# Fluid Mechanics - MTF053 Lecture 12

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## Chapter 6 - Viscous Flow in Ducts



# Learning Outcomes

- 3 Define the Reynolds number
- 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
- 8 **Understand** and be able to **explain** the concept shear stress
- 18 Explain losses appearing in pipe flows
- 19 Explain the difference between laminar and turbulent pipe flow
- 20 Solve pipe flow problems using Moody charts
- 24 Explain what is characteristic for a turbulent flow
- 25 Explain Reynolds decomposition and derive the RANS equations
- 26 Understand and explain the Boussinesq assumption and turbulent viscosity
  - 7 **Explain** the difference between the regions in a boundary layer and what is characteristic for each of the regions (viscous sub layer, buffer region, log region)
    - if you think about it, pipe flows are everywhere (a pipe flow is not a flow of pipes)

These lecture notes covers chapter 6 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

# Roadmap - Viscous Flow in Ducts



Momentum equation (x-component)

$$\rho \frac{D\overline{u}}{Dt} \approx -\frac{\partial\overline{\rho}}{\partial x} + \rho g_x + \frac{\partial\tau}{\partial y}$$

where

$$\tau = \mu \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} - \rho \overline{u'v'} = (\mu + \mu_t) \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y}$$

For boundary-layer flows

$$\rho\left(\overline{u}\frac{\partial\overline{u}}{\partial x} + \overline{v}\frac{\partial\overline{u}}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{d\overline{p}}{\partial x} + \rho g_x + (\mu + \mu_t)\frac{\partial\overline{u}}{\partial y}$$

(will be discussed in more detail in later lectures)

$$\rho\left(\overline{u}\frac{\partial\overline{u}}{\partial x}+\overline{v}\frac{\partial\overline{u}}{\partial y}\right)=-\frac{d\overline{\rho}}{\partial x}+\rho g_{x}+\frac{\partial\tau}{\partial y}$$

$$y \to 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \overline{u} \to 0\\ \overline{v} \to 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} = \frac{d\overline{\rho}}{dx} - \rho g_x$$

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$$\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} = \frac{d\overline{\rho}}{dx} - \rho g_x$$

$$\tau(y) = \left(\frac{d\overline{\rho}}{dx} - \rho g_x\right)y + C$$

$$\tau(0) = C = \tau_{W} \Rightarrow \tau(y) = \left(\frac{d\overline{\rho}}{dx} - \rho g_{x}\right)y + \tau_{W}$$

**Note!** with a negative pressure gradient, the shear stress will reduce with increasing distance from the wall

$$\tau(y) = \left(\frac{d\overline{\rho}}{dx} - \rho g_x\right) y + \tau_w$$

At the wall, the shear stress is equal to the wall-shear stress

$$y \to 0 \Rightarrow \tau(y) \to \tau_w$$

In fact, assuming that the **shear stress** ( $\tau$ ) is **constant** and equal to the wall-shear stress ( $\tau_w$ ) is a valid assumption in the **near-wall region** (some distance from the wall but still close) as long as the pressure gradient is moderate.

Outside of the near-wall region, inertial effects has to be accounted for, i.e.,  $D\overline{u}/Dt$  will not be zero and thus the shear stress will not be equal to the wall-shear stress.

# **Turbulent Boundary Layers**

A turbulent boundary layer may be divided into different regions where the physical processes leading to shear stress are clearly distinguishable

#### The viscous sublayer

the shear stress is dominated by molecular viscosity  $(\mu)$ 

#### The buffer region

molecular viscosity ( $\mu$ ) and turbulent viscosity ( $\mu_t$ ) are equally important

#### The log layer

the shear stress is dominated by turbulent viscosity  $(\mu_t)$ 

#### The outer region

inertial effects must be accounted for

In the following we will discuss two turbulent boundary layer regions in detail:

The viscous sublayer - the region closest to the wall

The log region - outside of the viscous sublayer but still in the near-wall region

# Viscous Sublayer

At the wall

$$\tau = \tau_{\rm W} = \mu \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} - \rho \overline{u' v'}$$



$$y \to 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u' \to 0 \\ v' \to 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

 $\tau = \mu \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y}$ 

#### Viscous Sublayer

$$\tau = \mu \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} \Rightarrow \overline{u}(y) = \frac{\tau_w}{\mu} y + C$$

 $\overline{U}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0 \Rightarrow$ 

$$\overline{u}(y) = \frac{\tau_w}{\mu} y$$

**Note!** in the viscous sublayer, the average velocity increase linearly with the wall distance

# Viscous Sublayer

Introducing friction velocity defined as

$$\boxed{u^* = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_w}{\rho}}}$$

and thus

$$\overline{u}(y) = \frac{\tau_{\mathsf{W}}}{\mu}y = \frac{\rho u^{*2}y}{\mu} = \frac{u^{*2}y}{\nu}$$

which can be rewritten as:

$$\frac{\overline{u}}{\underbrace{u^*}_{u^+}} = \underbrace{\frac{u^*y}{\nu}}_{v^+} \text{ valid for } y^+ \le 5 - 10$$

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Now, let's move a bit further out from the wall

- 1.  $\tau = const = \tau_w$  still (we have not moved that far out from the wall)
- 2. outside of the viscous sublayer  $\mu_t \gg \mu$  and thus

$$\tau = \tau_{W} = \mu \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} - \rho \overline{u'v'} \approx -\rho \overline{u'v'} = \mu_t \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y}$$

We need an estimate of  $\mu_t$  to be able to solve this ...

# Let's first examine the relation between u' and v' (the velocity fluctuations in the x and y directions)

The illustration below shows a fluid particle in a boundary-layer flow





A positive v' fluctuation will lead to a vertical transport of the fluid particle

The fluid particle will end up in a position in the flow where the axial velocity is higher than where it came from, thus leading to a negative fluctuation in the axial velocity at that position (u' < 0)

In the same way, a negative v' fluctuation will lead to u' > 0

The product u'v' will **always** be negative if  $\partial \overline{u}/\partial y$  is positive in the wall-normal direction

Thus 
$$\tau_{turb} = -\rho \overline{u'v'} = \mu_t \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y}$$
 is positive



What about other type of boundary layers such as for example the flow over a moving surface



#### Prandtl's mixing length concept

"the average distance that a small mass of fluid will travel before it exchanges its momentum with another mass of fluid"



Ludwig Prandtl 1875-1953





He further assumed v' to be of the same size as u'

Prandtl's mixing length concept

$$\tau_t = -\rho \overline{u'v'} \approx \rho l_m^2 \left(\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y}\right)^2$$

$$-\rho \overline{u'v'} \approx \mu_t \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} \Rightarrow \mu_t \approx \rho l_m^2 \left| \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} \right|$$
$$\nu_t = \frac{\mu_t}{\rho} \approx l_m^2 \left| \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} \right|$$



#### Prandtl's mixing length concept

So, how do we estimate the mixing length  $I_m$ 



$$I_m(y) = a_0 + a_1 y + a_2 y^2 + .$$

1. 
$$y \to 0 \Rightarrow l_m \to 0 \Rightarrow a_o = 0$$

2. small values of y (we are still very close to the wall)  $\Rightarrow I_m = a_1 y$ 

$$l_m = \kappa y$$

where  $\kappa$  is Kármán's constant  $\kappa \approx 0.41$ 

$$\mu_t \approx \rho l_m^2 \left| \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} \right| = \rho \kappa^2 y^2 \left| \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} \right|$$

$$\tau_{w} = \mu_{t} \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} = \rho \kappa^{2} y^{2} \left( \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} \right)^{2} = \rho u^{*2}$$

$$\kappa^2 y^2 \left(\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y}\right)^2 = {u^*}^2 \Rightarrow$$

 $\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{u^*}{\kappa y}$ 

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$$\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{u^*}{\kappa y} \Rightarrow$$

$$\overline{u}(y) = \frac{u^*}{\kappa} \ln(y) + C$$

or in non-dimensional form



$$u^{+} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left( y^{+} \right) + B$$

valid for  $30 \lesssim y^+ \lesssim 1000$ 

From experiments we have:

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\kappa \approx 0.41 and 4.9 < B < 5.5
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flow over a flat plate (external flow):  $B \approx 4.9$ duct flow (internal flow):  $B \approx 5.3$ White:  $B \approx 5.0$ 



In the outer region it has been found that

$$\frac{U-\overline{u}}{u^*} = f\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)$$

where  $\delta$  is the thickness of the outer layer and U the velocity at the edge of the outer layer

# Regions in a Turbulent Boundary Layer

between the viscous sublayer and the log region, none of the models works

in the outer region, inertial forces needs to be included

$$\rho\left(\overline{u}\frac{\partial\overline{u}}{\partial x} + \overline{v}\frac{\partial\overline{u}}{\partial y}\right) \neq 0$$



- I: viscous sublayer
- II: buffer layer
- III: log-law region
- IV: outer layer

Air at 20° flows through a 14-cm-diameter pipe. The flow is fully developed and the centerline velocity is 5.0 m/s From the provided data, estimate the friction velocity ( $u^*$ ) and the wall-shear stress ( $\tau_w$ )

Air @ 
$$20^{\circ} \Rightarrow \rho = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$$
,  $\mu = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/(ms)}$   
 $D = 0.14 \text{ m}$   
 $U_{max} = 5.0 \text{ m/s}$ 

Assume turbulent flow:

$$V_{av} = \frac{2U_{max}}{(1+m)(2+m)}$$

m = 1/7 gives  $V_{av} = 4.08 m/s$ 

$$Re_D = rac{
ho V_{av}D}{\mu} \approx 38000 \gg Re_{D_{critical}} = 2300$$

The flow is turbulent

Assume that the log-law is valid all the way to the center of the pipe

$$u^{+} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(y^{+}) + B \Leftrightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(y^{+}) + B - u^{+}$$

or (at the center of the pipe where y = R and  $u = U_{max}$ )

$$0 = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left( \frac{Ru^*}{\nu} \right) + B - \frac{U_{max}}{u^*}$$

where  $\kappa = 0.41$  and B = 5.0

$$u^* = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_W}{\rho}}$$

Find estimates of  $u^*$  and  $\tau_w$  using a Newton-Raphson solver

Using the definitions of  $y^+$ ,  $u^+$ , and  $u^*$ , we can get a function  $f(\tau_w)$ 

$$f(\tau_w) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left( \frac{R \sqrt{\tau_w}}{\sqrt{\rho}\nu} \right) + B - \frac{U_{max}\sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{\tau_w}}$$

The derivative of  $f(\tau_w)$  is obtained as (*details on next slide*)

$$f'(\tau_w) = \frac{(1/\kappa)\sqrt{\tau_w} + U_{\max}\sqrt{\rho}}{2\tau_w^{3/2}} = \frac{(1/\kappa) + u^+}{2\tau_w}$$

$$f(\tau_{W}) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(\frac{R\sqrt{\tau_{W}}}{\sqrt{\rho}\nu}\right) + B - \frac{U_{max}\sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{\tau_{W}}}$$

$$f'(\tau_{W}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial\tau_{W}} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(\frac{R\sqrt{\tau_{W}}}{\sqrt{\rho}\nu}\right)\right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial\tau_{W}} \left(\frac{U_{max}\sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{\tau_{W}}}\right) =$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial\tau_{W}} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \left[\ln\left(\frac{R}{\sqrt{\rho}\nu}\right) + \ln\left(\sqrt{\tau_{W}}\right)\right]\right) - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{U_{max}\sqrt{\rho}}{\tau_{W}^{3/2}} =$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial\tau_{W}} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \left[\ln\left(\frac{R}{\sqrt{\rho}\nu}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\tau_{W}\right)\right]\right) + \frac{U_{max}\sqrt{\rho}}{2\tau_{W}^{3/2}} =$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right) \frac{1}{2\tau_{W}} + \frac{U_{max}\sqrt{\rho}}{2\tau_{W}^{3/2}} = \frac{(1/\kappa)\sqrt{\tau_{W}} + U_{max}\sqrt{\rho}}{2\tau_{W}^{3/2}} = \frac{(1/\kappa)\sqrt{\tau_{W}} + U_{max}\sqrt{\rho}}{2\tau_{W}^{3/2}} =$$



With the functions  $f(\tau_w)$  and  $f'(\tau_w)$  defined, we can set up an iterative Newton-Raphson solver to find  $\tau_w$  using

$$\tau_{W_{n+1}} = \tau_{W_n} - \frac{f(\tau_{W_n})}{f'(\tau_{W_n})}$$

where n + 1 and n are iteration numbers. Iterate until converged with the following convergence criterium:

$$\left|\frac{f(\tau_{W_n})}{f'(\tau_{W_n})}\right| \le \tau_W \times 10^{-4}$$

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import numpy as np
  def calc_yplus_uplus(rho,mu,tau_w,y,U):
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      nu=mu/rho
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      ustar=np.sqrt(tau w/rho)
     yplus=y*ustar/nu
6
      uplus=U/ustar
      return vplus.uplus.ustar
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     = 1.8e-5 # fluid viscosity (dynamic viscosity)
10 mu
11 rho
     = 1.2 # fluid density
12 u max = 5.0 # centerline velocity
13 R.
        = 0.07 # pipe radius
14 kappa = 0.41 # von Kármán constant
15 B
        = 5.0
                 # integration constant in the log-law
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17 tau w = mu*u max/R # initial guess
19 yplus,uplus,ustar=calc_yplus_uplus(rho,mu,tau_w,R,u_max)
  dtau w = 10.*tau w
21
  while( abs(dtau_w) > 0.0001*tau_w ):
    f = (1./kappa)*np.log(vplus)-uplus+B
24
    df = 0.5*((1./kappa)+uplus)/tau w
25
    dtau w = -f/df
26
27
    tau w = tau w+dtau w
    yplus,uplus,ustar=calc_yplus_uplus(rho,mu,tau_w,R,u_max)
28
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variable	dimension	value
$y^+$		1061
$U^*$	m/s	0.227
$ au_W$	$N/m^2$	0.062

**Note!**  $y^+ = 1061$  is actually outside the range of  $y^+$  values for which the log-law is valid - but it is very close to the limit...

