

- Source Distribution on an Airfoil -

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Assignment 1

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In [1]: import math
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot
%matplotlib inline
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In [2]: N = 51                                # number of mesh points in each direction
x_s, x_e = -1.0, 2.0                          # x-direction boundaries
y_s, y_e = -0.5, 0.5                          # y-direction boundaries

x = np.linspace(x_s, x_e, N) #1-D array for x
y = np.linspace(y_s, y_e, N) #1-D array for y
X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
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In [3]: u_inf = 1.0                          # freestream speed

# compute the freestream velocity field
# create an array of size N for u_freestream and v_freestream

u_freestream = u_inf * np.ones((N, N), dtype=float)
v_freestream = np.zeros((N, N), dtype=float)

# compute the free stream-function
psi_freestream = u_inf * Y

# compute the free potential function
phi_freestream = u_inf * X
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In [22]: def get_velocity(strength, xs, ys, X, Y):
    u = strength / (2 * np.pi) * (X - xs) / ((X - xs)**2 + (Y - ys)**2)
    v = strength / (2 * np.pi) * (Y - ys) / ((X - xs)**2 + (Y - ys)**2)
    """
    Returns the velocity field generated by a source/sink.

    Parameters
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    strength: float
        Strength of the source/sink.
    xs: float
        x-coordinate of the source (or sink).
    ys: float
        y-coordinate of the source (or sink).
    X: 2D Numpy array of floats
        x-coordinate of the mesh points.
    Y: 2D Numpy array of floats
        y-coordinate of the mesh points.

    Returns
    -----
    u: 2D Numpy array of floats
        x-component of the velocity vector field.
    v: 2D Numpy array of floats
        y-component of the velocity vector field.
    """
    return u, v
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In [23]: def get_stream_function(strength, xs, ys, X, Y):
    psi = strength / (2 * np.pi) * np.arctan2((Y - ys), (X - xs))
    """
    Returns
    -----
    psi: 2D Numpy array of floats
        The stream-function.
    """
    return psi
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In [24]: def get_potential(strength, xs, ys, X, Y):
    phi = strength/(4*np.pi)*(np.log((X-xs)**2+(Y-ys)**2))
    """
    Returns
    -----
    phi: 2D Numpy array of floats
        The velocity Potential-function.
    """
    return phi
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In [8]: #Read text files into python
strength = np.loadtxt('NACA0012_sigma.txt', dtype=float, delimiter='\n',
unpack = True) #Strength of each source point
x_source = np.loadtxt('NACA0012_x.txt', dtype=float, delimiter='\n', unp
ack = True) #Source location on x-direction
y_source = np.loadtxt('NACA0012_y.txt', dtype=float, delimiter='\n', unp
ack = True) #source location on y-direction
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In [9]: # Iteration to find the values of veolcity and stream function for each
source location and sigma value
#Intialize each set of array
final_u = np.zeros((N,N))
final_v = np.zeros((N,N))
final_psi = np.zeros((N,N))
final_phi = np.zeros((N,N))
#For loop to calculate each point
for i in range(len(x_source)):
    u, v = get_velocity(strength[i], x_source[i], y_source[i], X, Y)
    psi = get_stream_function(strength[i], x_source[i], y_source[i], X,
Y)
    phi = get_potential(strength[i], x_source[i], y_source[i], X, Y)
    final_psi += psi
    final_u += u
    final_v += v
    final_phi += phi
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Create plots to visualize and inspect the resulting flow pattern:

1. Stream lines in the domain and the profile of our NACA0012 airfoil, in one plot

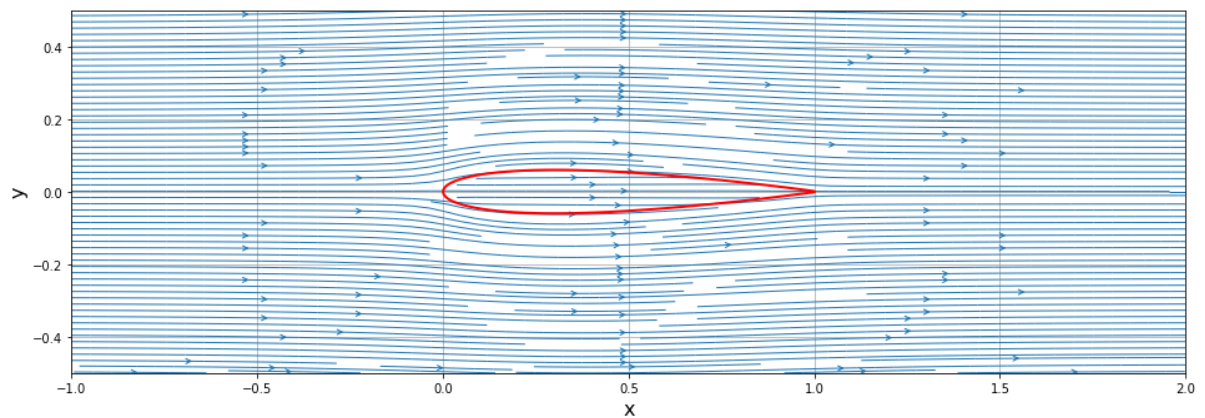
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In [10]: # superposition of the source on the freestream
u = u_freestream + final_u
v = v_freestream + final_v
psi = psi_freestream + final_psi
phi = phi_freestream + final_phi

# plot the streamlines
width = 16
height = (y_e - y_s) / (x_e - x_s) * width
pyplot.figure(figsize=(width, height))
pyplot.grid(True)
pyplot.xlabel('x', fontsize=16)
pyplot.ylabel('y', fontsize=16)
pyplot.xlim(x_s, x_e)
pyplot.ylim(y_s, y_e)
pyplot.streamplot(X, Y, u, v, density=2, linewidth=1, arrowsize=1, arrow
style='->')
pyplot.plot(x_source, y_source, color='red', linewidth = 2, linestyle =
'solid' )

pyplot.show()

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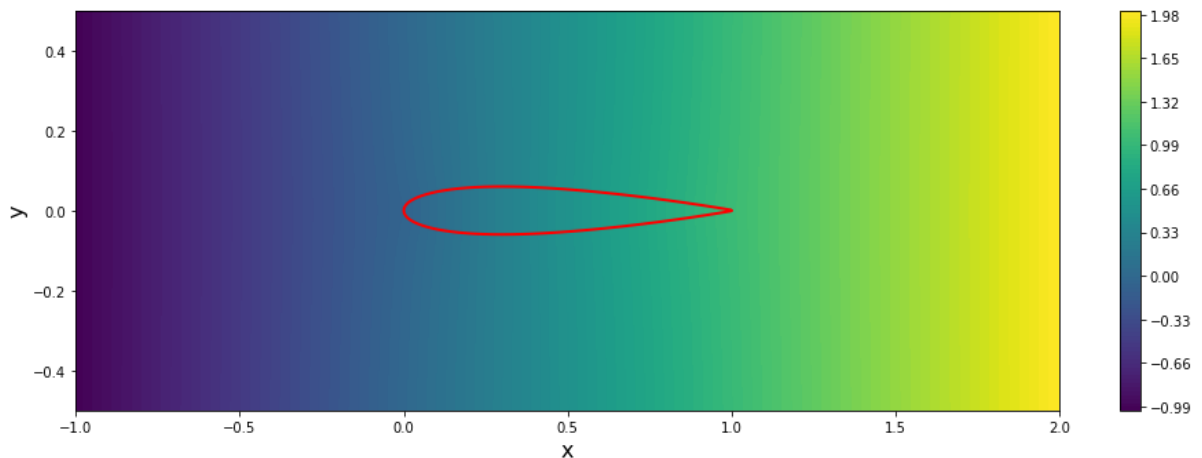
2. Velocity potential in the domain and the profile of our NACA0012 airfoil, in one plot

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In [16]: width = 16
height = (y_e - y_s) / (x_e - x_s) * width
pyplot.figure(figsize=(width, height))
pyplot.xlabel('x', fontsize=16)
pyplot.ylabel('y', fontsize=16)
pyplot.xlim(x_s, x_e)
pyplot.ylim(y_s, y_e)
pyplot.contourf(X,Y, phi, 100)
pyplot.colorbar()

pyplot.plot(x_source,y_source, color='red', linewidth = 2, linestyle =
'solid' )
pyplot.show()

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In [12]: #Calculate the value of the maximum pressure
cp = 1.0 - (u**2 + v**2) / u_inf**2
cp_max= np.max(cp)

#location of the maximum pressure
cp_max_loc = np.argmax(cp)

#The value of the maximum pressure rounded to 3 digits
cp_max = round(cp_max, 3)
print(cp_max)

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0.471

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In [13]: #The location of the maximum pressure in the matrix
np.unravel_index(cp_max_loc, [51,51])

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Out[13]: (25, 16)

3. Distribution of the pressure coefficient and a single marker on the location of the maximum pressure

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In [20]: width = 16
height = (y_e - y_s) / (x_e - x_s) * width
pyplot.figure(figsize=(1.1 * width, height))
pyplot.xlabel('x', fontsize=16)
pyplot.ylabel('y', fontsize=16)
pyplot.xlim(x_s, x_e)
pyplot.ylim(y_s, y_e)
contf = pyplot.contourf(X, Y, cp, levels=np.linspace(-2.0, 1.0, 100), extend='both')

cbar = pyplot.colorbar(contf)

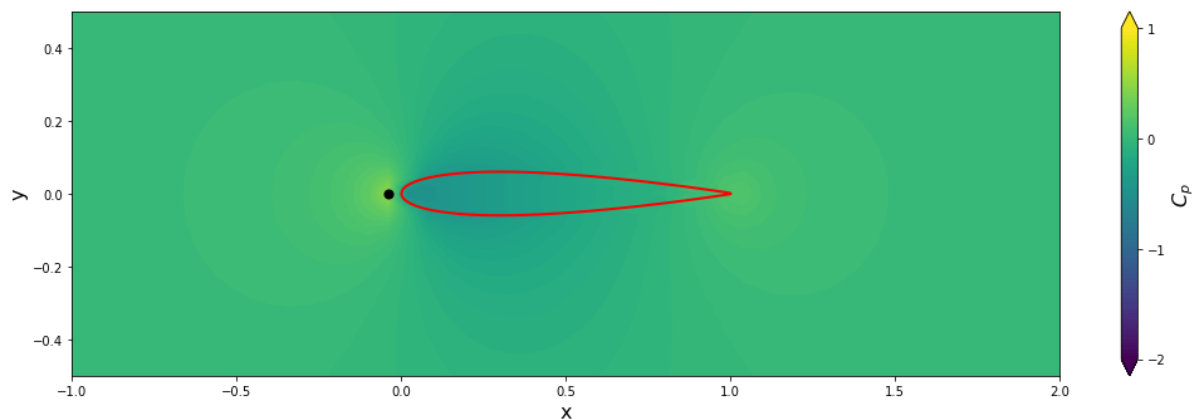
cbar.set_label('$C_p$', fontsize=16)

cbar.set_ticks([-2.0, -1.0, 0.0, 1.0])

pyplot.plot(x_source, y_source, color='red', linewidth = 2, linestyle =
'solid' )

#Single black marker on the location of the maximum pressure
pyplot.scatter(X[25,16], Y[25,16], s=50, color='black', marker='o' )
pyplot.show()

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Questions:

1. What is the value of maximum pressure coefficient, C_p ?

0.471

2. What are the array indices for the maximum value of C_p ?

[25,16]

Briefly answer these questions

1. Do the stream lines look like you expected?

The streamlines are moving in the positive direction as the freestream velocity is positive and the direction of the velocity due to the sources is also positive

2. What does the distribution of pressure tell you about lift generated by the airfoil?

The distribution of the pressure around the airfoil indicates that there is no lift generated against the airfoil as the pressure under the wing should be higher to create that lift. This is due to the fact that the airfoil is symmetric and has lengths of equal size between the top and bottom airfoil which causes equal distribution of pressure

3. Does the location of the point of maximum pressure seem right to you?

Yes. Since the angle of attack is 0° and that the flow comes to a position where the velocity in the y direction is at its minimum.