

Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow Analysis

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Cases of application – flow in slender geometries

Flow in slender geometries (boundary layers, pipe flows, liquid jets in a gas, thin films) may be conveniently analysed as quasi-one-dimensional

Boundary layers





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Three case studies

We look at three cases, using two different methods

1. Boundary-layer flow (near-wall external flow)

2. Flow through slender ducts (blood vessels, pipes, tunnels)

3. Free liquid jets (drop and spray formation, ink-jet printing)







Plane boundary layer – problem statement in 2D

Flow is governed by the 2D equations of motion in boundary-layer form We assume steady state, large Froude number, incompressible Newtonian fluid Formulation in Cartesian coordinates

Mass balance

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$



Boundary conditions

= constant

 $y = 0: \ u = v = 0$ $y \to \infty: u = U(x), p + \frac{\rho U^2(x)}{2}$

Balance of linear momentum in boundary-layer form

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) \equiv \rho\left(\frac{\partial uu}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial uv}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{dp}{dx} + \mu\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$
$$0 \approx -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$$





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Boundary layer – quasi-one-dimensional mass balance

Quasi-one-dimensional form of mass balance is obtained by integration over the boundary-layer thickness. For thin films this is called "depth averaging". U(x)

Mass balance

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \qquad \qquad \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} dy$$
$$\int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy + \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy = 0$$







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Boundary layer – quasi-one-dimensional mass balance

For further developing the quasi-one-dimensional form of the mass balance

$$\int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy + \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy = 0$$



it is the intention to exchange integration and differentiation $\partial/\partial x$ to achieve a statement about spatial change of a volume flux in the flow direction. For this we apply the Leibniz rule for derivatives of definite integrals:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} F(x,y) \, dy = \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{\partial F(x,y)}{\partial x} \, dy + \frac{d\delta(x)}{dx} F(x,\delta(x)) - \frac{d0}{dx} F(x,0)$$





Boundary layer – quasi-one-dimensional mass balance

Applying the Leibniz rule turns the quasi-one-dimensional mass balance into

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} u dy - u \Big|_{y=\delta(x)} \frac{d\delta(x)}{dx} + v \Big|_{y=\delta(x)} = 0$$

This means that

$$-u\Big|_{y=\delta(x)}\frac{d\delta(x)}{dx}+v\Big|_{y=\delta(x)}=-\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)}udy$$



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Bound lay – quasi-one-dimensional x momentum balance

Quasi-one-dimensional form of x momentum balance is obtained by integration over the boundary-layer thickness

Balance of linear x momentum in boundary-layer form

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) \equiv \rho\left(\frac{\partial uu}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial uv}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{dp}{dx} + \mu\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\rho \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{\partial uu}{\partial x} dy + \rho \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{\partial uv}{\partial y} dy = -\int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{dp}{dx} dy + \mu \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} dy$$









u(x,y)

X

U(x)

 $\delta(\mathbf{x})$

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Bound lay – quasi-one-dimensional x momentum balance

Since the flow outside the boundary layer is potential, i.e. irrotational, i.e. inviscid, Bernoulli's equation states that

$$p + \rho \frac{U^2(x)}{2} = \text{constant}; \text{ therefore } -\frac{dp}{dx} = \rho U \frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} uudy - \rho uu \Big|_{y=\delta(x)} \frac{d\delta(x)}{dx} + \rho uv \Big|_{y=\delta(x)} = \rho \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} U \frac{dU}{dx} dy - \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$$

Using the mass balance, we obtain furthermore

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} u u dy - \rho \underbrace{u \Big|_{\substack{y=\delta(x)\\ \equiv U(x)}}}_{\equiv U(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} u dy = \rho \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} U \frac{dU}{dx} dy - \tau_w$$





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Bound lay – quasi-one-dimensional x momentum balance

This equation ...

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} uudy - \rho \underbrace{u}_{y=\delta(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} udy = \rho \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} U \frac{dU}{dx} dy - \tau_w$$



... we further develop into

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} uudy - \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} uUdy + \rho \frac{dU}{dx} \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} udy = \rho \int_{y=0}^{\delta(x)} U \frac{dU}{dx} dy - \tau_w$$





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Bound lay – quasi-one-dimensional x momentum balance

In the formulation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(U^2\delta_2) + U\frac{dU}{dx}\delta_1 = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho}$$



... this is called the integral momentum balance of the boundary layer. Displacement and momentum loss thicknesses, δ_1 and δ_2 , usually defined with integration to ∞ .

Frequently used for flow analysis with the *Pohlhausen method*: Represent the velocity profile u/U(x) by a polynomial, defining $\tilde{\eta} = y/\delta(x)$ Polynomial must satisfy boundary conditions. Example: boundary-layer flow along a flat plate, $\rightarrow U(x) = U_{\infty} = \text{constant}$

$$\frac{u}{U}(\tilde{\eta}) = 2\tilde{\eta} - \tilde{\eta}^2 \qquad \delta_2(x) = \frac{2}{15}\delta(x) \quad \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} = 2\frac{\nu U_\infty}{\delta(x)} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(U_\infty^2 \delta(x) \frac{2}{15}\right) = 2\frac{\nu U_\infty}{\delta(x)}\right]$$





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Bound lay – quasi-one-dimensional x momentum balance

This yields the boundary-layer thickness

$$\delta(x) = \sqrt{30} \sqrt{\nu x/U_{\infty}} \approx 5.477 \sqrt{\nu x/U_{\infty}}$$

... which compares favorably to the exact Blasius solution based on self-similarity of the flow, which reads



 $\delta(x) = 5\sqrt{\nu x/U_{\infty}}$

..., but with the agreement that $y = \delta(x)$ where $u/U_{\infty} = 0.99$.

Taking u/U_{∞} closer to unity ($u/U_{\infty} = 0.996$) yields from the Blasius solution

 $\delta(x) = 5.4 \sqrt{\nu x/U_{\infty}}$ little deviation, good agreement





Flow through a slender duct – problem statement in 3D

We assume axissymmetry, no swirl, large Froude number Pipe wall may be flexible Formulation in cylindrical coordinates (r, ϕ, z)

Mass balance

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$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho r u_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho u_z) = 0$$

Balance of linear z momentum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho u_z) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho r u_r u_z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho u_z u_z) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\tau_{rz}) + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z}$$

(balances of r and ϕ momentum become trivial)









Kinematic boundary condition

This problem is solved subject to boundary conditions.

Kinematic boundary condition emerges from material duct surface

$$F(t,r,z) = r - r_s(t,z)$$

The material surface implies that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \left(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}F\right) = 0$$

so that at the surface we have

$$-\frac{\partial r_s}{\partial t} + \left[u_r \frac{\partial F}{\partial r} + u_z \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right] \Big|_{r=r_s} = -\frac{\partial r_s}{\partial t} + \left[u_r - u_z \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} \right] \Big|_{r=r_s} = 0$$

For rigid pipe walls, this is replaced by the no-slip condition



Figure: Zhao et al. Thin-walled structures (2021)





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Duct flow – quasi-one-dimensional mass balance

Quasi-one-dimensional form of mass balance is obtained by integration over the duct cross section



where we intentionally leave the factors 2π and the density ρ for the moment, although they are constants that may drop out

Figure: Zhao et al. Thin-walled structures (2021)



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Duct flow – quasi-one-dimensional mass balance

It is the intention to exchange integration and differentiation, where appropriate. For this apply the Leibniz rule for deriving definite integrals.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} F(z,r) dr = \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} \frac{\partial F(z,r)}{\partial z} dr + \frac{\partial r_s(t,z)}{\partial z} F(z,r_s(z)) - \frac{\partial 0}{\partial z} F(z,0)$$

Applying this rule, we obtain the following form of the mass balance

$$2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} \rho r dr - 2\pi \rho r_s \frac{\partial r_s(t,z)}{\partial t} + 2\pi \rho r_s u_r \Big|_{r=r_s(t,z)} + 2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} \rho u_z r dr - 2\pi \rho r_s \frac{\partial r_s(t,z)}{\partial z} u_z \Big|_{r=r_s(t,z)} = 0$$

The three terms without "integral" are the left-hand side of the kinematic boundary condition, times $2\pi\rho r_s$, so that they cancel from the equation.



Quasi-one-dimensional flow analysis



 $2r_s(t,z)$

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Duct flow – quasi-one-dimensional mass balance

Applying this boundary condition, the following terms are left from the integrated mass balance.

$$2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} \rho r dr + 2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} \rho u_z r dr = 0$$

They may be further developed into



Quasi-one-dimensional mass balance for the flow of a compressible fluid through a flexible duct, mass flux $\rho \bar{u}_z$

The equation states that a change of liquid mass flow rate $\rho \bar{u}_z A$ with the *z* coordinate along the duct, in case of an incompressible fluid, is possible only if the duct cross section can vary in time (e.g., elastic walls)





¹⁸ Duct flow – quasi-one-dimensional z momentum balance

Quasi-one-dimensional form of z momentum balance is obtained by integration over the jet cross section

We keep the factor 2π , although it is a constant that eventually drops out



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Duct flow – quasi-one-dimensional z momentum balance

Again, applying the Leibniz rule, we exchange differentiation and integration to obtain

$$2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} \rho u_z r dr - 2\pi \rho u_z \Big|_{r=r_s} r_s \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial t} + 2\pi \rho r_s \left(u_r u_z \right) \Big|_{r=r_s} - 0 + 2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} \left(\rho u_z u_z \right) r dr - 2\pi \rho r_s \left(u_z u_z \right) \Big|_{r=r_s} \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} = -2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} p r dr + 2\pi r_s p \Big|_{r=r_s} \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} + 2\pi r_s \tau_{rz} \Big|_{r=r_s} + 2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \int_{r=0}^{r_s(t,z)} \tau_{zz} r dr - 2\pi r_s \tau_{zz} \Big|_{r=r_s} \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z}$$

The three terms on the left-hand side without "integral" cancel because of the kinematic boundary condition (but also due to the no-slip condition at the wall).



Quasi-one-dimensional flow analysis

Duct flow – quasi-one-dimensional z momentum balance

We develop this equation further into

$$\frac{\partial \rho \bar{u}_z A}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho \bar{u}_z^2 A}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \bar{p} A}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \bar{\tau}_{zz} A}{\partial z} - 2\pi r_s \left[\left(-p \Big|_{r=r_s} + \tau_{zz} \Big|_{r=r_s} \right) \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} - \tau_{rz} \Big|_{r=r_s} \right]$$

Since $\tau_{zz} = 0$ at the wall, the right-hand side simplifies to the form

$$\frac{\partial \rho \bar{u}_z A}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho \bar{u}_z^2 A}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \bar{p} A}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \bar{\tau}_{zz} A}{\partial z} + 2\pi r_s p \Big|_{r=r_s} \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} + 2\pi r_s \tau_{rz} \Big|_{r=r_s}$$

Model for viscous stresses: Newtonian

 \rightarrow Relationship between stress and rate of deformation

$$\bar{\tau}_{zz} = 2\mu \frac{\partial \bar{u}_z}{\partial z}$$
 $\tau_{rz}\Big|_{r=r_s} \equiv \tau_w = \frac{\lambda(Re, k_s/r_s)}{8}\rho \bar{u}_z^2$

Assuming the cross section $\pi r_s^2(z)$ to be known, a system of two quasi-onedimensional equations for the unknowns $\bar{u}_z(z,t)$ and $\bar{p}(z,t)$ results





 $2r_s(t,z)$

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Special case of quasi-one-dimensional duct flow

The quasi-one-dimensional equations Continuity equation

 $\frac{\partial \rho A}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho \bar{u}_z A}{\partial z} = 0 \qquad \text{and} \qquad$

Balance of the z momentum

$$\frac{\partial \rho \bar{u}_z A}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho \bar{u}_z^2 A}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \bar{p} A}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \bar{\tau}_{zz} A}{\partial z} + 2\pi r_s p \Big|_{r=r_s} \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} + 2\pi r_s \tau_{rz} \Big|_{r=r_s}$$

Two equations in the two unknowns $\bar{p}(z,t)$ and $\bar{u}_z(z,t)$, i.e. pressure and cross-sectional mean of the z velocity.

For variable r_s due to wall elasticity, additional material law needed

For steady, incompressible flow through a cylindrical duct (pipe), eqs. reduce to

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_z}{\partial z} = 0 \text{ and } \left[0 = -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial z} + \frac{2}{r_s} \tau_{rz} \right|_{r=r_s} \text{, the latter better known as } \left[\tau_{rz} \right|_{r=r_s} \equiv \tau_w = \frac{\partial \bar{p} r_s}{\partial z 2}$$





Liquid jet in vacuum – problem statement in 3D

Flow is governed by the equations of motion We assume axissymmetry, no swirl, large Froude number Formulation in cylindrical coordinates (r, ϕ, z) , surface shape $r_s(t, z)$

Mass balance

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho r u_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho u_z) = 0$$

Balance of linear r momentum

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial t} + u_r\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} + u_z\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z}\right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\tau_{rr}) - \frac{\tau_{\phi\phi}}{r} + \frac{\partial\tau_{rz}}{\partial z}$$

Balance of linear z momentum

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} + u_z \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \tau_{rz}) + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z}$$

Rutland & Jameson JFM 1971



IISW Boundary conditions for the jet – kinematic

Kinematic boundary condition emerges from material jet surface

$$F(t,r,z) = r - r_s(t,z)$$

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The material surface implies that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \left(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} F \right) = 0$$

so that at the surface we have

$$-\frac{\partial r_s}{\partial t} + \left[u_r \frac{\partial F}{\partial r} + u_z \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right] \Big|_{r=r_s} = -\frac{\partial r_s}{\partial t} + \left[u_r - u_z \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} \right] \Big|_{r=r_s} = 0$$



Boundary conditions for the jet – dynamic

Dynamic boundary conditions for the jet surface

- No shear stress on the jet surface, since the jet moves in a vacuum $(\tau \cdot \vec{n}) \times \vec{n} = \vec{0}$ This reduces to $\tau_{rz} \left[1 \left(\frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z}\right)^2 \right] = (\tau_{zz} \tau_{rr}) \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z}$ at $r = r_s$
- Normal stress on the jet surface "inside" differs from "outside" by capillary stress; stress outside neglected (vacuum)

$$-p + (\tau \cdot \vec{n}) \cdot \vec{n} + \sigma \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{n} \right) = 0 \text{ This becomes } -p + \frac{\tau_{rr} - 2\tau_{rz} \partial r_s / \partial z + \tau_{zz} (\partial r_s / \partial z)^2}{1 + (\partial r_s / \partial z)^2} + \sigma \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{n} \right) = 0$$

(viscous stress tensor τ , outward pointing normal-unit vector \vec{n} , at $r = r_s$ pressure p, surface tension σ , surface curvature $(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{n})$)

where
$$(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{n}) = \frac{1}{r_s} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\partial r_s / \partial z)^2}} - \frac{\partial^2 r_s / \partial z^2}{\sqrt{1 + (\partial r_s / \partial z)^2}}$$
, since $\vec{n} = \frac{1}{|\vec{\nabla}F|} \vec{\nabla}F$ with F from slide 23



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Expansion in power series for radial coordinate

<u>Idea</u>: Jet is slender, dimensions in radial direction much smaller than in axial direction. Therefore expand velocities and pressure in a power series with respect to the radial coordinate.

For symmetry reasons we set

Quasi-one-dimensional flow analysis

$$u_z(t,r,z) = u_0(t,z) + u_2(t,z) r^2 + \cdots$$

From continuity equation it follows that

$$u_r(t,r,z) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u_0(t,z)}{\partial z} r - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial u_2(t,z)}{\partial z} r^3 - \cdots$$

Furthermore

$$p(t,r,z) = p_0(t,z) + p_2(t,z) r^2 + \cdots$$

Eggers & Dupont, 1994



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Quasi-one-dimensional equations

Introducing expansions into r momentum equation, the equation is identically satisfied at lowest order in r.

Introduce expansions into z momentum equation and boundary conditions, z momentum balance becomes at lowest order in r

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p_0}{\partial z} + \mu \left(4u_2 + \frac{\partial^2 u_0}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (*)$$

Boundary condition for normal stress becomes at lowest order in r (since $\partial r_s / \partial z$ is O(r))

$$-p_0 - \mu \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial z} + \sigma \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{n} \right) = 0$$

and boundary condition for shear stress becomes at lowest order in r

$$-\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial z}\frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} + 2u_2r_s - \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 u_0}{\partial z^2}r_s - 2\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial z}\frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} = 0$$

Eggers & Dupont, 1994



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Quasi-one-dimensional equation

Eliminate p_0 and u_2 from z momentum balance (*) by boundary conditions to obtain

$$\rho r_s^2 \left(\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial z} \right) = 3\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial z} r_s^2 \right) - \sigma r_s^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{n} \right)$$

The jet surface curvature was given on slide 24 as

$$\left(\vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{n}\right) = \frac{1}{r_s} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\partial r_s/\partial z)^2}} - \frac{\partial^2 r_s/\partial z^2}{\sqrt{1 + (\partial r_s/\partial z)^2}}$$

Furthermore, the kinematic boundary condition reads to lowest order in \boldsymbol{r}

$$\frac{\partial r_s}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial z} r_s = 0$$

These are two equations in the two unknowns $u_0(z,t)$ and $r_s(z,t)$





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Perturbation approach for stability analysis

Quasi-one-dimensional equations re-written using a perturbation formulation of r_s and u_0 , assuming temporal instability as per, e.g.,

 $r_s(z,t) = r_{s0}(1 + \epsilon A_0 e^{-\alpha t + i\tilde{k}z})$ (real wave number $\tilde{k} = 2\pi/\lambda$, complex rate factor α) yield the dispersion relation

$$\alpha^2 - \frac{3\mu}{\rho r_{s0}^2} k^2 \alpha - \frac{\sigma}{2\rho r_{s0}^3} k^2 (1 - k^2) = 0$$
 Yarin 1993

for the jet, representing a relationship $\alpha = f(k)$ between growth rate and wave number $k = 2\pi r_{s0}/\lambda$ of the disturbance (wavelength λ).

Wavenumber at maximum disturbance growth rate inviscid

- from exact analysis (Rayleigh 1878): at $k_{opt} = 0.691$
- from quasi-one-dimensional analysis: at $k_{opt} = 0.707 (\Delta = 2.3\%)$



Predicted real parts of the rate factor α for $Oh \equiv \mu/(\sigma r_{s0}\rho)^{1/2} = 0.03$

Goedde &

Yuen, 1970



González &

García, 2009



Summary

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- Slender flow fields (in boundary layers, slender ducts, thin films, free jets) may be analysed solving quasi-one-dimensional equations of motion
- Quasi-one-dimensional equations may be derived by
 - integration over flow cross section, or by
 - series expansion w.r.t. coordinate transverse to the flow direction
- In boundary-layer flow, boundary layer thickness may be well represented by the quasi-one-dimensional approach
- In duct flow, the quasi-one-dimensional equations represent balances of crosssectional mean variables and rates of throughput through the cross-sections
- In free-surface flow (free jets and films on substrates), the equations represent remarkably well the transport processes (not discussed here) and flow stability properties
- The concept of quasi-one-dimensional analysis can be applied to the energy equation also which was not presented here for time constraints





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