

Homework Set 7 Solution

Problem 1. In a particular application involving airflow over a heated surface, the boundary layer temperature distribution may be approximated as:

$$\frac{T - T_s}{T_\infty - T_s} = 1 - \exp\left[-\text{Pr} \frac{u_\infty y}{\nu}\right]$$

where y is the distance normal to the surface and the Prandtl number, $\text{Pr} = 0.7$, is a dimensionless property. If $T_\infty = 400$ K, $T_s = 300$ K, and $u_\infty/\nu = 5000$ m⁻¹, determine the surface heat flux.

$$\begin{aligned} k &= 0.0263 \text{ W/m} \cdot \text{K} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} &= -(T_\infty - T_s) \exp\left[-\text{Pr} \frac{u_\infty y}{\nu}\right] \left(-\text{Pr} \frac{u_\infty}{\nu}\right) \\ \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} &= -100 \text{ K} \left(-0.7 \left[5000 \text{ m}^{-1}\right]\right) = 350,000 \text{ K/m} \\ q'' &= -k \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = -0.0263 \text{ W/m} \cdot \text{K} \cdot 350,000 \text{ K/m} = -9205 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. Experimental results for heat transfer over a flat plate with an extremely rough surface were found to be correlated by an expression of the form:

$$\text{Nu}_x = 0.04 \text{Re}_x^{0.9} \text{Pr}^{1/3}$$

where Nu_x is the local value of the Nusselt number at a position x measured from the leading edge of the plate. Obtain an expression for the ratio of the average heat transfer coefficient \bar{h} to the local coefficient h_x .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Nu}_x &= \frac{hx}{k} = 0.04 \text{Re}_x^{0.9} \text{Pr}^{1/3} = 0.04 \left(\frac{Vx}{\nu}\right)^{0.9} \text{Pr}^{1/3} \\ h_x &= 0.04 \left(\frac{V}{\nu}\right)^{0.9} x^{-0.1} \text{Pr}^{1/3} k \\ \bar{h}_x &= \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x h_x dx = \frac{0.04 \text{Pr}^{1/3} k \left(\frac{V}{\nu}\right)^{0.9}}{x} \int_0^x x'^{-0.1} dx' = \frac{0.04 \text{Pr}^{1/3} k \left(\frac{V}{\nu}\right)^{0.9}}{0.9 x^{0.1}} \\ \frac{\bar{h}_x}{h_x} &= \frac{0.04 \text{Pr}^{1/3} k \left(\frac{V}{\nu}\right)^{0.9}}{0.9 x^{0.1}} \cdot \frac{1}{0.04 \left(\frac{V}{\nu}\right)^{0.9} x^{-0.1} \text{Pr}^{1/3} k} = 0.9^{-1} = 1.11 \end{aligned}$$