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1 Problem Specification

Understanding how a fluid moves around a solid body is one of the central problems in aerodynamics. Among all possible configurations, the case of a circular cylinder has become a classic benchmark for studying potential flow. Even though it represents a simplified and ideal scenario, it allows us to explore in detail the main aerodynamic principles that explain how lift and circulation are generated when a body interacts with a moving fluid.

The purpose of this project is to simulate the two-dimensional, steady and inviscid flow around a circular cylinder using a numerical model based on the **streamfunction formulation**. This representation is especially useful because it automatically satisfies the mass conservation condition and provides a clear view of the flow pattern through its isolines. The flow is considered **incompressible and irrotational**, so viscous and turbulent effects are neglected, focusing solely on the pressure-driven behaviour of the fluid. Under these assumptions, the governing equations reduce to a Laplace-type system that can be solved iteratively to obtain the potential flow field.

The computational domain is designed as a rectangular channel with a circular cylinder located at its centre. A uniform velocity is imposed at the inlet, representing the freestream conditions, while the outlet boundary applies a zero-gradient condition to allow the flow to leave the domain smoothly. The upper and lower walls maintain a constant streamfunction value to ensure continuity of the global flow rate. On the cylinder surface, the streamfunction is adjusted to represent either a stationary or a rotating boundary, depending on the case under study.

Three configurations are examined in order to understand the influence of rotation on the flow field and on the aerodynamic forces acting on the cylinder:

1. **Static cylinder**, used as a reference case, where no rotation or circulation is introduced and no lift is expected, as predicted by d'Alembert's paradox.
2. **Clockwise rotation**, in which the induced circulation alters the symmetry of the flow and creates a downward lift due to pressure differences between the upper and lower sides.
3. **counter-clockwise rotation**, producing an opposite effect: the pressure distribution reverses, leading to an upward lift force.

By comparing these three cases, the relationship between the **circulation** around the body and the resulting **lift coefficient** can be evaluated, and the numerical solution can be validated against theoretical models. The simulation provides information on several key aspects of the flow, including the **streamfunction**, **pressure**, and **temperature fields**, as well as the **aerodynamic coefficients** derived from them.



Ultimately, this analysis aims to show how even a simple inviscid model can reproduce the fundamental aerodynamic phenomena associated with circulation, offering a solid foundation for understanding more complex flow situations, such as those counter-clockwise around airfoils or rotating machinery.

2 Numerical Methodology

The analysis of potential flow around a circular cylinder has been carried out through a numerical model developed in **MATLAB**, based on the **streamfunction formulation**. This approach is particularly suitable for representing two-dimensional, steady, incompressible, and inviscid flows, since it inherently satisfies the mass conservation equation and provides a direct visualization of the flow field through its streamlines.

The inviscid assumption implies that viscous effects are neglected and that the motion of the fluid is governed exclusively by pressure gradients. Under these conditions, the velocity field can be directly derived from the streamfunction, and pressure is obtained from the energy and isentropic relations.

The computational procedure is divided into several stages: mesh generation, discretization of the flow field, imposition of boundary conditions, iterative solution of the streamfunction, and post-processing to obtain the pressure, temperature, circulation, and aerodynamic forces.

2.1 Discretization and Solution of the Streamfunction Equation

The streamfunction field ψ is obtained by solving an elliptic equation of Laplace type, which describes the equilibrium of the potential flow in the absence of sources or sinks. The discrete form used in the code is:

$$a_P \psi_P = a_E \psi_E + a_W \psi_W + a_N \psi_N + a_S \psi_S + b_P \quad (2.1.1)$$

where the subscripts E, W, N, S refer to the neighboring control volumes in the east, west, north, and south directions. The influence coefficients are computed as:

$$a_N = \rho_N \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y_N}, \quad a_S = \rho_S \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y_S}, \quad a_E = \rho_E \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x_E}, \quad a_W = \rho_W \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x_W}, \quad (2.1.2)$$



and the central coefficient is given by:

$$a_P = a_E + a_W + a_N + a_S \quad (2.1.3)$$

The term b_P represents a possible source term, which in this case is set to zero since the flow is purely potential. To improve numerical stability, the densities at the cell faces $(\rho_N, \rho_S, \rho_E, \rho_W)$ are evaluated using **harmonic means** between adjacent cells, preventing spurious oscillations and ensuring smooth transitions.

The resulting algebraic system is solved iteratively using the **Gauss–Seidel method**, which updates the streamfunction values successively until convergence is achieved. This iterative scheme is particularly effective for steady-state elliptic equations and provides a stable and monotonic convergence pattern under well-defined boundary conditions.

2.2 Boundary Conditions

The computational domain consists of a rectangular channel containing a circular cylinder located at its center. The boundaries are defined as follows:

- **Inlet:** A uniform velocity profile is imposed through a linear streamfunction:

$$\psi = V_\infty y \quad (2.2.1)$$

representing a constant horizontal inflow and ensuring a uniform mass flow rate across the channel height.

- **Outlet:** A zero-gradient condition $(\partial\psi/\partial x = 0)$ is applied to allow the flow to exit the domain smoothly, avoiding artificial reflections.
- **Upper and lower walls:** Constant streamfunction values are imposed, preserving the total mass flow and preventing fluid penetration through the solid boundaries.
- **Cylinder surface:** The solid body is represented through a logical mask that cancels the density values within the solid, thus preventing flow inside the cylinder. For the static case, the streamfunction remains constant along the cylinder surface. In the rotating cases, an internal correction factor is applied to the streamfunction to simulate the rotational motion:

$$\psi_{\text{body}} = \left(\frac{\psi_{\text{bottom}} + \psi_{\text{top}}}{2} \right) \cdot \text{factor} \quad (2.2.2)$$

where the factor is 0.5 for clockwise rotation and 1.5 for counter-clockwise rotation. This adjustment introduces circulation in the corresponding direction, breaking the flow symmetry and reproducing the rotational influence.



2.3 Velocity Field Calculation (Mass flow)

Once the streamfunction field has converged, the velocity components are obtained from spatial derivatives of ψ . In the code, the velocities are computed at the faces of each control volume using centered finite differences:

$$u_N = \rho_N \frac{\psi_{i,j+1} - \psi_{i,j}}{\Delta y_N}, \quad u_S = \rho_S \frac{\psi_{i,j} - \psi_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y_S} \quad (2.3.1)$$

$$v_E = \rho_E \frac{\psi_{i,j} - \psi_{i+1,j}}{\Delta x_E}, \quad v_W = \rho_W \frac{\psi_{i-1,j} - \psi_{i,j}}{\Delta x_W} \quad (2.3.2)$$

The cell-centered velocities are computed by averaging the opposite face values:

$$u_P = \frac{u_N + u_S}{2}, \quad v_P = \frac{v_E + v_W}{2} \quad (2.3.3)$$

and the velocity magnitude is given by:

$$V_P = \sqrt{u_P^2 + v_P^2} \quad (2.3.4)$$

This procedure allows reconstructing the complete velocity field, enabling the analysis of flow patterns and the influence of cylinder rotation on the overall distribution.

2.4 Pressure and Temperature Field Calculation

The pressure field is derived from the energy balance of the flow. Under the inviscid and isentropic assumptions, the local temperature is computed from a simplified Bernoulli relation:

$$T_P = T_0 + \frac{V_\infty^2 - V_P^2}{2c_p} \quad (2.4.1)$$

and the pressure is obtained using the isentropic relation between pressure and temperature:

$$P_P = P_0 \left(\frac{T_P}{T_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \quad (2.4.2)$$



These expressions allow the estimation of pressure and temperature distributions without solving the full energy equation, capturing the variations caused by the rotational motion and the corresponding circulation around the body.

2.5 Aerodynamic Forces and Circulation Calculation

The aerodynamic forces on the cylinder are evaluated by integrating the pressure distribution around the solid surface. In the code, the drag and lift forces per unit span are computed as:

$$D' = \sum (-P_{i+1,j} + P_{i-1,j}) \Delta y, \quad L' = \sum (-P_{i,j+1} + P_{i,j-1}) \Delta x \quad (2.5.1)$$

Thus, the drag and the lift are obtained directly from the pressure differences along the streamwise direction.

The total circulation around the cylinder is obtained by summing the tangential velocity contributions along the cells adjacent to the solid boundary:

$$\Gamma = \sum (\tau_N + \tau_S + \tau_E + \tau_W) \quad (2.5.2)$$

where each τ term represents the tangential flux through a given face. This quantity is essential for quantifying the effect of rotation on the lift force and validating the consistency of the numerical model.

In summary, the implemented methodology provides an accurate representation of the potential flow behavior around a rotating cylinder.



3 Code Structure

The numerical code developed for this project was entirely implemented in **MATLAB**, following a modular and well-documented structure that facilitates both interpretation and modification. It is designed to simulate the **two-dimensional potential flow** around a circular cylinder under both static and rotational conditions, using a numerical formulation based on the *streamfunction*.

The program is divided into five main blocks:

1. Initialization of physical and numerical parameters,
2. Computation of flow properties and discrete coefficients,
3. Iterative resolution using the Gauss–Seidel method,
4. Post-processing of physical magnitudes,
5. Graphical representation and output of results.

Each block performs a specific task while maintaining consistency between the physical, geometric, and numerical variables, ensuring a logical computational flow and a clear interpretation of the results.

3.1 Initialization and Grid Generation

In the first section, the **physical parameters** of the problem are defined, including the channel dimensions (L, H) , cylinder diameter (D) , and flow properties $(V_\infty, P_\infty, T_\infty, \rho_\infty, c_p, \gamma)$. The **numerical parameters** are also set, such as the number of control volumes (N, M) and the corresponding cell size $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$.

Matrices are initialized to store the main field variables: the streamfunction ψ , pressure P , temperature T , density ρ , and velocity components u and v . To properly handle boundary conditions, all arrays include two layers of **ghost cells**, which simplify the application of Dirichlet and Neumann conditions without affecting interior nodes.

The geometry of the cylinder is represented using a **logical mask** that identifies solid cells within the computational domain. Each node satisfying $(x - L/2)^2 + (y - H/2)^2 \leq (D/2)^2$ is marked as solid, and its density is set to zero. This approach avoids complex body-fitted meshes and maintains a simple Cartesian grid structure.



3.2 Computation of Discrete Coefficients

Once the grid is defined, the code computes the **discretization coefficients** of the streamfunction equation. The coefficients a_E , a_W , a_N , and a_S are obtained from the face densities and the geometric distances between nodes, while the central coefficient is given by:

$$a_P = a_E + a_W + a_N + a_S$$

The face densities ($\rho_E, \rho_W, \rho_N, \rho_S$) are computed using the **harmonic mean** between adjacent cells, improving numerical stability and ensuring smooth transitions. In solid regions, all density values are set to zero to prevent any mass flux through the body surface. Coefficients are also updated in ghost layers to ensure consistent boundary conditions throughout the computational domain.

3.3 Iterative Resolution (Gauss–Seidel Solver)

The core of the program is an iterative loop that applies the **Gauss–Seidel method** to solve the discretized streamfunction equation. At each iteration, the boundary conditions are enforced, and ψ is updated in all fluid cells according to the finite difference expressions.

Cells inside the cylinder are assigned a fixed value of ψ based on a **rotation factor** that simulates solid-body motion. Three configurations are considered:

- Case 1: static cylinder (factor = 1),
- Case 2: clockwise rotation (factor = 0.5),
- Case 3: counter-clockwise rotation (factor = 1.5).

This approach introduces controlled circulation into the flow while maintaining the same mesh and discretization scheme. At each iteration, the face velocities are computed from the spatial derivatives of ψ , and the thermodynamic variables (pressure and temperature) are updated using Bernoulli and isentropic relations. The iterative process continues until convergence or until the maximum number of iterations is reached.

3.4 Post-Processing and Physical Quantities

After convergence, the post-processing stage extracts the main physical quantities of interest. Velocity components are combined to obtain the magnitude field, and from this, the local pressure and temperature are derived.



The total **circulation** Γ is evaluated as the sum of tangential velocity contributions at the solid boundary. The aerodynamic forces acting on the cylinder are then calculated as:

$$D' = \sum (-P_{i+1,j} + P_{i-1,j}) \Delta y, \quad L' = \sum (-P_{i,j+1} + P_{i,j-1}) \Delta x$$

The **drag** and the **lift** are obtained by pressure integration.

3.5 Visualization and Output

Finally, the code generates several **graphical outputs** that display:

- Streamlines,
- Pressure distribution,
- Temperature distribution.

Each figure shows the entire domain and the cylinder outline, using color maps and filled contour plots to clearly represent the flow behavior. Additionally, the MATLAB console outputs the final values of circulation, drag and lift providing a concise summary of the simulation results.

The modular design of the code, together with the clear separation between computation and visualization, makes it easily extensible to more complex geometries or flow conditions, while maintaining transparency and numerical stability.

4 Results and Code Verification

4.1 Streamlines

First, the streamlines obtained for the three studied cases are analyzed: the static cylinder (Fig. 1), the clockwise rotating cylinder (Fig. 2), and the counter-clockwise rotating cylinder (Fig. 3).

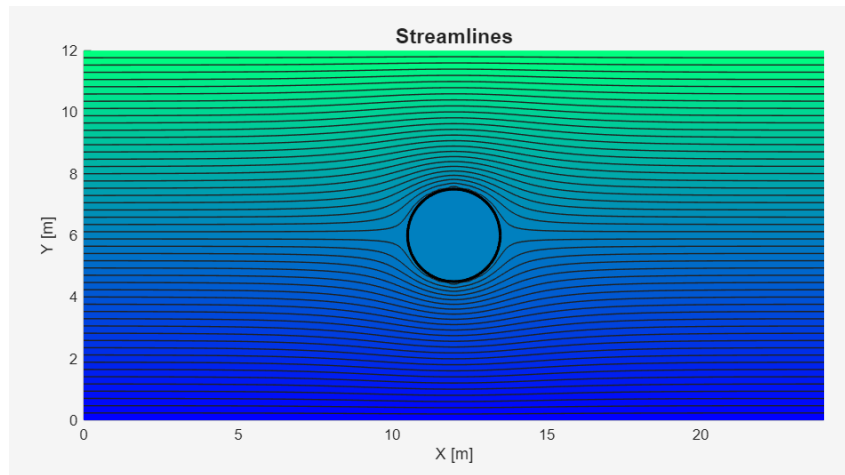


Figure 1: Streamlines static case.

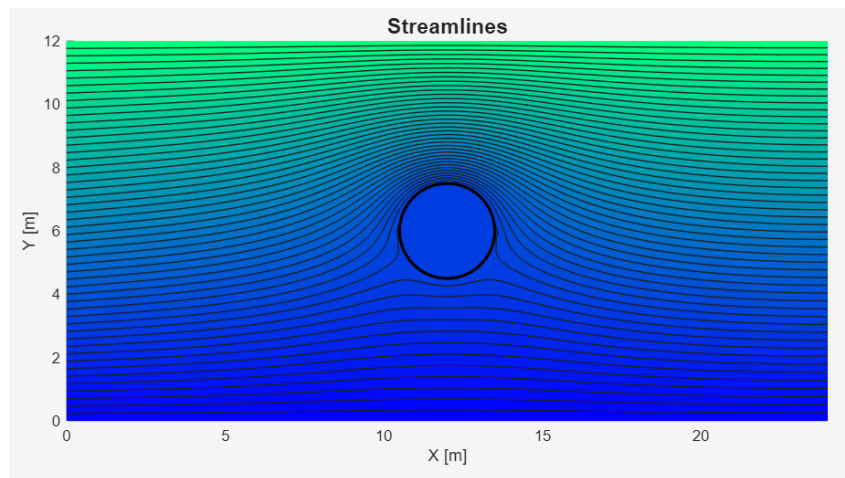


Figure 2: Streamlines clockwise case.

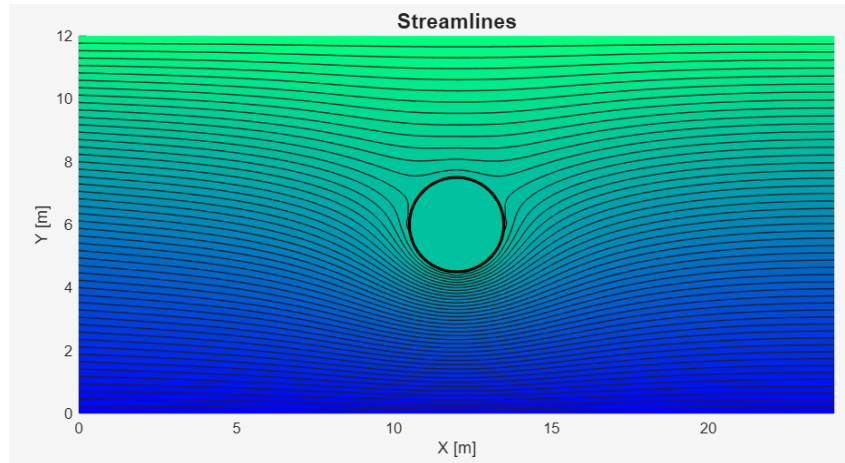


Figure 3: Streamlines counter-clockwise case.

In the **static case**, the streamlines show a perfectly symmetric distribution with respect to the horizontal axis passing through the cylinder's center. The flow splits evenly between the upper and lower sides, with no indication of circulation or net lift. This result is consistent with the theory of ideal potential flow, where a symmetric body without rotation experiences no lift or drag force (d'Alembert's paradox).

In the **clockwise case**, the streamlines are deflected towards the lower part of the cylinder, indicating higher velocity over the upper surface and lower velocity underneath. This asymmetry produces a pressure decrease in the upper region and consequently a downward lift force, as expected for positive circulation according to the adopted convention.

Conversely, in the **counter-clockwise case**, the streamlines rise above the upper side of the cylinder, showing an opposite deflection. Here, the pressure decreases below the cylinder and increases above it, producing a negative lift, consistent with the negative circulation generated by the opposite rotation.

The comparison of the three streamline patterns demonstrates that the code correctly reproduces the expected physical effects: symmetry for the static case and antisymmetric behavior when reversing the rotation direction. This provides visual confirmation of the validity of the numerical model and the correct implementation of the boundary conditions.

4.2 Aerodynamic Parameters

The numerical results collected in Table 4.2.1 reinforce the previous observations.

	Circulation	Drag	Lift
Static	0	0	0
Clockwise	65.45	-2.9	848.27
Counter-clockwise	-65.46	-2.75	-848.45

Table 4.2.1: Aerodynamic Parameters.

In the static configuration, the values of circulation, lift, and drag are practically zero, confirming the accurate resolution of the potential field.

In the clockwise case, a positive circulation and lift are obtained, consistent with the downward deflection of the streamlines and the pressure difference between the upper and lower sides of the cylinder.

In contrast, the counter-clockwise case produces negative circulation and also negative lift, confirming that the numerical model preserves the physical symmetry between both rotation directions. In all scenarios, the drag values remain small, as expected for an inviscid model.

These results confirm that the code solves the potential flow equations in a stable and coherent way, accurately reproducing the theoretical relationships between circulation, pressure, and aerodynamic forces.

4.3 Pressure and Temperature Distribution

The pressure distribution around the cylinder further supports the conclusions above:

- In the static case (Fig. 4), the pressure field is symmetric, with two low-pressure zones located at the upper and lower stagnation points.
- In the clockwise case (Fig. 5), the pressure significantly decreases over the upper region of the cylinder, generating a downward lift force.
- In the counter-clockwise case (Fig. 6), the lowest pressure occurs below the cylinder, reversing the lift direction compared to the previous configuration.

Regarding the temperature field, for both the clockwise (Fig. 8) and counter-clockwise (Fig. 9) cases, the region of minimum temperature spatially coincides with the area of minimum pressure, in accordance with the thermodynamic relationship between static pressure and the kinetic energy of the flow. For the static case (Fig. 7), the temperature field is symmetric with two low-temperature zones located at the upper and lower stagnation points.

Overall, both the visual and numerical results confirm that the developed code is correctly implemented and physically consistent, successfully reproducing the theoretical behavior of potential flow around a cylinder in both static and rotating conditions.

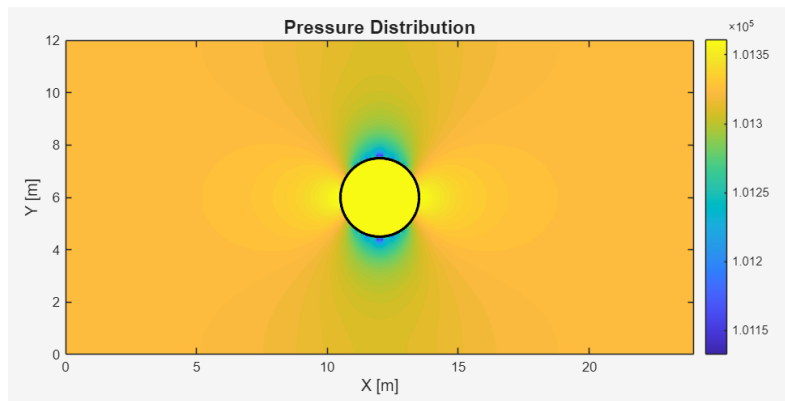


Figure 4: Pressure distribution static case.

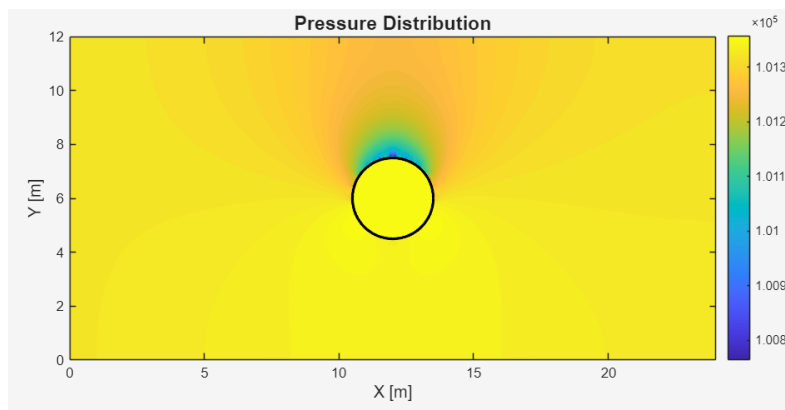


Figure 5: Pressure distribution clockwise case.

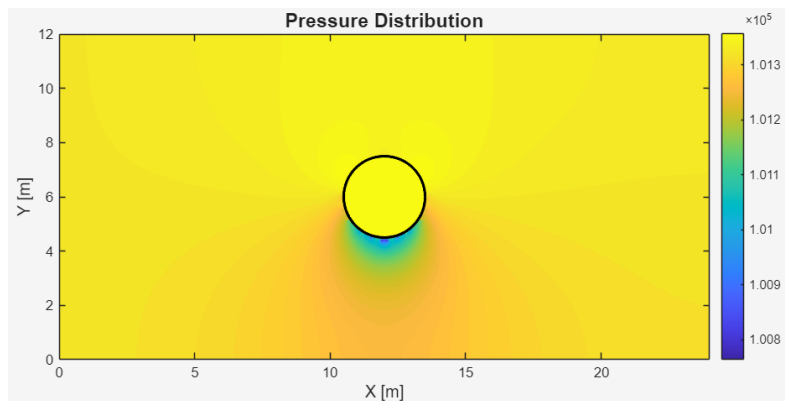


Figure 6: Pressure distribution counter-clockwise case.

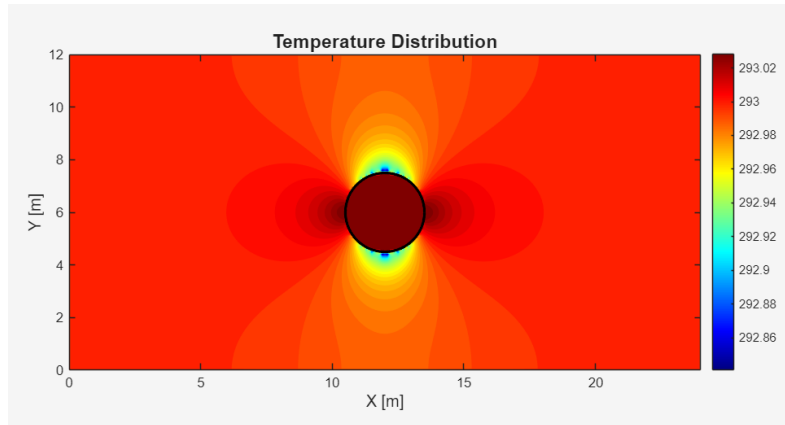


Figure 7: Temperature distribution static case.

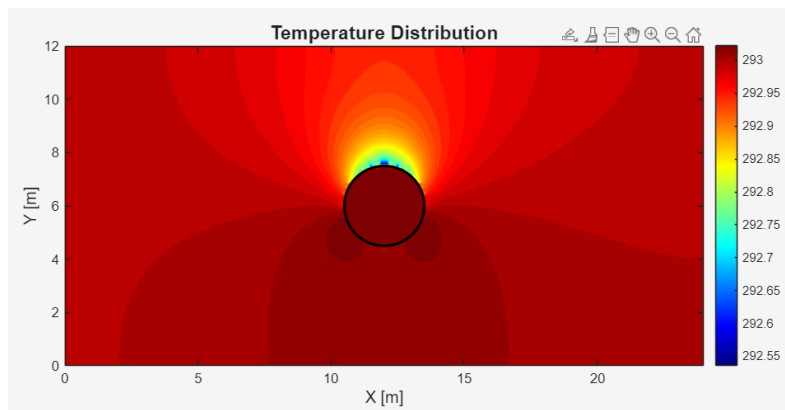


Figure 8: Temperature distribution clockwise case.

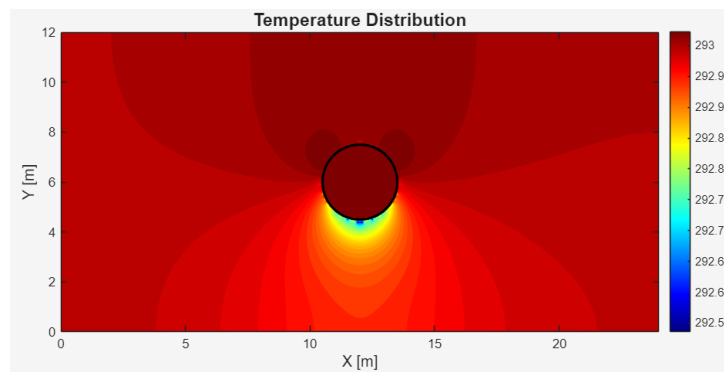


Figure 9: Temperature distribution counter-clockwise case.



A Appendix

Matlab code used:

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1 clc;
2 clear;
3 close all;
4
5 %% ASSIGNMENT 1: Víctor González Martínez
6 %% ESEIAAT MSc in Space and Aeronautical Engineering
7
8 % Problem geometry and reference flow properties
9 L = 24; % Channel length [m]
10 H = 12; % Channel height [m]
11 D = 3; % Cylinder diameter [m]
12 V_in = 8; % Inlet (free-stream) velocity [m/s]
13 P_in = 101325; % Reference pressure (used as initial/isentropic base)
    % [Pa]
14 T_in = 293; % Reference temperature (initial/static) [K]
15 rho_in = 1.20; % Reference density [kg/m^3]
16 cp = 1006; % Specific heat at constant pressure [J/kg·K]
17 R = 287; % Gas constant for air [J/kg·K]
18 gammaAir = 1.4; % Heat capacity ratio (air)
19
20 % Grid resolution and solver controls
21 N = 241; % Number of control volumes in X
22 M = 121; % Number of control volumes in Y
23 n_it = 20000; % Number of Gauss-Seidel iterations for psi
24 dx = L/N; % Cell size in X
25 dy = H/M; % Cell size in Y
26
27 % Case selector for cylinder state (affects psi inside solid)
28 case_selector = 1; % 1 (Static); 2 (Clockwise rotation); 3 (Counter clockwise
    % rotation)
29
30 % Utility arrays: preallocation prevents dynamic resizing inside loops
31 mat0_NM = zeros(N, M); % Zero matrix for interior-coefficient storage
32 mat0_NM2 = zeros(N+2, M+2); % Zero matrix with 1-cell ghost layer
33 mat1_NM2 = ones(N+2, M+2); % Ones matrix with ghost layer
34 vect0_N2 = zeros(N+2, 1); % Zero column vector (N+2)
35 vect0_M2 = zeros(1, M+2); % Zero row vector (M+2)
36
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37 % Primary fields and coefficient storage (on extended grid with ghosts)
38 psi = mat0_NM2; % Streamfunction unknown (solved by
↪ Gauss{Seidel})
39 a_p = mat0_NM2; % Central coefficient of discretized
↪ psi-equation
40 b_p = mat0_NM2; % Source term (here initialized to zero)
41 psi_0 = mat0_NM2; % Previous-iteration psi (initial guess = zeros)
42 T_p = mat0_NM2; % Temperature field (post-processed from velocity
↪ magnitude)
43 P_p = mat0_NM2; % Pressure field (from isentropic relation using
↪ T)
44 celltype = mat1_NM2; % Domain mask: 1 = fluid cell, 0 = solid
↪ (cylinder)
45
46 [a_w, a_s, a_e, a_n] = deal(mat0_NM); % Discrete stencil coefficients W/S/E/N
↪ (interior size)
47
48 % Half distances (center-to-face) used in harmonic averaging
49 [d_Pw, d_Pe] = deal(vect0_N2); % Distances in X to West/East faces per i
50 [d_Pn, d_Ps] = deal(vect0_M2); % Distances in Y to North/South faces per j
51
52 % Initial thermodynamic fields (uniform)
53 rho = mat1_NM2 * rho_in; % Density field (uniform initialization)
54 T = mat1_NM2 * T_in; % Temperature field (uniform)
55 P = mat1_NM2 * P_in; % Pressure field (uniform)
56 T_0 = T; % Save base T for post-processing
↪ (Bernoulli-like)
57 P_0 = P; % Save base P for isentropic relation
58
59 % Face densities (to be filled via harmonic mean)
60 [rho_w, rho_n, rho_s, rho_e] = deal(mat1_NM2); % W/N/S/E face densities
61
62 % Face mass-flux velocities from psi (u and v on faces)
63 [uN, vE, uS, vW] = deal(mat0_NM2); % u on N/S, v on E/W faces
64
65 % Circulation contributions on faces adjacent to the body
66 [tauN, tauE, tauS, tauW] = deal(mat0_NM2);
67
68
69 % GRID GENERATION (uniform)
70 i = linspace(0, N-1, N); % Cell-center index array in X
71 j = linspace(0, M-1, M); % Cell-center index array in Y
72
73 xC = (i + 0.5) * dx; % Cell-center coordinates in X
74 yC = (j + 0.5) * dy; % Cell-center coordinates in Y
75
76 xEdge = [0, xC, L]; % Cell-edge coordinates in X (including domain edges)
77 yEdge = [0, yC, H]; % Cell-edge coordinates in Y (including domain edges)
78
79 % CYLINDER MASK (type_cell)
80 % Marks as solid (0) those indices whose (x,y) fall inside the cylinder.
81 for i = 1:N+2

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82     for j = 1:M+2
83         x = xEdge(1,i);           % Using edge-based coordinates to build
            ↪ mask
84         y = yEdge(1,j);
85         if (x - L/2)^2 + (y - H/2)^2 <= (D/2)^2
86             celltype(i,j) = 0;    % 0 => solid cell
87             rho(i,j) = 0;         % Remove density in solid (no flow)
88         end
89     end
90 end
91
92 psi(:, :) = psi_0; % Initialize psi with initial guess (zeros)
93
94 % GEOMETRIC HALF-DISTANCES (center-to-face)
95 % These distances are used to compute harmonic-mean face properties.
96 for i = 1:N+2
97     for j = 1:M+2
98         % Y-direction distances (North/South)
99         if j <= M+1
100             d_Pn(1,j) = yEdge(1,j+1) - yEdge(1,j); % full spacing to the
                ↪ North edge
101             d_Pn(1,j) = d_Pn(1,j) / 2;             % half distance (center ->
                ↪ N face)
102             d_Nn(1,j) = d_Pn(1,j);                 % alias for clarity
103         end
104         if j >= 2
105             d_Ps(1,j) = yEdge(1,j) - yEdge(1,j-1); % full spacing to the
                ↪ South edge
106             d_Ps(1,j) = d_Ps(1,j) / 2;             % half distance (center ->
                ↪ S face)
107             d_Ss(1,j) = d_Ps(1,j);
108         end
109         % X-direction distances (East/West)
110         if i <= N+1
111             d_Pe(i,1) = xEdge(1,i+1) - xEdge(1,i); % full spacing to the East
                ↪ edge
112             d_Pe(i,1) = d_Pe(i,1) / 2;             % half distance (center ->
                ↪ E face)
113             d_Ee(i,1) = d_Pe(i,1);
114         end
115         if i >= 2
116             d_Pw(i,1) = xEdge(1,i) - xEdge(1,i-1); % full spacing to the West
                ↪ edge
117             d_Pw(i,1) = d_Pw(i,1) / 2;             % half distance (center ->
                ↪ W face)
118             d_Ww(i,1) = d_Pw(i,1);
119         end
120     end
121 end
122
123 % HARMONIC-MEAN FACE DENSITIES AND COEFFICIENTS
124 % Use harmonic averaging for face densities (robust for diffusive operators).

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125 for i = 2:N+1
126     for j = 2:M+1
127         if (celltype(i,j) == 1) % fluid cell
128             % Face densities via harmonic mean in each direction
129             rho_n(i,j) = d_Pn(1,j) / ( rho(i,j+1)*d_Nn(1,j)/rho_in +
130                 ⇨ rho(i,j)*d_Pn(1,j)/rho_in );
131             rho_s(i,j) = d_Ps(1,j) / ( rho(i,j-1)*d_Ss(1,j)/rho_in +
132                 ⇨ rho(i,j)*d_Ps(1,j)/rho_in );
133             rho_e(i,j) = d_Pe(i,1) / ( rho(i+1,j)*d_Ee(i,1)/rho_in +
134                 ⇨ rho(i,j)*d_Pe(i,1)/rho_in );
135             rho_w(i,j) = d_Pw(i,1) / ( rho(i-1,j)*d_Ww(i,1)/rho_in +
136                 ⇨ rho(i,j)*d_Pw(i,1)/rho_in );
137         else
138             % In solids, set face densities to zero to suppress updates/fluxes
139             rho_n(i,j) = 0;
140             rho_s(i,j) = 0;
141             rho_e(i,j) = 0;
142             rho_w(i,j) = 0;
143         end
144
145         % Discrete coefficients for psi (Poisson/Laplace-like operator)
146         % a_* ~ (face property) * (face area) / (distance to neighbor)
147         a_n(i-1,j-1) = rho_n(i,j) * (dx) / d_Pn(1,j);
148         a_s(i-1,j-1) = rho_s(i,j) * (dx) / d_Ps(1,j);
149         a_e(i-1,j-1) = rho_e(i,j) * (dy) / d_Pe(i,1);
150         a_w(i-1,j-1) = rho_w(i,j) * (dy) / d_Pw(i,1);
151
152         % Central coefficient as sum of neighbor contributions (no source term
153         ⇨ here)
154         a_p(i,j) = a_w(i-1,j-1) + a_s(i-1,j-1) + a_e(i-1,j-1) + a_n(i-1,j-1);
155     end
156 end
157
158 % Boundary/ghost layers: set a_p = 1 to stabilize/anchor Dirichlet-like psi
159 ⇨ BCs
160 a_p([1, N+2], :) = 1;
161 a_p(:, [1, M+2]) = 1;
162
163 % Helper to mirror/copy face densities into ghost layers (keeps stencils
164 ⇨ consistent)
165 updateDensity = @(rho, idx, jdx) rho(idx, jdx);
166
167 % West/East ghost updates for rho_w
168 for j = 1:M+2
169     rho_w(1,j) = updateDensity(rho_w, 2, j); % West ghost <- interior
170     rho_w(N+2,j) = updateDensity(rho_w, N+1, j); % East ghost <- interior
171 end
172
173 % South/North ghost updates for rho_s
174 for i = 1:N+2
175     rho_s(i,1) = updateDensity(rho_s, i, 2); % South ghost <-
176     ⇨ interior

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169     rho_s(i,M+2) = updateDensity(rho_s, i, M+1);           % North ghost <-
        ↪ interior
170 end
171
172 % Ghost updates for rho_n
173 for j = 1:M+2
174     rho_n(1,j) = updateDensity(rho_n, 2, j);
175     rho_n(N+2,j) = updateDensity(rho_n, N+1, j);
176 end
177
178 % Ghost updates for rho_e
179 for i = 1:N+2
180     rho_e(i,1) = updateDensity(rho_e, i, 2);
181     rho_e(i,M+2) = updateDensity(rho_e, i, M+1);
182 end
183
184 % GAUSS{SEIDEL SOLVER (psi)
185 iteration = 1;
186
187 while iteration <= n_it
188     % Apply streamfunction boundary conditions on ghost layers
189     j = 2:M+1;
190     psi(:, 1) = 0; % Left boundary reference (psi = 0)
191     psi(N+2, :) = psi(N+1, :); % Right boundary: zero-gradient (Neumann)
192     psi(1, j) = V_in * yEdge(1,j); % Bottom: uniform inflow, psi = V * y
193     psi(:, M+2) = V_in * H; % Top: psi constant at V*H
194
195     % Gauss{Seidel sweep over interior cells
196     for i = 2:N+1
197         for j = 2:M+1
198             if celltype(i, j) == 1
199                 % Discrete equation: sum(a_nb * psi_nb) + b_p = a_p * psi_P
200                 psi(i, j) = ( a_e(i-1, j-1) * psi(i+1, j) + ...
201                             a_w(i-1, j-1) * psi(i-1, j) + ...
202                             a_n(i-1, j-1) * psi(i, j+1) + ...
203                             a_s(i-1, j-1) * psi(i, j-1) + ...
204                             b_p(i, j) ) / a_p(i, j);
205             else
206                 % Inside the solid: prescribe psi using a 'factor' to emulate
207                 ↪ rotation
208                 if case_selector == 1
209                     factor = 1; % Static
210                 elseif case_selector == 2
211                     factor = 0.5; % Clockwise rotation
212                 elseif case_selector == 3
213                     factor = 1.5; % Counter-clockwise rotation
214                 end
215                 % Here psi is set based on average of bottom/top boundaries,
216                 ↪ scaled by factor
217                 psi(i, j) = ( (psi(i, 1) + psi(i, M+2)) / 2 ) * factor;
218             end
219         end
220     end
221 end

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218     end
219
220     % FACE VELOCITIES FROM STREAMFUNCTION (u,v)
221     % Using  $u \sim d(\psi)/dy$  and  $v \sim -d(\psi)/dx$  (scaled by face densities here).
222     for i = 1:N+2
223         for j = 1:M+2
224             % North face u-component (forward difference in y)
225             if j < M+2
226                 uN(i, j) = rho_n(i, j) * (psi(i, j+1) - psi(i, j)) / d_Pn(1,
227                     ↪ j);
228             end
229             % South face u-component (backward difference in y)
230             if j > 1
231                 uS(i, j) = rho_s(i, j) * (psi(i, j) - psi(i, j-1)) / d_Ps(1,
232                     ↪ j);
233             end
234             % East face v-component (backward difference in x with sign)
235             if i < N+2
236                 vE(i, j) = rho_e(i, j) * (psi(i, j) - psi(i+1, j)) / d_Pe(i,
237                     ↪ 1);
238             end
239             % West face v-component (forward difference in x with sign)
240             if i > 1
241                 vW(i, j) = rho_w(i, j) * (psi(i-1, j) - psi(i, j)) / d_Pw(i,
242                     ↪ 1);
243             end
244         end
245     end
246
247     % CELL-CENTER VELOCITIES, TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE (post-proc)
248     for i = 1:N+2
249         for j = 1:M+2
250             % Approximate cell-center u and v by averaging face values
251             Vx_P(i, j) = (uN(i, j) + uS(i, j)) / 2;
252             Vx_P(i, 1) = V_in; % enforce inlet-like value on bottom ghost
253             Vx_P(i, M+2) = V_in; % enforce on top ghost
254             Vy_P(i, j) = (vE(i, j) + vW(i, j)) / 2;
255
256             V_P(i, j) = sqrt(Vx_P(i, j)^2 + Vy_P(i, j)^2); % speed magnitude
257
258             % Temperature from a Bernoulli-like exchange:  $T + V^2/(2cp) =$ 
259             ↪ const
260             T_p(i, j) = T_0(i, j) + (V_in^2 - V_P(i, j)^2) / (2 * cp);
261
262             % Pressure from isentropic relation using T (valid at low Mach)
263             P_p(i, j) = P_0(i, j) * ( T_p(i, j) / T_0(i, j) )^( gammaAir /
264                 ↪ (gammaAir - 1) );
265         end
266     end
267
268     % Prepare for next iteration (psi already updated in-place)

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263     psi_0 = psi; % keep last psi as reference (not strictly needed in current
        ↪ scheme)
264     T = T_p;      % update state copies (for clarity)
265     P = P_p;
266     iteration = iteration + 1;
267 end
268
269 % CIRCULATION (line integral)
270 % Accumulate contributions only for faces that are adjacent to the solid.
271 for i = 2:N+1
272     for j = 2:M+1
273         if celltype(i,j-1) == 0
274             % Solid just south: use north-face contribution (+)
275             tauN(i,j) = uN(i,j) * (xEdge(1,i+1) - xEdge(1,i));
276         elseif celltype(i,j+1) == 0
277             % Solid just north: use south-face contribution with (-)
278             tauS(i,j) = -uS(i,j) * (xEdge(1,i) - xEdge(1,i-1));
279         elseif celltype(i-1,j) == 0
280             % Solid just west: use east-face (v) with (-)
281             tauE(i,j) = -vE(i,j) * (yEdge(1,j+1) - yEdge(1,j));
282         elseif celltype(i+1,j) == 0
283             % Solid just east: use west-face (v) with (+)
284             tauW(i,j) = vW(i,j) * (yEdge(1,j) - yEdge(1,j-1));
285         else
286             % Not adjacent to solid: no contribution
287             tauN(i,j) = 0;
288             tauS(i,j) = 0;
289             tauW(i,j) = 0;
290             tauE(i,j) = 0;
291         end
292     end
293 end
294 i = 1:N+2;
295 j = 1:M+2;
296 Tau(i,j) = tauN(i,j) + tauS(i,j) + tauE(i,j) + tauW(i,j); % local sum of edge
        ↪ terms
297 Circulation = sum(Tau(:)); % total circulation
298
299 % DRAG
300 % Pressure integration proxy along body surface (finite differences in x).
301 drag = zeros(N+2, M+2);
302 for i = 1:N+2
303     for j = 1:M+2
304         if celltype(i,j) == 0
305             % East-West pressure difference times face length (delta_Y)
306             drag(i,j) = -P_p(i+1,j)*dy + P_p(i-1,j)*dy;
307         end
308     end
309 end
310 Drag = sum(drag(:)); % Net drag per unit span [N/m]
311
312 % LIFT

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313 % Pressure integration proxy along body surface (finite differences in y).
314 lift = zeros(N+2, M+2);
315 for i = 1:N+2
316     for j = 1:M+2
317         if celltype(i,j) == 0
318             % North-South pressure difference times face length (delta_X)
319             lift(i,j) = -P_p(i,j+1)*dx + P_p(i,j-1)*dx;
320         end
321     end
322 end
323 Lift = sum(lift(:)); % Net lift per unit span [N/m]
324
325 % OUTPUTS
326 fprintf('RESULTS: ');
327 fprintf('Circulation: %.6e [m^2/s]\n', Circulation);
328 fprintf('Drag: %.6e [N/m]\n', Drag);
329 fprintf('Lift: %.6e [N/m]\n', Lift);
330
331 % FIGURES / VISUALIZATION
332 [a, b] = meshgrid(yEdge, xEdge); % Note: 'b' -> X, 'a' -> Y (ordering matches
    ↪ fields)
333 alpha = 0 : 0.01 : 2*pi; % Angle parameter for cylinder outline
334 X_plot = (D/2) * cos(alpha) + L / 2;
335 Y_plot = (D/2) * sin(alpha) + H / 2;
336
337 % PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION
338 figure(1);
339 contourf(b, a, P_p, 80, 'LineColor', 'none'); % Filled pressure contours
340 colormap("parula");
341 colorbar;
342 hold on;
343 plot(X_plot, Y_plot, 'k', 'LineWidth', 2); % Cylinder outline
344 axis equal;
345 xlim([0, L]);
346 ylim([0, H]);
347 xlabel('X [m]', 'FontSize', 12);
348 ylabel('Y [m]', 'FontSize', 12);
349 title('Pressure Distribution', 'FontSize', 14);
350 hold off;
351
352 % TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION
353 figure(2);
354 contourf(b, a, T_p, 50, 'LineColor', 'none'); % Filled temperature contours
355 colormap("jet");
356 colorbar;
357 hold on;
358 plot(X_plot, Y_plot, 'k', 'LineWidth', 2);
359 axis equal;
360 xlim([0, L]);
361 ylim([0, H]);
362 xlabel('X [m]', 'FontSize', 12);
363 ylabel('Y [m]', 'FontSize', 12);

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364 title('Temperature Distribution', 'FontSize', 14);
365 hold off;
366
367 % STREAMLINES
368 figure(3);
369 hold on;
370 contourf(b, a, psi, 50);           % Filled contours of streamfunction
371 colormap("winter");
372 xlabel ('X [m]');
373 ylabel ('Y [m]');
374 axis equal;
375 xlim([0,L]);
376 ylim([0,H]);
377 plot(X_plot, Y_plot, 'k', 'LineWidth', 2);
378 title('Streamlines', 'FontSize', 14);
379 hold off;
380
381 toc; % Elapsed time

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