

Fluid Mechanics - MTF053

Lecture 16

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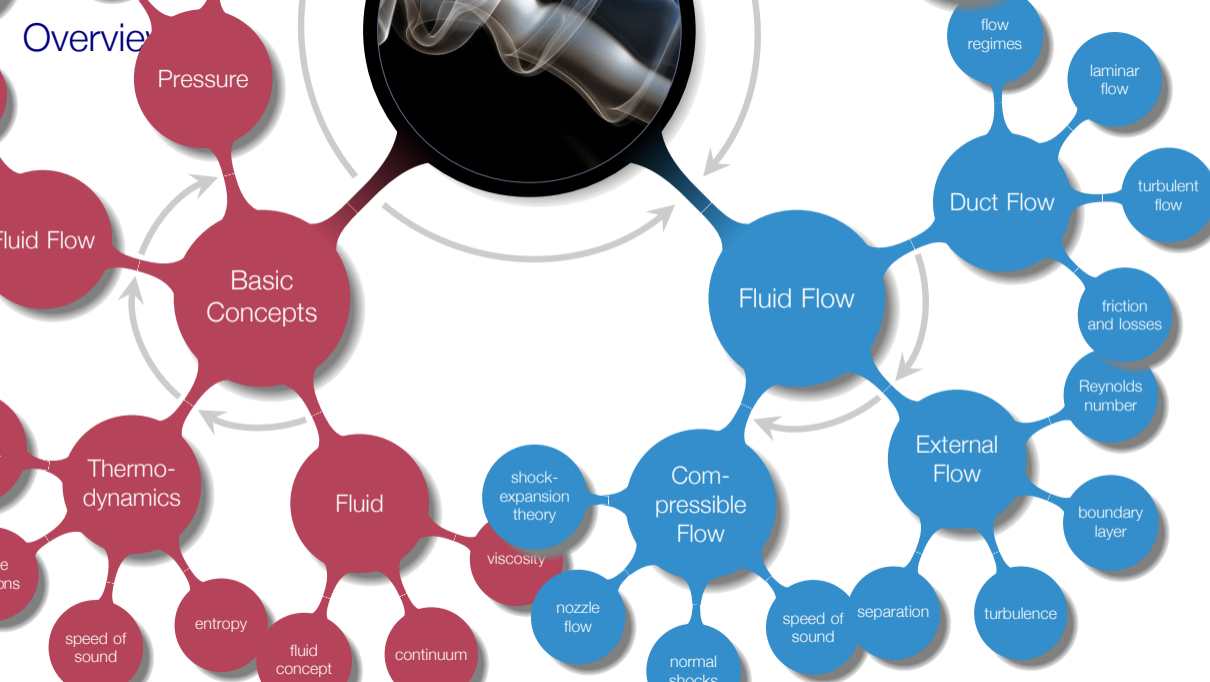
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Chapter 7 - Flow Past Immersed Bodies



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

Complementary Course Material

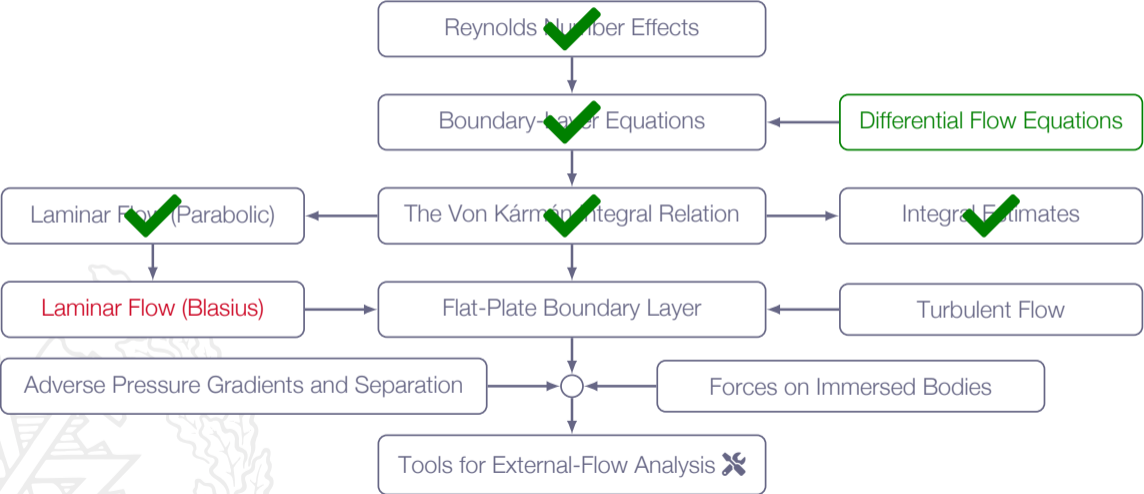
These lecture notes covers chapter 7 in the course book and additional course material that you can find in the following documents

MTF053_Equation-for-Boundary-Layer-Flows.pdf

MTF053_Turbulence.pdf



Roadmap - Flow Past Immersed Bodies



The Blasius Velocity Profile

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

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

The Blasius Velocity Profile

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

$$\begin{cases} f(0) = f'(0) = 0 \\ f'_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow 1.0 \end{cases}$$

The Blasius Velocity Profile

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

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

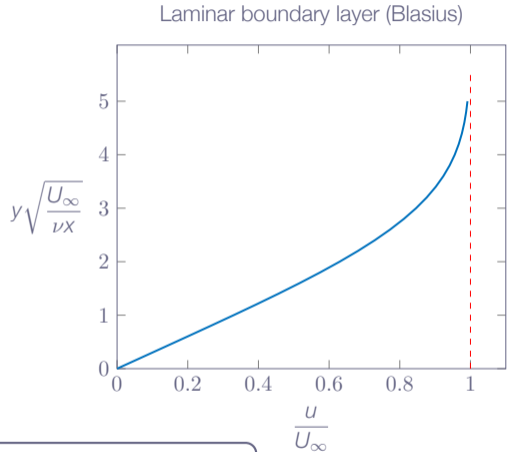


The Blasius Velocity Profile

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

$$\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}}$$

$$\delta_{99\%} \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}} \approx 5.0$$



$$\delta_{99\%} \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}} \approx 5.0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\delta}{x} \approx \frac{5.0}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

The Blasius Velocity Profile

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

$$\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}} \Rightarrow \frac{d\eta}{dy} = \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}} \Rightarrow \tau_w = \mu U_\infty \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}} \frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\frac{u}{U_\infty} \right)_{\eta=0} = \frac{\rho U_\infty^2}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\frac{u}{U_\infty} \right)_{\eta=0}$$

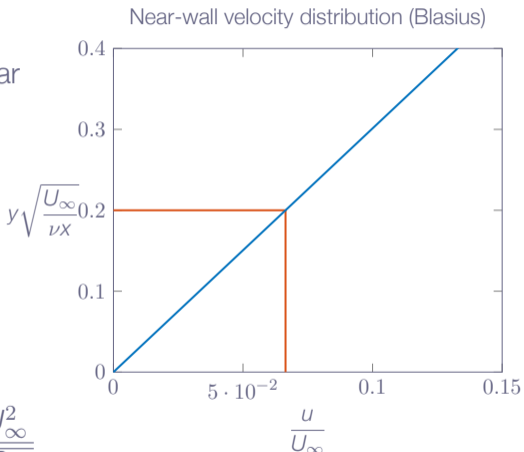
The Blasius Velocity Profile

close to the wall the velocity profile is linear

$$\eta = 0.2 \Rightarrow \frac{u}{U_\infty} \approx 0.0664$$

$$\frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\frac{u}{U_\infty} \right)_{\eta=0} \approx \frac{0.0664}{0.2} = 0.332$$

$$\tau_w = \frac{\rho U_\infty^2}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\frac{u}{U_\infty} \right)_{\eta=0} \approx 0.332 \frac{\rho U_\infty^2}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$



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:

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

drag force:

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

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

$$D(x) = \rho b U_\infty^2 \underbrace{\int_0^{\delta(x)} \frac{u}{U_\infty} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) dy}_{\theta(x)} = \rho b U_\infty^2 \theta(x)$$

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

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

Laminar Boundary Layer - Blasius

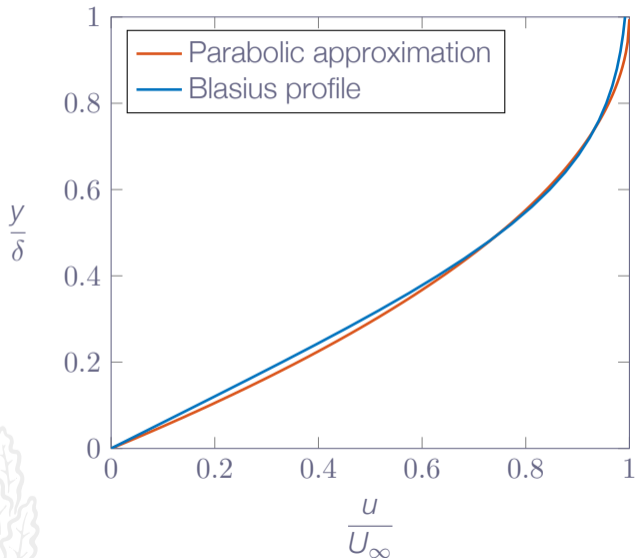
Displacement thickness:

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

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

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

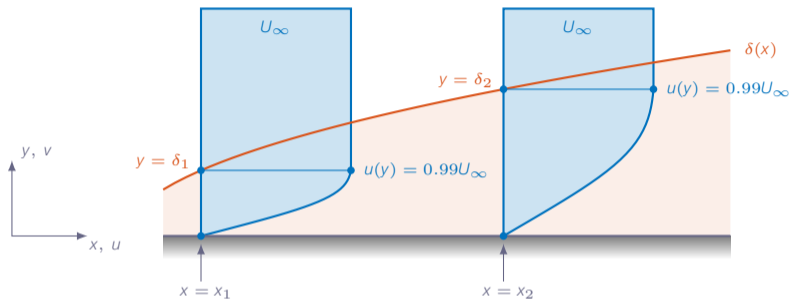
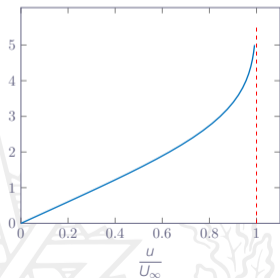
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displacement thickness	$\frac{\delta^*}{x}$	$\frac{1.721}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	
momentum thickness	$\frac{\theta}{x}$	$\frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	
shape factor	$H = \frac{\delta^*}{\theta}$	2.59	
wall shear stress	τ_w	$0.332 \frac{\rho U_\infty^2}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	
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:

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

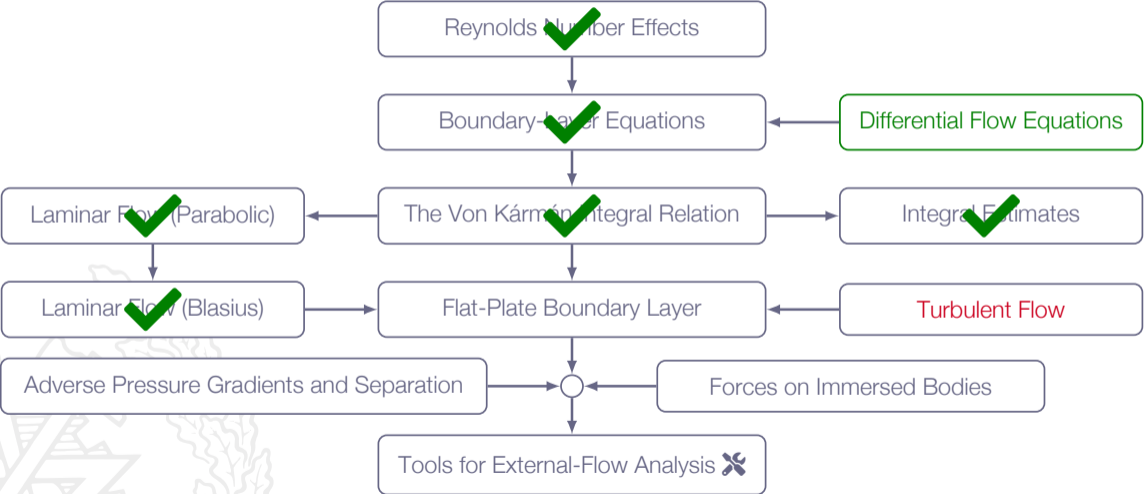
Laminar boundary layer (Blasius)



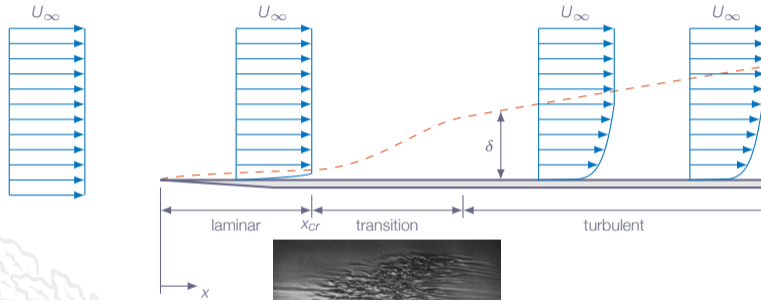
$$\eta(x_1, \delta_1) = \eta(x_2, \delta_2) \Rightarrow \delta_1 \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x_1}} = \delta_2 \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x_2}}$$

$$x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x_1}} > \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x_2}} \Rightarrow \delta_1 < \delta_2$$

Roadmap - Flow Past Immersed Bodies

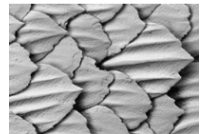
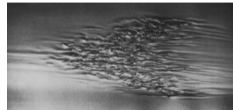


Boundary Layer Transition



--- $u = 0.99U_\infty$

$$Re_x = \frac{U_\infty x}{\nu}$$
$$Re_{x_{cr}} = \frac{U_\infty x_{cr}}{\nu} \approx 5.0 \times 10^5$$



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

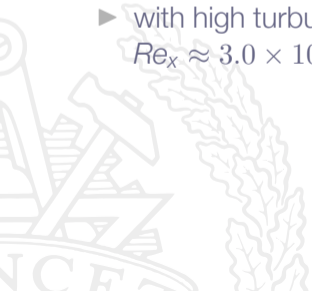
With a smooth surface, no turbulence in the freestream, and zero pressure gradient, the onset of transition can be pushed up to $Re_x \approx 3.0 \times 10^6$

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

Boundary Layer Transition

Freestream turbulence:

- ▶ freestream 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



Boundary Layer Transition

Surface roughness:

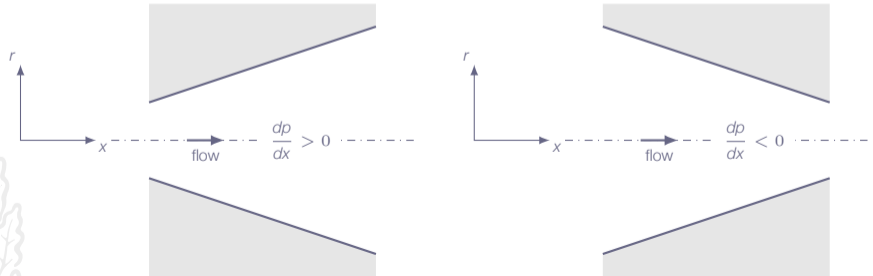
- ▶ surface roughness does not affect transition significantly if $Re_\epsilon = \frac{U_\infty \epsilon}{\nu} < 680$
- ▶ if $Re_\epsilon > 680$, the extent of the laminar region can be shortened significantly ($Re_x \approx 3.0 \times 10^5$)

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



Boundary Layer Transition

Forced transition:

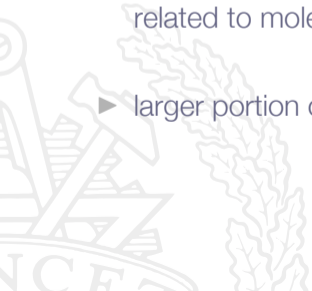
- ▶ a trip wire or added surface roughness can make the transition to turbulence really fast
- ▶ the critical Reynolds number is not meaningful if the boundary layer is forced to transition



Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

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



Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

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

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

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

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

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

Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

Approach 1: the log law

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

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

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

Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

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

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{c_f}} \approx \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(Re_\delta \sqrt{\frac{c_f}{2}} \right) + B$$

rather difficult to work with ...

Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

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** $\theta = \int_0^\delta \frac{u}{U_\infty} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) dy = \frac{7}{72} \delta$

Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

Approach 2: Prandtl's power law approximation

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

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

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

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

Note! the turbulent boundary layer grows significantly faster than the laminar

$$\delta_{turb} \propto x^{6/7} \text{ vs } \delta_{lam} \propto x^{1/2}$$

Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

Approach 2: Prandtl's power law approximation

$$C_f \approx \frac{0.027}{Re_x^{1/7}}$$

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

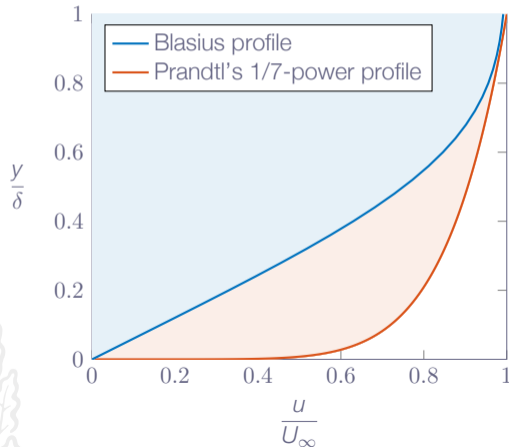
Note! friction drops slowly with x , increases nearly as ρ and U_∞^2 , and is rather insensitive to viscosity

Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

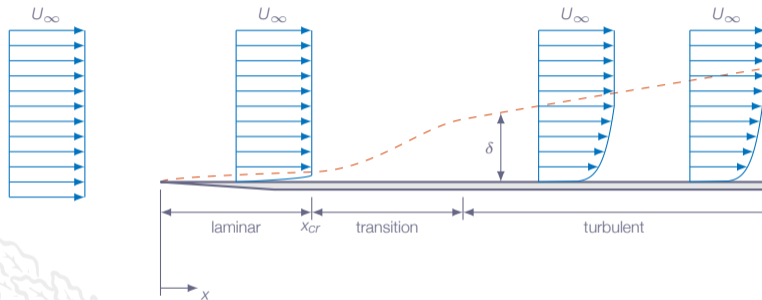
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momentum thickness	$\frac{\theta}{x}$	$\frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	$\frac{0.016}{Re_x^{1/7}}$
shape factor	$H = \frac{\delta^*}{\theta}$	2.59	1.29
wall shear stress	τ_w	$0.332 \frac{\rho U_\infty^2}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	$0.0135 \frac{\rho U_\infty^2}{Re_x^{1/7}}$
local skin friction coefficient	$C_f = \frac{2\tau_w}{\rho U_\infty^2}$	$\frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	$\frac{0.027}{Re_x^{1/7}}$
drag coefficient	C_D	$\frac{1.328}{\sqrt{Re_L}}$	$\frac{0.031}{Re_L^{1/7}}$

Flat Plate - Turbulent Boundary Layer

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



Flat Plate Boundary Layer



$$- - - \quad u = 0.99U_\infty$$

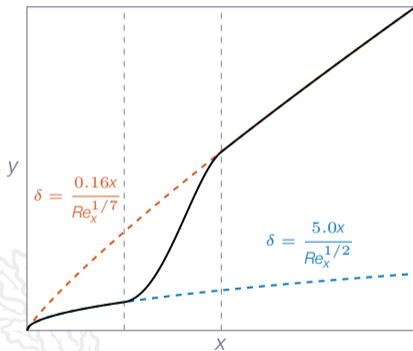
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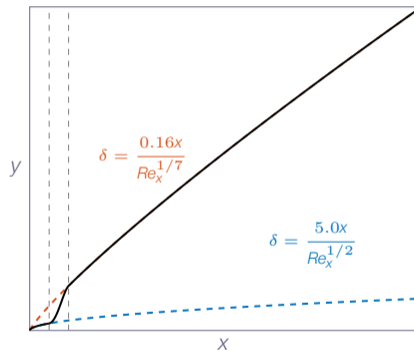
$$D = b \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 \left[\int_{>0}^{x_{cr}} \frac{0.664}{Re_x^{1/2}} dx + \int_{x_{cr}}^L \frac{0.027}{Re_x^{1/7}} dx \right]$$

Flat Plate Boundary Layer

Boundary layer thickness



Boundary layer thickness



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

Wall Roughness

laminar:

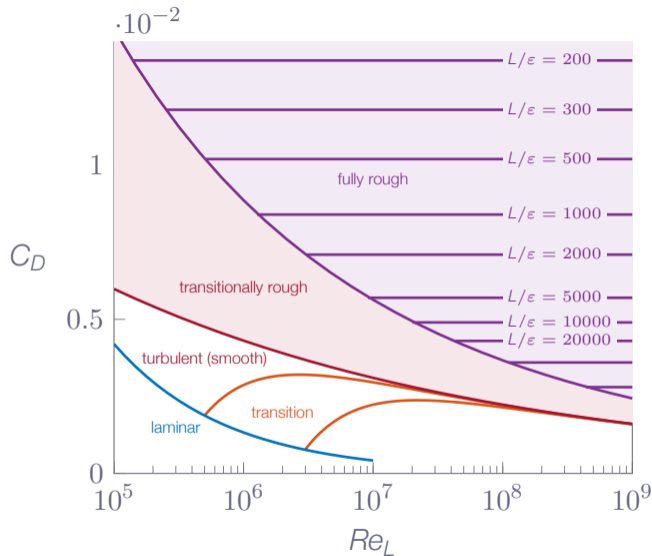
$$C_D = \frac{1.328}{Re_L^{1/2}}$$

turbulent (smooth):

$$C_D = \frac{0.031}{Re_L^{1/7}}$$

turbulent (fully rough):

$$C_D = (1.89 + 1.62 \log(L/\epsilon))^{-2.5}$$



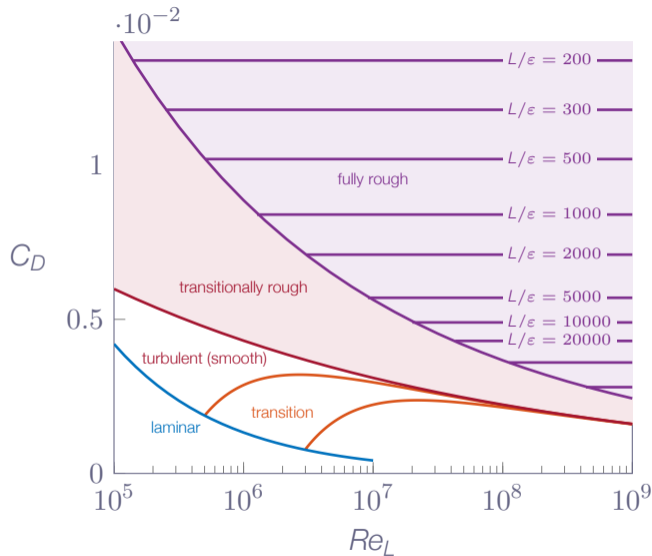
Wall Roughness

transition ($Re_{trans} = 5.0 \times 10^5$):

$$C_D = \frac{0.031}{Re_L^{1/7}} - \frac{1440}{Re_L}$$

transition ($Re_{trans} = 3.0 \times 10^6$):

$$C_D = \frac{0.031}{Re_L^{1/7}} - \frac{8700}{Re_L}$$



Wall Roughness

Recall: smooth surface:

Surface roughness (ϵ) within
the viscous sublayer

