

Today, we will:

- Finish talking about boundary layers with pressure gradients (finish Chapter 10)
- Begin Chapter 11 – Flow over Bodies: Drag and Lift
- Do example problems – drag and lift on bodies (cars, bicycles, airplane wings, etc.)

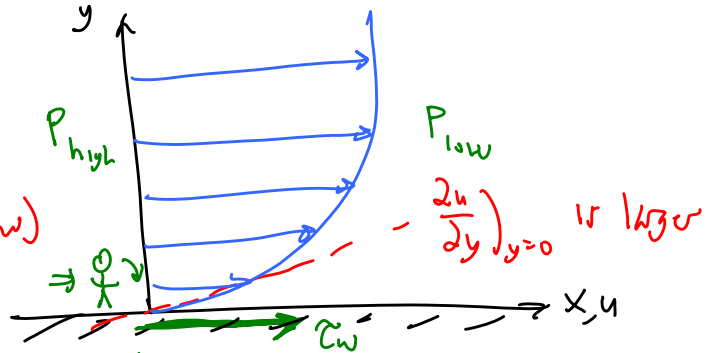
7. BLs w/ pressure gradient (continued)

a. Definitions

b. Physical Explanation of Flow Separation

Favorable p.g. $\frac{dP}{dx} < 0$

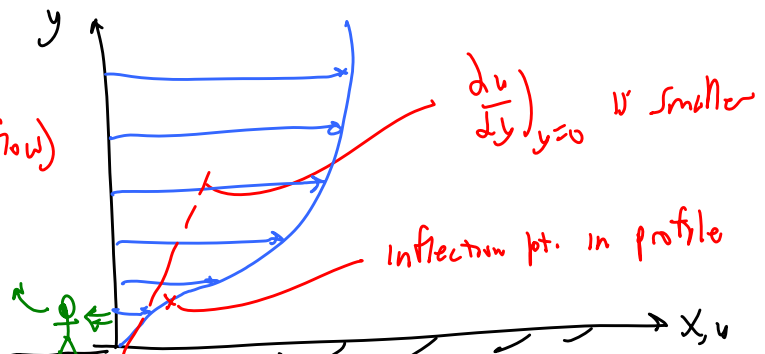
$P \downarrow$ with x (accelerating flow)
 $U \uparrow$ " " " "



This flow is not likely to separate (wants to cling to the wall)

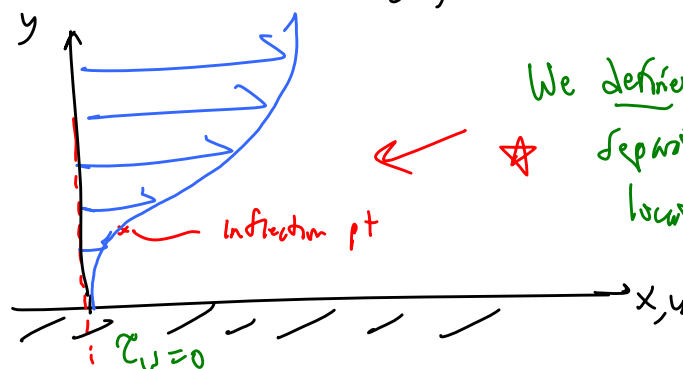
Adverse p.g. $\frac{dP}{dx} > 0$

$P \uparrow$ with x (decelerating flow)
 $U \downarrow$ " " " "



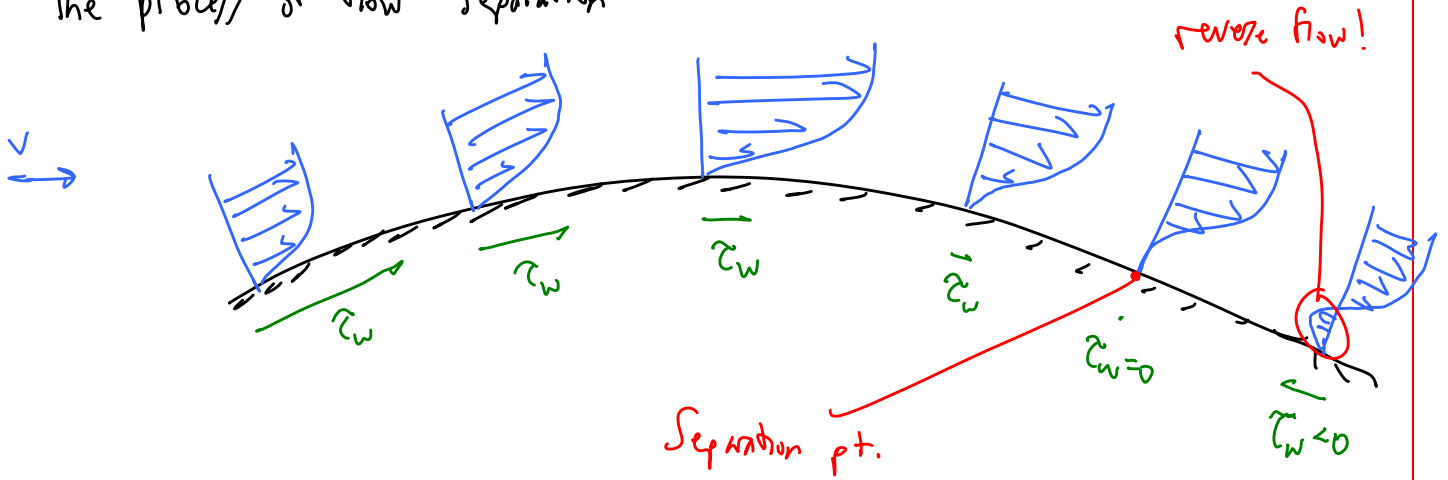
This flow is more likely to separate (wants to move away from wall)

At high enough adverse p.g. (large $\frac{dP}{dx}$) the flow separates



We define the separation pt. as the location where $\left(\frac{du}{dy}\right)_w = 0$
 $(u_w = 0)$

The process of flow separation



Downstream of separation pt.

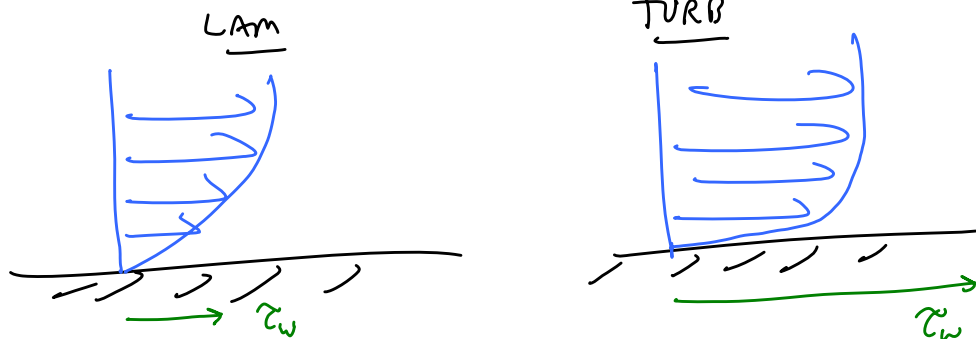
- Skin friction drag goes down
 - Pressure drag goes up
- } Pressure usually wins

Separation is bad \rightarrow leads to more overall drag, on airfoils leads to stall, etc.

c. Which is better - laminar BL or turbulent BL?

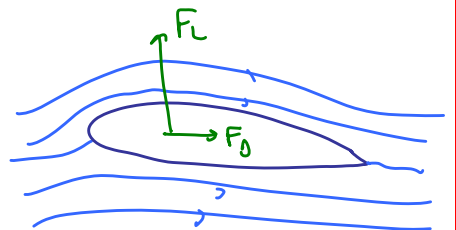
Ans - it depends on application!

• In terms of skin friction drag

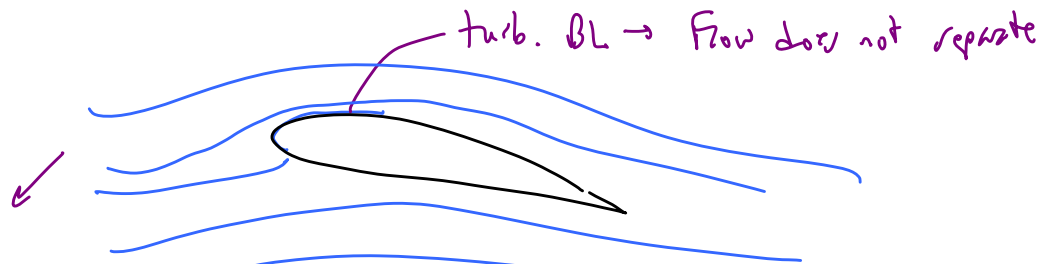
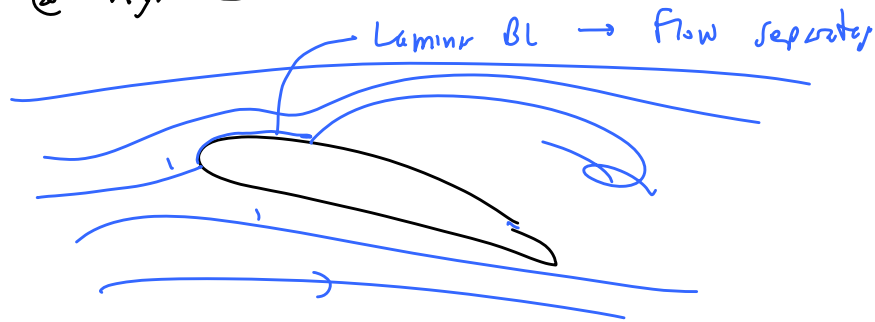


Laminar is better \rightarrow less skin friction

Application: Airfoil wing at low \angle of attack
No flow separation

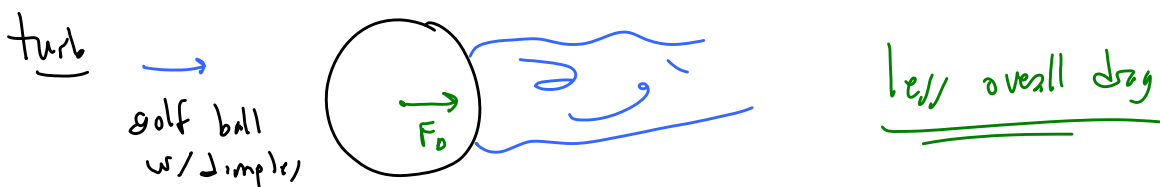
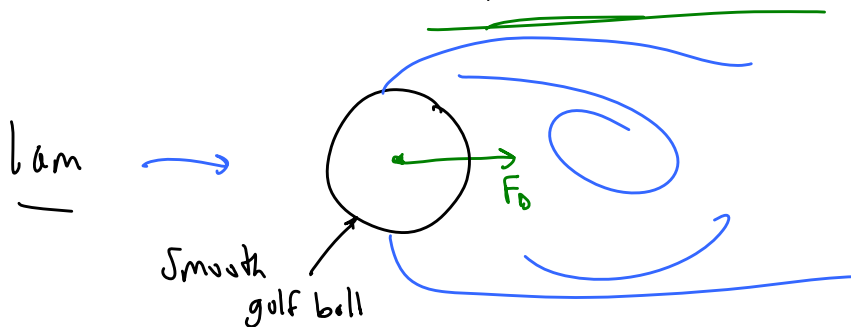


• Airfoil @ high \angle of attack:



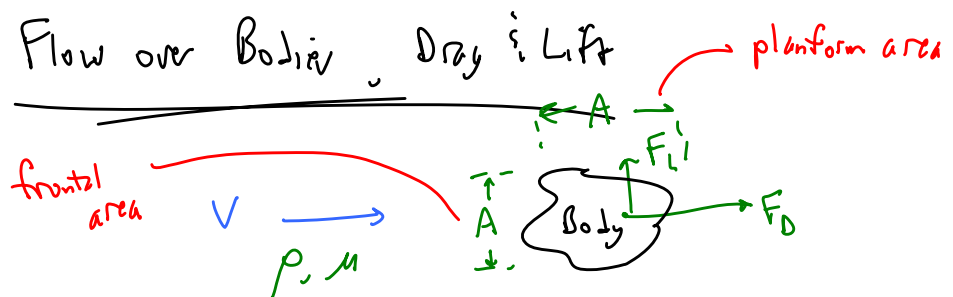
Turb. BL is "better" (more skin friction drag, compare lam vs. turb)
But less pressure drag

E.g. Golf balls -> dimples promote turbulence



IX Ch. 11 -> Flow over Bodies, Drag & Lift

A. Intro
1. Definitions



$F_D =$ drag force is \parallel to \vec{V} (upstream velocity)

$F_L =$ lift force \perp to \vec{V}

Drag coeff

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A}$$

dynamic pressure

$$C_L = \frac{F_L}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A}$$

We approximate area

2. Power required to overcome aerodynamic drag

$$\dot{W}_{\text{aero}} = F_D \cdot V$$

$$\left\{ \frac{F \cdot L}{t} \right\} = \{F\} \cdot \left\{ \frac{L}{t} \right\}$$

3. Drag on Automobiles

$$F_{D \text{ total}} = F_{D \text{ rolling resistance}} + F_{D \text{ aerodynamic}}$$

typically constant

$$F_{D \text{ total}} = \mu_{\text{rolling}} \cdot W + C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A$$

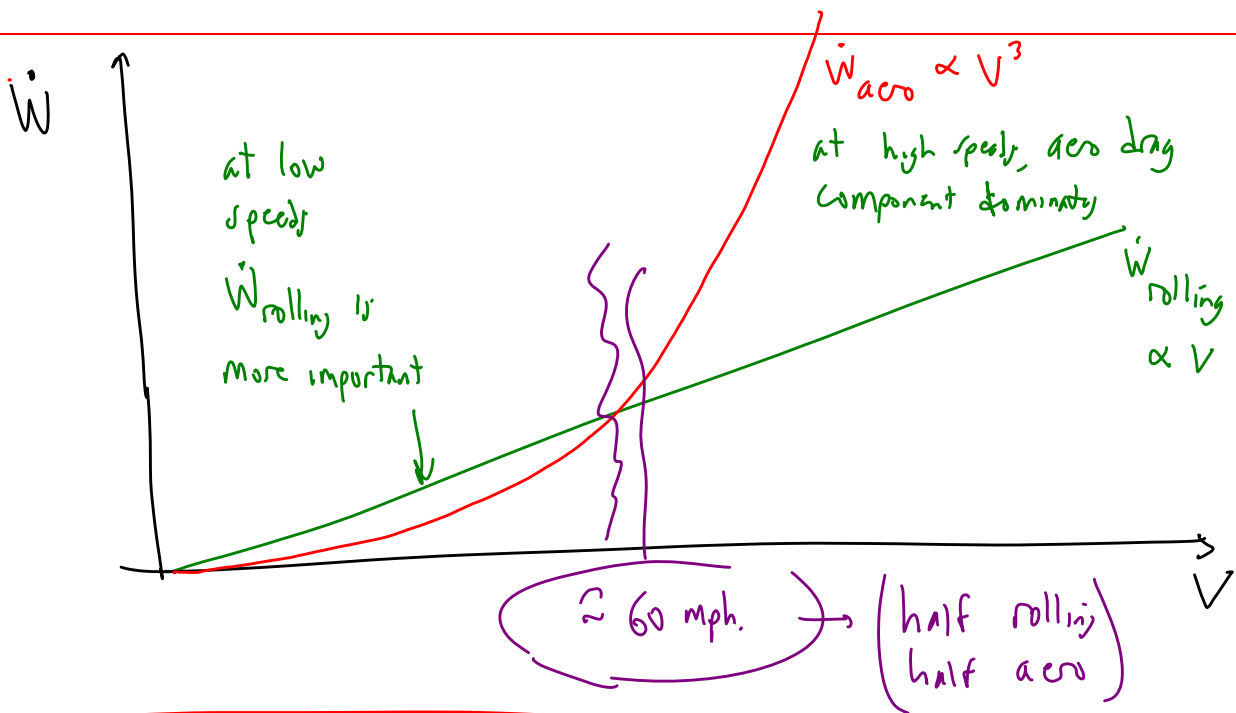
frontal area

total power requirement:

$$\dot{W} = F_D V = \mu_{\text{rolling}} \cdot W \cdot V + C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V^3 A$$

increases linearly
with V

increases like
 V^3



Rule of thumb: For a typical car or truck @ highway speeds:
 \approx half the power is aerodynamic & half is rolling resistance

e.g. if I improve C_D by 20%, I increase my mpg by $\approx 10\%$ for highway driving

- C_D of car:
- Boxy $C_D \approx 0.5$
 - very streamlined (Corvette) $C_D \approx 0.3$
 - Ford Model T $C_D \approx 0.8$

See Tables 11.1 & 11.2 for C_D on various body shapes

"Drag Area"

$F_D = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 C_D A$ = "Drag area"

Typical:

Pickup truck	$C_D A = 1.5 \text{ m}^2$
van	1.0 m^2
sedan	$0.6 - 0.9 \text{ m}^2$
sports car	$0.4 - 0.7 \text{ m}^2$

Comparison of two cars with identical engines, transmissions, frontal area, etc., but different aerodynamics

2005 Scion XA



$$C_D = 0.31$$
$$C_D A = 7.0 \text{ ft}^2$$

EPA Mileage estimate with manual transmission: **32 City, 37 Highway.**

2005 Scion XB



$$C_D = 0.35$$
$$C_D A = 8.5 \text{ ft}^2$$

EPA Mileage estimate with manual transmission: **30 City, 33 Highway.**

Conclusions:

- Mileage estimates in the city do not differ very much, since aerodynamic drag is a small percentage of total drag at low speeds.
- Mileage estimates on the highway differ more significantly, since aerodynamic drag is much more significant at highway speeds.

Quick Prediction → Q: How much will the mpg improve at highway speeds from an XB to an XA, all else being equal?

A: $C_D A_{XA} = 17.6\%$ better than $C_D A_{XB} \rightarrow \therefore$ we predict $17.6/2 = 8.8\%$

Improvement in mpg. $\rightarrow \text{mpg}_{XB} = \text{mpg}_{XA} (1.088) = 33 \times 1.088 = \boxed{36 \text{ mpg}}$ — pretty close!