Review

Theoretical Foundation of Rapid Distortion Theory on Transversely Sheared Mean Flows

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Abstract: The focus of this paper is on Rapid Distortion Theory on transversely sheared mean flows, which is often used to investigate turbulence-solid surface interactions. The main purpose of the paper is to bring together and present in a consistent fashion a general theory that has been developed in several different papers that have been published in the Journal of Fluid Mechanics. The equations for the unsteady pressure and velocity fluctuations (which decouple from the entropy fluctuations) are rewritten in terms of a gauge function in order to obtain expressions that involve two arbitrarily convected quantities. A pair of very general conservation laws are used to derive upstream boundary conditions that relate these quantities to the actual physical variables. The entropy fluctuations can be determined after the fact once the solutions for the pressure and velocity fluctuations are known. The result involves a third arbitrary convected quantity that is equal to the entropy fluctuations at upstream infinity and can, therefore, be specified as an additional upstream boundary condition. A secondary purpose of the paper is to summarize a number of applications of the theory that have also appeared in the literature and show how they compare with an experiment.

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1. Introduction

The interaction of turbulent shear flows with solid surfaces is clearly of great engineering interest [1–3] and too many papers have been written on the subject to be listed here. So, we mention only the well-known paper by Tufts, Wang and Wang [2] who used numerical methods to analyze the acoustic radiation produced by the interaction of an aerofoil with a turbulent shear layer. However, these types of interactions can also be studied analytically by using Rapid Distortion Theory (RDT).

RDT was developed to analyze relatively fast changes in turbulent flows such as those that occur in turbulence/solid surface interactions. It applies when the turbulence intensity is small and the interactions take place over length (or time) scales that are short compared to the decay time (or length) of the turbulent eddies [4–8]. These requirements make it possible to identify a distance that is very large (in fact, infinitely large when interpreted asymptotically) on the interaction scale, but still small on the length scale over which the turbulent eddies decay. The resulting flow will then be inviscid and non-heat conducting and will therefore be governed by the Euler equations linearized about an arbitrary nonlinear solution (often referred to as the base flow) to those equations.

1.1. The Kovasznay Result

The basic ideas are best understood by considering a uniform base flow. This case was first analyzed in the seminal paper by Kovasznay [9] which decomposed the unsteady isentropic motion on this flow into a vortical component that carries no pressure fluctuations and a solenoidal component that accounts for the pressure fluctuations. Möhring [10] pointed out that the latter, which is determined by a second-order wave equation in compressible flows, accounts for the acoustic component of the
motion of these flows \cite{10}. The former, which is a purely convected quantity in the sense that it moves downstream at the mean flow velocity, can then be interpreted as the hydrodynamic part of the motion. Two of its velocity components can be arbitrarily specified as (usually time-stationary) upstream boundary conditions for the unsteady motion. The Kovasznay decomposition has turned out to be very useful for analyzing turbulence/solid surface interactions on uniform mean flows \cite{11–13}, or on flows that become uniform far upstream \cite{4–6}, since the hydrodynamic component of the solution can be used to represent the incident turbulence in these analyses.

1.2. The Orr Result

The analysis becomes much more interesting when the entire base flow is allowed to be non-uniform. The simplest case is arguably a two-dimensional and incompressible flow with uniform mean shear so that the mean velocity, say $U$, is of the form

$$U = \Lambda y_2,$$  

(1)

with constant $\Lambda \equiv dU/ dy_2$ and $[y_1, y_2, y_3]$ denoting Cartesian coordinates, with $y_1$ in the mean flow direction. The unsteady motion is then determined by the linearized incompressible vorticity equation (the compressible case was analyzed by Möhring \cite{10})

$$\left( \partial / \partial \tau + U \partial / \partial y_1 \right) \omega'_{3} = 0$$  

(2)

with $\tau$ denoting the time and $\omega'_{3}$ denoting the spanwise vorticity perturbation. It was first pointed out by Orr \cite{14,15} that Equation (2) or, equivalently, the two-dimensional Rayleigh equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \right) \omega'_{3} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2} \right) v'_{2} = 0,$$  

(3)

which determines the unsteady cross-gradient velocity perturbation, $v'_{2}(y_2, \tau)$, can be integrated to show that the spanwise vorticity perturbation $\omega'_{3}$ can be an arbitrary function, say $\omega_{c}(\tau - y_1 / \Lambda y_2, y_2)$, of the indicated arguments and that $v'_{2}$ is determined by

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2} \right) v'_{2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \omega_{c} \left( \tau - y_1 / \Lambda y_2, y_2 \right).$$  

(4)

Orr \cite{14} calculated the velocity and pressure fluctuations evolving from an initial state by solving an initial value problem associated with this equation. However, these solutions (or their long time limits) are not all that relevant to the time-stationary turbulent flows being considered here since the corresponding solutions to the full nonlinear equations can develop internal shear layers that can no longer be treated inviscidly and can support Kelvin–Helmholtz instabilities \cite{16–18}. It is, however, not unreasonable to use the time-stationary or steady-state solutions given by Equation (4) to represent the turbulence in these flows. The relevant solution can then be written as

$$v'_{2}(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \int_{-T}^{T} \int G_{\perp}(x, t y, \tau) \omega_{c} \left( \tau - y_1 / \Lambda y_2, y_2 \right) dy d\tau,$$  

(5)

where $x = \{x_1, x_2\}$ and $y = \{y_1, y_2\}$ are two-dimensional Cartesian coordinates, $T$ represents a large time interval and $G_{\perp}$ denotes the two-dimensional Green’s function that is determined by the equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \right) G_{\perp}(x, t y, \tau) = \delta(t - \tau) \delta(y - x).$$  

(6)
together with appropriate boundary conditions. The vorticity \( \omega' \), which is equal to the convected quantity \( \omega_c(t - y_1/U(y_2), y_2) \), can now be specified as a boundary condition since Equation (5) will satisfy Equation (4) for any choice of this quantity.

The inner integral in Equation (5) is assumed to be carried out over an unbounded or semi-bounded region of space, with the Green’s function \( G_\perp \) required to satisfy appropriate transverse boundary conditions in the latter case and taken to be the free space Green’s function \( (4 \pi)^{-1} \ln|x - y|^2 \delta(t - \tau) \) in the former case. The transverse velocity perturbation \( \nu'_2(x, t) \) will then be given by \[ v'_2(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G_\perp(x_2 | y_2) \omega_c(t - x_1 / \Lambda y_2)d y_2 \] with

\[ G_\perp(x_2 | y_2) \equiv \frac{i}{2} \text{sgn} -y_2 \text{sgn} y_2 e^{-|x_2 - y_2|/\Lambda |y_2|} \] when the convected vorticity \( \omega_c(t - y_1/U(y_2), y_2) \) is taken to be the generic time-harmonic function

\[ \omega_c(t - y_1/U(y_2), y_2) = e^{i \omega [t - y_1/U(y_2)]} \tilde{\Omega}_c(y_2 : \omega) \] (9)

Figure 1, which is a plot of some typical values of \( \nu'_2 \) calculated from Equations (7)-(9) with \( \tilde{\Omega}_c(y_2 : \omega) \) taken to be

\[ \tilde{\Omega}_c(y_2 : \omega) = e^{-|\omega(y_2 - y_0)|^2} \] (10)

shows that this quantity differs from the corresponding Kovasznay result on a uniform mean flow in that it now decays as \( x_1 \to \pm \infty \).

\[ \omega / \Lambda = 0.1 \]
\[ a y_0 = 2.0 \]

\( \text{Real} \{a^* \nu'_2(x_1, y_0)\} \)

\( a^* x_1 \)

(a)

**Figure 1.** Cont.
This behavior will also occur in surface interaction problems, which might arise when a flat plate with a leading edge at \( y_1 = 0 \) is placed in the flow (see Figure 2). These considerations show that it is not possible to impose upstream boundary conditions by specifying \( v'_2 \) at the upstream infinity for this type of problem. However, it follows from Equation (4) that the Laplacian \( (\partial^2 / \partial y_1^2 + \partial^2 / \partial y_2^2) v'_2 \) is equal to the streamwise derivative of the convected quantity \( \omega_c (\tau - y_1 / U(y_2), y_2) \) and, therefore, does not decay. This means that the former quantity can be specified far upstream (infinitely far in an asymptotic sense) on the interaction length scale, which can still be small (infinitely small in an asymptotic sense) compared to the scale on which the turbulence evolves.

![Figure 2](image)

**Figure 2.** Leading edge scattering. Reproduced with permission from [20].

The key result is that the arbitrary function \( \omega_c (\tau - y_1 / U(y_2), y_2) \) can be determined by specifying an actual physical variable in a region where the flow is unaffected by the solid surface. The present paper shows that the situation is analogous but much more interesting for more complicated transversely sheared flows.

### 1.3. Scope of the Paper

A large number of papers [7,8,21,22] have used locally homogeneous RDT, which is a kind of local high-frequency approximation first introduced by Moffatt [23], to study the turbulent motion on...
planar shear flows. The assumption of local homogeneity eliminates the requirement for upstream boundary conditions, but the present paper is only concerned with non-homogenous RDT, which usually provides a much more realistic description of the flow. There are also a large number of papers on this subject that have appeared in the literature, but the focus of the present paper is on the much narrower topic of non-homogenous RDT on transversely sheared mean flows. Its primary purpose is to bring together and describe in an integrated fashion a general methodology that has been developed in a number of different papers [5,6,20,21] to deal with this phenomenon. Some significant new results are also presented.

The basic equations are rewritten in terms of a gauge function in Section 3 and a formal solution to the complete inhomogeneous RDT problem is given in Section 4. Section 5 discusses the role of causality and instability waves and shows that (as in the Kovasznay decomposition) the resulting formulas for the unsteady pressure and velocity fluctuations (which decouple from the entropy fluctuations) involve two convected quantities. However, unlike the Kovasznay result, they are not directly related to the physical flow variables. However, it is shown that they can be linked to these variables by using two very general conservation laws (derived in Appendix A and discussed in Section 7) that relate the convected quantities to the physical variables and a gradient-wise particle displacement (defined in Section 5). Appendix B shows that the latter quantity vanishes at upstream infinity and, therefore (as shown in Section 8), that conservation laws can be used to obtain a set of upstream boundary conditions that relate the convected quantities to the physical variables.

Spatially growing instability waves- which are usually associated with coherent structures in turbulent flows- may also appear in the solutions. However, their amplitudes cannot be determined by imposing upstream boundary conditions since they decay exponentially fast at upstream infinity. They can, however, be determined as part of the solution when causality is imposed on the flow, which appears to be particularly appropriate in the present context since Creighton [24,25] has shown that the imposition of causality is equivalent to imposing a Kutta condition at a trailing edge.

Section 6 shows that the entropy fluctuations can be determined from the particle displacement once the solution for the pressure and velocity fluctuations is known. The result brings in a third arbitrary convected function, which is equal to the entropy fluctuations at upstream infinity and can, therefore, be specified as a third upstream boundary condition.

Section 9 shows how these results can be used to relate turbulent pressure spectrum (which is of principal interest in acoustic and structural vibration problems) to the upstream turbulent velocity spectrum (usually specified as an upstream boundary condition in turbulent surface interaction problems) and an appropriate model for this spectrum is introduced. Some applications of the theory that have appeared in the literature are described in Section 11 and some brief conclusions are given in Section 12.

2. The Basic Equations

We consider the flow of an inviscid and non-heat conducting fluid which is assumed to be an ideal gas with squared sound speed \( \gamma p/\rho \), and entropy \( c_v \ln(p/\rho^\gamma) \) where \( p \) and \( \rho \) denote the pressure and density, respectively, and \( \gamma \) denotes the specific heat ratio \( c_p/c_v \) where \( c_p, c_v \) are the specific heats at constant pressure and volume, respectively.

The pressure \( p' = p - p_0 \) and mass flux

\[
\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, u_3, v_2, v_3] = \rho [v_1', v_2', v_3']
\]  

(11)
\[ \frac{D_0 u_i}{D\tau} + \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} p' = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \] (12)

and
\[ u_i \frac{D_0 p'}{D\tau} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \epsilon^2 u_j = 0 \] (13)

where \( y_T \equiv \{y_2, y_3\} \), \( y \equiv \{y_1, y_2, y_3\} = \{y_1, y_T\} \) and
\[ \frac{D_0}{D\tau} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + U(y_T) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \] (14)

denote the convective derivative based on the source point (while \( D_0/Dt \equiv \partial/\partial t + U(x_T) \partial/\partial x_1 \) denotes the convective derivative based on the observation point).

The entropy fluctuation \( s' \) depends on the momentum fluctuations and can be determined from the energy equation (Equation (11) of [26])
\[ \frac{D_0 s'}{D\tau} = \frac{c_p}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho_0}{\partial y_i} u_i \] (15)

once \( u_i \) is known.

3. The Gauge Function Representation

The momentum Equation (12) will be identically satisfied for any arbitrary function \( \phi \) and any purely convected function \( \delta(y - (y_1/U), y_T) \) when the pressure fluctuation \( p' \) and the momentum fluctuation \( u_i \) are related to \( \delta \) and \( \phi \) by [27]
\[ p' = -\frac{D_0^3 \phi}{D\tau^3}, \] (16)
and
\[ u_i = \frac{D_0}{D\tau} \lambda_i - \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \lambda_j + \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(y - (y_1/U), y_T) \] for \( i = 1, 2, 3 \), (17)

where \( \phi \) plays the role of a gauge function,
\[ \lambda_j \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \frac{D_0 \phi}{D\tau} + 2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y_1} \] (18)

is a kind “pseudo-particle displacement”, \( \delta_{ij} \) denotes the Kronecker delta and \( \epsilon_{ijk} \) denotes the Levi–Cevita permutation tensor.

Since the Gauge function \( \phi \) is undetermined at this stage of the analysis it can be adjusted to ensure that the continuity Equation (13) is also satisfied by substituting Equations (16)–(18) into Equation (13) to obtain
\[ \frac{D_0}{D\tau} L_a \phi = 0, \] (19)

where \( L_a \) denotes the linear operator
\[ L_a \equiv \frac{D_0^3}{D\tau^3} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \frac{D_0}{D\tau} + 2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \right) \] (20)

As in the Orr analysis discussed in Section 1.2, this result can be integrated to show that the gauge function \( \phi \) is determined by
\[ L_a \phi = -\tilde{\omega}_c \left( \tau - \frac{y_1}{U}, y_T \right) \] (21)

where \( \tilde{\omega}_c (\tau - y_1/U, y_T) \) denotes a second arbitrary convected quantity.
4. Green’s Function Solution of Gauge Function Equation

Eliminating the mass flux perturbation \( u \) between Equations (12) and (13) shows that the pressure fluctuation \( p' \) satisfies the well-known Rayleigh’s equation [28]

\[
L p' = 0,
\]

where

\[
L = \frac{D_0}{D'} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} c^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} - \frac{D_0^2}{D'^2} \right) - 2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \frac{2 \partial}{\partial y_j}
\]

(23)
denotes the usual Rayleigh operator, which turns out to be adjoint to the operator \( L_a \) defined by Equation (20) since

\[
\overline{\nabla L \overline{u} - \overline{u L_a \overline{v}}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} c^2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \frac{D_0 \overline{v}}{D'} + 2 \frac{\partial \overline{U}}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial y_j} - \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y_j} \frac{D_0^2 \overline{v}}{D'^2} \right)
\]

\[
+ \frac{D_0}{D'} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \frac{2 \partial \overline{u}}{\partial y_j} \left( \frac{D_0 \overline{v}}{D'} - \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y_j} \right) - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \left( \frac{\partial \overline{U}}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial y_j} \right)
\]

(24)
for any functions \( \overline{u}, \overline{v} \) [29].

Since, to our knowledge, all applications of non-homogeneous RDT have been to steady-state turbulent flows the focus here will be on the time-stationary solutions of Equation (21), we, therefore, suppose that \( \phi \) is time stationary [30] and that initial conditions imposed in the distant past do not affect the solution at the finite time \( t \).

Let \( g(y, \tau | x, t) \) denote the Green’s function for the Rayleigh operator \( L \) that satisfies

\[
L g(y, \tau | x, t) = \delta(y - x) \delta(\tau - t),
\]

(25)
and behaves like an incoming wave as \( |y| \to \infty \). As usual we let the first two arguments of \( g(y, \tau | x, t) \) represent the dependent variables and let the second two represent the source variables. Since \( g(y, \tau | x, t) \) denotes value of the solution to Equation (25) at \( (y, \tau) \) due to a point sink at \( (x, t) \), it should be related to its adjoint \( g_a(x, t | y, \tau) \) by the reciprocity relation [29,31]

\[
g(y, \tau | x, t) = g_a(x, t | y, \tau)
\]

(26)

Then since \( g_a(x, t | y, \tau) \) satisfies Equation (21) with the source function \( -\overline{u}(\tau - y_1 / U, y_T) \) replaced by \( \delta(y - x) \delta(\tau - t) \), and, therefore, corresponds to a direct Green’s function in the present context, it reasonable to require that it satisfy the causality condition \( g_a(x, t | y, \tau) = 0 \), for all \( t < \tau \), which implies that the Green’s function, \( g(y, \tau | x, t) \), will vanish for all finite \( y \) as \( \tau \to \infty \), since it vanishes for all \( \tau > t \) by definition.

We can require that the solution \( \phi(x, t) \) of the gauge function defined by Equation (21) along with its derivatives (and, therefore, the pressure fluctuations) vanish (for all finite times) as \( x_1 \) goes to plus or minus infinity when the source function \( \overline{u} \) is reasonably compact—even for globally unstable base flows since the signal generated at \( (y, \tau) \) cannot reach these locations when \( t = T \) is finite. This means that gauge function \( \phi(y, \tau) \) goes to zero as \( y_1 \to \pm \infty \) for all finite \( \tau \). We also assume that the initial conditions are such that \( \phi(y, \tau) \) and its derivatives vanish for all finite \( y \) as \( \tau \to -\infty \).

Setting \( \overline{u} \) equal to \( g(y, \tau | x, t) \) in Equation (24), letting \( \overline{v} \) denote a solution to Equation (21) and using the divergence theorem shows that Equation (21) possess the formal steady-state solution [27]

\[
\phi(x, t) = -\int_T^{-T} \int_V g(y, \tau | x, t) \overline{u}(\tau - \frac{y_1}{U(y_T)}, y_T) dy dt
\]
where $T$ is a large but finite time, the volume $V$ is assumed to be bounded by cylindrical surface(s) $S$ that can be of finite, semi-infinite or infinite length in the streamwise direction, $\hat{n} = \{\hat{n}_j\}$ denotes the unit outward-drawn normal to $S$ and $\lambda_j$ is defined by Equation (18). Since $g(y, \tau | x, t) = 0$ for $\tau > t$ we can replace the upper limit $T$ by the time $t$.

Equation (27) expresses the solution to Equation (21) in terms of the volume source distribution $\tilde{\omega}_c\left(\tau - y_1 / U(y_T), y_T\right)$ and the gauge function $\phi$ distribution over one or more cylindrical surfaces $S$. The formulation is unconventional since the direct Green’s function $g$ now plays the role of an adjoint Green’s function in the solution of Equation (27) for the Gauge function $\phi$. The surface integral will not appear in Equation (27) and the Green’s function $g$ will be completely determined by Equation (25) together with the causality requirements given above when the integration volume $V$ is all of space and will be incompletely determined by these requirements when it is not.

5. Integral Solution for the Physical Variables

5.1. The Pressure Fluctuation

Substituting Equation (27) into Equation (16) shows that the pressure fluctuation $p'$ is given by

$$
p'(x, t) = \int_{-T}^{T} \int_{V} G(y, \tau | x, t) \tilde{\omega}_c\left(\tau - \frac{y_1}{U(y_T)}, y_T\right) dy d\tau - \int_{-T}^{T} \int_{S} \hat{n}_c^2 \left[ g(y, \tau | x, t) \lambda_j - \frac{\partial g(y, \tau | x, t)}{\partial y_j} \frac{D_0 \phi}{D\tau} \right] dS(y) d\tau \tag{28}
$$

where

$$
G(y, \tau | x, t) = \frac{D_0^3 g(y, \tau | x, t)}{D\tau^3} \tag{29}
$$

satisfies the reduced Rayleigh Green’s function equation [27]

$$
L G(y, \tau | x, t) = \frac{D_0^3 \delta(y - x) \delta(\tau - t)}{D\tau^3} \tag{30}
$$

Equation (28) can be rewritten as

$$
p'(x, t) = \int_{-T}^{T} \int_{V} G(y, \tau | x, t) \tilde{\omega}_c\left(\tau - \frac{y_1}{U(y_T)}, y_T\right) dy d\tau - \int_{-T}^{T} \int_{S} \left[ G(y, \tau | x, t) \left(\hat{n}_c^2 \lambda_j \right) + \Gamma(y, \tau | x, t)p'(y, \tau) \right] dS(y) d\tau \tag{31}
$$

by introducing the variable $\Gamma(y, \tau | x, t)$ defined to within some arbitrary convected quantities by

$$
\frac{D_0^3 \Gamma(y, \tau | x, t)}{D\tau^3} \equiv \hat{n}_c^2 \frac{\partial g(y, \tau | x, t)}{\partial y_j}, \, y \in S \tag{32}
$$

and integrating by parts. Goldstein et al. [27] used this result to extend Equation (28) to flows with discontinuous velocity profiles downstream of the solid surfaces. They showed that the transverse
component of the effective particle displacement $c^2\hat{n}_i\lambda_i$ and the pressure perturbation $p'$ will be continuous across the discontinuities when $G(y,\tau|x,t)$ and $\Gamma(y,\tau|x,t)$ are required to satisfy the jump condition

$$\Delta[G] = \Delta[\Gamma] = 0, \text{ for } y_T \in S_0$$

where $\Delta[\cdot]$ denotes the jump in the indicated quantity across the surface/surfaces of discontinuity $S_0$ which will correspond to infinitely thin wakes or vortex sheets downstream of the solid surfaces when, as will usually be the case, they coincide with level surfaces of the mean flow.

5.2. Role of Instability Waves

It is well-known that inflectional base flows can support spatially growing instability waves, which are often used to represent the large-scale coherent structures in turbulent flows. Since all these instabilities (other than the singular neutral instability) decay exponentially fast at upstream infinity their amplitudes cannot be determined from by specifying upstream boundary conditions. However, as shown by Briggs [32] and Bers [33], they are uniquely determined as part of the solution when causality is imposed on the flow-which appears to be particularly appropriate in the present context since Creighton [24,25] has shown that the imposition of causality is equivalent to imposing a Kutta condition at the trailing edges.

5.3. The Pseudo-Particle Displacement

As is in the previous case the surface integrals drop out of Equation (31) and the Green’s function $G$ is then completely determined by Equation (30) together with the causality requirements given above when the doubly infinite surfaces $S$ are all at infinity (i.e., when $V$ represents all of space) but they can still be eliminated when they are not at infinity by requiring that $G$ satisfy appropriate boundary conditions on these surfaces. The second term in square brackets drops out of the surface integral when

$$\Gamma(y,\tau|x,t) = 0 \text{ for } y \in S$$

The remaining term will vanish when

$$\hat{n}_i\lambda_i c^2 = 0, \text{ for } y \in S$$

and the pressure perturbation $p'$ will then be given by

$$p'(x,t) = \int_{-T}^{T} \int_V G(y,\tau|x,t)\tilde{\omega}_c \left(\tau - \frac{y_1}{U(y_T)}, y_T\right) dy d\tau$$

This means that the pressure fluctuation $p'$ corresponding to a solution whose surface behavior is consistent with Equation (35) will be determined by Equation (36) when $G$ satisfies Equations (33) and (34). It follows from Equation (17) that consistency with Equation (35) requires that the $\vartheta$-independent component of the density-weighted velocity perturbation

$$\tilde{u}_i(x,t) = \frac{D_0}{D\tau} \lambda_i - \delta_{i1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \lambda_j$$

vanish on $S$ and, therefore, that the corresponding density-weighted normal surface velocity $\hat{n}_i u_i$ is given by

$$c^2 \hat{n}_i u_i = \varepsilon_{ijk} \hat{n}_i \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta \left(\tau - \frac{y_1}{U(y_T)}, y_T\right) = \varepsilon_{ij1} \hat{n}_i \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \delta \left(\tau - \frac{y_1}{U(y_T)}, y_T\right)$$

for $y \in S$
Since the surfaces \( S \) must be aligned with the mean flow. In fact they will usually coincide with the level \( U = \text{constant} \) surfaces: in which case Equation (35) will be equivalent to requiring that the gradient-wise component

\[
\lambda_{\perp}(y, \tau) \equiv (\partial U / \partial y_i)\lambda_i = \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_i} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y_i} + 2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y_j} \right)
\]  

(39)

of the pseudo-particle displacement \( \lambda_i \) vanish on \( S \) and Equation (38) will then imply that the (density-weighted) normal surface velocity \( \tilde{h}_{ij} \) vanishes on \( S \), since the normal vector \( \tilde{n} \) is then equal to \( \nabla U / |\nabla U| \). Equation (38) shows that this will occur even when \( S \) does not coincide with a level \( U = \text{constant} \) surface if

\[
\delta\left( \tau - \frac{y_1}{U}, y_T \right) = 0 \text{ for } y \in S
\]

(40)

Equations (18) and (27) show that the complete pseudo-particle displacement is given by

\[
\lambda_i = -\int_{-T}^{T} \int_{V} \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t) \tilde{\omega}_i \left( \tau - \frac{y_1}{U(y_T)} \right) dy \, dt
\]

\[
-\int_{-T}^{T} \int_{S} \left[ \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t) \left( \tilde{h}_{ij} \phi \right) + \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t) p'(y, \tau) \right] dS(y) \, dt, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3
\]

(41)

with \( \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t) \) determined by

\[
\tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t) \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{D_0 \phi}{D t} + 2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3
\]

(42)

and is, therefore, related to the Green’s function derivative \( \partial G(y, \tau|x, t)/\partial x_i \) of \( G(y, \tau|x, t) \) by

\[
\frac{D^2}{D t^2} \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} G(y, \tau|x, t), \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3
\]

(43)

which means that \( \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t) \) is related to the transverse gradient of \( \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t) \) by

\[
\frac{D^2 \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t)}{D t^2} = \tilde{n}_c \frac{\partial \tilde{G}_i(y, \tau|x, t)}{\partial y_j}
\]

(44)

5.4. The Density-Weighted Gradient-Wise Velocity Perturbation

It now follows from Equation (17) that the density-weighted gradient-wise velocity perturbation

\[
u_{\perp} = \frac{1}{|\nabla U|} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_i} u_i
\]

(45)

is related to the transverse particle displacement defined in Equation (39) by

\[
u_{\perp} = \frac{1}{|\nabla U|} \frac{D_0 \lambda_{\perp}}{D t},
\]

(46)

which is (like \( p' \)) also independent of the second independent convected quantity \( \delta\left( \tau - y_1/U, y_T \right) \) and is explicitly given by

\[
u_{\perp} = \int_{-T}^{T} \int_{V} G_{\perp}(y, \tau|x, t) \tilde{\omega}_i \left( \tau - \frac{y_1}{U(y_T)} \right) dy \, dt
\]
where \( G_\perp (y, \tau | x, t) \) is defined by
\[
G_\perp (y, \tau | x, t) \equiv - \frac{\nabla U}{|\nabla U|} \frac{D_0}{D_t} \left[ \nabla \frac{D_0}{D_t} + 2(\nabla U) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right] g(y, \tau | x, t).
\]
and is, therefore, related to the gradient of \( G(y, \tau | x, t) \) by
\[
\frac{D_0}{D_t} G_\perp (y, \tau | x, t) = - \frac{\nabla U}{|\nabla U|} \nabla G(y, \tau | x, t)
\]
Equation (52) is clearly a generalization of the Orr result given by Equation (7). Similar equations can, of course, be obtained for the other components of \( u \).

Equation (27) is only formal in the sense that the integrals do not actually converge but the corresponding integrals for the physical variables given by Equations (31), (47), etc., do exist and these results will provide a proper solution to the original equations. However, as will be discussed in Appendix B, the integral in Equation (51) for the pseudo-particle particle displacement must be interpreted in terms of a principle value-like integral in order to remain finite, which may have some implications for the entropy fluctuations discussed below.

5.5. The Hydrodynamic Component of the Motion

These results can be used to calculate the sound radiation produced by turbulence-solid surfaceinteracions and many attempts have been made to follow Kovasznay [9] and isolate the acoustic component of the motion in applications of this type. However, the unsteady motion on a transversely sheared mean flow cannot be decomposed into distinct acoustic and hydrodynamic components. It is, on the other hand, possible to identify a hydrodynamic component of the motion by requiring that it does not produce any acoustic radiation at subsonic speeds. The remaining non-hydrodynamic component will then account for all the acoustic radiation. This suggests that the Rayleigh equation Green’s function \( g(y, \tau | x, t) \) that appears in the gauge function solution of Equation (27) be divided into two components, say
\[
g(y, \tau | x, t) = g^{(0)}(y, \tau | x, t) + g^{(s)}(y, \tau | x, t).
\]
where \( g^{(0)}(y, \tau | x, t) \) is a particular solution of Equation (25), which is either defined on all space or satisfies appropriate homogeneous boundary conditions on an extension of the bounding surface \( S \) that goes from minus infinity to plus infinity in the direction of the mean flow direction. This breakdown implies the decompositions

\[
- \int_{-T}^{T} \int_{S} \left[ G_\perp (y, \tau | x, t) \left( \hat{\eta} e^{-2 \tau_1} \right) + \Gamma_\perp (y, \tau | x, t) p' (y, \tau) \right] dS(y) d\tau
\]
\[ G(y, \tau|x, t) = G^{(0)}(y, \tau|x, t) + G^{(s)}(y, \tau|x, t) \]  

(54)

and

\[ \tilde{G}(y, \tau|x, t) = \tilde{G}_{i}^{(0)}(y, \tau|x, t) + \tilde{G}_{i}^{(s)}(y, \tau|x, t) \]  

(55)

of the Green’s function defined by Equation (29) and the Green’s function derivative defined by Equation (43).

The decomposition displayed in Equation (54) then implies the pressure fluctuation decomposition

\[ p'(x, t) = p'^{(0)}(x, t) + p'^{(s)}(x, t) \]  

(56)

where \( p'^{(0)}(x, t) \) (obtained by replacing \( G(y, \tau|x, t) \) with \( G^{(0)}(y, \tau|x, t) \) in Equation (28) and/or Equation (31), will not radiate any sound at subsonic speeds and can, therefore, be identified as the hydrodynamic component of the motion. The remaining component \( p'^{(s)}(x, t) \) (given by Equations (28) and (31) with \( G(y, \tau|x, t) \) replaced by \( G^{(s)}(y, \tau|x, t) \) which is, in turn, determined by Rayleigh’s equation (Equation (28)) along with suitable boundary/jump conditions) will then account for all of the acoustic components of the motion.

The decomposition of Equation (55) implies the decomposition

\[ \lambda_i(x, t) = \lambda_i^{(0)}(x, t) + \lambda_i^{(s)}(x, t) \]  

(57)

for the pseudo-particle displacement \( \lambda_i(x, t) \) where \( \lambda_i^{(0)}(x, t) \), which is given by Equation (41) with \( \tilde{G}_{i}(y, \tau|x, t) \) replaced by \( \tilde{G}_{i}^{(0)}(y, \tau|x, t) \).

Equations (47) and (52), which determine the physical variables \( p' \) and \( u_\perp \), reduce the RDT problem to a boundary value problem for the Rayleigh’s equation Green’s function. The solutions \( p'(x, t) \) and \( u_\perp(x, t) \) will then be independent of the convected quantity \( \delta(t - y_1/\Upsilon, y_T) \) (as well as the convected quantity \( s_{\omega \infty}(t - y_1/\Upsilon, y_T) \) defined below), which means that the resulting acoustic field will only depend on the single convected quantity \( \tilde{\omega}_\perp(t - y_1/\Upsilon, y_T) \).

6. The Entropy Fluctuations

Since

\[ \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{1}{C^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(t - \frac{y_1}{\Upsilon}, y_T) = \left( \delta_{ij} \frac{D_0}{D_T} - \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \right) \lambda_i^{(c)} \]  

(58)

where

\[ \lambda_i^{(c)} \equiv \frac{y_1}{U\varepsilon} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_l} \delta(t - \frac{y_1}{\Upsilon}, y_T) \]  

(59)

Equations (15) and (18) show that

\[ \frac{D_0 s'}{D_T} = \frac{c_p}{\rho_0} \frac{D_0}{D_T} \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial y_1} \left( \lambda_i + \lambda_i^{(c)} \right) \]  

(60)

which can be integrated to obtain

\[ s' = \frac{c_p}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial y_1} \left( \lambda_i + \lambda_i^{(c)} \right) + s_{\omega \infty}(t - \frac{y_1}{\Upsilon}, y_T) \]  

(61)

where \( s_{\omega \infty}(t - y_1/\Upsilon, y_T) \) denotes a third arbitrary convected quantity. It, therefore, follows from Equation (59) that \( s' \to \infty \) as \( y_1 \to -\infty \) if \( \varepsilon_{jkl}(\partial p_0/\partial y_j)(\partial U/\partial y_k)(\partial D/\partial y_l) \neq 0 \) which makes the imposition of upstream boundary conditions can be somewhat problematic. However, when the level surfaces of mean density and velocity coincide, Equation (61) simplifies to
\[ s' = \frac{y}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho_0}{\partial U} \lambda_\perp + s_{\omega}(\tau - \frac{y_1}{U}, y_T) \]  
\( (62) \)

with \( \lambda_\perp \) given by Equation (39) which means that \( s' \) can remain finite in this case.

7. Conservation Laws

Like the Kovasznay decomposition discussed in Section 1.1 the present result involves two arbitrary convected quantities which we denoted by \( \tilde{\omega}_c(\tau - y_1/U, y_T) \) and \( \delta(\tau - y_1/U, y_T) \). Equations (A2), (A6), (A8), (A13) and (39) show that these quantities are related to the physical variables and the gradient-wise particle displacement defined in Equation (39) by the conservation laws

\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}(\tilde{\omega}_c - p' - \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y_i} \lambda_\perp) = -\varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} (\tilde{\omega}_i N_k) \]  
\( (63) \)

\[ N_i \left( \tilde{\omega}_i + \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \lambda_\perp}{\partial y_j} \right) = 0 \]  
\( (64) \)

where \( \lambda_\perp \) is defined by Equation (39),

\[ N_i \equiv \frac{c^2}{|VU|^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_i} \]  
\( (65) \)

denotes a scaled velocity gradient and

\[ \tilde{\omega}_i \equiv \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_k}{\partial y_j} \]  
\( (66) \)

denotes the density-weighted vorticity based on the \( \delta \)-independent density-weighted velocity fluctuation \( \tilde{u}_i \) (defined by Equation (37)).

Equation (63) relates the arbitrary convected quantities \( \tilde{\omega}_c(\tau - y_1/U(1), y_T) \) and \( \delta(\tau - y_1/U(1), y_T) \) to the pressure \( p' \), the gradient-wise particle displacement given by Equation (39) and the cross-gradient (density-weighted) vorticity components \( \varepsilon_{ijk} \tilde{\omega}_i N_k \), where \( \omega_i \) is defined by Equation (A2). Equation (64) relates the arbitrary convected quantity \( \delta(\tau - y_1/U(1), y_T) \) to the gradient-wise vorticity component \( \omega_i N_i \) and the gradient-wise particle displacement given by Equation (39) while Equation (62) relates the arbitrary convected quantity \( s_{\omega}(\tau - y_1/U, y_T) \) to the entropy fluctuation \( s' \) and the gradient-wise particle displacement given by Equation (39) in the important case where the level surfaces of mean pressure and velocity coincide.

8. Upstream Boundary Conditions

The conservation law Equations (63) and (64) cannot (by themselves) be used to relate the unknown convected quantities \( \tilde{\omega}_c \) and \( \delta \) to the physical variables because they involve the cross-gradient particle displacement \( \eta_\perp \) that is not actually a physical quantity, but we shall now show that \( \eta_\perp \rightarrow 0 \) (actually the hydrodynamic component of \( \eta_\perp \)) at upstream infinity and, therefore, that these equations can be used to obtain upstream boundary conditions that relate these quantities to those variables.

As in the classical Kovasznay decomposition discussed in Section 1.1, we suppose that it is the hydrodynamic component of the motion that should be related to physically measured variables and not the remaining scattered component. Appendix B shows that transverse components of the hydrodynamic portion of the pseudo-particle displacement behave like

\[ \lambda_i^{(0)}(x, t) \rightarrow \frac{1}{x_1} L_i(t - x_1/U(x_T), x_T), \text{ for } i = 2, 3 \text{ as } x_1 \rightarrow -\infty \]  
\( (67) \)

when causality is imposed on these flows. The purely convected quantity \( L_i(t - x_1/U(x_2), x_T) \) is the Fourier transform of the function \( \tilde{L}_i(x_T, \omega) \) introduced in Appendix B.
Inserting Equation (67) into Equation (37) shows that the hydrodynamic component \( \overline{u}^{(0)}_i(x, t) \) of the 8-independent component density-weighted velocity \( u_i(x, t) \) behaves like

\[
\overline{u}^{(0)}_i(x, t) \to \frac{1}{x_1^2} \overline{u}_i(t - x_1 / U(x_T), x_T), \text{ for } i = 2, 3 \text{ as } x_1 \to -\infty
\] (68)

where \( \overline{u}^{(0)}_i \) is given by Equation (37) and \( \overline{U}_i(t - x_1 / U(x_T), x_T) \) has the obvious meaning.

Inserting Equation (68) into Equation (17) and using the result in the momentum Equation (12) shows that

\[
\frac{\partial \rho^{(0)}(x, t)}{\partial x_1} \to 0 \text{ as } x_1 \to -\infty,
\] (69)

It, therefore, follows from Equations (67) and (68) that the conservation law given by Equation (63) becomes

\[
\frac{\partial \overline{\omega}_c}{\partial y_1} \to N_k \overline{u}^{(0)}_k, \text{ as } y_1 \to -\infty
\] (70)

where

\[
\overline{\Gamma}^{(0)}_k(y, \tau) \equiv \nabla^2 \overline{u}^{(0)}_k - \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \nabla \overline{u}^{(0)}
\] (71)

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} c^2 \overline{u}_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} c^2 \overline{u}_j
\] (72)

the continuity Equation (13) shows that

\[
\overline{\Gamma}^{(0)}_k(y, \tau) \to \nabla^2 \overline{u}^{(0)}_k \text{ for } k = 2, 3 \text{ as } y_1 \to -\infty
\] (73)

It, therefore, follows Equations (68) and (69) that

\[
\overline{\Gamma}^{(0)}_k(y, \tau) \to \nabla^2 \overline{u}^{(0)}_k \text{ for } k = 2, 3 \text{ as } y_1 \to -\infty
\] (74)

where

\[
\nabla^2_\perp \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_3^2}
\] (75)

Equations (45), (46), (68), (70) and (74) then imply that

\[
\frac{\partial \overline{\omega}_c}{\partial y_1} = \frac{c^2}{|\nabla U|^2} \nabla^2_\perp \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} \overline{u}^{(0)}_k \right) + O \left( \frac{1}{y_1} \right) = \frac{c^2}{|\nabla U|^2} \nabla^2_\perp \left[ \frac{1}{y_1^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} u_k(\tau - y_1 / U, y_T) \right] + O \left( \frac{1}{y_1} \right)
\] (76)

which (upon neglecting unobserved tones due to the neutral instability wave) expresses \( \overline{\omega}_c \) in terms of the transverse component of the hydrodynamic portion \( u^{(0)} \) of the physical velocity \( u \) at upstream infinity and, therefore, provides a suitable upstream boundary condition for determining the unknown convected quantity \( \overline{\omega}_c \). Equation (76) can also be written as

\[
\frac{\partial \overline{\omega}_c}{\partial y_1} \to \frac{c^2}{|\nabla U|^2} \frac{dU}{du} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} \overline{U}_\perp(\tau - y_1 / U(u), y_T), \text{ as } y_1 \to -\infty
\] (77)

where

\[
\overline{U}_\perp \equiv \frac{\partial u}{\partial y_k} \frac{U_k}{|\nabla U|}
\] (78)
when there exists a function that forms an orthogonal coordinate system with the level surfaces $u(y_T) = \text{constant}$ of the mean velocity $U = U(u)$.

9. Relation between the Pressure and Source Spectra

While these results can be used to relate $\tilde{\omega}_c$ to actual physical quantities, the interest in turbulent flows is on statistical and not instantaneous quantities. For example, the focus in aeroacoustics and structural vibration problems is usually on computing the pressure spectrum

$$I_{\omega}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega\tau} \langle p'(x,t)p'(x,t+\tau) \rangle d\tau$$

(79)

where the $\langle \cdot \rangle$ bracket denotes the time average

$$\langle p'(x,\tau)p'(x,\tau+\tau) \rangle = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} p'(x,\tau)p'(x,\tau+\tau) d\tau$$

(80)

Appendix C shows that this only depends on the turbulent fluctuations through source spectrum

$$S(y_T) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega_{\tau}} \langle \tilde{\omega}_{c} (t,y_T) \tilde{\omega}_{c} (t+\tau,y_T) \rangle d\tau$$

(81)

which can be expressed in terms of the spectrum

$$S \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left( i\omega_{\tau} \left( t - \left[ \tilde{y}_1 / U(y_T) - y_1 / U(y_T) \right] \right) \left( U_\perp (t - \tau, y_T) - U_\perp (t - \tau, y_T) \right) \right) d\tau$$

(82)

of the transverse velocity amplitude in Equation (78) by Equation (A33) which ultimately has to be modeled in order to relate it to actual experimental measurements. An appropriate model for this quantity is given by Equation (A34) which leads to the model of Equation (A35) for the source spectrum given by Equation (81) that actually appears in the formula for the pressure spectrum given by Equation (79).

10. Calculating the Green’s Function

It is, of course, necessary to determine the Green’s function before numerical computations can be carried out. This will usually involve some numerical calculations, which can be very delicate when the mean flow includes shear layers that can sustain spatially growing instability waves. Baker and Peake [34] showed that the Wiener–Hopf technique [35] can be used to minimize these difficulties and developed efficient numerical algorithms for implementing this procedure.

However, experiments [36-40] show that the sound generated by solid surface interactions is often of low frequency in at least some applications of technological interest and the low-frequency Green’s function, which can often be found analytically, can then be used in the calculations. Goldstein et al. [20,41,42] used the low-frequency Green’s function to calculate acoustic radiation resulting from a jet interacting with a trailing edge. They eliminated the base flow velocity discontinuity by considering the case where the mean surface velocity was equal to zero. The Fourier transform of the resulting Green’s function then turned out to be the same as the Fourier transform of zero-mean-flow Green’s function in the low-frequency limit. However, their result still depended on the mean flow because the streamwise wave number of the Fourier transformed Green’s function is set equal to $\omega / U(y_T)$ in the final formula.
11. Application of the Theory

The general theory is applicable to a wide range of surface geometries and boundary conditions, such as lined surfaces which would be of interest in trailing edge noise reduction studies.

The acoustic radiation resulting from the interaction of a round jet with the trailing edge of a flat plate was measured by Olsen and Boldman [43] who compared their results with the RDT solution given in [5,21]. Their results showed that the shape of the radiation pattern and its change with jet velocity was accurately predicted by the theory which was not the case for alternative theories [12], that did not account for mean velocity gradients (e.g., [12]).

An earlier version of the theory given in [5] was used by Ayton and Peake [44] to calculate the high-frequency acoustic radiation resulting from the interaction of a periodic upstream disturbance with an airfoil embedded in a transversely sheared mean flow. Their results also showed that the radiated sound field was significantly affected by the mean shear. A more highly developed version of the theory given in [27] was used by Baker and Peake [45] to analyze the effect of boundary layer shear on trailing edge noise.

The authors of [20,46,47] used this latter version of the analysis to calculate the noise produced by the interaction of a large aspect ratio rectangular jet with the trailing edge of a flat plate (see Figure 3). They obtained an analytical formula relating the acoustic spectrum to the turbulence correlation function within the jet and represented this quantity by Equation (A35). The authors of [20] used experimental data to determine the parameters in this formula and compared the predicted sound field with experimental data taken over a broader range of polar angles and three different Mach numbers at Glenn research center [36–40]. As shown in Figure 4, the computed spectra turned out to be in good agreement with the experimental data. The predicted sound pressure levels would change by as much as 10 Db at the highest Mach number considered if the mean shear and the resulting proper treatment of the convection velocity were not accounted for.

The low-frequency Green’s theory was used to predict the sound field produced by the interaction of circular jet with a trailing edge in [42] (see Figure 5). Their formulas turn out to be quite general and are expected to apply to many different flow configurations, such as the multiple jet configuration shown in Figure 6. They carried out computations over a range of azimuthal angles and three different Mach numbers and again obtained good agreement with experiment. Some typical comparisons are presented in Figure 7.

![Figure 3. Rectangular jet interacting with the trailing edge of a flat plate.](image-url)
the unsteady motion on a transversely sheared mean flow that has been developed over the years in

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They carried out computations over a range of azimuthal angles and three different Mach numbers and again obtained good agreement with experiment. Some typical comparisons are presented in Figure 7.

Figure 5. Round jet interacting with the trailing edge of a flat plate. (a) \( \theta = 90^\circ \) and (b) \( \theta = 105^\circ \). Reproduced with permission from [20].

Figure 4. Comparisons of theoretically predicted power spectral density (PSD), at various Strouhal numbers for a planar jet with experimental data of Brown [30] at an Acoustic Mach number of 0.9 based on the jet exit velocity and equivalent nozzle diameter at polar angles (a) \( \theta = 95^\circ \) and (b) \( \theta = 105^\circ \). Reproduced with permission from [20].

Figure 5. Round jet interacting with the trailing edge of a flat plate.

Figure 6. Supersonic cruise concept aircraft with top mounted engines. Reproduced with permission from Ramakrishnan et al. NASA CR-2018-219936 [48] (provided by Dr. James Bridges).
12. Concluding Remarks

This paper was written to bring together and present in a consistent fashion a general theory for the unsteady motion on a transversely sheared mean flow that has been developed over the years in a number of papers published in the Journal of Fluid Mechanics. The relevant equations are reformulated in terms of a gauge function in order to obtain expressions of the unsteady velocity and pressure fluctuations (which decouple from the entropy fluctuations) that involve two arbitrarily convected quantities. A pair of very general conservation laws are then used to derive upstream boundary conditions that relate two of these quantities to experimentally measurable flow variables.

Inflectional base flows are able to support spatially growing instability waves, which are often associated with the coherent structures in turbulent flows. Their amplitudes cannot be determined by imposing upstream boundary conditions, but can be uniquely determined as part of the solution when causality is imposed on the flow—which appears to be particularly appropriate in the present context since Creighton [24, 25] has shown that the imposition of causality is equivalent to imposing a Kutta condition at a trailing edge.

The entropy fluctuations can be determined after the fact once the velocity and pressure fluctuations are known by specifying a third arbitrary quantity. The results, which can be used to analyze the unsteady motion resulting from the interaction of turbulent shear flows with solid surfaces, are applicable to a wide range of flow–surface interaction problems.

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Appendix A

Equations (18), (20) and (21) show that the convected quantity \( \tilde{\omega}_c \) is related to the pressure perturbation \( p' \) and the pseudo-particle displacement \( \lambda_i \) by

\[
\tilde{\omega}_c = p' + \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} c^2 \lambda_i
\] (A1)
while Equations (17) and (18) show that the density-weighted vorticity $\omega_i$ is related to $\lambda_i$ by

$$\omega_i = \approx_{ijk} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial y_j} = \frac{D_0}{\partial t} \delta_{ijk} \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial y_j} + \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial y_j} - \epsilon_{i1j} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_j} + \epsilon_{ikm} \delta_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \frac{1}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y_k}$$

(A2)

where $\eta_1$ is given by Equation (39). However, since Equation (18) and the identity

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y_j \partial y_k} = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y_j \partial y_k} = 0$$

(A3)

show that

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial y_j} = 2 \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y_j \partial y_k}$$

(A4)

this can be written as

$$\omega_i = -\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_j} + \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda_k - 2 \frac{D_0}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y_k}}{\partial y_j} \right) + \omega_i^{(c)}$$

(A5)

where $\omega_i^{(c)}$ is defined in terms of $u_i^{(c)}$ by

$$\omega_i^{(c)} = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial u_j^{(c)}}{\partial y_j}$$

(A6)

Equation (18) and the identity

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial y_j} = 0$$

(A7)

can now be used to show that Equation (A5) can be written as

$$\omega_i = -\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_j} - \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial \lambda_k}{\partial y_j} + \omega_i^{(c)}$$

(A8)

It, therefore, follows from Equation (39) that the cross product $\epsilon_{ijk} \omega_i \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k}$ can be written as

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \omega_i \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} = -\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ij1} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_n} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} \frac{\partial \lambda_n}{\partial y_k} - \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{jmn} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_m} \frac{\partial \lambda_n}{\partial y_k} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} + \epsilon_{ijk} \omega_i^{(c)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k}$$

$$= -\delta_{1} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_k} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} \frac{\partial \lambda_1}{\partial y_k} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} \frac{\partial \lambda_1}{\partial y_k} + \epsilon_{ijk} \omega_i^{(c)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k}$$

(A9)

which can be solved for $\frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial y_j}$ to obtain

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial y_j} = \left[ \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_j} - \delta_{1} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_k} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} - \epsilon_{ijk} \left( \omega_j - \omega_j^{(c)} \right) \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} \right] / \left[ \| \nabla U \|^2 \right]$$

(A10)

Inserting this into Equation (A1) shows that

$$\frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial y_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} p' + \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_1} \left[ \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_j} - \delta_{1} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial y_k} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} - \epsilon_{ijk} \left( \omega_j - \omega_j^{(c)} \right) \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_k} \right] / \left[ \| \nabla U \|^2 \right] \right\}$$

(A11)
and, therefore, that
\[
\frac{\partial \tilde{\Omega}}{\partial y_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \left( \frac{c^2}{\partial y_1} \right) + \frac{\varepsilon_{ijk}}{\partial y_1} \left( \frac{c^2}{\partial y_i} \right) + \frac{\varepsilon_{ijk}}{\partial y_1} \left( \frac{c^2}{\partial y_k} \right) \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_1} + \left| \left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_1} \right| \right|_{\partial y_i} (c) \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_1} \quad \text{(A12)}
\]

or
\[
\frac{\partial \tilde{\Omega}}{\partial y_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \left( \frac{c^2}{\partial y_1} \right) + \frac{\varepsilon_{ijk}}{\partial y_1} \left( \frac{c^2}{\partial y_i} \right) + \frac{\varepsilon_{ijk}}{\partial y_1} \left( \frac{c^2}{\partial y_k} \right) \frac{\partial U}{\partial y_1} \quad \text{(A13)}
\]

where the identity of Equation (A7) has again been used.

Appendix B

We suppose for definiteness that all solid surfaces are impermeable and that the Green’s function is chosen so that the unsteady flow is governed by Equations (36) and (52). Taking the Fourier transform of the former equation, using the convolution theorem and noting that \( G(x, t | y_1, \tau) \), which is identically zero for all \( t < \tau \), satisfies the inhomogeneous Rayleigh Equation (30) and, therefore, depends on \( \tau \) and \( t \) only in the combination \( t - \tau \) shows that
\[
\bar{p}'(x : \omega) = \left( 2\pi \right)^2 \int_{A_T} e^{i \omega y_1} \bar{G}(y_1 | x : \omega) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\Omega} \left( y_1 | x : \omega \right) dy_1 \quad \text{(A14)}
\]

where \( A_T \) denotes the cross section of the volume \( V \), \( \alpha(x : \omega) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \alpha(x : \omega; T) \) for \( \alpha = \bar{p}', \bar{\Omega} \)

\[
\bar{p}'(x : \omega, T) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^{T} e^{i \omega t} \bar{p}'(x, t) dt, \quad \bar{\Omega}^{(0)}(y_1 : \omega, T) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^{T} e^{i \omega \tau} \bar{\Omega}(\xi, y_1) d\tau \quad \text{(A15)}
\]

and
\[
\bar{G}(y_1 | x ; k, \omega) \equiv \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\Lambda} e^{ik(y_1 - x_1) + \omega(t-\tau)} G(y_1 | x, t) d\tau dy_1 \quad \text{(A16)}
\]
satisfies the reduced Rayleigh equation
\[
\underbrace{L}_{\bar{G}} = i \left( \frac{\delta(x_\perp - y_\perp)}{(2\pi)^2} \right) \quad \text{(A17)}
\]

where
\[
L = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \left( \frac{c^2}{(kU - \omega)^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} + \frac{1 - k^2 c^2}{(kU - \omega)^2} \quad j = 2, 3 \quad \text{(A18)}
\]
is the reduced Rayleigh operator and \( G_i \) is determined by
\[
\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - i \omega \right) \bar{G}_i(y_1 | x : \omega, k_1) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \bar{G}_i(y_1 | x : \omega, k_1), \quad i = 2, 3 \quad \text{(A19)}
\]

Equation (A14) can be interpreted as a generalization of the classical Ffowcs Williams and Hall [49] equation (i.e., Equation (6) of that reference) which has often been used to study the sound produced by the turbulence trailing edge interaction. However, the present result accounts for mean flow interaction effects, which become important at the high Mach numbers of interest in aeronautical applications. There is, however, an even more significant difference between these formulations because, unlike the present result, the Ffowcs Williams and Hall equation does not predict the source convection velocity. It also does not account for the spatially growing instability waves discussed in Section 5.2, which are believed to represent coherent structures on the turbulent flow. Finally, it also does not account for the trailing edge vortex shedding which can have an important effect on the radiated sound.
The decompositions in Equations (54)–(57) imply the decomposition
\[ \chi = \chi^{(0)} + \chi^{(s)} \] (A20)
where the symbol \( \chi \) is used to denote the Fourier transformed pressure fluctuation \( \vec{p}'(x : \omega, T) \), the Fourier transformed pseudo-particle displacement \( \vec{\lambda}_i(x : \omega, T) \), the reduced Rayleigh equation Green’s functions \( \vec{G}(y_T|x : \omega, k_1) \) and
\[ \vec{G}_i(y_T|x_T : \omega, k_1) \equiv \frac{1}{i(k_1 U(x_T) - \omega)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{G}(y_T|x_T : \omega, k_1), \quad i = 2, 3 \] (A21)
with the \( \vec{G}^{(0)}(y_T|x : \omega, k_1) \) component of \( \vec{G}(y_T|x : \omega, k_1) \) either defined on all space or required to satisfy
\[ \left. \frac{\hat{n}_j}{\omega - k_1 U(x_T)} \right|_{y_T} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \vec{G}^{(0)}(y_T|x : \omega, k_1) = 0, \quad \text{for } y_T \in C_T \] (A22)
(where \( C_T \) denotes the bounding curve/cycles that generate the doubly infinite surface/surfaces that extend \( S \) from \( y_1 = -\infty \) to \( y_1 = +\infty \)).

The Green’s functions \( \vec{G}^{(0)}(y_T|x : \omega, k_1) \) and \( \vec{G}_i^{(0)}(y_T|x : \omega, k_1) \) are streamwise homogeneous and, therefore, depend on \( y_1 \) and \( x_1 \) only in the combination \( x_1 - y_1 \), which means that we can write
\[ \vec{G}^{(0)}(y_T|x : \omega, k_1) = \vec{G}^{(0)}(y_T|x_T : \omega, k_1). \] (A23)
and it then follows from Equations (36), (51), (43) and (50) that
\[ \vec{p}^{(0)}(x : \omega) = (2\pi)^2 \int_{\Lambda_T} d\omega x_1 / U(y_T) \vec{G}^{(0)}(y_T|x : \omega, \omega / U(y_T)) \vec{G}_i^{(0)}(y_T, \omega) dy_T \] (A24)
\[ \vec{\lambda}_i^{(0)}(x, \omega) = -\frac{(2\pi)^2}{i\omega} \int_{\Lambda_T} d\omega x_1 / U(y_T) \frac{U(y_T) \vec{G}_i^{(0)}(y_T|x_T : \omega, \omega / U(y_T)) \vec{G}_i^{(0)}(y_T, \omega)}{U(x_T) - U(y_T)} dy_T, \] (A25)
Goldstein \([2,19]\) and Goldstein et al. \([17]\) show that \( \vec{G}^{(0)}(y_T|x_T : \omega, \omega / U(y_T)) \) and \( \vec{G}_i^{(0)}(y_T|x_T : \omega, \omega / U(y_T)) \) remain finite and continuous at \( y_T = x_T \) but \( \vec{G}_i^{(0)}(y_T|x_T : \omega, \omega / U(y_T)) / [U(x_T) - U(y_T)] \) becomes unbounded at \( y_T = x_T \), since \( \vec{G}_i^{(0)}(y_T|x_T : \omega, \omega / U(y_T)) \) will usually not vanish there. The integral in Equation (A25) can be made finite by imposing causality \([20]\). This can be accomplished by using the Briggs \([33]\)–Bers \([34]\) procedure which is equivalent to letting \( \omega \) have a small positive imaginary part, say \( \varepsilon \), and deforming the appropriate integration contour so that the solution remains continuous as \( \varepsilon \to 0 \). The singularity in Equation (A25) is the same as that in Equation (4.13) of \([20]\) (the corresponding the formula for \( \partial \vec{\lambda}_i^{(0)}(x, \omega) / \partial x_1 \)), so that the procedure used in Appendix C of that reference (which applies to any transversely sheared mean flow) can also be applied to Equation (A25) to show that
\[ \vec{\lambda}_i^{(0)}(x, \omega) \to \frac{d\omega x_1 / U(x_T)}{\omega} \vec{L}_i(x_T, \omega), \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3 \text{ as } x_1 \to -\infty \] (A26)
when causality is imposed: which, in turn, implies that the upstream behavior of the hydrodynamic component \( \vec{\lambda}_i^{(0)}(x, t) \) of the particle displacement \( \vec{\lambda}_i(x, t) \) is given by Equation (67).
Appendix C

It is appropriate to require that the source function $\tilde{\omega}_c(\tau, y_T)$ be a stationary random function of $\tau$ [30], since, as noted above, steady-state turbulent flows are usually time-stationary [50] and it then follows from Equation (36) that the pressure fluctuation $p'(t, x)$ should also be a function of this type. The pressure spectrum, can then be expressed in terms of the first Fourier transform of Equation (A15) by [30]

$$I_\omega(x) = (2\pi) \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\langle [\tilde{p}^2(x : \omega, T) - \langle \tilde{p}(x : \omega, T) \rangle^2 \rangle}}{2T}$$  \hspace{1cm} (A27)

Inserting the solution of Equation (A14) this result shows that

$$I_\omega(x) = (2\pi)^2 \int_{\tilde{\gamma}_T} \int_{\tilde{\gamma}_T} e^{i\omega \tau} \left| S\left( y_T \big| \tilde{y}_T \right) \right|^2 d\tilde{y}_T d\tilde{y}_T$$

and, therefore, that the pressure spectrum is related to the turbulent fluctuations through source spectrum defined by Equation (81) which can be expressed in terms of the Fourier transform $\tilde{\Omega}^{(0)}(y_T : \omega, T)$ by

$$S\left( y_T \big| \tilde{y}_T \right) = (2\pi) \lim_{T \to \infty} \left( y_T : \omega, T \right) \left[ \tilde{\Omega}^{(0)}(y_T : \omega, T) \right]^{1/2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (A29)

where $\tilde{\Omega}^{(0)}(y_T : \omega, T)$ is given by Equation (A15) However, Equations (A15) and (77) imply that $\tilde{\Omega}^{(0)}(y_T : \omega, T)$ is related to the upstream gradient-wise velocity coefficient $U_\perp(\xi, y_T)$ in the arbitrary orthogonal curvilinear coordinate system $[u, r](y_T)$ by

$$\frac{i\omega}{U} \tilde{\Omega}^{(0)}(y_T : \omega, T) \rightarrow -\omega^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial T^2} \langle \tilde{y}_T \rangle d\tilde{y}_T$$  \hspace{1cm} (A30)

where

$$\tilde{U}_\perp(y_T ; \omega, T) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega \xi} U_\perp(\xi, y_T) d\xi$$  \hspace{1cm} (A31)

The time average

$$\langle U_\perp(\tau - y_T / U, y_T) U_\perp(\tau - y_T / U) \rangle = \langle U_\perp(\tau, y_T) U_\perp(\tau + \tilde{\tau} - \left[ y_T / U(\tilde{y}_T) - y_T / U(y_T) \right] \tilde{y}_T) \rangle$$  \hspace{1cm} (A32)

of $U_\perp(\tau - y_T / U, y_T)$ will not only exist but will also be independent of $\tau$ when $U_\perp$ is a stationary function of $\tau$ and therefore of $\tau - y_T / U(y_T)$ [30].

The transverse velocity amplitude spectrum given by Equation (82) can then be written as

$$S = (2\pi) \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{\left| \tilde{U}_\perp(y_T ; \omega, T) \right|^2}{2T}$$  \hspace{1cm} (A33)

and Equations (A30) and (A33), therefore, show that the source spectrum $S(y_T \big| \tilde{y}_T)$ of the convected quantity $\tilde{\omega}_c$, is related to the normal velocity-like fluctuation $U_\perp(\tau - y_T / U, y_T)$ by

$$S(y_T \big| \tilde{y}_T) = \frac{\omega^2 [\tilde{y}_T]^{3/2}}{dU(\tilde{y}_T) du(\tilde{y}_T) dz(\tilde{y}_T)} \langle \tilde{y}_T \rangle \langle \tilde{y}_T \rangle \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left[ \frac{i\omega T}{\tilde{y}_T / U(\tilde{y}_T) - y_T / U(y_T)} \right]$$

$$\times \langle U_\perp(\tilde{\tau} - y_T / U(\tilde{\tau}), y_T) U_\perp(\tilde{\tau} / U) \rangle d\tilde{\tau},$$  \hspace{1cm} (A34)
when there is function $\phi(y_f)$ that forms an orthogonal coordinate system with the level surfaces $u(y_f) = \text{constant}$ of the mean velocity $U = U(u)$.

However, it is necessary specify the cross correlation $\langle U_{\perp}(\tau - y_1/U(u), y_f) \times U_{\perp}(\tau - y_1/U(u) + \tau, y_f) \rangle$ of the upstream normal velocity derivative fluctuation before the source spectrum and, therefore, pressure spectrum can be determined. We are not aware of any experimental measurements of this quantity, but [32] used information about the gradient-wise velocity correlation to show that

$$
\exp - \sqrt{[f(\eta_2/l_2, \eta_3/l_3) - [y_1/U(u) - y_1/U(u)]^2]/\tau^2_0}
$$

where $A(y_f, y_f), f(\eta_2/l_2, \eta_3/l_3)$ are unspecified functions of the indicated arguments, $\tau_0, l_2, l_3$ are constants and $\eta_2 \equiv u \sim l_2, \eta_3 \equiv v \sim l_3$, is expected to provide a good representation of this quantity. Since $\rho c^2$ is constant in transversely sheared flows, Equation (27) of [51] can be used to show that the actual source spectrum defined by Equation (81) is given by [52]

$$
\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega(T-\nu_1/U(u) - y_1/U(u))} \exp - \sqrt{[f(\eta_2/l_2, \eta_3/l_3)]^2 + \left[\tau - [y_1/U(u) - y_1/U(u)]^2]/\tau^2_0} d\tau
$$

where

$$
\tilde{\omega} \equiv \omega/\tau_0
$$

and $K_1$ denotes the modified Bessel function of the second kind.

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