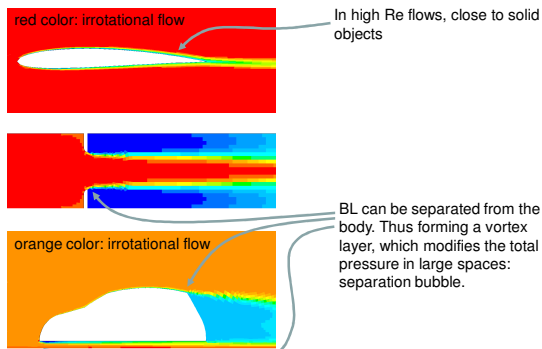


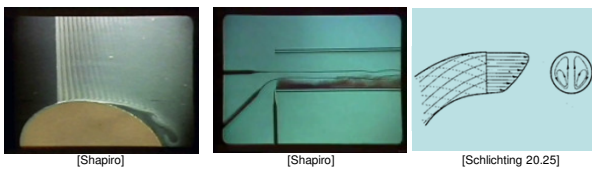
3. Boundary layers

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Boundary layer related phenomena



Separation:

- formation of free shear layer,
- strong modification of the surface pressure distribution (increased head loss),
- production and also reduction of the lift force acting on wings.

Turbulence:

- irregular velocity fluctuations
- increased BL thickness
- increased transport coefficient (local heat transfer coef. skin friction)
- increased resistance against separation

Secondary flow:

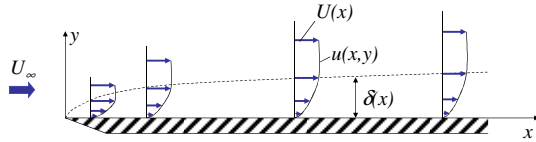
- by-passing fluid from high to low surface pressure zones,
- creation of vorticity parallel to the main stream
- increased mixing, drift motion of sediments and buoyant particles

Displacement: Virtually increases the thickness of a plate or an airfoil.

The boundary layer concept

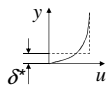
If the fluid viscosity is very small, then surface friction can effect the flow only in the immediate vicinity of the wall, in a layer of δ thickness.

We will discuss only steady 2D cases: $\vec{v} = u \vec{e}_x + v \vec{e}_y$



Boundary layer thickness

Definitions: δ : $u(\delta) = 0.99U$ along an $x = \text{const.}$ line.



δ^* : $U\delta^* = \int_0^\infty (U - u(y)) dy$ displacement thickness

For flat plates of 0 inclination: $\delta \cong 3.26 \delta^*$

We can estimate δ assuming a balance between viscous and inertial forces at the edge of the boundary layer ($y = \delta$). If ν_0 is a constant value:

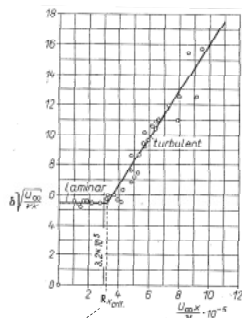
$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cong \nu_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$U_\infty \frac{U_\infty}{x} \sim \nu_0 \frac{U_\infty}{\delta^2} \rightarrow \frac{\delta}{x} \sim \sqrt{\frac{\nu_0}{U_\infty x}}$$

$$Re_x^{-0.5}$$

Evolution of δ on a flat plate of 0 inclination

[Schlichting 2.16]



$Re_{x,crit} = 3.2 \times 10^5$

Two alternative definitions of the Reynolds number:

$$Re_x = \frac{U_\infty x}{\nu_0}$$

$$Re_\delta = \frac{U_\infty \delta}{\nu_0}$$

For laminar boundary layer:

$$\frac{Re_\delta}{Re_x} = \frac{\delta}{x} = 5.64 Re_x^{-0.5}$$

$$Re_\delta = 5.64 Re_x^{0.5}$$

Problem #3.1

A) Compare the critical value of Re_δ (corresponding to laminar-turbulent transition) for a flat plate and in a circular pipe by assuming:

$$\delta \equiv \frac{D}{2}$$

B) What is the dimensionless transition length x_{crit}/D at the critical value of Re_D ?

To the solution

Boundary layer equation (1)

Reference length: ℓ Reference velocity: U_∞
(e.g. the length of the plate)

We estimate the order of magnitude of the dimensionless field variables with respect to:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta_{max}}{\ell} \quad \text{and} \quad 1$$

$$x' = \frac{x}{\ell} \sim 1 \quad u' = \frac{u}{U_\infty} \sim 1 \quad p' = \frac{p - p_\infty}{\rho_0 U_\infty^2} \sim ??$$

$$y' = \frac{y}{\ell} \sim \varepsilon \quad v' = \frac{v}{U_\infty} \sim \varepsilon \quad Re_\ell = \frac{U_\infty \ell}{\nu_0} \sim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}$$

Problem #3.2

Please, estimate the order of magnitude of each term in the dimensionless continuity, and in the dimensionless equation of motion of a steady boundary layer flow!

To the solution

Boundary layer equation (2)

From the y component of the eq. of motion we can conclude:
 The external pressure penetrates the boundary layer, therefore
 the pressure depends only on the x coordinate.
 The pressure gradient can be related to the bulk flow velocity:

$$p(x) \longrightarrow -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = U \frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= U \frac{dU}{dx} + \nu_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Boundary layer} \\ \text{equations (BLE) for} \\ \text{laminar flow.} \\ \text{Field variables:} \\ u(x,y) \text{ and } v(x,y) \end{array}$$

Self-similarity of the laminar boundary layer

$$\frac{\partial u'}{\partial x'} + \frac{\partial v'}{\partial y'} = 0 \quad u' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x'} + v' \frac{\partial u'}{\partial y'} = U' \frac{dU'}{dx'} + \frac{1}{Re_\ell} \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial y'^2}$$

We perform another scaling:

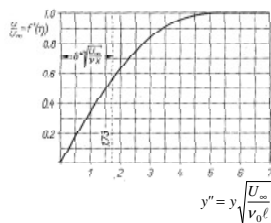
$$y'' = y' \sqrt{Re_\ell} = \frac{y}{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty \ell}{\nu_0}} \quad \text{and} \quad v'' = v' \sqrt{Re_\ell} = \frac{v}{U_\infty} \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty \ell}{\nu_0}}$$

the dimensionless BLE reads:

$$\frac{\partial u''}{\partial x''} + \frac{\partial v''}{\partial y''} = 0 \quad u'' \frac{\partial u''}{\partial x''} + v'' \frac{\partial u''}{\partial y''} = U'' \frac{dU''}{dx''} + \frac{\partial^2 u''}{\partial y''^2}$$

The solutions of this form are independent from Re_ℓ : $u''(x'', y'')$

Flat plate of 0 inclination



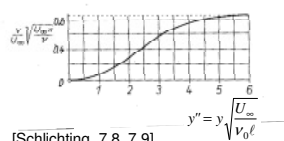
Solved by Blasius (1908).

$$\delta : y'' = 5.64$$

$$\delta^* : y'' = 1.73$$

$$\delta = 3.26 \delta^*$$

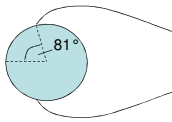
Due to the self-similarity,
 these profiles are
 independent from Re_x .



[Schlichting, 7.8, 7.9]

Flow past a cylinder

The position of the separation point must be independent from the Reynolds number. (As long as the external flow is independent from Re.)



$$x' = \frac{x}{\ell} \propto \text{angle} \quad 0 \leq x' \leq \frac{\ell\pi}{2} \quad \text{indep. from } Re_l$$

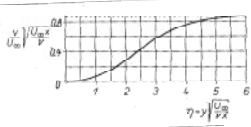
The external flow is irrotational, $U_\infty \frac{dU'}{dx'}$ indep. from Re_l .

Condition for separation: $\left. \frac{\partial u'}{\partial y''} \right|_{y''=0} = 0$ indep. from Re_l .



Problem #3.3

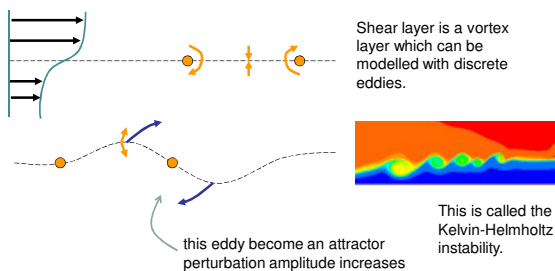
Please, calculate the displacement velocity $v(x, \delta)$ (y velocity profile at the edge of the boundary layer) over a flat plate of zero inclination for given l , Re_l and U_∞ .



To the solution

The origin of turbulence

Any velocity profile with a point of inflexion is unstable. This can be proved also for inviscid fluids (inviscid instability).



In atmospheric boundary layers

This can be observed in atmospheric boundary layers, in the vicinity of cold fronts.



[Vincent van Gogh]

How can a convex velocity profile, such as Blasius profile, be unstable?

The method of small perturbations (1)

The flow quantities are decomposed: $u = \bar{u} + \tilde{u}$ $v = \bar{v} + \tilde{v}$ $p = \bar{p} + \tilde{p}$

The mean flow is a 2D quasi-steady boundary layer flow: $\bar{u}(y), \bar{v} \approx 0, \bar{p}(x)$

Small perturbations (2D, time dependent): $\tilde{u}(x, y, t), \tilde{v}(x, y, t), \tilde{p}(x, y, t)$

Quadratic terms of the perturbation velocity are neglected. Pressure is divided by ρ .

The perturbed flow:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} + v_0 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} + v_0 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

The mean flow:

$$0 = -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} + v_0 \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2}$$

The method of small perturbations (2)

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} + v_0 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

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By introducing the stream function Ψ , for which $\tilde{u} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y}$ and $\tilde{v} = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}$

The continuity equation is automatically fulfilled.

Furthermore, we can eliminate the pressure by taking the curl of the equation of motion. The result would be a fourth order PDE for Ψ ...

Tollmien-Schlichting waves

We are looking for the solution in wave form: $\psi(x, y, t) = f(y) e^{i(\alpha x - \beta t)}$
 Note that, $f(y)$ is complex, but physical meaning is only given for the real part.

$$\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad \alpha \text{ is a real quantity;}$$

$$\beta = \beta_r + i \beta_i \quad \beta_r : \text{angular frequency, } \beta_i : \text{amplification factor.}$$

$$c = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = c_r + i c_i$$

$$\tilde{u} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = f'(y) e^{i(\alpha x - \beta t)}$$

$$\tilde{v} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -i \alpha f(y) e^{i(\alpha x - \beta t)}$$

Problem #3.4

Please, calculate the vorticity of the perturbation velocity field for Tollmien-Schlichting waves!

To the solution

Stability equation (1)

After substitution and elimination of the pressure, we obtain a 4-th order ordinary differential equation for $f(y)$, which is called the Orr-Sommerfeld equation:

$$(\bar{u} - c)(f'' - \alpha^2 f) - \bar{u}'' f = -\frac{i V_0}{\alpha} (f'''' - 2\alpha^2 f'' + \alpha^4 f)$$

We can assume the following boundary conditions:

$$y = 0 : \quad \tilde{u} = \tilde{v} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad f = f' = 0$$

$$y \rightarrow \infty : \quad \tilde{u} = \tilde{v} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad f = f' = 0$$

Dimensionless quantities:

$$\frac{y}{\delta^*}, \quad \frac{\tilde{u}}{U_\infty}, \quad \frac{\tilde{v}}{U_\infty}, \quad \frac{U_\infty \delta^*}{v_0}, \quad \alpha \delta^*, \quad \frac{\beta_i \delta^*}{U_\infty}$$

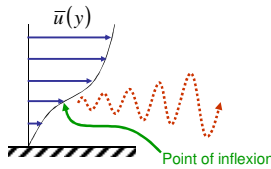
↑ Re_{δ^*} ↑ wave number ↑ amplification factor

Stability equation (2)

$$(\bar{u} - c)(f'' - \alpha^2 f) - \bar{u}'' f = -\frac{iV_0}{\alpha} (f''' - 2\alpha^2 f'' + \alpha^4 f)$$

Stability of BL depends on

$\bar{u}(y)$



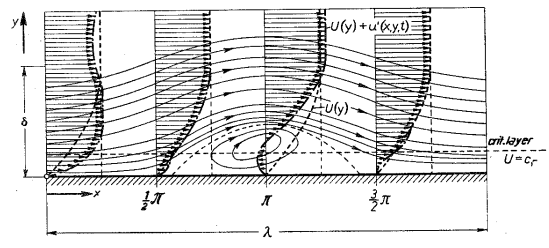
Point of inflexion
„Velocity profiles with a point of inflexion are unstable.“ /Rayleigh – Tollmien theorem/

Re_{δ^*}

Eg. the Blasius profile is unstable above a certain critical Reynolds number.

Flow pattern

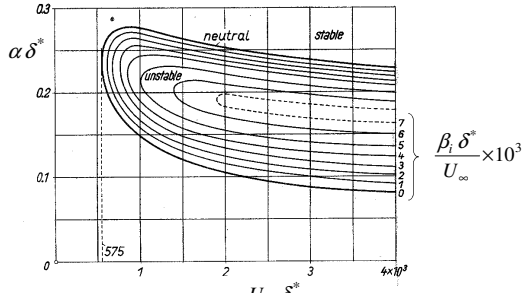
... for a neutral ($\beta=0$) disturbance in a given mean BL profile at given Re_{δ^*} .



[Schlichting 16.9]

Amplification of the disturbances

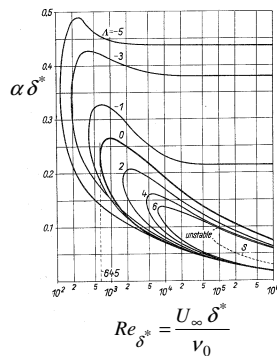
(Flat plate with 0 pressure gradient)



$Re_{\delta^*} = \frac{U_{\infty} \delta^*}{\nu_0}$

[Schlichting 16.8]

Effect of the pressure gradient



$$A = \frac{\delta^2}{\nu_0} \frac{dU}{dx} \quad \begin{array}{l} A < 0 : \text{diffuser} \\ A > 0 : \text{confuser} \end{array}$$

The pressure gradient is linked with the velocity gradient of the external flow:

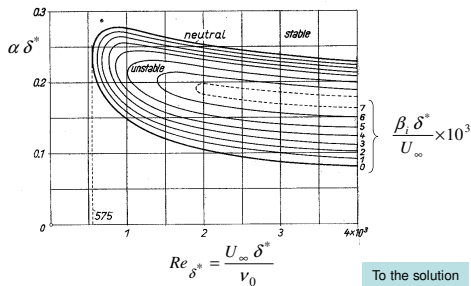
$$\rho_0 U \frac{dU}{dx} = - \frac{dp}{dx}$$

Adverse pressure gradient
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 Formation of an inflexion point on the mean velocity profile

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 High amplification factor for a wide range value of α .

Problem #3.5

Please, calculate the displacement thickness and the wavelength of highest amplification factor for a flat plate of zero inclination at $Re_x = 200000$, $x = 0.1$ m. (This is roughly a speed of 108 km/h in standard atmosphere.)



To the solution

Transition process

Instability of the laminar boundary layer:

exponential growth of the amplitude of Tollmien-Schlichting waves.

Effects helping the transition:

1. Natural transition

The initial disturbances are generated by the uneven surface. Amplification rate depends on dp/dx .

2. Bypass transition

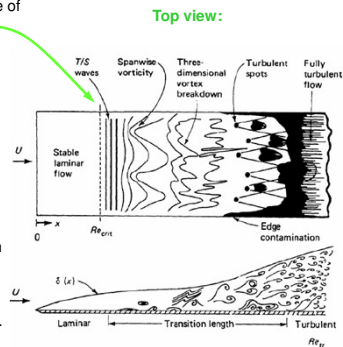
The transition is boosted by the turbulence of the main flow.

3. Separation induces transition

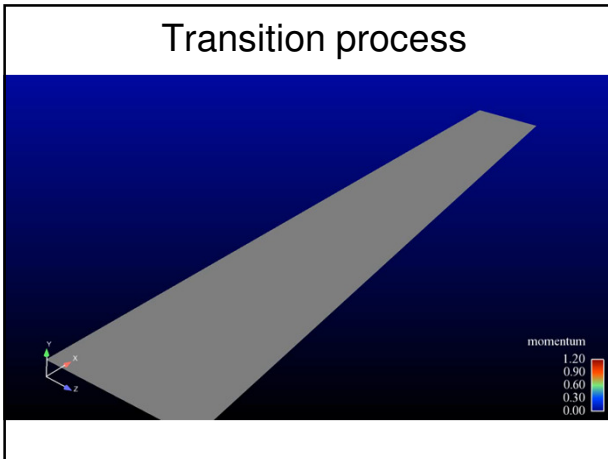
Laminar separation creates an inflexion in the $u(y)$ profile which is unstable.

4. Cross-flow transition

Instability caused by a cross flow (w velocity component) e.g. past swept wings or rotating bodies.



[White: Viscous Fluid Flow, 1991]



Averaging

Turbulent motion is **irregular**: you will possibly measure N different values at the same flow time (time elapsed from the start of the experiment) and spatial coordinates if you repeat the experiment N times.

The expected values of the measured quantities are denoted by over-bar and regarded as mean flow quantities. Eg:

$$\bar{u} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N u_i \right)$$

Mean values in a quasi-steady flow can be approximated by the temporal average of a measured signal recorded during a sufficiently long time interval T:

$$\bar{u} \cong \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} u(t) dt$$

This way, any transient shorter than T (e.g. high frequency waves) will be filtered out.

Effect of turbulence on mean flow: Reynolds averaging

We decompose the instantaneous flow quantities to mean values and turbulent fluctuations (vectors indicated by underscore):

$$\underline{v} = \bar{\underline{v}} + \underline{v}' \quad p = \bar{p} + p'$$

Thus, by definition, the mean values of all fluctuating quantities are zero:

$$\bar{\underline{v}'} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{p'} = 0$$

The fluctuations are not small, therefore we cannot neglect second order terms. By taking the average of the Navier-Stokes equation for the instantaneous flow field, for incompressible flow we obtain:

$$\rho \underbrace{\frac{\partial \bar{\underline{v}}}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho \underline{v}} \cdot \nabla \bar{\underline{v}}}_{\text{NS equation for the mean flow}} = -\nabla \bar{p} + \rho \underline{g} + \mu \Delta \bar{\underline{v}} - \underbrace{\rho \bar{\underline{v}}' \cdot \nabla \underline{v}'}_{\text{Reynolds stresses rising from the convective term}}$$

Reynolds stresses

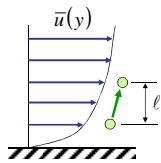
The new force term can be expressed as a divergence of the Reynolds-stress tensor:

$$-\rho \overline{v' \nabla v'} = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_R$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_R = \begin{pmatrix} -\rho \overline{u'^2} & -\rho \overline{u'v'} & -\rho \overline{u'w'} \\ -\rho \overline{v'u'} & -\rho \overline{v'^2} & -\rho \overline{v'w'} \\ -\rho \overline{w'u'} & -\rho \overline{w'v'} & -\rho \overline{w'^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

It is a symmetric tensor. In general: 6 stress components need to be modelled.

Prandtl's mixing length model



1.) The fluctuation magnitude caused by a fluid parcel which is displaced over a distance l can be expressed as:

$$u' = l \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy}$$

in which the mixing length l can be properly approximated as a function of mean flow characteristics and geometrical parameters.

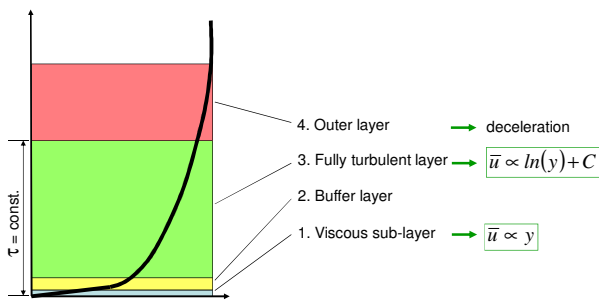
2.) All components of the fluctuating velocity are approximately the same:

$$u' \cong v'$$

On the basis of the above assumptions we can calculate the components of the Reynolds stress tensor. Eg:

$$\rho_0 \langle u'v' \rangle = \rho_0 \ell^2 \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \rho_0 \nu_t \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \quad \text{turbulent viscosity (not a constant)}$$

Structure of the turbulent boundary layer



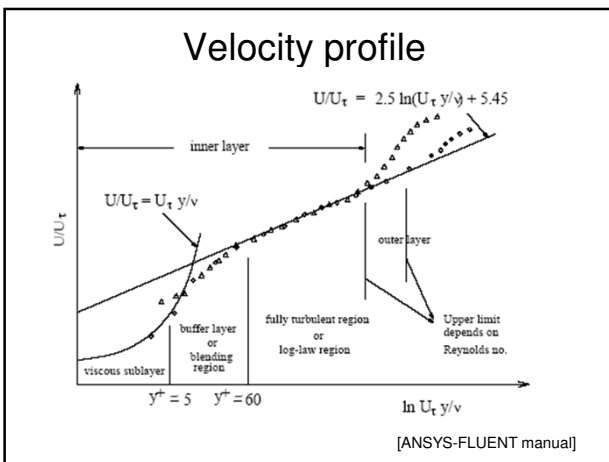
Velocity profile

<p>Viscous sub-layer</p> $\tau = \rho_0 \nu_0 \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} = \tau_w$ $u^* = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_w}{\rho_0}}$ $(u^*)^2 = \nu_0 \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy}$ $\frac{\bar{u}}{u^*} = \frac{u^* y}{\nu_0} = y^+$ <p style="text-align: center;">$0 < y^+ < 5$ (...10)</p>	<p>Fully turbulent layer</p> $\tau = \rho_0 \ell^2 \left(\frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right)^2 \cong \tau_w$ $\ell = \kappa y$ $(u^*)^2 = \kappa^2 y^2 \left(\frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right)^2$ $\frac{d\bar{u}}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{dy}{y}$ $\frac{\bar{u}}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(\frac{u^* y}{\nu_0} \right) + C$ <p style="text-align: center;">$(30..) 60 < y^+ < 300 ?$</p>
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Von Kármán constant:
 $\kappa = 0.4$

For smooth plate:
 $C = 5.45$

(C is roughness dependent.)



Problem #3.6

Determine the turbulent viscosity ratio (ν_t / ν_0) in the logarithmic layer for a given value of y^+ !

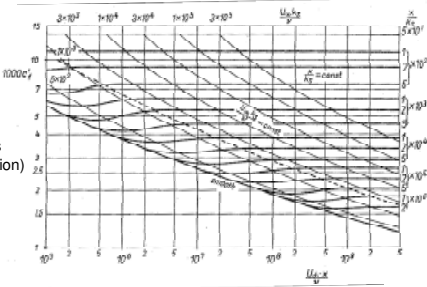
To the solution

The effect of the surface roughness

Skin friction coefficient for a flat plate

$$c'_f = \frac{\tau_0}{\frac{\rho_0 U_\infty^2}{2}}$$

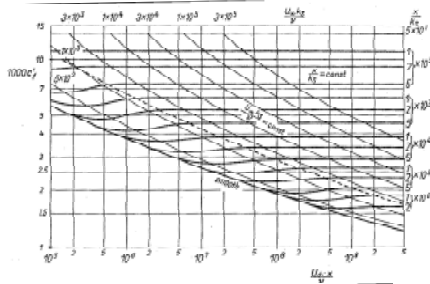
k_s : sand roughness
(height of a protrusion)



$$c'_f = \left(2.87 + 1.58 \log \frac{x}{k_s} \right)^{-2.5} \quad \text{For } 10^2 < \frac{x}{k_s} < 10^6 \quad [\text{Schlichting 21.10}]$$

Problem #3.7

Determine the maximum magnitude of sand roughness for which a flat plate can be regarded as hydraulically smooth. The free stream velocity and the kinematical viscosity are given: $U_\infty = 15 \text{ m/s}$, $\nu_0 = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

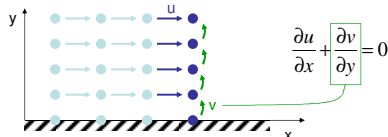


To the solution

Numerical integration of the BLE

Parabolic PDE for $u(x,y)$ and $v(x,y)$.

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = U \frac{dU}{dx} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((v_t + \nu_0) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$



Discretization

Explicit scheme: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta x}$

Calculated for every j

$$u_{i,j} \frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta x} + v_{i,j} \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{2\Delta y} = U_i \frac{U_{i+1} - U_i}{\Delta x} + \frac{1}{\Delta y} \left(v_{i,j+1/2} \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta y} - v_{i,j-1/2} \frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y} \right)$$

Calculated for every i

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta x} + \frac{u_{i+1,j-1} - u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta x} \right) + \frac{v_{i+1,j} - v_{i+1,j-1}}{\Delta y} = 0$$

Numerical stability can be reached using very small Δx.

Discretization

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One tridiagonal system need to be solved in every new profile by using Thomas algorithm.

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta x} + \frac{u_{i+1,j-1} - u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta x} \right) + \frac{v_{i+1,j} - v_{i+1,j-1}}{\Delta y} = 0$$

Solution of heat and mass transfer problems

When u and v are already known we can calculate T (temperature) and c (concentration) fields.

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((a_t + a_0) \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((D_t + D_0) \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} \right)$$

Heat conductivity coefficient [m²s⁻¹]: $a = \frac{\lambda}{\rho_0 c_p}$

heat cond. coeff. → λ
specific heat at const pressure → c_p

Transport coefficients are calculated from V_t:

$a_t = \frac{V_t}{Pr_t}$ ← Turb. **Prandtl number** (given, empirical val.)

$D_t = \frac{V_t}{Sc_t}$ ← Turb. **Schmidt number** (given, empirical val.)

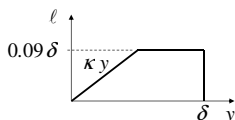
Mixing length limitation

In the numerical model the turbulent viscosity ν_t is computed according to the mixing length theory:

$$\nu_t = \ell^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right|$$

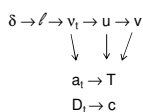
ℓ értékét a logaritmus rétegen kívül korlátozni kell!

Escudier korreláció: $\ell = \max(\kappa y, 0.09 \delta)$ δ is determined from $u(x,y)$.



Solution procedure

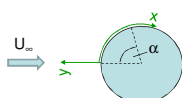
The profiles of u , v , T and c are known in a cross-section of the boundary-layer. The calculation of the next profiles involves the following steps:



From the new u , T and c profiles the wall heat transfer coefficient, mass transfer coefficient and shear stress can be evaluated.

Facultative homework

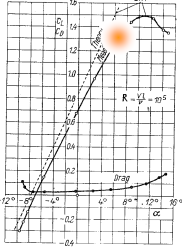
- Implement a boundary-layer solver, which can incorporate variable external flow velocity $U(x)$ and option for using mixing length turbulence model.
- Determine $u(x,y)$ and $v(x,y)$ velocity distributions on the frontal surface of a cylinder at $Re_D=10000$ by calculating $U(x)$ from the potential flow theory. The angular position can vary like: $0^\circ < \alpha < 100^\circ$. Determine the point of separation!
- Compare the $u(y)$ profiles in laminar boundary layers of $Re_D=10000$ and $Re_D=25000$ at the angular position $\alpha=45^\circ$ and prove the self-similarity of the dimensionless $u'(y')$ and $v'(y')$ profiles!
- Repeat the simulation for turbulent boundary-layer and determine the point of separation!



Award: 15 exam points.

Performance of airfoils

$$F_L = c_L \frac{\rho}{2} v_{\infty}^2 A$$



Requirements

High lift
at low speed

For low speed
takeoff and
landing ability.

Avoiding BL
separation

Low drag
at high speed

For minimum fuel
consumption.

Delaying BL
transition

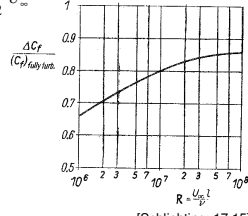
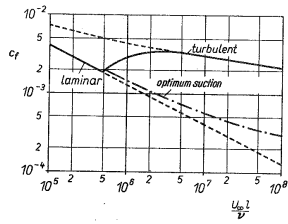
Methods for delaying the transition

1. Smoothing the surface
2. Low intensity BL suction.
3. Pushing the maximum thickness as close to the trailing edge as possible.

Boundary layer suction

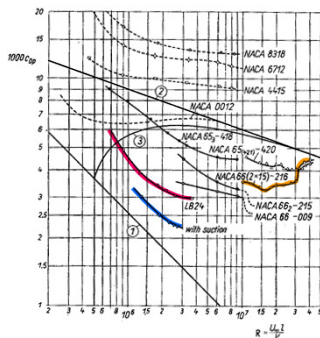
Total skin friction coef. of a flat plate

$$c_f = \frac{\bar{\tau}}{\frac{\rho_0}{2} U_{\infty}^2}$$



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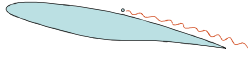
NACA laminar profiles



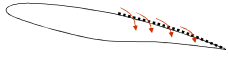
Curves 1,2 and 3: flat plate x 2.

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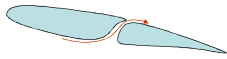
Methods for avoiding separation



1. Turbulence generation
(passive or active)



2. Intensive BL suction
(active)



3. BL refreshment
(passive or active)
