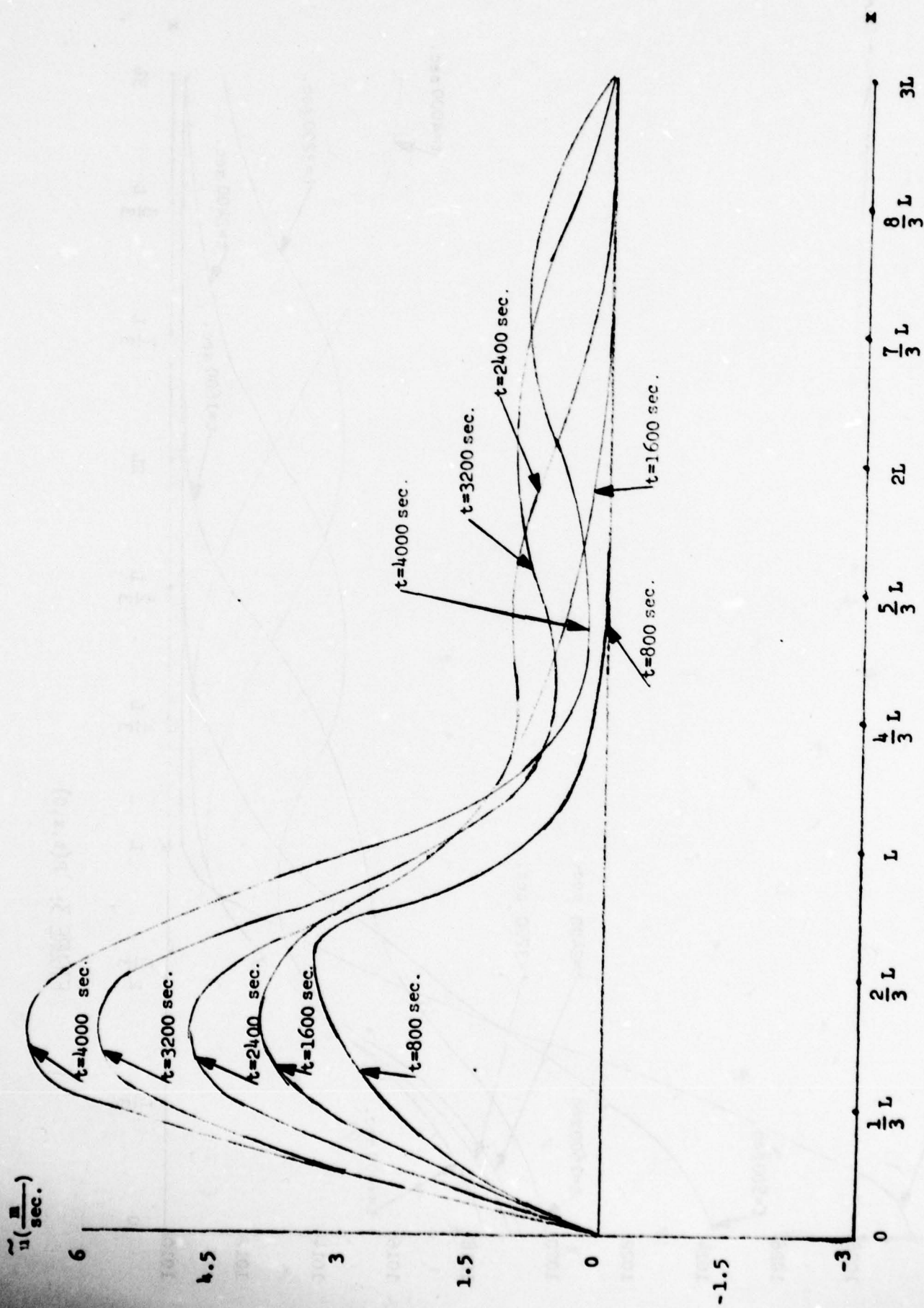


FIGURE 4:  $\tilde{u}$  AT  $z = 0$ :  $\tilde{u}(t, 0, x)$



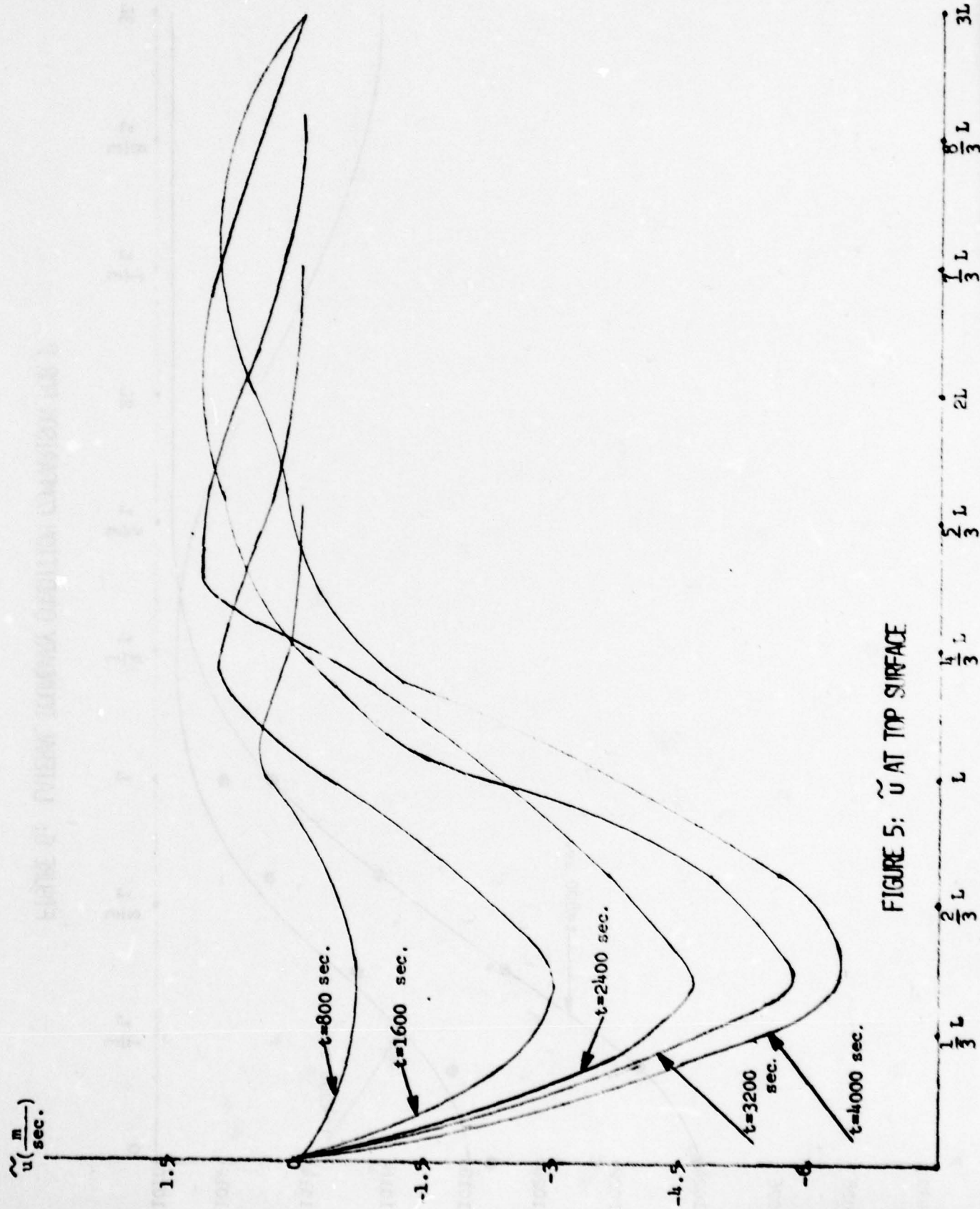


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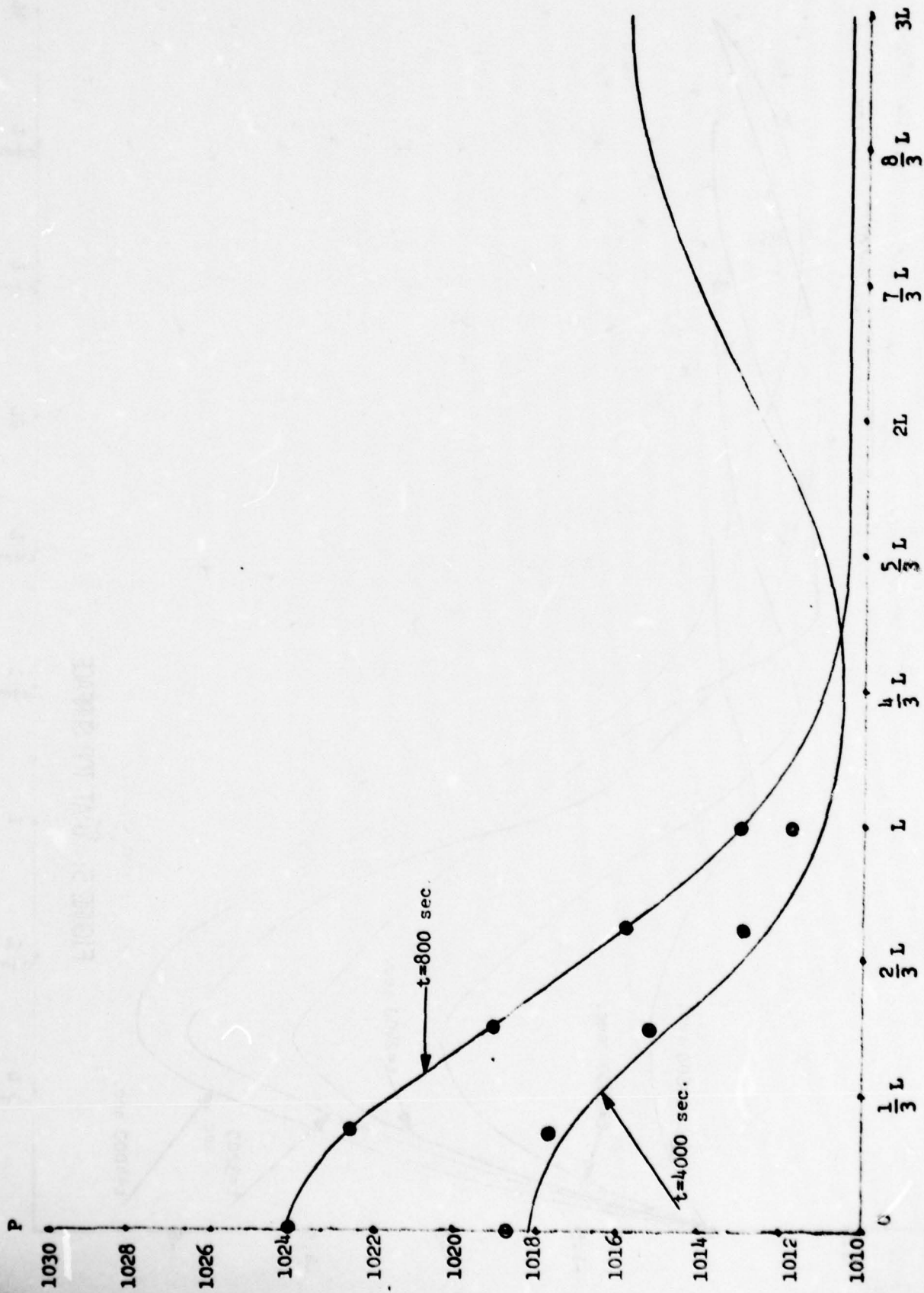


FIGURE 6: LATERAL BOUNDARY CONDITION COMPARISON FOR P

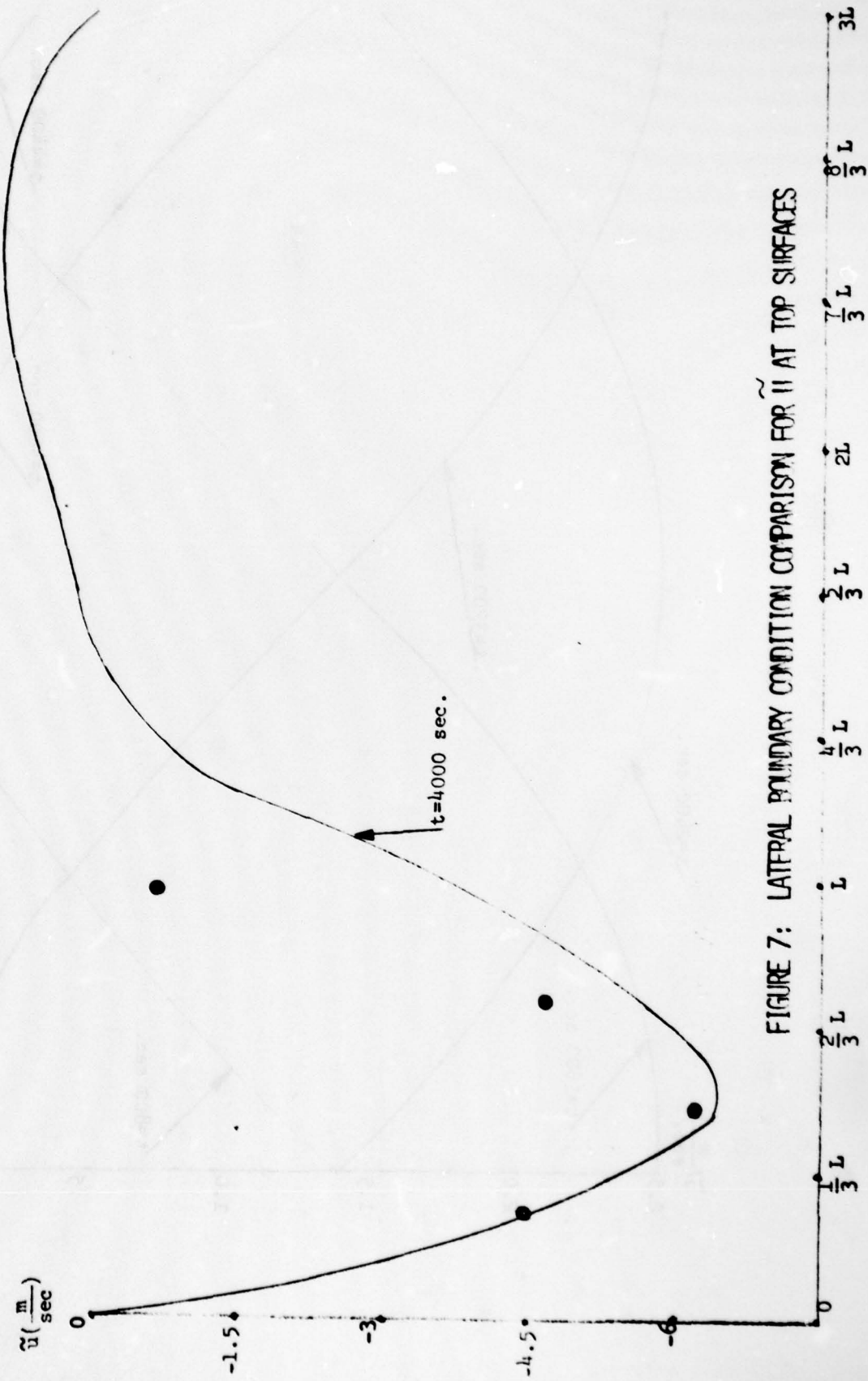


FIGURE 7: LATERAL BOUNDARY CONDITION COMPARISON FOR  $\tilde{u}$  AT TOP SURFACES



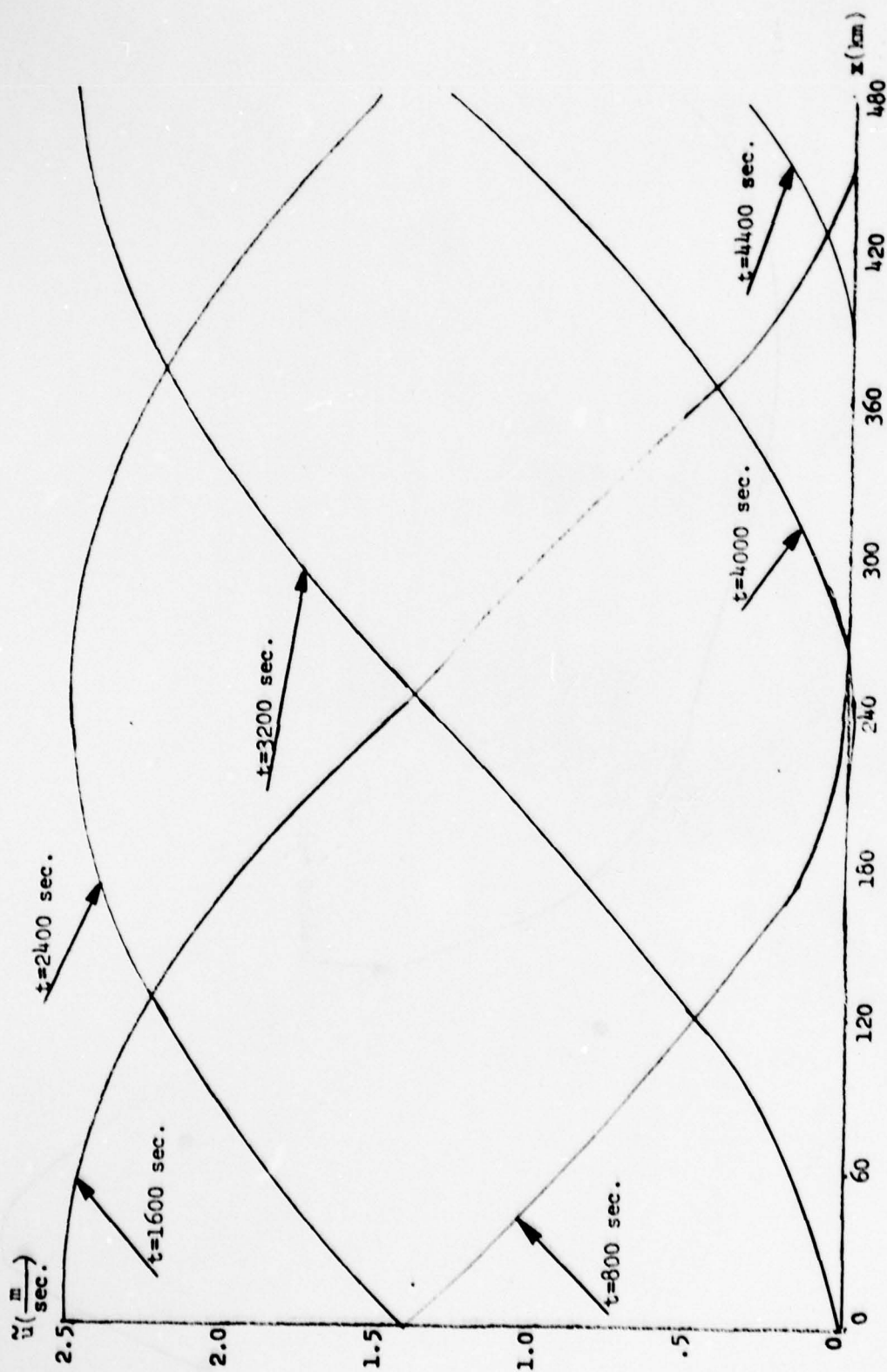


FIGURE 8: BELL-WAVE INPUT WITH UPPER BOUNDARY CONDITION EQ. (8)

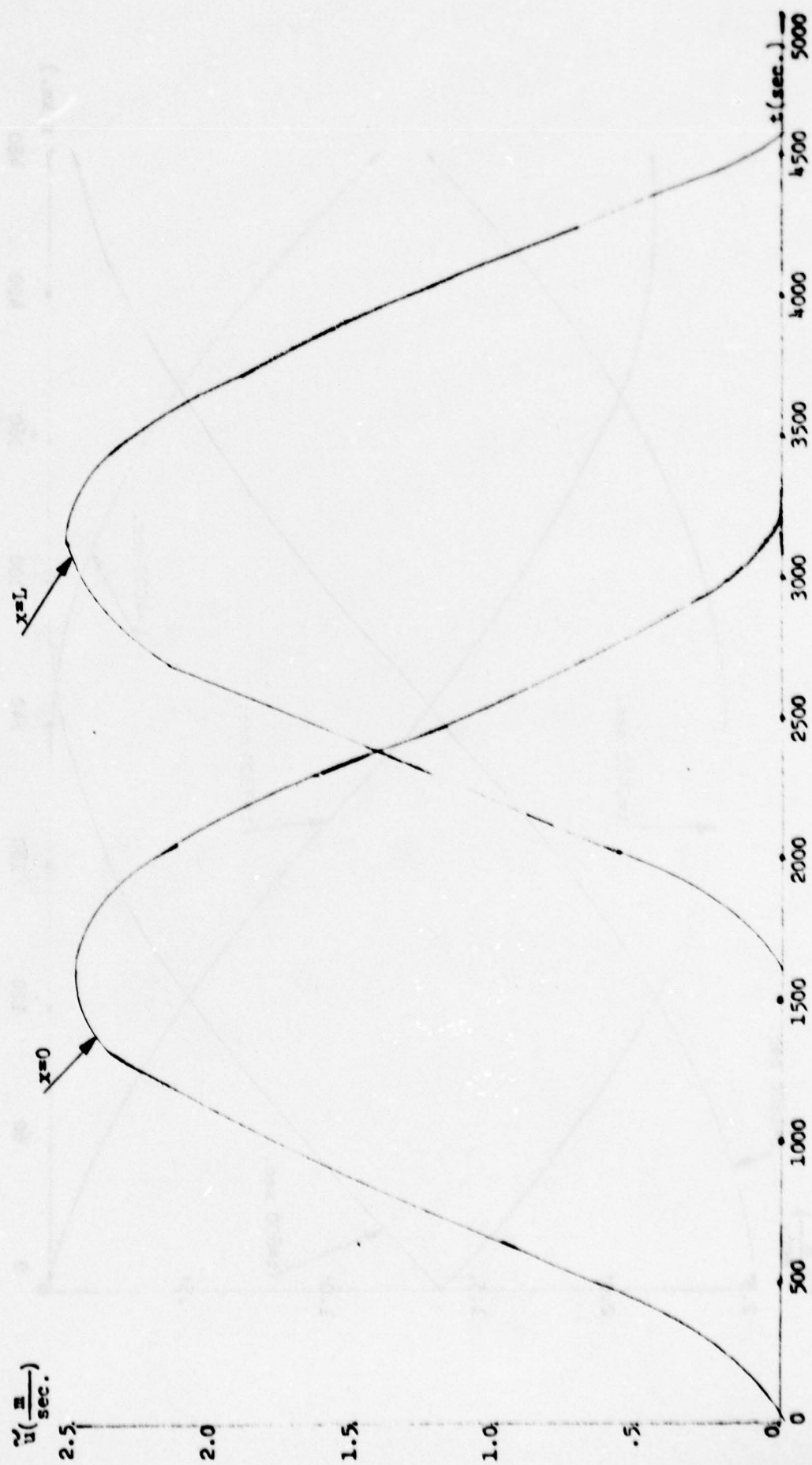


FIGURE 9:  $\tilde{u}$  AT LATERAL BOUNDARIES FOR UPPER BOUNDARY CONDITION EQ. (8)

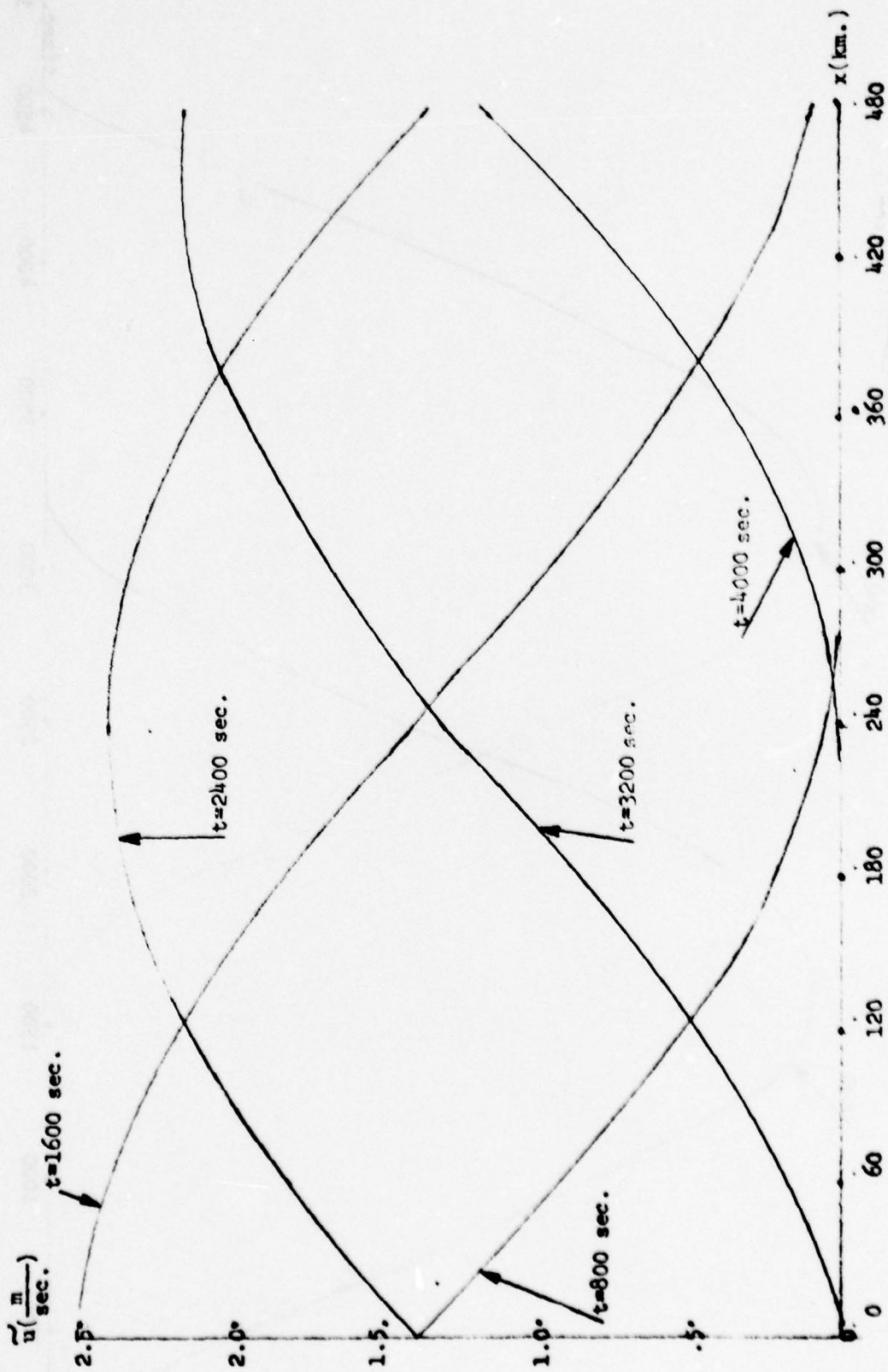


FIGURE 10: HORIZONTAL VELOCITY AT  $z = 0$  FOR UPPER BOUNDARY CONDITION 4.2



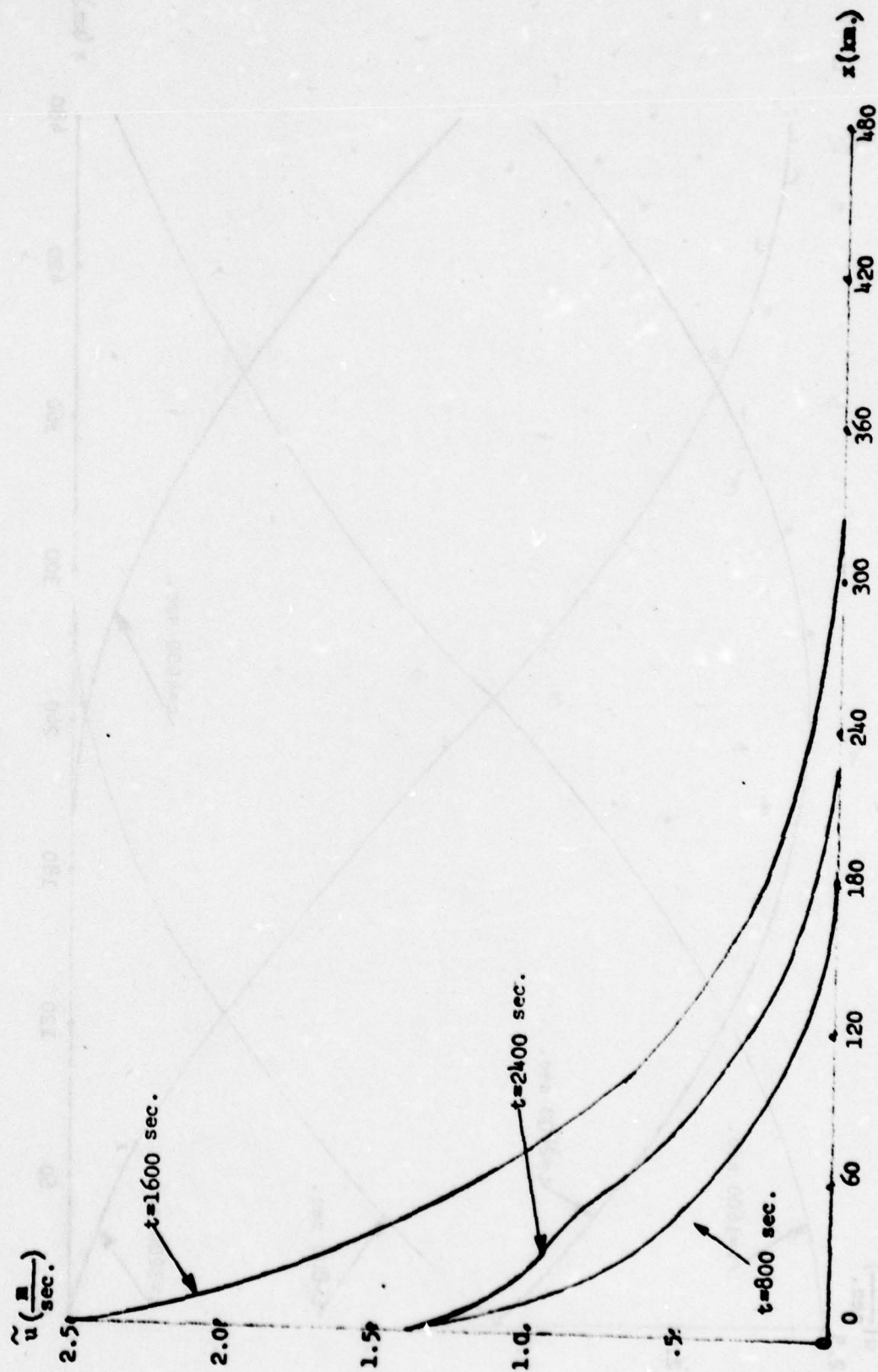


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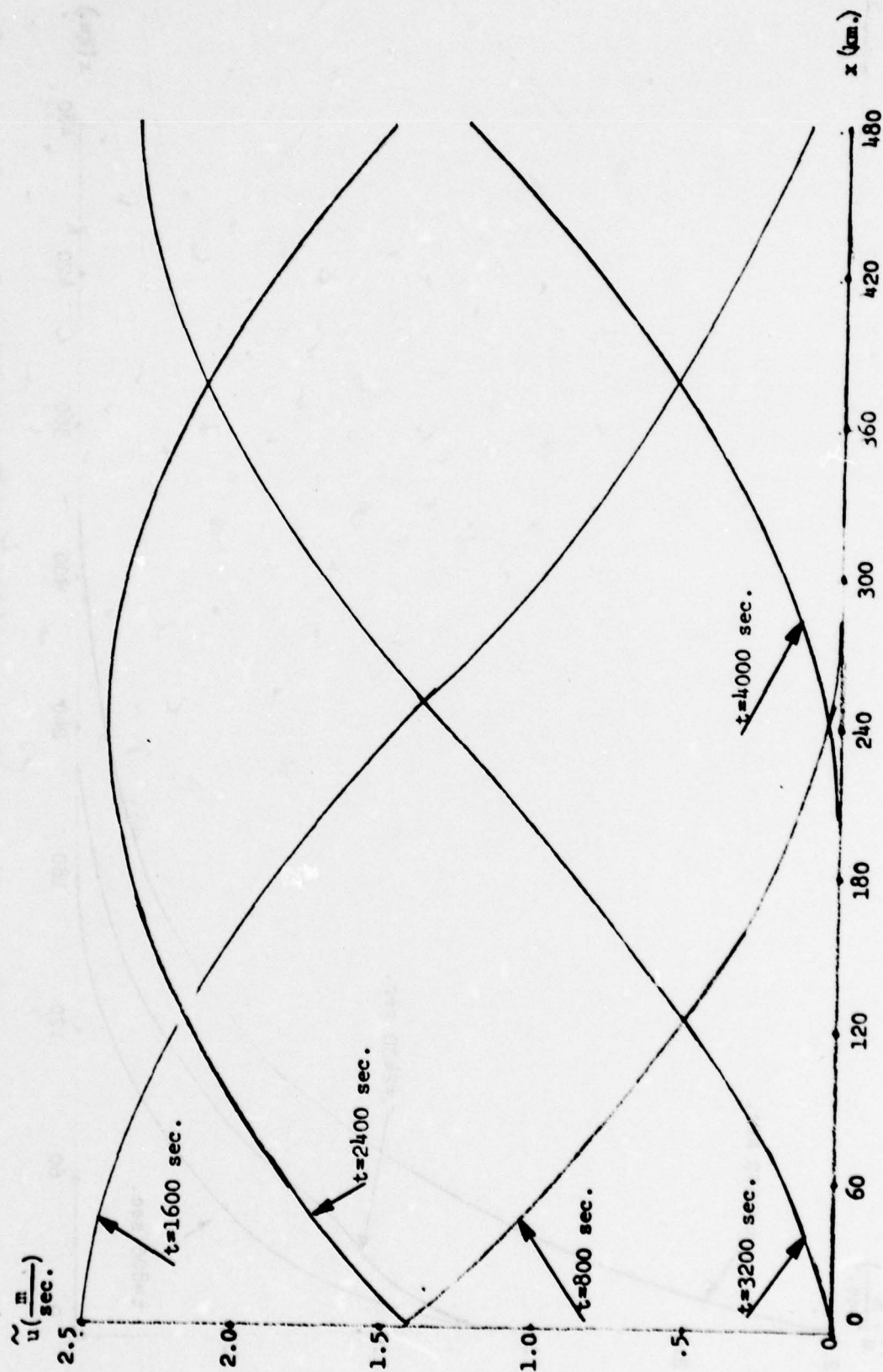


FIGURE 12: COMBINED UPPER BOUNDARY CONDITION

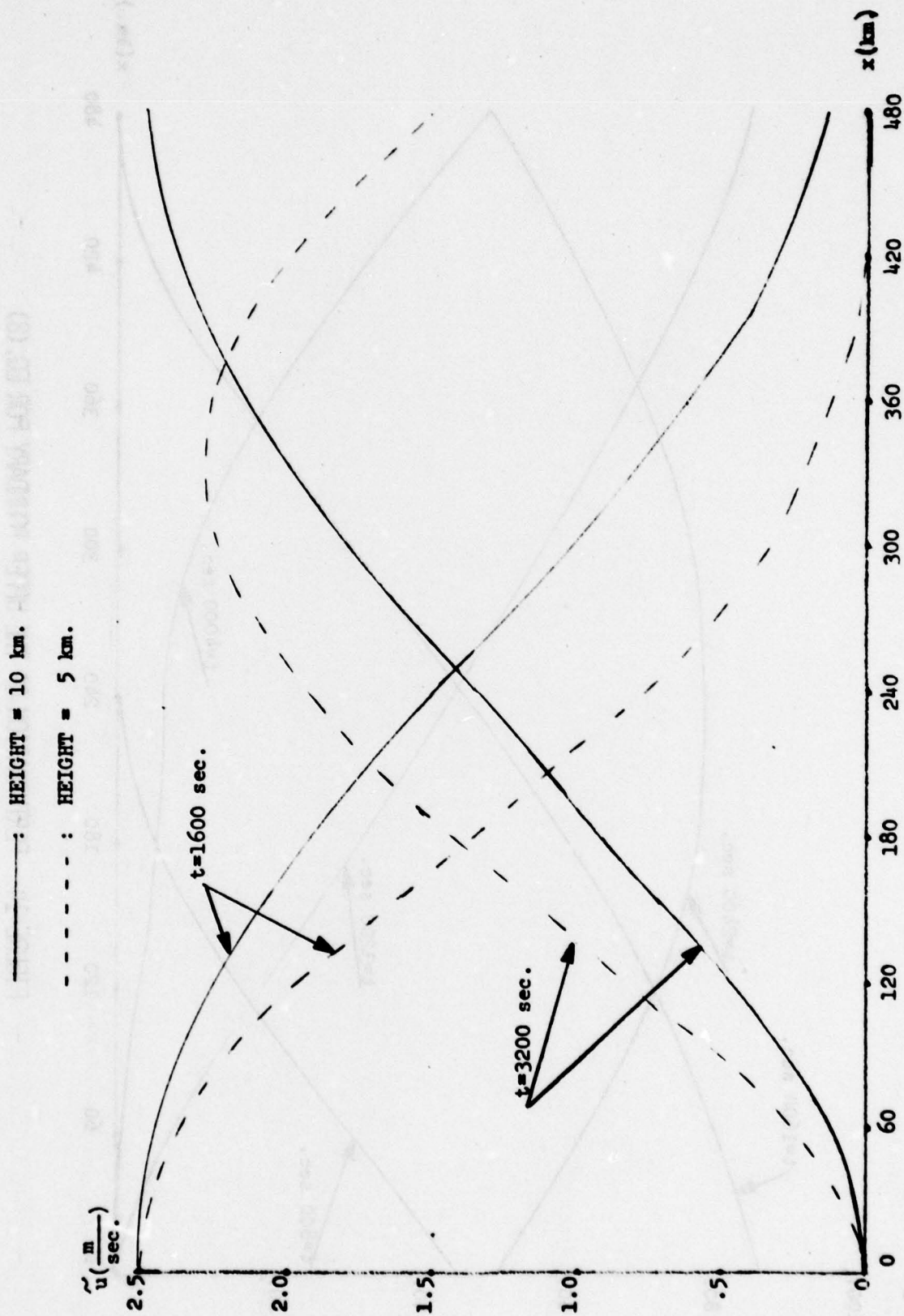


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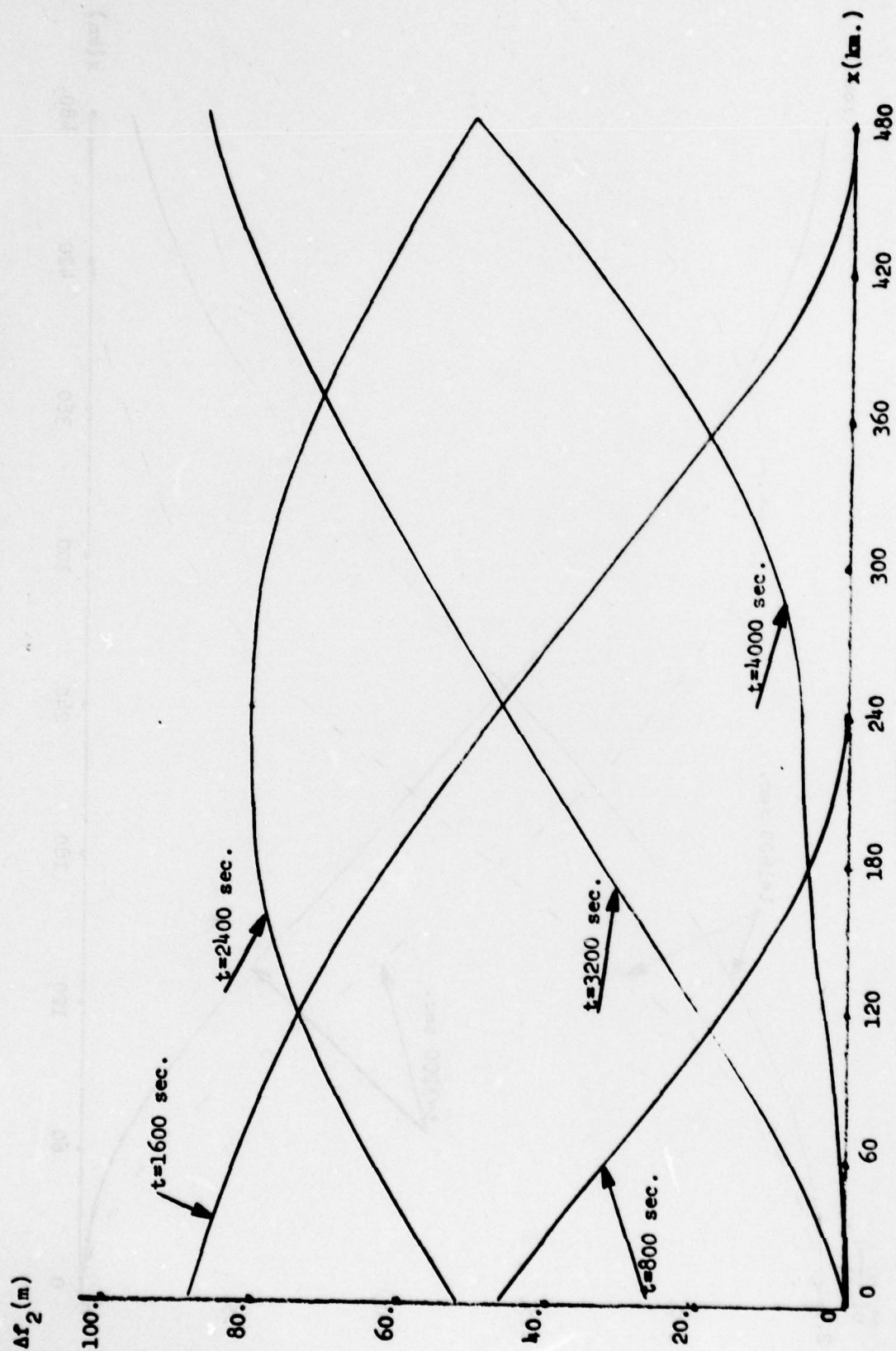


FIGURE 14: PERTURBATION OF THE UPPER BOUNDARY FOR EQ. (8)

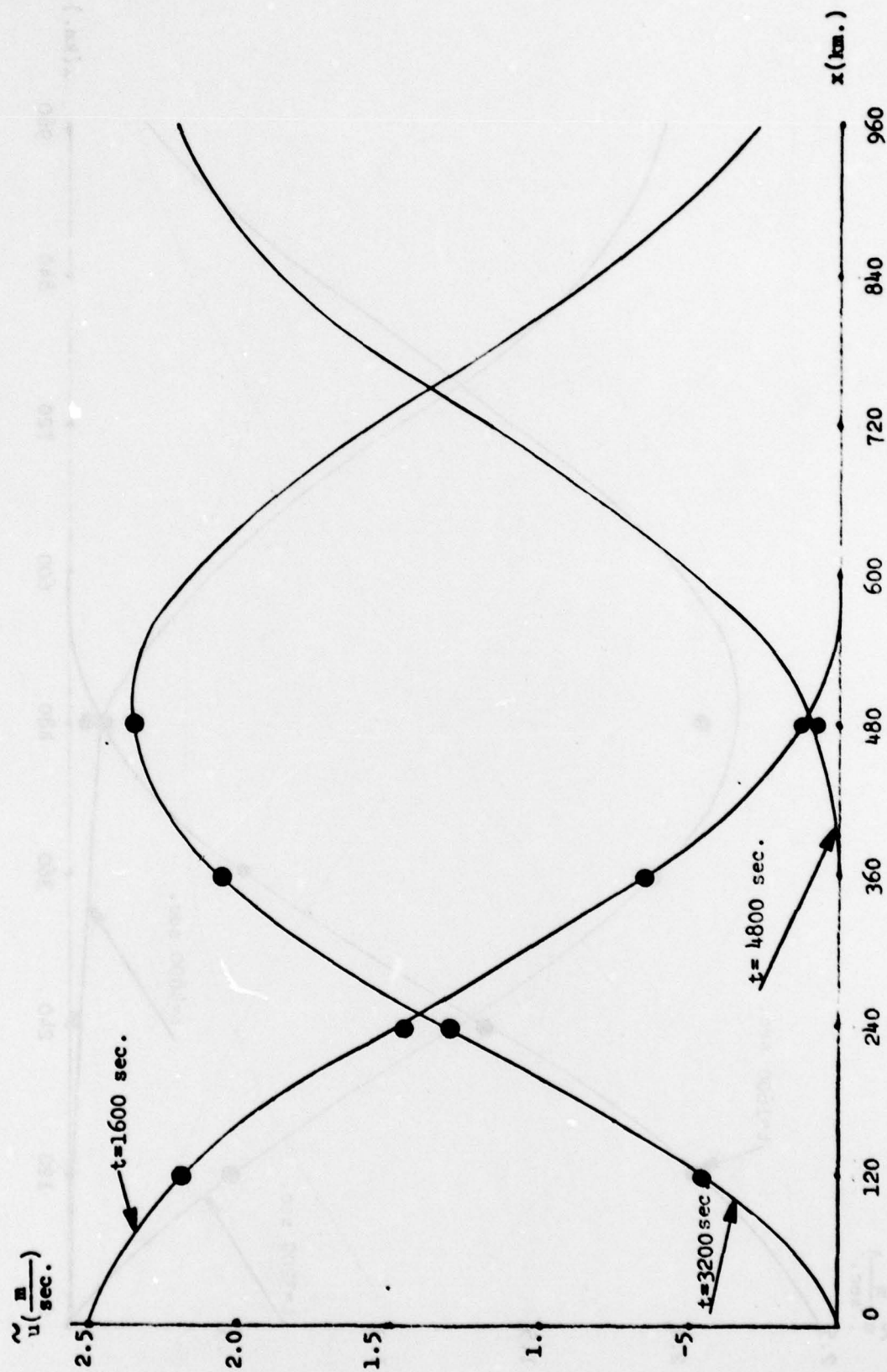


FIGURE 15: COMPARISON WITH DOUBLED LENGTH AT  $z = 1$

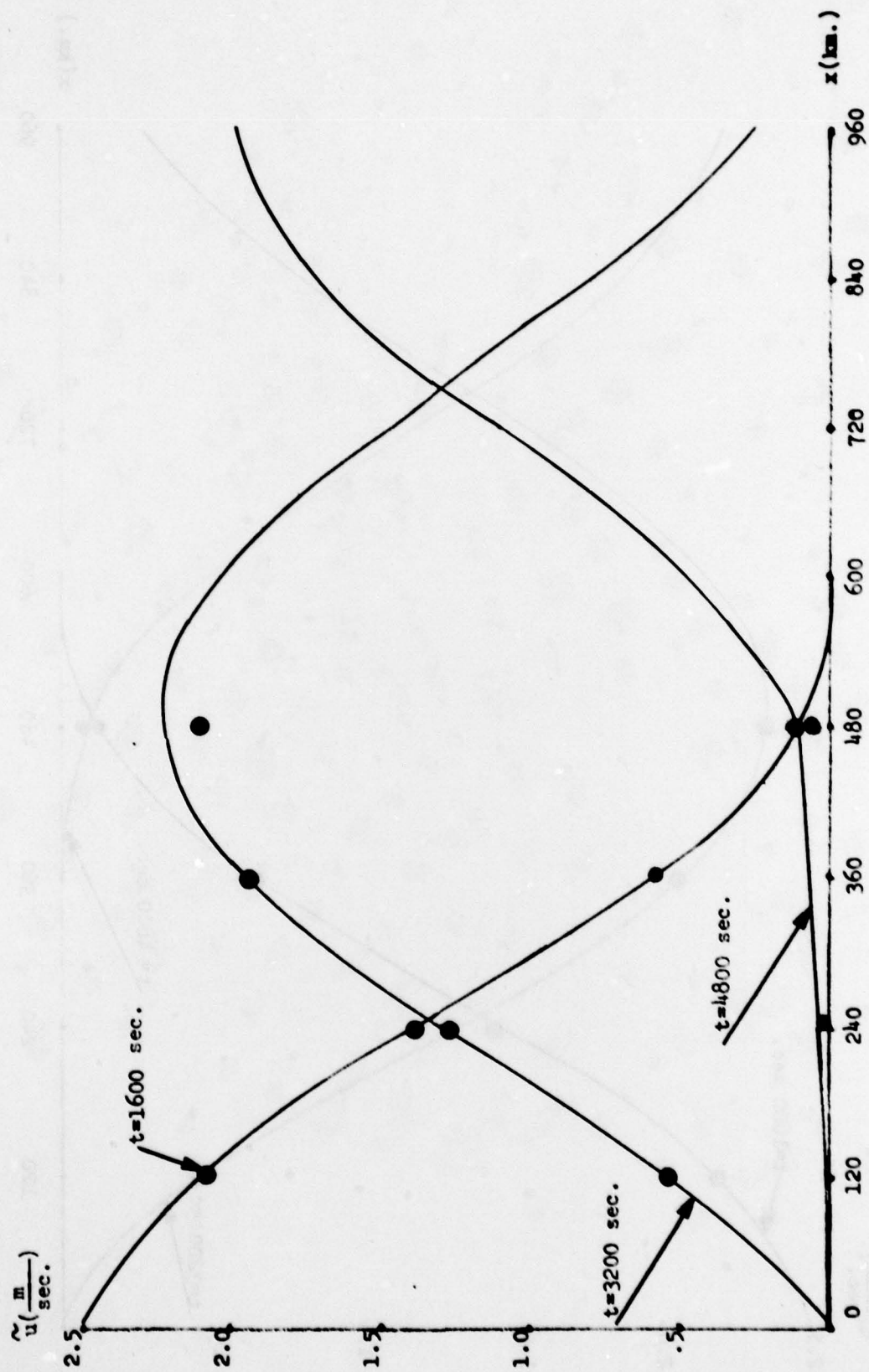


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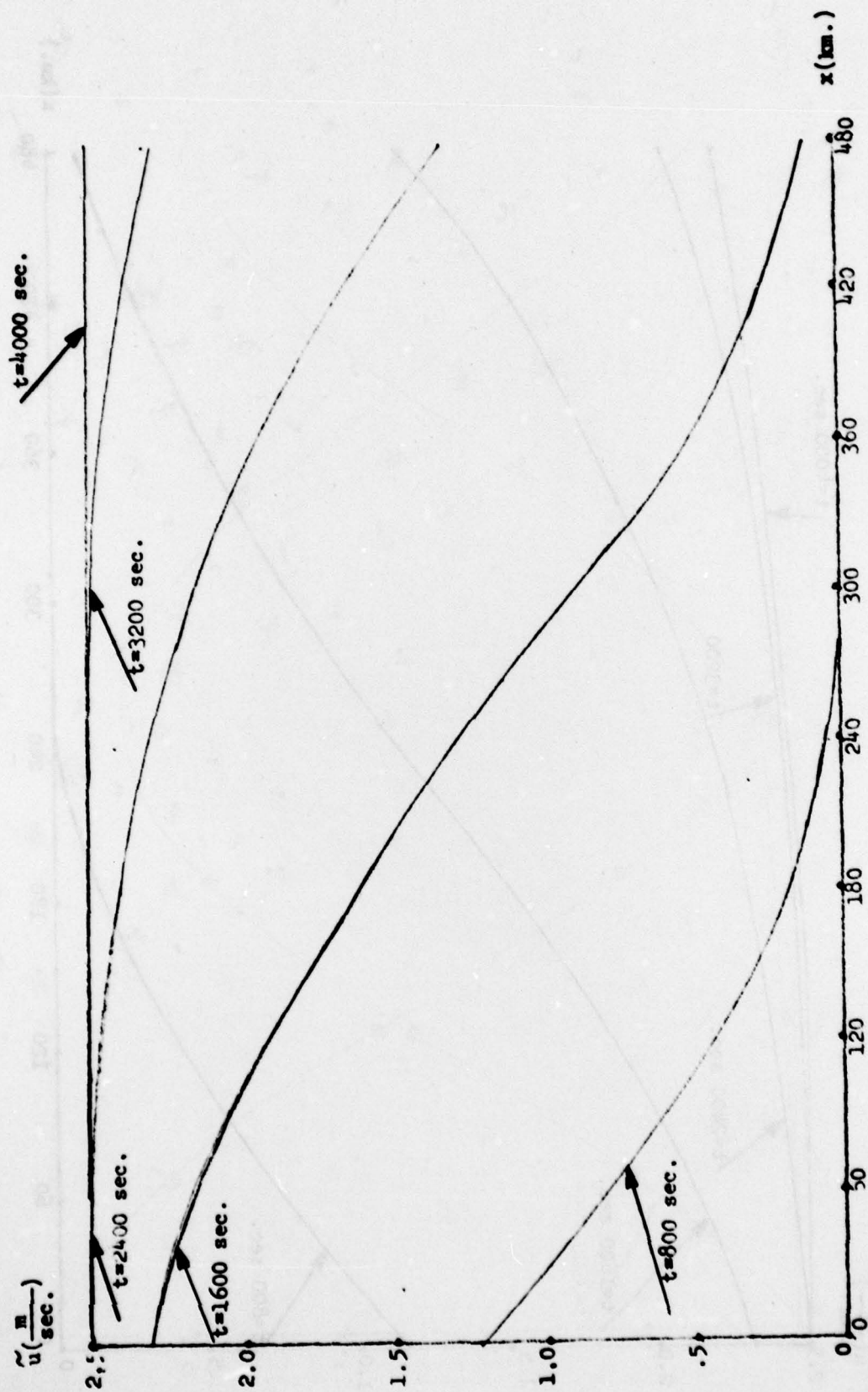


FIGURE 17: HORIZONTAL VELOCITY AT TOP SURFACE

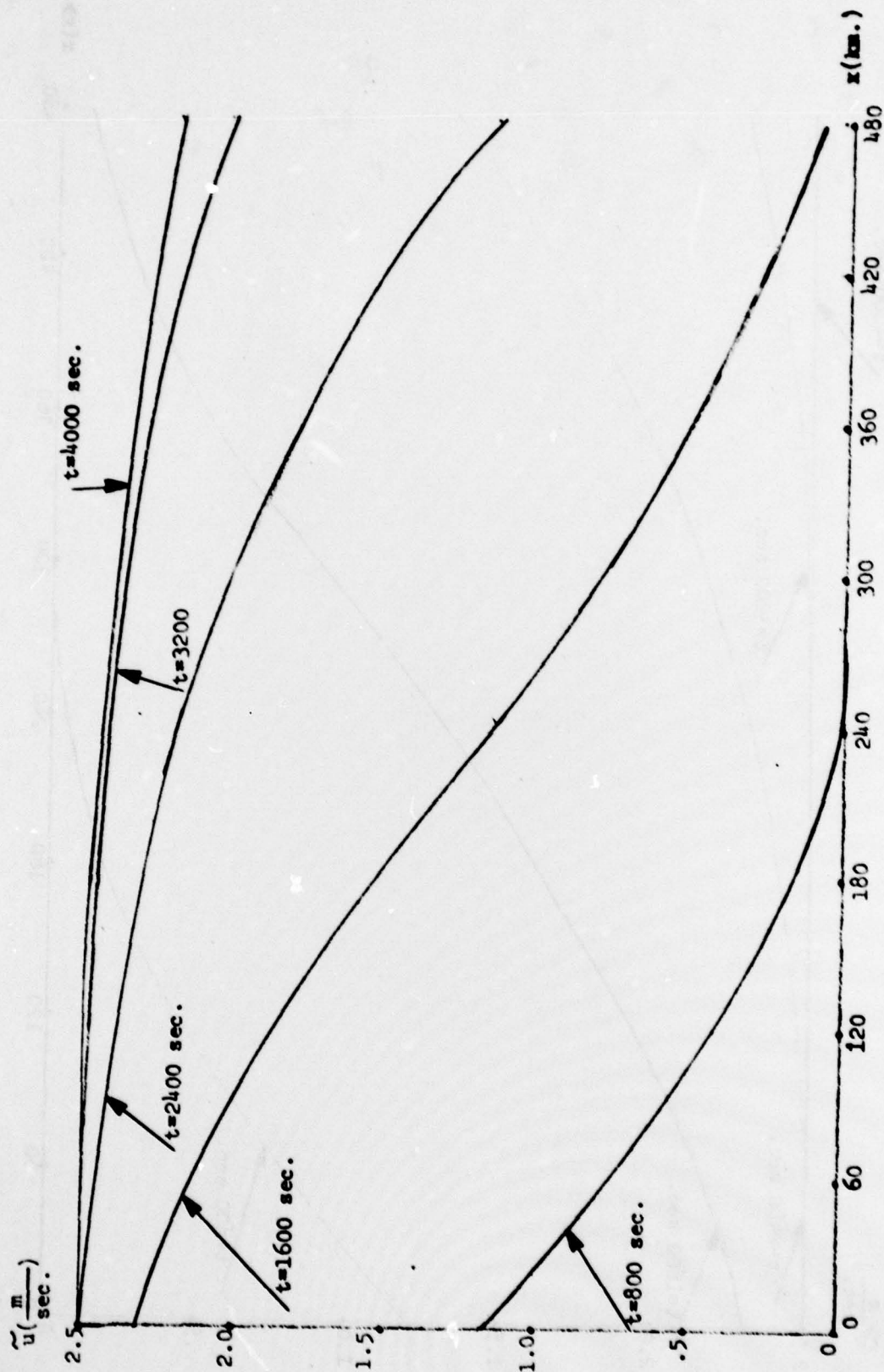


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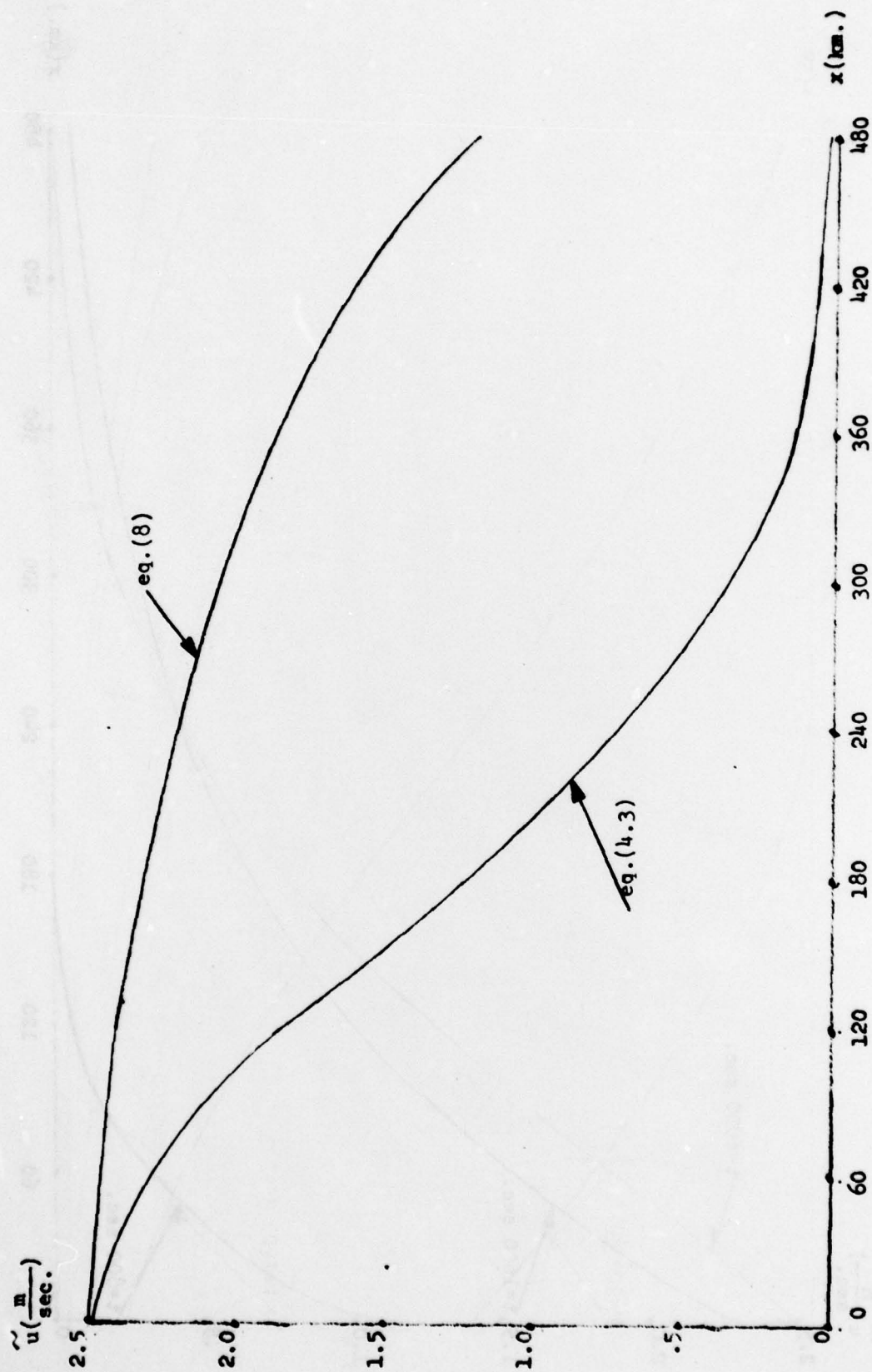


FIGURE 19: VELOCITY AT  $\epsilon = 0$ ,  $\tau = 2400$  SEC.



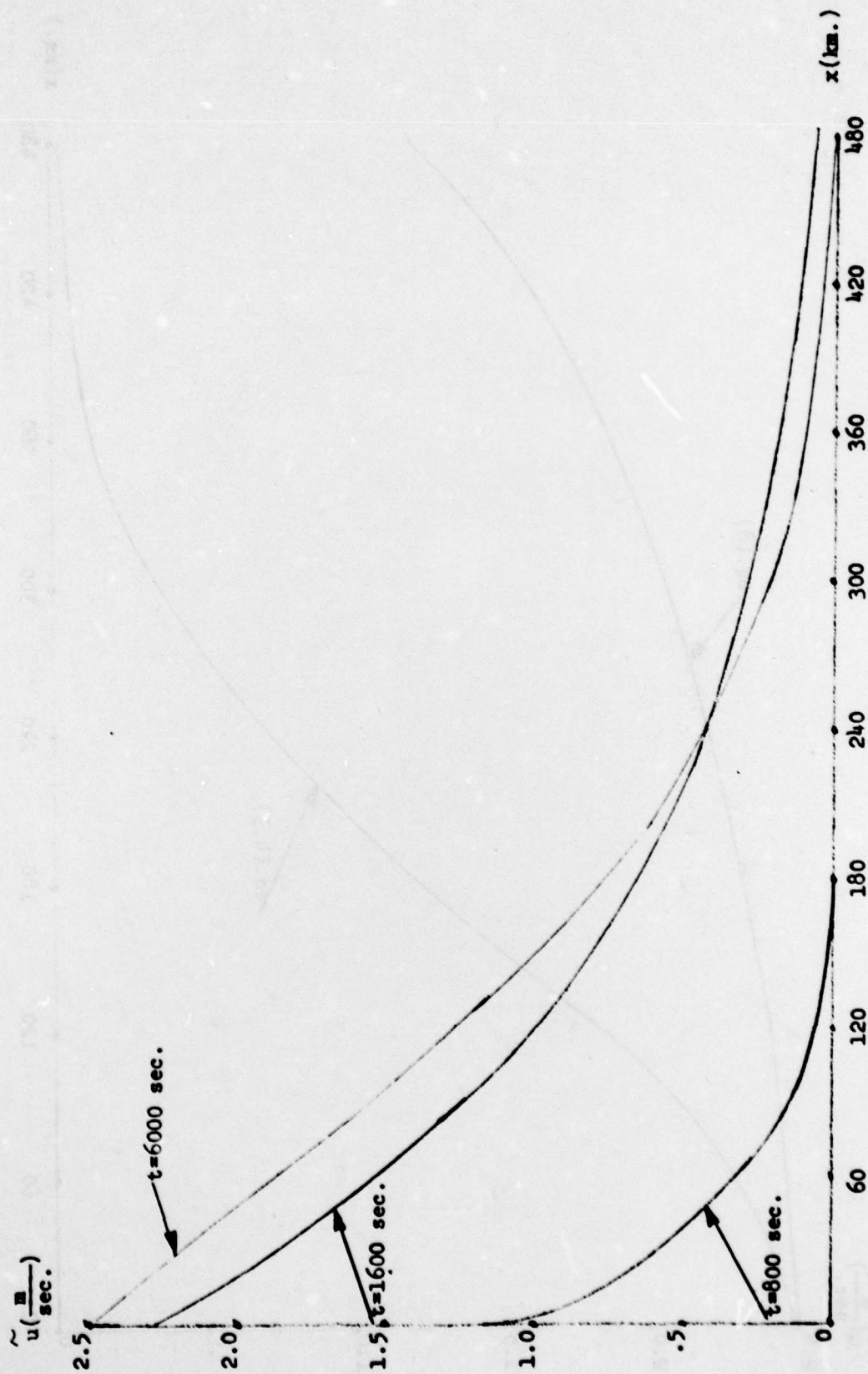


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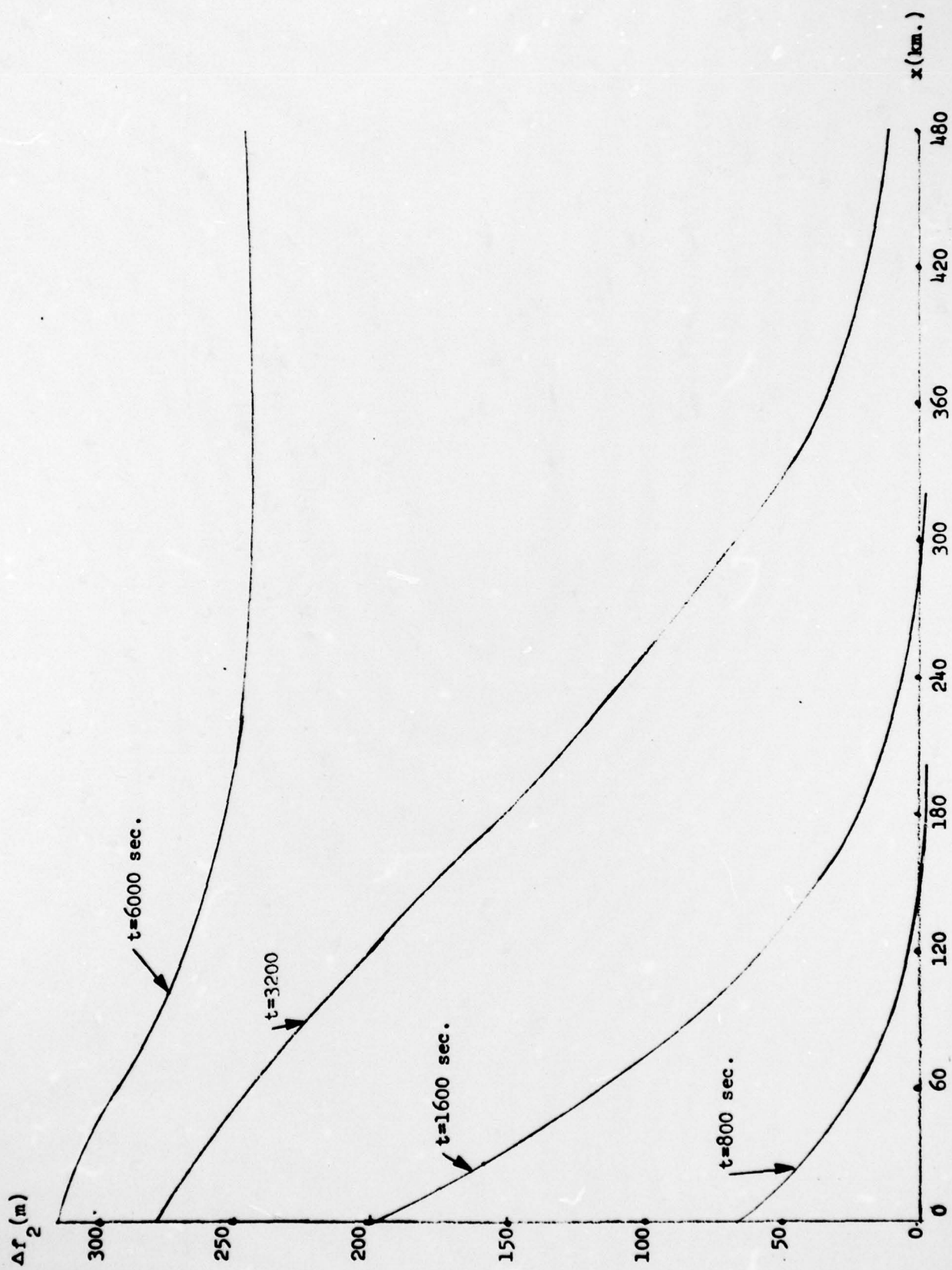


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