

of $Pr^{2/3}$ for the flat-plate problem and, as it turns out, this dependence works fairly well for turbulent tube flow. Equations (5-114) and (5-116) may be modified by this factor to yield

$$St Pr^{2/3} = \frac{f}{8} \quad [5-114a]$$

$$Nu_d = 0.0395 Re_d^{3/4} Pr^{1/3} \quad [5-116a]$$

As we shall see in Chapter 6, Equation (5-116a) predicts heat-transfer coefficients that are somewhat higher than those observed in experiments. The purpose of the discussion at this point has been to show that one may arrive at a relation for turbulent heat transfer in a fairly simple analytical fashion. As we have indicated earlier, a rigorous development of the Reynolds analogy between heat transfer and fluid friction involves considerations beyond the scope of our discussion, and the simple path of reasoning chosen here is offered for the purpose of indicating the general nature of the physical processes.

For calculation purposes, a more correct relation to use for turbulent flow in a smooth tube is Equation (6-4a), which we list here for comparison:

$$Nu_d = 0.023 Re_d^{0.8} Pr^{0.4} \quad [6-4a]$$

All properties in Equation (6-4a) are evaluated at the bulk temperature.

5-12 | HEAT TRANSFER IN HIGH-SPEED FLOW

Our previous analysis of boundary-layer heat transfer (Section 5-6) neglected the effects of viscous dissipation within the boundary layer. When the free-stream velocity is very high, as in high-speed aircraft, these dissipation effects must be considered. We begin our analysis by considering the adiabatic case, i.e., a perfectly insulated wall. In this case the wall temperature may be considerably higher than the free-stream temperature even though no heat transfer takes place. This high temperature results from two situations: (1) the increase in temperature of the fluid as it is brought to rest at the plate surface while the kinetic energy of the flow is converted to internal thermal energy, and (2) the heating effect due to viscous dissipation. Consider the first situation. The kinetic energy of the gas is converted to thermal energy as the gas is brought to rest, and this process is described by the steady-flow energy equation for an adiabatic process:

$$i_0 = i_\infty + \frac{1}{2g_c} u_\infty^2 \quad [5-117]$$

where i_0 is the stagnation enthalpy of the gas. This equation may be written in terms of temperature as

$$c_p(T_0 - T_\infty) = \frac{1}{2g_c} u_\infty^2$$

where T_0 is the stagnation temperature and T_∞ is the static free-stream temperature. Expressed in terms of the free-stream Mach number, it is

$$\frac{T_0}{T_\infty} = 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_\infty^2 \quad [5-118]$$

where M_∞ is the Mach number, defined as $M_\infty = u_\infty/a$, and a is the acoustic velocity, which for an ideal gas may be calculated with

$$a = \sqrt{\gamma g_c RT} \quad [5-119]$$

where R is the gas constant for the particular gas.

In the actual case of a boundary-layer flow problem, the fluid is not brought to rest reversibly because the viscous action is basically an irreversible process in a thermodynamic sense. In addition, not all the free-stream kinetic energy is converted to thermal energy—part is lost as heat, and part is dissipated in the form of viscous work. To take into account the irreversibilities in the boundary-layer flow system, a *recovery factor* is defined by

$$r = \frac{T_{aw} - T_{\infty}}{T_0 - T_{\infty}} \quad [5-120]$$

where T_{aw} is the actual adiabatic wall temperature and T_{∞} is the static temperature of the free stream. The recovery factor may be determined experimentally, or, for some flow systems, analytical calculations may be made.

The boundary-layer energy equation

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\mu}{\rho c_p} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

has been solved for the high-speed-flow situation, taking into account the viscous-heating term. Although the complete solution is somewhat tedious, the final results are remarkably simple. For our purposes we present only the results and indicate how they may be applied. The reader is referred to Appendix B for an exact solution to Equation (5-22). An excellent synopsis of the high-speed heat-transfer problem is given in a report by Eckert [4]. Some typical boundary-layer temperature profiles for an adiabatic wall in high-speed flow are given in Figure B-3.

The essential result of the high-speed heat-transfer analysis is that heat-transfer rates may generally be calculated with the same relations used for low-speed incompressible flow when the average heat-transfer coefficient is redefined with the relation

$$q = \bar{h} A (T_w - T_{aw}) \quad [5-121]$$

Notice that the difference between the adiabatic wall temperature and the actual wall temperature is used in the definition so that the expression will yield a value of zero heat flow when the wall is at the adiabatic wall temperature. For gases with Prandtl numbers near unity, the following relations for the recovery factor have been derived:

$$\text{Laminar flow:} \quad r = \text{Pr}^{1/2} \quad [5-122]$$

$$\text{Turbulent flow:} \quad r = \text{Pr}^{1/3} \quad [5-123]$$

These recovery factors may be used in conjunction with Equation (5-120) to obtain the adiabatic wall temperature.

In high-velocity boundary layers substantial temperature gradients may occur, and there will be correspondingly large property variations across the boundary layer. The constant-property heat-transfer equations may still be used if the properties are introduced at a reference temperature T^* as recommended by Eckert:

$$T^* = T_{\infty} + 0.50(T_w - T_{\infty}) + 0.22(T_{aw} - T_{\infty}) \quad [5-124]$$

The analogy between heat transfer and fluid friction [Equation (5-56)] may also be used when the friction coefficient is known. Summarizing the relations used for high-speed heat-transfer calculations:

Laminar boundary layer ($\text{Re}_x < 5 \times 10^5$):

$$\text{St}_x^* \text{Pr}^{*2/3} = 0.332 \text{Re}_x^{*-1/2} \quad [5-125]$$

Turbulent boundary layer ($5 \times 10^5 < Re_x < 10^7$):

$$St_x^* Pr^{*2/3} = 0.0296 Re_x^{*-1/5} \quad [5-126]$$

Turbulent boundary layer ($10^7 < Re_x < 10^9$):

$$St_x^* Pr^{*2/3} = 0.185(\log Re_x^*)^{-2.584} \quad [5-127]$$

The superscript * in the above equations indicates that the properties are evaluated at the reference temperature given by Equation (5-124).

To obtain an average heat-transfer coefficient, the above expressions must be integrated over the length of the plate. If the Reynolds number falls in a range such that Equation (5-127) must be used, the integration cannot be expressed in closed form, and a numerical integration must be performed. Care must be taken in performing the integration for the high-speed heat-transfer problem since the reference temperature is different for the laminar and turbulent portions of the boundary layer. This results from the different value of the recovery factor used for laminar and turbulent flow as given by Equations (5-122) and (5-123).

When very high flow velocities are encountered, the adiabatic wall temperature may become so high that dissociation of the gas will take place and there will be a very wide variation of the properties in the boundary layer. Eckert [4] recommends that these problems be treated on the basis of a heat-transfer coefficient defined in terms of *enthalpy* difference:

$$q = h_i A (i_w - i_{aw}) \quad [5-128]$$

The enthalpy recovery factor is then defined as

$$r_i = \frac{i_{aw} - i_\infty}{i_0 - i_\infty} \quad [5-129]$$

where i_{aw} is the enthalpy at the adiabatic wall conditions. The same relations as before are used to calculate the recovery factor and heat-transfer except that all properties are evaluated at a reference enthalpy i^* given by

$$i^* = i_\infty + 0.5(i_w - i_\infty) + 0.22(i_{aw} - i_\infty) \quad [5-130]$$

The Stanton number is redefined as

$$St_i = \frac{h_i}{\rho u_\infty} \quad [5-131]$$

This Stanton number is then used in Equation (5-125), (5-126), or (5-127) to calculate the heat-transfer coefficient. When calculating the enthalpies for use in the above relations, the *total* enthalpy must be used; that is chemical energy of dissociation as well as internal thermal energy must be included. The reference-enthalpy method has proved successful for calculating high-speed heat-transfer with an accuracy of better than 10 percent.

High-Speed Heat Transfer for a Flat Plate

EXAMPLE 5-11

A flat plate 70 cm long and 1.0 m wide is placed in a wind tunnel where the flow conditions are $M = 3$, $p = \frac{1}{20}$ atm, and $T = -40^\circ\text{C}$. How much cooling must be used to maintain the plate temperature at 35°C ?

■ Solution

We must consider the laminar and turbulent portions of the boundary layer separately because the recovery factors, and hence the adiabatic wall temperatures, used to establish the heat flow will be different for each flow regime. It turns out that the difference is rather small in this problem, but we shall follow a procedure that would be used if the difference were appreciable, so that the general method of solution may be indicated. The free-stream acoustic velocity is calculated from

$$a = \sqrt{\gamma g_c R T_\infty} = [(1.4)(1.0)(287)(233)]^{1/2} = 306 \text{ m/s} \quad [1003 \text{ ft/s}]$$

so that the free-stream velocity is

$$u_\infty = (3)(306) = 918 \text{ m/s} \quad [3012 \text{ ft/s}]$$

The maximum Reynolds number is estimated by making a computation based on properties evaluated at free-stream conditions:

$$\rho_\infty = \frac{(1.0132 \times 10^5)(\frac{1}{20})}{(287)(233)} = 0.0758 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad [4.73 \times 10^{-3} \text{ lb}_m/\text{ft}^3]$$

$$\mu_\infty = 1.434 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m} \cdot \text{s} \quad [0.0347 \text{ lb}_m/\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}]$$

$$\text{Re}_{L,\infty} = \frac{(0.0758)(918)(0.70)}{1.434 \times 10^{-5}} = 3.395 \times 10^6$$

Thus we conclude that both laminar and turbulent-boundary-layer heat transfer must be considered. We first determine the reference temperatures for the two regimes and then evaluate properties at these temperatures.

Laminar portion

$$T_0 = T_\infty \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_\infty^2 \right) = (233)[1 + (0.2)(3)^2] = 652 \text{ K}$$

Assuming a Prandtl number of about 0.7, we have

$$r = \text{Pr}^{1/2} = (0.7)^{1/2} = 0.837$$

$$r = \frac{T_{aw} - T_\infty}{T_0 - T_\infty} = \frac{T_{aw} - 233}{652 - 233}$$

and $T_{aw} = 584 \text{ K} = 311^\circ\text{C} [592^\circ\text{F}]$. Then the reference temperature from Equation (5-123) is

$$T^* = 233 + (0.5)(308 - 233) + (0.22)(584 - 233) = 347.8 \text{ K}$$

Checking the Prandtl number at this temperature, we have

$$\text{Pr}^* = 0.697$$

so that the calculation is valid. If there were an appreciable difference between the value of Pr^* and the value used to determine the recovery factor, the calculation would have to be repeated until agreement was reached.

The other properties to be used in the laminar heat-transfer analysis are

$$\rho^* = \frac{(1.0132 \times 10^5)(1/20)}{(287)(347.8)} = 0.0508 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu^* = 2.07 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m} \cdot \text{s}$$

$$k^* = 0.03 \text{ W/m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C} \quad [0.0173 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}]$$

$$c_p^* = 1.009 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$$

Turbulent portion

Assuming $Pr = 0.7$ gives

$$r = Pr^{1/3} = 0.888 = \frac{T_{aw} - T_{\infty}}{T_0 - T_{\infty}} = \frac{T_{aw} - 233}{652 - 233}$$

$$T_{aw} = 605 \text{ K} = 332^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$T^* = 233 + (0.5)(308 - 233) + (0.22)(605 - 233) = 352.3 \text{ K}$$

$$Pr^* = 0.695$$

The agreement between Pr^* and the assumed value is sufficiently close. The other properties to be used in the turbulent heat-transfer analysis are

$$\rho^* = \frac{(1.0132 \times 10^5)(1/20)}{(287)(352.3)} = 0.0501 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu^* = 2.09 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m} \cdot \text{s}$$

$$k^* = 0.0302 \text{ W/m} \cdot ^{\circ}\text{C} \quad c_p^* = 1.009 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot ^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Laminar heat transfer

We assume

$$Re_{crit}^* = 5 \times 10^5 = \frac{\rho^* u_{\infty} x_c}{\mu^*}$$

$$x_c = \frac{(5 \times 10^5)(2.07 \times 10^{-5})}{(0.0508)(918)} = 0.222 \text{ m}$$

$$\overline{Nu}^* = \frac{\overline{h} x_c'}{k^*} = 0.664 (Re_{crit}^*)^{1/2} Pr^{*1/3}$$

$$= (0.664)(5 \times 10^5)^{1/2} (0.697)^{1/3} = 416.3$$

$$\overline{h} = \frac{(416.3)(0.03)}{0.222} = 56.25 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^{\circ}\text{C} \quad [9.91 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^{\circ}\text{F}]$$

This is the average heat-transfer coefficient for the laminar portion of the boundary layer, and the heat transfer is calculated from

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \overline{h} A (T_w - T_{aw}) \\ &= (56.26)(0.222)(308 - 584) \\ &= -3445 \text{ W} \quad [-11,750 \text{ Btu/h}] \end{aligned}$$

so that 3445 W of cooling is required in the laminar region of the plate per meter of depth in the z direction.

Turbulent heat transfer

To determine the turbulent heat transfer we must obtain an expression for the local heat-transfer coefficient from

$$St_x^* Pr^{*2/3} = 0.0296 Re_x^{*-1/5}$$

and then integrate from $x = 0.222 \text{ m}$ to $x = 0.7 \text{ m}$ to determine the total heat transfer:

$$h_x = Pr^{*-2/3} \rho^* u_{\infty} c_p (0.0296) \left(\frac{\rho^* u_{\infty} x}{\mu^*} \right)^{-1/5}$$

Inserting the numerical values for the properties gives

$$h_x = 94.34 x^{-1/5}$$

The average heat-transfer coefficient in the turbulent region is determined from

$$\bar{h} = \frac{\int_{0.222}^{0.7} h_x dx}{\int_{0.222}^{0.7} dx} = 111.46 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C} \quad [19.6 \text{ Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}]$$

Using this value we may calculate the heat transfer in the turbulent region of the flat plate:

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \bar{h}A(T_w - T_{aw}) \\ &= (111.46)(0.7 - 0.222)(308 - 605) \\ &= -15,823 \text{ W} \quad [-54,006 \text{ Btu/h}] \end{aligned}$$

The total amount of cooling required is the sum of the heat transfers for the laminar and turbulent portions:

$$\text{Total cooling} = 3445 + 15,823 = 19,268 \text{ W} \quad [65,761 \text{ Btu/h}]$$

These calculations assume unit depth of 1 m in the z direction.

5-13 | SUMMARY

Most of this chapter has been concerned with flow over flat plates and the associated heat transfer. For convenience of the reader we have summarized the heat-transfer, boundary-layer thickness, and friction-coefficient equations in Table 5-2 along with the restrictions that apply. Our presentation of convection heat transfer is incomplete at this time and will be developed further in Chapters 6 and 7. Even so, we begin to see the structure of a procedure for solution of convection problems:

1. Establish the geometry of the situation; for now we are mainly restricted to flow over flat plates.
2. Determine the fluid involved and evaluate the fluid properties. This will usually be at the film temperature.
3. Establish the boundary conditions (i.e., constant temperature or constant heat flux).
4. Establish the flow regime as determined by the Reynolds number.
5. Select the appropriate equation, taking into account the flow regime and any fluid property restrictions which may apply.
6. Calculate the value(s) of the convection heat-transfer coefficient and/or heat transfer.

At the conclusion of Chapter 7 we shall give a general procedure for all convection problems and the information contained in Table 5-2 will comprise one ingredient in the overall recipe. The interested reader may wish to consult Section 7-14 and Figure 7-15 for a preview of this information and some perspective of the way the material in the present chapter fits in.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by a hydrodynamic boundary level?
2. Define the Reynolds number. Why is it important?
3. What is the physical mechanism of viscous action?
4. Distinguish between laminar and turbulent flow in a physical sense.