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1/7th power law velocity profile for flow over a flat plate with no pressure gradient:

$$\frac{u}{U} = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^{1/7} & 0 \le \frac{y}{\delta} < 1\\ 1 & \frac{y}{\delta} \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

Experimental shear stress correlation:

$$c_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} \approx 0.020 R e_{\delta}^{-1/6}$$



Use the KMIE assuming $\delta(x = 0) = 0$:

$$\frac{\delta}{x} \approx \frac{0.16}{Re_x^{1/7}} \qquad \frac{\delta_D}{x} \approx \frac{0.02}{Re_x^{1/7}} \qquad \frac{\delta_M}{x} \approx \frac{0.016}{Re_x^{1/7}} \qquad c_f \approx \frac{0.027}{Re_x^{1/7}} \qquad c_D \approx \frac{0.031}{Re_L^{1/7}}$$
Eq. (76)



Using a different (and less accurate, but used by Fox and McDonald) experimental shear stress correlation:

$$c_{f} = \frac{\tau_{w}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^{2}} \approx 0.0466 R e_{\delta}^{-1/4}$$

$$\frac{\delta}{x} \approx \frac{0.382}{R e_{x}^{1/5}} \qquad \frac{\delta_{D}}{x} \approx \frac{0.0478}{R e_{x}^{1/5}} \qquad \frac{\delta_{M}}{x} \approx \frac{0.0371}{R e_{x}^{1/5}} \qquad c_{f} \approx \frac{0.0594}{R e_{x}^{1/5}} \qquad c_{D} \approx \frac{0.0742}{R e_{L}^{1/5}}$$
Eq. (82)



$$\delta_{\rm D} = \delta^* = \int_0^{\delta} (1 - \frac{u}{U}) dy \qquad \delta_{\rm M} = \theta = \int_0^{\delta} \frac{u}{U} (1 - \frac{u}{U}) dy \qquad \frac{\tau_{\rm w}}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} (U^2 \theta) + \delta^* U \frac{dU}{dx}$$

Parameter	Laminar (Re < 500,000)	Turbulent (Re > 500,000)
99% thickness, δ	$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{5.0}{\operatorname{Re}_{x}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{0.382}{\operatorname{Re}_{x}^{\frac{1}{5}}}$
displacement thickness, δ_D or δ^*	$\frac{\delta_D}{x} = \frac{1.72}{\operatorname{Re}_x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	$\frac{\delta_D}{x} = \frac{0.0478}{\operatorname{Re}_x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$
momentum thickness, δ_M or Θ	$\frac{\delta_M}{x} = \frac{0.664}{\operatorname{Re}_x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	$\frac{\delta_M}{x} = \frac{0.0371}{\text{Re}_x^{1/3}}$
friction coefficient, C_f	$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{0.664}{\text{Re}_x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	$C_{f} = \frac{\tau_{w}}{\frac{\gamma_{w}}{\gamma_{2}}\rho U^{2}} = \frac{0.0594}{\text{Re}_{x}^{\frac{\gamma_{s}}{2}}}$
drag coefficient, C _D	$C_{D} = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^{2}LW} = \frac{1.328}{\text{Re}_{L}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	$C_{D} = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^{2}LW} = \frac{0.0742}{\text{Re}_{L}^{4/3}}$