

Module - 6

Boundary layer.

The boundary layer is the thin region of flow adjacent to surface, where the flow is retarded by the friction influence of friction between a solid surface and fluid.

- * for a laminar flow, the boundary layer thickness is predicted by Blasius
 - * for a turbulent flow, the boundary layer thickness is predicted by Prandtl.
- Prandtl states that "The condition of zero fluid velocity at the solid surface is referred to as no slip and the fluid ~~is~~ ^{near} the surface & the free stream fluid is termed boundary layer".

Boundary layer theory.

- A thin layer of fluid acts in such a way, as its inner surface is ~~for~~ forced to the boundary of the body.
- The velocity of flow at boundary layer is zero. At the extreme layer the velocity boundary layer. At the ~~no~~ ^{no} applied pressure will increase.
- it Max :-
- when velocity increases, the Reynolds no :-

$$Re = \frac{\rho V D}{\mu}$$

ρ = Dynamic viscosity

Boundary layer on an aerodynamic body

1. Laminar flow

2. Turbulent flow

3. Boundary layer thickness

4. Velocity profile

Boundary layer

Boundary layer on an aerodynamic body

$V_t = 94$

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    A[Fluid Mechanics] --> B[Boundary Layer]
    B --> C[Boundary Layer Properties]
    C --> D[a. Velocity and temperature profiles]
    C --> E[b. Shear stress and heat transfer]
    C --> F[c. Boundary layer thickness]
    C --> G[d. Displacement thickness]
    C --> H[e. Momentum thickness]
    C --> I[f. Laminar and turbulent flow]
  
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The diagram illustrates the following hierarchy:

- Fluid Mechanics** branches into **Boundary Layer**.
- Boundary Layer** branches into **Boundary Layer Properties**.
- Boundary Layer Properties** includes the following sub-points:
 - a. Velocity and temperature profiles
 - b. Shear stress and heat transfer
 - c. Boundary layer thickness
 - d. Displacement thickness
 - e. Momentum thickness
 - f. Laminar and turbulent flow

i) In Laminar region, the velocity of fluid is very low and velocity is varying parabolically.

ii) Transition region \Rightarrow Region b/w laminar & turbulent region.

iii) Turbulent region \Rightarrow The velocity of fluid is more. In turbulent region, a laminar layer exists. In turbulent region, a laminar sublayer also exists & known as laminar sublayer.

Boundary layer thickness (δ)

Boundary layer thickness depends upon Reynolds number

$$Re = \frac{U_0 x}{\nu}$$

where U_0 = velocity of fluid

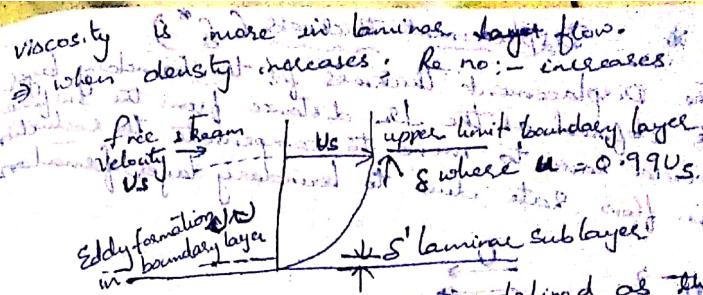
ν \Rightarrow Kinematic viscosity of fluid

x \Rightarrow Distance b/w the leading edge of the plate and the section.

\Rightarrow when x increases the laminar region is converted to turbulent region and obtain more boundary layer thickness.

when U_0 increases, Re no will increase, & the flow become turbulent.

when viscosity increases, Re no decreases; i.e.



Boundary layer thickness is defined as the distance from the surface to the point where the local velocity = 99% of the stream velocity.

$$\delta = y \quad (\alpha = 0.99 U_0)$$

i) for Laminar flow

According to Blasius no solution

$\delta = \frac{5x}{Re^{1/2}}$

i.e., the thickness of boundary layer (δ) is equal to zero at the leading edge ($x=0$) and increases to the trailing edge.

ii) for turbulent flow

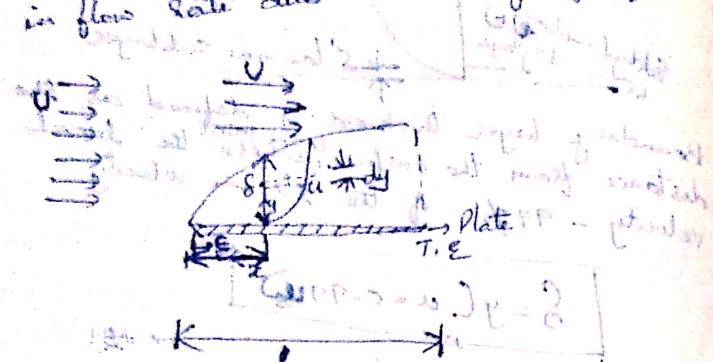
According to Prandtl - in

$$\delta = \frac{0.372}{Re^{1/6}} \text{ in rectangular ducts}$$

at half span $(h/2)$

* Displacement thickness (s^*)

The displacement thickness for the boundary layer is defined as the distance from the free surface where the velocity would have to move to compensate the reduction in flow rate due to boundary layer formation.



Consider an elemental strip of distance dx from T.E.

Let s be the thickness of boundary layer
Mass flow rate through the elemental strip = $\rho A U$

where $A = dy \cdot x$ = unit width of plate

i.e., $m = s dy$

Reduction in mass flow rate through the elemental strip = $(U - u) dy$

$$= s(U - u) dy$$

\therefore Total reduction in mass flow rate

\approx s

$$\int_0^s (U - u) dy \rightarrow \text{Eqn ①}$$

discrete form of Eqn ① is

for first half of boundary layer with a flow rate of U , the thickness increases by δ . This is called laminar boundary layer.

if let the plate is displaced at distance s^* then the mass flow rate at the thickness s^* is given by $\rho U s^* - ②$ (distance $y = s^*$)

where $s^* \rightarrow$ displacement thickness

from the definition we know that, if we subtract Eqn ① from Eqn ② we get mass thickness and Eqn ① = Eqn ② is the case of laminar boundary layer.

$$\rho U s^* = \int s (U - u) dy$$

$$s^* = \int (1 - \frac{u}{U}) dy$$

Integrating it we get $s^* = \frac{1}{2} U x$

so, $s^* = \frac{1}{2} U x$ is the formula for laminar boundary layer thickness.

BASICS OF TURBULENT

FLOW

The one uncontroversial fact about turbulence is that it is the most complicated kind of fluid motion. Turbulence is, and still is, one of the great unsolved mysteries of science, and it intrigued some of the best scientific minds of the day. Arnold Sommerfeld, the noted German theoretical physicist of the 1920s, once told that, for instance, that before he died he would like to understand two phenomena - quantum mechanics and turbulence. Sommerfeld died in 1924. He was somewhat nearer to an understanding of the quantum, the discovery that led to modern physics, but no closer to the meaning of turbulence.

The subject of turbulent flow is deep, extensively studied, but at the time of writing still imprecise. The basic nature of turbulence, and therefore our ability to predict its characteristics, is still an unsolved problem in classical physics. Many books have been written on turbulent flows, and many people have spent their professional lives working on the subject. Also, no pure theory of turbulent flow exists. Every analysis of turbulent flow requires some type of empirical data in order to obtain a practical answer.

Results for Turbulent boundary layers on a flat plate

In an incompressible flow over a flat plate, the boundary layer thickness is given approximately by the equation, where δ is the boundary layer thickness, x is the distance along the surface, $Re_x = \frac{U_x}{V}$, and C_f is the friction coefficient:

$$\delta \approx 0.377x^{1/5} (Re_x)^{1/6}$$

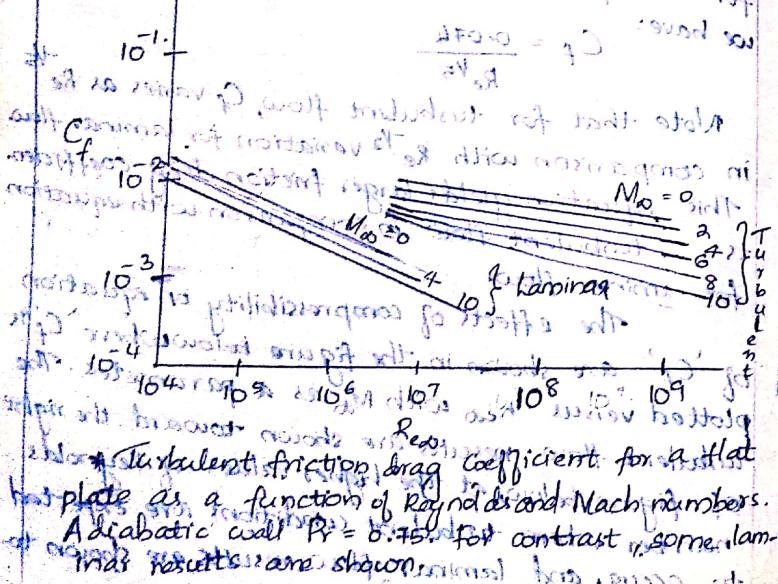
The turbulent boundary layer thickness varies approximately as $Re_x^{1/5}$ in contrast to $Re_x^{1/2}$ for a laminar boundary layer. Also, turbulent value of C_f goes more rapidly with distance along the surface; e.g. $\propto x^{1/5}$ for a turbulent plow in contrast to $\propto x^{1/2}$ for a laminar flow. With regard to skin friction drag for incompressible turbulent flow over a flat plate, we have:

$$C_f = \frac{0.074}{Re_x^{1/5}}$$

Note that for turbulent flow, C_f varies as $Re_x^{-1/5}$ in comparison with $Re_x^{-1/2}$ variation for laminar flow. This equation yields larger friction drag coefficients for turbulent flow in comparison with equation for laminar flow.

The effects of compressibility on equation of C_f are shown in the figure below where C_f' is plotted versus Re_{∞} with M_∞ as a parameter. The turbulent flow results are shown toward the right of the figure below at the higher values of Reynolds number where turbulent conditions are expected to occur, and laminar flow results are shown to

on the left of the figure, at lower values of Reynolds number. This type of figure - friction drag coefficient for both laminar and turbulent flow as a function of Re on a log-log plot - is a classic picture, and it allows a ready contrast of the two types of flow. From this figure below, we can see that for the same Re_{∞} , turbulent skin friction is higher than laminar, also, the slopes of the turbulent curves are smaller than the slopes of the laminar curves - a graphic comparison of the Re variation in laminar contrast to the laminar turbulent $Re^{-1/2}$ variation. In fact, if $Re^{1/2}$ is being plotted, only turbulent is $Re^{-1/2}$ and only $Re^{1/2}$ is now only turbulent. It is interesting to note that the laminar curve is very flat, while the turbulent curve is very steep.



Note that the effect of increasing M_∞ is to reduce C_f at constant Re and this effect is stronger on the turbulent flow results. Indeed, C_f for the turbulent results decreases by almost an order of magnitude (at the higher values of Re_λ) when M_∞ is increased from 0 to 10. For the laminar flow, the decrease in C_f as M_∞ is increased through the same Mach number range is far less pronounced.

Reference Temperature Method for Turbulent flow:

$$\text{Equation: } \frac{T^*}{T_e} = 1 + 0.032 M_e^2 + 0.58 \left(\frac{T_w - 1}{T_e} \right)$$

the incompressible turbulent flat plate result for C_f is given by equation:

$$C_f = \frac{0.074}{V^{\frac{1}{5}}}$$

Reynolds number can be modified for compressible turbulent flow as:

$$Re^* = \frac{U_e S}{\nu} = \frac{U_e S}{\nu} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

where U_e is the free-stream velocity at the inlet, S is the characteristic length, ρ is the density at the inlet, and ρ_0 is the free-stream density.

The Meador-Smart Reference Temperature method for Turbulent flow: The method was developed recently by Meador and Smart and gives a reference temperature equal

on a for turbulent flow slightly different than that for laminar flow. for a turbulent flow, the equation is as follows. these includes

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{T_w}{T_e} \right) + 0.162 \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma + 2} \right) Re^{-0.1}$$

where T_w is the boundary layer temperature. They also give a local turbulent skin friction coefficient for incompressible flow as:

$$C_f = \frac{T_w}{2 \cdot \rho \cdot U_e^2} = 0.02296 \cdot Re^{0.139}$$

when integrated over the entire plate of length L , this gives for the net skin-friction coefficient:

$$C_f = \frac{D_p}{2 \cdot \rho \cdot U_e^2} = 0.02667 \cdot Re^{0.139}$$

* Prediction of Airfoil Drag:

The prediction of airfoil drag is one of the most important aspects of aerodynamics. In contrast to laminar flow there are no exact analytical solutions for turbulent flow. The analysis of any turbulent flow requires some amount of empirical data. All analyses of turbulent flows are approximate.

The analysis of the turbulent boundary

layer over a flat plate is no exception. So,

Boundary layer thickness for incompressible turbulent flow over a flat plate is:

$$\delta = \frac{0.3772}{Re^{0.5}}$$

$$C_f = \frac{0.074}{Re^{0.5}}$$

where C_f is the skin-friction drag coefficient for a turbulent flow.

We emphasize again that the above equations are only approximate results, and they represent only one set of results among a myriad of different turbulent flow analyses for the flat boundary layer. In contrast to the inverse square-root variation with Reynolds number for laminar flow, the turbulent flow results show that inverse fifth root variations with Reynolds number occur.

$$C_f = \frac{0.074}{Re^{0.5}} + 32.8 \quad (\text{laminar incompressible})$$

For compressible flow, the form factors of these equations are no longer constants, but rather can be viewed as functions of Mach number, the ratio of wall temperature to the temperature at the outer edge of the boundary layer, (T_w/T_e) , and Prandtl number. But the Prandtl number is defined as

$$Pr = \mu C_p / k, \quad \text{where } \mu, C_p, \text{ and } k \text{ are the viscosity coefficient, specific heat at constant pressure, and thermal conductivity respectively.}$$

$$C_f = \frac{0.074 (M_a, Pr, T_w/T_e)}{(Re)^{0.5}}$$

For compressible laminar flow:

$$C_f = \frac{F(M_e, Pr, T_w/T_e)}{\sqrt{Re_c}}$$

The most important phenomena to observe in this figure is that C_f decreases as M_∞ increases and, that the decrease is more dramatic for a turbulent boundary layer than for a laminar boundary layer. For a given set of values of M_∞ , Pr and T_w/T_e , the numerical value of the numerators in the above equations are obtained from numerical solutions of the boundary layer equation.

In addition to the skin-friction drag, a supersonic airfoil also experiences supersonic

(wave drag). The source of wave drag is the pressure distribution exerted over the airfoil surface and is a result of the shock-wave and expansion-wave pattern in the flow over the airfoil. The source of skin-friction drag is, of course, the shear stress exerted over the airfoil surface and is the result of friction in the flow.

The physical mechanisms of wave drag and skin friction drag clearly are quite different. The

flow is laminar, the airfoil is flat, the airfoil is smooth, the airfoil is straight, the airfoil is not

$$(St, \delta, M) \rightarrow \eta \rightarrow \text{skin friction}$$