

Chapter 4. Velocity distribution with more than one independent variable

- Time-dependent flow of Newtonian fluids
- Solving flow problems using a stream function
- Flow of inviscid fluid by use of the velocity potential
- Flow near solid surface by boundary layer theory

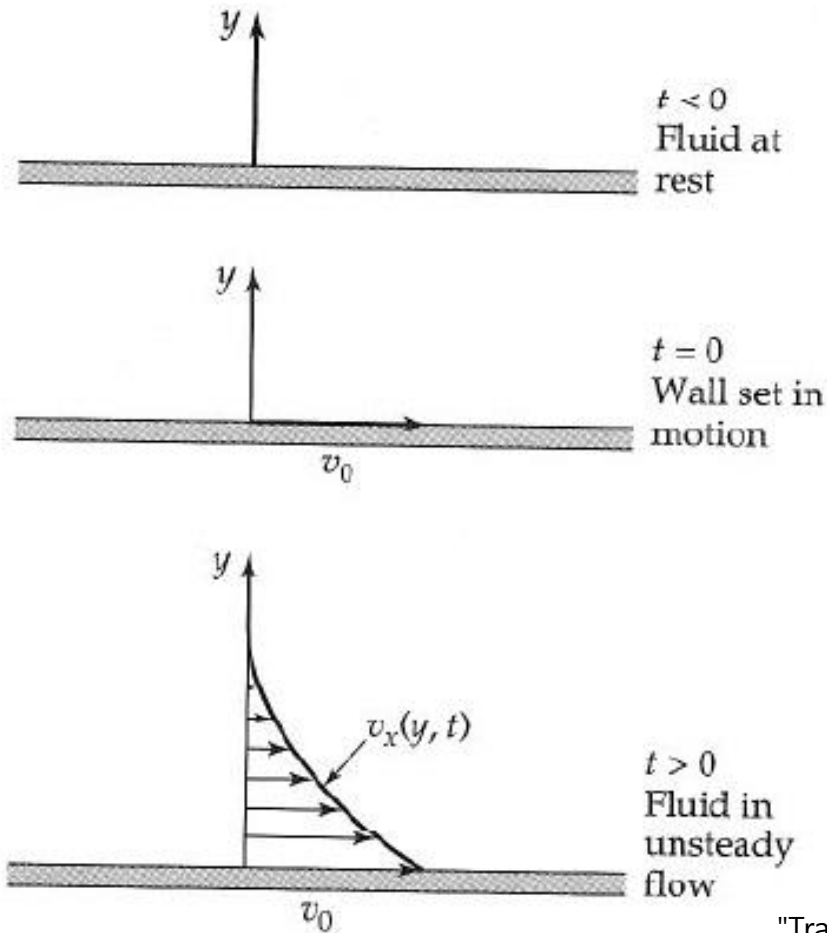
4.1. Time-dependent flow of Newtonian fluids

- Three methods to solve the differential equation.

PDE is transform in one or more ODE

- Combination of variables, semi-infinite regions
- Separation of variables. Sturm-Liouville problems
- Method of sinusoidal response.

Flow near a wall suddenly set in motion



- Semi-infinite body of liquid
- Constant density and viscosity

Equations

- For the system

$$v_x = v_x(y, t); \quad v_y = 0; \quad v_z = 0$$

- Equation of motion

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2}$$

Equations

- Boundary conditions

I.C. at $t \leq 0$ $v_x = 0$ for all y

B.C.1 at $y = 0$ $v_x = v_o$ for all $t > 0$

B.C.2 at $y = \infty$ $v_x = 0$ for all $t > 0$

- Dimensionless velocity

$$\phi = \frac{V_x}{V_o}$$

Equations

- New equation

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}$$

- Defining (from dimensional analysis)

$$\phi = \phi(\eta) \quad \eta = \frac{y}{\sqrt{4\nu t}}$$

Equations

- Introducing derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \eta^2} + 2\eta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} = 0$$

- New boundary conditions

$$\text{BC1} \quad \text{at } \eta = 0 \quad \phi = 1$$

$$\text{BC2 + IC} \quad \text{at } \eta = \infty \quad \phi = 0$$

Equations

- Integrating

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} = C_1 e^{-\eta^2}$$

- Integrating again

$$\phi = C_1 \int_0^{\eta} e^{-x^2} dx + C_2$$

- With BCs

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= 1 - \frac{\int_0^{\eta} e^{-x^2} dx}{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx} \\ &= 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\eta} e^{-x^2} dx = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(\eta) \end{aligned}$$

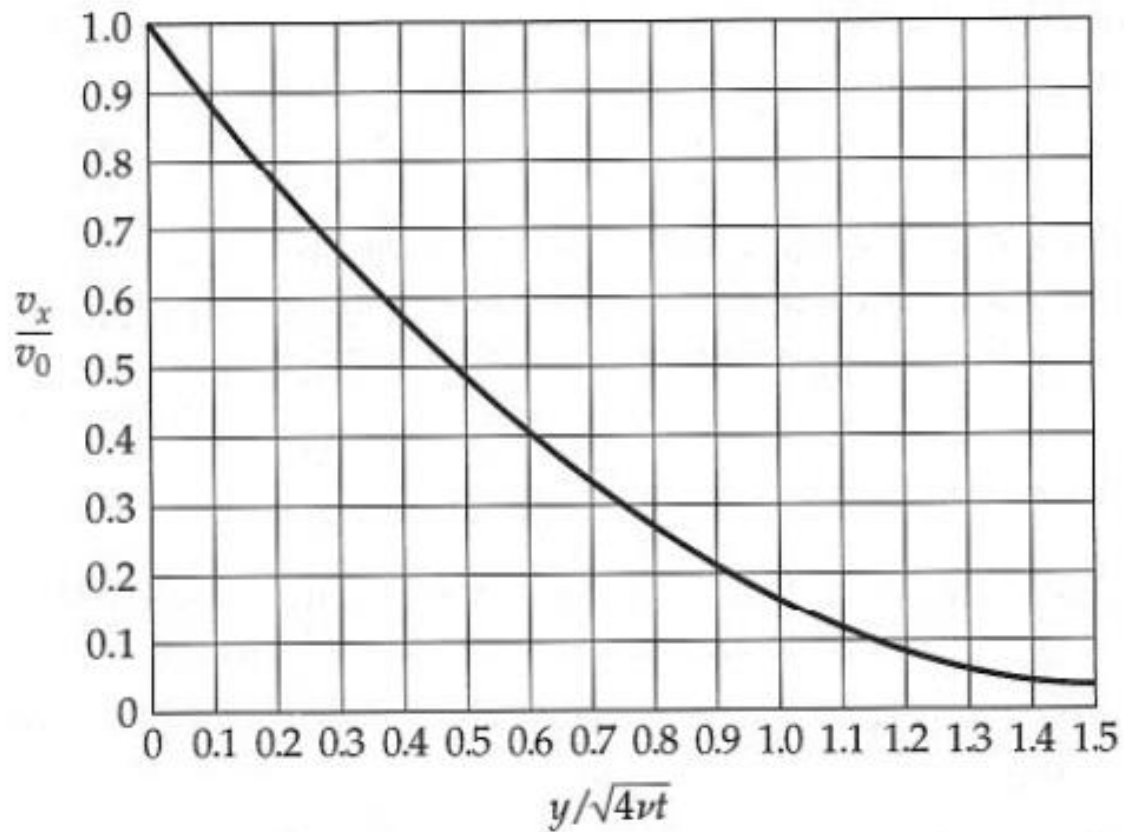
Velocity Profile

$$\frac{v_x(y, t)}{v_o} = 1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{4\nu t}}\right) = \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{4\nu t}}\right)$$

- Since $\operatorname{erfc}(2) \approx 0.01$
- We define the “Boundary layer thickness”, δ as: $\delta =$ distance y for which v_x has dropped to $0.01 v_o$

$$\delta = 4\sqrt{\nu t}$$

Results



"Transport Phenomena" 2nd ed.,
R.B. Bird, W.E. Stewart, E.N. Lightfoot

4.2. Resolving problems using a stream function (equation of change for the vorticity)

- Taking the curl of the equation of motion: constant density and viscosity

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \times \underline{v}) - \left(\nabla \times (\underline{v} \times (\nabla \times \underline{v})) \right) = \nu \nabla^2 (\nabla \times \underline{v})$$

- No other assumptions are needed
- It may be applied to different geometries

4.2. Resolving problems using a stream function

- For planar system, introduce the Stream Function, e.g.,

$$v_x = -\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y} \quad v_y = +\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}$$

4.3. Flow of inviscid fluids by use of the velocity potential

- Inviscid fluid = without viscosity
- Applicable for “low viscosity effect (fluid)”. Inadequate near the solid surfaces
- Assuming constant density and $\nabla \times \underline{v}$ (irrotational flow) potential flow is obtained
- Complete solution
 - Potential theory away from the solid surfaces
 - Boundary layer theory near the solid surfaces

Potential flow

- Equation of continuity

$$(\nabla \cdot \underline{v}) = 0$$

- Equation of motion (Euler equation, low viscosity limit)

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) - \left(\underline{v} \times (\nabla \times \underline{v}) \right) \right) = -\nabla P$$

Potential flow

- For 2-D, steady, irrotational flow

- Irrotational
$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} = 0$$

- Continuity
$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

- Motion

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho(v_x^2 + v_y^2) + P = 0$$

Stream function and velocity potential

- Stream function $v_x = -\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}$ $v_y = +\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}$

- Velocity potential $v_x = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}$ $v_y = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}$

- Cauchy-Rieman equations $\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}$ *and* $\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}$

- Analytical function(complex potential)

$$w(z) = \phi(x, y) + i\psi(x, y)$$

Analytical functions

- Any analytical function $w(z)$ may be the solution for some flow problem, and it yields a pair of function:

- Velocity potential

$$\phi(x, y)$$

- Stream function

$$\psi(x, y)$$

- Equipotential lines

$$\phi(x, y) = \text{const}$$

Stream lines

$$\psi(x, y) = \text{const}$$

Potential flow around a cylinder

- Complex potential

$$w(z) = -v_{\infty}R \left(\frac{z}{R} + \frac{R}{z} \right)$$

- Introducing

$$z = x + iy$$

$$w(z) = -v_{\infty}x \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right) - iv_{\infty}y \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

Potential flow around a cylinder

- Stream function

$$\psi(x, y) = -v_{\infty}y \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

- Velocity potential

$$\phi(x, y) = -v_{\infty}x \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

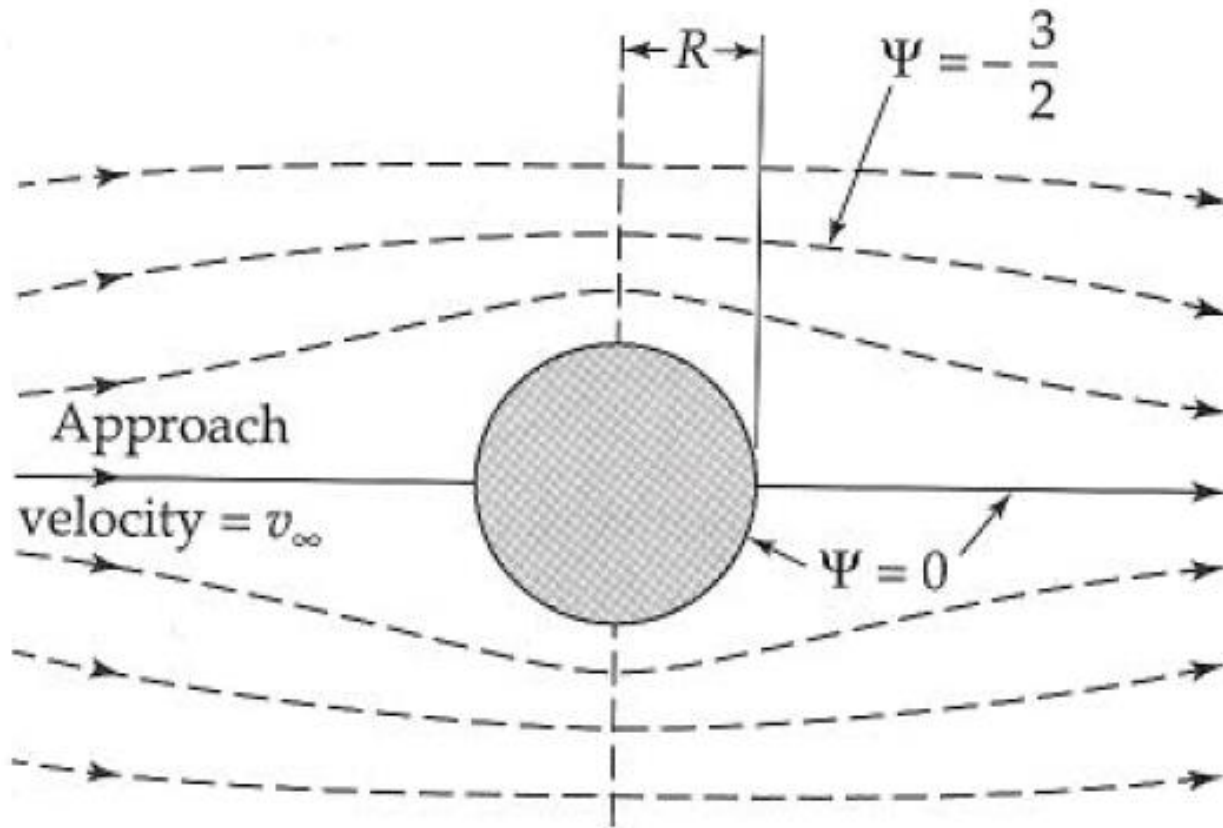
Streamlines

- Using dimensionless variables:

$$\Psi = \frac{\psi}{v_{\infty}} \quad X = \frac{x}{R} \quad Y = \frac{y}{R}$$

$$\Psi(X, Y) = -Y \left(1 - \frac{1}{X^2 + Y^2} \right)$$

The stream lines for the potential flow around a cylinder



The velocity components

- Using the complex velocity

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = -v_x + iv_y = -v_\infty \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{z^2} \right) =$$

$$-v_\infty \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2} e^{-2i\theta} \right)$$

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = -v_\infty \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2} (\cos 2\theta - i \sin 2\theta) \right)$$

The velocity components

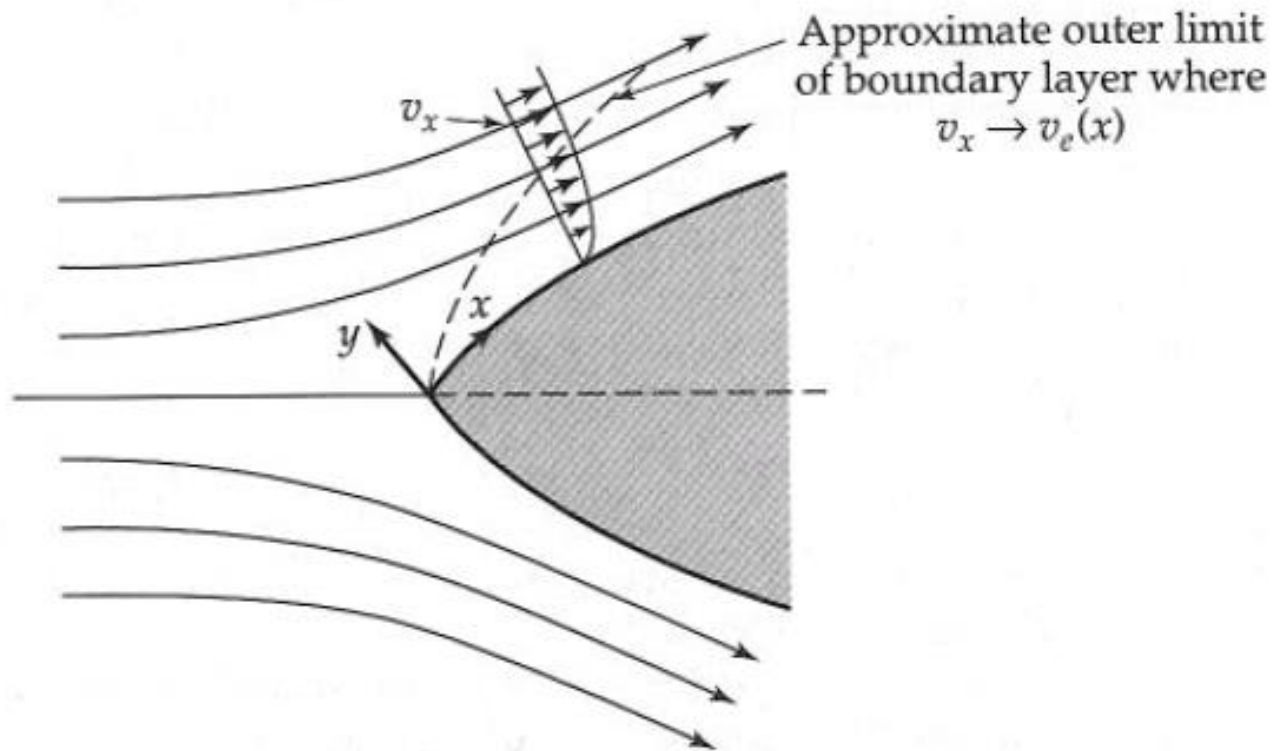
- x-component

$$v_x = -v_\infty \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2} \cos 2\theta \right)$$

- y-component

$$v_y = -v_\infty \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2} \sin 2\theta \right)$$

4.4. Flow near solid surfaces by boundary-layer theory



Flow near solid surfaces by boundary-layer theory

- Equation of continuity and Navier-Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \nu \left(\frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$v_x \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \nu \left(\frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

Equations by dimensional analysis

- Considering orders of magnitude of the different terms, based in Prandtl boundary-layer approach

$$\delta_o \ll l_o$$

- Continuity

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

- Motion

$$v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2}$$

- Modified pressure is assumed to be known

Equations

- Boundary conditions

- no-slip condition at the wall $(v_x = 0 \text{ at } y = 0)$
- no mass transfer at the wall $(v_y = 0 \text{ at } y = 0)$

- Solving equation using continuity equation

$$v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} - \left(\int_0^y \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} dy \right) \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} = v_e \frac{\partial v_e}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2}$$

Equations

- Von Karman momentum balance
 - Multiplying ρ and integrating with regard to y from 0 to ∞
($v_x(x, y) \rightarrow v_e(x)$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\mu \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{\infty} \rho v_x (v_e - v_x) dy + \frac{dv_e}{dx} \int_0^{\infty} \rho (v_e - v_x) dy$$

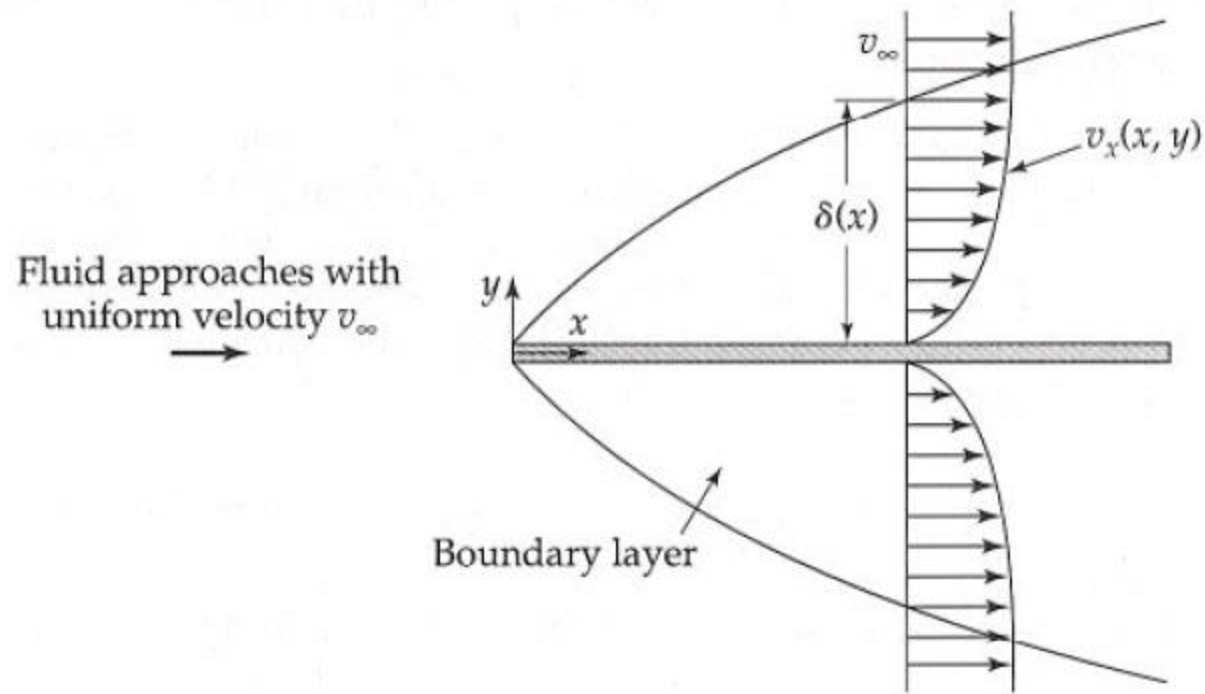
Approximate boundary-layer solutions

- Approximate solutions starts assuming expressions for the velocity profile
- Example. Laminar flow along a flat plate (approximate solution). It uses

$$\frac{v_x}{v_\infty} = \frac{3y}{2\delta} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y}{\delta} \right)^3 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq \delta(x) \quad \text{Boundary-layer region}$$

$$\frac{v_x}{v_\infty} = 1 \quad \text{for } y \geq \delta(x) \quad \text{Potential flow region}$$

Approximate boundary-layer solutions



Solutions

- By substitution of profile into von Karman integral balance give

$$\frac{3 \mu v_{\infty}}{2 \delta} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{39}{280} \rho v_{\infty}^2 \delta \right)$$

- Boundary layer thickness

$$\delta(x) = \sqrt{\frac{280}{13} \frac{\nu x}{v_{\infty}}} = 4.64 \sqrt{\frac{\nu x}{v_{\infty}}}$$

Solutions

- Velocity distribution

$$\frac{v_x}{v_\infty} = \frac{3}{2}y \sqrt{\frac{13}{280} \frac{v_\infty}{v_x}} - \frac{1}{2} \left(y \sqrt{\frac{13}{280} \frac{v_\infty}{v_x}} \right)^3$$

- Drag force

$$F_x = 2 \int_0^W \int_0^L \left(\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} dx dz = 1.293 \sqrt{\rho \mu L W^2 v_\infty^3}$$

Laminar flow along a flat plate (exact solution)

- Solution uses Stream Functions. Table 4.2-1
 - Equations are solved by combination of variables

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = -\nu \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y^3}$$

- BC's

$$\text{at } y = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = v_y = 0 \quad \text{for } x \geq 0$$

$$\text{at } y = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -v_x = 0 \quad \text{for } x \geq 0$$

$$\text{as } y \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -v_x \rightarrow -v_\infty \quad \text{for } x \geq 0$$

$$\text{at } x = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -v_x = -v_\infty \quad \text{for } y > 0$$

Solutions

- Variable (by dimensional analysis)

$$\frac{v_x}{v_\infty} = \Pi(\eta) \quad \text{where } \eta = y \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \frac{v_\infty}{\nu x}}$$

- Stream function that gives this velocity distribution

$$\psi(x, y) = -\sqrt{2\nu_\infty \nu x} f(\eta) \quad \text{where } f(\eta) = \int_0^\eta \Pi(x)' dx$$

Solutions

- Substitution into equation and new BCs

$$-ff'' = f''''$$

B.C. 1 and 2: at $\eta = 0$, $f = 0$ and $f' = 0$

B.C. 3 and 4: as $\eta \rightarrow \infty$, $f' \rightarrow 1$

- Drag force

$$F_x = 2 \int_0^W \int_0^L \left(\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} dx dz = 1.328 \sqrt{\rho \mu L W^2 v_\infty^3}$$

Predicted and observed velocity profiles for flow along a plate

