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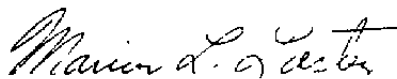
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boundary layer. A third growing fluctuation appears in Laplace space as a branch line. This continuous spectrum diffuses and travels upstream. The last two of these three growing fluctuations are excluded in our quarter-plane problem that extends forever downstream. Besides the Tollmien wave that can grow or decay in the streamwise direction, the other discrete modes appearing as mathematical poles are damped. Two other decaying fluctuations appear. One is a decaying standing wave which is the decaying counterpart to the growing standing wave. The other decaying fluctuation is the continuous spectrum with vortical fluctuations propagating downstream. In Laplace space, these last fluctuations appear as a branch line. All decaying fluctuations appear in our quarter-plane problem. This report serves as a roadmap for the five types of fluctuations. Other reports in this series describe the standing waves and the upstream-propagating continuous spectrum as solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation. Still other reports show how free stream disturbances interacting with the leading edge can excite a spectrum of standing waves, and how surface waviness near a leading edge can induce a stationary version of the standing waves.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND LITERATURE SURVEY

### 1.1 Introductory Comments

The streamwise evolution of 2-D unsteady fluctuations in a parallel-flow boundary layer is formulated in this analysis. The normal velocity fluctuation and derivatives are specified along the y-axis, and the behavior in the boundary layer downstream of the y-axis is obtained. Permissible disturbances include the Tollmien wave and other eigenwaves, but also include vortical and irrotational fluctuations in the freestream. The analysis links the boundary conditions with the amplitudes and phases of the various waves.

This boundary-value problem uses the asymptotic solution of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation by Tsugé (Ref. 1) which is summarized here in Appendix A. With this asymptotic theory, the Tollmien wave was calculated by Tsugé and Sakai (Ref. 2).

This report describes the details of Ref. 3 and is similar to the AIAA paper (Ref. 4).

For brevity, the list of initial-value problems in time (Section 1.2) and the list of boundary-value problems in space (Section 1.3) are restricted to problems that

(a) analytically decompose initial or boundary conditions into the solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld (or Rayleigh) equations, or those equations with a uniform mean flow

(b) include freestream disturbances (i.e. attention is not restricted to the evolution of the discrete eigenmodes, except for channel flows where an infinite set of discrete eigenmodes is mathematically complete)

The Fourier-Laplace solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation have been documented in other papers and reports. A summary of the known 2-D and 3-D solutions appears in Refs. 5b and 5c.

Besides the studies summarized in Sections 1.2 and 1.3, other approaches have been used to study unsteady shear layers, including

(1) Superpositions of eigenmodes with their amplitudes specified. References using this approach include Criminale (Ref. 6, Chpt. V), Gaster (Ref. 7), and Mack and Kendall (Ref. 8).

(2) Inviscid analyses of free-shear layers with step-function mean velocity profiles, e.g. Bechert (Refs. 9 and 10)

(3) Analytical solutions of the unsteady Prandtl boundary layer equations or higher-order boundary layer theory, as surveyed by Teleonis (Ref. 11)

(4) Lagrangian descriptions of turbulence convected past blunt bodies,



as described by the sudden distortion theories, e.g. Hunt (Ref. 12)

(5) Numerical solutions for shear layers using (a) the linearized, elliptic momentum equations with a specified mean flow, (b) the parabolized Navier-Stokes equations, (c) the Navier-Stokes equations, (d) Lagrangian tracking of vortex filaments, and (e) equations governing the evolution of the correlations with truncations or models for the higher correlations. Examples of these approaches are cited in Ref. 5c

(6) Compressible boundary-value or initial-value analyses with freestream disturbances by Tam (Refs. 13-15), Shapiro (Ref. 31), and Thomas and Lekoudis (Ref. 17)

(7) Deterministic experiments with vortical freestream disturbance by Dovgal, Kozlov, and Levchenko (Ref. 18) and Rockwell (Ref. 19).

## 1.2 List of Initial-Value Problems in Time for Parallel Flows

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(1.2b) 3-D oblique plane waves of vorticity bisected by a plate, including viscosity (Ref. 22)

(1.2c) Free-shear layer with uniform mean vorticity excited by vortical fluctuations inside and outside the shear layer; resonant and nonresonant excitation (Ref. 23). This study was documented in "The temporal response of a free-shear layer to vortical disturbances" (1978), an unpublished paper available from the author.

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(1.2e) 2-D fluctuations in a boundary layer with two layers of uniform mean vorticity in unstable and stable configurations, inviscid analysis (Refs. 24 and 25)

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## 1.3 List of Boundary-Value Problems in Space for Parallel and Non-Parallel Flows

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(1.3k) 3-D fluctuations in a viscous boundary-value problem with a smooth, parallel-flow boundary layer (Ref. 41)

(1.3l) Coupling between an oscillating freestream and a Tollmien-Schlichting wave in a nonparallel boundary layer (Ref. 42)

Other analyses have been carried out that link the initial conditions with amplitudes of the instabilities. These studies include nonresonant and resonant excitation of buoyancy instabilities (Refs. 43-45) and the temporal evolution of 3-D disturbances in an Ekman boundary layer (Ref. 46).

In the next section, the partial differential equation describing the evolution of disturbances will be derived and integral transformed to yield a forced Orr-Sommerfeld equation. In Section 3, an asymptotic solution of this forced equation is found. The inverse Laplace transform is obtained in Section 4. The formulation is summarized and discussed in Section 5. The method of successive approximation for solving the Orr-Sommerfeld equation is summarized in the appendix.

## 2.0 DERIVATION OF THE FORCED 3-D ORR-SOMMERFELD EQUATION

2.1 Introductory Comments

The three momentum equations for a constant property flow are (1) written with velocities and pressure separated into mean and fluctuation components and (2) averaged to obtain equations for the mean quantities. The averaged equations are subtracted from those of part (1) above to yield equations for the disturbances, and the disturbance equations are linearized for small-amplitude fluctuations. A parallel-flow,  $\bar{U} = \bar{U}(y)$  and  $\bar{V} = \bar{W} = 0$ , is assumed. Derivatives of these momentum equations and the continuity equation are combined so that the pressure and two of the three velocities are eliminated. The resultant equation governing the evolution of 3-D fluctuations in a parallel flow is

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \bar{U}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \epsilon \nabla^2 \right\} \nabla^2 v - \bar{U}_{yy}(y) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\epsilon = 1/R$  is the inverse of the Reynolds number.

This equation allows us to formulate a boundary-value problem in terms of solutions of the homogeneous Orr-Sommerfeld equation. This equation results when you seek solutions of form

$$v(x, y, z, t) = \phi(y; \alpha, \omega, \gamma) e^{i\alpha x + i\gamma z - i\omega t} \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\phi(y)$  is a complex function,  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are the wavenumbers in the x and z-directions, and  $\omega$  is the frequency. When (2.2) is introduced into (2.1), then the 3-D Orr-Sommerfeld equation results

$$\left\{ \left( \bar{U} - \frac{\omega}{\alpha} \right) (D^2 - \alpha^2 - \gamma^2) - \bar{U}_{yy} - \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha} (D^2 - \alpha^2 - \gamma^2)^2 \right\} \phi = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

where  $D = d/dy$  is the ordinary derivative.

Fourier-Laplace transforms of (2.1) yield not equation (2.3) but the forced version derived in Section 2.3. This procedure shows how to superimpose the solutions. Inversely, it shows how to decompose the initial disturbances into the waves.

Equations for primitive variables (such as velocities, vorticities, and pressure) are sometimes more useful than equations for the less intuitive variable  $\phi$ . For example, equation (2.1) has a fourth derivative in x. Thus, four independent solutions are expected in the freestream as Ref. 27 indicated.

Also, the equation analogous to (2.1) for the 2-D vorticity  $\xi = v_x - u_y$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \epsilon \nabla^2 \right\} \xi + v \bar{\xi}_y = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

indicates that the vorticity convects ( $\bar{\zeta}_x + \bar{U}\bar{\zeta}_x$ ), diffuses ( $\epsilon \nabla^2 \bar{\zeta}$ ), and is produced ( $\nu \bar{\zeta}_y$ ) in the shear layer. For inviscid flows with irrotational mean flows ( $\bar{\zeta} = 0$ ) or flows with uniform mean vorticity ( $\bar{\zeta}_y = 0$ ), the disturbance vorticity convects with the mean flow. For these flows, the vorticity is found by (analytically or numerically) tracking the vorticity as it convects downstream, followed by solving Poisson's equation for the disturbance streamfunction. By this method, solutions have been found which describe effects of leading and trailing edges, lateral edges, trailing vortex sheets, and other phenomena with practically important physics and mathematics. Although links are possible and desirable between these works and the Orr-Sommerfeld equation, direct study of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation has not provided the best insights into these new problems.

## 2.2 Domains for Boundary-Value Problems

Figure 2.1 shows the quarter-plane region ( $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ ) studied here. Sufficient conditions on the velocity fluctuation are specified along the y-axis, and along the plate coinciding with the x-axis, so that solutions can be obtained in that quadrant.

The domains for other boundary-value problems are also sketched in that figure.

## 2.3 Integral Transforms of the Partial Differential Equation

The coefficients  $\bar{U}$  and  $\bar{U}_{yy}$  in equation (2.1) are independent of  $x, z$ , and  $t$ . Thus, integral transforms in those directions reduce the partial differential equation to an ordinary differential equation. We focus on problems with "steady-state oscillations" where our wind tunnel has been turned on for a long time and the conditions along the y-axis oscillate in time (but not necessarily sinusoidally). The transient response arising from the start-up procedure has vanished from the region of interest.

For this case, equation (2.1) is Fourier transformed in time. Because the  $z$ -domain extends from  $-\infty < z < \infty$ , a Fourier transform in  $z$  is taken. In Chapter 3, we study a 2-D flow. The complex Fourier transform in time and the  $z$ -direction is

$$\hat{V}(x, y, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(x, y, z, t) e^{-i\gamma z + i\omega t} dz dt \quad (2.5)$$

The signs in the exponential have been chosen so the resultant transform is consistent with the classical Orr-Sommerfeld equation. An alternate transform is the generalized Fourier transform

$$\hat{V} = \lim_{a, b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-a}^b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(x, y, z, t) e^{-i\gamma z - \frac{z^2}{a^2} + i\omega t - \frac{t^2}{b^2}} dz dt \quad (2.6)$$

By either transform, equation (2.1) reduces to

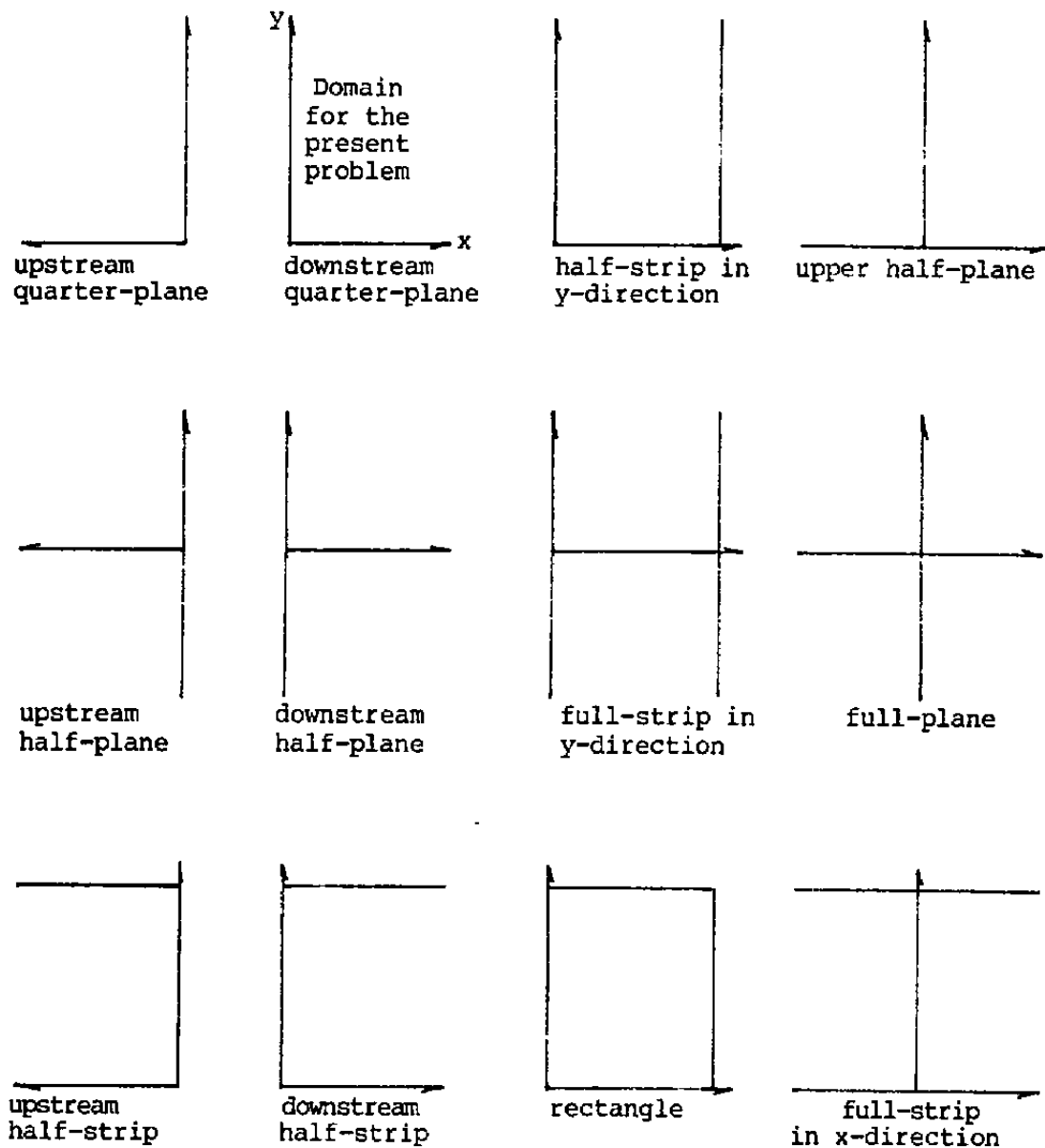


Figure 2.1 Some domains for 2-D boundary-value problems

$$\left\{ -i\omega + \bar{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \epsilon \hat{\nabla}^2 \right\} \hat{\nabla}^2 \hat{V} - \bar{U}_{yy} \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

where the Laplacian reduces to

$$\hat{\nabla}^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} - \gamma^2 \quad (2.8)$$

Because we are interested in the downstream quadrant in Figure 2.1, a one-sided Laplace transform in the x-direction is taken

$$\phi(y; s, \gamma, \omega) \equiv \int_0^\infty \hat{V}(x, y; \gamma, \omega) e^{-sx} dx \quad (2.9)$$

where s is the complex Laplace parameter. With this transformation, the following equation results

$$\left\{ \left( \bar{U} - \frac{i\omega}{s} \right) (\rho^2 + s^2 - \gamma^2) - \bar{U}_{yy} - \frac{\epsilon}{s} (\rho^2 + s^2 - \gamma^2)^2 \right\} \phi = \frac{\hat{\pi}(y)}{s} \quad (2.10)$$

When  $s = i\alpha$  is introduced, where  $\alpha$  is the complex x-wavenumber, then the bracketed term on the left-hand side is the classical Orr-Sommerfeld operator in equation (2.3). The right-hand side is the forcing function

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hat{\pi}(y)}{s} = & \left\{ \left( \bar{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\omega \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + s \right) + \bar{U} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + s^2 - \gamma^2 \right) - \bar{U}_{yy} \right. \\ & \left. - \epsilon \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + s^2 - \gamma^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \gamma^2 \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + s \right) \right\} \frac{\hat{V}^{(0)}}{s} \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

where  $\hat{V}^{(0)}$  is the normal velocity (or its derivatives) along the y-axis.

For a 2-D flow with  $\gamma = 0$ , the forcing function is

$$\frac{\hat{\pi}(y)}{s} = \left\{ \left( \bar{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\omega \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + s \right) + \bar{U} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + s^2 \right) - \bar{U}_{yy} - \epsilon \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + s^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + s \right) \right\} \frac{\hat{V}^{(0)}}{s} \quad (2.12)$$

To introduce definiteness in our analyses, the forcing function is Fourier transformed and represented as

$$\hat{\pi}(y) = F^+(\beta) e^{i\beta y} + F^-(\beta) e^{-i\beta y} \quad (2.13)$$

Thus, the forced Orr-Sommerfeld equation for a 2-D flow studied in the next chapter is

$$\left\{ \left( \bar{U} - \frac{i\omega}{s} \right) (\rho^2 + s^2) - \bar{U}_{yy} - \frac{\epsilon}{s} (\rho^2 + s^2)^2 \right\} \phi = \frac{\hat{\pi}^+ e^{i\beta y} + \hat{\pi}^- e^{-i\beta y}}{s} \quad (2.14)$$

where the Laplace parameter and the x-wavenumber are related by  $s = i\alpha$ .

### 3.0 SOLUTION OF THE TWO-DIMENSIONAL FORCED ORR-SOMMERFELD EQUATION

#### 3.1 Particular Integral and Its Asymptotic Form

The objective now is to obtain the particular solution of the forced Orr-Sommerfeld equation

$$\left\{ (\bar{U} - c)(D^2 - \alpha^2) - \bar{U}_{yy} - \frac{1}{i\alpha R} (D^2 - \alpha^2)^2 \right\} \phi = \frac{\bar{F}}{i\alpha} \quad (3.1)$$

where the forcing function is prescribed at  $x = 0$  as the Fourier component

$$\bar{F}(y, \beta) = F^+(\beta) e^{i\beta y} + F^-(\beta) e^{-i\beta y} \quad (3.2)$$

The particular solution is obtained by the method of undetermined coefficients. For the Orr-Sommerfeld equation, the solution was given by Gustavsson (Ref. 26) as

$$\phi_p = \frac{R}{W} \left\{ \phi_1 \int \Delta_1 F dy + \phi_2 \int \Delta_2 F dy + \phi_3 \int \Delta_3 F dy + \phi_4 \int \Delta_4 F dy \right\} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $W$  is the Wronskian

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \phi_4 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' & \phi_3' & \phi_4' \\ \phi_1'' & \phi_2'' & \phi_3'' & \phi_4'' \\ \phi_1''' & \phi_2''' & \phi_3''' & \phi_4''' \end{vmatrix} \quad (3.4)$$

and  $\Delta_j$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  is the cofactor of  $\phi_j'''$  with the sign reversed.  $\phi_j$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are four independent solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation.

Because the Orr-Sommerfeld equation lacks the next-to-highest derivative (the third derivative), then the Wronskian is constant. This means that the Wronskian only needs to be evaluated at one point,  $y = y_1$ .

The wall conditions and the asymptotic solutions for large  $y$  are listed in Table 1. The four solutions are derived in Appendix A. These asymptotic solutions are based on a new scaling, and are for flows where  $0 \leq y < \infty$  or  $-\infty < y < \infty$ .

Substituting the asymptotic expressions for the  $\phi$ s, then the Wronskian is

$$W = 2\mu\alpha R^2(\alpha - \omega)^2 \quad \text{where} \quad \mu = [\alpha^2 + iR(\alpha - \omega)]^{1/2} \quad (3.5)$$

Table 1.  
Characteristics of the four independent,  
asymptotic solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation

| Solution | Value at $y=0$ | Asymptotic form for $y \gg \hat{y}$       |
|----------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| $\phi_1$ | 0              | $(1-c)^{-1} \sinh \alpha(y-\hat{y})$      |
| $\phi_2$ | 0              | $(1-c) \cosh \alpha(y-\hat{y})$           |
| $\phi_3$ | 1              | $\hat{\phi}_3 \exp[-\mu(y-\hat{y})]$      |
| $\phi_4$ | 0              | $\hat{\phi}_3^{-1} \exp[+\mu(y-\hat{y})]$ |

where  $\mu = [\alpha^2 + iR(\alpha - \omega)]$  and  $\hat{\phi}_3 = \phi_3(\hat{y})$

with the real part of  $\mu$  chosen as positive. Also, the wall value of the particular solution (equation 3.3) must satisfy the impermeability condition,  $\phi_p(0) = 0$ , by choosing the lower bound of the integral as follows

$$\phi_p = \frac{R}{W} \left( \phi_1 \int_{\hat{y}}^y \Delta_1 F dy + \phi_2 \int_{\hat{y}}^y \Delta_2 F dy + \phi_3 \int_0^{\infty} \Delta_3 F dy + \phi_4 \int_{\infty}^y \Delta_4 F dy \right) \quad (3.6)$$

The asymptotic particular solution is obtained with the solutions in Table 1. The result is

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi_p)_{\text{asym}} = & \frac{i}{2(\alpha - \omega)} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha(\alpha + i\beta)} [F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}} (e^{i\beta(y-\hat{y})} e^{-\alpha(y-\hat{y})} + F^- e^{-i\beta \hat{y}} (e^{-i\beta(y-\hat{y})} e^{\alpha(y-\hat{y})})] \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{\alpha(\alpha - i\beta)} [F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}} (e^{i\beta(y-\hat{y})} e^{\alpha(y-\hat{y})} + F^- e^{-i\beta \hat{y}} (e^{-i\beta(y-\hat{y})} e^{-\alpha(y-\hat{y})})] \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{\mu^2 + \beta^2} (F^+ e^{i\beta y} + F^- e^{-i\beta y}) \right\} \quad (3.7) \end{aligned}$$

This solution is used later when an outer boundary condition is satisfied. Note that equation (3.7) includes terms which grow exponentially like  $\exp(\alpha y)$ . These terms are cancelled later so that the complete solution is well behaved. Equation (3.7) does not include terms like  $\exp(\mu y)$ .

### 3.2 Complementary Solution and the Assembly of the General Solution

The general solution of the forced Orr-Sommerfeld equation (3.1) is



$$\phi = \phi_p + \sum_{j=1}^4 c_j \phi_j \quad (3.8)$$

subject to the boundary conditions

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi = 0 \quad (\text{impermeability}) \\ \phi' = 0 \quad (\text{no-slip}) \end{array} \right\} \text{ at } y = 0 \quad (3.9)$$

$$(3.10)$$

$$\text{and } \phi \text{ is bounded as } y \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.11)$$

Because four of the five solutions satisfy impermeability

$$\phi_p(0) = \phi_1(0) = \phi_2(0) = \phi_4(0) = 0$$

then for the general solution (3.8) to satisfy impermeability, then the coefficient of the fifth term which does not satisfy impermeability must vanish

$$c_3 = 0 \quad (3.12)$$

Also, because only  $\phi_4$  grows like  $\exp(\mu y)$  as  $y \rightarrow \infty$ , then the boundedness condition (3.11) requires that coefficient to vanish also

$$c_4 = 0 \quad (3.13)$$

The remaining constants,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , are determined by the no-slip (equation 3.10) and boundedness (equation 3.11) conditions

$$c_1 \phi_1'(0) + c_2 \phi_2'(0) + \phi_p'(0) = 0 \quad (3.14)$$

and

$$\frac{c_1}{1-c} + c_2(1-c) + \frac{i}{\alpha(\alpha-\omega)} \left[ \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha + i\beta} \right] = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

Equation (3.15) reflects the idea that the coefficient of  $\exp(\mu y)$  vanishes in the asymptotic region. Note that  $\phi$  does not vanish as  $y \rightarrow \infty$ , but oscillates as  $\exp(\pm i\beta y)$ .

These two equations for the two constants are solved to give

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[ -\frac{\phi'(0)}{2\mu\alpha R} - i\phi_2'(0) \left( \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha + i\beta} \right) \right]$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[ \frac{\alpha \phi'(0)}{2\mu R(\alpha - \omega)^2} + i\phi_1'(0) \left( \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha + i\beta} \right) \right] \quad (3.16)$$

$$\text{where } \Phi'(0) = \Phi_1'(0) \int_{\hat{y}}^0 \Delta_1 F dy + \Phi_2'(0) \int_{\hat{y}}^0 \Delta_2 F dy + \Phi_4'(0) \int_{\infty}^0 \Delta_4 F dy \quad (3.17)$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \Phi_1'(0) & \Phi_2'(0) \\ \alpha^2 & (\alpha - \omega)^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (3.18)$$

Note that  $\Delta = 0$  is identical with the eigenvalue condition for the discrete modes, as seen from

$$\Phi' = C_1 \Phi_1' + C_2 \Phi_2' = 0 \quad \text{at } y = 0$$

and

$$\Phi = C_1 \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \omega} e^{\alpha y} + C_2 \frac{\alpha - \omega}{\alpha} e^{\alpha y} = 0 \quad \text{as } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.19)$$

The impermeability condition is automatically satisfied by  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ .

A more precise look at the behavior of  $\Phi_1$  reveals that  $\Phi_1$  must be rescaled in the non-asymptotic region. The behavior in the non-asymptotic region and the asymptotic (outer) region are

$$\Phi_1 = \alpha \left\{ y [B_0 + \alpha^2 B_1 + \alpha^4 B_2 + \dots] + O(y^2) \right\} \quad \text{for } y \ll \hat{y}$$

$$\Phi_1 \sim \frac{\sinh \alpha (y - \hat{y})}{1 - c} \quad \text{for } y \gg \hat{y}$$

where  $B_0$  is a constant depending only on  $c = \omega/\alpha$ ; it is not affected by rescaling. Thus  $\Phi_1$  must be rescaled so that

$$\Phi_1 \rightarrow \alpha \Phi_1 \quad (3.20)$$

for the non-asymptotic expression for  $\Phi_1$ .

The determinant  $\Delta$  of equation (3.19) has multiple zeros corresponding to the eigenvalues of the discrete modes. The Tollmien-Schlichting mode is the lowest or fundamental mode. Then  $1/\Delta$  is expanded as the partial fractions

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} = \sum_N \frac{h_N}{\alpha - \alpha_1^{(N)}} \quad \text{with } h_N = \left( \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial \alpha} \right)_{\alpha = \alpha_1^{(N)}} \quad (3.21)$$

Using  $\Phi$ , as rescaled by equation (3.20), then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial \alpha} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \begin{vmatrix} \alpha \Phi_1'(0) & \Phi_2'(0) \\ \alpha^2 & (\alpha - \omega)^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\Delta}{\alpha} + \alpha \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \Phi_1'(0)}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial \Phi_2'(0)}{\partial \alpha} \\ \alpha & (\alpha - \omega)^2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \Phi_1'(0) & \Phi_2'(0) \\ 1 & 2(\alpha - \omega) \end{vmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\Delta = 0$  at  $\alpha = \alpha_1^{(N)}$ , then  $h_N$  is

$$h_N = \left[ \alpha \begin{vmatrix} \partial \Phi_1'(0)/\partial \alpha & \partial \Phi_2'(0)/\partial \alpha \\ \alpha & (\alpha - \omega)^2 \end{vmatrix} + \alpha \begin{vmatrix} \Phi_1'(0) & \Phi_2'(0) \\ 1 & 2(\alpha - \omega) \end{vmatrix} \right]_{\alpha = \alpha_1^{(N)}}^{-1} \quad (3.22)$$

### 3.3 Summary of the solutions in $(y; s, \omega)$ Space

The final expression for the general solution of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi = \left( \sum_N \frac{h_N}{\alpha - \alpha_1^{(N)}} \right) & \left\{ \left[ -\frac{\alpha \bar{\Phi}'(0)}{2\mu R} - i\alpha \Phi_2'(0) \left( \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha + i\beta} \right) \right] \Phi_1 \right. \\ & + \left[ \frac{\alpha^2 \bar{\Phi}'(0)}{2\mu R(\alpha - \omega)^2} + i\alpha \Phi_1'(0) \left( \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha + i\beta} \right) \right] \Phi_2 \left. \right\} \\ & + \frac{\bar{\Phi}}{2\mu R(\alpha - \omega)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

The new  $\Phi$ , as rescaled in equation (3.20) is used. Because  $\bar{\Phi}$  is linear in  $\Phi$ , it is rescaled by the same factor

$$(\Phi_1)_{old} \rightarrow \alpha \Phi_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\Phi}_{old} \rightarrow \alpha \bar{\Phi} \quad (3.24)$$

Far from the wall ( $y \gg y$ ), an asymptotic general solution results when

the asymptotic expression (3.7) is substituted into equation (3.23). The result is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi = & e^{-\alpha(y-\hat{y})} \left( \sum \frac{h_N}{\alpha - \alpha_1(N)} \right) \left\{ \left[ \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{1}{(\alpha - \omega)} \varphi_2'(0) \right. \right. \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} (\alpha - \omega) \varphi_1'(0) \left. \right] \left( \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta \hat{y}}}{\alpha + i\beta} \right) + \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha - \omega)} \frac{\Phi'(0)}{2\mu R} \left. \right\} \\
 & + \frac{i}{2\alpha(\alpha - \omega)} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha + i\beta} \left[ F^+ e^{i\beta \hat{y}} (e^{i\beta(y-\hat{y})} - e^{-\alpha(y-\hat{y})}) + \frac{F^-}{2} e^{-i\beta y} \right] \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{\alpha - i\beta} \left[ F^+ e^{i\beta y} + \frac{F^-}{2} e^{-i\beta \hat{y}} (e^{-i\beta(y-\hat{y})} - e^{-\alpha(y-\hat{y})}) \right] \left. \right] \frac{-\alpha F}{\mu^2 + \beta^2} \left. \right\}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.25}$$

## 4.0 INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

### 4.1 General Expression for the Contributions from Poles and Branch Lines

In Chapter 3, the general solution of the forced Orr-Sommerfeld equation in transform space was obtained. To express the fluctuation velocity as a function of  $x$  and  $y$ , the inverse Laplace transform is necessary

$$\hat{v} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \phi e^{sx} ds \quad (4.1)$$

where  $\Gamma$  consists of the contours  $s = s_0 + i\lambda$  and a semi-circle of infinite radius in the domain of  $\text{Real}(s) \leq 0$ . The real value  $s$  is chosen so that the poles of  $\phi$  are located on the left side of the line  $s_0 + i\lambda$ , with  $-\infty < \lambda < \infty$ . Figure 4.1 shows this contour, the poles, and the branch lines.

The contribution from the  $j$ th-pole,  $s = s_j$ , is calculated from the Cauchy theorem

$$I^{(j)} = \left[ e^{sx} \phi(s - s_j) \right]_{s=s_j} \quad (4.2)$$

If  $\phi$  is not single-valued in the  $s$ -plane, as caused by fractional powers of  $s$ , then a Riemann cut is required. Because the integration contour  $\Gamma$  cannot pass through the Riemann cut, it must detour along the branch cuts,  $\gamma$ , or along another path which does not cross those cuts. This rule gives us the following expression

$$\hat{v} + \sum_j \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_j} e^{sx} \phi ds = \sum I^{(j)} \quad (4.3)$$

The contributions from the poles and branch line is obtained in the following sections.

## 4.2 Interior Solution

### 4.2.1 Poles from the Discrete Eigenmodes

Eqn. (3.23) for the interior solution shows that there are  $N+2$  poles corresponding to  $s = i\alpha_i^{(N)}$  and  $s = \pm\beta$  if the forcing function  $F^\pm$  is a pole-free analytic function. The equation also shows, for  $\mu$  to have a positive real part, that branch lines are required because of the fractional power in eqn. (3.5). Because  $F^\pm$  is open to free choice, poles or branch lines can be generated or eliminated by it.

The poles  $s = i\alpha_i^{(N)}$  of eqn. (3.23) are for the discrete eigenmodes. According to the Cauchy theorem (4.2), we have

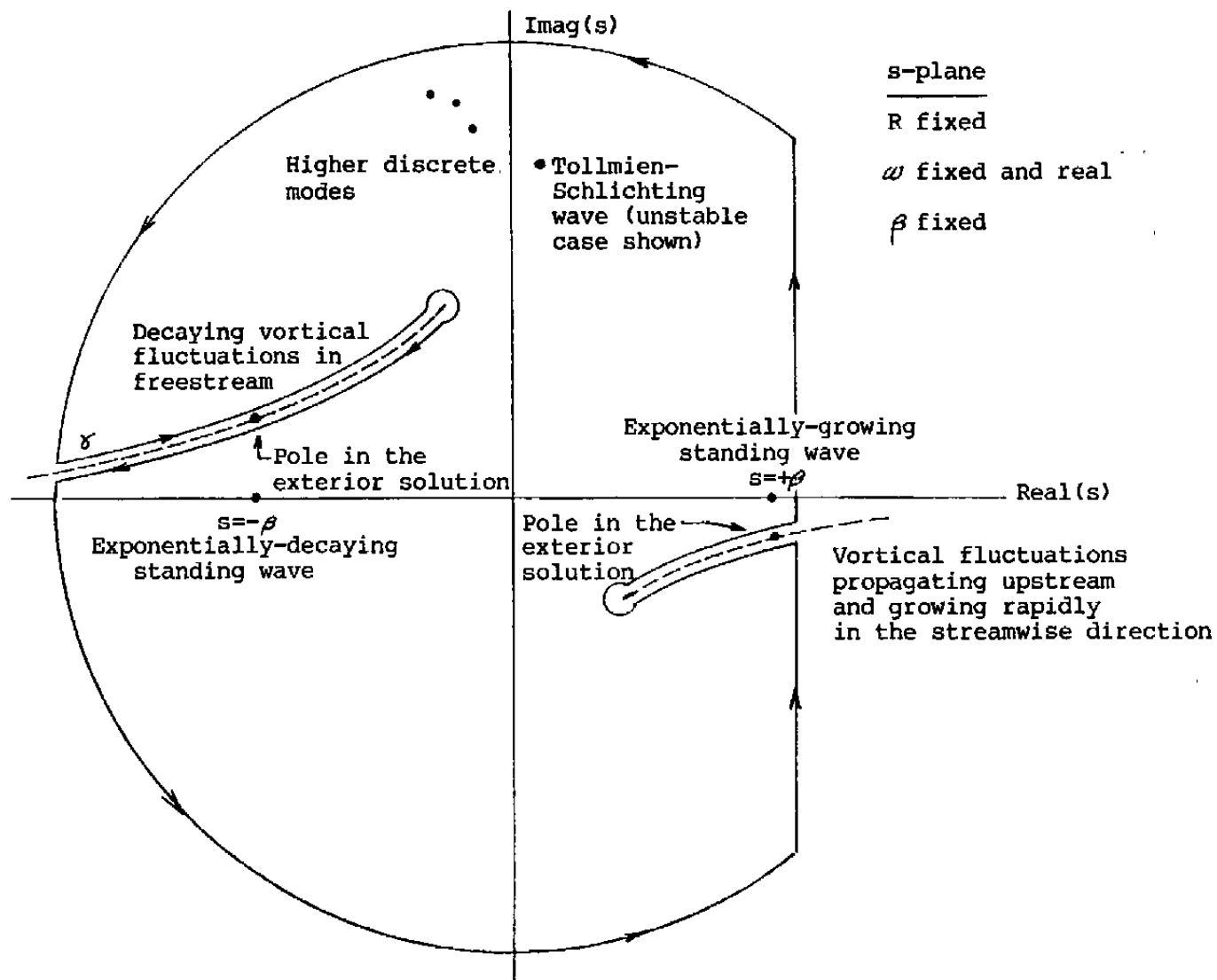


Figure 4.1 The contour taken in the inverse transform, showing the branch lines and poles.

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1^{(N)}(x, y) = e^{i\alpha_1^{(N)}x} i h_N \left\{ \left[ -\frac{\alpha \Phi'(0)}{2\mu R} - i\alpha \phi_2'(0) \left( \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta y}}{\alpha - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta y}}{\alpha + i\beta} \right) \right] \phi_1(y) \right. \\
\left. + \left[ \frac{\alpha^2 \Phi'(0)}{2\mu R(\alpha - \omega)^2} + i\alpha \phi_1'(0) \left( \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta y}}{\alpha - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta y}}{\alpha + i\beta} \right) \right] \phi_2(y) \right\} \\
\alpha = \alpha_1^{(N)}
\end{aligned}
\quad (4.4)$$

Each mode satisfies the impermeability and no-slip conditions independent of each other mode and independent of other contributions. These conditions are

$$(I_1^{(N)})_{y=0} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\partial I_1^{(N)} / \partial y)_{y=0} = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

The first condition is easily checked,  $\phi_1(0) = \phi_2(0) = 0$ . The second condition is fulfilled because of the eigenvalue condition

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha \phi_1'(0) & \phi_2'(0) \\ \alpha^2 & (\alpha - \omega)^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (4.6)$$

which vanishes for  $\alpha = \alpha_1^{(N)}$ .

#### 4.2.2 Poles from the Standing Wave Modes

The contribution from the pole  $s = -\beta = s_2$  (or  $\alpha = i\beta$ ) is also obtained in a straightforward manner. The result is

$$I_2(x, y) = i \left( \sum \frac{h_N}{i\beta - \alpha_1^{(N)}} \right) e^{-\beta x} F^+ e^{i\beta y} \left[ -i\alpha \phi_2'(0) \phi_1 + i\alpha \phi_1'(0) \phi_2 \right]_{\alpha = i\beta} \quad (4.7)$$

This mode is a standing wave which decays as  $\exp(-\beta x)$ . It satisfies impermeability and no-slip. This mode was studied by Rogler and Reshotko in the freestream (Ref. 27) and appeared in another boundary-value problem in a quarter-plane (Ref. 29). Solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation for boundary layers were calculated by Rogler and Tsuge (Ref. 5a) and Rogler (Refs. 5b-c) for this decaying wave and the corresponding growing wave. This growing wave is discussed next.

The contribution from the exponentially growing standing wave,

$s = \beta$  (or  $\alpha = -i\beta$ ) can be calculated in the same manner. However, this mode is suppressed in this quarter-plane problem where  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . To exclude this mode, the forcing function must have the form

$$F^- = (\alpha + i\beta)^m f^- \quad (4.8)$$

where  $m$  is an integer. Physically realizable situations exist where this growing mode is acceptable, such as the upstream influence of a trailing edge or another downstream boundary condition. The possibility of modeling such effects in a problem with  $0 < x < \infty$  is not considered here. This growing mode can appear in boundary-value problems where the  $x$ -domain is finite with  $0 \leq x \leq L$ , or semi-infinite with  $-\infty < x \leq 0$ , as Figure 2.1 shows.

#### 4.2.3 Contributions from the Branch Line Yielding a Continuous Spectrum

As has been defined in eqn. (3.5), the function

$$\mu = (-s^2 + Rs - iR\omega)^{1/2} \quad (4.9)$$

is not single-valued in the  $s$ -plane. A branch cut is required which makes  $\mu$  unique and maps the whole  $s$ -plane onto

$$\text{Reol}(\mu) \geq 0 \quad (4.10)$$

The contribution from this branch line is an integral over the continuous (vortical) mode. Condition (4.10) requires the branch cut to be a special curve. To simplify the task ahead, we let

$$\mu = [(s - s_3)(s'_3 - s)]^{1/2} \quad (4.11)$$

where

$$s'_3 = \frac{R + (R^2 - 4i\omega R)^{1/2}}{2} \approx R - i\omega \quad (4.12a)$$

$$s_3 = \frac{i\omega R}{s'_3} \approx i\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{R} \quad (4.12b)$$

$$\text{and define } \sigma = s - s_3 \quad (4.13)$$

$$\text{Then } \mu = [\sigma(s'_3 - s_3 - \sigma)]^{1/2} \quad (4.14)$$

$$\text{Now consider a curve along which } \text{Real}(\mu) = 0 \quad (4.15)$$

$$\text{Along that curve } \arg \sigma + \arg(s'_3 - s_3 - \sigma) = \pm \pi \quad (4.16)$$

The two vectors  $\sigma$  and  $s'_3 - s_3 - \sigma$  and their arguments  $\theta$  and  $\theta'$  are shown



in Figure 4.2. The locus of the curve is obtained from the following relationship by taking the tangent of (4.16)

$$\frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_r} + \frac{(s'_3 - s_3)_i - \sigma_i}{(s'_3 - s_3)_r - \sigma_r} = 0$$

or

$$\sigma_i = \frac{-\sigma_r (s'_3 - s_3)_i}{(s'_3 - s_3)_r - 2\sigma_r} \approx \frac{2\omega\sigma_r}{R - 2\sigma_r} \quad (4.17)$$

This branch line forms part of a hyperbola, labeled  $\gamma$  in Figure 4.1, along where  $\mu$  is purely imaginary.

$$\mu = \frac{\pm i\tau^{1/2} [(s_r + 2\tau)^2 + s_i^2]^{1/2} (s_r + \tau)^{1/2}}{s_r + 2\tau}$$

$$\tau = |\sigma_r|$$

$$s_r = (s'_3 - s_3)_r \approx R$$

$$s_i = (s'_3 - s_3)_i \approx -2\omega \quad (4.18)$$

Along its upper side,  $\text{Imag}(\mu) > 0$  and along its lower side,  $\text{Imag}(\mu) < 0$ . The whole  $s$ -plane is mapped onto a half plane  $\text{Real}(\mu) > 0$  by this branch cut. The contribution from the branch cut is

$$I_3(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{sx} \varphi ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\tau (s_r + 2\tau) \exp \left\{ \left[ s_3 - \tau \left( 1 - \frac{is_i}{s_r + \tau} \right) \right] x \right\} g_3}{i\tau^{1/2} (s_r + \tau)^{1/2} [(s_r + 2\tau)^2 + s_i^2]^{1/2}} \quad (4.19)$$

evaluated at  $\alpha = -is_3 + i\tau \left( 1 - \frac{is_i}{s_r + \tau} \right)$ , and where  $g_3$  is

$$g_3(y) = \left( \sum_N \frac{h_N}{\alpha - \alpha_1(N)} \right) \left[ -\frac{\alpha \Phi'(0)}{2R} \phi_1 + \frac{\alpha^2 \Phi'(0)}{2R(\alpha - \omega)^2} \phi_2 \right] + \frac{\Phi}{2R(\alpha - \omega)^2} \quad (4.20)$$

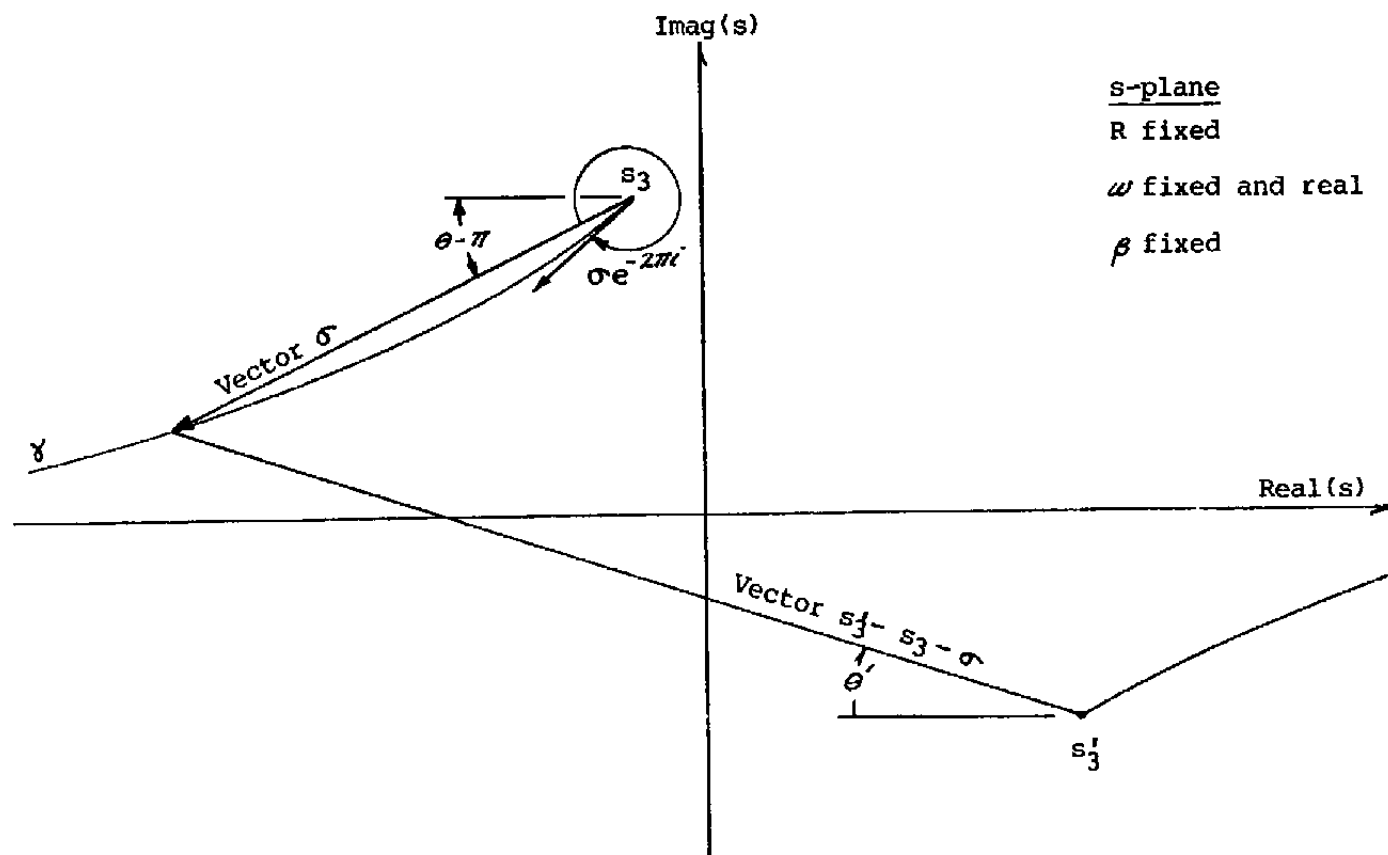


Figure 4.2 Geometry and notation for the branch lines associated with the vortical fluctuations in the freestream.

Contribution,  $I_3$ , satisfies the impermeability and no-slip conditions

$$g_3(0) = 0 \quad (\because \phi_1(0) = \phi_2(0) = \phi(0) = 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{dg_3}{dy} \right)_0 &= \left( \sum_N \frac{h_N}{\alpha - \alpha_i(N)} \right) \left( -\frac{\alpha \phi'(0)}{2R} \phi_1'(0) + \frac{\alpha^2 \phi'(0) \phi_2'(0)}{2R(\alpha - \omega)^2} \right) + \frac{\phi'(0)}{2R(\alpha - \omega)^2} \\ &= \frac{\phi'(0)}{2R(\alpha - \omega)^2} \left[ 1 + \left( \sum_N \frac{h_N}{\alpha - \alpha_i(N)} \right) \left( -\alpha(\alpha - \omega)^2 \phi_1'(0) + \alpha^2 \phi_2'(0) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\phi'(0)}{2R(\alpha - \omega)^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\Delta}{\Delta} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

For large Reynolds numbers, the terms  $(s_i/s_r)^2 \sim O(R^{-2})$  are ignored. The expression simplifies to

$$I_3(x, y) = -\frac{e^{s_3 x}}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau \exp\left\{-x\tau\left(1 - \frac{is_i}{s_r + \tau}\right)\right\} g_3}{\tau^{1/2} (\tau + s_r)^{1/2}} \bigg|_{\alpha = -is_3 + i\tau\left(1 - \frac{is_i}{s_r + \tau}\right)} \quad (4.21)$$

The main part of the  $x$ -dependence of  $I_3$  comes from the term  $\exp(s_3 x)$ . Thus, the contribution from the branch line is approximately

$$e^{-i\omega t} I_3 \sim \exp\left[i\omega(x-t) - \frac{\omega^2 x}{R}\right] \quad (4.22)$$

where  $s_3$  is given in eqn. (4.12). This approximate solution propagates with the freestream velocity and decays slowly in the  $x$ -direction. For  $x \gg 1$ , the  $x$ -dependence of the integral shows a universal feature. The contribution from the integrand is limited to a region close to  $\tau \sim 0$ . Transforming the variable from  $\tau$  to  $t$  such that

$$\tau = \left[ x \left( 1 - \frac{is_i}{s_r} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &\approx -\frac{e^{s_3 x}}{\pi \left[ x \left( 1 - \frac{is_i}{s_r} \right) \right]^{1/2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt e^{-t^2} (g_3)}{s_r^{1/2}} \bigg|_{\alpha = -is_3} \\ &= -g_3(\alpha = -is_3) e^{s_3 x} / \pi^{1/2} (s_r - is_i)^{1/2} x^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (4.23)$$

which shows the enhancement of the spatial decay by the factor  $x^{-1/2}$ .

### 4.3 Exterior (Asymptotic) Solution

#### 4.3.1 Poles from the Discrete Eigenmodes

The procedure used in Section 4.2.1 also applies to the asymptotic solution  $\phi$  valid for  $y \gg \hat{y}$  as given in eqn. (3.25)

$$I_1^{(N)}(x, y) = e^{-\alpha_1^{(N)}(y-\hat{y}) + i\alpha_1^{(N)}x} \left\{ \frac{i\alpha_1^{(N)}}{2(\alpha_1^{(N)} - \omega)} \phi_2'(0) + \frac{i}{2}(\alpha_1^{(N)} - \omega) \phi_1'(0) \right\} \left( \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta\hat{y}}}{\alpha_1^{(N)} - i\beta} + \frac{F^- e^{-i\beta\hat{y}}}{\alpha_1^{(N)} + i\beta} \right) + \frac{\alpha_1^{(N)}}{(\alpha_1^{(N)} - \omega)} \frac{\Phi'(0)}{2\mu R} \quad \alpha = \alpha_1^{(N)} \quad (4.24)$$

This expression shows that this mode decays as  $\exp(-\alpha_1^{(N)}y)$  toward the freestream as it should.

#### 4.3.2 Poles from the Standing Waves

The asymptotic solution for the pole at  $s = -\beta$  is

$$I_2(x, y) = e^{-\beta x} \left\{ e^{i\beta(y-\hat{y})} \left( \sum_N \frac{h_N}{i\beta - \alpha_1^{(N)}} \right) F^+ e^{i\beta\hat{y}} + \frac{i}{2} \left[ \frac{i\beta}{i\beta - \omega} \phi_2'(0) + (i\beta - \omega) \phi_1'(0) \right] + \frac{F^+ e^{i\beta\hat{y}}}{2\beta(i\beta - \omega)} \right\} \quad (4.25)$$

Because  $I_2$  has the form  $\exp(-\beta x + i\beta y)$ , far from the boundary layer edge, this mode is oscillatory in  $y$  and is irrotational. This agrees with Refs. 5a-c.

A similar expression can be obtained for the pole at  $s = \beta$ , corresponding to the  $e^{\beta x}$  mode. If condition (4.8) applies, then this mode is suppressed in the asymptotic and general solutions.

#### 4.3.3 Branch Line Yielding a Continuous Spectrum

The contribution from the branch line for the asymptotic solution is obtained from eqn. (4.19) with the function  $g_3$  replaced by

$$(g_3)_{\text{asym}} = \left\{ e^{-\alpha(y-\hat{y})} \left( \sum_N \frac{h_N}{\alpha - \alpha_1^{(N)}} \right) \frac{\alpha \Phi'(0)}{(\alpha - \omega) 2\mu R} \right\} \quad \text{evaluated at} \quad \alpha = -iS_3 + i\tau \left( 1 - \frac{iS_3}{S_r + \tau} \right) \quad (4.26)$$

Because  $s_3 \approx i\omega - \omega^2/R$  from eqn. (4.12), this mode varies with  $y$  as

$$\exp[-\alpha(y-\hat{y})] = \exp\left[(y-\hat{y})\left(-\frac{i\omega^2}{R} - \omega + O(\tau)\right)\right] \quad (4.27)$$

where  $\tau$  is the variable introduced in eqn. (4.18).

#### 4.3.4 A Pole Representing a Solution Periodic in $y$ and Slowly Decaying

The asymptotic expression (3.25) reveals a pole at

$$\mu^2 + \beta^2 = 0 \quad (4.28)$$

which has no counterpart in the interior solution. It is located on the hyperbola branch line, and is the mode forced by the periodicity at the initial line,  $x = 0$ , and continues to  $y \rightarrow \infty$  with wavenumber  $\beta$ .

Eqn. (4.28) is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^2 + \beta^2 &= -s^2 + Rs - i\omega R + \beta^2 \\ &= -(s - s_4)(s - s_4') = 0 \\ s_4 &= i\omega - \frac{\omega^2 + \beta^2}{R} + O(R^{-2}) \\ s_4' &= R - i\omega + O(R^{-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

The contribution from the pole  $s = s_4$  is

$$I_4 = \frac{-F}{2(s_4 - i\omega)(s_4 - s_4')} e^{s_4 x} \quad (4.30)$$

From eqn. (4.29), the asymptotic behavior is

$$e^{-i\omega t} I_4 \sim \exp\left[i\omega(x-\tau) \pm i\beta y - \frac{\omega^2 + \beta^2}{R} x\right] \quad (4.31)$$

This solution is periodic in  $y$ , travels downstream with the freestream velocity, and slowly decays exponentially.

The same procedure for the pole at  $s = s_4'$  leads to a solution which grows like  $\exp(s_4' x)$ . Although this mode can be physically realized as the upstream influence of a disturbance, it is excluded in this quarter-plane problem by factorizing the forcing function as

$$F = (s - s_4')^n G \quad (4.32)$$

where  $n$  is an integer.

#### 4.3.5 The cases $\alpha = 0$ and $\alpha = \omega$

The exterior solution (3.25) has factors  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha - \omega$  in the denominator, and thus have pole-like characteristics. The first one, however, is ruled out because it gives a solution which approaches a nonvanishing constant

$$(\Phi)_{y \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{1}{2\omega\beta} [F^+ e^{i\beta\hat{y}} + F^- e^{-i\beta\hat{y}}] \neq 0$$

This reflects the fact that  $F$  should have a factor of  $\alpha$

$$F = \alpha G \quad (4.33)$$

in realistic situations, as inferred from the form of eqn. (3.1).

The other case of  $\alpha = \omega$ , or  $c = 1$ , should be treated separately. It is not covered by the present analysis. In that case, two solutions  $\phi_3$  and  $\phi_4$  need to be replaced by  $y \exp(\pm y)$  which leads to a different expression for the Wronskian.

## 5.0 SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## 5.1 Summary

The boundary-value problem in space for the evolution of two-dimensional fluctuations in a boundary layer is formulated. With velocity fluctuations specified along the y-axis, and impermeability and no-slip imposed along the plate (which lies along the x-axis), we seek the small-amplitude solutions in the quarter-plane downstream of the y-axis. These velocity fluctuations are functions of "exponential order" that can be Laplace transformed.

The differential equation

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \bar{U}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \epsilon \nabla^2 \right\} \nabla^2 V - \bar{U}_{yy}(y) \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 0$$

is Fourier transformed in time and Laplace transformed in the x-direction. The resultant forced Orr-Sommerfeld equation is

$$\left\{ (\bar{U} - \frac{\omega}{\alpha})(D^2 - \alpha^2) - \bar{U}_{yy} - \frac{1}{i\alpha R}(D^2 - \alpha^2)^2 \right\} \phi(y) = \frac{F(y)}{i\alpha} \quad (5.1a)$$

where the forcing function is

$$F(y) = \left( \bar{U} - \frac{i\omega}{S} - \frac{S}{R} - \frac{D^2}{SR} \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + S \right) \hat{V}^{(0)} + \left( \frac{i\omega}{S} + \frac{D^2}{SR} \right) \hat{\xi}^{(0)} + \frac{\hat{\xi}_x^{(0)}}{R} \quad (5.1b)$$

The forcing function is Fourier transformed in the y-direction and represented as

$$F = F^+(\beta) e^{i\beta y} + F^-(\beta) e^{-i\beta y} \quad (5.2)$$

The particular integral of the forced equation is obtained by the method of variation of parameters.

The four independent solutions of the homogeneous equation are obtained as asymptotic solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation with an asymptotic expansion in  $\alpha/R$  where  $\alpha$  is the x-wavenumber and  $R$  is the Reynolds number. The smallness of this parameter under ordinary conditions assures rapid convergence. These four independent solutions have unique properties exploited in the present solution.

The complementary and particular integrals are combined into a general solution which satisfies impermeability and no-slip at the wall and boundedness far-away.

The inverse Laplace transform is found via the Cauchy theorem with a contour integration taken to the right of all poles, along a semi-circle of infinite radius, and with indentations about the branch lines.

The left and right handed branches of one Riemann cut are hyperbolas. Integration about the left handed cut yields the contribution from the slowly-decaying vortical fluctuations in the freestream.

Since contributions from the right-handed leg are physically unreasonable with a plate which extends to infinity downstream, conditions are imposed on the forcing function to eliminate those contributions.

Contributions from the isolated poles for the discrete modes are obtained from the Cauchy theorem. The amplitude of the Tollmien wave is found as the first in this series.

The amplitude of the decaying standing wave with another pole is similarly found.

The exponentially-growing standing wave is excluded by introducing a condition on the forcing function. This contribution is excluded for the same reason as given above for excluding contributions from the right-handed branch line.

The branch lines for the interior solution include the left and right-handed hyperbola branch cuts. The fluctuation associated with the right-handed branch line was calculated by Rogler (Ref. 47) as a solution of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation.

The poles in the interior solution include the  $N$  discrete modes, the two modes corresponding to the  $\exp(\pm \beta x)$  standing wave modes, and poles along the hyperbola branch lines.

The poles in the asymptotic outer solution include the tails of the  $N$  discrete modes, the oscillatory solutions corresponding to  $\beta^2 = -\beta^2$ , and the oscillatory solutions corresponding to the standing waves with  $s = \pm i\alpha$ .

## 5.2 Procedure for Calculating the Initial Amplitude of the Tollmien Wave

(1) The procedure for calculating the four independent solutions of the homogeneous Orr-Sommerfeld equation,  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$ , and  $\phi_4$ , is outlined in Appendix A and Ref. 1. These  $\phi$ s are solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation, as asymptotic solutions or as numerical solutions with edge conditions defined by the solutions of Table 1. The derivatives  $D\phi_1$  and  $D\phi_2$  are evaluated at  $y=0$ , and the  $\phi$ s up to the 2nd derivative are stored for  $0 \leq y < \bar{y}$ .

(2) The derivatives  $\partial (d\phi_1/dy)/\partial \alpha$  and  $\partial (d\phi_2/dy)/\partial \alpha$  are evaluated at  $y = 0$  and for  $\alpha = \alpha_1^{(1)}$  corresponding to the Tollmien wave and stored.

(3)  $h_N$  is evaluated from equation (3.23).



(4)  $\bar{\phi}'(0)$  is calculated from equation (3.17).

(5)  $I_1^{(N)}(0,y)$  is evaluated from equation (4.4) for the amplitude of the Tollmien wave at  $x=0$ .

### 5.3 Conclusions and Recommendations

A boundary-value problem is formulated which illustrates how initial fluctuations are represented as a superposition of its (spatial) Fourier-Laplace solutions. Figure 4.1 serves as a roadmap for the five families of fluctuations which can appear in a boundary layer. The solution is complete in the sense that a superposition of these fluctuations completely describes the flowfield for an incompressible, viscous, small-amplitude, 2-D, unsteady flow in a parallel-flow boundary layer over a flat plate.

Since this formulation in 1980, these five classes were calculated as solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation. Their streamlines are plotted in Figures B.1-B.5 in Appendix B of this report. A description of each fluctuation appears beside each figure. These descriptions provide an overview of the five families that serve as basic building blocks for fluctuations in boundary layers. The five are:

1. The discrete eigenmodes, where the Tollmien (or Tollmien-Schlichting) wave is the fundamental mode of boundary layer instability. These fluctuations vanish far from the boundary layer.
2. The slowly-decaying vortical fluctuations, with solutions described and calculated by Rogler and Reshotko (Ref. 48) and Salwen and Grosch (Refs. 49,50). Far from the boundary layer, these fluctuations are rotational.
3. The explosively-growing vortical fluctuations representing upstream diffusion of vorticity (Refs. 27,47). Far from the boundary layer, these fluctuations are rotational.
4. The exponentially-decaying standing waves described in Refs. 5a,b,c. In the freestream, these waves are irrotational. With the help of Mr. Arnie Rosner, a 16 mm animated movie was produced which illustrates these waves. The movie shows that these waves travel in the direction perpendicular to the wall. Ref. 34 shows that a spectrum of these standing waves appear downstream of the leading edge when freestream disturbances interact with that leading edge. The waves can be generated by surface waviness which is steady (Ref. 38) or unsteady (Ref. 39) if a leading edge exists.
5. The exponentially-growing standing waves also described in Refs. 5a,b,c. Although these waves are physically realizable in

some problems, they are excluded in this problem with a flat plate that extends to infinity downstream. Far from the boundary layer, these growing standing waves are irrotational.

In future studies, the theory could be applied to identify what properties of the initial disturbances are responsible for exciting the Tollmien waves, and the role of the mean velocity profile (as influenced by the mean pressure gradient and wall roughness). Further study is also required to account for the leading and trailing edges, 3-D disturbances, and the growth of the boundary layer.

The 3-D counterpart of this analysis was described in Ref. 41, but additional analysis and calculations are required to complete that study.

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Appendix A  
METHOD OF SUCCESSIVE APPROXIMATION  
FOR SOLVING THE ORR-SOMMERFELD EQUATION USING NEW SCALING

### A.1 Introductory Comments

This appendix summarizes a method used to solve the Orr-Sommerfeld equation

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{i\alpha R} (D^2 - A^2)^2 - (\bar{U} - c)(D^2 - A^2) + \bar{U}_{yy} \right\} \phi = 0 \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where  $D = d/dy$ ,  $R = U_\infty \delta / \nu$  is the Reynolds number,  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  are the dimensionless wavenumbers in the streamwise and spanwise directions, respectively, and  $A^2 = \alpha^2 + \delta^2$ .

Heisenberg (Ref. 52) observed that the Orr-Sommerfeld equation can be solved analytically in the inviscid limit

$$\alpha R \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{A.2a})$$

with a small wavenumber  $A^2 \phi \ll D^2 \phi \quad (\text{A.2b})$

Tsuge (Ref. 1) recognized that the reduced (but still viscous) Orr-Sommerfeld equation

$$\left\{ \frac{D^4}{i\alpha R} - (\bar{U} - c) D^2 + \bar{U}_{yy} \right\} \phi = 0 \quad (\text{A.3})$$

can be integrated once to yield a third-order equation

$$\left\{ \frac{D^3}{i\alpha R} - (\bar{U} - c) D + \bar{U}_y \right\} \phi = C, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

This equation is the zeroth-order equation associated with the following expansion

$$\phi(y) = \phi^{(0)}(\eta) + \frac{A^2}{\alpha R} \phi^{(1)}(\eta) + \left( \frac{A^2}{\alpha R} \right)^2 \phi^{(2)}(\eta) + \dots \quad (\text{A.5})$$

with  $y = \epsilon \eta$  and  $\epsilon = (\alpha R)^{-1/2}$  (A.6a,b)

The functions  $\phi^{(N)}$  ( $N=0,1,2,\dots$ ) obey the following set of equations

$$L^{(0)} \phi^{(0)} = 0 \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$L^{(0)} \phi^{(1)} = L^{(1)} \phi^{(0)} \quad (\text{A.8})$$

$$L^{(0)} \phi^{(n)} = L^{(1)} \phi^{(n-1)} - \phi^{(n-2)} \quad (n \geq 2) \quad (\text{A.9})$$

where the operators  $L^{(0)}$  and  $L^{(1)}$  are defined by

$$L^{(0)} = d^4/d\eta^4 - i(\bar{U} - c) d^2/d\eta^2 + i\bar{U}_{yy} \quad (\text{A.10})$$



$$L^{(1)} = 2d^2/d\eta^2 - i(\bar{U} - c) \quad (A.11)$$

Equation (A.4) is the zeroth-order equation in this set.

## A.2 Four independent solutions of the zeroth-order equation

Equation (A.3 or A.8), or its integrated version (A.4)

$$\ddot{Y} - i(\bar{U} - c)\dot{Y} + i\bar{U}Y = iC \quad (A.12)$$

has four independent solutions,  $\phi_i$ ,  $i=1-4$ . Solutions  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  both tend to slowly varying functions, whereas  $\phi_3$  and  $\phi_4$  exhibit rapid decay or growth. The solutions are found in the order  $\phi_3 \rightarrow \phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_4 \rightarrow \phi_1$ , in a form where each solution requires at most knowledge of the  $\phi$ s from earlier solutions.  $\phi_4$  and  $\phi_1$  are found exactly in terms of  $\phi_3$  and  $\phi_2$ .

### Solution $\phi_3$

The homogeneous solution of equation (A.4) is found first. Because of its prospective exponential decay, the solution  $\phi_3$  is assumed of form

$$\phi_3 = \exp \int_0^\eta \lambda d\eta \quad (A.13)$$

With this transformation of variables, the homogeneous form of equation (A.12) is

$$\ddot{\lambda} + 3\lambda\dot{\lambda} + \lambda^3 - i(\bar{U} - c)\lambda + i\bar{U} = 0 \quad (A.14)$$

or alternately and more conveniently

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\lambda} &= \mu - i(\bar{U} - c) \\ \dot{\mu} &= -3\lambda\mu + 4i(\bar{U} - c)\lambda - \lambda^3 \end{aligned} \quad (A.15a,b)$$

Since we are seeking a solution of (A.15a,b) which decays exponentially in the asymptotic limit ( $\lambda, \mu \sim 0$ ), the root for  $\lambda$  with negative real part is

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lambda &\sim -e^{i\pi/4}(\bar{U} - c)^{1/2} \\ \mu &\sim i(\bar{U} - c) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ for } \eta \gg 1 \quad (A.16a,b)$$

In solving equation (A.15a,b) with asymptotic conditions (A.16a,b), it is useful to introduce a variable transformation

$$\begin{aligned} V &= -\mu + 2i(\bar{U} - c) - \lambda^2 \\ W &= -2\mu + 3i(\bar{U} - c) - \lambda^2 \end{aligned} \quad (A.17a,b)$$

and work with the equations in the new dependent variables (V,W)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} + \lambda V - 2i\dot{\bar{U}} &= 0 \\ \dot{W} + 2\lambda W - 3i\dot{\bar{U}} &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (\text{A.18a,b})$$

subject to the asymptotic conditions

$$V, W \sim 0 \quad \text{as } \eta \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{A.19a,b})$$

The integration may be started at a point  $\eta = \hat{\eta} (\gg 1)$  with the initial values

$$\begin{aligned}V &= 2i\dot{\bar{U}}/\lambda \\ W &= 3i\dot{\bar{U}}/2\lambda\end{aligned}\quad (\text{A.20a,b})$$

and with  $\lambda$  given by equation (A.16a) are moderately small. The quadrature marches inward from this point, where the nonlinearity of equation (A.18) appears in the form

$$\lambda = -e^{i\pi/4} (\bar{U} - c + 2iV + iW)^{1/2} \quad (\text{A.21})$$

and is taken into account for  $\eta < \hat{\eta}$ .

This method of numerical integration of the original equation (A.15) works successfully only for the decaying solution  $\phi_3$ . A formally identical procedure for the growing solution  $\phi_4$  suffers from numerical instabilities. The two solutions are different because the point  $\eta = \infty$  is a saddle singularity of equation (A.15) for the case treated, but it is a nodal singularity from which infinitely many solutions emerge for  $\phi_4$ .

A straightforward calculation from (A.14, A.21, and A.20) leads to the solution

$$\phi_3(\eta) = \phi_3(\hat{\eta}) \left( \frac{\hat{\bar{U}} - c}{\bar{U} - c} \right)^{5/4} \exp \left\{ -e^{i\pi/4} \int_{\hat{\eta}}^{\eta} (\bar{U} - c)^{1/2} d\eta \right\} \quad (\text{for } \eta > \hat{\eta} \gg 1) \quad (\text{A.22})$$

The classical counterpart of  $\phi_3$  given in Ref. 52 is

$$\phi_3(\tau) = \int_{\infty}^{\tau} d\tau \int_{\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' \tau'^{1/2} H_{1/3}^{(1)} \left[ \frac{2}{3} (i a_0 \tau')^{3/2} \right] \quad (\text{A.23})$$

where  $H_{1/3}^{(1)}$  is the Hankel function of the first kind and  $\tau$  and  $a_0$  are defined by

$$\tau = (y - y_c)(\alpha R)^{1/3}, \quad a_0 = (\bar{U}_{y_c})^{1/3} \quad (\text{A.24})$$

with subscript c signifying the value at the critical layer. For  $\tau \gg 1$ , (A.23) takes the form

$$\phi_3(\tau) \sim \tau^{-5/4} \exp \left\{ -e^{i\pi/4} \frac{2}{3} (a_0 \tau)^{3/2} \right\} \quad (\text{A.25})$$

If we employ the linear approximation (A.24) for  $\bar{U}-c$  at the critical point, solution (A.22) reduces to (A.25).

### Solution $\phi_2$

After one of the solutions of the third order equation (A.13) is found, the difficulties in solving for the remaining solutions are considerably reduced because of the following theorem: If  $n$  independent solutions of the  $m$ th order linear differential equation are at hand, then the  $(n+1)$ th solution is obtained by solving an equation of  $(m-n)$ th order. To use this theorem for the second solution  $\phi_2$  requires that an equation of the order  $3 - 1 = 2$  be derived by putting

$$\phi_2 = \phi_3 \int_0^\eta G d\eta \quad (\text{A.27})$$

and by substituting into equation (A.13). This, in turn, is equivalent to claiming that if  $G$  is assumed in the form

$$G = \exp \int_0^\eta (-\lambda + S) d\eta \quad (\text{A.28})$$

then the transformed variable  $S$  obeys a first order nonlinear equation. A simple calculation actually confirms the assertion, yielding a Riccati equation

$$\dot{S} + S^2 + \lambda S - W = 0 \quad (\text{A.29})$$

where  $\lambda$  and  $W$  have been solved from eqns. (A.8) and (A.11), respectively. Of the two asymptotic roots of (A.29) for  $S \sim 0$ , the one that vanishes as  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ , namely

$$S = W/\lambda \quad (\text{A.30})$$

is the correct choice, since only this root insures that  $\phi_2$  meets the need for having a slow variation as  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ . In fact, then

$$\phi_2 = \phi_3 \int_0^\eta d\eta \exp \left\{ \int_0^\eta (-\lambda + S) d\eta \right\} = \hat{\phi}_2(\bar{U}-c) \quad (\text{A.31})$$

$\eta \gg 1$

with

$$\hat{\phi}_2 = (\bar{U}-c)^{-3/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{i\pi}{4} + \int_0^\eta S d\eta \right\}$$

Because the integrand in (A.31) is a rapidly growing function, only the portion near the upper bound contributes to the integral. Then the integral is replaced with

$$(-\lambda + S)^{-1} \exp \left\{ \int_0^{\eta} (-\lambda + S) d\eta \right\}$$

It is interesting to compare  $\phi_2$  of (A.31) with its classical counterpart

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi_2)_{cl. in} &= 1 + O(\epsilon R)^{-1/3} \\ (\phi_2)_{cl. out} &= (\bar{U} - c) + O(A^2) \end{aligned} \quad (A.32)$$

which represent the inner (viscous) and outer (inviscid) solutions by Heisenberg (Ref. 52). The classical  $\phi_2$  is uniformly slowly varying, whereas the  $\phi_2$  given here is moderately varying for  $\eta \sim O(1)$ , and is a rapidly varying function of the physical coordinate  $y = \epsilon \eta$ . This solution tends only asymptotically for  $\eta \gg 1$  to a slowly varying function.

Also we note that solution (A.31) coincides with the leading term of the classical outer solution, which further substantiates the asymptotic method applied here.

### Solution $\phi_4$

Repeated use of the theorem assures that the third solution  $\phi_4$  satisfies a first order linear differential equation to be deduced from (A.13). This assertion is realized by the method of variation of constants

$$\phi_4 = \Gamma_2 \phi_2 + \Gamma_3 \phi_3 \quad (A.33)$$

where  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_3$  are functions of  $\eta$  to be determined. Having eliminated  $\phi_2$  between the original equation (A.13) and the supplementary condition

$$\dot{\Gamma}_2 \phi_2 + \dot{\Gamma}_3 \phi_3 = 0$$

which is standard to this method, we are lead to the equation for  $\dot{\Gamma}_3$

$$\frac{\ddot{\Gamma}_3}{\dot{\Gamma}_3} = \frac{\dot{\phi}_2}{\phi_2} - 2 \frac{\phi_2 \ddot{\phi}_3 - \phi_3 \ddot{\phi}_2}{\phi_2 \dot{\phi}_3 - \phi_3 \dot{\phi}_2}$$

This equation is integrated twice, and its substitution into (A.33) gives

$$\phi_4 = -\phi_2 \int_0^{\eta} \phi_3 \mathcal{W}^{-2} d\eta + \phi_3 \int_0^{\eta} \phi_2 \mathcal{W}^{-2} d\eta \quad (A.34)$$

where  $W$  is the Wronskian formed by  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_3$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_2 & \phi_3 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 & \dot{\phi}_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{A.35})$$

It is easily confirmed from solution (A.34) for  $\phi_4$  that it has an asymptotic form of exponential growth with  $\eta$ . In fact, using the same approximation as has been used previously in deriving (A.31), we have for (A.34)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_4 &\sim \frac{1}{2\lambda^3 \phi_2 \phi_3} \\ &\sim \hat{B}_4 (\bar{U}-c)^{-5/4} \exp \left\{ e^{i\pi/4} \int_{\hat{\eta}}^{\eta} (\bar{U}-c)^{1/2} d\eta \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.36})$$

with

$$\hat{B}_4 = \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{2 \hat{B}_2 \hat{B}_3 (\hat{U}-c)^{5/4}}$$

In deriving the second row, the asymptotic expressions (A.24) and (A.31) for  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_3$  have been used. Relationship (A.36) is again in qualitative agreement with its classical equivalent, as is the case for the decaying solution  $\phi_2$ . The classical equivalent is, from Ref. 51,

$$\left\{ \phi_4(\tau) \right\}_{cl} = \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' \tau'^{1/2} H_{1/3}^{(2)} \left\{ \frac{2}{3} (i\phi_0 \tau')^{3/2} \right\} \quad (\text{A.37})$$

with the same nomenclature as before with the Hankel function of the second kind  $H_{1/3}^{(2)}$ . The asymptotic expression of (A.25) for  $\tau \gg 1$  is

$$\left\{ \phi_4(\tau) \right\}_{cl} \sim \tau^{-5/4} \exp \left\{ e^{i\pi/4} \frac{2}{3} (\phi_0 \tau)^{3/2} \right\} \quad (\text{A.38})$$

in agreement with (A.36) with limited accuracy in the velocity profile.

The set of solutions ( $\phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4$ ) which has been constructed has a noteworthy characteristic for the Wronskian that simplifies the analyses which follow

$$W_{III} = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \phi_4 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 & \dot{\phi}_3 & \dot{\phi}_4 \\ \ddot{\phi}_2 & \ddot{\phi}_3 & \ddot{\phi}_4 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \quad (\text{A.39})$$

This formula is easily checked by noting the following relationship

$$\frac{d'\phi_4}{d\eta'} = - \frac{d'\phi_2}{d\eta'} \int_0^{\eta} \frac{\phi_3}{W^2} d\eta + \frac{d'\phi_3}{d\eta'} \int_0^{\eta} \frac{\phi_2}{W^2} d\eta + \frac{\delta_{12}}{W}$$

which holds for  $l = 0, 1, 2$ .

### Solution $\phi_1$

Since all homogeneous solutions are exhausted, the fourth solution  $\phi_1$  of equation (A.12) is the particular solution of the equation with  $C_1 = 1$

$$\ddot{\phi}_1 - i(\bar{U} - c)\dot{\phi}_1 + i\bar{U}\phi_1 = i \quad (\text{A.40})$$

The method of variation of constants is used here also, since all of the homogeneous solutions  $\phi_2$  through  $\phi_4$  are available. The theorem states that no differential equation needs to be solved. A manipulation using the key property (A.39) leads to the solution

$$\phi_1 = i\phi_2 \int_{\hat{\eta}}^{\eta} W I_3 d\eta - i\phi_3 \int_0^{\eta} W I_2 d\eta + i\phi_4 \int_{\infty}^{\eta} W d\eta \quad (\text{A.41})$$

$$\text{with} \quad I_l = \int_0^{\eta} \phi_l W^{-2} d\eta \quad (l = 2, 3) \quad (\text{A.42})$$

where  $\eta = \hat{\eta} \gg 1$  is a point beyond which the asymptotic expressions for  $\phi_2$  through  $\phi_4$  are valid. Taking the derivatives successively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^l \phi_1}{d\eta^l} = & i \frac{d^l \phi_2}{d\eta^l} \int_{\hat{\eta}}^{\eta} W I_3 d\eta - i \frac{d^l \phi_3}{d\eta^l} \int_0^{\eta} W I_2 d\eta \\ & + i \frac{d^l \phi_4}{d\eta^l} \int_{\infty}^{\eta} W d\eta + i \delta_{3l} \quad (l = 1, 2, 3) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.43})$$

This result can be checked by using (A.38), (A.32), and (A.33).

The function  $\phi_1$  in expression (A.41) behaves as a slowly varying function for  $\eta \gg 1$  under the same conditions as invoked in deriving the asymptotic expression (A.31) for  $\phi_2$ . The resulting expression is

$$\phi_1 \sim -(\bar{U} - c) \int_{\hat{\eta}}^{\eta} (\bar{U} - c)^{-2} d\eta \quad (\eta > \hat{\eta} \gg 1) \quad (\text{A.44})$$

For comparison, the classical equivalent to this function is

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi_1)_{cl.in} &= \tau + O(A R_s)^{-1/3} \\ (\phi_1)_{cl.out} &= (\bar{U} - c) \int_0^{\eta} (\bar{U} - c)^{-2} dy + O(A^2) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.45})$$

where  $\tau$  is defined in (A.24). The leading terms of the asymptotic

expression agree with the leading terms of the classical outer solution.

Because of (A.43), we can show the following relationship for the Wronskian formed by the four solutions  $\phi_1$  through  $\phi_4$

$$W_{IV} = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \phi_4 \\ \dot{\phi}_1 & \dot{\phi}_2 & \dot{\phi}_3 & \dot{\phi}_4 \\ \ddot{\phi}_1 & \ddot{\phi}_2 & \ddot{\phi}_3 & \ddot{\phi}_4 \\ \dddot{\phi}_1 & \dddot{\phi}_2 & \dddot{\phi}_3 & \dddot{\phi}_4 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{A.46})$$

### Higher Order Approximation

The full solution of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation is constructed from the series (A.6) by successive approximation starting with equation (A.13) with solution  $\phi^{(0)}$  known. In practice, the  $n$ th-order correction  $\phi^{(n)}$  is obtained by solving the inhomogeneous equations (A.10) following the same procedure as has lead from equation (A.40) to solution (A.41). The result is

$$\phi^{(n)} = \phi_2 \int_{\hat{y}}^{\eta} W_{I_3} J^{(n)} d\eta - \phi_3 \int_0^{\eta} W_{I_2} J^{(n)} d\eta + \phi_4 \int_{\infty}^{\eta} W J^{(n)} d\eta \quad (\text{A.47})$$

$$\text{with } J^{(n)} = 2\dot{\phi}^{(n-1)} - i \int_{\hat{y}}^{\eta} (\bar{U}-c) \phi^{(n-1)} d\eta - \int_{\hat{y}}^{\eta} \phi^{(n-2)} d\eta \quad \eta > \hat{y} > \hat{y}_1 \quad (\text{A.48})$$

Using these formula, the same approximation as used in deriving the asymptotic expressions for  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , we get

$$\phi^{(n)} \sim (\bar{U}-c) \int_{\hat{y}}^{\eta} \frac{d\eta}{(\bar{U}-c)^2} \int_{\hat{y}}^{\eta} (\bar{U}-c) \phi^{(n-1)} d\eta \quad (\text{for } \eta > \hat{y} > \hat{y}_1) \quad (\text{A.49})$$

This expression, when substituted into A.5, with  $\phi^{(0)} = \phi_1$  or  $\phi_2$  given by (A.44) and (A.31) respectively, coincides with Heisenberg's inviscid outer solutions (Ref. 52). The series solutions for  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are uniformly convergent if the lower bound  $\hat{y} = \epsilon$  is taken such that  $\bar{U}-c$  varies only slowly for  $\hat{y} < y$ . In fact, then, the series sum up to yield

$$F_1 = -(\bar{U}-c)^{-1} \sinh A(y-\hat{y}) \frac{(\alpha R)^{1/2}}{A} \quad (\text{A.50})$$

$$F_2 = (\bar{U}-c) \cosh A(y-\hat{y}) \cdot \hat{\sigma}_2 \quad (\text{A.51})$$

In closing, this solution of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation for the Tollmien wave has been calculated and verified by Tsuge and Sakai (Ref. 2).

## Appendix B

A summary of basic characteristics of five forms of 2-D spatial oscillations in a parallel-flow, Blasius boundary layer, viscous, flat plate, with  $0 < y < \infty$

1. The Tollmien-Schlichting instability wave is the fundamental wave in a finite set of eigenmodes. The T-S wave is the only known unstable eigenwave for an incompressible, flat plate boundary layer. The higher modes are all heavily damped for the Blasius layer. The main physical features include two viscous layers (a viscous sublayer near the wall, and a critical layer near where  $\bar{U}(y_c) = \text{Real}(\text{the phase speed})$ ). The T-S wave propagates downstream and may grow or decay depending on the boundary layer, Reynolds number, and frequency. Across the sublayer, the Reynolds stress jumps from zero to some value. Across the critical layer, that stress jumps back to zero. This Reynolds stress, if viscous dampening is not too large, can lead to growth of the wave.

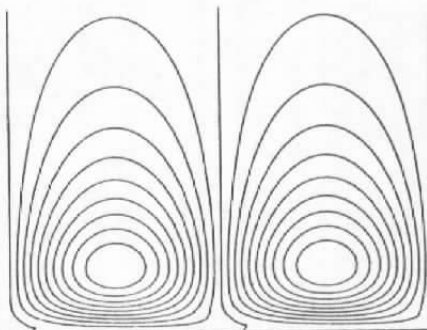


Figure B.1

2. The decaying standing wave decays exponentially in the streamwise direction and oscillates sinusoidally in time as  $v = \phi(y) \exp(-\beta x - i\omega t)$ . This oscillation does not propagate in the streamwise direction; the phase speed is pure imaginary. Above the boundary layer, the standing wave behaves as  $v = [A \exp(-my) + B \sin \beta y + C \cos \beta y] \exp(-\beta x - i\omega t)$ . Far-away from the boundary layer, this fluctuation is irrotational. The limit of a standing wave as  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  is a Stokes wave  $u(y, t) = f(y) \exp(-i\omega t)$ ,  $v = 0$ , for an oscillating freestream. The "collision" of vortical and other freestream disturbances with the leading edge can excite a spectrum of these decaying waves. Interactions between the trailing edge and disturbances are also believed to excite these waves. Steady waves of this form are also induced by flow over a wavy wall with a leading edge.

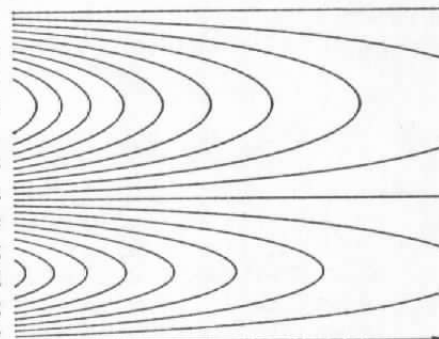


Figure B.2



3. The growing standing wave is the exponentially growing counterpart to (2). If inviscid, oscillations (2) and (3) are related by  $\phi_3 = \phi_2^*$ . Although the viscous terms do not transform this way, calculations show that this relationship is a good guide for large Reynolds numbers. The steady limit of this wave behaves fundamentally different than (2). The phase speed is pure imaginary. This oscillation is believed to be excited by leading and trailing edges. Like (5), this oscillation represents an upstream influence of downstream b.c. in numerical calculations. Wall waviness can also excite these fluctuations.

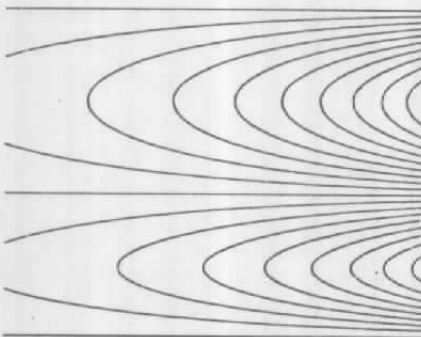


Figure B.3

4. Decaying vortical fluctuations propagate downstream with a speed slightly greater than the freestream, and decay slowly as  $v = \phi(y) \exp(i\alpha(x - c_{ep}t)) \exp(-\alpha x)$  where  $\alpha = (\beta^2 + \omega^2)/R_\delta + \dots$ . A passive viscous sublayer forms at the wall. The smallness of the velocity fluctuations in the boundary layer is caused by the formation of a layer of vorticity at the "edge" of the boundary layer which induces a flow in the direction opposite to that induced by the vortical freestream disturbances. Outside of the boundary layer, the flow behaves as  $v = [A \exp(-my) + B \sin \beta y + C \cos \beta y] \exp[i\alpha(x - ct)]$ . Far above the boundary layer, the fluctuations are rotational, in contrast to waves (2) and (3).

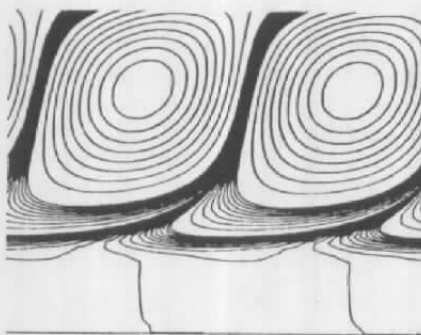


Figure B.4

5. The upstream traveling vortical wave grows explosively like  $\exp(+R_\delta x)$ . It propagates upstream at a speed approximately equal to  $-U_\alpha$ , and represents upstream diffusion of vorticity. Difficult to calculate due to the very high frequency oscillation  $\exp(iR_\delta y)$  in the boundary layer. This oscillation, like waves (2)-(4), also exists for a uniform mean flow,  $\bar{U}=1$ , in contrast to the stability waves for which a boundary layer must be present. Above the boundary layer, this oscillation behaves as  $v = [A \exp(-my) + B \cos \beta y + C \sin \beta y] \exp[i\alpha(x - ct)]$ . This wave is one of the upstream influences of a downstream boundary condition in a calculational domain. It is one of the upstream influences of leading and trailing edges, and is perhaps an additional viscous diffusion effect in non-parallel flows.

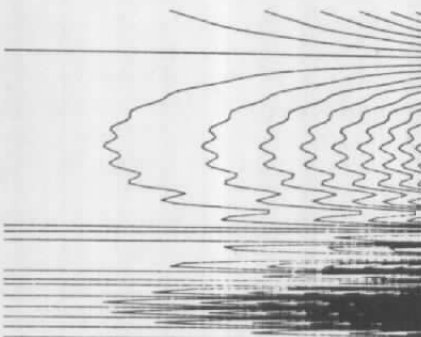


Figure B.5

## NOMENCLATURE

English

|                             |                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $a, b$                      | convergence parameters in generalized Fourier transforms, equation (2.6)                                                    |
| $a_0$                       | defined in equation (A.24)                                                                                                  |
| $A^2 = \alpha^2 + \gamma^2$ |                                                                                                                             |
| $B_i$                       | constants in equation (3.19a)                                                                                               |
| $c = c_r + ic_i$            | complex phase speed                                                                                                         |
| $C_j$                       | complex constants in equation (3.8)                                                                                         |
| $D = d/dy$                  | ordinary derivative                                                                                                         |
| $f(y) = f_r + if_i$         | complex amplitude of the longitudinal velocity                                                                              |
| $F$                         | forcing function                                                                                                            |
| $F^-(\beta), F^+(\beta)$    | Fourier coefficients of the forcing function                                                                                |
| $g_a$                       | defined in equation (4.20)                                                                                                  |
| $G$                         | defined in equation (A.28)                                                                                                  |
| $h_N$                       | constants in the partial fractions of equation (3.21)                                                                       |
| $i$                         | $(-1)^{1/2}$                                                                                                                |
| $I(j)$                      | contribution from the $j$ th pole as defined in equation (4.2)                                                              |
| $L^{(o)}, L^{(u)}$          | operators defined in eqns. (A.11, A.12)                                                                                     |
| $p$                         | disturbance pressure                                                                                                        |
| $R, R_\delta$               | Reynolds number based on characteristic thickness of the boundary layer                                                     |
| $s = i\omega$               | Laplace parameter                                                                                                           |
| $s_0$                       | real value of $s$ lying to the right of all poles                                                                           |
| $s_3, s_3^*$                | values of $s$ defined in equation (4.11)                                                                                    |
| $S$                         | transformed variable in equation (A.28)                                                                                     |
| $t$                         | time                                                                                                                        |
| $u, v, w$                   | disturbance velocities in the $x, y$ and $z$ directions                                                                     |
| $\bar{U}(y)$                | mean velocity in the streamwise direction                                                                                   |
| $U_\infty$                  | mean $x$ -velocity in the freestream                                                                                        |
| $V, W$                      | mean velocities in the $y$ and $z$ directions; see equation (A.17) for use of $V, W$ as transformed variables in Appendix A |
| $W$                         | Wronskian                                                                                                                   |
| $x$                         | coordinate parallel to plate in the streamwise direction                                                                    |
| $y$                         | coordinate normal to the plate                                                                                              |
| $y_e$                       | $y$ -value of the boundary layer edge                                                                                       |
| $y$                         | $y$ -value for the asymptotic matching                                                                                      |
| $z$                         | spanwise coordinate                                                                                                         |

Greek and Script

|                  |                                                                |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\alpha$         | $x$ -wavenumber                                                |
| $\alpha_i(n)$    | $x$ -wavenumbers of the discrete modes                         |
| $\beta$          | $y$ -wavenumber                                                |
| $\gamma$         | $z$ -wavenumber; contour of integration                        |
| $\nabla^2$       | Laplacian operator                                             |
| $\delta$         | characteristic thickness of the boundary layer; delta function |
| $\Delta_i$       | cofactor                                                       |
| $\Delta$         | defined in equation (3.18)                                     |
| $\epsilon = 1/R$ | inverse of Reynolds number                                     |

|                              |                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\mu$                        | $[\alpha^2 + iR(\alpha - \omega)]^{1/2}$ ; see equation (A.15a,b)<br>for definition in Appendix A                            |
| $\nu$                        | kinematic viscosity                                                                                                          |
| $\xi$                        | disturbance vorticity in the z-direction                                                                                     |
| $\phi(y) = \phi_r + i\phi_i$ | complex amplitude of the normal velocity disturbance                                                                         |
| $\phi_i, i=1,2,3,4$          | four independent solutions of the Orr-Sommerfeld equation                                                                    |
| $\phi_i'(0)$                 | defined in equation (3.17)                                                                                                   |
| $\Gamma$                     | integration contour                                                                                                          |
| $\lambda$                    | $-\infty < \lambda < \infty$ , imaginary part of $s$ lying to the right<br>of all poles; variable defined in equation (A.13) |
| $\omega$                     | frequency                                                                                                                    |
| $\sigma$                     | vector defined in equation (4.13)                                                                                            |
| $\tau$                       | defined in equation (4.18)                                                                                                   |

# Superscripts, Subscripts, and Miscellaneous Notation

|                     |                                                |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| $(-)$               | time average                                   |
| e                   | boundary layer edge                            |
| p                   | particular integral                            |
| r, i                | real and imaginary parts of a complex variable |
| $( )_x$             | partial derivative with respect to $x$         |
| $\hat{\phantom{x}}$ | Fourier transform                              |
| (0)                 | evaluated at $x=0$                             |
| c.l.                | classical solution                             |