# Test problem 2: Flow past a cylinder (DFG 2D-3 benchmark)

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In this section, we will turn our attention to a slightly more challenging problem: flow past a cylinder. The geometry and parameters are taken from the <u>DFG 2D-3 benchmark</u> in FeatFlow.

To be able to solve this problem efficiently and ensure numerical stability, we will substitute our first order backward difference scheme with a Crank-Nicholson discretization in time, and a semi-implicit Adams-Bashforth approximation of

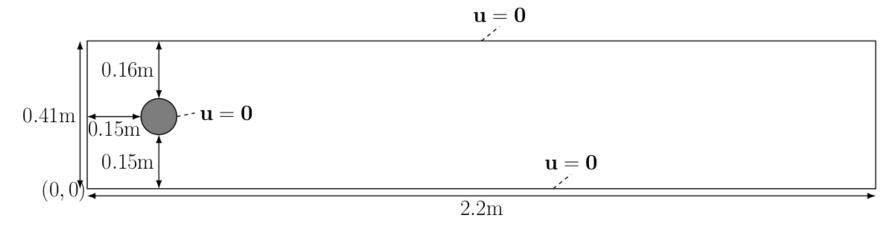
the non-linear term.



#### Computationally demanding demo

This demo is computationally demanding, with a run-time up to 15 minutes, as it is using parameters from the DFG 2D-3 benchmark, which consists of 12800 time steps. It is adviced to download this demo and not run it in a browser. This runtime of the demo can be increased by using 2 or 3 mpi processes.

The computational geometry we would like to use is



The kinematic velocity is given by  $u=0.001=rac{\mu}{
ho}$  and the inflow velocity profile is specified as

$$u(x,y,t) = \left(rac{4Uy(0.41-y)}{0.41^2},0
ight)$$

$$U = U(t) = 1.5\sin(\pi t/8)$$

which has a maximum magnitude of 1.5 at y=0.41/2. We do not use any scaling for this problem since all exact parameters are known.

# Mesh generation

in the <u>Deflection of a membrane</u> we use GMSH to generate the mesh. We fist create the rectangle and obstacle.						

```
import qmsh
import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import tqdm.autonotebook
from mpi4py import MPI
from petsc4py import PETSc
from basix.ufl import element
from dolfinx.cpp.mesh import to_type, cell_entity_type
from dolfinx.fem import (Constant, Function, functionspace,
                         assemble_scalar, dirichletbc, form, locate_dofs_topological, set_bc)
from dolfinx.fem.petsc import (apply_lifting, assemble_matrix, assemble_vector,
                               create vector, create matrix, set bc)
from dolfinx.graph import adjacencylist
from dolfinx.geometry import bb tree, compute collisions points, compute colliding cells
from dolfinx.io import (VTXWriter, distribute entity data, qmshio)
from dolfinx.mesh import create mesh, meshtags from entities
from ufl import (FacetNormal, Identity, Measure, TestFunction, TrialFunction,
                 as vector, div, dot, ds, dx, inner, lhs, grad, nabla grad, rhs, sym, system)
gmsh.initialize()
L = 2.2
H = 0.41
c x = c y = 0.2
r = 0.05
adim = 2
mesh_comm = MPI.COMM_WORLD
model rank = 0
if mesh comm.rank == model rank:
    rectangle = gmsh.model.occ.addRectangle(0, 0, 0, L, H, tag=1)
    obstacle = qmsh.model.occ.addDisk(c_x, c_y, 0, r, r)
```

```
/tmp/ipykernel_2157/3291473246.py:5: TqdmExperimentalWarning: Using `tqdm.autonotebook.tqdm` in noteboo
import tqdm.autonotebook
```

The next step is to subtract the obstacle from the channel, such that we do not mesh the interior of the circle.

```
if mesh_comm.rank == model_rank:
    fluid = gmsh.model.occ.cut([(gdim, rectangle)], [(gdim, obstacle)])
    gmsh.model.occ.synchronize()
```

To get GMSH to mesh the fluid, we add a physical volume marker

```
fluid_marker = 1
if mesh_comm.rank == model_rank:
    volumes = gmsh.model.getEntities(dim=gdim)
    assert (len(volumes) == 1)
    gmsh.model.addPhysicalGroup(volumes[0][0], [volumes[0][1]], fluid_marker)
    gmsh.model.setPhysicalName(volumes[0][0], fluid_marker, "Fluid")
```

To tag the different surfaces of the mesh, we tag the inflow (left hand side) with marker 2, the outflow (right hand side) with marker 3 and the fluid walls with 4 and obstacle with 5. We will do this by computing the center of mass for each geometrical entity.

```
inlet_marker, outlet_marker, wall_marker, obstacle_marker = 2, 3, 4, 5
inflow, outflow, walls, obstacle = [], [], [], []
if mesh comm.rank == model rank:
    boundaries = gmsh.model.getBoundary(volumes, oriented=False)
    for boundary in boundaries:
        center of mass = gmsh.model.occ.getCenterOfMass(boundary[0], boundary[1])
        if np.allclose(center of mass, [0, H / 2, 0]):
            inflow.append(boundary[1])
        elif np.allclose(center_of_mass, [L, H / 2, 0]):
            outflow.append(boundary[1])
        elif np.allclose(center of mass, [L / 2, H, 0]) or np.allclose(center of mass, [L / 2, 0, 0]):
            walls.append(boundary[1])
        else:
            obstacle.append(boundary[1])
    gmsh.model.addPhysicalGroup(1, walls, wall marker)
    qmsh.model.setPhysicalName(1, wall marker, "Walls")
    gmsh.model.addPhysicalGroup(1, inflow, inlet marker)
    gmsh.model.setPhysicalName(1, inlet marker, "Inlet")
    gmsh.model.addPhysicalGroup(1, outflow, outlet marker)
    gmsh.model.setPhysicalName(1, outlet marker, "Outlet")
    gmsh.model.addPhysicalGroup(1, obstacle, obstacle marker)
    qmsh.model.setPhysicalName(1, obstacle marker, "Obstacle")
```

In our previous meshes, we have used uniform mesh sizes. In this example, we will have variable mesh sizes to resolve the flow solution in the area of interest; close to the circular obstacle. To do this, we use GMSH Fields.

```
# Create distance field from obstacle.
# Add threshold of mesh sizes based on the distance field
# LcMax -
# LcMin -o-----
        Point
                 DistMin DistMax
res min = r / 3
if mesh_comm.rank == model_rank:
   distance field = gmsh.model.mesh.field.add("Distance")
    gmsh.model.mesh.field.setNumbers(distance field, "EdgesList", obstacle)
    threshold field = qmsh.model.mesh.field.add("Threshold")
    gmsh.model.mesh.field.setNumber(threshold field, "IField", distance field)
   gmsh.model.mesh.field.setNumber(threshold field, "LcMin", res min)
    gmsh.model.mesh.field.setNumber(threshold field, "LcMax", 0.25 * H)
    gmsh.model.mesh.field.setNumber(threshold field, "DistMin", r)
   qmsh.model.mesh.field.setNumber(threshold field, "DistMax", 2 * H)
   min field = gmsh.model.mesh.field.add("Min")
    qmsh.model.mesh.field.setNumbers(min field, "FieldsList", [threshold field])
    qmsh.model.mesh.field.setAsBackgroundMesh(min field)
```

# Generating the mesh

We are now ready to generate the mesh. However, we have to decide if our mesh should consist of triangles or quadrilaterals. In this demo, to match the DFG 2D-3 benchmark, we use second order quadrilateral elements.

```
if mesh_comm.rank == model_rank:
    gmsh.option.setNumber("Mesh.Algorithm", 8)
    gmsh.option.setNumber("Mesh.RecombinationAlgorithm", 2)
    gmsh.option.setNumber("Mesh.RecombineAll", 1)
    gmsh.option.setNumber("Mesh.SubdivisionAlgorithm", 1)
    gmsh.model.mesh.generate(gdim)
    gmsh.model.mesh.setOrder(2)
    gmsh.model.mesh.optimize("Netgen")
```

```
: Meshing 1D...
Info
        : [ 0%] Meshing curve 5 (Ellipse)
Info
        : [ 20%] Meshing curve 6 (Line)
Info
Info
        : [ 40%] Meshing curve 7 (Line)
Info
        : [ 60%] Meshing curve 8 (Line)
        : [ 80%] Meshing curve 9 (Line)
Info
        : Done meshing 1D (Wall 0.00738046s, CPU 0.00792s)
Info
Info
        : Meshing 2D...
        : Meshing surface 1 (Plane, Frontal-Delaunay for Quads)
Info
        : Simple recombination completed (Wall 0.00197259s, CPU 0.001815s): 103 guads, 16 triangles, 0
Info
        : Simple recombination completed (Wall 0.00289216s, CPU 0.002893s): 460 quads, 0 triangles, 0 i
Info
Info
        : Done meshing 2D (Wall 0.0084069s, CPU 0.008383s)
Info
        : Refining mesh...
        : Meshing order 2 (curvilinear on)...
Info
        : [ 0%] Meshing curve 5 order 2
Info
Info
        : [ 20%] Meshing curve 6 order 2
Info
        : [ 40%] Meshing curve 7 order 2
        : [ 50%] Meshing curve 8 order 2
Info
Info
        : [ 70%] Meshing curve 9 order 2
Info
        : [ 90%] Meshing surface 1 order 2
Info
        : Done meshing order 2 (Wall 0.00314179s, CPU 0.003315s)
        : Done refining mesh (Wall 0.00349657s, CPU 0.003706s)
Info
        : 1952 nodes 2069 elements
Info
        : Meshing order 2 (curvilinear on)...
Info
Info
        : [ 0%] Meshing curve 5 order 2
Info
        : [ 20%] Meshing curve 6 order 2
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        : [ 40%] Meshing curve 7 order 2
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        : [ 50%] Meshing curve 8 order 2
        : [ 70%] Meshing curve 9 order 2
Info
Info
        : [ 90%] Meshing surface 1 order 2
Info
        : Done meshing order 2 (Wall 0.0106829s, CPU 0.007084s)
        : Optimizing mesh (Netgen)...
Info
        : Done optimizing mesh (Wall 1.513e-06s, CPU 2e-06s)
Info
```

## Loading mesh and boundary markers

As we have generated the mesh, we now need to load the mesh and corresponding facet markers into DOLFINx. To load the mesh, we follow the same structure as in <u>Deflection of a membrane</u>, with the difference being that we will load in facet markers as well. To learn more about the specifics of the function below, see A GMSH tutorial for DOLFINx.

```
mesh, _, ft = gmshio.model_to_mesh(gmsh.model, mesh_comm, model_rank, gdim=gdim)
ft.name = "Facet markers"
```

#### Physical and discretization parameters

Following the DGF-2 benchmark, we define our problem specific parameters

#### Reduced end-time of problem

In the current demo, we have reduced the run time to one second to make it easier to illustrate the concepts of the benchmark. By increasing the end-time T to 8, the runtime in a notebook is approximately 25 minutes. If you convert the notebook to a python file and use mpirun, you can reduce the runtime of the problem.

# **Boundary conditions**

As we have created the mesh and relevant mesh tags, we can now specify the function spaces $\overline{V}$ and $\overline{Q}$ along with the boundary conditions. As the $\overline{ft}$ contains markers for facets, we use this class to find the facets for the inlet and walls.							

```
v_cg2 = element("Lagrange", mesh.topology.cell_name(), 2, shape=(mesh.geometry.dim, ))
s cg1 = element("Lagrange", mesh.topology.cell name(), 1)
V = functionspace(mesh, v cg2)
Q = functionspace(mesh, s cq1)
fdim = mesh.topology.dim - 1
# Define boundary conditions
class InletVelocity():
    def __init__(self, t):
        self.t = t
    def call (self, x):
        values = np.zeros((gdim, x.shape[1]), dtype=PETSc.ScalarType)
        values[0] = 4 * 1.5 * np.sin(self.t * np.pi / 8) * x[1] * (0.41 - x[1]) / (0.41**2)
        return values
# Inlet
u inlet = Function(V)
inlet velocity = InletVelocity(t)
u inlet.interpolate(inlet velocity)
bcu inflow = dirichletbc(u inlet, locate dofs topological(V, fdim, ft.find(inlet marker)))
# Walls
u nonslip = np.array((0,) * mesh.geometry.dim, dtype=PETSc.ScalarType)
bcu walls = dirichletbc(u nonslip, locate dofs topological(V, fdim, ft.find(wall marker)), V)
# Obstacle
bcu obstacle = dirichletbc(u nonslip, locate dofs topological(V, fdim, ft.find(obstacle marker)), V)
bcu = [bcu_inflow, bcu_obstacle, bcu walls]
# Outlet
bcp outlet = dirichletbc(PETSc.ScalarType(0), locate dofs topological(Q, fdim, ft.find(outlet marker)),
bcp = [bcp outlet]
```

#### Variational form

As opposed to <u>Pouseille flow</u>, we will use a Crank-Nicolson discretization, and an semi-implicit Adams-Bashforth approximation. The first step can be written as

$$ho\left(rac{u^*-u^n}{\delta t}+\left(rac{3}{2}u^n-rac{1}{2}u^{n-1}
ight)\cdotrac{1}{2}
abla(u^*+u^n)
ight)-rac{1}{2}\mu\Delta(u^*+u^n)+
abla p^{n-1/2}=f^{n+rac{1}{2}}\qquad ext{in }\Omega$$

$$u^* = g(\cdot, t^{n+1})$$
 on  $\partial \Omega_D$ 

$$rac{1}{2}
u
abla(u^*+u^n)\cdot n=p^{n-rac{1}{2}}\qquad ext{ on }\partial\Omega_N$$

where we have used the two previous time steps in the temporal derivative for the velocity, and compute the pressure staggered in time, at the time between the previous and current solution. The second step becomes

$$abla \phi = -rac{
ho}{\delta t}
abla \cdot u^* \qquad ext{in } \Omega,$$

$$\nabla \phi \cdot n = 0$$
 on  $\partial \Omega_D$ ,

$$\phi = 0$$
 on  $\partial \Omega_N$ 

where  $p^{n+\frac{1}{2}}=p^{n-\frac{1}{2}}+\phi.$  Finally, the third step is

$$ho(u^{n+1}-u^*)=-\delta t
abla\phi.$$

We start by defining all the variables used in the variational formulations.

```
u = TrialFunction(V)
v = TestFunction(V)
u_ = Function(V)
u_.name = "u"
u_s = Function(V)
u_n = Function(V)
u_n1 = Function(V)
p = TrialFunction(Q)
q = TestFunction(Q)
p_ = Function(Q)
p_.name = "p"
phi = Function(Q)
```

Next, we define the variational formulation for the first step, where we have integrated the diffusion term, as well as the pressure term by parts.

```
f = Constant(mesh, PETSc.ScalarType((0, 0)))
F1 = rho / k * dot(u - u_n, v) * dx
F1 += inner(dot(1.5 * u_n - 0.5 * u_n1, 0.5 * nabla_grad(u + u_n)), v) * dx
F1 += 0.5 * mu * inner(grad(u + u_n), grad(v)) * dx - dot(p_, div(v)) * dx
F1 += dot(f, v) * dx
a1 = form(lhs(F1))
L1 = form(rhs(F1))
A1 = create_matrix(a1)
b1 = create_vector(L1)
```

Next we define the second step

```
a2 = form(dot(grad(p), grad(q)) * dx)
L2 = form(-rho / k * dot(div(u_s), q) * dx)
A2 = assemble_matrix(a2, bcs=bcp)
A2.assemble()
b2 = create_vector(L2)
```

We finally create the last step

```
a3 = form(rho * dot(u, v) * dx)
L3 = form(rho * dot(u_s, v) * dx - k * dot(nabla_grad(phi), v) * dx)
A3 = assemble_matrix(a3)
A3.assemble()
b3 = create_vector(L3)
```

As in the previous tutorials, we use PETSc as a linear algebra backend.

```
# Solver for step 1
solver1 = PETSc.KSP().create(mesh.comm)
solver1.setOperators(A1)
solver1.setType(PETSc.KSP.Type.BCGS)
pc1 = solver1.getPC()
pc1.setType(PETSc.PC.Type.JACOBI)
# Solver for step 2
solver2 = PETSc.KSP().create(mesh.comm)
solver2.setOperators(A2)
solver2.setType(PETSc.KSP.Type.MINRES)
pc2 = solver2.getPC()
pc2.setType(PETSc.PC.Type.HYPRE)
pc2.setHYPREType("boomeramg")
# Solver for step 3
solver3 = PETSc.KSP().create(mesh.comm)
solver3.setOperators(A3)
solver3.setType(PETSc.KSP.Type.CG)
pc3 = solver3.getPC()
pc3.setType(PETSc.PC.Type.SOR)
```

# Verification of the implementation compute known physical quantities

As a further verification of our implementation, we compute the drag and lift coefficients over the obstacle, defined as

$$C_{
m D}(u,p,t,\partial\Omega_S) = rac{2}{
ho L U_{mean}^2} \int_{\partial\Omega_S} 
ho 
u n \cdot 
abla u_{t_S}(t) n_y - p(t) n_x \; {
m d} s,$$

$$C_{
m L}(u,p,t,\partial\Omega_S) = -rac{2}{
ho L U_{mean}^2} \int_{\partial\Omega_S} 
ho 
u n \cdot 
abla u_{t_S}(t) n_x + p(t) n_y \, {
m d} s,$$

where  $u_{t_S}$  is the tangential velocity component at the interface of the obstacle  $\partial\Omega_S$ , defined as  $u_{t_S}=u\cdot(n_y,-n_x)$ ,  $U_{mean}=1$  the average inflow velocity, and L the length of the channel. We use  $\overline{\text{UFL}}$  to create the relevant integrals, and assemble them at each time step.

```
n = -FacetNormal(mesh) # Normal pointing out of obstacle
d0bs = Measure("ds", domain=mesh, subdomain_data=ft, subdomain_id=obstacle_marker)
u_t = inner(as_vector((n[1], -n[0])), u_)
drag = form(2 / 0.1 * (mu / rho * inner(grad(u_t), n) * n[1] - p_ * n[0]) * d0bs)
lift = form(-2 / 0.1 * (mu / rho * inner(grad(u_t), n) * n[0] + p_ * n[1]) * d0bs)
if mesh.comm.rank == 0:
    C_D = np.zeros(num_steps, dtype=PETSc.ScalarType)
    C_L = np.zeros(num_steps, dtype=PETSc.ScalarType)
    t_u = np.zeros(num_steps, dtype=np.float64)
    t_p = np.zeros(num_steps, dtype=np.float64)
```

We will also evaluate the pressure at two points, one in front of the obstacle, (0.15, 0.2), and one behind the obstacle, (0.25, 0.2). To do this, we have to find which cell contains each of the points, so that we can create a linear combination of the local basis functions and coefficients.

```
tree = bb_tree(mesh, mesh.geometry.dim)
points = np.array([[0.15, 0.2, 0], [0.25, 0.2, 0]])
cell_candidates = compute_collisions_points(tree, points)
colliding_cells = compute_colliding_cells(mesh, cell_candidates, points)
front_cells = colliding_cells.links(0)
back_cells = colliding_cells.links(1)
if mesh.comm.rank == 0:
    p_diff = np.zeros(num_steps, dtype=PETSc.ScalarType)
```

# Solving the time-dependent problem

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#### Stability of the Navier-Stokes equation

Note that the current splitting scheme has to fullfil the a <u>Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy condition</u>. This limits the spatial discretization with respect to the inlet velocity and temporal discretization. Other temporal discretization schemes such as the second order backward difference discretization or Crank–Nicholson discretization with Adams–Bashforth linearization are better behaved than our simple backward difference scheme.

As in the previous example, we create output files for the velocity and pressure and solve the time-dependent problem. As we are solving a time dependent problem with many time steps, we use the tqdm-package to visualize the progress. This package can be installed with pip3.

```
from pathlib import Path
folder = Path("results")
folder.mkdir(exist ok=True, parents=True)
vtx_u = VTXWriter(mesh.comm, "dfg2D-3-u.bp", [u_], engine="BP4")
vtx_p = VTXWriter(mesh.comm, "dfg2D-3-p.bp", [p_], engine="BP4")
vtx u.write(t)
vtx p.write(t)
progress = tqdm.autonotebook.tqdm(desc="Solving PDE", total=num_steps)
for i in range(num steps):
    progress.update(1)
   # Update current time step
   t += dt
   # Update inlet velocity
   inlet velocity.t = t
   u inlet.interpolate(inlet_velocity)
   # Step 1: Tentative velocity step
   A1.zeroEntries()
   assemble matrix(A1, a1, bcs=bcu)
    A1.assemble()
   with b1.localForm() as loc:
        loc.set(0)
   assemble vector(b1, L1)
   apply lifting(b1, [a1], [bcu])
    b1.ghostUpdate(addv=PETSc.InsertMode.ADD VALUES, mode=PETSc.ScatterMode.REVERSE)
    set bc(b1, bcu)
    solver1.solve(b1, u s.vector)
    u s.x.scatter forward()
   # Step 2: Pressure corrrection step
   with b2.localForm() as loc:
        loc.set(0)
   assemble vector(b2, L2)
   apply lifting(b2, [a2], [bcp])
    b2.ghostUpdate(addv=PETSc.InsertMode.ADD VALUES, mode=PETSc.ScatterMode.REVERSE)
    set bc(b2, bcp)
    solver2.solve(b2, phi.vector)
    phi.x.scatter forward()
    p .vector.axpy(1, phi.vector)
    p .x.scatter forward()
```

```
# Step 3: Velocity correction step
with b3.localForm() as loc:
    loc.set(0)
assemble vector(b3, L3)
b3.ghostUpdate(addv=PETSc.InsertMode.ADD VALUES, mode=PETSc.ScatterMode.REVERSE)
solver3.solve(b3, u .vector)
u .x.scatter forward()
# Write solutions to file
vtx_u.write(t)
vtx p.write(t)
# Update variable with solution form this time step
with u_.vector.localForm() as loc_, u_n.vector.localForm() as loc_n, u_n1.vector.localForm() as loc
    loc n.copy(loc n1)
    loc .copy(loc n)
# Compute physical quantities
# For this to work in paralell, we gather contributions from all processors
# to processor zero and sum the contributions.
drag coeff = mesh.comm.gather(assemble scalar(drag), root=0)
lift coeff = mesh.comm.gather(assemble scalar(lift), root=0)
p front = None
if len(front cells) > 0:
    p front = p .eval(points[0], front cells[:1])
p front = mesh.comm.gather(p front, root=0)
p back = None
if len(back cells) > 0:
    p back = p .eval(points[1], back cells[:1])
p_back = mesh.comm.gather(p back, root=0)
if mesh.comm.rank == 0:
    t u[i] = t
    t p[i] = t - dt / 2
    C D[i] = sum(drag coeff)
    C L[i] = sum(lift coeff)
    # Choose first pressure that is found from the different processors
    for pressure in p front:
        if pressure is not None:
            p diff[i] = pressure[0]
            break
    for pressure in p back:
```

Solving PDE: 100% 12799/12800 [11:59<00:00, 17.95it/s]

# Verification using data from FEATFLOW

As FEATFLOW has provided data for different discretization levels, we compare our numerical data with the data provided using matplotlib.

```
if mesh.comm.rank == 0:
    if not os.path.exists("figures"):
        os.mkdir("figures")
    num velocity dofs = V.dofmap.index map bs * V.dofmap.index map.size global
    num pressure dofs = Q.dofmap.index map bs * V.dofmap.index map.size global
   turek = np.loadtxt("bdforces lv4")
   turek p = np.loadtxt("pointvalues lv4")
   fig = plt.figure(figsize=(25, 8))
   l1 = plt.plot(t u, C D, label=r"FEniCSx ({0:d} dofs)".format(num velocity dofs + num pressure dofs
    l2 = plt.plot(turek[1:, 1], turek[1:, 3], marker="x", markevery=50,
                  linestyle="", markersize=4, label="FEATFLOW (42016 dofs)")
    plt.title("Drag coefficient")
   plt.grid()
    plt.legend()
   plt.savefig("figures/drag comparison.png")
   fig = plt.figure(figsize=(25, 8))
   l1 = plt.plot(t u, C L, label=r"FEniCSx ({0:d} dofs)".format(
        num velocity dofs + num pressure dofs), linewidth=2)
    l2 = plt.plot(turek[1:, 1], turek[1:, 4], marker="x", markevery=50,
                  linestyle="", markersize=4, label="FEATFLOW (42016 dofs)")
    plt.title("Lift coefficient")
   plt.arid()
    plt.legend()
    plt.savefig("figures/lift comparison.png")
   fig = plt.figure(figsize=(25, 8))
   l1 = plt.plot(t p, p diff, label=r"FEniCSx ({0:d} dofs)".format(num velocity dofs + num pressure dd
   l2 = plt.plot(turek[1:, 1], turek p[1:, 6] - turek p[1:, -1], marker="x", markevery=50,
                  linestyle="", markersize=4, label="FEATFLOW (42016 dofs)")
    plt.title("Pressure difference")
    plt.grid()
   plt.legend()
    plt.savefig("figures/pressure comparison.png")
```

