

Today, we will:

- Continue our discussion of three-dimensional boundary layer coordinate systems
- Discuss secondary flow in three-D boundary layers
- Do an example problem – secondary flow on a flat plate

e.g.: a cone → can solve as a developable surface

b. Intrinsic coordinates – a "trick"

- Solve for \vec{U} in any coord. system
- Pick the B.L. coordinate system such that
 - x is parallel to outer streamlines
 - z is normal " " "
- transpose \vec{U} into x, z BL coordinates

Advantage → BCs are easy $U = |\vec{U}|$
 $W = 0$

Disadvantage → h_x, h_z will not necessarily = 1
 BL eqs more difficult to solve

4. SUMMARY – Why 3-D BLs are harder than 2-D BLs

a. Outer flow (harder to calculate)

→ two outer flow components $U(x, z)$ $W(x, z)$ instead of $U(x)$

b. Coordinate system

• not readily apparent – there are options

c. BL eqs themselves are more complicated

- 2 mom. eqs. (x & z) instead of one (x)
- more terms & more complicated terms if $h_x, h_z \neq 1$
- h_x & h_z are embedded in the eqs.
 - ∴ they change with location on the body!

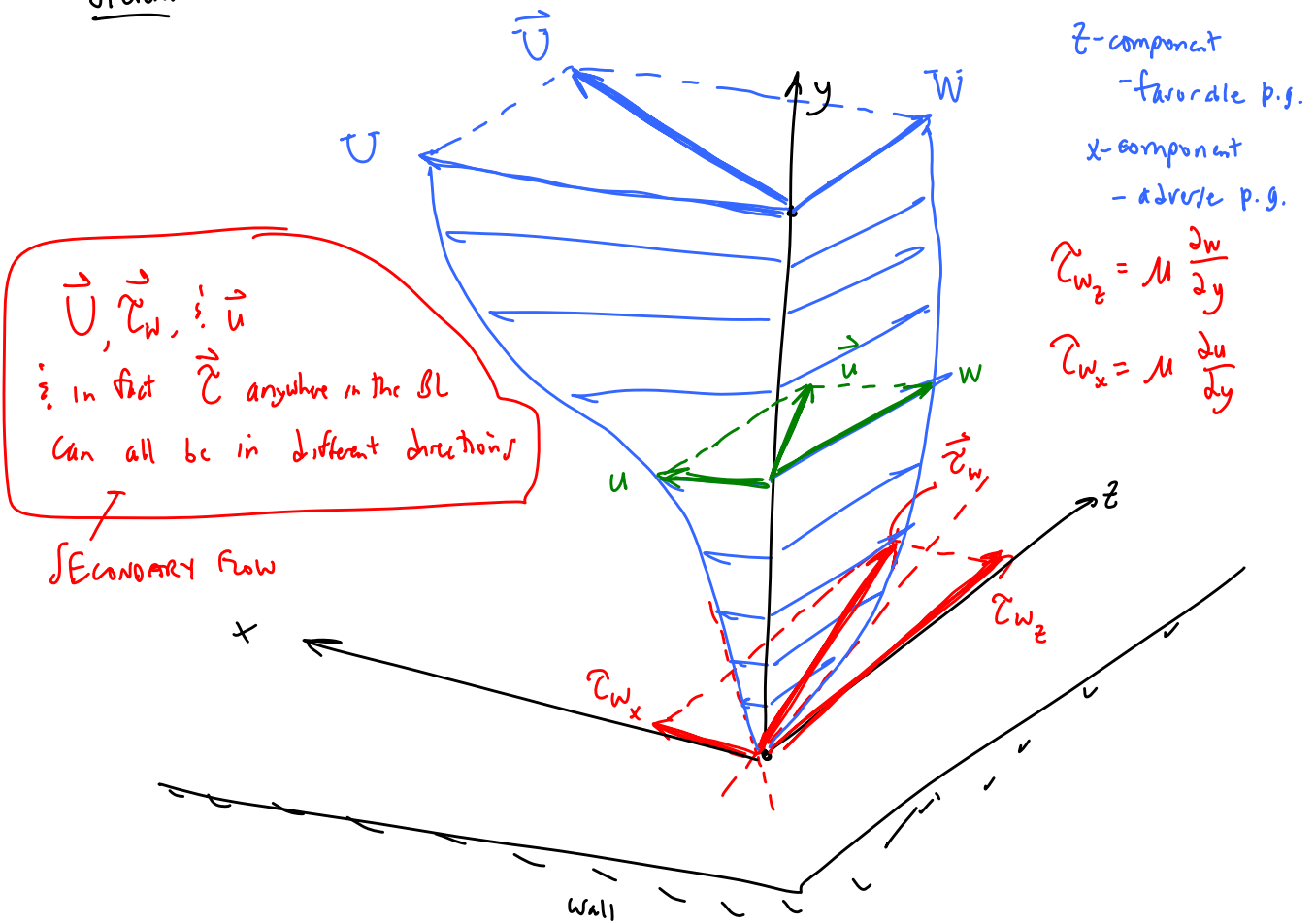
d. Secondary flow can occur

∴ The velocity within the BL does not have to be in the same direction as the outer flow

5. Secondary Flow →

a. Defn: → When the flow inside the BL is in a different direction than the outer flow

Sketch:

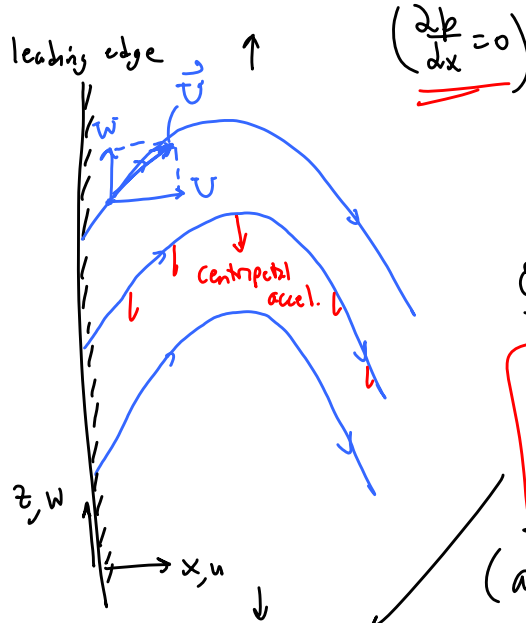


$\vec{U}, \vec{w}, \vec{u}$
 ∴ in fact \vec{C} anywhere in the BL
 can all be in different directions

b. EXAMPLE PROBLEM

- Given:
- semi-infinite flat plate with a constant transverse pressure gradient (in z-direction)
 - zero pressure gradient in x-direction ($\frac{dp}{dx} = 0$)

Top view:



• Nothing special about any z-location

Outer Flow Velocity:

$$U = \text{constant}$$

$$W = U(a - bx) \quad \star$$

(a & b are constants)

generates parabolic streamlines as shown

This is a 2-D geometry, but it is a 3-D problem; will have secondary flow.

- Pick a BL coordinate system → choose x & z on the plate

$$\therefore \boxed{h_x = h_y = h_z = 1} \rightarrow \text{BL eqs are easy}$$

• BL eqs:

Cont: $\frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dy} + \frac{dw}{dz} = 0$

x-mom: $u \frac{du}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dy} + w \frac{du}{dz} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} + \nu \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2}$

z-mom: $u \frac{dw}{dx} + v \frac{dw}{dy} + w \frac{dw}{dz} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dz} + \nu \frac{d^2 w}{dy^2}$

y-mom: $\frac{dp}{dy} \approx 0$ through the BL

we expect that $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ (any velocity) = 0

But $\frac{dp}{dz} \neq 0$

Euler's Eq. for the outer flow:

x-mom: $U \frac{dU}{dx} + W \frac{dU}{dz} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx}$

$U = \text{const}$ $\frac{dp}{dx} = 0$

z-mom: $U \frac{dW}{dx} + W \frac{dW}{dz} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dz}$

Plug in $W = U(a-bx)$

$\frac{dW}{dx} = -Ub$

$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dz} = -U^2 b = \text{const}$

BL eqs & BCs:

cont $\frac{du}{dx} + \frac{2v}{dy} = 0$ (1)

x-mom: $u \frac{du}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dy} = \nu \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2}$ (2)

z-mom: $u \frac{dw}{dx} + v \frac{dw}{dy} = -U^2 b + \nu \frac{d^2 w}{dy^2}$ (2)

BCs

no slip $\rightarrow u=v=w=0$ @ $y=0$

edge $\rightarrow u \rightarrow U$ @ $y \rightarrow \infty$

$w \rightarrow W = U(a-bx)$ @ $y \rightarrow \infty$

W is uncoupled from Eqs (1) & (2) \rightarrow We can solve (1) & (2) first & then solve (3) later

get u & v , then solve for w later

(1) & (2) + the BCs for u, v are identical to Blasius BL problem!

u & v components are already known!

(similarly solve)

