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#### Abstract

Several recent papers investigate the boundary value problem $$
\phi^{\prime \prime}(t)+\lambda \phi^{\prime}(t)+\phi(t)^{2}=0, \quad t \geq 0
$$ subject to $$
\phi(0)=1, \quad \phi(\infty)=0,
$$ which arises in certain situations of boundary layer flow. Previous work on the problem established the existence of a $\lambda_{\text {min }} \in[1,2 / \sqrt{3}]$ such that solutions exist for $\lambda \geq \lambda_{\text {min }}$. It has been conjectured that for $\lambda<\lambda_{\text {min }}$ no solution exists. We improve existing results by proving that for $\lambda<\lambda_{1} \approx .96105$ no solution to the boundary value problem exists. The proof employs a novel application of Green's Theorem and is applicable to other boundary value problems.


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## 1 Introduction

In [2] and [3], Magyari et. al. consider the boundary value problem (BVP):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi^{\prime \prime}(t)+\lambda \phi^{\prime}(t)+\phi(t)^{2}=0, \quad t \geq 0 \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

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