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INTRODUCTION

There are many situations where turbulent boundary layer prediction techniques must account for mass transfer normal to the wall. One of these is transpiration cooling, which involves blowing into the boundary layer. Another is boundary layer control in adverse pressure gradients by means of suction. This latter case is particularly applicable to flow in supersonic inlets, where bleed is often necessary to prevent separation (refs. 1 and 2). It is not difficult to include the terms involving mass flux normal to the wall in the boundary layer equations, but little attempt has been made to systematically compare how well current prediction techniques work under these conditions.
This report, therefore, presents the results of two analytical procedures, along with data, for several turbulent boundary layers on a porous wall. The integral method is that of Sasman and Cresci (ref. 3), modified to include the terms involving the velocity normal to the wall. With integral procedures, a modification to the usual solid-surface skin friction relation to account directly for nonzero velocities at the wall is also necessary. Three different skin friction laws (refs. 4 to 6), applicable to boundary layers with suction, are used in the integral analysis. The numerical method of McDonald and Fish (ref. 7) is used to verify the integral results and is also used with some injection cases. Comparisons are made between theoretical and experimental displacement thickness, momentum thickness, and skin friction coefficient. Velocity profiles are also presented for the numerical method.

Analytical methods require knowledge of the mass flow distribution normal to the wall through the bleed or blowing region. Because of a lack of data of this type for compressible flow, the data considered in this report are for incompressible, two-dimensional flow. Several different mass transfer rates and distributions are investigated. Some of the data that are used were taken in a pressure gradient.

SYMBOLS

\( A \) function of \( \text{Re}_\theta \) (see eq. (2))

\( B \) function of \( \text{Re}_\theta \) (see eq. (2))

\( C_f \) skin friction coefficient

\( C_{fo} \) skin friction coefficient with \( v_w = 0 \)

\( H \) shape factor, \( \delta^* / \theta \)

\( h \) enthalpy

\( j \) dimensionality parameter

\( l_\infty \) "wake" value of mixing length

\( M \) Mach number

\( \text{Pr} \) laminar Prandtl number

\( p \) pressure

\( R \) radius of axisymmetric body

\( \text{Re}_x \) Reynolds number based on \( x \)

\( \text{Re}_\theta \) Reynolds number based on \( \theta \)

\( T \) temperature

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U transformed x-velocity
u x-velocity
V transformed y-velocity
v y-velocity
X transformed x-coordinate
x coordinate along body surface
Y transformed y-coordinate
y coordinate normal to body surface
z ln Re_θ
γ ratio of specific heats
Δ transformed boundary layer thickness
δ boundary layer thickness
δ* displacement thickness, \( \int_0^\delta \left(1 - \frac{\rho u}{\rho_e u_e}\right) dy \)
θ momentum thickness, \( \int_0^\delta \frac{\rho u}{\rho_e u_e} \left(1 - \frac{u}{u_e}\right) dy \)
μ viscosity coefficient
ν kinematic viscosity coefficient
ρ density
τ shear stress

Subscripts:
e local external conditions
i transformed value
s local stagnation conditions
w conditions at wall
0 free stream stagnation conditions

Superscript:
\_ evaluated at reference conditions (see eq. (A5))
Two analytical techniques, one numerical and one integral, were used in this investigation. The integral method that was used is essentially that of Sasman and Cresci (ref. 3). This method uses the transformed momentum and moment of momentum integral equations, requiring starting values of momentum and displacement thicknesses. The equations are coupled and solved simultaneously by a Runge-Kutta integration routine. For this study the equations were modified to include terms involving the velocity normal to the wall and to allow the use of different skin friction relations. The details of this modification are given in the appendix.

The skin friction relation used in reference 3 is

\[
C_f = 0.246 \, e^{-1.561 \, H_i} \left( \frac{U_e \theta_i}{\nu_0} \right)^{-0.268} \frac{T_e \left( \frac{\mu}{\nu_0} \right)^{0.268}}{1} \tag{1}
\]

Using this solid-surface relation in a prediction method with suction will lead to inaccurate predictions of the boundary layer growth, as pointed out in reference 4. It is therefore necessary to use a skin friction equation that directly accounts for the velocity normal to the wall.

Three different relations of this type were tried. The first was from Thompson (ref. 4). It is based on a three-parameter family of velocity profiles, and is applicable to incompressible flows with small adverse pressure gradients. This relation is presented both graphically and as an analytic approximation by Krishnamurthy in reference 4. The analytic approximation was used in this study, and is of the form

\[
C_f = e^{AH+B} \tag{2}
\]

Letting \( z = \ln \, \text{Re}_t \), for \( v_w/u_e = 0 \) the values of \( A \) and \( B \) are given by

\[
A = 0.019521 - z[0.386768 - z(0.028345 - 0.0007017z)],
\]

\[
B = 0.191511 - z[0.834891 - z(0.062588 - 0.001953z)]
\]

For \( v_w/u_e = -0.005 \)

\[
A = 1.07085 - z[0.831747 - z(0.106843 - 0.004428z)],
\]

\[
B = -2.338049 + z[0.015834 - z(0.047968 - 0.003308z)]
\]
For \( v_w/u_e = -0.010 \)

\[
A = -1.00747 - e^{(10.97531 - 8.1080555 \ln z)}
\]

\[
B = 110.92 \ e^{-1.06z} - 2.94
\]

The value of \( C_f \) at a given \( v_w/u_e \) was found by linear interpolation or extrapolation using these values.

The other two skin friction relations that were used are based on incompressible flat plate data. Both depend on \( C_{fo} \), the value of the skin friction coefficient without bleed. One of these equations (ref. 5) is

\[
C_f = \frac{-1.62 \frac{\rho_w v_w}{\rho_e u_e}}{\left(1 - e^{-\left(\frac{1.62 \frac{\rho_w v_w}{C_{fo} \rho_e u_e}}{1}ight)}\right)}
\]

The other, from reference 6, is

\[
C_f = C_{fo} e^{-0.748 \frac{\rho_w v_w}{\rho_e u_e} \frac{1}{C_{fo}}}
\]

For these equations the value of \( C_{fo} \) was found by using the Sasman-Cresci method with equation (1).

The numerical method is that of McDonald and Fish (ref. 7). It is based on a mixing length turbulence model and uses a general implicit finite-difference scheme to solve the boundary layer equations. In reference 7 it is stated that the value of the outer layer normalized mixing length, \( l_\infty/\delta \), is allowed to vary in the streamwise direction for non-equilibrium boundary layers, requiring the use of the integral turbulence kinetic energy equation. For this investigation, however, \( l_\infty/\delta \) was set at a constant value of 0.09. A correction to the turbulence model for low Reynolds number flows, given in reference 8, was included in the analysis.

The numerical method requires starting velocity and temperature profiles. Several different techniques can be used to obtain these profiles. The experimental profiles can be used, if available, or they can be found by using the flat plate turbulent boundary layer profile family of Maise and McDonald (ref. 9). In addition, an "equilibrium" start
can be used in which an iteration upon the starting profiles is performed. This method tends to relax and improve a poor guess for the starting profiles, and was used for all cases in this study.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Zero Pressure Gradient

The zero pressure gradient data that were used are those of Simpson (ref. 10). These data were taken on a flat plate with a smooth porous surface of sintered bronze. The porous region was 45.7 centimeters wide and 244 centimeters long. A boundary layer trip was located 0.318 centimeter upstream of the start of the porous surface. Boundary layer profiles were measured along the plate centerline at various distances from the leading edge. Table I presents the free stream conditions and bleed rates for the Simpson cases used in this study. Some of the mass transfer rates are functions of x, the distance along the plate from the start of the porous region. The run numbers correspond to those of reference 10.

The zero pressure gradient bleed cases were analyzed using the integral method of reference 3 with four different skin friction laws. The starting values of displacement and momentum thickness were those that gave good agreement at the first experimental probe location for the zero mass transfer case (run 31067). The theoretical values of the skin friction coefficient for run 31067 were used for $C_{fo}$ in the correlations of references 5 and 6.

The results are shown in figure 1. The use of the solid-surface skin friction relation of reference 3 tended to overpredict the bleed effectiveness. The skin friction laws of references 5 and 6, based on flat plate data, gave somewhat better results, but the best results were obtained by using the curve fit to the skin friction law of reference 4. An exception was the high bleed case shown with an expanded scale in figure 1(b). Here the experimental momentum and displacement thicknesses were close to their laminar asymptotic values of 0.012 and 0.025 centimeters (ref. 11). This may indicate that the boundary layer flow is becoming laminar due to the large bleed rate. Under these conditions it is difficult to say which skin friction relation gave the best agreement. When the correlation of reference 5 was used for this case, the integral thicknesses went to zero because the bleed terms in the governing equations became dominant.

All 11 of the zero pressure gradient cases were analyzed using the numerical prediction technique. The starting value of displacement thickness for all cases was the same as that used with the integral method. The initial profiles were found from reference 9 as previously discussed.
Figure 2 compares theoretical and experimental values of skin friction coefficient, momentum thickness, and displacement thickness. The configurations with uniform blowing and bleed are presented in figures 2(a) and (b), those with variable mass transfer rates in figures 2(c) and (d), and those with step changes in the mass transfer rate in 2(e) and (f). The results for the no mass transfer case are shown on each plot as a reference. Excellent agreement was obtained for all configurations. Velocity profiles are presented in figure 3 for five of these cases. Again excellent agreement was obtained.

Nonzero Pressure Gradient

The adverse pressure gradient bleed data were taken on the flat part of the upper surface of a symmetrical airfoil by Thompson (ref. 12). The airfoil had a chord length of 81.2 centimeters and a circular leading edge of radius 8.25 centimeters. The suction surface itself was 54.6 centimeters long and made of a smooth porous plastic material. Boundary layer profiles were measured at seven stations along the airfoil, with the first just upstream of the start of the suction surface. In addition, static pressure taps were located along the surface to determine the external velocity distribution.

Five different boundary layers were analyzed, identified as layers B, D, F, G, and H in reference 12. Layers B and D were measured with the airfoil at an angle of attack of -6° for layer B and +5° for layer D. For layers F, G, and H, a leading edge section was attached, and the airfoil was used as a flap, at a flap angle of approximately 17°. Figure 4 shows the experimentally determined external velocity distributions and figure 5 the bleed flow distributions for the five cases that were studied. These experimental values were those used for the analysis.

The results of the integral analysis of reference 3 were compared with the adverse pressure gradient data. The experimental momentum and displacement thicknesses just upstream of the bleed region were used as starting values. The method was first used without bleed to determine the values of $C_{f0}$ for the skin friction correlations of references 5 and 6. The results are shown in figure 6. Note that layers F, G, and H appear close to separation without bleed.

Figure 7 compares the results of the integral method using the various skin friction relations with the adverse pressure gradient data. For all cases, the solid-surface skin friction relation overpredicts the effectiveness of the bleed, and to a greater degree than for the zero pressure gradient cases previously discussed. The relation of reference 4 generally gave very good agreement with the data. The correlations of references 5 and 6 gave poor results. This should be expected, since these correlations are based on zero pressure gradient data.
For layer B, the momentum and displacement thicknesses, shown on an expanded scale in figure 7(a), went to zero because of the high bleed rate when the skin friction laws of references 3 to 5 were used. The correlation of reference 6 gave too high a value for $C_f$, causing the method to blow up just downstream of the start of suction, and is not shown in figure 7(a). The correlations of references 5 and 6 both caused the method to eventually blow up for the remaining cases also.

For the numerical technique, the experimental velocity profile just upstream of the bleed region was used to start the calculations. The starting temperature profile was determined by assuming a Crocco temperature distribution. The equilibrium starting method was used, as previously discussed.

Figure 8 compares the results of the numerical technique with the experimental values of momentum and displacement thickness. The theoretical skin friction coefficient is also shown, but no experimental skin friction measurements were made. Good agreement was obtained for the three lower speed cases, layers B, D, and H. The agreement was not as good, however, for layers F and G. The same results were found for the velocity profiles, figure 9. There are several possible reasons for the disagreement found in layers F and G. Both of these cases involve a fairly strong adverse pressure gradient and a small bleed rate. There may be limitations in the mixing length model that was used in this study when applied under these conditions. Small errors in the experimental bleed rate may be important in an adverse pressure gradient. There was also a blockage effect due to the supporting structure beneath the porous surface that was not taken into account.

For a further evaluation of the numerical method of reference 7, two additional cases were considered, both involving injection in a pressure gradient. The data were taken by McQuaid (ref. 13) on a flat plate with a porous region 76.2 centimeters long. One of the cases, called pressure distribution I in reference 13, was for a slightly adverse pressure gradient. The other, pressure distribution II, was a favorable gradient. Boundary layer measurements were made with a pitot pressure probe at various stations along the plate. Static pressure taps were used to determine the streamwise velocity distributions.

These velocity distributions, along with the experimental injection rates, were used as input for the analysis. The values of the velocity were all of the order of 15 meters per second. The local injection rate $v_w/u_e$ was around 0.002 for pressure distribution I and 0.008 for pressure distribution II. The calculations were started at the first probe location by using the experimental displacement thickness. The boundary layer profiles were found by the method of reference 9, as previously discussed.

Figure 10 presents the theoretical and experimental values of momentum and displacement thickness for both pressure distributions. The predicted skin friction coefficient is also shown. The velocity profiles are given in figure 11. Excellent agreement was obtained for both cases.
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Comparisons of analysis and data have been made for turbulent boundary layers with suction and blowing normal to the wall. Two different prediction methods were used. In addition, three different porous wall skin friction relations were used with an integral method for comparisons with the suction cases. Results of a numerical technique are also presented. The data were for incompressible, two-dimensional flow with several different mass transfer rates and distributions. Pressure gradient effects were present in some of the data. Comparisons were made of theoretical and experimental skin friction coefficients, displacement and momentum thicknesses, and velocity profiles.

The results of the investigation can be summarized as follows:

1. In the zero pressure gradient cases, the integral theory gave better agreement with data when the porous wall skin friction relations were used in place of the solid-surface relation. One of the porous wall equations, intended for use in zero and mild pressure gradients, was consistently better than the others.

2. For the cases with pressure gradient, the two porous wall skin friction laws based on flat plate flows gave poor agreement with data. The third, applicable to cases with mild pressure gradient, gave good agreement for the low speed cases with high bleed rates, but slightly underestimated the displacement thickness for the cases with lower bleed rates.

3. The numerical technique gave excellent agreement with data for all the zero pressure gradient cases considered. Good agreement was also obtained for the four low speed adverse pressure gradient cases. The velocity profile predictions, however, were not as good for the two more severe pressure gradient cases.

In order to apply theory to boundary layers across bleed regions in supersonic inlets, more experimental work needs to be done in compressible flow and in adverse pressure gradients. Skin friction data is needed in addition to velocity profiles. Detailed measurements of the bleed mass flow distribution are also required.

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For steady, compressible, turbulent flow the time averaged boundary layer equations are

\[
\frac{\partial (\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{j \rho u}{R} \frac{dR}{dx} = 0 \quad (A1)
\]

\[
\rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \rho v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} \quad (A2)
\]

where \( j = 0 \) for two-dimensional flow and 1 for axisymmetric flow.

These equations are transformed using the method of reference 3, given by

\[
X = \int_{0}^{X} \left( \frac{T_0}{T} \right) \left( \frac{T_e}{T_0} \right)^{(\gamma+1)/2(\gamma-1)} \, dx \quad (A3)
\]

and

\[
Y = \left( \frac{T_e}{T_0} \right)^{1/2} \int_{0}^{y} \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \, dy \quad (A4)
\]

where

\[
\frac{\bar{T}}{T_0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{T_w}{T_0} + 0.22 \text{Pr}^{1/3} + \left( 0.5 - 0.22 \text{Pr}^{1/3} \right) \frac{T_e}{T_0} \quad (A5)
\]

The continuity equation (A1) becomes

\[
\frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} + \frac{j}{R} \frac{dR}{dx} = 0 \quad (A6)
\]

and the momentum equation (A2) transforms to

\[
U \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} = h_s \frac{h}{h_0} \frac{dU}{dx} + \frac{1}{\rho_e T_e} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial Y} \quad (A7)
\]
Using equations (A6) and (A7) and following the procedure outlined in references 14 and 15, but without setting \( V_w = 0 \), gives the transformed momentum integral equation

\[
\frac{d\theta_i}{dX} + \frac{\theta_i}{U_e} \frac{dU_e}{dX} \left[ 2 + H_1 + \frac{1}{\theta_i} \int_0^\Delta \left( \frac{h_s}{h_0} - 1 \right) dy \right] + j \frac{\theta_i}{R} \frac{dR}{dX} - \frac{V_w}{U_e} = \frac{T_0}{T_e} \frac{T}{T_0} \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_e U_e^2} \tag{A8}
\]

and the transformed moment-of-momentum integral equation

\[
\frac{dH_i}{dX} = - \frac{1}{U_e} \frac{dU_e}{dX} \left[ \frac{H_i (H_i + 1)^2 (H_1 - 1)}{2} \right].
\]

\[
\left[ 1 + \frac{2}{\theta_i} \frac{H_i}{H_1 + 1} \int_0^\Delta \left( \frac{h_s}{h_0} - 1 \right) dy - \frac{2(H_i - 1)}{H_i^2 (H_i + 1) \theta_i^2} \int_0^\Delta \left( \frac{h_s}{h_0} - 1 \right) Y dY \right]
\]

\[
+ \frac{H_i (H_i^2 - 1)}{\theta_i} \frac{T_0}{T_e} \frac{T}{T_0} \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_e U_e^2} - \frac{(H_i^2 - 1) (H_i + 1)}{\theta_i} \frac{T_0}{T_e} \frac{T}{T_0} \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_e U_e^2} \int_0^1 \frac{\tau}{\tau_w} \left( Y \right) dY + \frac{(H_i^2 - 1) V_w}{U_e}
\tag{A9}
\]

Now following reference 3, these become

\[
\frac{d\theta_i}{dx} = - \frac{\theta_i}{M_e} \frac{dM_e}{dx} \left( 2 + \frac{T_w}{T_0} H_i \right) - j \frac{\theta_i}{R} \frac{dR}{dx} + \left[ \frac{\rho_e T_0}{P_0} \frac{T_e}{T_0} \right]^{1/2} \frac{V_w}{u_e} + \left( \frac{T_e}{T_0} \right)^{(\gamma + 1)/2(\gamma - 1)} C_f
\tag{A10}
\]

and
\[
\frac{dH_i}{dx} = - \frac{1}{2M_e} \frac{dM_e}{dx} \left[ H_i(H_i + 1)^2(H_i - 1) \right] \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{T_w}{T_0} - 1 \right) \frac{H_i^2 + 4H_i - 1}{(H_i + 1)(H_i + 3)} \right] 
\]

\[
- \frac{0.011}{\theta_i} (H_i + 1)(H_i^2 - 1) \left( \frac{H_i - 1}{H_i} \right)^2 \frac{T_0}{T} \left( \frac{T_e}{T_0} \right)^{(\gamma+1)/2(\gamma-1)} 
\]

\[
+ \frac{(H_i^2 - 1)H_i}{\theta_i} \left( \frac{T_e}{T_0} \right)^{(\gamma+1)/2(\gamma-1)} \frac{C_f}{2} + \frac{H_i - 1}{\theta_i} \frac{p_e}{p_0} \frac{T_0}{T_w} \left( \frac{T_e}{T_0} \right)^{1/2} \frac{v_w}{u_e} 
\]

These equations are in a slightly different form than those of reference 3. The momentum integral equation has been left in terms of \( \theta_i \), and \( h_w/h_0 \) has been replaced by \( T_w/T_0 \). The skin friction coefficient appears explicitly in equations (A7) and (A8), allowing the use of different equations for \( C_f \) when \( v_w \) is nonzero. The relation between \( v_w \) and \( V_w \) is given by

\[
\frac{V_w}{U_e} = \frac{T}{T_e T_w u_e} \frac{v_w}{T_0} 
\]
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Figure 1. - Effect of skin friction law on turbulent boundary layer analysis for Simpson flat plate.

(a) Run 21067; $v_w/u_e = -0.0012$

(b) Run 2867; $v_w/u_e = -0.0046$
(c) Run 12467; $v_w/u_p = -0.056 \cdot \text{Re}_x^{-1/5} / u_p$

(d) Run 62367; step in suction rate at $x = 92$ centimeters from $v_w/u_p = -0.0024$ to 0.0

Figure 1. - Concluded.
Figure 2. - Theoretical and experimental results for Simpson flat plate.

(a) For uniform blowing.

(b) For uniform suction.
Theory Data Run C
(ref. 7) (ref. 10)

- - - - 31067 0.0
- - - - 12467 -.056
- - - - 3867 .101

(c) For $v_{w}/u_e = C Re_x^{1/2}/u_e$

(d) For $v_{w}/u_e = Cx.$

Figure 2. - Continued.
Figure 2 - Concluded.

(e) For step in blowing at x = 92 centimeters.

(f) For step in suction at x = 92 centimeters.
(a) Without suction or blowing; run 31067.
(b) With $v_{w}/u_e = 0.0038$; run 122056.
(c) With $v_{w}/u_e = -0.0013$; run 21067.
(d) With blowing step at $x = 92$ centimeters from $v_{w}/u_e = 0.0$ to $v_{w}/u_e = 0.0039$; run 5167.
(e) With suction step at $x = 92$ centimeters from $v_{w}/u_e = -0.0024$ to $v_{w}/u_e = 0.0$; run 62367.

Figure 3. - Theoretical and experimental velocity profiles for Simpson flat plates.
Figure 4. - Velocity distribution for Thompson airfoil (ref. 12).

Figure 5. - Bleed distribution for Thompson airfoil (ref. 12).
Figure 6. - Theoretical skin friction coefficients on Thompson airfoil without bleed (ref. 3).

Figure 7. - Effect of skin friction law on turbulent boundary layer analysis for Thompson airfoil.
Figure 7. - Continued.
Figure 7. - Concluded.
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Figure 11. Theoretical and experimental velocity profiles for McCuaig pressure distributions I and II.

Figure 12. Theoretical and experimental results for McCuaig pressure distributions I and II.
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