

Today, we will:

- Discuss low-Reynolds number closure for two-equation turbulence models
- Begin to discuss Reynolds stress turbulence models – no eddy viscosity!

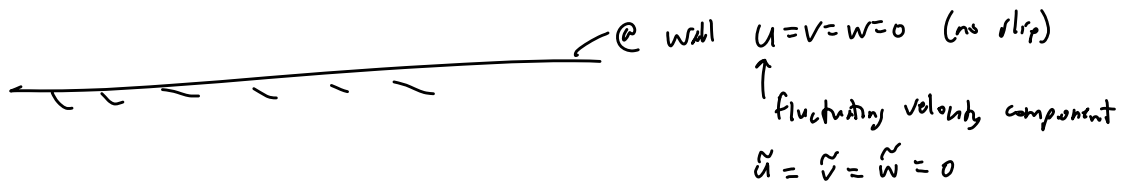
K-ε model (continued)

d. The near-wall region (low Reynolds number closure)

The "high Re" forms are not valid as we approach a wall

Why not?

- 1) We neglected viscous or molecular transport terms  
 $\nu$  becomes important near a wall  
 $\nu$  " dominant over  $\nu_e$  near a wall
- 2) The constants are calibrated for turbulence far from a wall
- 3) Turbulence is damped as you approach the wall



But, ε does not necessarily go to zero → must treat ε separately

What do we do?

(1) Use "wall functions" — [Fluent's default]

↓ Assume the mean velocity obeys the log law near the wall  
 [will discuss later]

(2) Use "damping functions"

↓ Modifies the turbulence model itself so that turbulence quantities are "damped" as we approach the wall.

Terminology → "near wall modeling"  
 "near wall closure"  
 "Low Reynolds number modeling"

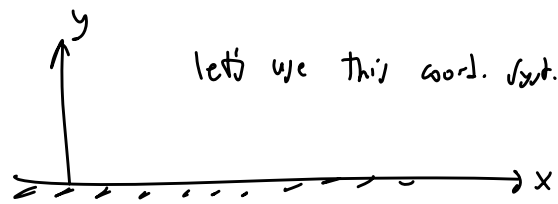
e.g., recall  $\nu_e = C_\mu \frac{K^2}{\epsilon}$  (high Re model)

low Re model, let  $\nu_e = C_\mu f_w \frac{K^2}{\epsilon}$   $f_w =$  damping function



Wall BCs for  $K$  &  $\epsilon$  ( $k-\epsilon$  model) [we are using damping functions not wall functions]

At the wall,  $K=0$   
 what about  $\epsilon$ ?



• Use Wilcox's form of the  $K$  &  $\epsilon$  eqs. (handout)

$$\frac{DK}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \underbrace{\nu}_{\text{molecular diffusion}} + \underbrace{\frac{\nu_e}{\sigma_k}}_{\text{turbulent diffusion}} \right] \frac{\partial K}{\partial x_j} + \underbrace{\nu_e \left( \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j}}_{\text{production}} - \underbrace{\epsilon}_{\text{dissipation}} \quad (*)$$

• At the wall,  $K=0 \rightarrow$  LHS goes to zero

recall,  $\nu_e = C_\mu f_w \frac{K^2}{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0$   $\epsilon$  does not go to zero but  $K$  does

$$\therefore \left. \frac{\partial K}{\partial x} \right|_{\text{wall}} = \left. \frac{\partial K}{\partial x} \right|_{\text{wall}} \text{ also must } \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial K}{\partial y} \neq 0$$

At the wall, (\*) reduces to

$$\frac{d}{dy} \left( \nu \frac{dK}{dy} \right) - \varepsilon = 0$$

So,  $\varepsilon = \frac{d}{dy} \left( \nu \frac{dK}{dy} \right)$  at wall

So we get  $\varepsilon_{wall} = \nu \left. \frac{d^2 K}{dy^2} \right|_{y=0}$

How to apply this BC in a CFD code

$$\varepsilon_{wall} = \nu \frac{d^2 K}{dy^2} \text{ at } y=0$$

$$= \nu \frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{d}{dy} (\sqrt{K})^2 \right)$$

Differentiate by parts:

$$= \nu \frac{d}{dy} \left( \sqrt{K} \frac{d\sqrt{K}}{dy} + \sqrt{K} \frac{d\sqrt{K}}{dy} \right) = 2\nu \frac{d}{dy} \left( \sqrt{K} \frac{d\sqrt{K}}{dy} \right)$$

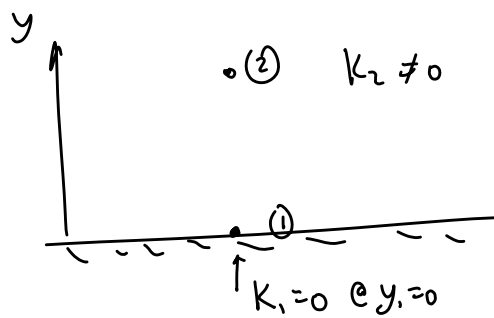
Differentiate again

$$= 2\nu \left[ \cancel{\sqrt{K}} \frac{d^2 \sqrt{K}}{dy^2} + \frac{d\sqrt{K}}{dy} \frac{d\sqrt{K}}{dy} \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_{wall} = 2\nu \left( \frac{d\sqrt{K}}{dy} \right)^2$$

But  $K=0$   
 (3) @ wall

(2)  $K_2 \neq 0$



Numerically,  $\frac{d\sqrt{K}}{dy} \approx \frac{\sqrt{K_2} - \cancel{\sqrt{K_1}}}{y_2 - \cancel{y_1}} = \frac{\sqrt{K_2}}{y_2}$

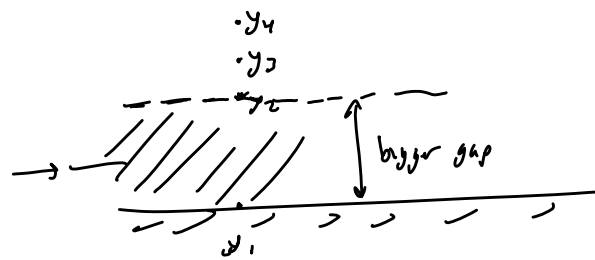
So,  $\varepsilon_{wall} = 2\nu \left( \frac{d\sqrt{K}}{dy} \right)^2 = 2\nu \left( \frac{\sqrt{K_2}}{y_2} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_{wall} = 2\nu \frac{K_2}{y_2^2}$

$$\varepsilon_{wall} = 2\nu \frac{K_2}{y_2^2}$$

"Integrating to the wall"  $\rightarrow \therefore$  need BC for  $\varepsilon$  @ wall.

If we call functions,

don't solve in  
this region



We don't "integrate to the wall"

Instead, we assume that we know the shape of the BL near the wall

(log-law)

$\therefore$  Do not need BCs for  $K$  &  $\epsilon$   
at the wall!

## 6. Closure for Reynolds Stress Turbulence Models

a. Intro  $\rightarrow$  So far all models we've discussed (zero-, one-, & two-  
eq. models)

use the eddy viscosity approximation

$\rightarrow$  model  $-\rho \overline{u_i u_j}$  by some eddy viscosity  $\times$  gradient of mean velocity  
(see Eq. (3) of handout)

• Full RSM does not use an eddy viscosity  $\nabla$

Instead - write transport eqs for the Reynolds stress tensor itself!

b. Equations (see pdf file on website)

Comment:

•  $\tau_{ij}$  has 9 components, but only 6 indep. components  
So need 6 additional transport eqs

• Term VI  $\rightarrow$  viscous dissipation term

$$\mathcal{E}_{ij} = 2\mu \overline{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_k}}$$

Isotropic assumption is usually employed

$$\mathcal{E}_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{E}_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{E}_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{E}_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \rho \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This means that  $\overline{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}} = 0$  when  $i \neq j$

[this is not necessarily the case!]

$$\mathcal{E} = 2\mu \overline{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k}}$$

is the isotropic dissipation rate

$\downarrow$   
[not the same as Kundu's  $\mathcal{E} = 2\mu \overline{e_{ij} e_{ij}}$ ]

### Anisotropic Dissipation Rate Models (ADRM)

$\downarrow$   
typically use algebraic expressions to yield different values  
for each component of  $\mathcal{E}_{ij}$