

Fluid Mechanics - MTF053

Lecture 14

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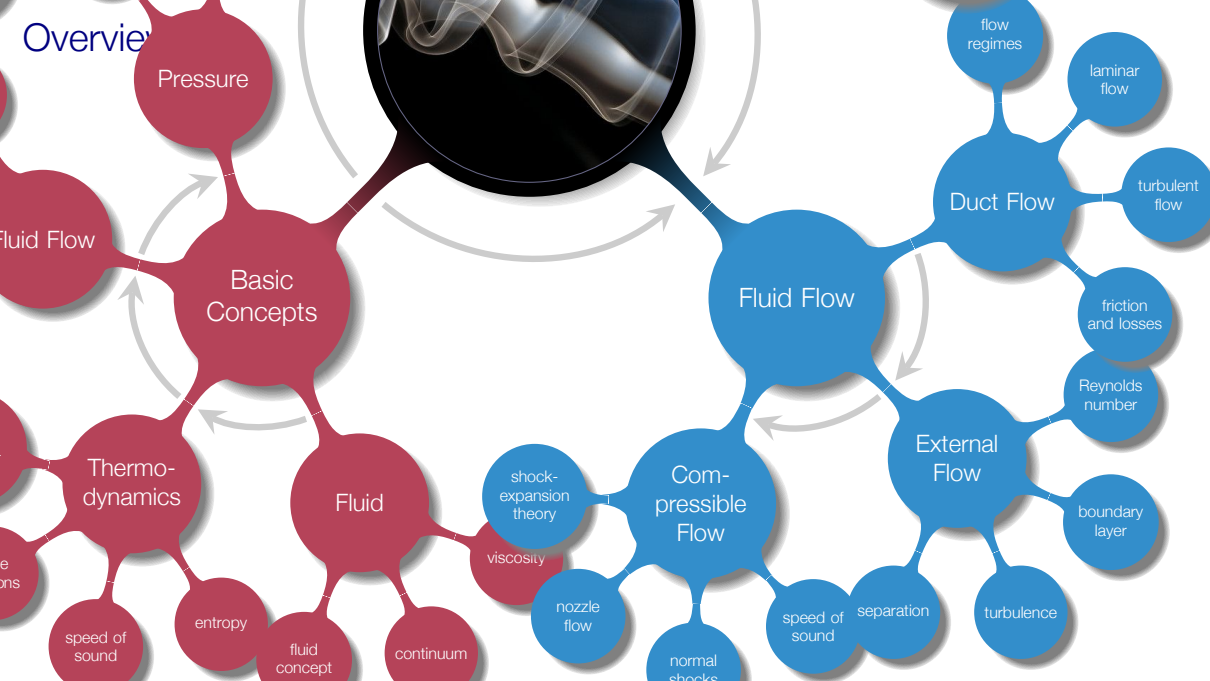
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Chapter 7 - Flow Past Immersed Bodies

Overview

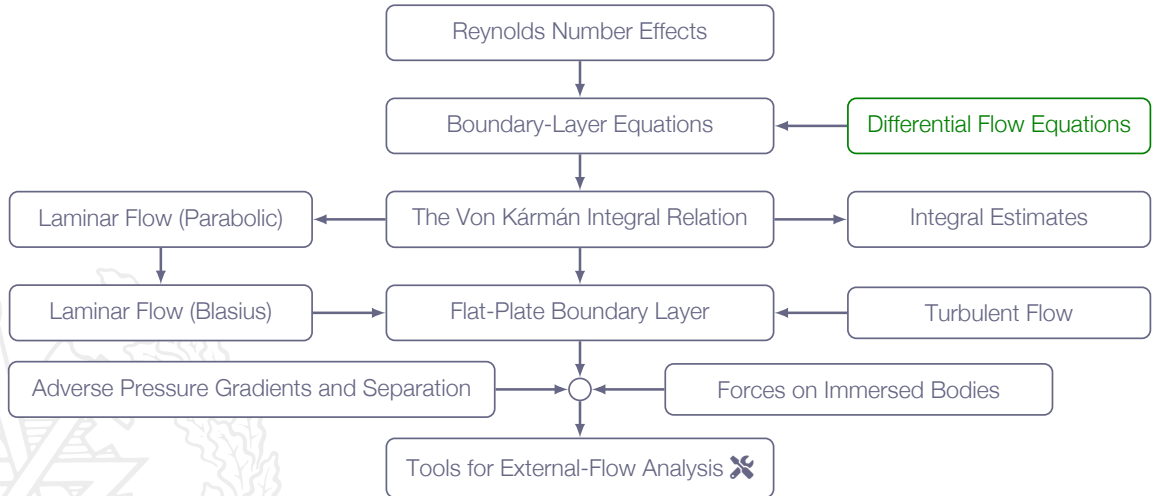


Learning Outcomes

- 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

Roadmap - Flow Past Immersed Bodies



Complementary Course Material

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



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



External Flow

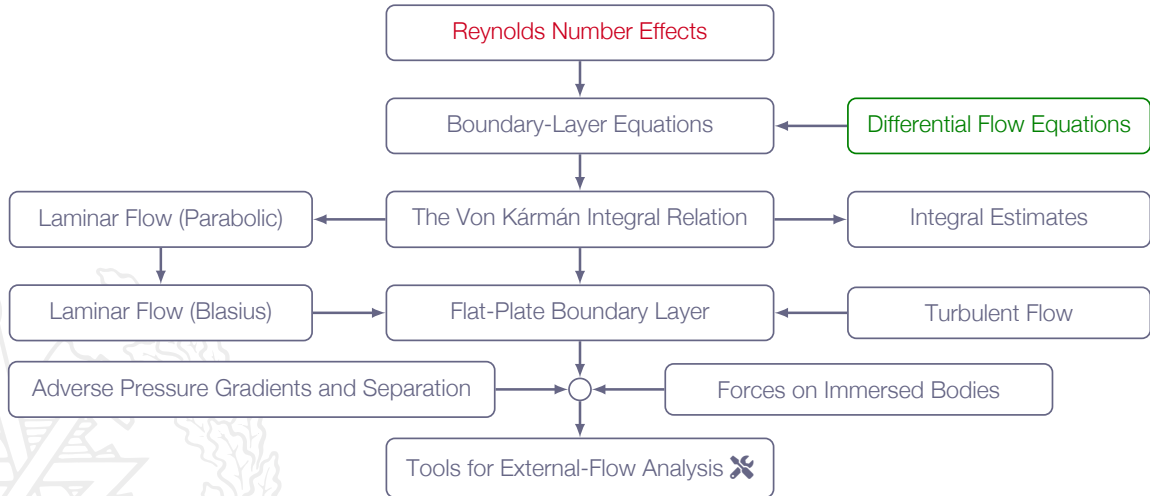
Significant viscous effects near the surface of an **immersed body**

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

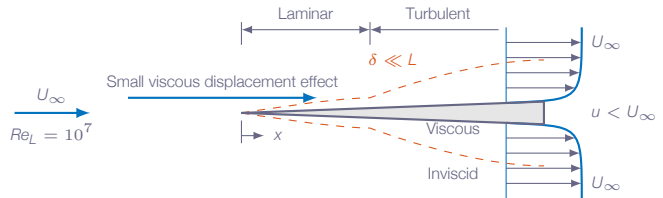
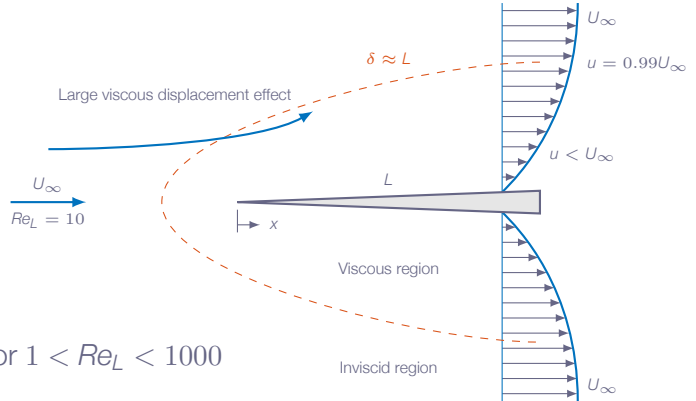
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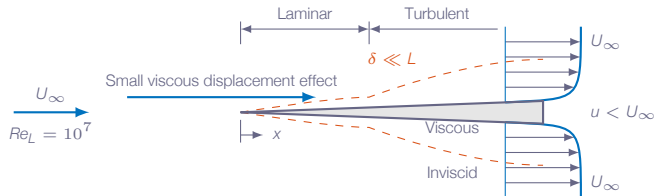
Reynolds Number Effects

$$Re_L = \frac{U_\infty L}{\nu}$$

Note: no simple theory exists for $1 < Re_L < 1000$



Reynolds Number Effects



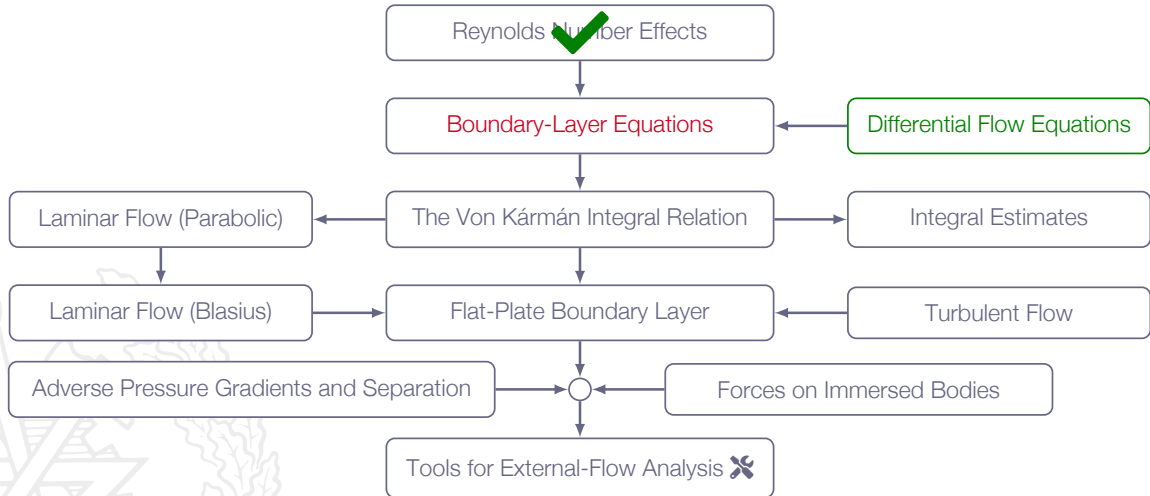
$$\frac{\delta}{x} \approx \begin{cases} \frac{5.0}{Re_x^{1/2}} & \text{laminar} & 10^3 < Re_x < 10^6 \\ \frac{0.16}{Re_x^{1/7}} & \text{turbulent} & 10^6 < Re_x \end{cases}$$

$$Re_L = \frac{U_\infty L}{\nu}$$

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

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

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Boundary Layer Equations

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

Non-dimensional Flow Equations



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:

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

Non-dimensional Flow Equations



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

continuity:

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

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

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

Non-dimensional Flow Equations



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

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

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

Non-dimensional Flow Equations - Summary



continuity:

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

x-momentum:

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y-momentum:

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

$$\begin{aligned} x^* &= \frac{x}{L} \\ y^* &= \frac{y}{L} \\ u^* &= \frac{u}{U_\infty} \\ v^* &= \frac{v}{U_\infty} \\ p^* &= \frac{p}{\rho U_\infty^2} \\ Re_L &= \frac{U_\infty L}{\nu} \end{aligned}$$

Boundary Layer Equations

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

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

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

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

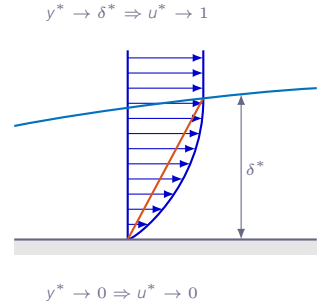
δ denotes boundary layer thickness and $\delta^* = \delta/L$

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

Boundary Layer Equations

What about derivatives?

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



Note! The sign of terms is not important here, we are only interested in the **order of magnitude**

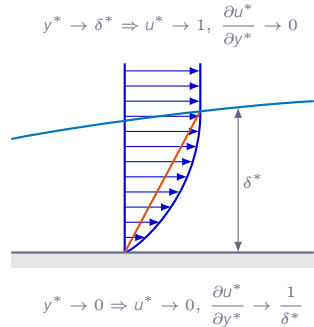
Boundary Layer Equations

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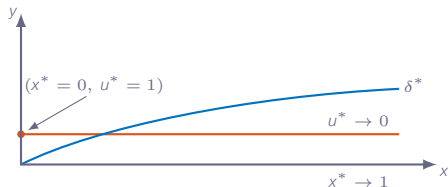


Boundary Layer Equations

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

$$x^* \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow u^* \rightarrow 0$$

$$x^* \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow u^* \rightarrow 1$$



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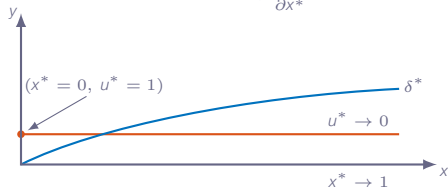
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$$x^* \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow u^* \rightarrow 0, \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} \rightarrow 0$$

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Boundary Layer Equations

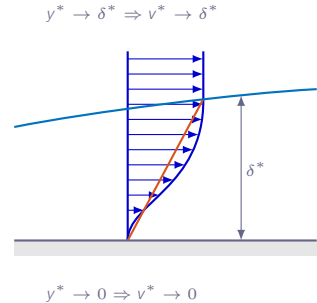
continuity:

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

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

Boundary Layer Equations

$$\frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} \sim \frac{\delta^*}{\delta^*} = 1$$



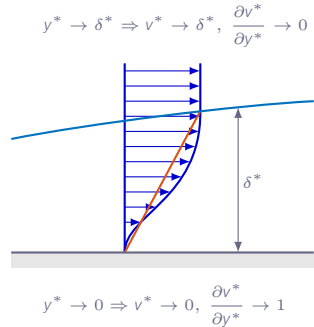
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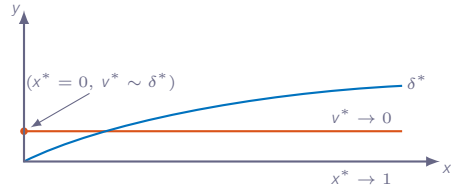


Boundary Layer Equations

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

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$$x^* \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow v^* \rightarrow 0$$



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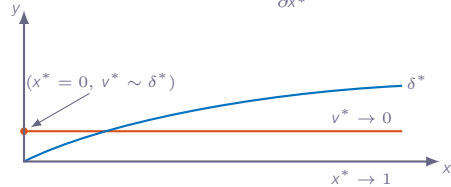
Boundary Layer Equations

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

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Boundary Layer Equations

x-momentum:

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

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: $1/Re_L \sim \delta^{*2}$

Boundary Layer Equations

y-momentum:

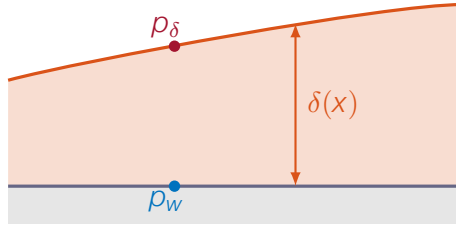
$$\underbrace{u^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial x^*}}_{\sim 1 \times \delta^* = \delta^*} + \underbrace{v^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*}}_{\sim \delta^* \frac{\delta^*}{\delta^*} = \delta^*} = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{Re_L}}_{\sim \delta^{*2}} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial^2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

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

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

Boundary Layer Equations

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



$$|p_\delta^* - p_w^*| \approx \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} \delta^* \sim \delta^{*2}$$

Boundary Layer Equations

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

laminar

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

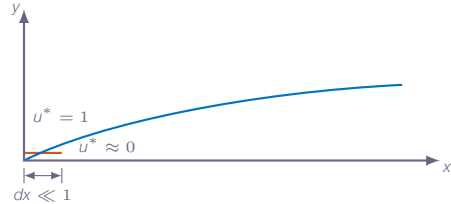
$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

turbulent

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

$$\bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\bar{p}}{dx} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{u'v'}$$

Boundary Layer Equations



Limitations

1. 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**

Boundary Layer Equations

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

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

Boundary Layer Equations

laminar boundary layer

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

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

Two equations and two unknowns \Rightarrow possible to solve 😊

Boundary Layer Equations

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

