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A thin-layer Navier-Stokes code has been used to compute the turbulent flow over two axisymmetric bodies at transonic speeds and the results are compared to experiment. A critical element of calculating such flows is the turbulence model. Numerical computations have been made with an algebraic eddy viscosity model and the k-ε two-equation model. The k-ε equations are developed in a general spatial coordinate system and incorporated into the thin-layer, compressible, time dependent Navier-Stokes code. The same implicit algorithm that
simultaneously solves the Reynolds-averaged mean flow equations is extended to solve the turbulence field equations using block tridiagonal matrix inversions. Calculations with the k-ε model are extended up to the wall and exact values of k and ε at the wall are used as boundary conditions.

The k-ε model has been applied to two transonic flows: (i) attached flow over an axisymmetric projectile; and (ii) separated flow over an axisymmetric bump configuration. The accuracy and applicability of the k-ε model are determined by comparing the computed results with experimental data. For the attached flow over the projectile, the computed results are in good agreement with the experimental data. The comparison of predicted and experimentally obtained mean velocity, turbulent shear stress and turbulent kinetic energy for transonic separated flow over the axisymmetric bump model shows generally good agreement except in the separation region. The results indicate that the k-ε model performs better than the algebraic model in the recovering region downstream of the separation. The k-ε model has the potential to provide accurate predictions for separated flows. Applications of particular interest are: (i) the flow in the vicinity of a projectile rotating, and; (ii) the flow in the base region of a projectile.
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I. INTRODUCTION

For more than fifty years it has been recognized that our understanding of turbulent flows is very incomplete. A quotation attributed to Sir Horace Lamb in 1932 might still be appropriate.

I am an old man now, and when I die and go to Heaven there are two matters on which I hope for enlightenment. One is quantum electrodynamics and the other is the turbulent motion of fluids. And about the former I am rather optimistic.

According to Hinze,¹

Turbulent fluid motion is an irregular condition of flow in which the various quantities show a random variation with time and space coordinates so that statistically distinct average values can be discerned.

We are all familiar with some of the differences between laminar and turbulent flows. Usually, higher values of friction drag and pressure drop are associated with turbulent flows. The diffusion rate of a scalar quantity is usually greater in a turbulent flow than in a laminar flow (increased "mixing") and turbulent flows are usually noisier. A turbulent boundary layer can usually negotiate a more extensive region of unfavorable pressure gradient prior to separation than can a laminar boundary layer.

The subject of turbulence has absorbed the energies of countless research workers over a period of more than two decades. It still continues to be an area of research where lack of complete understanding prevails. A listing of excellent references on the subject of turbulence is given in the Bibliography at the end of this report. Turbulent motion is a time-dependent phenomenon and thus, the unsteady Navier-Stokes equations are considered to govern the time history of a fluid particle in a turbulent flow. Numerical procedures are available for solving such equations; however, it is almost impossible to completely analyze a turbulent flow in this way. The main problem is that the time and space scales of the turbulent motion are extremely small. A grid fine enough to resolve the small scale motions of turbulence would therefore require an immense and impracticable number of points. The number of grid points required and the small size of the time steps puts the practical computation of turbulent flows by this means outside the realm of possibility for

present computers. Some researchers are optimistic that by the turn of the
century computer technology will have advanced to where turbulent flow calcu-
lations can be made from first principles.

The main thrust of present day research in computational fluid mechanics
and heat transfer in turbulent flows is through the time averaged Navier-
Stokes equations which historically have been referred to as the Reynolds
equations of motion in many circles. Time averaging the equations of motion
gives rise to new terms which can be interpreted as new "apparent" stress
gradients and heat flux quantities associated with the turbulent motion.
These new quantities must be related to the mean flow variables through turbu-
lence models which introduce further assumptions and approximations. Thus,
this attack on the turbulent flow problem through solving the Reynolds equa-
tions of motion does not follow entirely from first principles since additional
assumptions must be made to "close" the system of equations. This closure
is achieved via turbulence models. A turbulence model consists of a set of
differential equations and/or algebraic equations and associated constants,
the solutions of which, in conjunction with the equations of mean motion,
closely simulate the averaged character of real turbulent flows.

Various turbulence models have been proposed. Zero-equation models are
useful in engineering applications but their applicability is limited to near
equilibrium flows. One-equation models increase the computational work and
do not bring improvement in universality and predictive capability that would
justify their use. Two-equation models are more universal and less empirical.
Higher order Reynolds stress models are sophisticated and have gained less
popularity than two-equation models. In the present study numerical computa-
tions are made using Chien's k-ε two-equation turbulence model which is
similar to that of Jones and Launder. Calculations are extended up to the
wall and the exact values of the dependent variables at the wall are used as
boundary conditions.

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Phenomena with a Two-Equation Model of Turbulence," Int. Journal of Heat

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Fluids Engineering, March 1977, pp. 231-239.
Most of the well-known turbulence models lead to parabolic systems of partial differential equations when coupled with the conservation equations. A large variety of numerical methods for solving parabolic partial differential equations have been used to calculate boundary-layer flows with various levels of success. The Hartree-Womersley method\(^7\) for solving parabolic equations has been employed to solve the equations for laminar and turbulent boundary layer flows. The method treats derivatives in the transverse direction as ordinary derivatives and expresses the streamwise derivative as a finite-difference. This reduces the system of partial differential equations to a sequence of ordinary differential equations to be solved in succession as the integration proceeds downstream from one station to the next. The two-point boundary-value problem for the ordinary differential equations can be solved by the shooting method. The inconvenience associated with handling the two-point boundary conditions has contributed to an apparent movement away from this method to more conventional finite-difference procedures.

Finite-difference schemes, ranging from simple conventional ones to more sophisticated variants, have been used extensively. Pletcher\(^8\) used the DuFort-Frankel explicit scheme to calculate incompressible and compressible turbulent boundary layers. The stability constraint associated with the explicit scheme does restrict the allowed step size for numerical integration. Implicit schemes do not have that constraint. Diagonal dominance however, plays an important part in these schemes.\(^9\) Examples of the implicit methods can be found in the work of Patankar and Spalding,\(^10\) Harris\(^11\) and Blottner\(^12\) among others. Implicit schemes of Crank-Nicolson's type have been applied to


In Equation (18) the symbol $\tilde{c}$ is used instead of $\varepsilon$ since this notation prevails in the literature. The Jones-Launder model has been proved to be a powerful tool for the calculation of boundary layers, free shear layers, and some recirculating flows. Recently, new forms of the model have been proposed in order to improve flow predictions.\textsuperscript{3,4} The model proposed by Chien\textsuperscript{3} is more well behaved mathematically near a solid wall and is utilized in this study.

Chien proposed a few changes which included replacing the term

$$-2\nu \left( \frac{3k^{1/2}}{y} \right)^2$$

in the $k$ Equation (17) by

$$-2\nu \frac{k}{y^2} .$$

This term has the advantage of being linear in $k$. Both the terms $\left( \frac{3k^{1/2}}{y} \right)^2$ and $\frac{k}{y^2}$ are important only very close to the wall and become very small away from the wall. Thus the solution away from the wall is not adversely affected by the inclusion of this correction term. The term in Jones-Launder model $\left( \frac{3k^{1/2}}{y} \right)^2$ is nonlinear and suffers from grid resolution and stability problems.

Another of Chien's proposals was to make $\varepsilon$ of the order $O(y^2)$ at the wall. In order to maintain consistency at the wall, a new term is added to the $\varepsilon$ equation which is given by

$$-2\nu \frac{\varepsilon}{y^2} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} y^+ \right).$$

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This is considered advantageous from the computational int of view since $c$ has a finite value at the wall but $\tilde{c}$ goes to zero at the 11. To prove this, let us expand the fluctuating velocities close to the 11 in Taylor series.

\[
\begin{align*}
    u' &= u_1(t)y + u_2(t)y^2 + \ldots, \\
    v' &= v_1(t)y + v_2(t)y^2 + \ldots, \\
    w' &= w_1(t)y + w_2(t)y^2 + \ldots.
\end{align*}
\] (20)

Substituting these into the definitions of $k$ and $\varepsilon$, we have

\[
    k = \frac{1}{2} (u'^2 + v'^2 + w'^2)
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{2} [(u_1^2 + v_1^2 + w_1^2)y^2 + 2(u_1 u_2 + v_1 v_2 + w_1 w_2)y^3 + \ldots] \] (21)

\[
k = O(y^2)
\]

and

\[
\varepsilon = \nu [(\frac{\partial u'}{\partial y})^2 + (\frac{\partial v'}{\partial y})^2 + (\frac{\partial w'}{\partial y})^2]
\]

\[
= \nu [u_1^2 + v_1^2 + w_1^2 + 4(u_1 u_2 + v_1 v_2 + w_1 w_2)y + \ldots] \] (22)

\[
\varepsilon = O(1)
\]

\[
2 (\frac{\partial k^{1/2}}{\partial y})^2 \sim (u_1^2 + v_1^2 + w_1^2)
\]
follows: (i) adding terms accounting for the viscous diffusion of \( k \) and \( \varepsilon \); (ii) replacing constants \( c_1, c_2 \) and \( C_\mu \) with functions of the turbulence Reynolds number \( R_T \) where

\[
R_T = \frac{k^2}{\nu \varepsilon};
\]

(iii) adding two new terms in Equations (14), and (15); hence, the proposed equations are:

\[
\mu_T = C \, f_1 \, \rho \, \frac{k^2}{\varepsilon} \quad (16)
\]

\[
\rho \frac{Dk}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \left( \mu + \frac{\mu_T}{\kappa} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial y} \right] + \mu_T \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - \rho \varepsilon - 2\mu \left( \frac{\partial k^{1/2}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (17)
\]

\[
\rho \frac{D\varepsilon}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \left( \mu + \frac{\mu_T}{\varepsilon} \right) \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial y} \right] + c_1 f_1 \frac{\varepsilon}{k} \mu_T \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - c_2 f_2 \rho \frac{\varepsilon^2}{k} + 2\nu \mu_T \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (18)
\]

where

\[
f_1 = 1.0,
\]

\[
f_2 = 1 - 0.3 \exp \left( -R_T^2 \right),
\]

\[
f_\mu = \exp \left( -2.5/(1 + 0.02 \, R_T) \right).
\]

Inclusion of the last terms in Equations (17) and (18) makes equation (18) an equation for the quantity

\[
\tilde{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon - 2\nu \left( \frac{\partial k^{1/2}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (19)
\]
determined by the shear stress at the wall $\tau_w$, the kinematic viscosity $\nu$, the fluid density $\rho$ and the distance $y$ from the wall is invoked. One can then compute the flow properties at a point beyond the viscosity-affected zone and locate there the grid point nearest to the wall. In this approach the boundary conditions are not applied at the wall but near the wall and it is referred to as the wall-function method. As a result the computer time required for the solution of the governing equations is considerably reduced, since the necessity to resolve the steep gradients of the dependent variable in the viscous sublayer is removed. In practice the location $y^+$ of the first grid-point is taken in the region

$$40 < y^+ < 100$$

and the values of the dependent variables are calculated from (see Bibliography)

$$u^+ = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln (E y^+), E = 9.0, \kappa = 0.41,$$

$$k^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}} = 3.33,$$

$$\epsilon^+ = \frac{1}{\kappa y^+} = \frac{2.44}{y^+}$$

where

$$u^+ = \frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau}, y^+ = \frac{yu_\tau}{\nu}, k^+ = \frac{k}{u_\tau^2}, \epsilon^+ = \frac{\nu \epsilon}{u_\tau^4} \text{ and } u_\tau = \sqrt{\tau_w/\rho}.$$ 

Although many flows obey these near-wall "laws" with sufficient accuracy, deviations are observed in flows characterized by separation, strong acceleration, steep temperature gradients, etc. Computation of these flows cannot be based on near-wall region "universal laws." Therefore, turbulence models incorporating the important influence of viscosity very close to the wall should be utilized so that calculations can be extended up to the wall itself and the exact values of the dependent variables at the wall can be used as boundary conditions.

Jones and Launder extended the $k-\epsilon$ model to include the influence of viscosity very close to the wall by modifying Equations (9), (14), and (15) as
D. \textit{k-\epsilon} (Two-Equation) Model

The \textit{k-\epsilon} model used in the present study is based upon the one developed by Jones and Launder\textsuperscript{4,5} where \( k \) is the turbulent kinetic energy and \( \epsilon \) is the turbulent dissipation rate. Using the Cartesian-tensor notations, \( k \) and \( \epsilon \) are defined in terms of the velocity fluctuations and their gradients as

\[
k = \frac{1}{2} \bar{u}_i' \bar{u}_i' \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon = \nu \frac{\partial u'_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u'_j}{\partial x_i}.
\]

The turbulent eddy viscosity \( \nu_T \) is,

\[
\nu_T = C_\mu \rho \frac{k^2}{\epsilon}.
\]

The variables \( k \) and \( \epsilon \) are determined from the solution of the following transport equations:

\[
\frac{\rho}{\partial t} \frac{Dk}{Dx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\nu_T}{\sigma_k} \frac{\partial k}{\partial y} \right) + \nu_T \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - \nu \epsilon \quad (14)
\]

\[
\frac{\rho}{\partial t} \frac{D\epsilon}{Dx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\nu_T}{\sigma_\epsilon} \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial y} \right) + c_1 \frac{\epsilon}{k} \nu_T \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - c_2 \rho \frac{\epsilon^2}{k} \quad (15)
\]

where \( c_1, c_2, \sigma_k, \sigma_\epsilon \) are empirical constants having the values: \( c_1 = 1.55, \ c_2 = 2.0, \ \sigma_k = 1.0, \ \sigma_\epsilon = 1.3 \). Equation (14) is an approximation to the exact transport equation for \( k \) which is derived from the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations. The \( \epsilon \) Equation (15) is formulated in analogy to the \( k \) equation since it can not be derived.

Direct effects of the molecular viscosity on turbulence structure are neglected in most turbulence models. Viscous effects are indeed negligible throughout most of the flow, but become important in the immediate vicinity of a wall. An approach not used in this study is to avoid the complications of the viscosity-dependent region adjacent to a wall. The assumption that the mean velocity and the statistical correlations in this region are completely
The eddy viscosity for the outer region is given by

\[(\nu_t)_{outer} = K C_{cp} \rho F_{wake} F_{kleb}(y)\]  

(12)

where \(F_{wake} = y_{max} F_{max} \) or \(C_{wk} y_{max} u_{dif}/F_{max}\), the smaller of the two values. The quantities \(y_{max}\) and \(F_{max}\) are determined from the function \(F(y) = y |\omega| [1 - \exp(-y^+/A^+)]\) where \(F_{max}\) is the maximum value of \(F(y)\) and \(y_{max}\) is the value of \(y\) at which it occurs. The function \(F_{kleb}(y)\) is the Klebanoff intermittency factor given by

\[F_{kleb}(y) = [1 - 5.5 (\frac{C_{kleb}}{y_{max}})^{6}]^{-1}.\]

The quantity \(u_{dif}\) is the difference between the maximum and minimum total velocity in the profile,

\[u_{dif} = (u^2 + v^2 + w^2)^{1/2}_{max} - (u^2 + v^2 + w^2)^{1/2}_{min}\]

and for boundary layers, the minimum is defined as zero.

The outer formulation can be used in wakes as well as in attached and separated boundary layers. For free-shear flow regions or wakes, the Van Driest damping term \([\exp(-y^+/A^+)\]) is neglected. It is necessary to specify the following constants; \(A^+ = 26\), \(C_{cp} = 1.6\), \(C_{kleb} = 0.3\), \(C_{wk} = 0.25\), \(\kappa = 0.4\) and \(K = 0.0168\). This type of simple model is generally inadequate for complex flows.40, 41 One model that has been used successfully to predict many flows is the two-equation \(k-\epsilon\) model.


The strength of a model lies in a combination of accuracy and generality. One should not expect two-equation models to predict flows any more accurately than simpler models; but simpler models need more extensive adjustments for each different flow condition. Reynolds stress formulations are still under development. An excellent review of the status of turbulence modeling for computational aerodynamics has been made by Marvin\textsuperscript{39} and the performance of various models are discussed. The two-equation models appear to perform better for separated flows especially in the recovering regions downstream. Based on the above considerations, a two-equation (k-ε) model was formulated and utilized in the present study. Additionally, Baldwin-Lomax algebraic model\textsuperscript{24} was used to perform the same computations for comparison purposes. Both of these models are described below.

C. Baldwin-Lomax Algebraic Model

The algebraic eddy viscosity model used in this study is that developed by Baldwin and Lomax.\textsuperscript{24} It is a two-layer model in which an eddy viscosity is calculated for an inner and an outer region.

\[ \mu_T = (\mu_T)_{\text{inner}} \quad y < Y_{\text{crossover}} \]

\[ \mu_T = (\mu_T)_{\text{outer}} \quad y > Y_{\text{crossover}} \]

where \( y \) is the normal distance from the wall and \( Y_{\text{crossover}} \) is the smallest value of \( y \) at which values from the inner and outer formulas are equal. The inner region is based on the Prandtl-Van Driest formulation

\[ (\mu_T)_{\text{inner}} = \rho \alpha^2 |\omega| \] (11)

where

\[ \alpha = \kappa y [1 - \exp(-y^*/A^*)] \quad y^* = \frac{\rho u_T y}{\mu_w} \]

and \(|\omega|\) is the magnitude of vorticity given by

\[ |\omega| = \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}. \]

where \( C \) is taken equal to 0.09. Some of the currently available two-equation models are the Jones-Launder,\(^4\) Ng-Spalding,\(^10\) Saffman-Wilcox,\(^32\) Wilcox-Traci\(^33\) and Wilcox-Rubesin\(^34\) models. The Jones-Launder (k-\( \varepsilon \)) and Wilcox-Rubesin (k - \( \omega^2 \)) models are the most popular of these models. Several researchers have made computations using these turbulence models and compared the calculated results with experimental data. However, the comparisons have not revealed any of the models as definitely superior over the others.

### B. Reynolds Stress Models

These are models which do not assume that the turbulent shearing stress is proportional to the rate of mean strain i.e.,

\[
- \rho \frac{\partial \bar{u'}}{\partial y} \neq \nu_T \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}. \tag{10}
\]

Transport equations are developed for all the components of the Reynolds stress tensor. Such modeling requires the solution of three or more partial differential equations. The Reynolds stress model proposed by Daly and Harlow\(^35\) is a good example which requires the simultaneous solution of five transport equations. To date these models have been used largely as turbulence research tools.\(^36\) Recently, these models were applied to compute the incompressible flow in a duct\(^37\) and to simulate the near-wake flow of a flat plate.\(^38\)

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\[ \mu_T = \rho k^{1/2} \varepsilon. \quad (7) \]

and \( \mu_T \) no longer becomes zero when \( \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = 0 \). Other one-equation models have been suggested, the most notable one being the one used by Bradshaw, et al.\(^{31} \)

The turbulence energy equation is used but the form of modeling of the turbulent transport terms deviates somewhat from the one described above.

3. Two-Equation Models: In one-equation models, the length scale is evaluated by an algebraic expression dependent upon only the local flow parameters. Researchers in turbulent flow have long felt that the length scale in turbulence models should also depend on the upstream history of the flow and not just the local flow conditions. An obvious way to provide such a dependence of \( \ell \) on the flow is to develop a partial differential equation for the transport of \( \ell \). This then is the main motivation behind the two-equation models.

The two-equation models involve an additional partial differential equation which in effect provides the turbulence length scale. Researchers have experienced better success by solving a transport equation for a variable related to the turbulence length scale rather than the length scale itself.\(^4 \) The other transport equation used is for turbulent kinetic energy and is the same one used in one-equation models.

One of the most popular two-equation models is the \( k-\varepsilon \) model of Jones and Launder.\(^{4,5} \) Here \( \varepsilon \) is a turbulent dissipation rate and is assumed to be related to other model parameters:

\[ \varepsilon \sim \frac{k^{3/2}}{\ell}. \quad (8) \]

The turbulent eddy viscosity is related to \( \varepsilon \) as:

\[ \mu_T = C_{\mu} \rho \frac{k^2}{\varepsilon}. \quad (9) \]

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\[ \lambda = ky \; ; \; \kappa = .41 . \]  

(4)

It is well known that the turbulence must be damped out very near the wall in the viscous sublayer. Van Driest\textsuperscript{29} proposed an exponential damping factor as suggested by analogy with the way in which velocity fluctuations are observed to decay near an oscillating flat plate in laminar flow. This mixing length proposal gives,

\[ \lambda = ky \left( 1 - e^{-y^+/2 \kappa} \right). \]  

(5)

For flows with heat transfer a simple model can similarly be developed for the apparent turbulent conductivity. These simple models have been modified and used with considerable success to compute a relatively wide range of turbulent flows.\textsuperscript{10,24,30}

2. One-Equation Models. Although the simple algebraic model works remarkably well with a range of flow situations, it has the shortcoming of predicting \( \mu_T \) as zero whenever \( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \). This is not true under all conditions. For example, at the center line of a pipe \( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \) but \( \mu_T \) is not. This deficiency can be corrected; but the applicability of the algebraic models is limited to near-equilibrium flows. Most of the flows in the real world include regions which are far from equilibrium. All these factors provide motivation for considering other interpretations for \( \mu_T \) and require the application of more advanced turbulence models.

One-equation models are models which require the solution of a transport partial differential equation for the turbulent velocity scale to evaluate the Reynolds stress. The length scale, \( \lambda \) is still specified algebraically. The turbulent velocity scale \( V_T \) is written as the square root of the turbulent kinetic energy \( k \) defined as:

\[ k = \frac{1}{2} \left( u'^2 + v'^2 + w'^2 \right) \]  

(6)

and the transport equation developed for \( k \) is usually used. Thus, \( \mu_T \) can be written as:

\[ \text{29.} \quad \text{E. R. Van Driest, "On Turbulent Flow Near a Wall,"} \quad \text{Journal of the Aeronautical Sciences, Vol. 23, No. 11, November 1956.} \]

\[ \text{30.} \quad \text{W. C. Reynolds, "Computation of Turbulent Flows,"} \quad \text{Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech., Vol. 8, 1976, pp. 183-208.} \]
Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations are used in this study. The information lost in the averaging process is supplied, in an approximate fashion, by a turbulence model.

Various turbulence models have been proposed over the years ranging from simple algebraic eddy-viscosity formulations to sophisticated Reynolds stress-equations models. Most models can be categorized as either a turbulent eddy viscosity model or a Reynolds stress model. For simplicity the models are described as applied to boundary layer flows.

A. Turbulent Eddy Viscosity Models

This class of model is based on a concept originally advanced by Boussinesq in 1877. The assumption is that the turbulent shearing stress can be related to the rate of mean strain through an apparent turbulent viscosity:

\[-\rho \overline{u'v'} = \mu_T \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}.\]  \hspace{1cm} (1)

Models of this type can be quite simple or complex depending on how \(\mu_T\) is related to other flow variables. A brief description of some turbulent viscosity concepts is given below in increasing order of complexity.

1. Zero-Equation (Algebraic) Models. One of the most successful simple model was suggested by Prandtl in 1925:

\[\mu_T = \rho \xi^2 \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|.\]  \hspace{1cm} (2)

where \(\xi\) is a mixing length, a characteristic length scale of turbulence. An excellent explanation of the origin of the model is given by Launder and Spalding (see Bibliography) who presented it in a form analogous to that for the molecular viscosity as given by kinetic theory of gases. As a result of this analog, \(\xi \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|\) can be interpreted as a characteristic velocity of turbulence, \(V_T\); and \(\xi\) can be regarded as a mean free path for collision of globules of fluid. Thus, \(\mu_T\) can be thought of as:

\[\mu_T = \rho V_T \xi.\]  \hspace{1cm} (3)

The mixing length \(\xi\) is specified as an algebraic function of local flow parameters in the simple models. Prandtl observed that the mixing length is proportional to the transverse distance i.e.,
of computing such complex flows on various geometric shapes are available. A strong need, however, exists for a general turbulence model that can be used to compute such complex flow fields of practical interest. The two-equation turbulence model has less empiricism and wider applicability to a class of complex fluid problems than the algebraic model. The extension of the Navier-Stokes algorithm to this model would thus be an important advance. The objective of the present research, therefore, is to incorporate into a time dependent, thin-layer Navier-Stokes code, a two-equation turbulence model which uses the same implicit algorithm and generalized geometry formulation.

Numerical computations are made of two transonic flows (i) attached flow over an axisymmetric projectile and (ii) separated turbulent flow over an axisymmetric bump model. Computations are also made for the same flow situations using the zero-equation eddy viscosity turbulence model. Both turbulence models are assessed by comparing calculated values of wall pressure distribution and profiles of velocity, turbulent kinetic energy and Reynolds shear stress with experimental measurements.

II. TURBULENCE MODELS

The computation of an entire turbulent flow field by direct numerical solution of the time dependent conservation equations is, at present, impossible due to the extremely fine grid-spacing required to resolve the smallest significant eddies of the flow and the extremely small allowable time-step. This approach to turbulent flow computations requires computers with storage and speed capabilities far beyond those currently available. The usual point of departure in practical applications is an averaged version of the conservation equations. The averaging process introduces new unknown variables, which must be modeled in terms of other quantities. Averaged equations may be derived through time- or mass-weighted averaging at flow field points or by averaging the conservation equations over space. The latter technique, known as "subgrid modelling" or "large eddy simulation," is prohibitively expensive for solving practical problems.

Large eddy simulation is a powerful research tool and falls between the direct simulation of turbulent flows and Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes calculations both in cost and accuracy. Because of the cost involved, this technique is not used for engineering flow predictions at present. This kind of approach will ultimately provide more understanding and will eventually guide the development of models that include more physical information.


modified by the explicit implicit-characteristic algorithm of Reference 19. Viegas et al.\textsuperscript{17} have used this calculation procedure to study various shock-wave turbulent boundary-layer interaction flows both at transonic and supersonic speeds.

Recently, codes have been developed\textsuperscript{20-22} which solve the compressible set of Reynolds-averaged thin-layer Navier-Stokes equations for high Reynolds number flows. Parabolized Navier-Stokes\textsuperscript{20} computational technique is used for the computation of supersonic flows whereas the unsteady Navier-Stokes codes\textsuperscript{21,22} can be used for both transonic and supersonic computations. The thin-layer Navier-Stokes equations are cast in strong conservation law form. The equation formulation allows for arbitrary body geometries and is solved using an implicit, approximately factored, finite difference scheme by Beam and Warming.\textsuperscript{23} The turbulence model used is an algebraic two layer eddy viscosity model reported by Baldwin and Lomax.\textsuperscript{24} Such simple models contain a large amount of empiricism which tends to make these models inadequate for complex turbulent flows.\textsuperscript{25}

Real world problems such as the transonic turbulent flow over a projectile are complex due to the presence of shock waves. The flow field is characterized by shock wave-boundary layer, viscous-inviscid interactions, and the large separated flow region behind the projectile base. It is advantageous to use the thin-layer Navier-Stokes computational technique described above in that it considers these interactions in a fully coupled manner. As the capability for computing more complex flows expands, the need to develop a more general turbulence model also expands. Navier-Stokes codes that are capable


turbulent boundary layers by Harris, Patankar and Spalding obtained a finite-difference scheme by expressing each term in the governing equations as an integrated average over a small control volume defined by the grid. Their general calculation procedure was applied to a wide variety of flows with considerable success. The Thomas algorithm for solving the tridiagonal system of equations is usually employed. The Keller box method has been adapted to turbulent boundary layer calculations by Keller and Cebeci.

The method developed by Keller for parabolic problems is second order accurate on an arbitrary nonuniform grid network. The box-scheme, being an implicit method, is stable with no restrictions on the grid size in the streamwise direction. This method requires the solution of a block-tridiagonal system of equations. Blottner proposed a Crank-Nicolson scheme using a variable grid and claims that his scheme has the same accuracy as the Keller box scheme and is more efficient for parabolic equations. The calculation methods described thus far are applicable to boundary layer flows.

For many flow situations where shock wave turbulent boundary layer interactions are important, boundary layer techniques are inadequate. For such complex flows the differential equations used to describe the mean flow are the Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations. Excellent reviews of the closure concepts for these equations can be found in the Bibliography. The mean flow and the turbulence field equations are solved simultaneously in References 15-17. The numerical procedure used is the basic second-order, predictor-corrector, finite-difference, time-splitting method of McCormack.

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It is added to balance the molecular diffusion term in a manner exactly analogous to the added term in the $k$ equation. The exponential ensures that this term decays rapidly and its effect is felt only close to the wall.

Additionally, the definition of $C_\mu$ has been modified to include the damping effect due to the presence of the solid wall in the manner of Van Driest's proposal.

$$C_\mu = 0.09 \left[ 1 - \exp \left( -0.01 y^+ \right) \right]. \quad (23)$$

In the Jones-Launder model this coefficient is defined in terms of the turbulent Reynolds number. With these modifications the $k$-$\epsilon$ model now takes the following form:

$$\rho \frac{Dk}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ (\mu + \frac{\mu_T}{\sigma_k}) \frac{\partial k}{\partial y} \right] + \mu_T \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - \rho \epsilon - 2\mu \frac{k}{y^2} \quad (24)$$

$$\rho \frac{D\epsilon}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ (\mu + \frac{\mu_T}{\sigma_\epsilon}) \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial y} \right] + c_1 \mu_T \frac{\epsilon}{k} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - c_2 \rho \frac{\epsilon^2}{k} - 2\mu \frac{\epsilon}{y^2} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} y^+ \right) \quad (25)$$

$$\mu_T = C_\mu \rho \frac{k^2}{\epsilon}$$

where $C_\mu$ is given by Equation (23) and

$$c_1 = 1.44$$
$$c_2 = 1.92 \left[ 1 - 0.3 \exp \left( -R_T^2 \right) \right], \quad R_T = \frac{k^2}{\nu \epsilon}$$

A more general form of the $k$-$\epsilon$ equations than described above is given by Launder, Sharma and Pridden as
\[
\rho \frac{Dk}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_t + \mu}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right] + \mu_t \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) 
\]
(26)

\[- \rho \varepsilon - 2\mu \left( \frac{\partial k^{1/2}}{\partial x_j} \right)^2 \]

\[
\rho \frac{D\varepsilon}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_t + \mu}{\sigma_\varepsilon} \right) \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_j} \right] + c_1 \mu_t \frac{e}{k} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} 
\]
(27)

\[- c_2 \rho \frac{\varepsilon^2}{k} + c_3 \mu_t \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_k \partial x_j} \right)^2 \]

where \(k\) is the turbulent kinetic energy, \(\varepsilon\) is the turbulent dissipation rate and \(\mu_t\) is the turbulent viscosity and are given as,

\[
k = \frac{1}{2} \left( u'^2 + v'^2 + w'^2 \right)
\]

\[
\varepsilon = \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \right)^2 - 2\nu \left( \frac{\partial k^{1/2}}{\partial x_j} \right)^2
\]
(28)

\[
\mu_t = C_{\mu} \rho \frac{k^2}{\varepsilon}.
\]

The empirical coefficients in Equations (26)-(28) are given below:

\[
C_{\mu} = 0.09 \exp \left[ -3.4/(1 + 0.02R_t)^2 \right]
\]

\[
R_t = \frac{k^2}{\nu \varepsilon}
\]

\[
c_1 = 1.44
\]
\[ c_2 = 1.92 \left[ 1 - 0.3 \exp \left( - R_t^2 \right) \right] \]  

(29)

\[ c_3 = 2.0 \]

\[ \sigma_k = 1.0 \]

\[ \sigma_e = 1.3. \]

Chien's modifications are included and the model used in this study is as follows:

\[
\rho \frac{Dk}{Dt} = \frac{3}{\partial x_j} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} + \mu \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right] + u_t \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)
- \rho \epsilon - 2\mu \frac{k}{y_n^2}
\]  

(30)

\[
\rho \frac{De}{Dt} = \frac{3}{\partial x_j} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_e} + \mu \right) \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial x_j} \right] + c_1 \nu \frac{\epsilon}{k} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)
- c_2 \rho \frac{\epsilon^2}{k} - 2\mu \frac{\epsilon}{y_n^2} e^{-y^+ / 2}
\]  

(31)

where \( y_n \) is the distance normal to the surface and the empirical coefficients given by Equation (23) and (29).

III. NAVIER-STOKES COMPUTATIONAL TECHNIQUE

A. Governing Equations

The three dimensional thin-layer Navier-Stokes equations are presented and are then reduced to the axisymmetric formulation. To enhance numerical accuracy and efficiency, coordinate mappings of the governing equations are employed. This brings the body surface onto a coordinate surface (body-fitted system) and clusters grid points in flow field regions where dependent variables are expected to undergo rapid changes (boundary layer for example). In the transformed plane, uniform discretization formulas and well-ordered
interior grid point solution algorithms can be used. Related work using transformed equations in flow field applications can be found in References 21, 44-46.

The governing equations are transformed using the following general coordinate transformations:

\[
\begin{align*}
\zeta &= \zeta(x,y,z,t) \\
p &= n(x,y,z,t) \\
\xi &= \xi(x,y,z,t) \\
\tau &= t
\end{align*}
\]

The equations are written in strong conservation law form and the transformation retains this form.\(^{47}\) The resulting transformed three dimensional thin-layer Navier-Stokes equations can be written in nondimensional form as

\[
a_{\tau}\hat{q} + a_{\xi}\hat{e} + a_{p}\hat{F} + a_{\xi}\hat{G} = Re^{-1}a_{\xi}\hat{S}
\]

where

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\rho \\
\rho u \\
\rho v \\
\rho w \\
e
\end{bmatrix} = J^{-1}
\begin{bmatrix}
\rho U \\
\rho U + \xi_x p \\
\rho V + \xi_y p \\
\rho W + \xi_z p \\
(e+p)U - \xi_{t}p
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[\hat{E} = J^{-1}
\]

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\[
\hat{F} = J^{-1} \begin{bmatrix}
\rho V \\
\rho uV + \eta_x p \\
\rho wV + \eta_y p \\
(\varepsilon + p)V - \eta_z p
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\hat{G} = J^{-1} \begin{bmatrix}
\rho W \\
\rho uW + \zeta_x p \\
\rho wW + \zeta_y p \\
(\varepsilon + p)W - \zeta_z p
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\hat{S} = J^{-1} \begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2\right)u_\zeta + \left(\frac{\mu}{3}\right)\left(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta\right)\zeta_x \\
\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2\right)v_\zeta + \left(\frac{\mu}{3}\right)\left(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta\right)\zeta_y \\
\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2\right)w_\zeta + \left(\frac{\mu}{3}\right)\left(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta\right)\zeta_z \\
\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2\right)\left[\left(\frac{0.5\mu}{3}\right)\left(\varepsilon + p\right) + \kappa Pr^{-1}(\gamma - 1)^{-1}\left(a^2\right)\zeta\right] + \left(\frac{\mu}{3}\right)\left(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta\right)\left(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta\right)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

The velocities

\[
\begin{align*}
U &= \xi_t + \xi_x u + \xi_y v + \xi_z w \\
V &= \eta_t + \eta_x u + \eta_y v + \eta_z w \\
W &= \zeta_t + \zeta_x u + \zeta_y v + \zeta_z w
\end{align*}
\]

(33)

represent the contravariant velocity components.

The Cartesian velocity components \((u,v,w)\) are retained as the dependent variables and are non-dimensionalized with respect to \(a_\infty\) (the free stream speed of sound). Pressure is defined as

\[
p = (\gamma - 1)[e - 0.5\rho(u^2 + v^2 + w^2)]
\]

(34)

where \(\gamma\) is the ratio of specific heats, \(\rho\) is the density referenced to \(\rho_\infty\) and \(e\) is the total energy referenced to \(\rho_\infty a_\infty^2\). The additional parameters are \((\kappa)\) the coefficient of thermal conductivity, \((\mu)\) the dynamic viscosity, \((Re)\) the Reynolds number, \((Pr)\) the Prandtl number, and \((\lambda)\) which through the Stokes hypothesis is \((-2/3)\mu\).

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The metric terms of Equation (32) are defined from

\[
\begin{align*}
\xi_x &= J(y_n z_\zeta - y_\zeta z_n) \\
\eta_x &= J(z_\zeta z_\zeta - t_\zeta z_\zeta) \\
\xi_y &= J(z_n x_\zeta - x_\zeta z_n) \\
\eta_y &= J(x_\zeta z_\zeta - x_\zeta x_\zeta) \\
\xi_z &= J(x_n y_\zeta - y_\zeta x_n) \\
\eta_z &= J(y_\zeta x_\zeta - y_\zeta x_\zeta)
\end{align*}
\] (35)

\[
\begin{align*}
\zeta_x &= J(y_\zeta z_n - z_\zeta y_n) \\
\zeta_y &= J(x_\zeta z_n - x_\zeta z_n) \\
\zeta_z &= J(x_\zeta y_n - y_\zeta x_n)
\end{align*}
\]

and

\[
J^{-1} = x_\zeta y_n z_\zeta + x_\zeta y_\zeta z_n + x_n y_\zeta z_\zeta - x_\zeta y_\zeta z_n - x_n y_\zeta z_\zeta - x_\zeta y_\zeta z_n
\]

where J is the Jacobian of the transformation. For the computation of turbulent flows, \( \mu \) and \( \kappa \) comprise of their molecular and turbulent counterparts. The turbulent contribution \( \mu_T \) and \( \kappa_T \) are supplied through an eddy viscosity hypothesis described in Section II.

The "thin-layer" approximation\(^{21,22,24}\) is used here and is valid for high Reynolds number flows. In high Reynolds number flows one usually has only enough grid points to resolve viscous terms in a thin layer near the body surface. Essentially, all the viscous terms in the coordinate directions (here taken as \( \xi \) and \( \eta \)) along the body surface are neglected while terms in the \( \zeta \) or the near normal direction to the body are retained. This approximation is used because, due to computer speed and storage limitations, fine grid spacing can only be provided in one coordinate direction (usually taken as the near normal direction) and the grid spacing available in the other two directions is usually too coarse to resolve the viscous terms.

The three dimensional set of equations are then reduced to obtain the azimuthal-invariant or \( \eta \)-invariant equations\(^{48}\) by making use of two restrictions: (1) all body geometries are of an axisymmetric type; (2) the state

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variables and the contravariant velocities do not vary in the azimuthal direction. Here \( n \) is used for the azimuthal coordinate. A sketch of a typical axisymmetric body and the coordinate system is shown in Figure 1. The \( \partial \) term of Equation (32) is thus reduced to a source term of the \( n \)-invariant equations. The resulting thin-layer \( n \)-invariant or axisymmetric Navier-Stokes equations are then written as

\[
\partial_t \hat{q} + \partial_\xi \hat{E} + \partial_\zeta \hat{G} + \hat{H} = Re^{-1} \partial_\zeta \hat{S}
\]

where

\[
\hat{H} = J^{-1} \begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
0 \\
\rho V \{ R_\zeta (U - \xi_t) + R_\zeta (W - \zeta_t) \} \\
- \rho V R (V - n_t) - \rho/R \\
0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

and \( \hat{q}, \hat{E}, \hat{G} \) and \( \hat{S} \) are as defined in Equation (32). The metric terms of Equation (35) are modified as:

\[
\begin{align*}
\xi_x &= J R R_\zeta \\
\xi_y &= 0 \\
\xi_z &= - J R x_\zeta \\
\zeta_x &= - J R R_\zeta \\
\zeta_y &= 0 \\
\zeta_z &= J R x_\zeta
\end{align*}
\]

with

\[
J^{-1} = R (x_\zeta R_\zeta - x_\zeta R_\zeta)
\]

and

\[32\]
\( R = z \) (see Figure 1).

Equation (36) contains only two spatial derivatives but does retain all three momentum equations thus allowing a degree of generality over the standard axisymmetric equations. In particular, the circumferential velocity is not assumed to be zero. This allows computations for spinning projectiles or swirl flow to be accomplished. The \( n \)-invariant equations have been used in a number of flow field applications\(^{49-53}\) and is utilized in the present study.

B. Numerical Method

An implicit approximate factorization finite-difference scheme in delta form is used as described by Beam and Warming.\(^2\) An implicit method was chosen because it permits a time step much greater than that allowed by explicit schemes. For problems in which the transient solution is of no interest, this offers the possible advantage of being able to reach the steady state solution faster than existing explicit schemes.

The Beam-Warming implicit algorithm has been used in various applications.\(^{20-24,48-53}\) The algorithm can be first or second order accurate in time and second or fourth order accurate in space. The equations are factored (spatially split) which reduces the solution process to one-dimensional problems at a given time level. Central difference operators are employed and the algorithm produces block tridiagonal systems for each space coordinate. The main computational work is contained in the solution of these block tridiagonal systems of equations.


The resulting finite difference equations, written in delta form, are

\[
(I + h\delta_{\zeta}A^n - \Lambda_I^{-1}v_{\xi}\Delta_{\xi} J)(I + h\delta_{\zeta}C^n - \Lambda_I^{-1}v_{\zeta}\Delta_{\zeta} J)
\]

\[
- hRe^{-1}\delta_{\zeta}U^{-1}M^n J \times (q^{n+1} - q^n) = -\Delta t(\delta_{\xi}\hat{e}^n + \delta_{\zeta}\hat{g}^n)
\]

(38)

\[
- Re^{-1}\delta_{\zeta}\hat{S}^n - \Delta t\hat{h}^n - \Lambda_E^{-1}[(v_{\xi}\Delta_{\xi})^2 + (v_{\zeta}\Delta_{\zeta})^2]q^n.
\]

Here \( h = \Delta t \) because only first order accuracy in the time differencing is needed for the steady state flows which are considered here. This choice corresponds to the Euler implicit time differencing. The \( \delta \)'s represent central difference operators, \( A \) and \( V \) are forward and backward difference operators respectively. The Jacobian matrices \( \hat{A} = \frac{\partial \hat{E}}{\partial q} \), \( \hat{C} = \frac{\partial \hat{G}}{\partial q} \) along with the coefficient matrix \( \hat{M} \) obtained from the local time linearization of \( \hat{S} \) are described in detail in Reference 22. Fourth order explicit \( (\Lambda_E) \) and implicit \( (\Lambda_I) \) numerical dissipation terms are incorporated into the differencing scheme to damp high frequency growth and thus to control the nonlinear instabilities. A typical range for the smoothing coefficients is \( \Lambda_E = (1 \text{ to } 5) \Delta t \) with \( \Lambda_I = 3\Lambda_E \). Details of the algorithm and the finite difference equations as they apply to turbulence field equations will be discussed in the next Section.

C. Initial and Boundary Conditions

Free stream values are used as the initial conditions in the entire flow field domain of interest. Unknown values of \( q \) on the boundaries are updated explicitly and \( \hat{q} = \hat{q}^{n+1} - \hat{q}^n \) is set to zero, leading to a first order error in time at the boundaries.

The updated values of \( \hat{q} \) are obtained along the body surface by linear extrapolation of \( \rho \), \( U \) and \( V \) in inviscid flow. In viscous flow \( \rho \) is extrapolated and \( U = V = 0 \). In either case \( W = 0 \) and values of \( u \), \( v \) and \( w \) are obtained from the following relation.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
u \\
w \\
w \\
\end{bmatrix} = J^{-1}
\begin{bmatrix}
\eta y \xi_z & 0 & -\eta y \xi_z \\
0 & (\xi_x \xi_z - \xi_z \xi_x) & 0 \\
-\eta y \xi_x & 0 & \eta y \xi_x \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
U - \xi_t \\
V - \eta_t \\
-\xi_t \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(39)
For an axisymmetric body spinning with angular velocity \( \omega \), one would impose the condition \( V = R \omega \) on the body surface. Pressure on the body surface is obtained by numerically integrating the following equation.

\[
\rho_n (\xi_x^2 + \xi_z^2)^{1/2} = (\xi_x \xi_y + \xi_z \xi_y) p_\xi + (\xi_x^2 + \xi_z^2) p_\zeta = 
\rho \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \xi_t + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \xi_x + v (J R x_\eta) + w \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (J R x_\eta) \right] 
- \rho U (\xi_x u_\xi + \xi_z w_\zeta) + \rho V [J x_\xi R^2 (V - n_\eta)].
\]

(40)

Here \( P_n \) is the normal pressure gradient at the body surface. Equation (40) results by combining the three transformed momentum equations.

The axis singularity is handled as in Reference 22 where flow variables are not required at the axis due to the fact that the required flux vectors are zero along the singularity. At the far field boundary free stream values are specified. At the downstream boundary, first-order extrapolation is used for \( M_\infty > 1 \) while extrapolation and the condition that pressure is fixed at \( P_\infty \) are used for \( M_\infty < 1 \).

IV. SOLUTION OF \( k-\epsilon \) EQUATIONS

A. Turbulence Field Equations

The \( k-\epsilon \) equations used in this study can be written from Section II as,

\[
\rho \frac{Dk}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu}{\sigma_k} + \mu \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right] + \mu_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) 
- \rho \epsilon - 2\mu \frac{k}{y_n^2}
\]

(41)

\[
\rho \frac{D\epsilon}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu}{\sigma_\epsilon} + \mu \right) \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial x_j} \right] + c_1 \mu_t \frac{\epsilon}{k} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) 
- c_2 \rho \frac{\epsilon^2}{k} - 2\mu \frac{\epsilon}{y_n^2} e^{-y^+ / 2}
\]

(42)
where \( y_n \) is the distance normal to the surface. The turbulent kinetic energy, \( k \), and the turbulent dissipation rate, \( \varepsilon \) are given as:

\[
\begin{align*}
  k &= \frac{1}{2} (u'^2 + v'^2 + w'^2) \\
  \varepsilon &= \left( \frac{\partial u_i'}{\partial x_k} \right)^2 - 2v \left( \frac{\partial k^{1/2}}{\partial x_j} \right)^2
\end{align*}
\]  

(43)

(44)

and the turbulent viscosity is related to \( k \) and \( \varepsilon \) by,

\[
\mu_t = C_\mu \frac{k^2}{\varepsilon} .
\]

(45)

The empirical coefficients in Equations (41), (42) and (45) are given below:

\[
\begin{align*}
  C_\mu &= 0.09 \left[ 1 - \exp (-0.01 y^+) \right] \\
  R_t &= \frac{k^2}{u' \varepsilon} \\
  c_1 &= 1.44 \\
  c_2 &= 1.92 \left[ 1 - 0.3 \exp (-R_t^2) \right] \\
  c_3 &= 2.0 \\
  a_k &= 1.0 \\
  \sigma_\varepsilon &= 1.3.
\end{align*}
\]

Expanding and using the continuity equation, we can write Equations (41) and (42) in conservation form as.
\[
\frac{\partial q_t}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E_t}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_t}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial G_t}{\partial z} = S_t \tag{47}
\]

where

\[
q_t = \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ \rho e \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_t = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u_k \\ \rho u_e \end{bmatrix}, \quad F_t = \begin{bmatrix} \rho v_k \\ \rho v_e \end{bmatrix}, \tag{48}
\]

\[
G_t = \begin{bmatrix} \rho w_k \\ \rho w_e \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_t = \begin{bmatrix} S_k \\ S_e \end{bmatrix}
\]

and

\[
S_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\mu t}{\alpha k} + \mu \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mu t \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x} \right) - \rho e - 2 \frac{\mu k}{y^2} \tag{49}
\]

\[
S_e = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\mu t}{\sigma e} + \mu \right) \frac{\partial e}{\partial x} + c_1 \mu t \frac{\partial e}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x} \right) - c_2 \frac{\rho e^2}{k} - 2\mu e^{-y^2/2} \tag{50}
\]

For simplicity the subscript 't' in Equation (47) is omitted and the variables without the subscript will be used throughout this Section. Thus, Equation (47) can be written as

\[
\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial z} = S. \tag{51}
\]

B. Transformation into Generalized Coordinates

Using the transformation
\[ \zeta = \xi(x,y,z,t) \]
\[ n = n(x,y,z,t) \]
\[ \zeta = \zeta(x,y,z,t) \]
\[ \tau = t. \]

Equation (51) can be written in transformed coordinates while still retaining the conservation form as

\[ \frac{\partial \hat{q}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial \hat{E}}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{\partial \hat{F}}{\partial n} + \frac{\partial \hat{G}}{\partial \zeta} = \hat{S} \] (53)

where

\[ \hat{q} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho k \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{E} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho k u \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{F} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho k v \end{bmatrix}, \]
\[ \hat{G} = \frac{1}{J} \begin{bmatrix} \rho k w \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{S}_k \\ \hat{S}_e \end{bmatrix} \]

and

\[ \hat{S}_k = \frac{3}{J} \left( \frac{\mu_t}{J} + \mu \right) \left( \zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2 \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{\mu_t}{J} \left[ \left( \zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2 \right) \right. \]
\[ \left. \left( u^2_{\zeta} + v^2_{\zeta} + w^2_{\zeta} \right) + \left( \zeta_x u_{\zeta} + \zeta_y v_{\zeta} + \zeta_z w_{\zeta} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{\rho e}{J} - \frac{2 u k}{y^2_n} \]

\[ \hat{S}_e = \frac{3}{J} \left( \frac{\mu_t}{J} + \mu \right) \left( \zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2 \right) \frac{\partial e}{\partial \zeta} + c_1 \frac{\mu_t}{J} \frac{e}{k} \left[ \left( \zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2 \right) \right. \]
\[ \left. \left( u^2_{\zeta} + v^2_{\zeta} + w^2_{\zeta} \right) + \left( \zeta_x u_{\zeta} + \zeta_y v_{\zeta} + \zeta_z w_{\zeta} \right)^2 \right] - c_2 \frac{\rho e^2}{J} - \frac{2 u k}{y^2_n} e^{-y^2/2}. \]
The velocities $U$, $V$ and $W$ are the contravariant velocities defined in Equation (33) and $J$ is the Jacobian of the transformation. The thin-layer approximation described previously is used here.

Based on the assumptions for axisymmetric flow described in the previous chapter, the $n$ derivative term in Equation (53) drops out and the axisymmetric set of turbulence field equations can be written in non-dimensional form as

$$\frac{\partial \hat{q}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \hat{E}}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{\partial (\hat{G} - \hat{H})}{\partial \zeta} = \hat{S} \quad (54)$$

where

$$\hat{q} = \frac{1}{J} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \rho k \\ \rho c \end{array} \right]$$

$$\hat{E} = \frac{1}{J} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \rho kU \\ \rho cU \end{array} \right]$$

$$\hat{G} = \frac{1}{J} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \rho kW \\ \rho cW \end{array} \right]$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{Re^{-1}}{J} \left( \zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2 \right) \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial u}{\partial k} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \end{array} \right]$$

and

$$\hat{S} = \frac{Re^{-1} \mu_t}{J} \left[ (\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2)(u_x^2 + v_z^2 + w_z^2) + (\zeta_x u_x + \zeta_y v_y + \zeta_z w_z)^2 \right] - \frac{\rho c}{J} \frac{Re^{-1} 2u_k y_n^2}{J}$$

$$\hat{S} = \frac{Re^{-1} c_1 \mu_t e}{J} \left[ (\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2)(u_x^2 + v_y^2 + w_z^2) + (\zeta_x u_x + \zeta_y v_y + \zeta_z w_z)^2 \right] - c_2 \frac{\rho e^2}{J} - \frac{Re^{-1} 2u_k e y_n^2}{J} e^{-y^+/2}$$

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strictly based on local information and results in such drastic change in behav-
or.

The turbulent kinetic energy profiles at the same selected stations are own in Figure 30. The profiles at two stations upstream of the shock are own in Figures 30(a) and (b) and compare well with experimental measurements. Figures 30(c) through (h) show the profiles in the separated region. The peaks are well predicted by the two-equation k-ε model although the loca-
on of the peaks are slightly underpredicted. Comparison of the profiles close to the wall indicate poor predictions. In the redeveloping flow region after reattachment the computed profiles with the k-ε model are in excellent agreement with the experimental data. This is where we have seen good agreement in the mean velocity profiles as well.

The location of, and variation in, the maximum turbulent shear stress are own in Figure 31 and 32 respectively. As shown in Figure 31 the locations are well predicted by the k-ε model and are in close agreement with the experimental observations except near x/c = 1, i.e., where the aft end of the bump is affixed to the cylinder. This is in the separated region and the disagreement is even more clear in the variation of the maximum turbulent shear stress shown in Figure 32. Additionally, Figure 31 clearly shows the peak of the profiles shifting away from the wall from x/c = .5 to 1.

The location of the maximum turbulent kinetic energy and its streamwise variation are shown in Figures 33 and 34, respectively. As seen in Figure 33 the location of the peaks further shift from the wall from x/c = .5 to 1.0 and then falls off in the same way observed by the experimental data. Although the trend is the same, the calculations underpredict the location of the peaks (Figure 33) and overpredict the values of the maximum turbulent kinetic energies (Figure 34). It is also clear from these figures that the k-ε model predictions are in good agreement with the experimental data in the redeveloping region (x/c = 1.25).

VI. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Objectives

The objectives of the reported research were:

(1) formulate the k-ε turbulence model in general spatial coordinates and incorporate it into a compressible, axisymmetric, thin-layer Navier-Stokes code,

(2) apply the resulting solver to two transonic flows for which experimental data are available,

(i) an ogive-cylinder-boattail projectile configuration at M_∞ = .94 and .97

(ii) an axisymmetric bump configuration at M_∞ = .875 which involves a cal shock induces separation
ence of a strong shock wave on the model. The pocket of supersonic flow on \((M > 1)\) can also be seen. Figure 23 shows the pressure contours in the field near the bump. As can be seen the flow over the front portion of model expands. The shock wave can be clearly seen to exist on the aft ion of the circular-arc bump. These qualitative features are predicted by the algebraic and \(k-\varepsilon\) models.

Figure 24 shows the velocity vectors over the aft end of the bump obtained with the algebraic model. Flow separates and the reverse flow region can be seen in this figure. To show the separation bubble more clearly stream contours are plotted in Figure 25. The two-equation \(k-\varepsilon\) model prediction is shown in Figure 26. This model predicts a smaller separation ion. The two-equation models generally predict poorly in the separated ion and do well in the redeveloping flow region after reattachment. This will be discussed in a later section.

Figure 27 is a plot of the surface pressure distribution as a function of longitudinal position. The surface pressure is referenced to the total pressure. The longitudinal position in this plot, and plots to follow, is referenced to the leading edge of the bump excluding the fairing i.e., the intersecting point of the arc of the bump with the cylinder (see Figure 19). Put results are obtained with both turbulence models and are compared with experiment. The position of the shock wave is well predicted by both the models; however there is a small disagreement in the region downstream of the shock. The largest discrepancy is about 15% and could partly be due to the grid spacings used in the redeveloping flow region.

Development of the mean velocity, turbulent shear stress and turbulent kinetic energy profiles over the aft portion and just downstream of the bump is shown in Figures 28, 29 and 30 respectively. The mean velocity profiles shown in Figures 28(a) - 28(f). Flow separation occurs as shown in Figure 28(a). Figures 28(a) through 28(c) show the mean velocity profiles in the separated region. As pointed out earlier, the \(k-\varepsilon\) model predicts a thin reversed flow region. It is especially true at the stations selected in the separated region. Elsewhere in the separated region, however, it is not significant (see Figure 26). Although a thicker separated region is predicted by the algebraic model, the profiles are poorly predicted by both the models. Away from the wall, \(k-\varepsilon\) model calculations show better agreement with experimental data. Poor predictions for both turbulence models can be seen in Figure 28(d) at the station just upstream of reattachment. The development of the flow after reattachment is shown in Figures 28(e) and f). Here the \(k-\varepsilon\) model produced a solution that more closely represents experimental data than did the algebraic model.

Figure 29 shows the turbulent shear stress at selected streamwise stations. As evident from this figure, the \(k-\varepsilon\) model predicts the turbulent stress profiles which are in close qualitative agreement with the experimental data. The peaks are not as well predicted however. Additionally, the location of the peaks shifts further away from the wall just as determined experimentally and \(k-\varepsilon\) model successfully predicts the rate of peak placement as shown in Figures 29(a) through 29(g). The algebraic model on the other hand predicts sharp increase or decrease in the turbulent shear stress as seen in Figure 29(c)-(e) and 29(f)-(h). It grossly underpredicts turbulent shear stress in Figures 29(d) and 29(g). The algebraic model is
The data was obtained in the NASA Ames 2x2-Foot Transonic Wind Tunnel using a LDV technique. Calculated results using both the algebraic and the \( k-e \) models are compared with these experimental data.

A schematic diagram of the model and its associated flow field is shown in Figure 19. The model consists of an annular circular-arc bump affixed to a thin-walled cylinder of outer diameter 15.2 cm. The bump has a thickness of 1.9 cm and a chord length of 20.3 cm. Its leading edge is joined to the cylinder by a smooth circular arc of radius 18.3 cm that is tangent to the cylinder at 3.33 cm upstream and to the bump at 2.05 cm downstream of the intersection of the arc of the bump with the cylinder. In other words, a fairing is used in the leading edge of the bump. The flow field contains a separated region which is induced by a shock wave.

The computational mesh for this case was obtained using a hyperbolic grid generation scheme. The grid generated this way is orthogonal. The full grid is shown in Figure 20 whereas Figure 21 shows an expanded view of the grid near the bump model. Most of the grid points are clustered on the aft portion and just downstream of the circular-arc bump in the flow direction. The grid points in the normal direction were exponentially stretched away from the wall. The first point was taken to be \( 0.00001D \) away from the model surface which correspond to \( y^+ \) of about 0.5. The number of grid points used was 78 and 40 in the longitudinal and normal directions, respectively.

The upstream boundary conditions were prescribed by uniform free stream conditions. First order extrapolation was used at the downstream boundary. The no slip boundary condition was used on the wall and free stream conditions were used at the far field outer boundary. For the turbulence variables with the \( k-e \) two-equation model, \( k \) and \( \varepsilon \) were set to zero on the wall and at the upstream boundary. Zero derivatives of \( k \) and \( \varepsilon \) were used at the outer and downstream boundaries.

Figures 22 and 23 show the qualitative features of the flow field near the bump model. Figure 22 is a Mach contour plot and clearly indicates the

to those discussed previously for M = .94. The peak values occur at y+ = 25.
k increases over the boattail corner (X/D = 5.05 to 5.36) and then decreases
over the boattail. The turbulent dissipation rate profiles are shown in
Figure 13. These profiles behave better than k profiles in the region outside
the edge of the boundary layer and drop off to small values without the
presence of any humps in the profiles in that region. As expected, the peaks
in ε profiles occur closer to the wall (y+ = 10) than those of the k profiles
(y+ = 25).

Figures 14 and 15 show the turbulent eddy viscosity profiles obtained
with the algebraic model and the k-ε model, respectively, and are plotted in
physical y coordinate. \( \mu_t \) rises to its peak and then drops off sharply over a
very small distance from the surface. The magnitudes of \( \mu_t \) at each of these
longitudinal stations differ in both the model predictions and are clearly
shown in the next Figure 16. Figure 16 is plotted in the law of the wall
coordinate and shows the variation of \( \mu_t \) near the wall more clearly. The
profiles with k-ε model have sharper peaks compared to those obtained with the
algebraic model. Algebraic model predicts sharp increase (X/D = 5.61 to 6.19)
and decrease (X/D = 5.05 to 5.36) in \( \mu_t \) whereas k-ε model predicts rather
gradual change since it takes into account the upstream effects. Comparison
of \( \mu_t \) profiles at X/D = 5.36 and 5.61 shows poor agreement and comparison at
the other three stations shows good agreement. This kind of a disagreement is
local and may not have a large overall influence on the results.

Figure 17 shows the mean velocity profiles at the same longitudinal sta-
tions. There is very slight difference between the computed results obtained
with both turbulence models. Comparison of the calculated profiles have been
made with experimental data at X/D = 5.05, 5.36 and 5.61 and the comparison in
general shows good agreement. The slight difference in the computed results
and experimental measurements is for the X/D = 5.36 case. This profile is
only .06 calibers downstream of the boattail corner and is in the vicinity of
severe expansion. The experimental data was reduced using wall static pres-
sure measurements. The greater the distance from the wall, the more the veloc-
ity data may be in error. This is particularly true just downstream of the
expansion corner where the profile may extend through the expansion fan with
significantly varying static pressures. A small error in experimental
measurements thus could account for the slight difference. The computed and
experimental surface pressure coefficient are again shown in Figure 18 and
compare favorably.

B. Separated Flow Over an Axisymmetric Bump

Numerical computations have been made for a transonic turbulent separated
flow over a bump model. All the computed results shown are for M = 0.875, α =
0° and Re = 13.6 x 10^5/m. Experimental measurements of the mean flow quanti-
ties as well as the turbulence variables for the same model have been made by
corner and \( X/D = 5.36 \) is just after the boattail corner. Because of the severe expansion at the boattail junction, the turbulence kinetic energy is increased by a factor of two between these stations. It then drops off on the boattail as shown by the profiles at stations \( X/D = 5.61 \) and 6.19. The humps in these profiles are believed to be the result of the interaction of the shock and expansion waves with the turbulent boundary layer and occur outside the edge of the boundary layer. The peaks in the \( k \) profiles occur at \( y^+ = 20 \) although the peak is moved slightly further away from the wall near the boattail corner i.e., between \( X/D = 5.05 \) and 5.36. As shown in Figure 7 the turbulence dissipation rate profiles show identical behavior for the same stations with the exception that there are no humps present in the region outside the edge of the boundary layer. Additionally, the peaks now occur closer to the wall at \( y^+ = 10 \). This agrees with the observed behavior of the peaks in Reference 41.

Turbulent eddy viscosities are found from \( k \) and \( \varepsilon \) with the two-equation model and algebraically using Baldwin and Lomax model. These are referenced to the molecular viscosity \( \mu_m \) and plotted in Figures 8 and 9 for the same longitudinal positions discussed above. Figure 8 shows the \( \mu_t \) profiles obtained with the algebraic model. The profiles have rather flat peaks and go to zero outside the boundary layer. It drops off sharply in magnitude near the boattail corner i.e., \( X/D = 5.05 \) to 5.36 and then rises sharply on the boattail as seen by the profiles between \( X/D = 5.61 \) and 6.19. The algebraic model is based on local information and such sharp increase or decrease in \( \mu_t \) results. The \( \mu_t \) profiles obtained with the \( k-\varepsilon \) model on the other hand shows gradual change in \( \mu_t \) on the boattail as seen in Figure 9. The profiles have sharper peaks and then fall off to values other than zero outside the edge of the boundary layer. Although \( k \) and \( \varepsilon \) profiles drop off to practically zero, \( k^2/\varepsilon \) does not drop off from its peak value monotonically with increasing distance from the surface and results in non-zero \( \mu_t \)'s. The mean flow gradients outside the boundary layer are, however, exceedingly small and these \( \mu_t \)'s in no way adversely affect the solution of the mean flow quantities.

Figure 10 shows the mean velocity profiles at the same selected stations. Velocity profiles obtained with both turbulence models compare well at \( X/D = 3.42 \) and 6.19. Experimental data is available at the other three stations and are used for comparison with the calculations. Both models predict almost the same profile at \( X/D = 5.05 \) and comparison with experiment is good. Just downstream of the boattail corner i.e., at \( X/D = 5.36 \) and 5.61, comparison of the \( k-\varepsilon \) calculations with experiment are in better agreement than the algebraic model predictions. Figure 11 is a plot of the surface pressure distribution as a function of the longitudinal position over the projectile. The rapid expansion at the ogive and boattail junctions is apparent. Computed results obtained with both models are compared with experiment and the results are in good agreement. A small improvement of the results with \( k-\varepsilon \) model can be seen on the boattail.

Results are now presented for another Mach number, \( M = .97 \) where strong shock/boundary layer interactions occur. Figure 12 shows the turbulent kinetic energy profiles at various longitudinal positions. These look similar
Before performing the computations, the flow field domain of interest must be discretized. The computational grid used for the numerical computations was obtained from a versatile grid generation program developed by Steger, et al. This program allows arbitrary grid point clustering thus enabling grid points to be clustered near the body surface and is based on the elliptic grid generation scheme advocated by Thompson, et al. In this method the grid in the physical plane is defined by the solution of a Laplace or a Poisson equation and the generated grid is not orthogonal.

The full grid is shown in Figure 4. The computational domain extended to four model lengths in front, four model lengths in the normal direction and four model lengths behind the projectile. Such an extended domain is used to eliminate the possibility of any wave reflection back on to the model. The grid consists of 78 points in the longitudinal direction and 40 points in the normal direction. An expanded view of the grid near the model is shown in Figure 5. The dark region near the model surface results from clustering of grid points which are needed to resolve the viscous boundary layer region. The grid points in the normal direction were exponentially stretched away from the surface with a minimum spacing at the wall of .00002 D. This spacing locates at least two to three points within the laminar sublayer. Clustering in the longitudinal direction was used at X/D = 3.2 and 5.3, the ogive and boattail junction, respectively, where appreciable changes in the flow variables are expected.

The projectile base was modeled as an extension of the 7.0° boattail for a distance of two calibers. The surface line was then turned parallel to the model axis for the remainder of the wake region. The base flow is thus modeled as an extended sting. A review of free-flight shadowgraphs for projectile shapes at transonic speeds does show the wake flow to follow near the boattail angle for a distance of one to three calibers before turning parallel to the flow direction.

Results are first presented for $M_a = .94$ and $\alpha = 0$. The turbulence quantities $k$ and $\epsilon$ obtained with the two-equation turbulence model are shown in Figures 6 and 7, respectively, for selected longitudinal stations. One of the longitudinal stations selected is near the ogive-cylinder junction and the others are located either near the boattail junction or on the boattail itself. Note that the station X/D = 6.19 is on the extension of the boattail. The $k-\epsilon$ model prediction is compared with that of the algebraic model at this station. Figure 6 shows the turbulence kinetic energy profiles in the law of the wall coordinate. The station X/D = 5.05 is in front of the boattail.


\[ \frac{\partial k}{\partial \zeta} = \frac{\partial e}{\partial \zeta} = 0 \]  

(71)

At the upstream boundary \( k \) and \( e \) are set to zero while a first-order extrapolation is used at the downstream boundary.

G. Coupling with Mean Flow Equations

The Equation (38) is solved first by the method described in Chapter III for the mean flow quantities. Next the turbulence field Equations (63) are solved using the just computed mean flow quantities. Solution of Equations (63) give \( k \) and \( e \) and Equation (56) is then used to compute \( \mu_\tau \). This then becomes the input in the solution of Equation (38) for mean flow variables and this process is continued at each time step until steady state results are achieved. The solution procedure of the turbulence field equations lag that of the mean flow equations by one time step.

V. RESULTS

Numerical computations have been made for two transonic turbulent flow cases: (i) attached flow over an axisymmetric projectile; and (ii) separated flow over an axisymmetric bump model. Both the algebraic and the two-equation \( k-e \) eddy viscosity turbulence models were used. Computed results are presented in the form of surface pressure plots, velocity, turbulent kinetic energy, turbulent dissipation rate and Reynolds shear stress profiles. Comparison with experimental data has been made to assess the performance of both turbulence models.

A. Attached Flow over an Axisymmetric Projectile

The transonic flow field about a projectile configuration with a turbulent boundary layer has been computed. All the computed results shown are for \( \alpha = 0^\circ \), \( Re = 13 \times 10^6 / m \) and \( M = 0.94 \) and 0.97. Numerical results are compared with experimental measurements\( ^{57, 58} \) which were performed for the same shape in the NASA Langley Research Center 8 foot Transonic Pressure Tunnel.

The model geometry is shown in Figure 3. It is an artillery projectile consisting of a secant-ogive nose, a cylindrical mid-section and a 7° conical afterbody or boattail of half a caliber (one caliber \( = \) one diameter).

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\[
\frac{3E}{3t} = \frac{E_{j+1} - E_{j-1}}{2\Delta t} - \Lambda \left[ \frac{|U_{j+1} + U_{j+1}|}{2} (q_{j+1} - q_j) \right] \\
- \frac{|U_j + U_{j+1}|}{2} (q_j - q_{j-1})
\] (69)

Thus, it is equivalent to the central differencing and has an additional smoothing term. \( \Lambda \) is a smoothing coefficient inserted into this numerical dissipation term and can be varied between 0 and 1. \( \Lambda = 1 \) would correspond to an overall first-order accuracy in \( \xi \). A typical range of \( \Lambda \) used in the computations is .01 to .1. The smoothing term is treated explicitly.

F. Initial and Boundary Conditions

The \( k \) and \( \epsilon \) equations are marched in time until steady state results are obtained and thus, solved as an initial-boundary value problem. Initial conditions i.e., profiles of \( k \) and \( \epsilon \) are needed initially in the entire flow field region. The initial conditions can be arbitrary but it may take longer time to get the converged solution. Therefore more realistic profiles of \( k \) and \( \epsilon \) need to be prescribed. This is based on the balance of each of the terms in the equations.\(^4\) An example of the balance of the terms in the \( k \) equation is reproduced here from Reference 41.

It is clear from Figure 2 that large gradients in the turbulence variables occur very near the wall and source terms are dominant. Convection terms are negligible near the wall and the largest terms are the production and dissipation terms. Based on this local equilibrium, we equate

\[ \text{production} = \text{dissipation} \]

to obtain the initial \( k \) and \( \epsilon \) profiles. The turbulent viscosity, \( \nu_t \), appears in the production term and is obtained from the solution with an algebraic eddy viscosity model. The above assumption works well for attached wall bounded flows and is poor for separated or free shear flows.

Since calculations are extended up to the wall, it is easier to specify the boundary conditions on the wall. At the wall, the dependent variables are zero.

\[ k = \epsilon = 0 \] (70)

In the far field which lies outside the edge of the boundary layer, zero derivatives of \( k \) and \( \epsilon \) are used.
where

\[ \alpha = \frac{Re^{-1}}{J} \left( \frac{u_t}{\sigma} + u \right) (\xi_x^2 + \xi_y^2 + \xi_z^2) \]

and

\[ \beta = \frac{J}{\rho}. \]

As discussed in the previous chapter, fourth order dissipation terms are usually added on the right hand side of Equation (62) to help control the numerical instability. For the turbulence field variables convective terms often dominate the diffusion in the far field (away from the wall) and can cause convective instability. To overcome this difficulty, numerical smoothing based on upwind schemes is used. The convection term \( \frac{\partial E}{\partial \xi} \) for example is differenced as

\[ \frac{\partial E}{\partial \xi} = \frac{(E_{j+1/2} - E_{j-1/2})}{\Delta \xi} \]  (68)

where \( E \) is a numerical flux given by

\[ E_{j+1/2} = \frac{E_j + E_{j+1}}{2} - \frac{|U_j + U_{j+1}|}{2} (q_{j+1} - q_j) \]

\[ E_{j-1/2} = \frac{E_j + E_{j-1}}{2} - \frac{|U_j + U_{j-1}|}{2} (q_j - q_{j-1}) \]

and \( E = qU \).

Substituting these numerical fluxes, the right hand side of Equation (68) can be simplified and Equation (68) can be written as,


The operators $\delta_\xi$ and $\delta_\zeta$ are central difference operators, e.g.

$$\delta_\xi q = \frac{q_{j+1} - q_{j-1}}{2\Delta \xi}.$$ \hspace{1cm} (64)

Using central differencing for space, the second sequence of Equation (63b) for example, becomes

$$[\left(-\frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta \xi} A_{j-1,1}, I, \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta \xi} A_{j+1,1}\right)\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
\Delta q_{j-1,1}^n
\Delta q_{j,1}^n
\Delta q_{j+1,1}^n
\end{array}\right] = \Delta q^n.$$ \hspace{1cm} (65)

for all $j$ and a given $l$ where $j$ and $l$ are the indices in the $\xi$ and $\zeta$ directions respectively. This is a 2x2 block tridiagonal matrix system which can be rapidly solved using available solvers. Likewise the block tridiagonals can be formed from the first sequence of Equation (63a).

The viscous terms are of the form $\delta_\zeta a \delta_\zeta b$ and are differenced as

$$\begin{align*}
\delta_\zeta a \delta_\zeta b &= \left[\left(\alpha_{j,1} + a_{j,1}\right)\left(\beta_{j,1} + 1 - b_{j,1}\right)
\right.
\left.-(\alpha_{j,1} + a_{j,1} - 1)\left(\beta_{j,1} - b_{j,1} - 1\right)\right]/2(\Delta \zeta)^2.
\end{align*}$$ \hspace{1cm} (66)

Using Equation (66), the block tridiagonal system of Equation (63a) i.e., in the $\zeta$ direction can be written as

$$[\left(-\frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta \zeta} B_{j,1-1} - \frac{\Delta t}{2(\Delta \zeta)^2} \left(\alpha_{j,1} + a_{j,1-1}\right)\beta_{j,1-1}\right),
\left(1 + \frac{\Delta t}{2(\Delta \zeta)^2} \left(\alpha_{j,1} + 2a_{j,1} + a_{j,1-1}\right)\right),
\left(\frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta \zeta} B_{j,1+1} - \frac{\Delta t}{2(\Delta \zeta)^2} \left(\alpha_{j,1} + a_{j,1}\right)\beta_{j,1+1}\right)]
\left[\begin{array}{c}
\tilde{q}_{j,1+1}^n
\tilde{q}_{j,1}^n
\tilde{q}_{j,1+1}^n
\end{array}\right] = \text{RHS (62)}.$$ \hspace{1cm} (67)
reduce it to two one-dimensional operators. With the source term retained, one can include it in either spatial operators or in both or factor it out altogether. In the present study, we have included it in the $\zeta$ operator and the factored scheme becomes,

$$[I + \Delta t \delta \zeta A^n][(I - \Delta t D^n) + \Delta t(\delta \zeta B^n - \delta \zeta C^n)] \Delta q^n$$

$$= - \Delta t(\delta \zeta E^n + \delta \zeta G^n - \delta \zeta H^n) + \Delta t S^n.$$ 

Expanding the factors gives Equation (61) back plus additional higher order terms such as

$$\Delta t^2 \delta \zeta A^n \delta \zeta B^n \Delta q^n$$

For steady state solutions $\Delta q^n$ goes to zero and thus, the approximate factorization error vanishes. The factored form Equation (62) has reduced the two-dimensional matrix inversion problem to two one-dimensional problems which can be efficiently solved.

E. Solution Algorithm

A convenient solution algorithm is developed for Equation (62) with the following sequence.

$$[(I - \Delta t D^n) + \Delta t(\delta \zeta B^n - \delta \zeta C^n)] \Delta q^n = \text{RHS } (62)$$

$$[I + \Delta t \delta \zeta A^n] \Delta q^n = \Delta \tilde{q}^n$$

$$q^{n+1} = q^n + \Delta q^n$$

where RHS (62) is the right hand side of Equation (62). First, equation (63a) is solved for $\Delta q^n$ since the right hand side is known at the old time step. $\Delta \tilde{q}^n$ becomes the right hand side of Equation (63b) which is then solved for $\Delta q^n$. This is then added to $q^n$ to give $q^{n+1}$ at the next time step as shown in Equation (63c).
\[
C = \begin{bmatrix}
\alpha_k \frac{3}{\bar{\zeta}} \left( \frac{j}{\rho} \right) & 0 \\
0 & \alpha_\varepsilon \frac{3}{\bar{\zeta}} \left( \frac{j}{\rho} \right)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

and
\[
D = \begin{bmatrix}
(2C \frac{k}{\mu} \rho - Re^{-1} \frac{2\mu}{\rho y_n^2}) & (-C \frac{k}{\mu} \rho - 1) \\
(c_1 \frac{\epsilon}{k^2} p + c_2 \frac{\varepsilon}{\rho y_n^2}) & (-2 c_2 \frac{\varepsilon}{k} - Re^{-1} \frac{2\mu}{\rho y_n^2} e^{y^2/2})
\end{bmatrix}
\]

where
\[
\alpha = \frac{Re^{-1}}{J} \left( \frac{\mu t}{\rho} + \mu \right) (\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2)
\]

and
\[
P = (\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2) (u_c^2 + v_c^2 + w_c^2) + (\zeta_x u_c + \zeta_y v_c + \zeta_z w_c)^2.
\]

Substituting Equation (59) into (58) and rearranging, one obtains
\[
[(I - \Delta t D^n) + \Delta t (\delta_x A^n + \delta_y B^n - \delta_z C^n)] (q^{n+1} - q^n)
\]

\[
= - \Delta t (\delta_x E^n + \delta_y A^n - \delta_z H^n) + \Delta t S^n
\]

where \(I\) is an identity matrix and \(\delta_x, \delta_y, \delta_z\) are the spatial difference operators. This is in the "delta" form since we are solving for \(\Delta q^n = q^{n+1} - q^n\).

D. Approximate Factorization

Direct inversion of the block matrix on the left hand side of Equation (61) is a formidable task. To avoid this problem, approximate factorization of the left hand side operator of Equation (61) is frequently used. In the absence of the source term, one can approximately factor the left hand side to
The source terms $S$ associated with the turbulence field variables can be very large. As happens near the wall, the source terms (production, dissipation and decay) become dominant over the convection and diffusion terms. This can result in a very stiff algorithm if the source terms are treated entirely in an explicit manner. Thus, they are treated implicitly as shown in Equation (58).

Equation (58) is nonlinear since $E$, $G$, $H$ and $S$ are functions of the dependent variable $q$. The nonlinearity can be removed by a linearization procedure. A local Taylor expansion about $q^n$ yields.

\[
E^{n+1} = E^n + \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial q} \right)^n (q^{n+1} - q^n) + O(\Delta t^2)
\]

\[
G^{n+1} = G^n + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial q} \right)^n (q^{n+1} - q^n) + O(\Delta t^2)
\]

\[
H^{n+1} = H^n + \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \right)^n (q^{n+1} - q^n) + O(\Delta t^2)
\]

\[
S^{n+1} = S^n + \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial q} \right)^n (q^{n+1} - q^n) + O(\Delta t^2).
\]  

(59)

Let $A = \frac{\partial E}{\partial q}$, $B = \frac{\partial G}{\partial q}$, $C = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$, $D = \frac{\partial S}{\partial q}$.

These Jacobian matrices are:

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
U & 0 \\
0 & U
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
B = \begin{bmatrix}
W & 0 \\
0 & W
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(60)


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The variables in Equation (54) are made dimensionless as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{p} &= \frac{p}{\rho_\infty}, \quad \bar{u} = \frac{u}{a_\infty}, \quad \bar{v} = \frac{v}{a_\infty}, \quad \bar{w} = \frac{w}{a_\infty} \\
\bar{x} &= \frac{x}{D}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{y}{D}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{z}{D}, \quad \bar{t} = \frac{t}{D/a_\infty} \\
\bar{\mu} &= \frac{\mu}{\mu_\infty}, \quad \bar{\mu}_t = \frac{\mu_t}{\mu_\infty} \\
\bar{k} &= \frac{k}{a_\infty^2}, \quad \bar{c} = \frac{c}{a_\infty^3/D}.
\end{align*}
\]

For simplicity the 'bars' have been removed from the variables in Equation (54). The turbulent viscosity in nondimensional form becomes

\[
\bar{\mu}_t = C \frac{\rho k^2}{\mu \bar{c}} \text{Re} \quad (56)
\]

where

\[
\text{Re} = \frac{\rho_\infty a_\infty D}{\mu_\infty}.
\]

C. Numerical Method

The numerical scheme used is the Beam-Warming Euler implicit scheme. The time differencing is

\[
q^{n+1} = q^n + \Delta t \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \right)^{n+1} + O(\Delta t^2) \quad (57)
\]

If Equation (54) is inserted in (57), one has

\[
q^{n+1} = q^n - \Delta t \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial \xi} - S \right)^{n+1} + O(\Delta t^2). \quad (58)
\]
(3) compare the predicted mean flow and turbulence quantities with experimental data, and

(4) compare the k-ε turbulence model with an algebraic mixing length turbulence model as applied to above problems.

B. Summary of Results

The thin layer form of the compressible Navier-Stokes equations was solved using a time dependent, implicit, approximately factored, finite difference scheme. The equations were marched in time until the desired steady state results were achieved.

(1) For the computation of turbulent flows, the turbulence closure was provided with Baldwin-Lomax algebraic and Chien's k-ε two-equation eddy viscosity models. The k and ε equations were developed in the general spatial coordinates and incorporated into a thin layer, time dependent Navier-Stokes code. The same implicit algorithm that simultaneously solves the mean flow equations was extended to solve the turbulence field equations using block tridiagonal matrix inversions. Calculations with the k-ε model have been extended up to the wall and the exact values of the dependent variables at the wall have been used as boundary conditions. Very small grid spacing was utilized close to the wall in order to resolve the steep gradients of the dependent variables observed in the viscous sublayer. The distance of the first grid point from the wall should be within \( y^+ < 1.25 \).

(2) The transonic flow field about an artillery projectile (secant-ogive, cylinder, boattail) with a turbulent boundary layer has been computed. The computed results were obtained for \( \alpha = 0^\circ \), \( Re = 13 \times 10^6/m \) and \( M_\infty = .94 \) and \( .97 \). These results were compared with the available experimental measurements of the mean flow quantities.

Computed results show the turbulent kinetic energy, dissipation rate and turbulent eddy viscosity profiles. The velocity profiles and the surface pressure distribution have been obtained with both the algebraic and the k-ε turbulence models and are compared to experiment. The results are in good agreement. The rapid expansions at the ogive and the boattail junctions are well predicted by both models. A small improvement with the k-ε model prediction is found at \( M_\infty = .94 \).

(3) Numerical computations have also been made for a transonic turbulent flow over an axisymmetric bump model which involves shock induced separation. The computed results were obtained for \( M_\infty = .875 \), \( \alpha = 0^\circ \) and \( Re = 13.6 \times 10^6/m \). The computed results are compared with the experimental measurements for both the mean flow and the turbulence quantities which are available for this case.

The surface pressure distribution and the contour plots of Mach number and pressure indicate the presence of a strong shock wave. The position of the shock wave is well predicted by both the algebraic and the k-ε turbulence models and compares well with experiment. Results are presented showing the development of the mean velocity, turbulent shear stress and turbulent kinetic energy profiles over the aft portion and just downstream of the bump. The
results are generally in good agreement with the experimental data. Predictions by both turbulence models are poor in the separated flow region. In the redevelopment region downstream, however, k-ε model prediction is in better agreement with the data. The k-ε model successfully predicts the location and the trend in the peaks of the turbulent shear stress and turbulent kinetic energy profiles. The algebraic model predicts sharp increase and decrease in the turbulent shear stress which is physically unrealistic.

(4) The algebraic model is based on local information and predicts undesirable sharp increase and decrease in the turbulent shear stress. As expected, the k-ε model avoids this since length scales are obtained by solving a transport equation. Poor comparison between the predictions by both models and the experiment was found in the recirculating region. Some improvements were found in the developing regions downstream with the k-ε model. Where the mean velocities are relatively in good agreement with the experimental results, so are the turbulent shear stress and kinetic energies.

C. Recommendations

The major difference between the calculations and the experiment is in the separated region. It is in this region that the turbulent shear stress and kinetic energy are under predicted by the k-ε model. At this stage it is exceedingly difficult to sort out the discrepancies between computation and experiment that arise separately from turbulence modeling and computational procedures. This situation will continue until grid independent computations can be achieved and numerical smoothing procedures are fully understood.

With this in mind one can only speculate for improving the model predictions. A look at the balance of the terms in the k-equation suggests that the balance of the production and the dissipation must occur farther away from the wall in order to produce experimentally observed peaks in turbulent shear stress and kinetic energy. This in turn implies tuning the ε equation. Further computational investigation is recommended in this regard. The protuberance configuration is a good case for testing turbulence models. It is recommended that computations be made for this configuration to further validate the k-ε model. Additionally, the wake flow or the base flow behind the base of the projectile is one where k-ε model application is more appropriate since it predicts gradual change in length scales. It is believed that the body of information obtained in the present research forms a sound basis for attacking such complex flow problems.
Figure 1. Axisymmetric Body and the Coordinate System

Figure 2. Balance of Terms in the $k$-equation (Reference 41)
Figure 3. Model Geometry

Figure 4. Computational Grid
Figure 5. Expanded View of the Grid Near the Model

Figure 6. Turbulent Kinetic Energy Profiles, $M_\infty = .94$, $\alpha = 0$
Figure 7. Turbulent Dissipation Rate Profiles, $M_{\infty} = 0.94, \alpha = 0$

Figure 8. Turbulent Viscosity Profiles, $M_{\infty} = 0.94, \alpha = 0$ (Algebraic Model)
Figure 9. Turbulent Viscosity Profiles, $M_\infty = .94$, $\alpha = 0$ (k-$\varepsilon$ Model)

Figure 10a. Velocity Profiles, $M_\infty = .94$, $\alpha = 0$, $X/D = 3.42$
Figure 10b. Velocity Profiles, \( M_{\infty} = 0.94, \alpha = 0, \, X/D = 5.05 \)

Figure 10c. Velocity Profiles, \( M_{\infty} = 0.94, \alpha = 0, \, X/D = 5.36 \)
Figure 10d. Velocity Profiles, $M_\infty = .94$, $\alpha = 0$, $X/D = 5.61$

Figure 10e. Velocity Profiles, $M_\infty = .94$, $\alpha = 0$, $X/D = 6.19$
Figure 11. Surface Pressure Distribution, $M_\infty = .94$, $\alpha = 0$

Figure 12. Turbulent Kinetic Energy Profiles, $M_\infty = .97$, $\alpha = 0$
Figure 13. Turbulent Dissipation Rate Profiles, $M_\infty = 0.97$, $\alpha = 0$

Figure 14. Turbulent Viscosity Profiles, $M_\infty = 0.97$, $\alpha = 0$ (Algebraic Model)
Figure 15. Turbulent Viscosity Profiles, \( M_\infty = .97, \alpha = 0 \) (k-\( \epsilon \) Model)

Figure 16a. Turbulent Viscosity Profiles, \( M_\infty = .97, \alpha = 0, X/D = 3.42 \)
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Figure 29f. Turbulent Shear Stress Profiles, $M_\infty = .875$, $a = 0$, $x/c = 1.0$

Figure 29g. Turbulent Shear Stress Profiles, $M_\infty = .875$, $a = 0$, $x/c = 1.062$
Figure 29d. Turbulent Shear Stress Profiles, $M_\infty = .875$, $\alpha = 0$, $x/c = .875$

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

a  speed of sound
A+  Van Driest's damping factor
c  chord of the circular-arc bump
c1, c2, cμ  empirical constants in the k-ε turbulence model
cp  specific heat at constant pressure
Cp  pressure coefficient, 2(P - P∞)/ρ∞u∞2
D  body diameter
e  total energy per unit volume/ρ∞a∞2
E, F, G  flux vector of transformed Navier-Stokes equations
H  source term vector
I  identity matrix
J  Jacobian of the transformation
k  turbulent kinetic energy/ρ∞a∞2
l  mixing length
M  Mach number
p  pressure/ρ∞a∞2
Pr  Prandtl number, u∞cp/κ∞
q  vector of dependant variables in transformed equations
Re  Reynolds number, ρ∞aD/ν∞
Re  turbulent Reynolds number, k2/νε
S  source terms in the k-ε equations
S  viscous flux vector
t  physical time
u, v, w  Cartesian velocity components/ρ∞
U, V, W  Contravariant velocities/ρ∞
uτ  friction velocity, \( \sqrt{\frac{\tau_w}{\rho}} \)
LIST OF SYMBOLS (Cont'd)

$x, y, z$  physical Cartesian coordinates

$y^+$  law of the wall coordinate, $p_w u_t y / \nu_w$

$\alpha$  angle of attack

$\gamma$  ratio of specific heats

$k$  coefficient of thermal conductivity

$\mu$  coefficient of viscosity

$\xi, \eta, \zeta$  transformed coordinates in axial, circumferential and normal directions

$\rho$  density/$\rho_\infty$

$\epsilon$  turbulent dissipation rate/($a_\infty^3/D$)

$\tau$  transformed time

$\tau_w$  shear stress at the wall

$\phi$  circumferential angle

$\nu$  kinematic viscosity, $\mu/\rho$

$q_k, q_\epsilon$  empirical constants in the $k-\epsilon$ equations

$\Lambda$  smoothing coefficient

$\omega$  vorticity

**Superscript**

*  critical value

**Subscript**

$t$  turbulent

$w$  wall conditions

$\infty$  free stream conditions
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