Flow over immersed bodies





External flow

- "External" flows around bodies immersed in a fluid stream will have viscous (shear and no-slip) effects near the body surfaces and in its wake, but will typically be nearly inviscid far from the body.
- These are unconfined *boundary-layer* flows.
- External flows are unconfined, free to expand no matter how thick the viscous layers grow. In external flows the boundary layer is always growing and the flow is non-uniform
- Although boundary-layer theory is helpful in understanding external flows, complex body geometries usually require experimental data on the forces and moments caused by the flow.
- Such immersed-body flows are commonly encountered in engineering studies: *aerodynamics* (airplanes, rockets, projectiles), *hydrodynamics* (ships, submarines, torpedos), *transportation* (automobiles, trucks, cycles), *wind engineering* (buildings, bridges, water towers, wind turbines), and *ocean engineering* (buoys, breakwaters, pilings, cables, moored instruments).

Flat Plate: Parallel to Flow





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

Theodore von Kármán in 1921.

Kármán's Analysis of the Flat Plate

$$D(x) = \rho b U^{2} \theta \qquad \theta = \int_{0}^{\delta} \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U} \right) dy \qquad \text{momentum thickness } \theta$$

$$D(x) = b \int_{0}^{x} \tau_{w}(x) dx \qquad \frac{dD}{dx} = b\tau_{w}$$

$$\frac{dD}{dx} = \rho b U^{2} \frac{d\theta}{dx} \qquad \tau_{w} = \rho U^{2} \frac{d\theta}{dx}$$

To get a numerical result for laminar flow, Kármán assumed that the velocity profiles had an approximately parabolic shape

$$u(x, y) \approx U\left(\frac{2y}{\delta} - \frac{y^2}{\delta^2}\right) \qquad 0 \le y \le \delta(x)$$

which makes it possible to estimate both momentum thickness and wall shear

$$\theta = \int_0^{\delta} \left(\frac{2y}{\delta} - \frac{y^2}{\delta^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2y}{\delta} + \frac{y^2}{\delta^2}\right) dy \approx \frac{2}{15}\delta$$
$$\tau_w = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\Big|_{y=0} \approx \frac{2\mu U}{\delta}$$
$$\delta \ d\delta \approx 15 \frac{\nu}{U} \ dx \qquad \qquad \frac{\delta}{x} \approx 5.5 \left(\frac{\nu}{Ux}\right)^{1/2} = \frac{5.5}{\operatorname{Re}_x^{1/2}} \quad c_f = \frac{2\tau_w}{\rho U^2} \approx \left(\frac{\frac{8}{15}}{\operatorname{Re}_x}\right)^{1/2} = \frac{0.73}{\operatorname{Re}_x^{1/2}}$$

Separation and Wakes

- Separation often occurs at sharp corners
 - fluid can't accelerate to go around a sharp corner
- Velocities in the Wake are <u>small</u> (relative to the free stream velocity)
- Pressure in the Wake is relatively <u>constant</u> (determined by the pressure in the adjacent flow)

Shear Stress Coefficients

• Shear stress coefficient = ratio of shear stress at wall to dynamic pressure of free stream







Shear and Pressure Forces

- Shear forces
 - viscous drag, frictional drag, or skin friction
 - caused by shear between the fluid and the solid surface
 - function of <u>surface area</u> and <u>length</u> of object
- Pressure forces
 - pressure drag or form drag
 - caused by <u>flow separation</u> from the body
 - function of area normal to the flow

Shear and Pressure Forces: Horizontal and Vertical Components



Drag of Blunt Bodies and Streamlined Bodies

- Drag dominated by viscous drag, the body is <u>streamlined</u>.
- Drag dominated by pressure drag, the body is <u>bluff</u>.
- Whether the flow is viscous-drag dominated or pressure-drag dominated depends entirely on the shape of the body.



Effect of Turbulence Levels on Drag

• Flow over a sphere: (a) Reynolds number = 15,000; (b) Reynolds number = 30,000, with trip wire. <u>Causes boundary layer to become turbulent</u>





Drag on a Golf Ball

DRAG ON A GOLF BALL comes mainly from pressure drag. The only practical way of reducing pressure drag is to design the ball so that the point of separation moves back further on the ball. The golf ball's dimples increase the turbulence in the boundary layer, increase the inertia of the boundary layer, and delay the onset of separation. The effect is plotted in the chart, which shows that for Reynolds numbers achievable by hitting the ball with a club, the coefficient of drag is much lower for the dimpled ball.





Exercise:

<u>9.22, 9.24, 9.48, 9.67, 9.70, 9.72</u>

Example: Beetle Power





 $C_d = 0.38$ Height = 1.511 m Width = 1.724 m Length = 4.089 mGround clearance = 15 cm? 85 kW at 5200 rpm

Where does separation occur?



Calculate the power required to overcome drag at 60 mph and 120 mph. Is the new beetle streamlined?



Effect of Boundary Layer **Spinning Spheres** Transition Real (viscous) • What happens to the separation points if we Real (viscous) Ideal (non fluid: laminar start spinning the sphere? fluid: turbulent viscous) fluid boundary layer boundary layer LIFT! 0.00 Onit Re = 3.00E+005 Alpha = 0.0 D 4 = 0.00000 Cd = 0.50807 Cm = 0.00000 Mach = 0.00 Mail Be = 2.90E+005 Alpha = 0.01 Total CL = 0.00000 Cd = 0.73801 Cm = 0.00000 0.00 Ont Re = 3.00E+005 Alpha = 0.0 Deg No shear! R Vortex Shedding · Vortices are shed alternately from each side of a cylinder The separation point and thus the resultant drag ٠ force oscillate Dimensionless frequency of shedding given by ٠ Strouhal number S

• S is approximately 0.2 over a wide range of Reynolds numbers (100 - 1,000,000) $S = \frac{nd}{n}$

The Tacoma Narrows Bridge



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