

We identify the total shear stress τ as

$$\tau = \underbrace{\mu \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}}_{\text{viscous stress}} - \underbrace{\rho \overline{u'v'}}_{\text{Reynolds' stress}}, \quad (1)$$

where y is distance from the wall, μ dynamic viscosity ($\nu = \mu/\rho$) and ρ is density. Next, observe that the amplitude of motion due to oscillation of an infinite plate decays as $\exp[-y/A]$. Hence, we use for the damping of fluid oscillation due to a fixed wall, the model

$$1 - e^{-\tilde{y}}, \quad (2)$$

where $\tilde{y} = y/A$. Now, we express the stress, according to Prandtl

$$\frac{\tau}{\rho} = \nu \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + r \sqrt{u'^2} \sqrt{v'^2} \quad (3a)$$

$$= \nu \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + r l_1 l_2 \left(\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (3b)$$

$$= \nu \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \kappa^2 y^2 \left(\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2, \quad (3c)$$

where κ is the von-Kármán constant and l Prandtl's mixing length. This model is well-known to hold appropriately in fully developed turbulent flow.

Near a wall, however, the turbulence is not fully developed, but damped by the presence of that very wall such that the prefactor $1 - e^{-\tilde{y}}$ can be taken into account in Reynolds' stress term:

$$\frac{\tau}{\rho} = \nu \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \kappa^2 l^2 (1 - e^{-\tilde{y}})^2 \left(\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (4)$$

Non-dimensionalize Eq. (4) using $u_\star = \sqrt{\tau_{\text{wall}}/\rho}$ and the wall unit $y_+ = y/\sqrt{\tau_{\text{wall}}/\rho}$:

$$\tau^+ \left(= \frac{\tau}{\tau_{\text{wall}}} \right) = \frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} + \kappa^2 y^{+2} \left(1 - e^{-\tilde{y}^+} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} \right)^2 \quad (5)$$

In the constant-flux layer, it is $\tau = \tau_{\text{Wall}}$, such that

$$0 = \frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} + \kappa^2 y^{+2} \left(1 - e^{-\tilde{y}^+} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} \right)^2 - 1 \quad (6)$$

$$0 = \left(\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{\kappa^2 y^{+2} \left(1 - e^{-\tilde{y}^+} \right)^2} \left(\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} - 1 \right) \quad (7)$$

and we solve for $\partial_{y^+} u^+$ to obtain

$$\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial y^+} = \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\kappa^2 y^{+2} (1 - e^{-\widetilde{y}^+})}} \quad (8)$$