

Today, we will:

- Discuss the **Eddy Viscosity** – for 2-D boundary layers, and for general 3-D flows
- Discuss closure for algebraic (zero-equation) turbulence models

(E. Turbulence models (continues))
 1. Intro – why we need, requirements of, & classification of turbulence models

2. The Eddy Viscosity (also called the turbulent viscosity)

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 “nuts & bolts” of turbulence models

Boussinesq (1877)

a. 2-D BL-type flows

2-D, stationary, no gravity

Dominant flow in x direction

x-mom eq. reduces to

$$U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\underbrace{\mu}_{\substack{\text{viscous} \\ \text{shear stress} \\ \tau_{\text{laminar}}}} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} - \underbrace{\rho \bar{u'v'}}_{\substack{\text{turbulent} \\ \text{shear stress} \\ \tau_{\text{turbulent}}}} \right]$$

$(\mu + \mu_e) \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$

Eddy viscosity model → assume τ_{turb} is of the same form as τ_{lamin}

$$\tau_{\text{lamin}} = \mu \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \Rightarrow \tau_{\text{turb}} = \mu_e \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \quad \mu_e = \text{eddy viscosity}$$

[some authors use $\mu_t = \text{turbulent viscosity}$]

μ_e cannot simply be a constant → otherwise, we would simply get laminar flow soln at a lower Re.

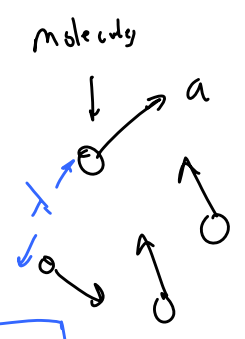
i.e., $\boxed{-\rho \overline{uv} = \mu_e \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}}$ or $-\overline{uv} = \nu_e \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$

$\left[\nu_e = \text{kinematic eddy viscosity} = \frac{\mu_e}{\rho} \right]$

We have to approx. μ_e .

• Laminar flow (molecular mixing)

Kinetic Theory of gases



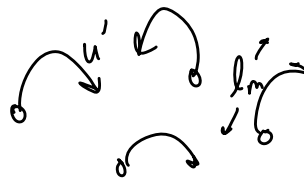
$a = \text{speed of sound}$

$\lambda = \text{mean free path}$

show that $\boxed{\mu = \text{const} \cdot \rho \cdot \lambda \cdot a}$

• Turbulent flow → do a similar analysis

- use fluid particles instead of molecules



$l_m = \text{"mixing length"}$

$u' = \text{char. velocity scale}$

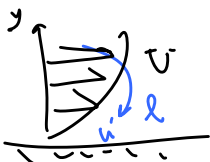
So, let's let

$\boxed{\mu_e = \text{const} \cdot \rho \cdot l_m \cdot u'}$

$\therefore \boxed{-\rho \overline{uv} = \text{const} \cdot \rho \cdot l_m \cdot u' \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}} \quad (2)$

Really

The large scale eddies have the same time scale as the mean flow



time scale of the mean flow $\sim \frac{1}{\left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \right|}$

time scale of the largest eddies $\sim \frac{l}{u'}$

Equate these two time scales \rightarrow $u' \sim l \left| \frac{dU}{dy} \right|$

Also expect that $l_m \sim l$

$$\therefore u' \approx \text{const} \cdot l_m \left| \frac{dU}{dy} \right| \quad (3)$$

Plug (3) into (2) we get

$$\star \quad -\rho \overline{uv} \approx c_1 \rho l_m^2 \left| \frac{dU}{dy} \right| \frac{dU}{dy} \quad \star \quad \text{PRANDTL'S MIXING LENGTH THEORY}$$

but l_m is still not known

OR,

$$-\rho \overline{uv} = \mu_e \frac{dU}{dy} \quad \text{where } \mu_e = \rho l_m^2 \left| \frac{dU}{dy} \right| \quad \star$$

b. General 3-D flow

3-D mean mom. eq.:

$$\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial t} + U_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\underbrace{-\rho f_{ij} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right)}_{\substack{\text{laminar stress tensor} \\ \tau_{ij}^{\text{lam}}}} - \underbrace{\rho \overline{u_i u_j}}_{\substack{\text{call this} \\ \text{the turbulent} \\ \text{stress tensor} \\ \tau_{ij}^{\text{turb}}}} \right]$$

We need to model this turbulent stress tensor

i.e., Let $-\rho \overline{u_i u_j} = \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{normal part}} f_{ij} + \mu_e \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$

Model the normal part \square assuming isotropic turbulence

Recall, for isotropic turbulence $-p\overline{u_i u_j} = -\rho \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3}K & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3}K & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3}K \end{bmatrix}$
 $[K = q^2 = tke]$

\therefore Let

$$-p\overline{u_i u_j} = \underbrace{-\frac{2}{3}\rho K \delta_{ij}}_{\text{additional normal stress due to the mixing}} + \underbrace{\mu_e \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right)}_{\text{additional shear stress due to the mixing}}$$

additional normal

stress due to the mixing

additional shear stress due to the mixing

Mean strain rate tensor E_{ij} or $S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$

$$\tau_{ij, \text{lm}} = -p \delta_{ij} + 2\mu E_{ij}$$

$$\tau_{ij, \text{turb}} = -\frac{2}{3}\rho K \delta_{ij} + 2\mu_e E_{ij}$$

$\left[\text{we can't use } \mu_e = \rho l_m^2 \left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \right| \right]$

Go back to

$$\mu_e = \text{const } \rho l_m u'$$

we must approx. $l_m \propto u'$

Let $u' \sim \sqrt{K}$

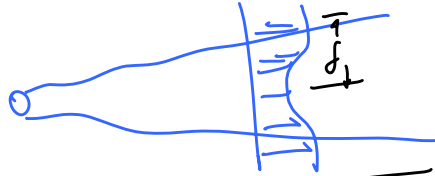
l_m is treated differently in different turbulence models

Eg. let $l_m =$ an algebraic eq. \therefore solve a transport eq. for K
 $[$ one- $eq.$ turbulence model $]$

OR, can write a transport eq. for l_m itself $\dot{}$ for k
 [2-eq turb. model \rightarrow k - l turb. model]

3. Closure for Algebraic (zero eq.) Turbulence Models

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 good only for 2D shear flows



Recall,

$$\mu_e = \rho l_m^2 \left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \right|$$

$$\tau_{12} = -\rho \overline{u_1 u_2} = \mu_e \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$$

To close the problem, we need an expression for l_m

b. Example:

(1) Free shear flow (jets, wakes, mixing layers) (no wall)

$l_m \approx$ constant at any x location \rightarrow

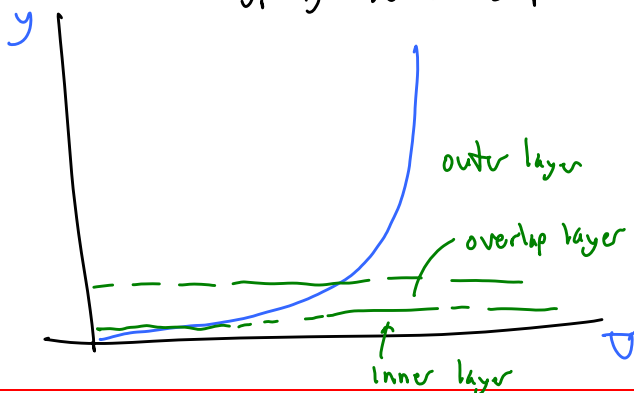
$$l_m = \text{const} \cdot f$$

empirically determined

(2) Wall-bounded shear flows [eg. BL on a flat plate]



typically we use a 3-piece or 3-layer model



$$l_m = \text{const} \cdot y^2 \quad \text{in the inner layer}$$

$$l_m = \kappa y \quad \text{in the overlap layer}$$

κ

$$l_m = \text{const} \cdot f \quad \text{in the outer layer}$$

(3) Von-Karman mixing length (1930)

First attempt at a universal self-closing turbulence model

$$l_m = \text{const} \frac{|\partial u / \partial y|}{|\partial^2 u / \partial y^2|}$$

from experiment

≈ 0.4 for a flat plate turb. BL

[Von Karman's constant]

Problem - not universal

- Blows up at inflection pts

[not physical]