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The following expression is given to describe the velocity profile in the boundary layer on a flat plate:

$$u = a + b \sin(cy) \text{ with the natural conditions } y = 0 \quad u = 0, \quad y = \delta \quad u = U_\alpha, \text{ and } y = \delta \quad \frac{du}{dy} = 0.$$

Obtain an expression for the displacement thickness ( $\delta_1$ ) as a function of the distance from the leading edge ( $x$ ), the free stream velocity ( $U_\alpha$ ) and the fluid density and dynamic viscosity ( $\rho, \mu$ ). Show all steps.

**Potentially useful information:** The integral momentum equation of the boundary layer is

$$\mu \left. \frac{du}{dy} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_0^\delta \rho (U_\alpha - u) u dy \right]$$

$$\text{and } \int \sin(au) du = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(au) + C; \quad \frac{d}{dx} (\sin u) = \cos u \frac{du}{dx}; \quad \int \sin^2 u du = \frac{1}{2}(u - \sin u \cos u) + C$$

Given  $u = a + b \sin(cy)$

use b.c.  $y=0, u=0 \Rightarrow a=0$

$$\frac{du}{dy} = bc \cos(cy)$$

at  $y=\delta, \frac{du}{dy}=0$  or  $0 = bc \cos(c\delta)$

$$\Rightarrow c\delta = \pi/2$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{\pi}{2\delta}$$

and at  $y=\delta, u = U_\infty$

$$U_\infty = b \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \quad \text{or} \quad b = U_\infty$$

The velocity profile is

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{y}{\delta}\right) \quad \text{where } \delta(x) \text{ is not known}$$

Substitute profile into the integral momentum equation of the boundary layer

$$\mu \left. \frac{du}{dy} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_0^\delta \rho U_\infty^2 \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) \frac{u}{U_\infty} dy \right]$$

$$\mu U_\infty \left(\frac{\pi}{2\delta}\right) \cos(0) = \rho U_\infty^2 \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \delta \int_0^1 \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) \frac{u}{U_\infty} \frac{dy}{\delta} \right]$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\mu}{U_\infty} \delta = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \delta \int_0^1 \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) \frac{u}{U_\infty} d\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) \right]$$

Solve the integral

$$\int_0^1 \left(1 - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{y}{\delta}\right)\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{y}{\delta}\right) d\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) \quad ; \text{ let } \eta = \frac{y}{\delta}$$

$$\int_0^1 \left( \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \eta\right) - \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \eta\right) \right) d\eta$$

$$-\frac{2}{\pi} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \eta\right) \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \eta - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \eta\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \eta\right) \right]_0^1$$

$$-\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ 0 - 1 \right] - \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{1}{2} = 0.1366$$

Let  $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{v}{u_\infty}$

Then

$$\beta/\delta = 0.1366 \frac{d\delta}{dx}$$

$$\frac{\beta}{0.1366} dx = \delta d\delta = \frac{1}{2} d\delta^2 \quad \text{with } x=0, \delta=0$$

Integrate

$$\frac{2\beta}{0.1366} x = \delta^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{v}{u_\infty} \frac{1}{0.1366} x$$

$$\delta = 4.795 \sqrt{\frac{vx}{u_\infty}}$$

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The displacement thickness,  $\delta_1$ , is given by (for incompressible fluid)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_1 &= \int_0^{\delta} \left(1 - \frac{u}{u_{\infty}}\right) dy \\
 &= \delta \int_0^1 \left(1 - \frac{u}{u_{\infty}}\right) d\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) \\
 &= \delta \int_0^1 \left(1 - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\eta\right)\right) d\eta \quad ; \quad \eta = \frac{y}{\delta} \\
 &= \delta \left[ \eta - \left(-\frac{2}{\pi} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\eta\right)\right) \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \delta \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \right] = 0.3634\delta
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\delta_1 = 1.7425 \sqrt{\frac{\nu x}{u_{\infty}}}$$

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