Fluid Mechanics - MTF053

Chapter 7

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Chapter 7 - Flow Past Immersed Bodies



Learning Outcomes

- 4 Be **able to categorize** a flow and **have knowledge about** how to select applicable methods for the analysis of a specific flow based on category
- 6 Explain what a boundary layer is and when/where/why it appears
- 21 **Explain** how the flat plate boundary layer is developed (transition from laminar to turbulent flow)
- 22 Explain and use the Blasius equation
- 23 Define the Reynolds number for a flat plate boundary layer
- 24 Explain what is characteristic for a turbulent flow
- 29 Explain flow separation (separated cylinder flow)
- 30 **Explain** how to delay or avoid separation
- 31 Derive the boundary layer formulation of the Navier-Stokes equations
- 32 Understand and explain displacement thickness and momentum thickness
- 33 **Understand**, **explain** and **use** the concepts drag, friction drag, pressure drag, and lift

Let's take a deep dive into boundary-layer theory

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These lecture notes covers chapter 7 in the course book and additional course material that you can find in the following documents

MTF053_Equation-for-Boundary-Layer-Flows.pdf

MTF053_Turbulence.pdf

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"Understanding the mechanisms behind flow-related forces is a key factor to success in many engineering applications"

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Significant viscous effects near the surface of an immersed body

Nearly inviscid far from the body

Unconfined - boundary layers are free to grow

Most often CFD or experiments are needed to analyze an external flow unless the geometry is very simple

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Reynolds Number Effects



Reynolds Number Effects



Note! Re_L and the **local Reynolds number** Re_x are not the same if $L \neq x$

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We will derive a set of equations suitable for **boundary-layer flow analysis**

Starting point: the **non-dimensional equations** derived in Chapter 5

We will assume two-dimensional, incompressible, steady-state flow

We will do an **order-of-magnitude** comparison of all the terms in the governing equations on non-dimensional form and identify terms that can be neglected in a **thin-boundary-layer** flow

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The governing equations for two-dimensional, laminar, incompressible and steady-state flow with negligible body forces:

continuity:

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

x-momentum:

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\right)$$

y-momentum:

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} + \mu\left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2}\right)$$

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$$x^* = \frac{x}{L} \qquad y^* = \frac{y}{L} \qquad u^* = \frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \qquad v^* = \frac{v}{U_{\infty}} \qquad p^* = \frac{p}{\rho U_{\infty}^2}$$

continuity:

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

$$\frac{\partial(u^* \mathbf{U}_{\infty})}{\partial(x^* L)} + \frac{\partial(v^* \mathbf{U}_{\infty})}{\partial(y^* L)} = \frac{\mathbf{U}_{\infty}}{L} \left(\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} \right) = 0$$

$$x^* = \frac{x}{L}$$
 $y^* = \frac{y}{L}$ $u^* = \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}$ $v^* = \frac{v}{U_{\infty}}$ $p^* = \frac{p}{\rho U_{\infty}^2}$

x-momentum:

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\right)$$
$$\rho\left(u^*U_{\infty}\frac{\partial(u^*U_{\infty})}{\partial(x^*L)} + v^*U_{\infty}\frac{\partial(u^*U_{\infty})}{\partial(y^*L)}\right) = -\frac{\partial(p^*\rho U_{\infty}^2)}{\partial(x^*L)} + \mu\left(\frac{\partial^2(u^*U_{\infty})}{\partial(x^*L)^2} + \frac{\partial^2(u^*U_{\infty})}{\partial(y^*L)^2}\right)$$

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$$\frac{\rho U_{\infty}^{2}}{L} \left(u^{*} \frac{\partial u^{*}}{\partial x^{*}} + v^{*} \frac{\partial u^{*}}{\partial y^{*}} \right) = -\frac{\rho U_{\infty}^{2}}{L} \frac{\partial p^{*}}{\partial x^{*}} + \frac{\mu U_{\infty}}{L^{2}} \left(\frac{\partial^{2} u^{*}}{\partial x^{*^{2}}} + \frac{\partial^{2} u^{*}}{\partial y^{*^{2}}} \right)$$
$$u^{*} \frac{\partial u^{*}}{\partial x^{*}} + v^{*} \frac{\partial u^{*}}{\partial y^{*}} = -\frac{\partial p^{*}}{\partial x^{*}} + \frac{\mu}{\rho U_{\infty} L} \left(\frac{\partial^{2} u^{*}}{\partial x^{*^{2}}} + \frac{\partial^{2} u^{*}}{\partial y^{*^{2}}} \right)$$
$$u^{*} \frac{\partial u^{*}}{\partial x^{*}} + v^{*} \frac{\partial u^{*}}{\partial y^{*}} = -\frac{\partial p^{*}}{\partial x^{*}} + \frac{1}{Re_{L}} \left(\frac{\partial^{2} u^{*}}{\partial x^{*^{2}}} + \frac{\partial^{2} u^{*}}{\partial y^{*^{2}}} \right)$$

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Non-dimensional Flow Equations - Summary





continuity:

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

x-momentum: $u^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{1}{Re_L} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right)$

y-momentum:

$$-\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} + \frac{1}{Re_L} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right)$$

To be able to find the relative sizes of different terms in the equations, we will first have a look at the flow parameters and operators

$$u^* = u/U_{\infty} \sim 1$$

 $x^* = x/L \sim 1$

$$y^* = y/L \sim \delta^*$$

 δ denotes boundary layer thickness and $\delta^* = \delta/L$

Note! here, u^* is **not** the friction velocity and δ^* is **not** the displacement thickness

What about derivatives?

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} \sim \frac{1-0}{\delta^*} = \frac{1}{\delta^*}$$



 $y^* \to 0 \Rightarrow u^* \to 0$

 $v^* \to \delta^* \Rightarrow u^* \to 1$

What about derivatives?

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} \sim \frac{1-0}{\delta^*} = \frac{1}{\delta^*}$$



$$y^* \to 0 \Rightarrow u^* \to 0, \ \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} \to \frac{1}{\delta^*}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^*} \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} \sim \frac{|0 - 1/\delta^*|}{\delta^*} = \frac{1}{\delta^{*2}}$$



$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} \sim \frac{|0-1|}{1-0} = 1$$



continuity:

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*}_{\sim \frac{1}{1}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*}}_{\sim \frac{?}{\delta^*}} = 0 \Rightarrow v^* \sim \delta^*$$

 $\frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*}$ must be of the same order of magnitude as $\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*}$ in order to fulfill the continuity equation

 $\frac{\partial \mathsf{V}^*}{\partial \mathsf{V}^*} \sim \frac{\delta^*}{\delta^*} = 1$







$$\frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} \sim \frac{\delta^*}{\delta^*} = 1$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^{*2}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^*} \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} \sim \frac{|0-1|}{\delta^*} = \frac{1}{\delta^*}$$



$$y^* \to 0 \Rightarrow v^* \to 0, \ \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} \to 1$$



$$\frac{\partial V^*}{\partial x^*} \sim \frac{|0 - \delta^*|}{1 - 0} = \delta^*$$



x-momentum:

$$\underbrace{u^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*}}_{\sim 1 \times 1 = 1} + \underbrace{v^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*}}_{\sim \delta^* \frac{1}{\delta^*} = 1} = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{1}{Re_L} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}}}_{\sim 1} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}}}_{\sim \frac{1}{\delta^*}} \right)$$

the boundary layer is assumed to be very thin $\Rightarrow \delta^* \ll 1$ and thus

$$\frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}} \ll \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}}$$

assuming the inertial forces to be of the same size as the friction forces in the boundary layer we get: $1/Re_L \sim {\delta^*}^2$

y-momentum:

$$\underbrace{U^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial x^*}}_{\sim 1 \times \delta^* = \delta^*} + \underbrace{v^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*}}_{\sim \delta^* \frac{\delta^*}{\delta^*} = \delta^*} = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\operatorname{Re}_L}}_{\sim \delta^{*2}} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial x^{*2}}}_{\sim \delta^*} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^{*2}}}_{\sim \frac{1}{\delta^*}} \right)$$

examining the equation we see that all terms are at most of size $\delta^* \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial v^*} \sim \delta^*$

 δ^* is small $\Rightarrow p$ is independent of y

The pressure can be assumed to be constant in the vertical direction through the boundary layer and thus p = p(x)



$$|\boldsymbol{\rho}^*_{\delta} - \boldsymbol{\rho}^*_{w}| \approx \frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial y^*} \delta^* \sim {\delta^*}^2$$

With the knowledge gained, we now move back to the dimensional equations

laminar

turbulent

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$
$$u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{dp}{dx} + v\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial x} &+ \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial y} = 0\\ \overline{u}\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial x} &+ \overline{v}\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{d\overline{\rho}}{dx} + \nu\frac{\partial^2 \overline{u}}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\overline{u'v'} \end{aligned}$$



Limitations

- . The boundary layer equations do not apply close to the start of the boundary layer where $\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} \gg 1$
- 2. The equations are derived assuming a thin boundary layer

The pressure derivative can be replaced with a velocity derivative

Outside of the boundary layer the flow is inviscid \Rightarrow we can use the Bernoulli equation

$$\rho + \frac{1}{2}\rho U_{\infty}^{2} = const \Rightarrow \frac{d\rho}{dx} + \rho U_{\infty} \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dx} = U_{\infty} \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx}$$

laminar boundary layer

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$
$$u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = U_{\infty}\frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} + v\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

Two equations and two unknowns \Rightarrow possible to solve \bigcirc

Note! the boundary layer equations can be used for curved surfaces if the boundary layer thickness δ is small compared to the curvature radius *r*


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Approximate solutions for $\delta(x)$ and $\tau_w(x)$

Control volume approach applied to a boundary layer

Assuming steady-state incompressible flow



$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \int_{CS} \mathbf{V} \rho(\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dA$$

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Massflow

$$\dot{m}_{AB} = \rho \int_{0}^{\delta} u dy$$
$$\dot{m}_{CD} = \rho \int_{0}^{\delta} u dy + \frac{d}{dx} \left[\rho \int_{0}^{\delta} u dy \right] dx$$
$$\dot{m}_{BC} = \rho \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{0}^{\delta} u dy \right] dx$$



Momentum

$$I_{AB} = \rho \int_{0}^{\delta} u^{2} dy$$

$$I_{CD} = \rho \int_{0}^{\delta} u^{2} dy + \frac{d}{dx} \left[\rho \int_{0}^{\delta} u^{2} dy \right] dx$$

$$I_{BC} = U\dot{m}_{BC} = \rho U_{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{0}^{\delta} u dy \right] dx$$

$$I_{CD} - I_{AB} - I_{BC} = \rho \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{0}^{\delta} u^{2} dy \right] dx - \rho U_{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{0}^{\delta} u dy \right] dx$$



Pressure forces in the *x*-direction AB: $p\delta$

CD:
$$-\left(p + \frac{dp}{dx}dx\right)\left(\delta + \frac{d\delta}{dx}dx\right)$$

BC: $\approx \left(p + \frac{1}{2}\frac{dp}{dx}dx\right)\frac{d\delta}{dx}dx$

Shear forces in the x-direction

AD: $-\tau_w dx$



Forces

$$dF_{x} = -\tau_{w}dx + p\delta - \left[p\delta + p\frac{d\delta}{dx}dx + \delta\frac{dp}{dx}dx + \frac{dp}{dx}\frac{d\delta}{dx}dxdx\right] + p\frac{d\delta}{dx}dx + \frac{1}{2}\frac{dp}{dx}\frac{d\delta}{dx}dxdx$$

products of infinitesimal quantities can be regarded to be zero and thus

$$dF_x = -\tau_w dx - \delta \frac{dp}{dx} dx$$

Momentum equation

Now we have all components of the momentum equation defined

$$\rho \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_0^\delta u^2 dy \right] - \rho U_\infty \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_0^\delta u dy \right] = -\tau_W - \delta \frac{d\rho}{dx}$$

The momentum equation for boundary layers or Von Kármán's integral relation

Note! the relation is valid for laminar and turbulent flows (for turbulent flows use time-averaged quantities)

Outside of the boundary layer the flow is inviscid \Rightarrow we can use Bernoulli

$$p + \frac{1}{2}\rho U_{\infty}^{2} = const \Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dx} + \rho U_{\infty} \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} = U_{\infty} \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx}$$
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$$\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{dp}{dx} = -U_{\infty}\frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{\tau_{W}}{\rho} - \delta U_{\infty}\frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} = U_{\infty}\frac{d}{dx}\left[\int_{0}^{\delta}udy\right] - \frac{d}{dx}\left[\int_{0}^{\delta}u^{2}dy\right]$$
$$\delta U_{\infty}\frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} = U_{\infty}\frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx}\int_{0}^{\delta}dy$$
$$U_{\infty}\frac{d}{dx}\left[\int_{0}^{\delta}udy\right] = \frac{d}{dx}\left[U_{\infty}\int_{0}^{\delta}udy\right] - \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx}\int_{0}^{\delta}udy$$
$$\frac{\tau_{W}}{\rho} - U_{\infty}\frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx}\int_{0}^{\delta}dy = \frac{d}{dx}\left[U_{\infty}\int_{0}^{\delta}udy\right] - \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx}\int_{0}^{\delta}udy - \frac{d}{dx}\left[\int_{0}^{\delta}u^{2}dy\right]$$

$$\frac{\tau_{w}}{\rho} - U_{\infty} \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} dy = \frac{d}{dx} \left[U_{\infty} \int_{0}^{\delta} u dy \right] - \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u dy - \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{0}^{\delta} u^{2} dy \right]$$

$$U_{\infty} \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} dy - \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u dy = \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} (U_{\infty} - u) dy$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[U_{\infty} \int_{0}^{\delta} u dy \right] - \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{0}^{\delta} u^{2} dy \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u (U_{\infty} - u) dy$$

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$$\int \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^\delta u(U_\infty - u) dy + \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \int_0^\delta (U_\infty - u) dy$$



$$\frac{\tau_{w}}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u(U_{\infty} - u)dy + \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} (U_{\infty} - u)dy$$

Constant freestream velocity gives

$$\frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\tau_{w}}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u(U_{\infty} - u) dy$$

Ok, but what does this mean??

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Momentum Integral Estimates



"The presence of a boundary layer will result in a small but finite displacement of the flow streamlines"

Momentum Thickness



Note! b is the width of the flat plate

Momentum Thickness

The drag D for a plate of width b

$$D(x) = b \int_0^x \tau_w(x) dx \Rightarrow \frac{dD}{dx} = b\tau_w$$

from before we have



$$\underbrace{\frac{\tau_{W}}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u(U_{\infty} - u) dy}_{\text{the first product of integral relation}} = \frac{d}{dx} U_{\infty}^{2} \underbrace{\int_{0}^{\delta} \frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}\right) dy}_{\text{the first product of the large of the large$$

the Von Kármán integral relation

the displacement thickness θ

and thus

$$\frac{dD}{dx} = b\rho U_{\infty}^2 \frac{d\theta}{dx} \Rightarrow D(x) = \rho b U_{\infty}^2 \theta$$
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Momentum Thickness



$$D(x) = \rho b U_{\infty}^{2} \theta, \ \tau_{W} = \rho U_{\infty}^{2} \frac{d\theta}{dx}$$
$$\theta = \int_{0}^{\delta} \frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}\right) dy$$

Note!

1. the momentum thickness θ is a measure of the total drag

- 2. can be used both for laminar and turbulent flows
- 3. no assumption about velocity profile shape made

Displacement Thickness



 δ^* is an estimate of the displacement in the wall-normal direction of streamlines in the outer part of the boundary layer due to the deficit of massflow caused by the no-slip condition at the wall - a measure of the boundary-layer thickness

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The Von Kármán integral relation gives us the wall shear stress (τ_w) as a function of the velocity profile (u(y)) and the boundary-layer thickness (δ)

$$\frac{\tau_{w}}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u(U_{\infty} - u) dy$$

So now we need a velocity profile u = u(y) to continue ...

Assumptions:

- 1. Boundary layer over a flat plate
- 2. Constant freestream velocity $U_{\infty} = const \Rightarrow \frac{dU_{\infty}}{dx} = 0$
- 3. Laminar flow
 - Parabolic velocity profile

$$u(y) = A + By + Cy^2$$

The constants A, B, and C are defined using boundary conditions

1. no slip: $u(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$ 2. constant velocity at $v = \delta$: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\Big|_{y=\delta} = 0 \Rightarrow B + 2C\delta = 0 \Rightarrow B = -2\delta C$ 3. freestream velocity: $u(\delta) = U_{\infty} \Rightarrow B\delta + C\delta^2 = U_{\infty} \Rightarrow \{B = -2\delta C\} \Rightarrow -C\delta^2 = U_{\infty} \Rightarrow C = -\frac{U_{\infty}}{\delta_{54}^2}$ Niklas Andersson - Chalmers

$$u(y) = A + By + Cy^2$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = \frac{2U_{\infty}}{\delta}, \quad C = -\frac{U_{\infty}}{\delta^2}$$

$$U(y) = U_{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{\delta}y - \frac{1}{\delta^2}y^2\right)$$



$$\frac{\tau_{w}}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u(U_{\infty} - u) dy$$

$$\tau_{\mathsf{W}} = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathsf{y}} \right|_{\mathsf{y}=0} = \mu \frac{2U_{\infty}}{\delta}$$

$$\int_{0}^{\delta} u(U_{\infty} - u)dy = \int_{0}^{\delta} U_{\infty}^{2} \left(\frac{2}{\delta}y - \frac{1}{\delta^{2}}y^{2}\right) - U_{\infty}^{2} \left(\frac{4}{\delta^{2}}y^{2} - \frac{4}{\delta^{3}}y^{3} + \frac{1}{\delta^{4}}y^{4}\right)dy = \frac{2}{15}U_{\infty}^{2}\delta$$
$$\frac{\mu}{\rho}\frac{2U_{\infty}}{\delta} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{2}{15}U_{\infty}^{2}\delta\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\nu}{\delta} = \frac{U_{\infty}}{15}\frac{d\delta}{dx} \Rightarrow \delta d\delta = 15\frac{\nu}{U_{\infty}}dx$$

$$\delta d\delta = 15 \frac{\nu}{U_{\infty}} dx$$

$$\frac{\delta^2}{2} = 15 \frac{\nu}{U_{\infty}} x + C = \{x = 0 \Rightarrow \delta = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0\} = 15 \frac{\nu}{U_{\infty}} x$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{30\nu x}{U_{\infty}}} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta}{x} = \sqrt{\frac{30\nu}{U_{\infty}x}} \approx \frac{5.5}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

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$$\tau_{\rm W} = \mu \frac{2U_{\infty}}{\delta} = \frac{2\mu U_{\infty}}{\sqrt{\frac{30\nu x}{U_{\infty}}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \frac{\rho U_{\infty}^2}{\sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty} x}{\nu}}} \approx \frac{0.365}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \rho U_{\infty}^2$$

Introducing the skin friction coefficient Cf

$$\mathbf{C_f} = \frac{2\tau_{W}}{\rho U_{\infty}^2} \approx \frac{0.73}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

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Note! more accurate solutions for laminar flat plate boundary layers exists:

$$C_f \approx \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}}, \ \frac{\delta}{x} \approx \frac{5.0}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

Ok, so where did we go wrong?

For external (unconfined) boundary layers, the velocity profile is not parabolic – but quite close to parabolic ...

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For laminar flow, the boundary layer equations can be solved for u and v

Blasius presented a solution 1908 where he had used a coordinate transformation and showed that $\frac{u}{U_{\infty}}$ is a function of a single dimensionless variable $\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{\nu x}}$

The coordinate transformation corresponds to a scaling of the y coordinate with the boundary layer thickness δ

$$\frac{\delta}{x} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{\delta} \propto \frac{y}{x/\sqrt{Re_x}} = \frac{y}{x}\sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}x}{\nu}} = y\sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{\nu x}} = \eta$$

- 1. Rewrite the boundary layer equations using the stream function (Chapter 4)
- 2. Rewrite the equation again $\Psi = f(\eta)\sqrt{\nu U_{\infty}x}$ where η is the scaled wall-normal coordinate and $f(\eta)$ is a non-dimensional stream function
- 3. Lots of math

The Navier-Stokes equations are reduced to an ordinary differential equation (ODE)

$$f''' + \frac{1}{2}ff'' = 0$$

with the boundary conditions

$$f(0) = f'(0) = 0$$

$$f'_{\eta \to \infty} \to 1.0$$

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$$\frac{U}{U_{\infty}} = f'(\eta)$$

Note! $u/U_{\infty} \to 1$ as $y \to \infty$ and therefore δ is usually defined as the distance from the wall where $u/U_{\infty} = 0.99$



$$\tau_{W} = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \mu \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \right]_{\eta=0} = \mu U_{\infty} \left[\frac{d}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \right) \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \right]_{\eta=0}$$

$$\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{\nu x}} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} = \sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{\nu x}} \Rightarrow \tau_{W} = \mu U_{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{\nu x}} \frac{d}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \right)_{\eta=0} = \frac{\rho U_{\infty}^{2}}{\sqrt{Re_{x}}} \frac{d}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \right)_{\eta=0}$$
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Laminar Boundary Layer - Blasius

$$\tau_{w}(x) \approx \frac{0.332\rho^{1/2}\mu^{1/2}U_{\infty}^{3/2}}{x^{1/2}}$$

Note! the wall shear stress drops off with increasing distance due to the boundary layer growth

Recall for pipe flow, the wall shear stress is independent of x - pipe flow is confined and the boundary layer height is restricted

Laminar Boundary Layer - Blasius

wall shear stress:

$$\tau_{\rm W}(x) \approx \frac{0.332 \rho^{1/2} \mu^{1/2} U_{\infty}^{3/2}}{x^{1/2}}$$

drag force:

$$D(x) = b \int_0^x \tau_w(x) dx \approx 0.664 b \rho^{1/2} \mu^{1/2} U_\infty^{3/2} x^{1/2}$$

drag coefficient:

$$C_D = \frac{2D(L)}{\rho U_\infty^2 bL} \approx \frac{1.328}{\sqrt{Re_L}}$$
Laminar Boundary Layer - Blasius

From before we have
$$D(x) = \rho b \int_0^{\delta(x)} u(U_\infty - u) dy$$

$$D(x) = \rho b U_{\infty}^{2} \underbrace{\int_{0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}\right) dy}_{\theta(x)} = \rho b U_{\infty}^{2} \theta(x)$$

$$b \int_0^x \tau_w(x) dx = \rho b U_\infty^2 \theta(x) \approx 0.664 b \rho^{1/2} \mu^{1/2} U_\infty^{3/2} x^{1/2} \Rightarrow \theta(x) \approx \frac{0.664 \mu^{1/2} x^{1/2}}{\rho^{1/2} U_\infty^{1/2}}$$
$$\Rightarrow \theta(x) \approx \frac{0.664 \mu^{1/2} x}{\rho^{1/2} U_\infty^{1/2} x^{1/2}} \text{ and thus } \frac{\theta(x)}{x} \approx \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

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Laminar Boundary Layer - Blasius

Displacement thickness:

$$\delta^* = \int_0^\delta \left(1 - \frac{U}{U_\infty} \right) dy$$

$$\frac{\delta^*}{x} \approx \frac{1.721}{Re_x^{1/2}}$$

Note! since δ^* is much smaller than x for large values of Re_x , the velocity component in the wall-normal direction will be much smaller than the velocity parallel to the plate

Laminar Boundary Layer



Laminar Boundary Layer

description	variable	laminar flow (Blasius)	turbulent flow (Prandtl)
boundary layer thickness	$\frac{\delta}{x}$	$\frac{5.0}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	
displacement thickness	$\frac{\delta^*}{X}$	$\frac{1.721}{\sqrt{Re_X}}$	
momentum thickness	$\frac{\theta}{x}$	$\frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_X}}$	
shape factor	$H = \frac{\delta^*}{\theta}$	2.59	
wall shear stress	$ au_{W}$	$0.332 \frac{\rho U_{\infty}^2}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	
local skin friction coefficient	$C_f = \frac{2\tau_W}{\rho U_\infty^2}$	$\frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_X}}$	
drag coefficient	C_D	$\frac{1.328}{\sqrt{Re_L}}$	

The Blasius Velocity Profile - Self Similarity

From before:

$$\eta(x, y) = y \sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{\nu x}}$$
$$\frac{U}{U_{\infty}} = 0.99 \Rightarrow \eta \approx 5.0$$





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Boundary Layer Transition



For low Re_x , disturbances in the flow are damped out by viscous forces

For somewhat higher Reynolds numbers, friction forces are less important and the flow becomes unstable

The transition region is short - can be treated as a point (the transition point)

Boundary Layer Transition

The onset of transition from laminar to turbulent is affected by a number of factors such as:

Turbulence in the freestream

Surface roughness

Pressure gradient

With a smooth surface, no turbulence in the freestream, and zero pressure gradient, the onset of transition can be pushed up to $Re_x \approx 3.0 \times 10^6$

As a rule of thumb, we can assume $Re_{x_{cr}} \approx 5.0 \times 10^5$

Freestream turbulence:

frestream turbulence reduces the critical Reynolds number

with high turbulence intensity in the freestream, the transition can start already at $Re_x \approx 3.0 \times 10^5$ or lower

Surface roughness:

surface roughness does not affect transition significantly if $Re_{\epsilon} = \frac{U_{\infty}\epsilon}{\nu} < 680$

if $Re_{\epsilon} > 680$, the extent of the laminar region can be shortened significantly ($Re_x \approx 3.0 \times 10^5$)

Note! rule of thumb

Boundary Layer Transition

Negative pressure gradient:

decreasing pressure in the flow direction has a **stabilizing** effect on the flow and can delay transition from laminar to turbulent flow



Forced transition:

a **trip wire** or **added surface roughness** can make the transition to turbulence really fast

the critical Reynolds number is not meaningful if the boundary layer is forced to transition

A turbulent boundary layer grows faster than a laminar boundary layer

the velocity fluctuations (u', v', w') leads to **increased exchange of momentum**

increased shear stress compared to the laminar case where we only have forces related to molecular viscosity

larger portion of the fluid will be decelerated close to the wall

The Von Kármán integral relation and the integral estimates are valid for both laminar and turbulent boundary layers

$$\frac{\tau_{w}}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{0}^{\delta} u(U_{\infty} - u) dy$$
$$\theta = \int_{0}^{\delta} \frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}\right) d$$
$$\delta^{*} = \int_{0}^{\delta} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}\right) dy$$

We need a velocity profile u(y) for turbulent boundary layers to be able to calculate τ_w , θ , and δ^*

Approach 1: the log law 🕿 Approach 2: Prandtl's power law approximation

 $\frac{U_{\infty}}{U^*} \approx \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(\frac{\delta u^*}{\nu}\right) + B$



Approach 1: the log law

$$\frac{u}{u^*} \approx \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(\frac{yu^*}{\nu}\right) + B$$
 where $\kappa = 0.41$ and $B = 5.0$

 u^* is the **friction velocity** defined as $u^* = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_w}{\rho}}$

at the edge of the boundary layer $u = U_{\infty}$ and $y = \delta$ and thus

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Approach 1: the log law

The **skin friction coefficient**
$$c_f$$
 is defined as $c_f = \frac{2\tau_W}{\rho U_\infty^2} \Rightarrow \tau_W = c_f \frac{1}{2}\rho U_\infty^2$
the **friction velocity** can be expressed as $u^* = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_W}{\rho}} = U_\infty \sqrt{\frac{c_f}{2}}$

insert in the log-law and we get

$$\sqrt{rac{2}{c_f}} pprox rac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(Re_\delta \sqrt{rac{c_f}{2}}
ight) + B$$

rather difficult to work with ...

Approach 2: Prandtl's power law approximation

Prandtl suggested the following relations:

 $c_{f} \approx 0.02 Re_{\delta}^{-1/6}$ $\frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \approx \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^{1/7}$ from before we have the following relation: $\tau_{w} = \rho U_{\infty}^{2} \frac{d\theta}{dx} \Rightarrow c_{f} = 2 \frac{d\theta}{dx}$ calculate the **momentum thickness** $\theta = \int_{0}^{\delta} \frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}\right) dy = \frac{7}{72}\delta$

Approach 2: Prandtl's power law approximation

Now, combining the two skin friction coefficient relations we see that

$$0.02Re_{\delta}^{-1/6} = 2\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{7}{72}\delta\right)$$

and thus
$$Re_{\delta}^{-1/6} \approx 9.72 \frac{d\delta}{dx} = 9.72 \frac{d(Re_{\delta})}{d(Re_{x})}$$

integration gives $Re_{\delta} \approx 0.16 Re_x^{6/7}$ or $\frac{\delta}{x} \approx \frac{0.16}{Re_x^{1/7}}$

Note! the turbulent boundary layer grows significantly faster than the laminar $\delta_{turb} \propto x^{6/7}$ vs $\delta_{lam} \propto x^{1/2}$

Approach 2: Prandtl's power law approximation

$$C_{f} \approx \frac{0.027}{Re_{\chi}^{1/7}}$$

$$\tau_{W_{turb}} \approx \frac{0.0135\mu^{1/7}\rho^{6/7}U_{\infty}^{13/7}}{\chi^{1/7}}$$

Note! friction drops slowly with x, increases nearly as ρ and U_{∞}^2 , and is rather insensitive to viscosity

description	variable	laminar flow (Blasius)	turbulent flow (Prandtl)
boundary layer thickness	$\frac{\delta}{x}$	$\frac{5.0}{\sqrt{Re_X}}$	$\frac{0.16}{Re_x^{1/7}}$
displacement thickness	$\frac{\delta^*}{X}$	$\frac{1.721}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	$\frac{0.02}{Re_x^{1/7}}$
momentum thickness	$\frac{\theta}{x}$	$\frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_{x}}}$	$\frac{0.016}{Re_x^{1/7}}$
shape factor	$H = \frac{\delta^*}{\theta}$	2.59	1.29
wall shear stress	$ au_W$	$0.332 \frac{\rho U_{\infty}^2}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	$0.0135 rac{ ho U_{\infty}^2}{ m Re_x^{1/7}}$
local skin friction coefficient	$C_f = \frac{2\tau_W}{\rho U_\infty^2}$	$\frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_X}}$	$\frac{0.027}{\operatorname{Re}_x^{1/7}}$
drag coefficient	C_D	$\frac{1.328}{\sqrt{Re_L}}$	$\frac{0.031}{Re_L^{1/7}}$

The velocity profile in a turbulent boundary layer is quite far from the Blasius profile used for laminar boundary layers



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Flat Plate Boundary Layer



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Flat Plate Boundary Layer



For a long boundary layer the length of the laminar region becomes relatively short in comparison with the length of the turbulent region

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Wall Roughness



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Recall: smooth surface:

Surface roughness (ϵ) within the viscous sublayer



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Adverse pressure gradient

pressure increases in the flow direction may lead to separation

Favorable pressure gradient

pressure decreases in the flow direction the flow will not separate

Separation mechanism

loss of momentum near the wall adverse pressure gradient decelerated fluid will force flow to separate from the body



Boundary layer formulation of the momentum equation:

$$u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{d\rho}{dx} + \frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y}$$

with u = v = 0 close at the wall, we get

$$\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y}\Big|_{wall} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\Big|_{wall} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\Big|_{wall} = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{d\rho}{dx}$$

Note! applies both for laminar and turbulent flow

 $\frac{\partial u^2}{\partial y^2} \sim \frac{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\Big|_{y=\delta} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\Big|_{y=0}}{\frac{\delta}{\delta}} < 0$ $\left. \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial V^2} \right|_{u=0^{\prime\prime}} = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{d\rho}{dx}$ Adverse pressure gradient ($\frac{dp}{dx} > 0$): 0.8 $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v^2} > 0$ at the wall (y = 0) 0.6 $\frac{y}{\delta}$ 0.4 $rac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v^2} < 0$ in the outer layer ($y o \delta$) 0.2thus $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v^2} = 0$ somewhere in the boundary layer





Favorable gradient (dp/dx < 0)

Point of inflection: inside wall

No separation









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Pressure Gradient



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Shape Factor





Laminar flow:

No pressure gradient: $H \approx 2.6$

Separation: $H \approx 3.5$

Turbulent flow:

No pressure gradient: $H \approx 1.3$

Separation: $H \approx 2.4$

Avoid or Delay Separation



Decrease magnitude of adverse pressure gradient

Guide vanes



Avoid or Delay Separation



Remove decelerated fluid

Boundary layer suction



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Avoid or Delay Separation

Increase near-wall momentum



Injection of high-velocity fluid

Forced transition to turbulence

surface roughness surface irregularities (dimples on the surface of a golf ball) trip wires

Negative consequence: comes with increased friction

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Drag of Immersed Bodies

$$C_D = \frac{drag}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U_{\infty}^2 A} = f\left(\frac{U_{\infty}L}{\nu}\right)$$

Characteristic area A:

- 1. Frontal area blunt objects: cylinders, cars
- 2. Planform area
 - wide flat bodies: wings, hydrofoils
- 3. Wetted area

ships



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Drag of Immersed Bodies

$$C_D = C_{D_{pressure}} + C_{D_{friction}}$$

Pressure drag:

"the difference between the high front stagnation pressure and the low wake pressure on the backside of the body"

"often larger than the friction drag"

The relative importance of friction and pressure drag depends on:

body shape
surface roughness





Note! for a cylinder, friction drag can be as low as a few percent of the total drag

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Cylinder Surface Pressure



Cylinder Drag







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No reliable theory for drag prediction (with the exception of flat plates)

The separation point can be predicted with some accuracy but not the wake flow

CFD or experiments needed

Wing Lift and Drag



Wing Lift and Drag - High-Lift Devices



Wing Lift and Drag - Wing Stall





Wing Lift and Drag - Induced Drag





Wing Lift and Drag - Induced Drag





Wing Lift and Drag - Induced Drag



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Wing Lift and Drag



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A Joukowsky wing is generated in the complex plane by applying the Joukowsky transform to a cylinder



Since the potential flow around a cylinder is well known it is by using so-called conformal mapping possible to get the flow around the wing profile from the cylinder solution

Joukowsky Transform





Complex Conjugate



