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A thin flat plate 20 by 90 cm is immersed in a 1-m/s stream of water at 20°C ($\rho = 998 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $\mu = 0.001 \text{ kg/m.s.}$). Assume that the flow is laminar for $Re_x < 5E5$ and turbulent for larger Re_x . If the stream is parallel to the long side, compute the wall shear stress at the end of the plate (in stream-wise direction), and the total friction drag considering both front and back sides of the plate.

Equations:

- Laminar Boundary Layer: $c_f = \frac{2\tau_w}{\rho U^2} = \frac{0.664}{Re_x^{1/2}}$; $C_D = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho A U^2} = \frac{1.328}{Re_L^{1/2}}$; $\frac{\delta}{x} \approx \frac{5.0}{Re_x^{1/2}}$; velocity profile given in the Table below:

$y[U/(vx)]^{1/2}$	u/U	$y[U/(vx)]^{1/2}$	u/U
0.0	0.0	2.8	0.81152
0.2	0.06641	3.0	0.84605
0.4	0.13277	3.2	0.87609
0.6	0.19894	3.4	0.90177
0.8	0.26471	3.6	0.92333
1.0	0.32979	3.8	0.94112
1.2	0.39378	4.0	0.95552
1.4	0.45627	4.2	0.96696
1.6	0.51676	4.4	0.97587
1.8	0.57477	4.6	0.98269
2.0	0.62977	4.8	0.98779
2.2	0.68132	5.0	0.99155
2.4	0.72899	∞	1.00000
2.6	0.77246		

- Turbulent Boundary Layer: $c_f = \frac{2\tau_w}{\rho U^2} \approx \frac{0.027}{Re_x^{1/7}}$; $C_D = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho A U^2} = \frac{0.031}{Re_L^{1/7}}$; velocity profile: $\frac{u}{U} \approx \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^{1/7}$
 where $\frac{\delta}{x} \approx \frac{0.16}{Re_x^{1/7}}$

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Solution:KNOWN: $U, L, b,$ (1) FIND: $\tau_w, D, \delta, u(y)$

ASSUMPTIONS: boundary layer flow with zero pressure gradient

ANALYSIS:

$$Re_{x=L} = \frac{\rho UL}{\mu} = \frac{(998)(1)(0.9)}{(0.001)} = 8.982E5 > 5E5 \rightarrow \text{Turbulent} \quad (1)$$

$$c_{f_{x=L}} = \frac{0.027}{Re_L^{1/7}} = \frac{(0.027)}{(8.982E5)^{1/7}} = 0.00381 \quad (1)$$

$$c_f = \frac{2\tau_w}{\rho U^2} \rightarrow \tau_w = \frac{c_f \rho U^2}{2} = \frac{(0.00381)(998)(1)^2}{2} = 1.9 \text{ Pa} \quad (1) \quad (1)$$

$$C_D = \frac{0.031}{Re_L^{1/7}} = \frac{(0.031)}{(8.982E5)^{1/7}} = 0.004374 \quad (1)$$

$$C_D = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho A U^2} \quad (1)$$

Find drag force considering $A = bL$ and multiplying by 2 for both sides:

$$D = 2 \times \left[C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho (bL) U^2 \right] = 2 (0.004374) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (998)(0.2)(0.9)(1)^2 = 0.79 \text{ N} \quad (0.5) \quad (0.5)$$