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SUMMARY

This paper describes the input parameters for a computer program which has been developed by Antony Jameson of the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University under NASA Grant NGR-33-016-167. References 1 and 2 describe the method and give several sample results; however, a user's manual (ref. 3), is not yet available. A version of the program which was successfully demonstrated on the CDC system here at NASA Langley is available as Langley Program A4231. This paper gives a description of the input parameters and a listing of input data cards and some output results for a sample case. It should enable one to use this program until a final version with its formal user's manual is available.

A brief description of the program and type of problems it will handle is given in the computer program abstract which is reproduced as Figure Al of Appendix A. Further details concerning the method are given in references 1 and 2. An overlay diagram and a list of subroutine names and functions are given as Figures A2 and $A 3$ respectively.

Computer storage and time requirements for a three-dimensional problem limit what can reasonably be done on present computers. Therefore, in practice, this 3-D program does not have the flexibility (with respect to grid size, number of grid halvings, and multiple case runs) of similar 2-D analysis programs (refs. 4-7) which are based on the full nonlinear potential formulation. In this program, the potential function $G$ is a large three-dimensional array which, in essence, determines both the central memory storage and the computational time. Typical runs, at the dimensions stored on the data cell, require (a) 15-30 minutes CPU time on a CDC 6600 (using a run compiler) to reach a convergence criterion of about $10^{-5}$ and (b) 322 K (base 8) central memory storage. These runs would start on a coarse grid ( $64 \times 8 \times 16$ ) and be halved only once. Iterations take very close to 8 times as long on the resulting fine grid (128 x $16 \times 32$ ). The maximum values quoted here and on the following pages are those consistent with the data cell dimensioning and one halving of the grid; these, of course, can be changed somewhat. In practice there is little advantage in using the multiple case capability; thus it is recommended that single cases be run.

Read Number Order Cards

## Description and Comments

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TITLE. - Descriptive title of case or sequence; Format (8Al0)
Appears on Varian Plots and beginning of output.

DESC. - Description for card in Read Order 3 Format (8Al0).

FNX, FNY, FNZ, FPLOT
Format (8E10.7)
Note: A number of quantities are read in as floating-point numbers and converted to integers within the program.

FNX. - Number of computational grid points in "chordwise direction" from downstream infinity, around the leading edge and back to downstream infinity on coarsest mesh. Maximum is 64 (128 with no grid halving).

FNY. - Number of computational grid points in "normal direction" from airfoil surface to infinity on coarsest mesh. Maximum is 8 (16 with no grid halving).

FNZ. - Number of computational grid points in "spanwise direction" from infinity, across the wing span and to infinity on coarsest mesh. Maximum is 16 ( 32 with no grid halving).

FPLOT. - Plot trigger. Selects type of plot for chordwise surface pressure coefficients. FPLOT $=0$. Printer plots, one at each spanwise grid plane section with CP versus the computational grid chordwise variable.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Read } & \text { Number } \\ \text { Order } & \text { Cards }\end{array}$

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Description and Comments
FPLOT $=1$. Varian plots (from THREED). These are superimposed plots, with all span sections shown on two figures, an upper surface and a lower surface plot of $C P$ versus physical space chordwise varlable.

FPLOT = 2. Varian plots (from THREED) as above plus section plots (from GRAPH). These latter plots, one per section, give upper and lower surface $C P$ versus physical space chordwise variable.

Defaults to zero
DESC. - Description for card in Read Order 5 Format (8Al0).

FIT, COVO, P1O, P2O, P3O, BETAO, STRIPO, FHALF Format (8E10.7)

FIT. - Maximum number of iterations on this gird, called MIT in program.
COVO. - Convergence criterion on the maximum change in reduced velocity potential (G) from one iteration cycle to the next on this grid.

Plo. - Subsonic point relaxation factior on this grid; must be <2.. Typically 1.6 on coarse grid.

P20. - Supersonic point relaxation factor; must be $\leq 1$.. Should use 1.0 for stability on all grids.

P30. - Circulation relaxation factor. May be $>1.0$.

BETAO. - Stabilization factor used at supersonic points in finite difference operator if BETAO > 0. Most needed when $M_{\infty}>1$., many cases operate satisfactorily with $\mathrm{BETAO}=0$. Convergence is slowed but stability enhanced when BETAO $>0$.
Read
Order

Number Cards

| 6 | 1 | DESC. |  | Description for card in Read Order 7 Format (8Al0). |
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| 7 | 1 | FMACH, | YA, | AL, CDO <br> Format (8E10.7) |
|  |  | FMACH. | - | Freestream Mach number. |
|  |  | YA. | - | Yaw angle (in degrees). |
|  |  | AL. |  | Angle of attack (in degrees) measured in plane normal to leading edge, not in plane containing freestream direction. |
|  |  | CDO. | - | Drag coefficient due to skin friction (CD FRICTION on output). This input number is added to the drag coefficient obtained by integrating the surface pressures (CD FORM on output). |

Read Orders 8 through 19 are used to specify the wing geometry (in physical space, of course). One can define the wing at up to 11 span stations. A set of airfoil coordinates must be read in at the first station. It need not be read in at other stations, if one is changing only combinations of the following three airfoil section parameters: chord, thickness ratio or angle of attack (twist). The wing shape at intermediate span positions (i.e., the computational grid planes for example) is obtained by linear interpolation in the spanwise direction in the physical space.

| Read | Number <br> Order <br> Cards |
| :--- | :--- |$\quad \therefore \quad$ Description and Comments

A multiple run capability for the same wing geometry at several flow conditions is available and controlled by the parameter FNC in Read Order 9. One does not have to re-read the wing geometry to use it. The following description of Read Orders 8 through 19 is that: required for a single case.

Read Orders 8 and 9 are read only once: 10 and 11 are read FNC (see 9) times; 12 through 17 (19 if non-symmetric airfoil section) must be read at first section and may be required at other sections, depending on the wing geometry.


Read Number
Order Cards

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prior station). Note, this is a ratio of thickness/chord ratios. The thickness of the airfoil coordinates will be scaled with this value.

AL. - Section angle of attack or twist (in degrees). Airfoil coordinates will be rotated through this angle.

FSEC. - Section airfoil coordinate trigger. FSEC $=0$. Do not read airfoil coordinates. Last set of airfoil coordinates read will be used at this section. They may be scaled by any combination of CHORD, THICK, or AL read above. Skip Read Orders 12 through 19 for this section.

FSEC $=1$. Read a new set of airfoil coordinates which will be used at this station and perhaps at other stations. They may be scaled by any combination of CHORD, THICK, or AL read above for this section. At first station ( $K=1$ ) FSEC is ignored; one must supply Read Orders 12 through 17.

DESC. - Description for cards in Read Order 13 Format (8A10).

FSYM, FNU, FNL
Format (8E10.7)
FSYM. - Airfoil symmetry trigger.
FSYM $\geq 1$. Symmetric airfoil. Read in only upper surface airfoil coordinates, ordered leading edge to trailing edge.

FSYM <l. Non-symmetric airfoil. Read in upper and lower surface airfoil coordinates, respectively, each set ordered leading edge to trailing edge. Note that leading-

| Read | Number |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Order | Cards | Description and Comments |



| Read Order | Number Cards |  | Description and Comments |
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| 18 | 1 | DESC. - | Description for cards in Read Order 19 Format (8A10). |
| 19 | FNL | VAL, DUM - | Format (8El0.7) |
|  |  | VAL. - | X coordinate of airfoil lower surface, ordered leading edge to trailing edge. |
|  |  | DUM. - | Y coordinate of airfoil lower surface, ordered leading edge to trailing edge. Note that there is only one pair of coordinates per card. |

Read Orders 10 through 19 complete the input for one span station. As indicated above Read Order 8, at least Read Orders 10 and 11 must be repeated for the remaining FNC-1 sections when FNC $\geq 2$.

The above Read Orders complete the input for a computational case or a sequence of cases if obtained by having $F N C<2$. Additional cases requiring different input are obtained by repeating the above Read Orders. Recommend that cases be run one at a time.

The program terminates by reading the first three Read Orders with FNX<1.; that is, last three cards for a normal stop should be:

| 1 | 1 | TITLE | - End of Calculation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 1 | DESC. | Description for card in Read Order 3 |
| 3 | 1 | 0. | . |

SAMPLE CASE

A simple wing, shown in Figure 1, is used here for the sample case; more realistic wing shapes are considered in references 1 and 2. This wing has a rectangular planform of aspect ratio $32 / 9$ with a NACA 63 AOO6 airfoil section (ref.8) at all span stations. The free stream, at Mach number.9, is at $2^{\circ}$ incidence and $0^{\circ}$ yaw with respect to the wing. Note that the freestream direction is consistantly indicated by a large open arrow on the figures.

Figure 2 depicts how the wing section planes are transformed from physical space to computational space for the present sample case. In Figure 3, a portion of the equally spaced computational grid in the wing section plane is plotted in physical space. This plot, however, was obtained
from a separate program, supplied by J. D. Keller of NASA Langley Research Center.

Appendix B is a listing of the input cards for the sample case. Read Order notations on the right side identify these cards with the input description of the last section.

Appendix $C$ is a collection of figures which show some typical output results for the sample case. Note that FPLOT was 2 in the input (Appendix B) so there are two types of plots: those from THREED and those from GRAPH.

The bottom line of printing is common to all plots and contains the NASA LRC computer process number, date and time of run. Another line common to all plots contains the freestream Mach number (M), yaw angle (YAW), and incidence angle (ALF). Figures Cl, C2, and C3 show the plots obtained from subroutine THREED. The first shows interpolated airfoil sections at each of the spanwise computational planes for the fine grid. (For this sample case, all sections are identical.) This plot serves to locate the CP origins on the second and third plots, where curves for all sections are superimposed but shifted with respect to one another. Figure C2 shows the chordwise distributions of (negative) surface pressure coefficient on the upper surface of the wing at all spanwise computational planes of the fine grid, whereas Figure C3 gives that for the wing lower surface. The sharp downward breaks in the curves (at about $50-60 \%$ chord) are shock waves. On these plots $L / D, C L$ and $C D$ are for the entire wing; $C L$ is the inviscid lift coefficient, $C D$ is the drag coefficient (composed of that obtained from integrating the inviscid pressures plus that read in as input (CDO) due to skin friction, and L/D is the ratio CL/CD. A set of plots like these is obtained on each grid refinement; for the sample case there were two grids so two sets were obtained.

Figures C4 and C5 are typical of the plots obtained from subroutine GRAPH. In these, the chordwise distribution of surface pressure coefficient for both the upper and lower wing surfaces is shown on one figure, a separate figure for each spanwise computational plane. The value of Z , shown on the next to last line at the bottom of the plot, is the spanwise coordinate in the physical plane (See Fig. 1) and thus identifies the section location. The values of $C L$ and $C D$ shown on these plots are the inviscid section lift and drag coefficients, respectively. Figure C4 is for the root section ( $Z=0.0$ ) while Figure C5 is for the tip station ( $z=160.0$ ). The long tick mark on the ordinate is the sonic value of pressure coefficient. A set of plots (one for each spanwise station) is obtained for each grid refinement.

Figures C6, C7, and C8 are charts which show the local Mach number (multiplied by 100 ) in various computational planes. Figure $C 6$ is at the root section of the wing ( $Z=0.0$ ); minus signs on it denote the lower half plane. A solid line outlines that portion of computational grid shown in Figure 3. The supersonic bubbles on both upper and lower wing surfaces are
clearly visible. Figures C7 and C8 show the Mach charts in the wing plane at the upper and lower surfaces, respectively. The wing planform (in the computational plane) is outlined on each figure and again the supersonic bubbles on both surfaces of the wing are clearly visible. One set of these charts is made on each grid refinement. Those for the fine grid of the sample case have been given in figures C7 and C8.


Figure 1.- Geometry of wing for sample case.


Physical space - Cartesian coordinates


Computational space - sheared parabolic coordinates

Figure 2.- Physical and computational coordinate systems in wing section planes for sample case.


Figure 3.- Portion of wing section computational grid plotted in physical space.

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Figure Al.- Computer program abstract.


|  | APPENDIX A - Langley Computer Program A4231 |
| :---: | :---: |
| GEOM | reads geometric definition of wing |
| COORD | sets up stretched parabolic and spanwise coordinates |
| SURF | interpolates mapped wing surface at computational mesh points |
| ESTIM | computes initial estimate of reduced potential |
| REFIN | halves computational mesh size |
| INTPL | interpolates using Taylor series |
| SPLIF | performs cubic spline fit |
| MIXFLO | solves mixed-flow equations (rotated difference scheme) |
| YSWEEP | relaxes horizontal lines, sweeping in y -direction |
| XSWEEP | relaxes vertical lines, sweeping in $x$-direction |
| VELO | calculates surface velocity |
| FORCF | calculates section force coefficients |
| CPIOT | generates printer plots of CP at equal computational intervals |
| TOTFOR | calculates total force coefficients |
| CHARTZ | generates Mach number chart in plane of wing section |
| CHARTY | generates Mach number chart in plane of wing planform |
| GRAPH | generates Varian plots |
| THREED | generates three-dimensional plots |
| PLOT * | moves pen (call CALPLT) |
| SYMBOL * | plots symbols (call NOTATE) |
| AXIS * | draws axes (call AXES) |
| LINE * | plots arrays |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { * exped } \\ & \text { compa } \end{aligned}$ | odifications were made so that NYU plotting subroutines were with NASA LRC CDC system. |

[^0]Figure A3. - Function of subroutines.



VIEW OF WING
RECTANGULAR WING - NACA 63 AOO6 SECTION AR=32/9
$M=\quad .900 \quad$ YRW $=0.00 \quad$ ALF $=2.00$
$L / D=23.05 \quad C L=.1876 \quad C D=.0081$ LB71564 09/13/73 07.37.22.

Figure Cl.- View of wing showing interpolated airfoil sections on fine grid.


UPPER SURFACE PRESSURE
RECTANGULAR WING - NACA 63AOO6.SECTION AR=32/9
$M=\quad .900 \quad$ YAW $=0.00 \quad$ ALF $=2.00$
LB71564 09/13/73 07.37.22.

Figure C2.- Chordwise distributions of upper-surface wing pressure coefficients at spanwise computational planes of fine grid.


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LOWER SURFACE PRESSURE
RECTRNGULAR WING - NACA G3A006 SECTION AR=32/9
M= .900 YAW = 0.00 RLF = 2.00
L/D = 23.05 CL = .1876 CD = .0081
LB71564 09/13/73 07.37.22.
Figure C3.- Chordwise distributions of lower-surface wing pressure coefficients at spanwise computational planes of fine grid.
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RECTANGULAR WING - NACA 63A006 SECTION
$A R=32 / 9$

| $M=$ | .900 | $Y A W=$ | 0.00 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $Z=$ | ALF $=$ | 2.00 |  |
| $L B 71564$ | 0.00 | $C L=$ | .2261 |
|  | $09 / 13 / 73$ | 07.37 .22. |  |

Figure C4.- Chordwise distributions of pressure coefficient at root section of wing.


| $M=$ | . 900 | YAW | 0 | ALF | 2.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Z = | 160.00 | $\mathrm{CL}=$ | . 0906 | $C D=$ | . 0036 |
| LB7156 |  | 13/73 | 07.3 |  |  |

Figure C5.- Chordwise distribution of pressure coefficients at tip section of wing.


Figure C6.- Mach chart at root section of wing in computation plane.



Figure C7.- Mach chart at upper surface of wing in computational plane.













Figure C8. - Mach chart at lower surface of wing in computational plane.

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