



Boundary layers

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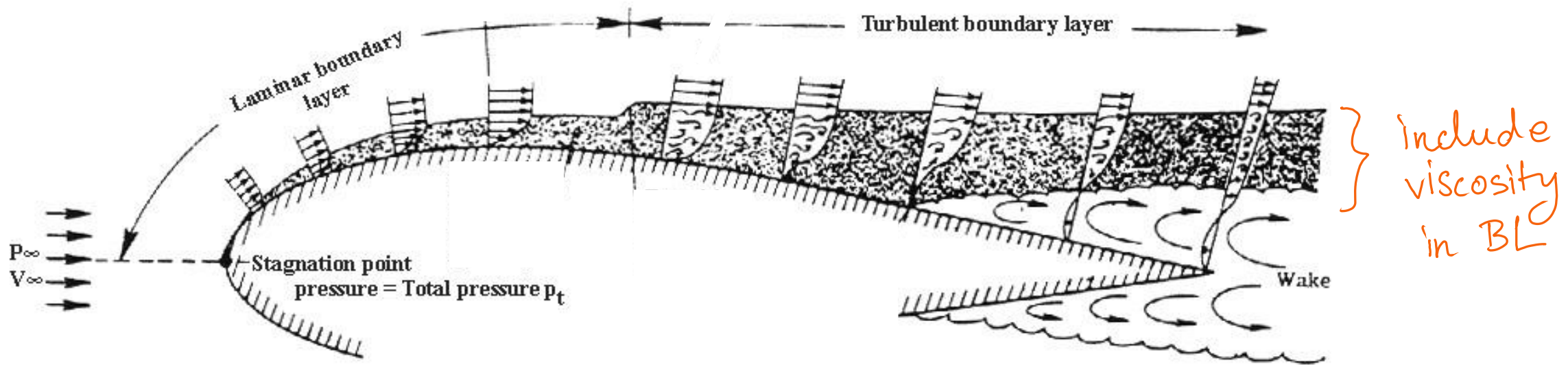
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Motivation

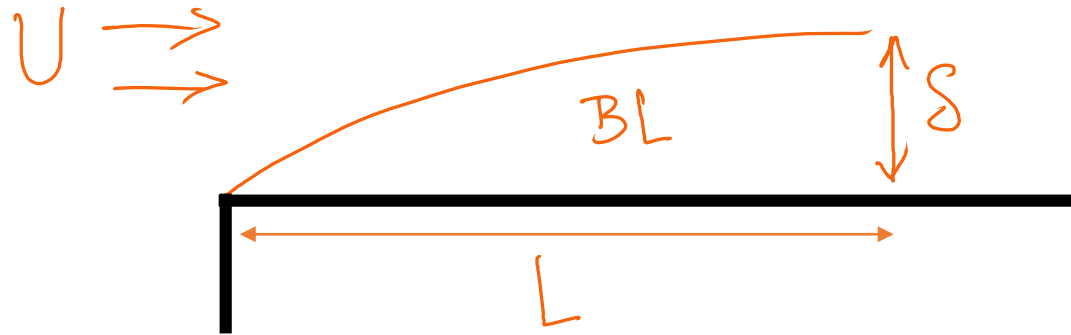
Outside BL : $\underline{u} = \nabla\phi$

Yes : $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} = 0$
but not $\underline{u} \times \underline{n} = \underline{0}$
(no-slip)



From: <https://aerospaceengineeringblog.com/boundary-layer-separation-and-pressure-drag/>
[accessed 26/09/2020] Original source unclear.

Diffusion of vorticity



Kinematic viscosity ν

$$\delta \sim \sqrt{\nu t} \sim \sqrt{\frac{\nu L}{U}} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta}{L} \sim \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{LU}} = \text{Re}^{-1/2}$$

Mass conservation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{U}{L} \sim \frac{V}{\delta} \Rightarrow V \sim \text{Re}^{-1/2} U$$

Boundary layer equations (2D)

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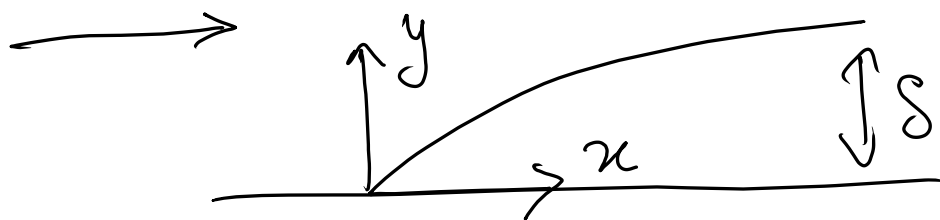
$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left(\cancel{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 same order
 as $\frac{U}{L} \sim \frac{V}{\delta}$

small as $\frac{1}{L^2} \ll \frac{1}{\delta^2}$
 Same order as $\frac{\rho U^2}{L} \sim \frac{\mu U}{\delta^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\delta}{L} \sim \left(\frac{\nu}{UL} \right)^{-1/2}$

Outside BL: $\rho \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \Rightarrow p \sim \rho U^2$

$U(x, t)$



Boundary layer equations (2D)

Recap: $\frac{\delta}{L} \sim Re^{-1/2}$, $V \sim \frac{\delta}{L} U$, $\phi \sim \rho U^2$

y:
$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

Annotations:

- Green arrows pointing to $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2}$ with text "Same order".
- Orange arrows pointing to $u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ and $v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ with text "same order $\sim \frac{\rho V^2}{\delta}$ ".
- Blue circle around $-\frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$ with a blue arrow pointing to $\sim \frac{\rho U^2}{\delta} \gg \frac{\rho V^2}{\delta}$.
- Orange slash through $\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2}$ with text "small".

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0$$

as $V \sim Re^{-1/2} U$

$$-\frac{\partial p_{\text{inBL}}}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial p_{\text{outBL}}}{\partial x} = \rho \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right)$$

Boundary layer equations (2D)

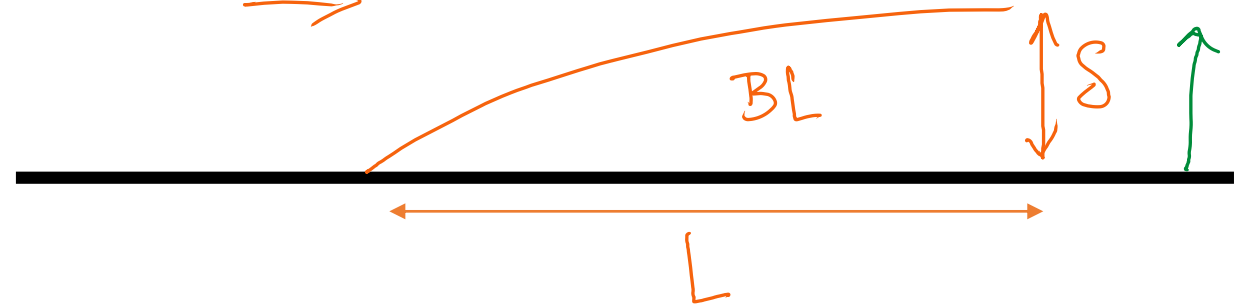
$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \rho \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) + \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$ from
outside

$U(x, t)$
→

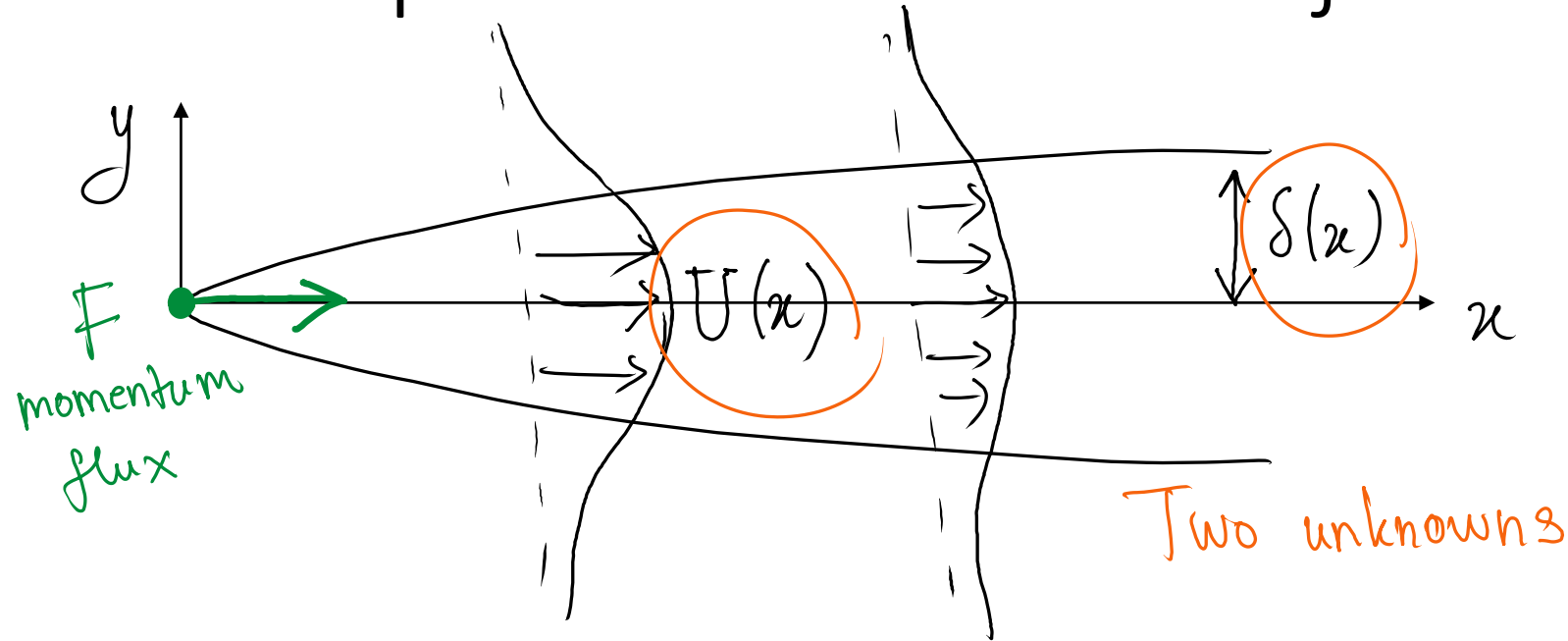
Matched asymptotic
expansion ↓



Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} u, v &= 0 \quad \text{on } y = 0 \\ u &\rightarrow U \quad \text{as } \frac{y}{\delta} \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Example: 2D momentum jet



Steady $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$

No flow at infinity $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \Big|_{out} = 0$

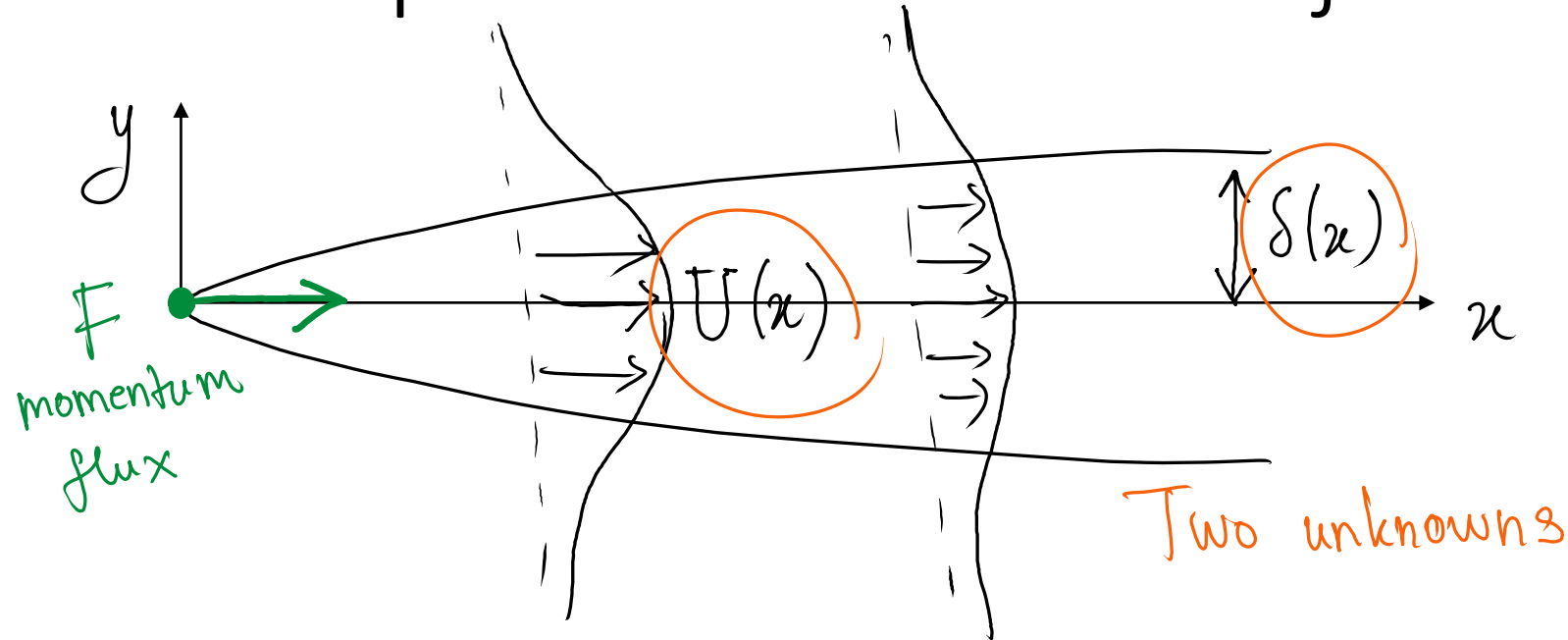
$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$v = 0 \quad \text{on } y = 0$$

$$u \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \frac{y}{\delta} \rightarrow \infty$$

Example: 2D momentum jet



Momentum balance : $\frac{\rho U^2(x)}{x} \sim \frac{\mu U(x)}{\delta(x)^2}$

Constant momentum : $\rho U^2(x) \delta(x) \sim F$

Two unknowns

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\rho U^2(x)}{x} \sim \frac{\mu U(x)}{\delta(x)^2} \\ \rho U^2(x) \delta(x) \sim F \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \delta(x) = \left(\frac{\rho \nu^2 x^2}{F} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ U(x) = \left(\frac{F^2}{\rho^2 \nu x} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

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$$\delta(x) \sim x^{2/3}, \quad U(x) \sim x^{-1/3}$$

Why constant momentum flux?

$$F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho u^2 dy$$

BL eqn

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dF}{dx} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 2\rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy \quad \downarrow = \quad 2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \rho v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dy$$

$$= 2\mu \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - 2\rho \left[vu \right]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} + 2\rho \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy$$

as $u \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow \pm \infty$

same

$= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ from $\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dF}{dx} = -\frac{dF}{dx} = 0$$

② Similarity solution

$$\delta \sim x^{2/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\eta}{x}$$

$$\delta(x) = \left(\frac{\rho \nu^2 x^2}{F} \right)^{1/3}, \quad U(x) = \left(\frac{F^2}{\rho^2 \nu x} \right)^{1/3}$$

① Streamfunction ψ s.t. $u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$, $v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$

$$\psi(x, y) = \Psi(x, \eta) = \underbrace{U(x)\delta(x)}_{\text{s.t. } \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \sim U(x) \text{ as required}} f(\eta), \quad \eta = \frac{y}{\delta(x)}$$

Sub into $\textcircled{*}$: $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$, $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\eta}{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = U(x) f'(\eta), \quad v = \frac{U\delta}{x} \left(-\frac{1}{3} f + \frac{2}{3} \eta f' \right)$$

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2} \quad \textcircled{*}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$v = 0 \quad \text{on } y = 0$$

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Similarity solution

$$\delta(x) = \left(\frac{\rho \nu^2 x^2}{F} \right)^{1/3}, \quad U(x) = \left(\frac{F^2}{\rho^2 \nu x} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\psi(x, y) = \Psi(x, \eta) = U(x) \delta(x) f(\eta), \quad \eta = \frac{y}{\delta(x)}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{3} f'^2 - \frac{1}{3} f f'' = f'''$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow f' \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \eta \rightarrow \pm \infty$$

$$(3) : \text{const. mom flux} \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (f')^2 d\eta = 1$$

$$\text{Mass flux: } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho U dy \sim \rho U(x) \delta(x) \sim x^{1/3}$$

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2} \quad \textcircled{*}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$v = 0 \quad \text{on } y = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$u \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \frac{y}{\delta} \rightarrow \infty \quad (2)$$

Final remarks

- Remember to attempt the exercises for this topic before the **live session** on

2pm Thursday, 8 October

- If you find any typos/mistakes in the PDF notes, please email me at mt599@cam.ac.uk

Thank you for watching!