

Numerical Solutions for 2D Transonic Flow Around Various Geometries

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1 Introduction

2 Governing Equations and Boundary Conditions

Three sets of governing equations are presented to solve for transonic flow. Each of the governing equations are solved using the same iterative schemes, which are discussed in section 3.

2.1 Full, Compressible, Potential Flow (1 Eqn.)

Potential flow is a well-known solution that can be obtained from simplifications of the Euler equations. The formulations can be arrived from assuming the fluid is irrotational and incompressible. Recall that, if the curl of the velocity is assumed to be zero, there must exist a potential field such that its vector gradient is the velocity vector.

$$\nabla \times \vec{u} = \nabla \times (\nabla \Phi) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \Phi = \vec{u} \quad (2)$$

The compressible form can be realized by substituting Φ into the steady, mass divergence term of the continuity equation.

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla \Phi) = 0 \quad (4)$$

The two-dimensional formulation gives the resulting governing equation.

$$(\rho \Phi_x)_x + (\rho \Phi_y)_y = 0 \quad (5)$$

A density formulation is necessary to close the system of equations. The density can be obtained from the velocity, which is given by the isentropic Bernoulli's equations.

$$\rho = \left[1 - \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_\infty^2 (u^2 + v^2 - 1) \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma - 1}} \quad (6)$$

2.2 Full Potential with Momentum Equation (2 Eqn.)

The isentropic Bernoulli equation can be reformulated to produce a two-equation system of partial differential equations. This is useful because it allows for artificial viscosity to be

introduced in the potential and density, as well as remove the non-linearity in the momentum equation.

Replacing the velocity terms with the gradient of the potential, equation 6 becomes:

$$\frac{\rho^{\gamma-1} - 1}{(\gamma - 1) M_\infty} + \frac{1}{2} ((\nabla\Phi)^2 - 1) \quad (7)$$

2.3 Euler-Isentropic Equations (3 Eqns.)

3 Numerical Methods and Schemes

3.1 Three-Level Scheme

3.2 Artificial Viscous Dissipation

4 Numerical Results

5 Concluding Remarks