



Computational Fluid Dynamics

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A report on

**Assignment-2 Transfinite  
Interpolation**

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## 1. Derivation

The physical domain is in Cartesian (x, y) co-ordinate while the computational domain is in ( $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ ) co-ordinate. The physical domain is bounded by (a) An ellipse of semi-major axis  $a=1$  m and semi-minor axis of  $b=0.5$  m and (b) far-field boundary is circle with radius of  $R=20$ m. The domain is simply connected after introducing a cut, and it can be mapped to a unit square in computational domain ( $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ ) where,  $\xi \in [0,1]$  and  $\eta \in [0,1]$ .

### 1.1 Boundary Conditions

- a. The bottom boundary:** The bottom boundary is an ellipse where  $\eta=0$ .
- b. The top boundary:** The top boundary is a circle and acts as a far-field condition where  $\eta=1$ .
- c. The left boundary:** This boundary represents the cut connecting the top and bottom boundaries where  $\xi=0$ .
- d. The right boundary:** This boundary represents the cut connecting the top and bottom boundaries where  $\xi=1$ .

### 1.2 Boundary in Physical domain in their Parameterization

**a. The bottom boundary:** Here, centre is at  $(x_c, y_c) = (0, 0)$ ,  $a$ = semi-major axis and  $b$ = semi-minor axis. The parametric equation for ellipse is given as:  $x(\theta) = x_c + a \cos(\theta)$ ,  $y = y_c + b \sin(\theta)$

where  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Mapping the parametric angle  $\theta$  to the normalized parameter  $\xi \in [0, 1]$ .

Hence,  $\theta = 2\pi \xi$ . The above equations reduce to:  $x(\xi) = a \cos(2\pi \xi)$ ,  $y(\xi) = b \sin(2\pi \xi)$ .

This can finally be represented as  $F(\xi, 0) = [x(\xi, 0), y(\xi, 0)] = [\cos(2\pi \xi), 0.5 \sin(2\pi \xi)]$ .

**b. The top boundary:** The top boundary is a circle having centered at  $(x_c, y_c) = (0, 0)$  and radius  $R=20$ m. The parametric equations are:  $x(\theta) = x_c + R \cos(\theta)$ ,  $y = y_c + R \sin(\theta)$  where  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Mapping the parametric angle  $\theta$  to the normalized parameter  $\xi \in [0, 1]$ . Hence,  $\theta = 2\pi \xi$ . The above equations reduce to:  $x(\xi) = R \cos(2\pi \xi)$ ,  $y(\xi) = R \sin(2\pi \xi)$ . This can finally be represented as  $F(\xi, 1) = [x(\xi, 1), y(\xi, 1)] = [R \cos(2\pi \xi), R \sin(2\pi \xi)] = [20 \cos(2\pi \xi), 20 \sin(2\pi \xi)]$ .

**c. The left Boundary:** The left boundary is cut connecting the top and the bottom boundaries, parameterized by  $\eta$ .

$$F(0, \eta) = (1 - \eta) (F(\xi, 0) | \xi=0) + \eta F(\xi, 1) | \xi=0$$

$$\text{Hence } F(0, \eta) = (1 - \eta) [a, 0] + \eta [R, 0] = (1 - \eta) [1, 0] + \eta [20, 0]$$

**d. The right boundary:** The right boundary is cut connecting the top and the bottom boundaries, parameterized by  $\eta$ .

$$F(1, \eta) = (1 - \eta) (F(\xi, 0) | \xi=1) + \eta F(\xi, 1) | \xi=1$$

$$\text{Hence } F(1, \eta) = (1 - \eta) [a, 0] + \eta [R, 0] = (1 - \eta) [1, 0] + \eta [20, 0]$$

Here,  $P_\xi[F(\eta)] = (1 - \xi) F(0, \eta) + \xi F(1, \eta)$  and  $P_\eta[F(\xi)] = (1 - \eta) F(\xi, 0) + \eta F(\xi, 1)$

The bilinear interpolant  $P(\xi, \eta)$  is generated by the sum  $P_\xi[F(\eta)] + P_\eta[F(\xi)]$

$$P(\xi, \eta) = (1-\xi)F(0, \eta) + \xi F(1, \eta) + (1-\eta)F(\xi, 0) + \eta F(\xi, 1) \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

The product projection is given as:

$$P_\xi P_\eta(F) = \sum_{i=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^1 \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j(\eta) F(\xi_i, \eta_j)$$

Here  $\phi_0(\xi)=1-\xi$ ,  $\phi_1(\xi)=\xi$ ,  $\phi_0(\eta)=1-\eta$  and  $\phi_1(\eta)=\eta$

$$\text{Hence } P_\xi P_\eta(F) = (1-\xi)(1-\eta)F(0,0) + (1-\xi)\eta F(0,1) + (\xi)(1-\eta)F(1,0) + (\xi)\eta F(1,1) \dots(2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } F(\xi, \eta) &= P_\xi[F(\eta)] \oplus P_\eta[F(\xi)] = P_\xi[F(\eta)] + P_\eta[F(\xi)] - P_\xi P_\eta(F) \\ &= (1-\eta)F(\xi, 0) + \eta F(\xi, 1) + (1-\xi)F(0, \eta) + \xi F(1, \eta) - ((1-\xi)(1-\eta)F(0,0) + \\ &\quad (1-\xi)\eta F(0,1) + (\xi)(1-\eta)F(1,0) + (\xi)\eta F(1,1)) \dots\dots\dots(3) \end{aligned}$$

Now applying boundary conditions to equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned} P(\xi, \eta) &= (1-\xi)((1-\eta)[a, 0] + \eta[R, 0]) + \xi((1-\eta)[a, 0] + \eta[R, 0]) + (1-\eta)[a \cos 2\pi \xi, b \sin 2\pi \xi] \\ &\quad + \eta[R \cos 2\pi \xi, R \sin 2\pi \xi] \\ &= (1-\eta)[a \cos 2\pi \xi, b \sin 2\pi \xi] + \eta[R \cos 2\pi \xi, R \sin 2\pi \xi] + [(1-\eta)a + \eta R, 0] \dots\dots (4) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly applying boundary condition to equation (2) for  $P_\xi P_\eta(F)$

$$P_\xi P_\eta(F) = (1-\xi)(1-\eta)F(0,0) + (1-\xi)\eta F(0,1) + (\xi)(1-\eta)F(1,0) + (\xi)\eta F(1,1)$$

Here  $F(0,0)=[a,0]$ ,  $F(0,1)=[R,0]$ ,  $F(1,0)=[a,0]$  and  $F(1,1)=[R,0]$  are obtained after substituting the corner condition in parametric equations. Substituting the conditions in above equation.

$$P_\xi P_\eta(F) = (1-\xi)(1-\eta)[a, 0] + (1-\xi)\eta[R, 0] + (\xi)(1-\eta)[a, 0] + (\xi)\eta[R, 0]$$

The above expression becomes

$$P_\xi P_\eta(F) = [(1-\eta)a + \eta R, 0] \dots\dots\dots (5)$$

Substituting equations (4) and (5) in equation (3) the resulting equation becomes

$$F(\xi, \eta) = (1-\eta)[a \cos 2\pi \xi, b \sin 2\pi \xi] + \eta[R \cos 2\pi \xi, R \sin 2\pi \xi]$$

Thus  $F(\xi, \eta) = [x(\xi, \eta), y(\xi, \eta)] = [(1-\eta)a \cos 2\pi \xi + \eta R \cos 2\pi \xi, (1-\eta)b \sin 2\pi \xi + \eta R \sin 2\pi \xi] \dots\dots\dots(6)$  is the required final TFI equation.

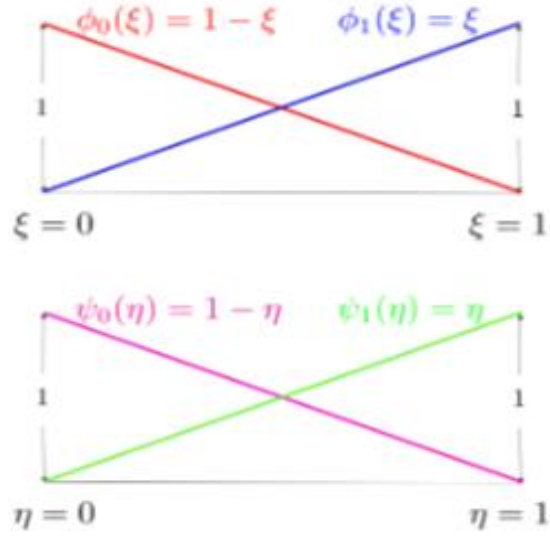


Fig1: Variation of  $\xi$  and  $\eta$

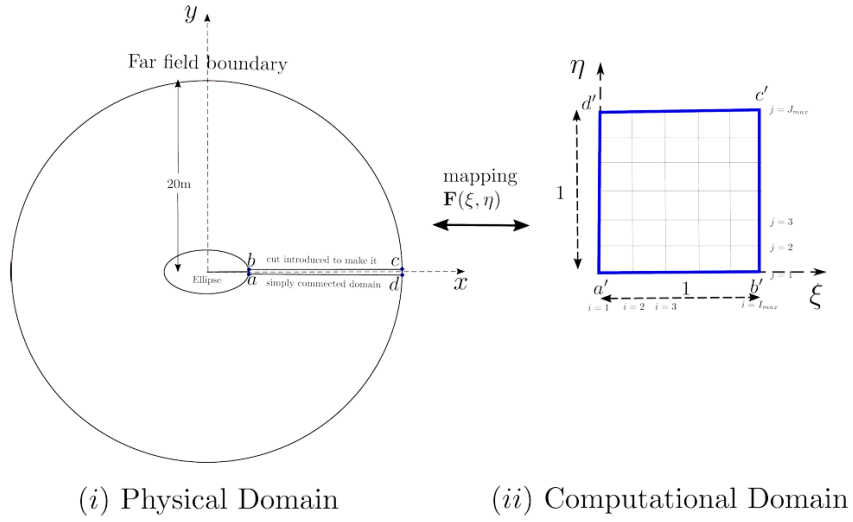


Fig2: Grid Mapping used circular cylinder

## 2.Results

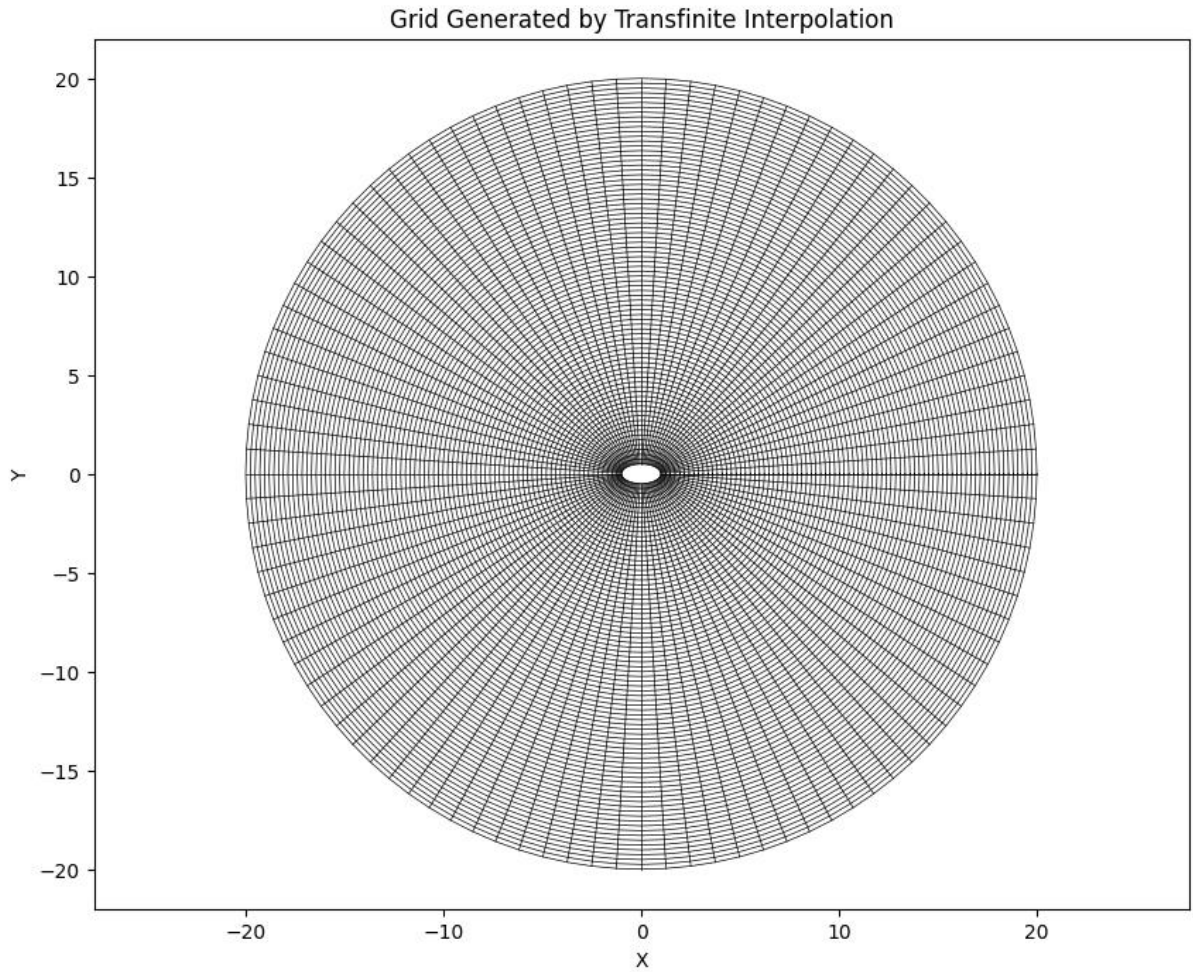


Fig3: Grid in physical domain generated by transfinite interpolation method

The above grid is required grid which is  $101 \times 81$  grids in the physical domain which was obtained using Transfinite Interpolation method.

## 3.References

- i) Assignment-2: Grid generation using Transfinite interpolation (TFI) Method by J C Mandal
- ii) Transfinite Interpolation (TFI) Method for Algebraic Grid Generation by J C Mandal

#### 4. Appendix

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Provided parameters in the problem statement
a = 1.0 # Semi-major axis of the ellipse(m)
b = 0.5 # Semi-minor axis of the ellipse(m)
R = 20.0 # Far-field boundary distance/Radius of the circle(m)
N_xi = 101 # Number of grid points in xi-direction
N_eta = 81 # Number of grid points in eta-direction

# Generating the computational grid
xi = np.linspace(0, 1, N_xi)
eta = np.linspace(0, 1, N_eta)
XI, ETA = np.meshgrid(xi, eta)

# Defining the boundaries and boundary condition
def bottom_boundary(xi):
    """Bottom boundary is an ellipse"""
    theta = 2 * np.pi * xi
    return a * np.cos(theta), b * np.sin(theta)

def top_boundary(xi):
    """Top boundary is a circle which acts as far-field"""
    theta = 2 * np.pi * xi
    return R * np.cos(theta), R * np.sin(theta)

# Transfinite Interpolation
def transfinite_interpolation(xi, eta):
    """Transfinite interpolation to generate grid points"""
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# Bottom boundary contribution
F1_x, F1_y = bottom_boundary(xi)

# Top boundary contribution
F2_x, F2_y = top_boundary(xi)


# TFI formula after substituting boundary conditons and simplification
x = (1 - eta) * F1_x + eta * F2_x
y = (1 - eta) * F1_y + eta * F2_y


return x, y


# Generate the physical grid
X, Y = transfinite_interpolation(XI, ETA)


# Plotting the grid
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
plt.plot(X, Y, 'k', linewidth=0.5)
plt.plot(X.T, Y.T, 'k', linewidth=0.5)
plt.xlabel('X')
plt.ylabel('Y')
plt.title('Grid Generated by Transfinite Interpolation')
plt.axis('equal')
plt.show()

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