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ARPKAYA'S comments on numerical instability asso-Sarpka 1 A S confinents on numerical instability associated with Bryson's vortex model are applicable only to a two-dimensional problem (a circular cylinder), and are not correct to the three-dimensional problems (cones and tangent ogives) we solved. The main differences between the two are the second term on the right side of Eq. (2), and the second term on the right side of Eq. (3) of Ref. 1. These terms play heavily on the force-free condition we used, $\Gamma \times V = 0$, where Γ is the vector of the line vortex strength. Therefore, Sarpkaya's statement that in our model, "the line vortex does not lie along a streamline ..." is totally incorrect.

In addition, since there is no force on the feeding sheet of vanishing small vorticity, there is no couple acting on the vortex in our model. The model does ignore the secondary separations.

In our model, the solution of each branch is very stable. In other words, if a solution is disturbed in any different way, the same final solution is always obtained. We are fully aware of the numerical problem associated with Bryson's model for a circular cylinder. This means that Bryson's model must be reformulated. However, this does not mean that the same numerical problem would occur in our three-dimensional solutions, since different models and equations are being used.

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