

ME-662 CONVECTIVE HEAT AND MASS TRANSFER

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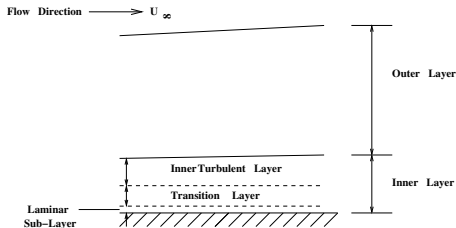
Main Postulate L24($\frac{1}{18}$)

- 1 So far we considered turbulent flows in which large eddy structure dominates and *diffusive* influence of μ is small. Such flows occur *away from the wall* where y/δ or $y/R > 0.1$.
- 2 Greatest resistance to heat and mass transfer rates, however, is confined to near-wall viscosity affected region .
- 3 It is also a fortunate occurrence that the more significant characteristics of this region are almost *universal*
- 4 What are the characteristics of this *Inner layer* ?

Law of the wall - 1 - L24($\frac{2}{18}$)

The Inner layer $y/\delta \approx 0.15$ comprises 3 layers

- 1 Laminar-like **viscous sub-layer**. In reality, this layer is characterised by a repeated but infrequent fluid bursts.
- 2 Next, the **transition layer** - likened to the inertial sub-range of the energy spectrum
- 3 Next, the **inner turbulent layer**



Phenomenologically,

$$u = F(y, \tau_w, \mu, \rho, \text{others})$$

where *others* include parameters - BL thickness δ (or radius R), dp/dx , v_w , wall roughness height y_r

Law of the wall - 2 - L24($\frac{3}{18}$)

- 1 Experimental evidence, however, shows that for a smooth, impermeable surface the inner layer is almost completely free of all the *other* parameters.
- 2 Independence from δ suggests that no information travels from the outer parts to the inner region.
- 3 Independence from dp/dx suggests that the inner region is independent of the *history* of the flow except that τ_w may depend on the upstream events . The structure of turbulence is thus presumed to be in *local equilibrium*; that is, the timescale of the eddies \ll the time taken by the mean flow to change its structure appreciably in response to dp/dx .
- 4 This assumption of *local equilibrium* is valid for adverse and mildly favourable dp/dx , but not when *re-laminarisation* is encountered in highly accelerated BLs ($\nu/U_\infty^2 dU_\infty/dx > 3 \times 10^{-6}$).

Law of the wall - 3 - L24($\frac{4}{18}$)

μ and y are relevant because **at the wall**, $\tau_w = \mu \partial u / \partial y$. ρ is included due to the importance of momentum transfer resulting from velocity fluctuations in the transition and the fully turbulent layers. Therefore, dimensional analysis gives

$$\frac{\rho u^2}{\tau_w} = F\left(\frac{\rho y^2 \tau_w}{\mu^2}\right) \quad \text{Define}$$

$$u_\tau \equiv \sqrt{\tau_w / \rho} \quad (\text{Friction velocity}) \quad u^+ \equiv \frac{u}{u_\tau} \quad y^+ \equiv \frac{y u_\tau}{\nu}$$

$$\text{or } u^+ = F(y^+) \quad (\text{universal 'law of the wall'})$$

We now seek form of $F(y^+)$ in three parts of the inner layer.

Variation of shear stress - L24($\frac{5}{18}$)

In the inner layer, the BL form of RANS eqn will read as

$$\rho \left[u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] = - \frac{d p}{d x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{tot}}{\partial y} - \rho \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\overline{u'^2} - \overline{v'^2}) \right]$$

$$\tau_{tot} = \tau_l + \tau_t = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \rho \overline{u' v'}$$

The terms in sq brackets on RHS are important only in highly accelerated flows - hence ignored. Then, since $u (\partial u / \partial x) \simeq 0$ and $v \simeq v_w$,

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{tot}}{\partial y} \simeq \frac{d p}{d x} + \rho v_w \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \rightarrow \text{intergration gives}$$

$$\frac{\tau_{tot}}{\tau_w} = 1 + \frac{y}{\tau_w} \frac{d p}{d x} + \frac{\rho v_w u}{\tau_w} = 1 + p^+ y^+ + v_w^+ u^+$$

$$p^+ \equiv \frac{\nu}{\rho u_\tau^3} \frac{d p}{d x} \quad v_w^+ \equiv \frac{v_w}{u_\tau} \quad (\text{Definitions})$$

Forms of $F(y^+) - 1 - L24(\frac{6}{18})$

To begin with, we assume that $dp/dx = v_w = 0$. Then,

$\tau_{tot} = \tau_w = \text{const.}$ Hence,

- 1 In **Laminar sub layer** $\tau_{tot} = \tau_w = \tau_l = \mu \partial u / \partial y$ or, upon integration, $u = (\tau_w y) / \mu + C$ where $C = 0$ since, $u = 0$ at $y = 0$. Hence, rearrangement gives $u / u_\tau = y u_\tau / \nu$ or, $u^+ = y^+$.
- 2 When dp/dx is moderate, eqn for $\partial \tau_{tot} / \partial y$ shows that 2nd and 3rd derivatives of u w.r.t. y will be nearly zero. Hence, expanding in Taylor's series about $y^+ = 0$, yields:

$$u^+ = y^+ + \frac{y^{+4}}{4!} \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial y^{+4}} + \dots$$

- 3 This equation shows that for small values of y^+ , equation $u^+ = y^+$ holds; but at some critical distance away from the wall, u^+ must **abruptly depart from linearity**.

Forms of $F(y^+) - 2 - L24(\frac{7}{18})$

- 1 In the **Transition Layer**, there are no simple arguments because viscous and turbulent stresses are equally important.
- 2 There is however similarity between the inertial sub-range of the energy spectrum and the transitional layer.
- 3 If u' is a representative fluctuation then, the viscous lengthscale is $(\nu / u') \ll \delta$ if the $Re_t = (u' \delta) / \nu$ is high.
- 4 A layer covering a range of values of y can therefore be imagined in which the turbulence structure is independent of both δ and the viscous lengthscale ν / u' .
- 5 Thus, $\partial u / \partial y$ can only depend on (u' / y) . Now, if local value of u' is taken as u_τ then, $\partial u / \partial y \propto u_\tau / y$. Hence

$$u^+ = \frac{1}{\kappa_{tr}} \ln(y^+) + C_{tr} = \frac{\ln(E_{tr} y^+)}{\kappa_{tr}} \rightarrow C_{tr} = \frac{\ln(E_{tr})}{\kappa_{tr}}$$

Expected departure from linearity is indeed observed.

Forms of $F(y^+)$ - 3 - L24($\frac{8}{18}$)

- 1 In **Turbulent Layer**, the universal law can be written as $(\partial u / \partial y) = (u_\tau^2 / \nu) \partial F / \partial y^+$
- 2 $(\partial u / \partial y)$ cannot be expected to be influenced by μ because $\tau_t \gg \tau_l$. As such, $\partial F / \partial y^+$ must be independent of ν and, from dimensional considerations, proportional to $\nu / u_\tau y$ or $1 / y^+$.
- 3 Therefore

$$\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} \propto \frac{1}{y^+} \rightarrow u^+ = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(y^+) + C = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(E y^+)$$

- 4 Like the transition layer, the turbulent layer law is again logarithmic.

Universal Law of the wall - L24($\frac{9}{18}$)

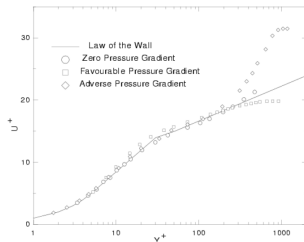
Exp data for pr gr param

$$K = \frac{\delta_2}{U_\infty} \frac{d U_\infty}{d x}$$

$$K = -1.434 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (Adv pr gr)}$$

$$K = 0 \text{ (zero pr gr)}$$

$$K = 1.44 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (fav pr gr)}$$



$$u^+ = y^+ \text{ for } (y^+ \leq 5) \text{ Lam SL}$$

$$u^+ = 5.0 \ln(y^+) - 3.05 \text{ for } (5 \leq y^+ \leq 30) \text{ Trans L}$$

$$u^+ = 2.44 \ln(y^+) + 5.4 \text{ for } (y^+ \geq 30) \text{ Turb L}$$

Valid upto $y^+ \simeq 700$ for $K = 0$; upto $y^+ \simeq 100$ for $K > 0$; and upto $y^+ \simeq 300$ for $K < 0$. For pipe flow (mildly fav pr gr), valid upto $y^+ \simeq 700$. In general, valid for $y^+ \leq 100$.

Thickness of Inner Layer - L24($\frac{10}{18}$)

- 1 The general limit of $y^+ \leq 100$ corresponds to $\sim 15\%$ of the width of the shear layer.
- 2 For example, in a pipe flow, $f = 0.046 Re_D^{-0.2} = 2 (u_\tau / \bar{u})^2$.
Then for $Re_D = 30,000$ (say),
 $R^+ = R u_\tau / \nu = 0.0758 \times Re_D^{0.9} = 811$.
Therefore, $y_{inner} / R = 100 / 811 = 0.12$ or 12% .
- 3 The constants in the logarithmic region are:
 $\kappa_{tr} = 0.2$, $C_{tr} = -3.05$ and $E_{tr} = 0.543$ (Transition).
 $\kappa = 0.41$, $C_{tr} = 5.4$ and $E = 9.512$ (Turbulent)
- 4 Rather than a 3-layer universal law, we now seek a **continuous law of the wall** from theory. Recall that the 3-layer law is based on ignorance of the **bursting** phenomenon in the Lam sub layer which, in turn, will influence the heat/mass transfer rates at the wall. Also, effects of dp/dx and v_w were ignored.

Prandtl's mixing length-1 - L24($\frac{11}{18}$)

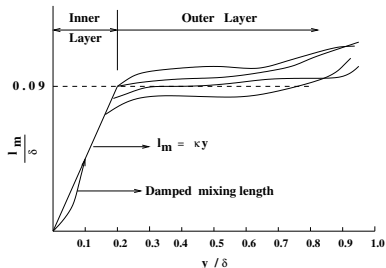
- 1 In analogy with the Stokes's law for laminar shear stress $\tau_l = \mu \partial u / \partial y$, we introduce a model due to Boussinesq, $\tau_t = -\rho \overline{u'v'} = \mu_t (\partial u / \partial y)$.
- 2 Prandtl suggested that

$$\mu_t = \rho l_m v' \rightarrow v' \simeq l_m \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|$$
$$\tau_t = \rho l_m^2 \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

where v' is **velocity fluctuation responsible for transverse momentum transfer** and l_m is **mean eddy size** in the inner layer. Note that unlike μ , turbulent viscosity μ_t is a property of the flow.

Prandtl's mixing length-2 - L24($\frac{12}{18}$)

Transition layer is characterised neither by δ nor by ν/v' . The only relevant scale is y . Prandtl extended this argument to the entire inner layer and proposed that $l_m = \kappa y$.



The Fig shows Exp data for BLs with diff dp/dx and v_w inferred from measurement of $\tau_t = -\rho \overline{u'v'}$ and $\partial u/\partial y$. For $0.2 < y/\delta < 0.9$, the values show a scatter about $l_m/\delta = 0.09$

For $(y/\delta) < 0.2$, l_m is nearly $\propto y$ with $\kappa \sim 0.41$. Very close to the wall, however, l_m is somewhat lower (damped) than that suggested by $l_m = \kappa y$.

Van-Driest Hypothesis - L24($\frac{13}{18}$)

- 1 In the region where $l_m = \kappa y$ holds,
 $\tau_t = \tau_w = \rho (\kappa y)^2 (\partial u / \partial y)^2$ or, taking the sq root,
 $\partial u^+ / \partial y^+ = 1 / \kappa y^+$. This integrates to $u^+ = \ln(E y^+) / \kappa$ for
the turbulent inner layer.
- 2 To include effects of fluctuations on the transition and
laminar sub layer , Van-Driest proposed

$$l_m = \kappa y \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{y^+}{A^+}\right) \right]$$
$$\text{or } \mu_t = \rho (\kappa y)^2 \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{y^+}{A^+}\right) \right]^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

where for a smooth wall, $A^+ \simeq 26$. Note that μ_t is zero only at the wall and in regions where viscosity is influential ($y^+ < 30$), l_m is smaller than Prandtl's mixing length. The amplitude of fluctuations decrease exponentially as $y \rightarrow 0$.

Continuous Law - L24($\frac{14}{18}$)

- ① To produce a continuous law of the wall, recall that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\tau_{tot}}{\tau_w} &= 1 + p^+ y^+ + v_w^+ u^+ \\ &= \left[1 + \left[\kappa y^+ \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{y^+}{A^+}\right) \right\} \right]^2 \frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} \right] \frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+}\end{aligned}$$

- ② However, **if the stress-ratio is assumed to be unity** then, the effects of p^+ and v_w^+ can be absorbed in a suitably defined A^+ .

- ③ Thus, with $\tau_{tot}/\tau_w = 1$, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4a}}{2a} \quad a = \left[\kappa y^+ \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{y^+}{A^+}\right) \right\} \right]^2$$

$$u^+ = \int_0^{y^+} \frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} dy^+ \quad (\text{Continuous Law})$$

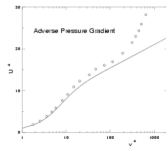
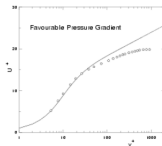
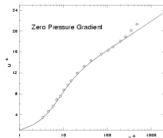
Numerical integration is required.

Predictions - L24($\frac{15}{18}$)

Exptl data for different BLs with different dp/dx and v_w are matched with predictions tuning A^+ in each case. Kays and Crawford propose

$$A^+ = \frac{25}{a \left[v_w^+ + b \left\{ \frac{p^+}{1+c v_w^+} \right\} \right] + 1}$$

with $a = 7.1$, $b = 4.25$, $c = 10$
 and if $p^+ > 0$, $b = 2.9$, $c = 0$
 or, if $v_w^+ < 0$, $a = 9$



Predictions agree very well upto $y^+ = 500$ for Zero pr. gr.,
 upto $y^+ \simeq 100$ for Fav pr. gr.
 and
 upto $y^+ \simeq 200$ for Adv. pr. gr.

Outer Layers-1 - L24($\frac{16}{18}$)

- 1 **Outer layers** can hardly be expected to be universal because the large eddy structure there is severely influenced by dp/dx and other body forces. We need **turbulence models** for this region.
- 2 **Short-cut** methods have been developed. For example, for zero pr. gr. BL, vel profiles at different axial locations can be unified by

$$\frac{u_\infty - u}{u_\tau} = F\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) = 1 - \cos\left(\pi \frac{y}{\delta}\right) \quad (\text{wake function})$$
$$u^+ = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(y^+) + C + \frac{A}{\kappa} \left\{ 1 - \cos\left(\pi \frac{y}{\delta}\right) \right\}$$

where, $A \simeq 0.55$, $\kappa = 0.4$ and $C = 5.1$.

Outer Layers-2 - L24($\frac{17}{18}$)

- 1 There are limitations. For example, from expt data for ducted flows, $A \simeq 0$. Similarly, for finite dp/dx , $A = F(x)$.
- 2 Also, although u^+ profile is unified, measured v/u_τ and τ_w cannot be. Thus, **conditions for similarity** cannot be established for turbulent BLs as was possible with laminar BLs.
- 3 However, **only u-profile similarity** can be established from computer curve-fitting of exptl data.

$$\frac{u_\infty - u}{u_\tau} = F\left(\frac{y}{\delta_3}\right) \rightarrow \delta_3(x) = - \int_0^\infty F dy$$
$$G(x) = \int_0^\infty F^2 d\left(\frac{y}{\delta_3}\right)$$

- 4 For $U_\infty = C x^m$ BLs and $m < 0$,
 $G \simeq 6.2 (\beta + B + 1.43)^{0.482}$ for $(-1 < \beta + B < 12)$ where,
 $\beta = (\delta_1/\tau_w) dp/dx$ and $B = \rho v_w u_\infty/\tau_w$.

Summary - L24($\frac{18}{18}$)

- 1 We have shown that although the **Inner Layer** universality can be established for a wide variety of turbulent flows, **Outer layer** similarity is difficult to establish.
- 2 For complete description of outer layers, we need to solve the RANS equations via **turbulence models** . The inner layer universality can be exploited in two ways
 - 1 To derive approximate correlations for f and Nu
 - 2 To specify wall-boundary conditions at $y^+ \simeq A^+$ when outer layers are computed by RANS equations. This achieves computational economy.
- 3 To prepare the ground for studying turbulence models, in the next lecture, we shall explore the likely **Interaction between Inner and Outer Layers** .