# NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF DYNAMIC STALL

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### Proposal

- To study the **Dynamic Stalling** of rotor blade cross-sections
- Unsteady Aerodynamics:
  - Time varying angle of attack and free-stream velocities.
  - Affects the lift, drag and pitching moment of the rotor
- Numerical Simulation:
  - Solution of the Navier Stokes equations with an appropriate turbulence model
  - "First Step" → Solve the Euler Equations (inviscid aerodynamics)

#### Introduction

• Airfoil:

Wing / Rotor cross section – basic 2D lifting surface

- Lift and Drag are functions of angle of attack, free-stream fluid velocity and shape of the airfoil
- Higher velocities on upper surface create pressure difference resulting in aerodynamic forces
- Inviscid flow over airfoil → only pressure forces, no shear stresses on the surface
  - Inviscid drag less than actual drag

#### Inviscid Compressible Aerodynamics

- Governing Equations: Euler Equations
  - Conservation of Mass, Momentum and Energy
- Obtained from the Navier Stokes equations by neglecting viscosity and heat conduction
- Importance: (High Speed Flows)
  - Flow around any solid body = viscous "boundary layer" + outer flow
  - Flow away from the surface can be approximated as inviscid flow (negligible cross-derivatives of fluid velocity)

#### Finite Volume (FV) Formulation

Discretizations based the Integral form of the governing equation

$$\int_{V} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} dV + \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS = 0$$

- Also called as "Conservation form" since u is a conserved variable
- Does not assume smooth solutions (unlike differential form)
  - → More appropriate for hyperbolic systems with discontinuous solutions

#### **Governing Equations**

Conservation form of the Euler Equations

 $\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \mathbf{F} = 0; \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u})\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u})\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ E \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ \rho uv \\ \rho uv \\ (E+p)u \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho uv \\ \rho v^2 + p \\ (E+p)v \end{bmatrix}$ 

ρ - Density, (u, v) - Velocity components,p - Pressure, E - Internal Energy

Equ

Lation of State 
$$E = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2}\rho(u^2 + v^2)$$

#### **Numerical Scheme**

Semi-discrete equation using the FV formulation:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_{ij}}{dt} + \sum_{faces} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS = 0 \Longrightarrow \frac{d\mathbf{u}_{ij}}{dt} = \mathbf{Res}(i, j)$$

Flux Computation normal to cell interfaces

Upwinded to account for wave nature of the solution

Essentially Non Oscillatory Schemes (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> order)

Time Marching using Total Variation Diminishing Runge Kutta (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> order) schemes

## Validation

- D Riemann Problems on Cartesian grids
  - Discontinuous initial data on a square domain
  - Unsteady problems
- Mach 2.9 Oblique Shock Reflection problem
  - Oblique shock wave at 30° reflects off a flat wall
- Supersonic flow on 15° compression ramp
  - Compression ramp causes an oblique shock followed by an expansion
- Inviscid flow around the NACA0012 airfoil
  - Subsonic and Transonic cases studied and validated
  - Results validated with UM TURNS code
    - developed and used by the Rotorcraft Center
    - Implicit time stepping with MUSCL-type reconstruction

## **2D Riemann Problems**



## **Oblique Shock Reflection**



#### **Oblique Shock Pressure Contours and Streamlines**

**Exact Solution obtained through Oblique Shock relations** 



3<sup>rd</sup> order ENO + 3<sup>rd</sup> order TVD Runge Kutta

Mach 2.9 Inflow

### **Flow through Compression Ramp**



Mach 3.3 Inflow



Compression Ramp Pressure Contours and Streamlines Solution validated with exact solution obtained from oblique shock relations and Prandtl-Myer expansion fan relations



### **Airfoil Computations - Domain**



C-Type Structured Mesh with outside boundary 20 chords away

Freestream boundary conditions on outer boundary

Magnified view of mesh around airfoil (unit chord)



#### Curved Wall Boundary Conditions at Airfoil Surface

## NACA0012 Subsonic

- Coefficient of Pressure

$$C_p = \frac{p - p_{\infty}}{\rho_{\infty} u_{\infty}^2/2}$$

- Results validated with TURNS code

Higher order schemes capture suction peak better than 1<sup>st</sup> order

NACA 0012 - Mach 0.63, Angle of Attack 2 degrees





Pressure and streamlines around the airfoil at Mach 0.63 and 2 degrees angle of attack

## NACA0012 Transonic



Pressure and streamlines around the airfoil at Mach 0.85 and 1 degrees angle of attack **Results validated with TURNS code** 

Higher order schemes show better shock resolution than 1<sup>st</sup> order



## Conclusions

- D Euler code validated for various cases
- Next steps:
  - Incorporating viscosity terms in the code to make in a Navier Stokes solver
  - Validation of the Navier Stokes solver on 2D problems (Cartesian and non Cartesian)
  - Incorporating a turbulence model
- □ Timeline → Running slightly late but will make up
  - Finished with building and validating 2D Euler code
  - Started reading up on solution to Navier Stokes equations
  - Have coded in the viscous terms for the Navier Stokes solver (will start validating soon)

