

# Ghost-cell immersed boundary method for inviscid compressible flows

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# Overview

- Introduction and background
- Potential flows
- Euler flows
- Conclusions

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# Motivation

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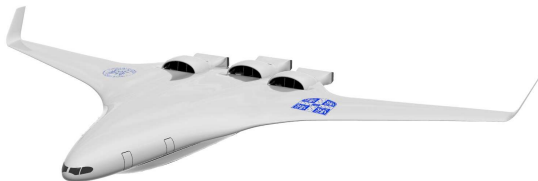
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Development of unconventional aircraft configurations



# Goal

A computational method for preliminary aerodynamic design and optimization of unconventional aircraft configurations.

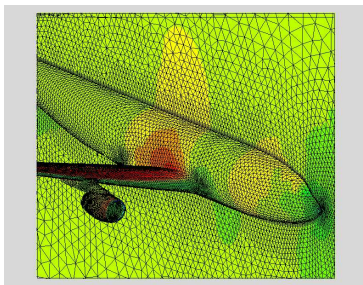
Requirements:

- Fast (solving and mesh generation)
- Accuracy similar/better than codes currently used in optimization
- Handle 'complex' geometries

# Immersed boundary method

Ghost-cell method for full-potential equation and Euler equations:

- No mesh generation
- Straightforward implementation
- Fast solution
- Able to describe shock waves



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# Full potential equation

- Governing equation (conservative):

$$(\rho\phi_x)_x + (\rho\phi_y)_y = 0,$$

or (non-conservative):

$$(a^2 - u^2)\phi_{xx} - 2uv\phi_{xy} + (a^2 - v^2)\phi_{yy} = 0.$$

- Simple test equation for ghost-cell method on compressible flows.
- Error in shock jumps small until  $M \approx 1.3$ .
- Fast solution with Approximate Factorization algorithm.

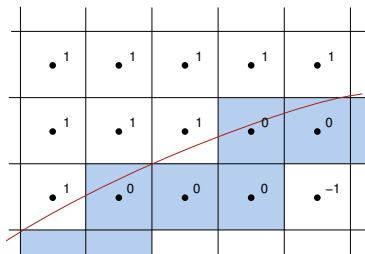
# Ghost-cell method

- Identification ghost cells and fluid cells.
- Boundary condition:

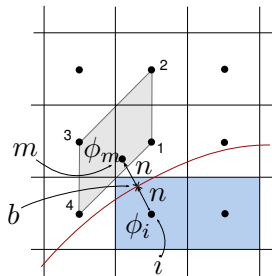
$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = 0.$$

- Set value in ghost cell:

$$\phi_i = \phi_m.$$



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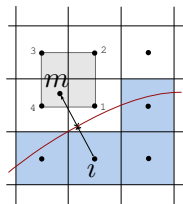
# Bilinear interpolation - case I

Assume  $\phi(x, y) = a + bx + cy + dxy$ . With four surrounding points:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 & x_1y_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 & x_2y_2 \\ 1 & x_3 & y_3 & x_3y_3 \\ 1 & x_4 & y_4 & x_4y_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

value of  $\phi_m$  follows from:

$$\phi_m = a + bx_m + cy_m + dx_my_m.$$

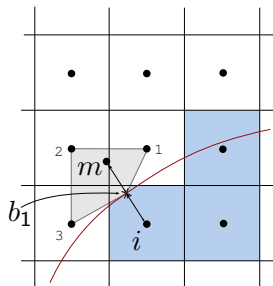


Case I

# Bilinear interpolation - case II

Use  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = 0$  in point  $b_1$  by differentiating the bilinear form:

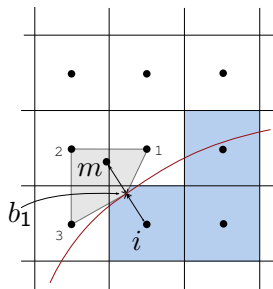
$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = b \frac{\partial x}{\partial n} + c \frac{\partial y}{\partial n} + d \left( x_b \frac{\partial y}{\partial n} + y_b \frac{\partial x}{\partial n} \right) = 0,$$



Case II

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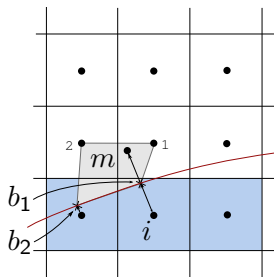
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 & x_1 y_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 & x_2 y_2 \\ 1 & x_3 & y_3 & x_3 y_3 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial n}\right)_{b_1} & \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial n}\right)_{b_1} & x_{b_1} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial n}\right)_{b_1} + y_{b_1} \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial n}\right)_{b_1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$



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Case III

# Results

- NACA 0012; 400 points to describe surface.
- $M_\infty = 0.8$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ .
- Domain  $11 \times 5$ , stretched grid.

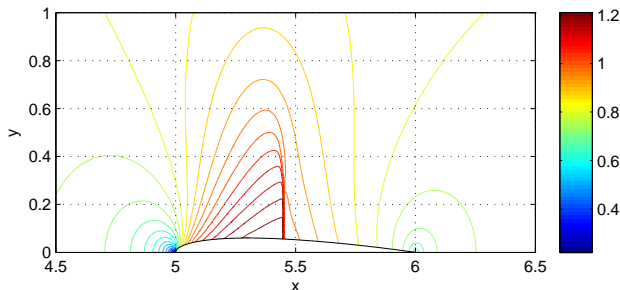
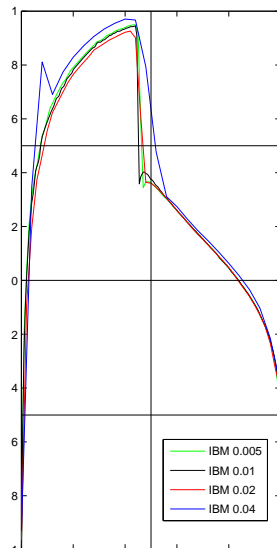
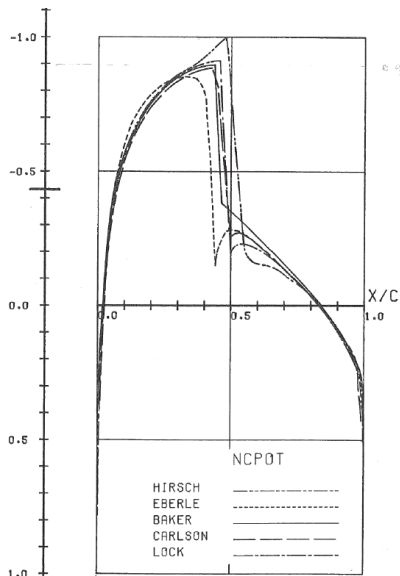


Figure: Mach contour lines,  $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1/200$ .

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# Governing equations

Unsteady, 2D inviscid flow:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q})}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q})}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (1)$$

- Finite-volume discretization:

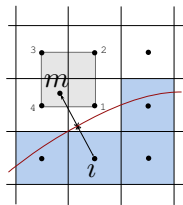
$$\Omega_{ij} \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{dt} = (\mathbf{F}_{i-1/2,j} - \mathbf{F}_{i+1/2,j}) \Delta y_j + (\mathbf{G}_{i,j-1/2} - \mathbf{G}_{i,j+1/2}) \Delta x_i.$$

- MUSCL with minmod limiter to reconstruct  $\mathbf{q}_{i+1/2,j}^l$  and  $\mathbf{q}_{i+1/2,j}^r$ .
- Fluxes with HLL or exact Riemann solver.
- RK3 time discretization (TVD).

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad u_n = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad u_{n,i} = -u_{n,m},$$

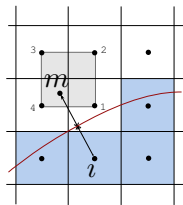


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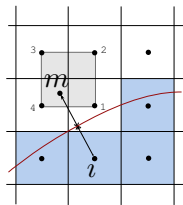


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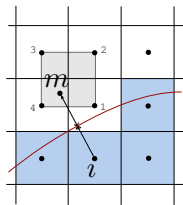


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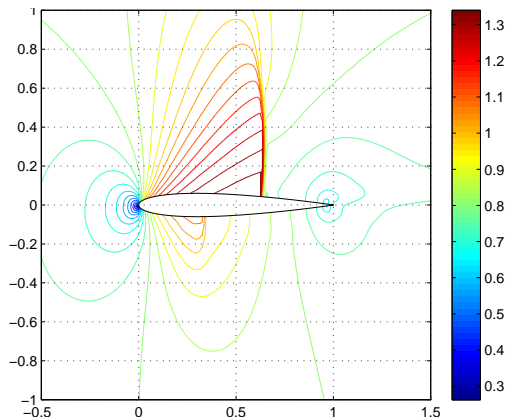
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- 4  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial n} = 0 \longrightarrow u_{t,i}^2 = u_{t,m}^2 + \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma - 1} \left( \frac{p_m}{\rho_m} - \frac{p_i}{\rho_i} \right).$



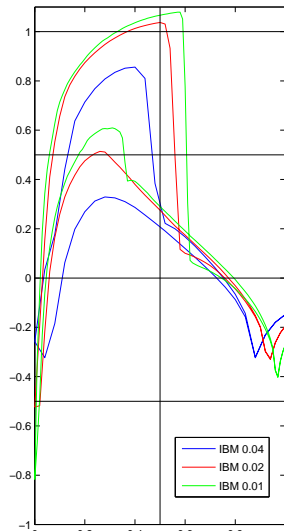
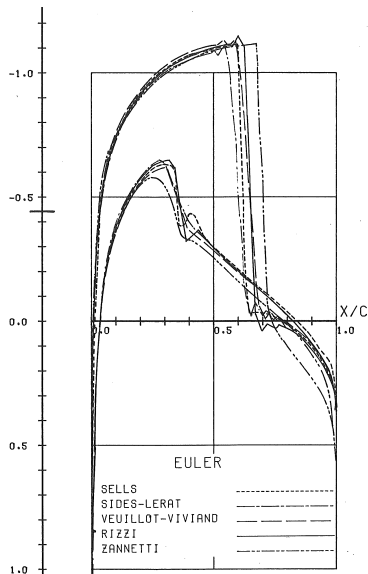
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# Results

- NACA 0012; 800 points to describe surface.
- $M_\infty = 0.8$ ,  $\alpha = 1.25^\circ$ .
- Domain  $21 \times 20$ , stretched grid.

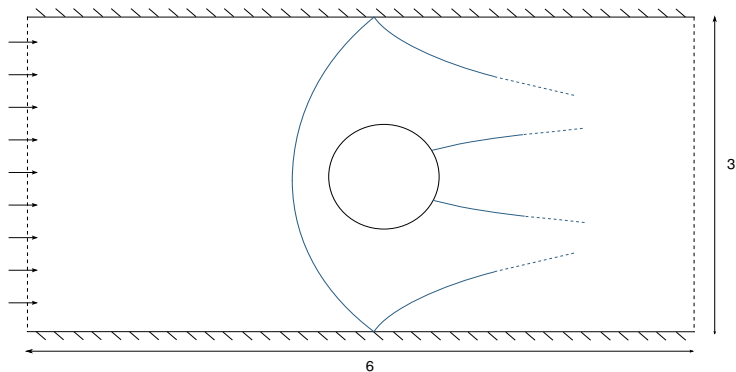


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# Unsteady supersonic flow over a cylinder at $M=2$



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# Conclusions

Ghost-cell immersed boundary method for inviscid flows:

- Useful method for design and optimization.
- General method for compressible flows in complex geometries.
- Accuracy similar to body-fitted grids.

# Improvements and suggestions

- For steady flows: speed-up with multigrid.
- Thin body (e.g. trailing edge) treatment.
- Local grid refinement.
- Comparison with the same discretization on a body-fitted grid.
- Research into numerical entropy generation and conservation properties.
- Assess sensitivity needed for optimization.