

Modeling fluid flow

Stokes Equations

and

Method of Regularized Stokeslets

2D Practical

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Ex 1 :Cortez 2001 Section 4.2: Example 4b

Matlab file to run: main_example4b.m

Sets tangential force density on a cylinder of radius 1 to

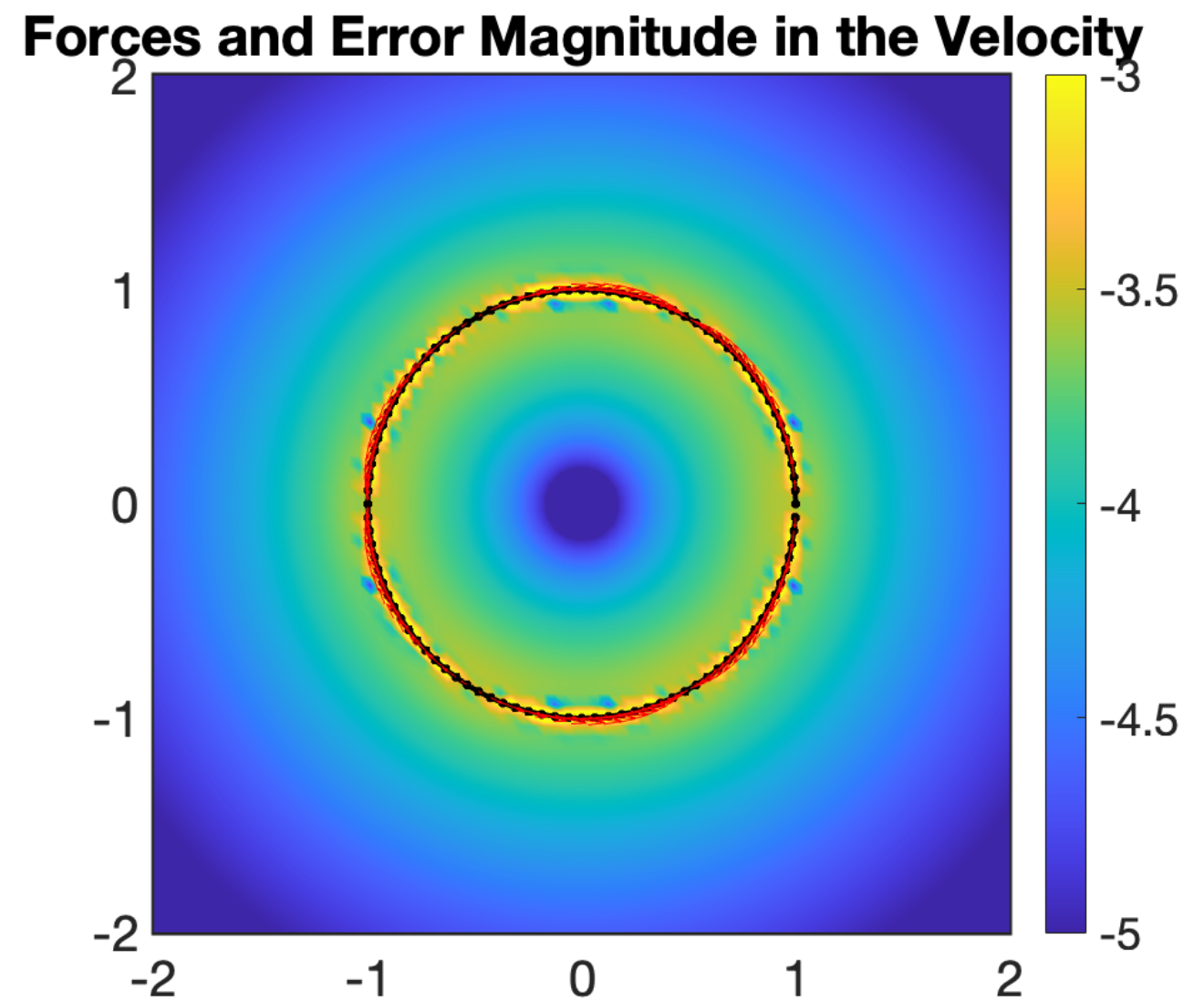
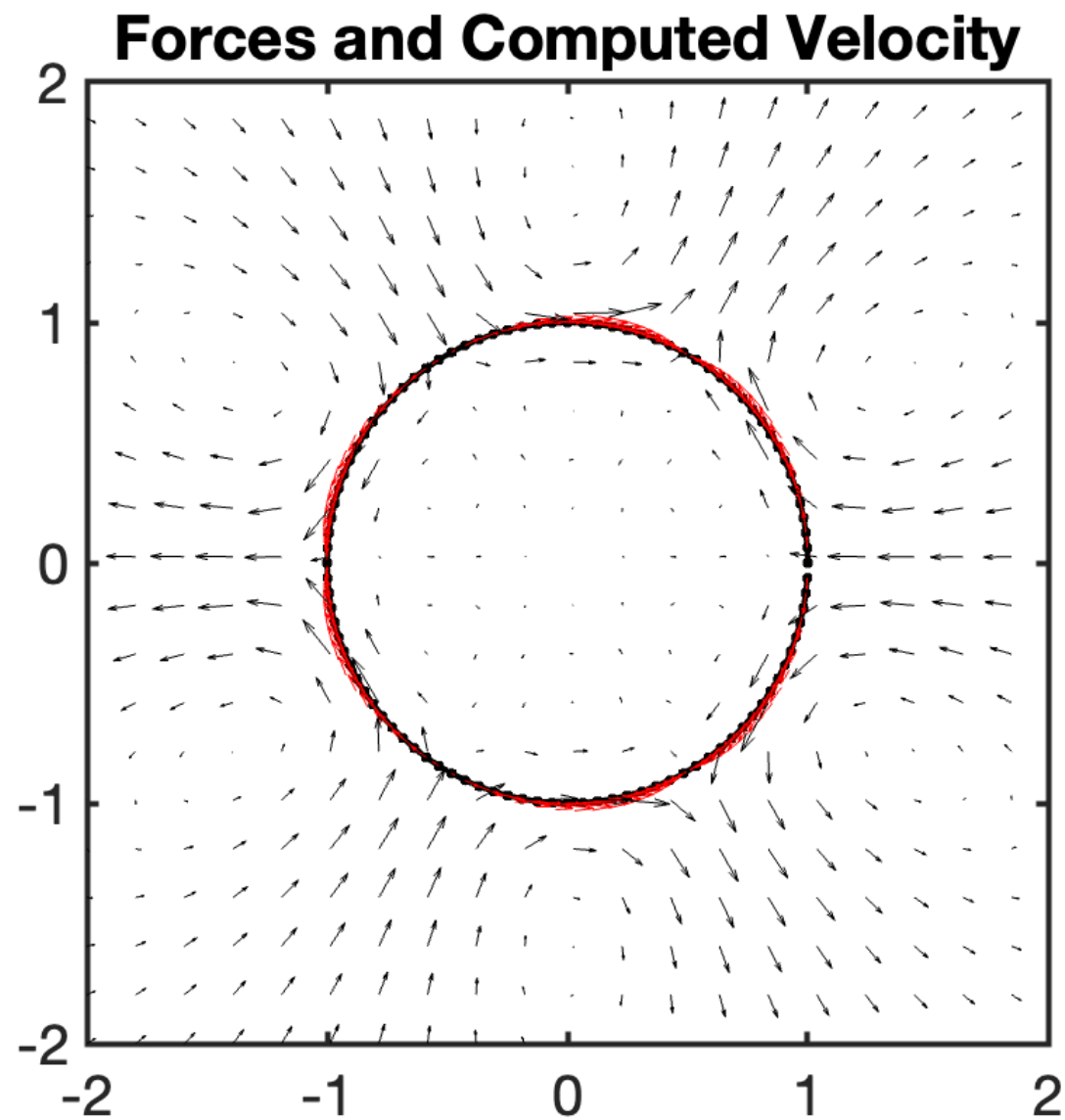
$$f(\theta) = 2 \sin(3\theta)x(\theta)$$

And computes the velocity in the fluid surrounding the cylinder

You can in %%Parameters to set:

- Modify the domain on which the velocity is plotted
(In the paper, the plots are on a 1D line through the domain - can you recreate these? - or look at a 2D domain)
- See what happens as you increase the number of points at which the force is set (Note, in all examples, $\epsilon = dt/4$ where dt is the discretization on the boundary). What happens if you change ϵ ?
- Play with the plotting - get comfortable with the code and Matlab

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More advanced, you can

- Why is there not a background velocity here?
- Look in `RegStokeslets2D_forcetovelocity.m` and see how this is what we discussed in the methodology to go from force \rightarrow velocity
- Incorporate pressure in `RegStokeslets2D_forcetovelocity` to solve for the pressure when you have the forces

Ex 2: Cortez 2001 Section 4.2: Example 4b

Matlab file to run: `main_example4b_velforce.m`

Sets boundary velocity on a cylinder of radius 1 to

$$u_1(\theta) = \frac{1}{8} \sin(2\theta) - \frac{3}{16} \sin(4\theta) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(4\theta)$$

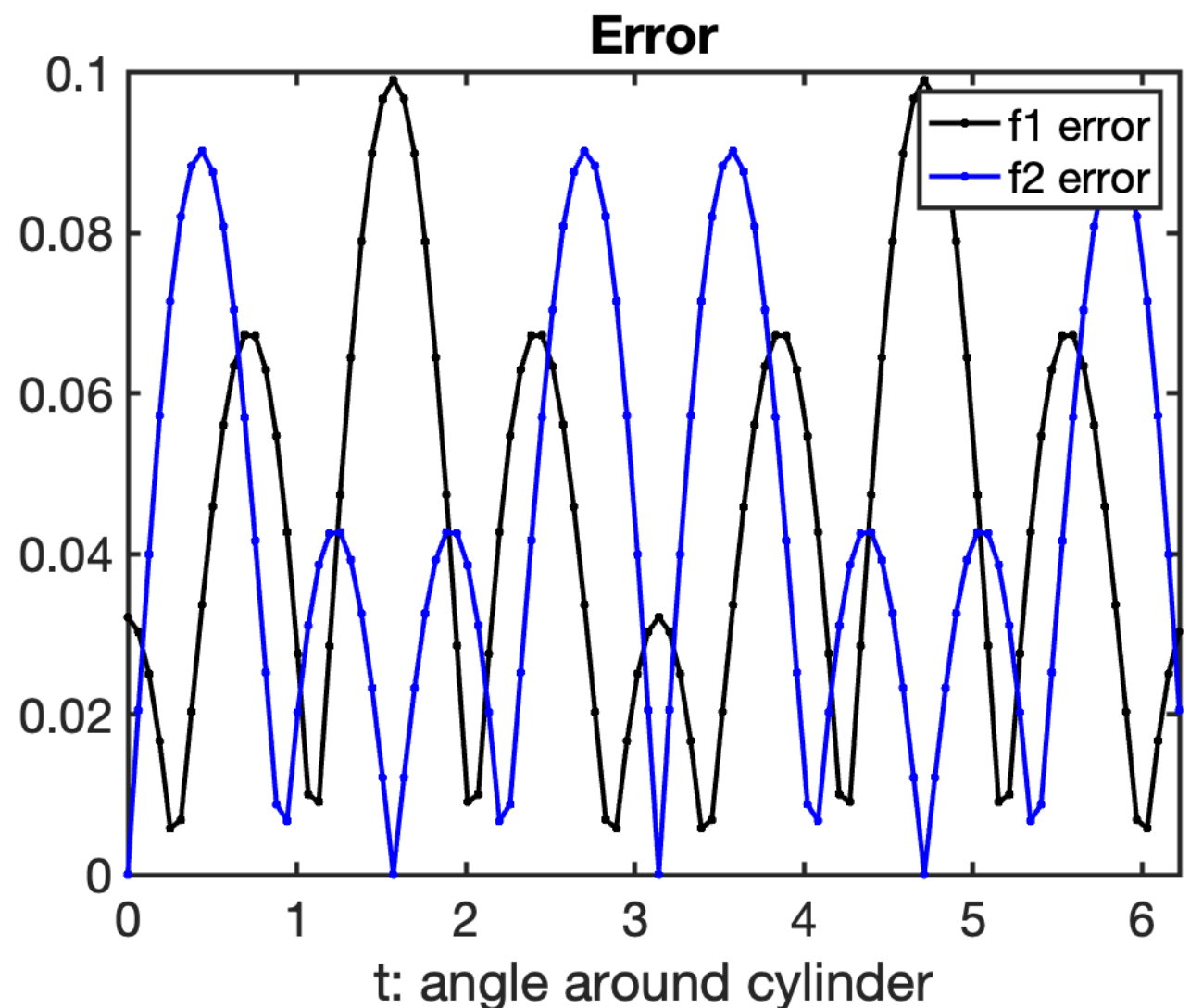
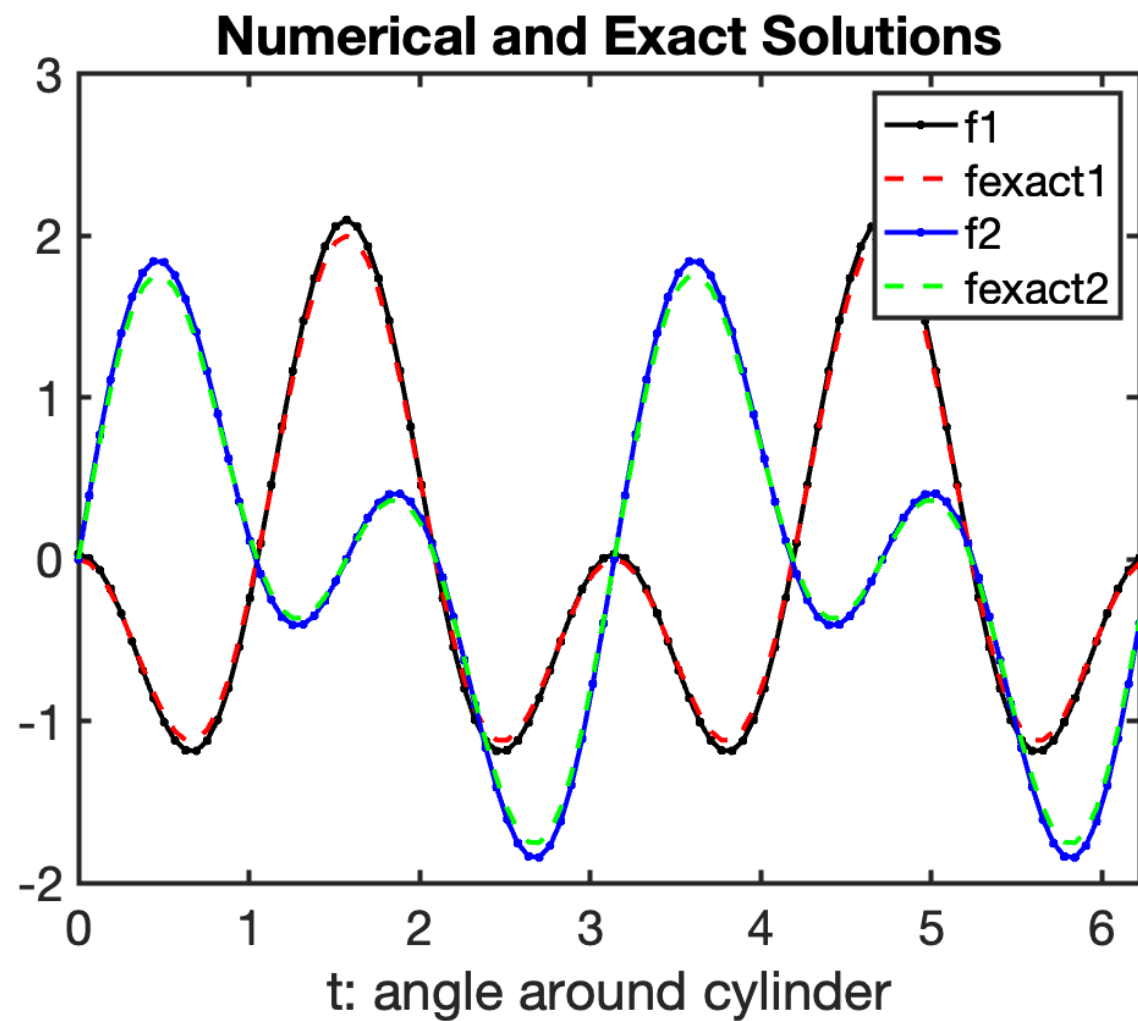
$$u_2(\theta) = \frac{1}{8} \cos(2\theta) - \frac{3}{16} \cos(4\theta) - \frac{1}{4} \cos(4\theta)$$

And computes the force on boundary of the cylinder

You can:

- Calculate the sum of the forces - what does this say about the translational velocity?
- See what happens as you increase the number of points at which the velocity is set (Note, in all examples, $\epsilon = dt/4$ where dt is the discretization on the boundary).

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More advanced, you can

- Is this solution unique? Can you code Ex 1 to show you can get the same velocity with different forces?
- What do know about the background translational and rotational velocity from what we have computed the forces to be?
- Look in RegStokeslets2D_velocitytoforce.m and see how this is what we discussed in the methodology to go from velocity \rightarrow force.
- Incorporate pressure in RegStokeslets2D_velocitytoforce to solve for the pressure once you have computed the forces.

Ex 3: Cortez 2001 Section 3.1: Example 1

Matlab file to run: main_example1.m

Sets boundary velocity on a cylinder of radius a to translate horizontal with speed one, $u = (1,0)$

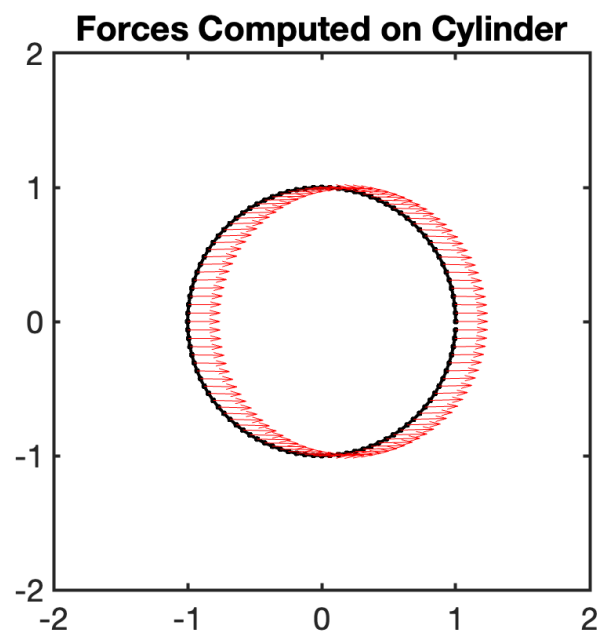
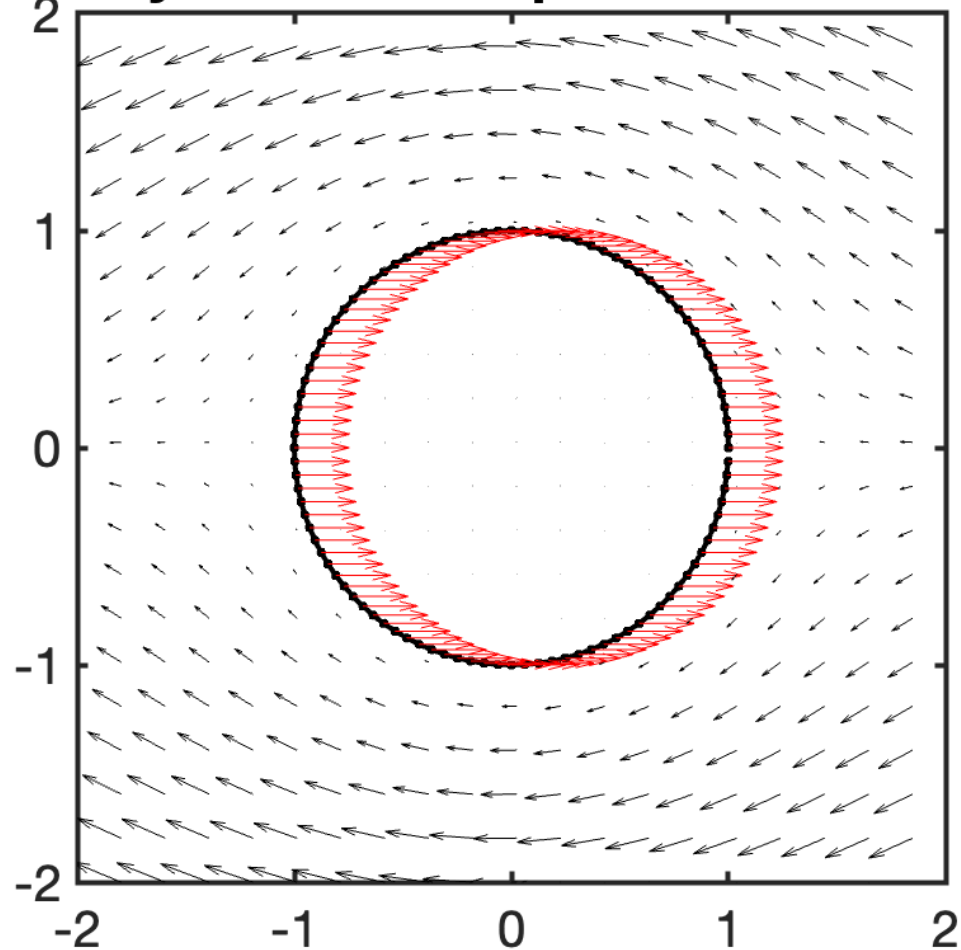
And computes the force on boundary of the cylinder and then computes the velocity in the fluid surrounding the cylinder

You can:

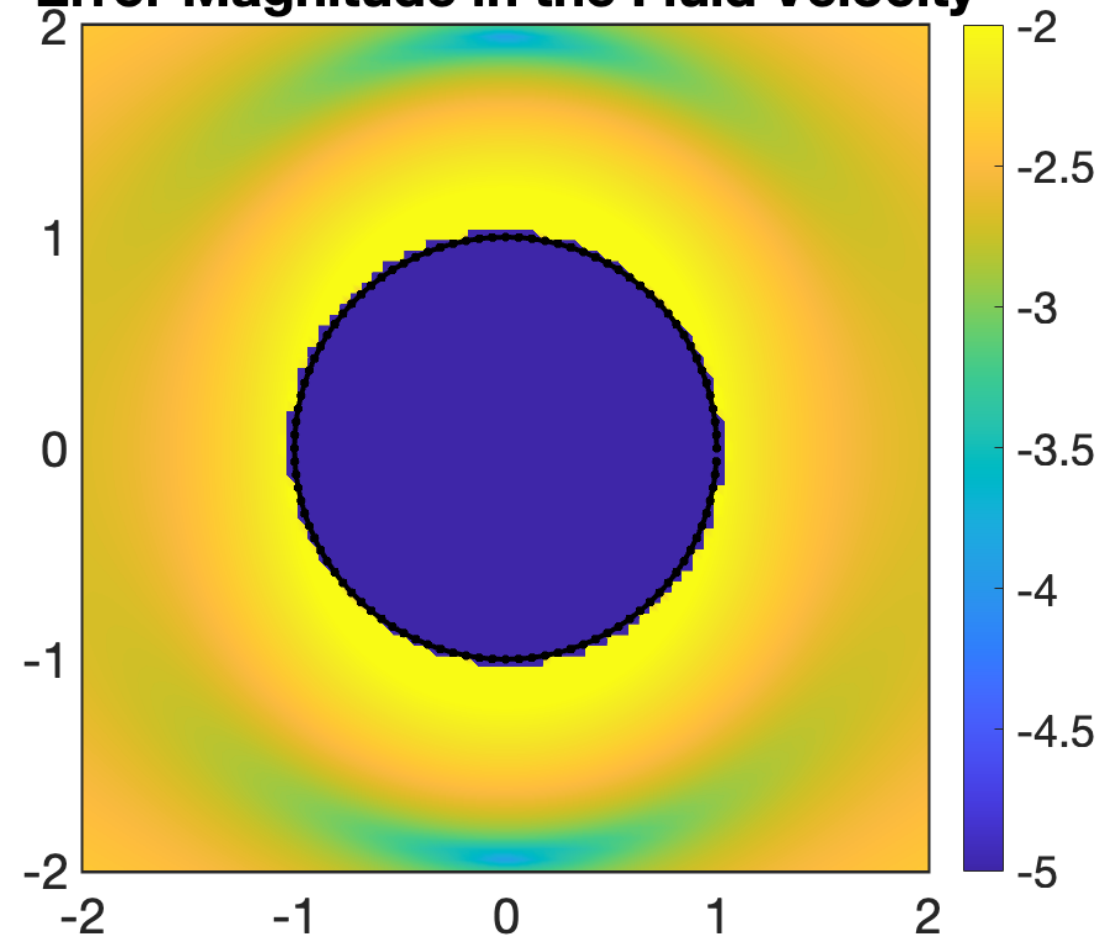
- Calculate the sum of the forces - what does this say about the translational velocity? Can you plot the velocity solution in the frame of reference of the cylinder?
- See what happens as you increase the number of points at which the velocity is set (Note, in all examples, $\epsilon = dt/4$ where dt is the discretization on the boundary).

Ex 3: Cortez 2001 Section 3.1: Example 1

Velocity set and Computed Fluid Velocity



Error Magnitude in the Fluid Velocity



Ex 3: Cortez 2001 Section 3.1: Example 1

More advanced, you can:

- Can we modify this code so the background translational velocity is solved by requiring the net force and torque to be zero. Use `RegStokeslets2D_velocitytoforce_augmented`.
- Incorporate pressure in `RegStokeslets2D_velocitytoforce` to solve for the pressure once you have computed the forces.

Ex 4: Swimmer

Matlab file to run: `main_swimmer.m`

Sets time-dependent velocity on swimmer (circle body + flagella)

And computes the force on swimmer and then computes the velocity in the fluid surrounding the cylinder

You can:

- Play around with the velocity of the swimmer and position
- Plot the swimmer translational and angular velocities
- Plot the swimmer with its translational and angular velocities (this is a bit harder)
- See what happens as you increase the number of points at which the velocity is set (Note, in all examples, $\epsilon = dt/4$ where dt is the discretization on the boundary).

Ex 4: Swimmer

More advanced:

- What are you interested in modeling now that you have some tools!?!?

There is a 3D example as well:

Example 1 Section 4 of Cortez, Fauci, Medovikov, Physics of Fluids
2005

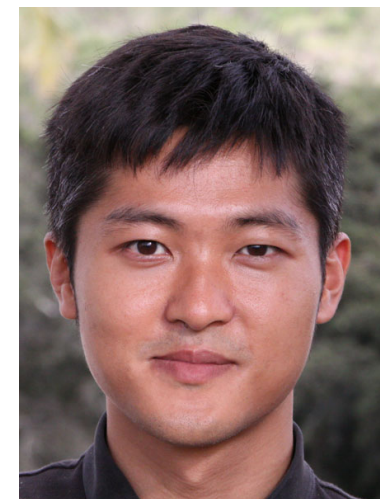
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