

# UNSTEADY LOCAL SCALING TRANSFORMATION

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$$\eta = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad s = \nu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad u_e = u_e(x, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial t} + u_e \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial s}{\partial \eta}$$

Coordinate transformation:  $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (\xi, \eta, \tau)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \xi &= x \\ \eta &= y/\Delta(x, t) \\ \tau &= t \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\eta}{\Delta} \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\eta}{\Delta} \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$$

Variable transformation:  $(\psi, u, s, u_e) \rightarrow (F, U, S, u_e)$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\xi}{\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \xi} F \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\xi}{u_e} \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial \xi} (1 - U) \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta}$$

$$+ \eta \frac{\xi}{\eta} \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\xi}{u_e^2} \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial \tau} (1 - U) = \xi \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{u_e} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \tau} \right]$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \psi &= \eta F \\ u &= u_e U \\ s &= \frac{\Delta}{\xi} u_e^2 S \\ (\eta &\equiv u_e \Delta) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

IC's ( $\tau = 0^+$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} F(\xi, \eta, 0^+) &= F_0(\xi, \eta) \\ U(\xi, \eta, 0^+) &= U_0(\xi, \eta) \\ S(\xi, \eta, 0^+) &= S_0(\xi, \eta) \end{aligned}$$


BC's ( $\tau > 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} F(\xi, 0, \tau) &= 0 & u_e(\xi, \tau) & \text{specified} \\ U(\xi, 0, \tau) &= 0 & \Delta(\xi, \tau) & \text{arbitrary} \\ U(\xi, \eta_e, \tau) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

IMPULSIVE START:  $\tau$  small,  $u_e(\xi, 0^+)$  finite  
 $\Rightarrow$  choose  $\Delta = \sqrt{\nu \tau}$

Equations reduce to  $\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{\eta}{2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} = 0$

$\Rightarrow U = \text{erf}\left(\frac{\eta}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$



Rayleigh problem!  
 (except that freestream is started & wall is fixed)

Flow is initially potential (no separation). Viscous effects restricted to region within  $y \sim \sqrt{\nu t}$  no matter what  $u_e(\xi, t=0^+)$  is!

SIMILARITY VARIABLE DERIVATION

Ref: Cebeci &amp; Bradshaw 86-90

Seek: TSL variable transformations  $(x, y, u, v, u_e) \rightarrow (\xi, \eta, \hat{f}, \hat{g}, \hat{u}_e)$  of the form:

$$\xi = x \quad \eta = \frac{y}{x^\alpha} \quad \hat{f} = \frac{u}{x^{\alpha_3}} \quad \hat{g} = \frac{v}{x^{\alpha_4}} \quad \hat{u}_e = \frac{u_e}{x^{\alpha_5}}$$

such that  $\xi$ -dependence in the transformed TSL equations drops out.  
Using the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \alpha \frac{\eta}{\xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} = \frac{1}{\xi^\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{\xi^{2\alpha}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2}$$

Continuity:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \alpha_3 \xi^{\alpha_3-1} \hat{f} + \xi^{\alpha_3} \left[ \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi} - \alpha \frac{\eta}{\xi} \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \eta} \right] + \xi^{\alpha_4-\alpha} \frac{\partial \hat{g}}{\partial \eta} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \xi^{\alpha_3-1} \left\{ \alpha_3 \hat{f} + \xi \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi} - \alpha \eta \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \eta} \right\} + \xi^{\alpha_4-\alpha} \left\{ \frac{\partial \hat{g}}{\partial \eta} \right\} = 0$$

If this equation is to be independent of  $\xi$ , we must have

$$\alpha_3 - 1 = \alpha_4 - \alpha \quad (1)$$

x-Momentum

$$\begin{aligned} u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - u_e \frac{du_e}{dx} - \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= x^{\alpha_3} \hat{f} \left[ \alpha_3 \xi^{\alpha_3-1} \hat{f} + \xi^{\alpha_3} \left[ \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi} - \alpha \frac{\eta}{\xi} \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \eta} \right] \right] \\ &+ \xi^{\alpha_4-\alpha} \hat{g} \left[ \xi^{\alpha_3-\alpha} \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \eta} \right] - \xi^{\alpha_5} \hat{u}_e \left[ \alpha_5 \xi^{\alpha_5-1} \hat{u}_e + \xi^{\alpha_5} \frac{d\hat{u}_e}{d\xi} \right] - \nu \xi^{\alpha_3-2\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{f}}{\partial \eta^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } \xi^{2\alpha_3-1} \left\{ \hat{f} \left[ \alpha_3 \hat{f} + \xi \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi} - \alpha \eta \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \eta} \right] \right\} &+ \xi^{\alpha_4+\alpha_3-\alpha} \left\{ \hat{g} \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \eta} \right\} \\ - \xi^{2\alpha_5-1} \left\{ \hat{u}_e \left[ \alpha_5 \hat{u}_e + \xi \frac{d\hat{u}_e}{d\xi} \right] \right\} &- \xi^{\alpha_3-2\alpha} \left\{ \nu \frac{\partial^2 \hat{f}}{\partial \eta^2} \right\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we must have  $2\alpha_3 - 1 = \alpha_4 + \alpha_3 - \alpha = 2\alpha_5 - 1 = \alpha_3 - 2\alpha$  (2)

Also,  $\hat{u}_e$  must be constant  $\rightarrow u_e \sim x^m$ ,  $m = 1 - 2\alpha$

Solution to (1) + (2) is  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_5 = 1 - 2\alpha = m$ ,  $\alpha_4 = -\alpha = \frac{m-1}{2}$

$$\text{Hence, } \eta = \frac{y}{x^{\frac{1-m}{2}}} \quad \hat{f} = \frac{u}{x^m} \quad \hat{g} = \frac{v}{x^{\frac{m-1}{2}}} \quad \hat{u}_e = \frac{u_e}{x^m}$$

First transform  $(x, y) \Rightarrow (\xi, \eta)$ :

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta}$$

$$\frac{\tau}{\rho} = v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Rightarrow \frac{\tau}{\rho} = \frac{v}{\Delta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = u_e \frac{du_e}{dx} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\tau}{\rho} \right) \Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \right) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} - \frac{v}{\Delta} \frac{da}{d\xi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \right) - \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} - \frac{v}{\Delta} \frac{da}{d\xi} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \right) = u_e \frac{du_e}{d\xi} + \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\tau}{\rho} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = u_e \frac{du_e}{d\xi} \Delta + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\tau}{\rho} \right)$$

Now substitute  $(\psi, u, \frac{\tau}{\rho})$  in terms of  $(F, U, S)$ : note:  $u_e^+(\xi)$  only,  $n^+(\xi)$  only, etc.

$$u = \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \Rightarrow u_e^- + U(u_e^+ - u_e^-) = \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[ n^- + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta} (n^+ - n^-) \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{U = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta}}$$

$$\frac{\tau}{\rho} = \frac{v}{\Delta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{\xi} (u_e^+ - u_e^-)^2 S = \frac{v}{\Delta} (u_e^+ - u_e^-) \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} \Rightarrow \boxed{S = \frac{v \xi (u_e^+ - u_e^-)}{(n^+ - n^-)^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = u_e \frac{du_e}{d\xi} \Delta + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\tau}{\rho} \right) \Rightarrow \left[ n^- + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta} (n^+ - n^-) \right] \left[ \frac{du_e^-}{d\xi} + U \frac{d}{d\xi} (u_e^+ - u_e^-) + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi} (u_e^+ - u_e^-) \right]$$

$$- \left[ \frac{dn^-}{d\xi} + F \frac{d}{d\xi} (n^+ - n^-) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi} (n^+ - n^-) \right] \left[ \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} (u_e^+ - u_e^-) \right] = u_e^- \frac{du_e^-}{d\xi} \Delta + \frac{\Delta}{\xi} (u_e^+ - u_e^-)^2 \frac{\partial S}{\partial \eta}$$

Multi. through by  $\frac{\xi}{(u_e^+ - u_e^-)(n^+ - n^-)}$ :

$$\frac{n^-}{n^+ - n^-} \frac{\xi}{u_e^+ - u_e^-} \frac{du_e^-}{d\xi} + \beta_u \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta} U + \xi \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\xi}{n^+ - n^-} \frac{dn^-}{d\xi} - \beta_n F \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} - \xi \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta}$$

$$= \frac{u_e^- \Delta}{n^+ - n^-} \frac{\xi}{u_e^+ - u_e^-} \frac{du_e^-}{d\xi} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial \eta}$$

$$\text{Finally: } \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial S}{\partial \eta} + \beta_n F \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} - \beta_u \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta} U - \frac{\xi}{n^+ - n^-} \frac{dn^-}{d\xi} = \xi \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} \right)}$$

where:  
 $\beta_u = \frac{\xi}{u_e^+ - u_e^-} \frac{d}{d\xi} (u_e^+ - u_e^-)$   
 $\beta_n = \frac{\xi}{n^+ - n^-} \frac{d}{d\xi} (n^+ - n^-)$

For similarity  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} = 0)$ , we must have:

- $\beta_u, \beta_n = \text{constants} \rightarrow (u_e^+ - u_e^-) = C_1 \xi^{\beta_u} \quad (n^+ - n^-) = C_2 \xi^{\beta_n}$
- $\frac{v \xi (u_e^+ - u_e^-)}{(n^+ - n^-)^2} \sim \xi^{1 + \beta_u - 2\beta_n} = \text{constant} \rightarrow \beta_n = \frac{1 + \beta_u}{2}$
- $\frac{\xi}{n^+ - n^-} \frac{dn^-}{d\xi} \sim \xi^{1 - \beta_n} \frac{dn^-}{d\xi} = \text{constant} \rightarrow \frac{dn^-}{d\xi} \sim \xi^{\beta_n - 1} \rightarrow n^- = C_3 \xi^{\beta_n}$

The last constraint implies that  $n^+ - n^- = n^+ + C_3 \xi^{\beta_n} = C_2 \xi^{\beta_n} \rightarrow n^+ = (C_2 - C_3) \xi^{\beta_n}$   
 i.e.  $n^+$  and  $n^-$  must independently have the same power-law exponent, and hence  $u_e^+ = n^+/\Delta$  and  $u_e^- = n^-/\Delta$  must likewise.

But we also require that  $u_e^- \frac{du_e^-}{d\xi} = u_e^+ \frac{du_e^+}{d\xi} \rightarrow u_e^{+2} = u_e^{-2} + \text{const} \rightarrow u_e^{+2} - u_e^{-2} = (u_e^+ - u_e^-)(u_e^+ + u_e^-) = \text{const.}$   
 so  $\xi^{\beta_u} (u_e^+ + u_e^-) \sim (u_e^+ - u_e^-)^{-1} \sim \xi^{-\beta_u}$  Only possible if  $\beta_u = 0$  i.e.  $u_e^+$  and  $u_e^-$  both constant