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SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS IN COMPUTATIONAL AERODYNAMICS

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PREDICTION ACCURACY OF MCAERO

CONVENTIONAL ANALYSIS MODE

6.4° ANGLE-OF-ATTACK MACH 0.50



YAV-8B Surface Panel Modeling







Objective

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• Subsonic Inviscid Analysis of Multiple Geometry Perturbations at Small Additional Cost

Approach

• Precalculated Baseline Matrix of Potential Derivatives $\left\{ \frac{\partial \phi i}{\partial \phi i}, \frac{\partial \phi i}{\partial \phi i} \right\}$

Derivatives
$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial x_j}, \frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial y_j}, \frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial z_j} \right\}$$

$$(\phi_{i} + \Delta \phi_{i}) = \phi_{i} + \sum_{j} \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} \Delta x_{j} + \frac{\partial \phi_{i}}{\partial y_{j}} \Delta y_{j} + \frac{\partial \phi_{i}}{\partial z_{j}} \Delta z_{j} \right\}$$

SIMPLE DEMONSTRATION OF PERTURBATION ANALYSIS METHOD 2-D INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOW





VARIATION OF FLOW PROPERTIES WITH THICKNESS ELLIPTICAL CYLINDER AT 0° INCIDENCE

Procedure for Calculating Perturbation Matrix

1. Conventional Panel Method Calculations

$$[A_{ij}] \cdot \phi_j = BC_i \quad \longrightarrow \quad \phi_i = [A_{ij}]^{-1} \cdot BC_j$$

2. First-Order Expansion

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{ij} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial z_k} + \phi_j \cdot \left[\frac{\partial A_{ij}}{\partial z_k} \right] = \frac{\partial BC_i}{\partial z_k}$$
$$\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial z_k} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{ij} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\partial BC_j}{\partial z_k} - \phi_l \cdot \left[\frac{\partial A_{jl}}{\partial z_k} \right] \right\}$$



BASELINE WING PANELING FOR PERTURBATION ANALYSIS TEST CASES

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FIGHTER WING AT 5° ANGLE OF ATTACK



APPLICATIONS OF INVISCID SENSITIVITY MATRIX

- EFFICIENT ANALYSIS OF MULTIPLE GEOMETRY PERTURBATIONS
- PRESCRIBED PRESSURE WING DESIGN
- UNSTEADY AERODYNAMICS
- AERODYNAMIC-STRUCTURAL DESIGN OPTIMIZATION
- STRONG VISCOUS-INVISCID INTERACTIONS

TWO-DIMENSIONAL AIRFOIL VISCOUS AERODYNAMICS (LOW SPEED)

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- SOLID GEOMETRY
- REYNOLDS NUMBER



- LIFT, DRAG, AND PITCHING MOMENT
- SEPARATION POINT
- TRANSITION POINT

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CALCULATED INVISCID PRESSURE GEOMETRY SENSITIVITY MATRIX



CALCULATED VISCOUS DISPLACEMENT-PRESSURE SENSITIVITY MATRIX



MATCHING PROCEDURE FOR VISCOUS - INVISCID INTERACTION





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TYPICAL CHANGE BETWEEN SUCCESSIVE ANGLES OF ATTACK



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EFFECTIVE SHAPE



ACCURACY OF FORCE AND MOMENT PREDICTIONS NASA GA(W)-1



EFFECT OF REYNOLDS NUMBER ON AIRFOIL PERFORMANCE



CONCLUSIONS REGARDING SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS APPROACH

- POWERFUL EXTRAPOLATION TOOL
- APPROPRIATE FOR STRONG INTERACTION BETWEEN DISTINCT THEORIES