Problem definition

Laminar to turbulent transitional flow over a flat plate



- This is a classical validation case in transition to turbulence modeling.
- Capturing transition to turbulence is very challenging.
- There is plenty of experimental and numerical data available.
- A few references:
 - https://turbmodels.larc.nasa.gov/index.html (Transition models)
 - A. M. Savill. Some recent progress in the turbulence modeling of bypass transition. Near-Wall Turbulent Flows, 1993.
 - P.E. Roach, D.H. Brierley. The influence of a turbulent free stream on zero pressure gradient transitional boundary layer development. Part I: Test Cases T3A and T3B. Simulation of Unsteady and Transition to Turbulence. 1992.

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Geometry and mesh



- Modeling transition to turbulence requires very fine meshes.
- The models used are designed to deal with transition to turbulence.
- These model are very well calibrated.



Pressure contours

Velocity magnitude contours



Turbulent kinetic energy contours



Turbulent eddy viscosity ratio contours



Intermittency contours





Non-dimensional velocity profile at sampling location 2

Non-dimensional velocity profile at sampling location 1



Skin friction coefficient - Numerical results and experimental results