

Tangent and Adjoint Problems in Partially Converged Flows

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- Due to decades of engineering we can assume the baseline design will be optimized to the global minimum.

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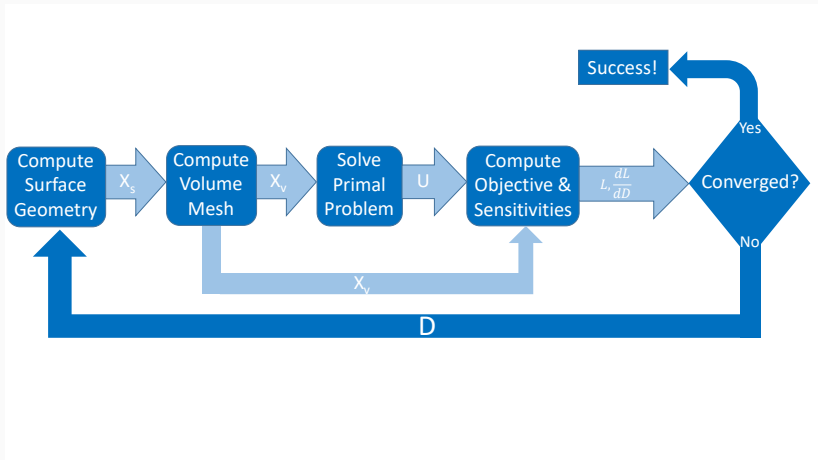
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Design Process Flow Chart

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Isolating the right-hand side:

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but this would scale with the mesh, and so we don't divide both sides and rewrite the equation in simplified notation as below:

$$\left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial u} \right] \frac{du}{dD} = - \left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right] \frac{dx}{dD} \quad (6)$$

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The sensitivity equation becomes in reduced notation:

$$\frac{dL}{dD} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dD} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} \left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial u} \right]^{-1} \left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right] \frac{dx}{dD} \quad (7)$$

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To avoid computing $\frac{du}{dx_v} \frac{dx_v}{dx_s} \frac{dx_s}{dD}$ we define an adjoint equation:

$$\left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial u} \right]^T \Lambda = - \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial u} \right]^T \quad (11)$$

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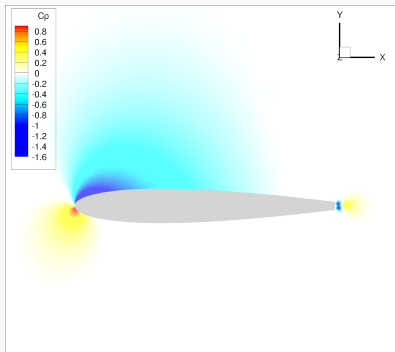
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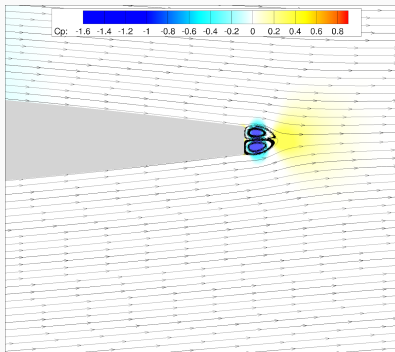
Motivation and Approach

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As the field has moved to higher order and more complex geometries convergence issues have become more common. A simple example is that of the truncated NACA0012 airfoil:



(a) Full Airfoil

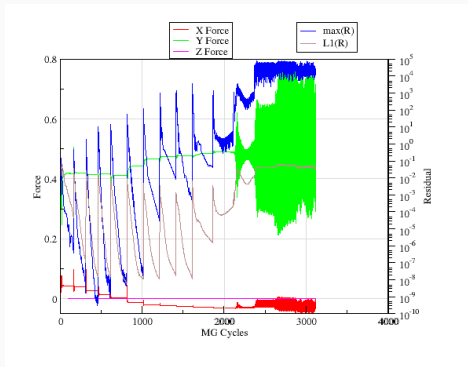


(b) Trailing Edge with Streamlines

Non-converging simulation for NACA0012 airfoil with blunt trailing edge

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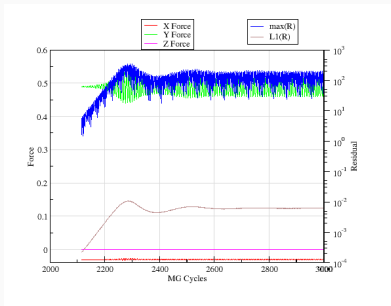
The lack of convergence shows itself in oscillatory behavior of the nonlinear problem and this figure shows good convergence for the early meshes and poor behavior on the finer meshes that are less dissipative



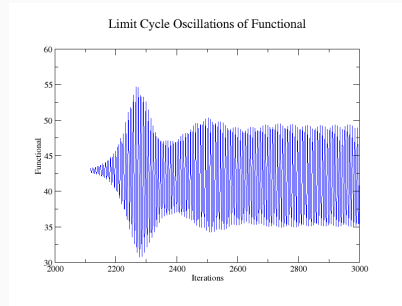
Convergence history for adaptive simulation with Cart3D

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If we run for many iterations on the first non-convergent mesh we can see the behavior of these limit cycle oscillations:



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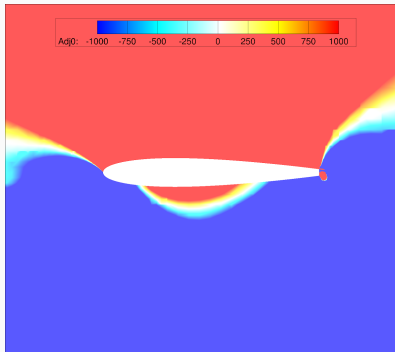


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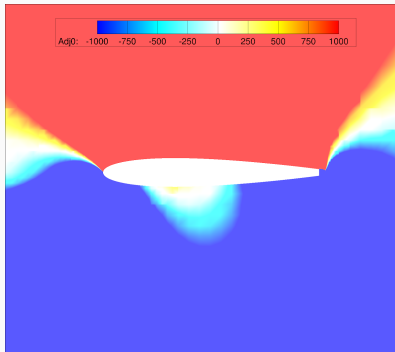
Limit cycle oscillations for first non-convergent mesh (10th mesh)

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When we compare the adjoint fields between the mean residual state and the minimum residual state we see notable differences:



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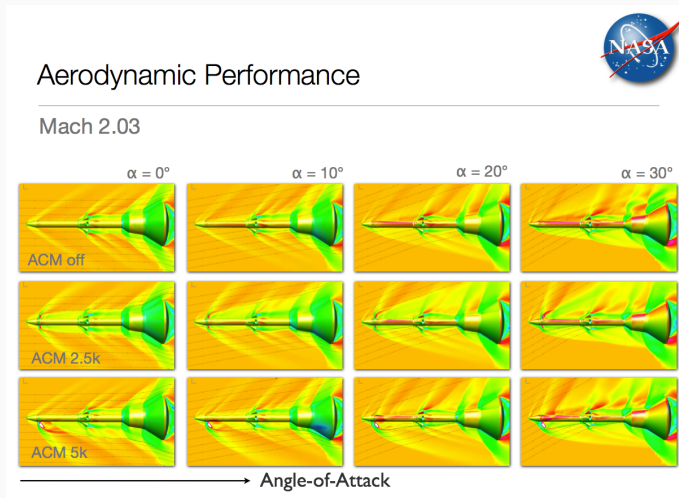


(b) Minimum Residual State

Adjoint linearized about states in limit cycle oscillations

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If small scale unsteadiness leads to that sort of challenge, imagine more complex geometries with large scale unsteadiness.



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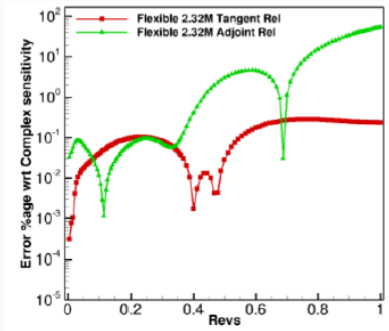
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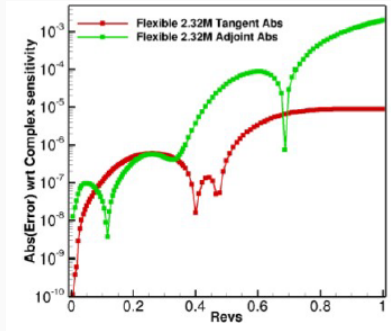
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Motivation: Mishra et al. 2015



(a) Relative Error



(b) Absolute Error

Complex vs. adjoint sensitivities for partially converged unsteady rotorcraft flows

Mishra et al. show that for time-dependent rotorcraft optimization, partial convergence of the implicit system at each time-step leads to growing adjoint sensitivity error.

When taken in combination with Krakos and Darmofal, this shows that a time accurate approach is appropriate, but when we move to the time accurate approach, the cost of deep convergence is generally prohibitive.

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 - This assumes that the complex-step finite-difference computed sensitivities, which are the sensitivities of the solution process, are the appropriate sensitivities to use for optimization.

Code Overview/Capabilities

- steady-state Euler code
- second-order spatially accurate using gradient reconstruction
- van-leer flux splitting used predominantly
- Venkatakrishnan (VK) limiter with stagnation fix and temporary first order realizability check
- explicit and implicit solvers
- GMRES or BiCGStab Krylov linear solvers preconditioned with point implicit Jacobi or Gauss-Seidel
- line-search and CFL controller to assist implicit solver
- tangent, discrete adjoint and complex sensitivities for steady state sensitivity computation
- pseudo-time accurate tangent and adjoint capabilities for all solver schemes

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For a general fixed point iteration:

$$u^{k+1} = u^k + H(u^k(D), D) \quad (15)$$

the tangent sensitivity equation is:

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We can substitute the pseudo-time accurate tangent provided values for $\frac{du^k}{dD}$.

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We then form our augmented objective functional with the above constraint and a corresponding adjoint for each pseudo-time step.

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Taking the derivative of the augmented objective functional yields:

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$$H(u^k, D) = CFL \Delta t R \quad (26)$$

where CFL is a parameter and Δt is a local time step.

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PTA Tangent System for Forward Euler (Derivation)

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By running this relation through pseudo-time we can obtain the exact sensitivities at every pseudo-time step.

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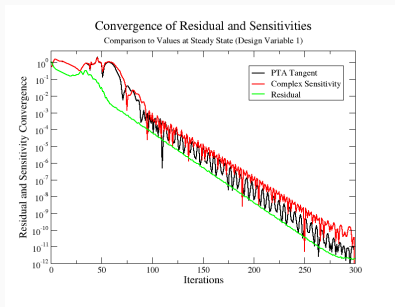
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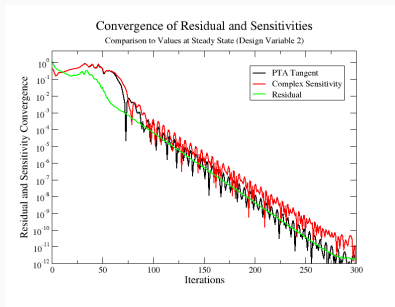
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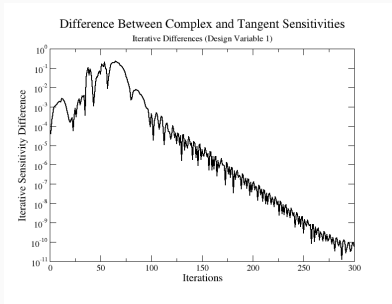
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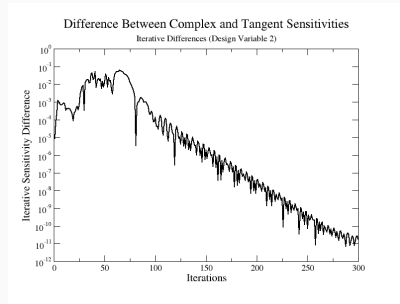
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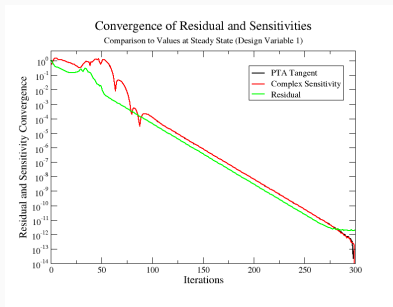
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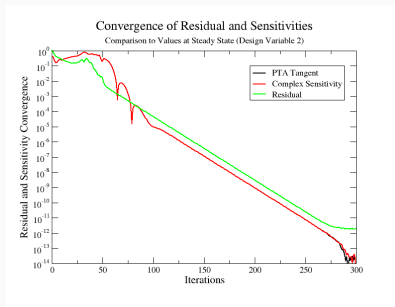
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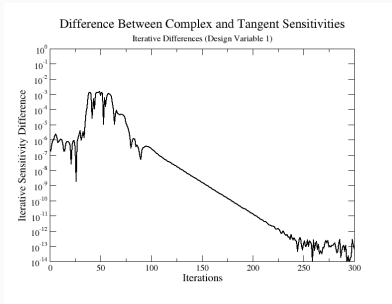
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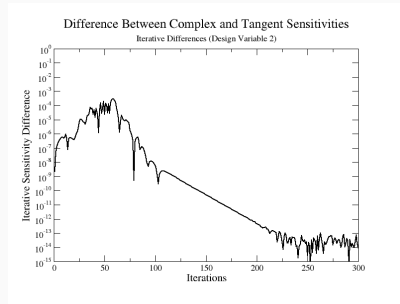
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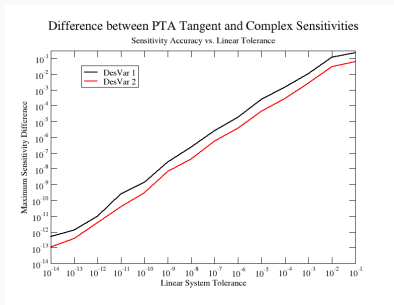
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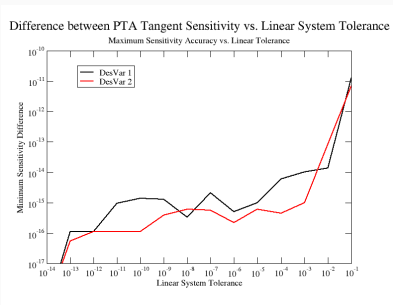
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Iterative difference vs. linear tolerance

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To get the error in the conservative variable linearization it is necessary to subtract the two expressions from one another:

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By grouping like terms and rearranging we obtain this form of the expression for the error in the sensitivities:

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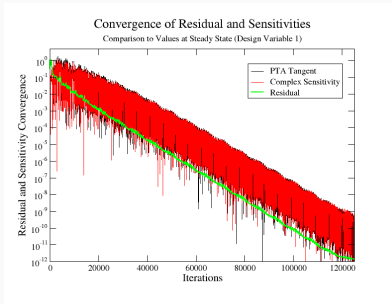
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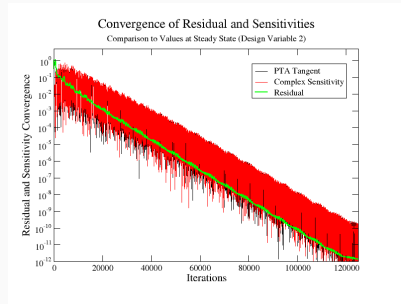
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Sensitivity Convergence for Non-Robust LSERK5



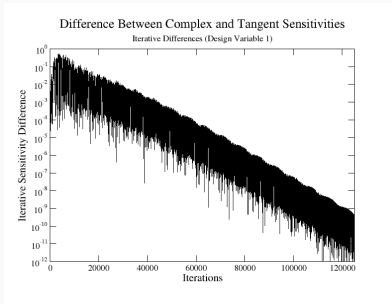
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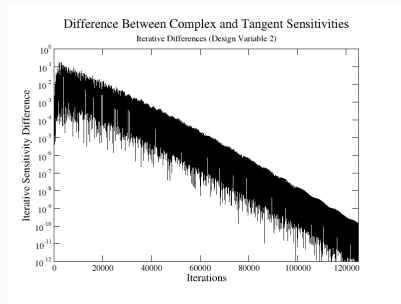
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Sensitivity Difference for Non-Robust LSERK45



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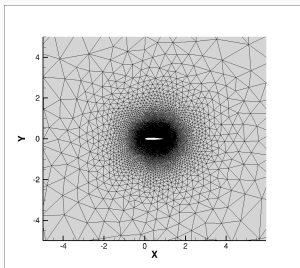
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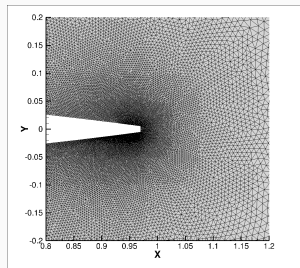
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Effect of Averaging of the Objective Function on Sensitivity Behavior

Non-Converging Transonic Case Introduction



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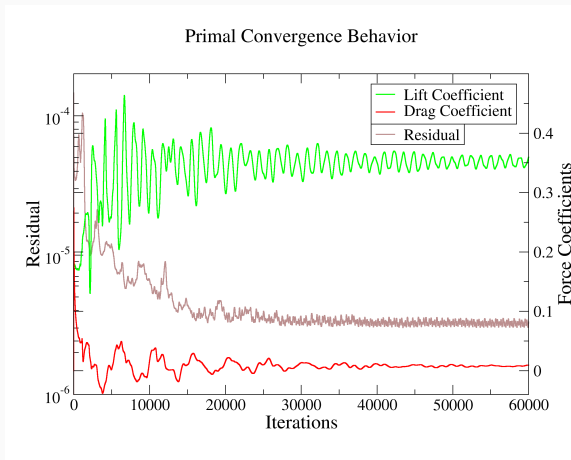


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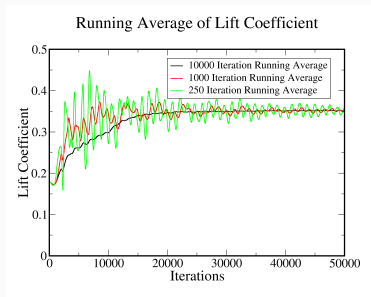
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Primal Behavior of Non-Converging Transonic Simulation

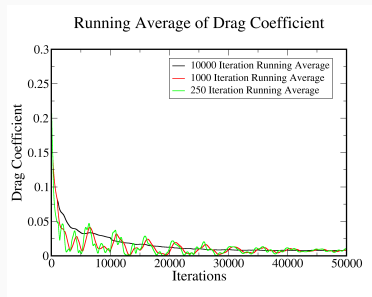


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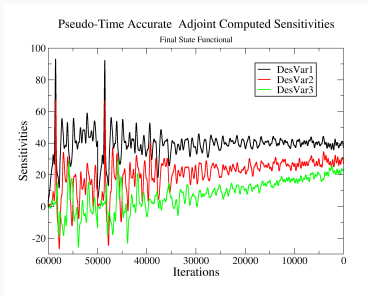
- The important thing about the sensitivity vector is the direction.
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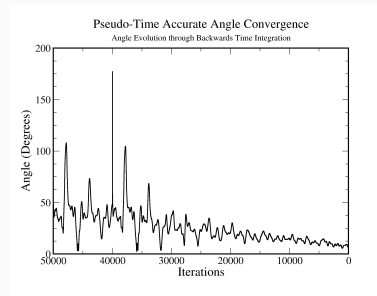
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Sensitivities for Final State Objective Functional



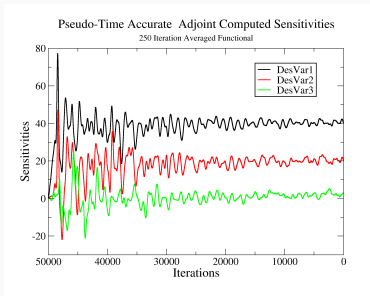
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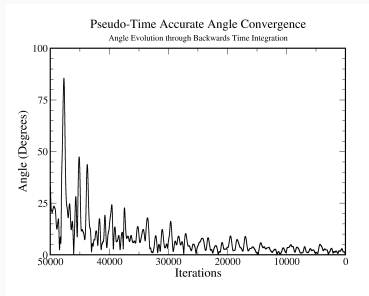
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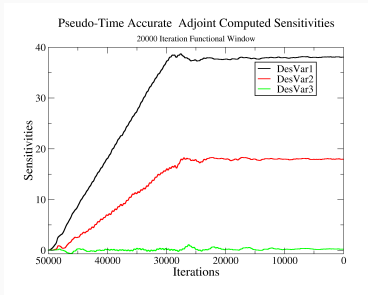
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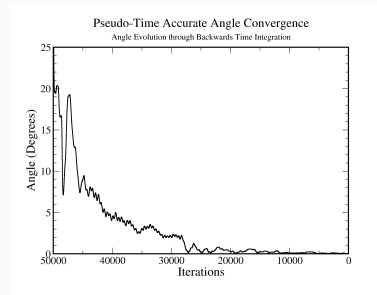
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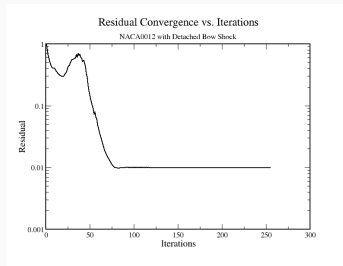
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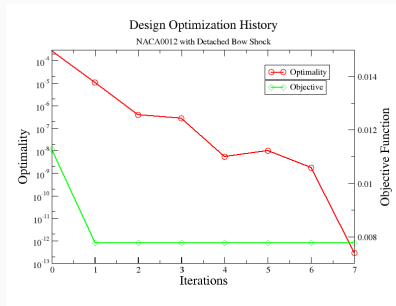
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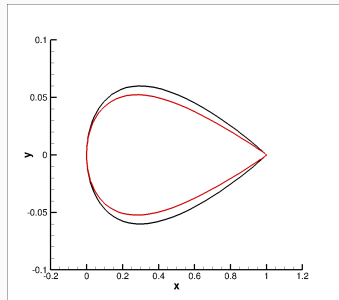
Analysis convergence plot

- $Mach = 1.25$, $\alpha = 3^\circ$
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Optimization of NACA0012 with Detached Bow Shock: Summary



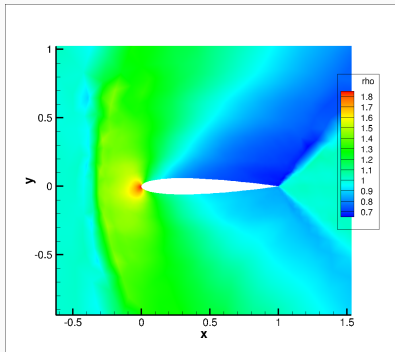
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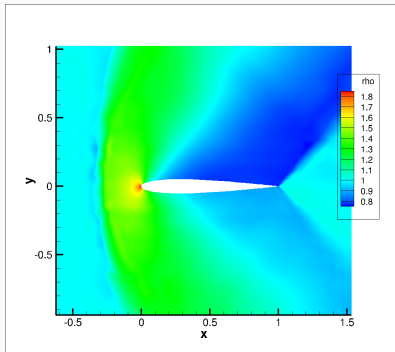
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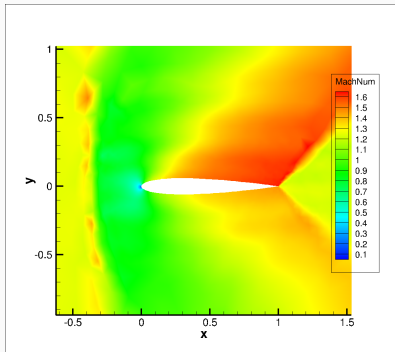
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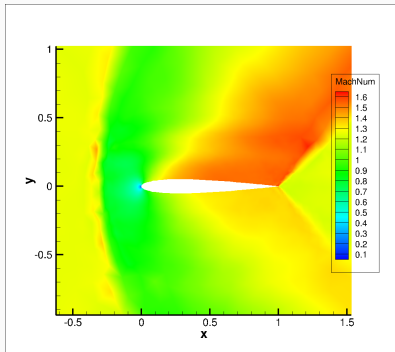
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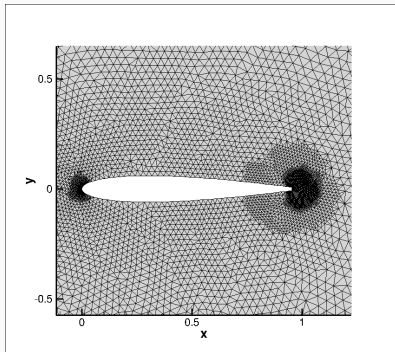
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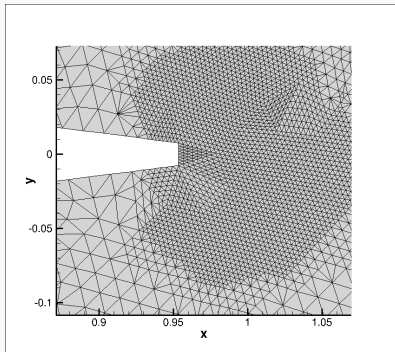
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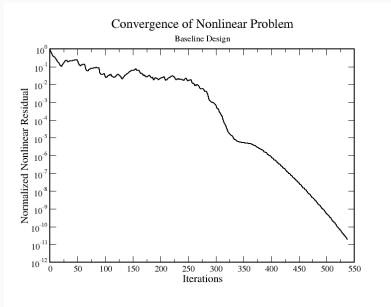
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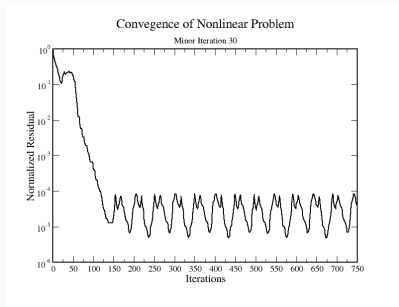
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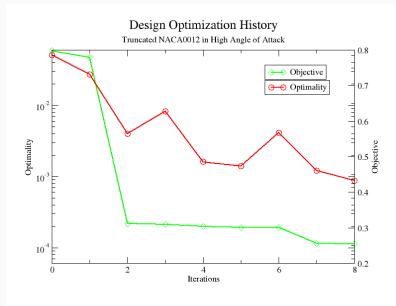


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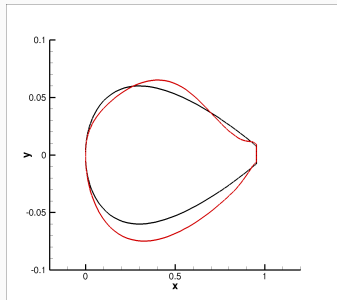
Comparison of analysis convergence plot for NACA0012 with a blunt trailing edge in transonic flow with high angle of attack

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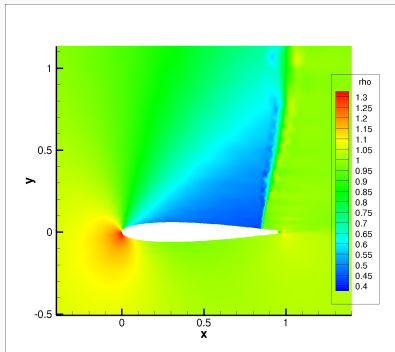
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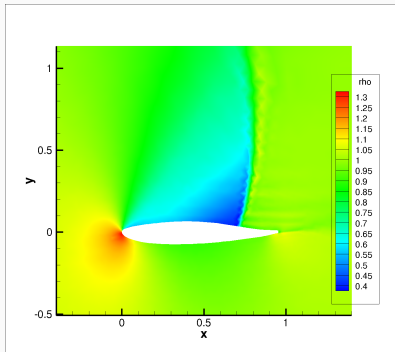
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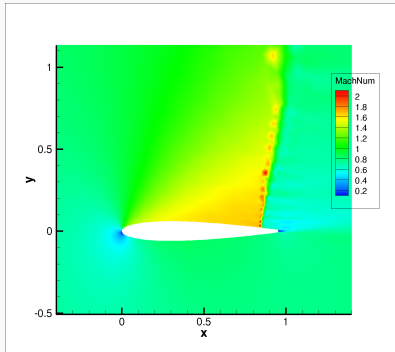
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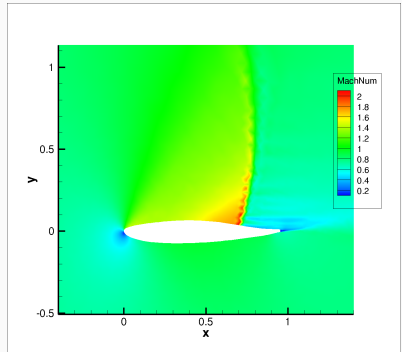
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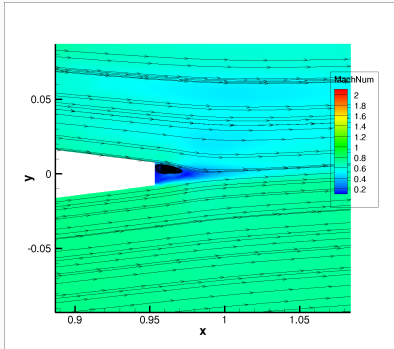
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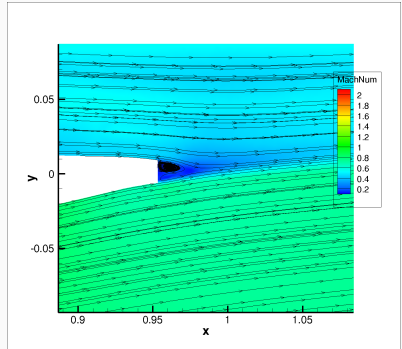
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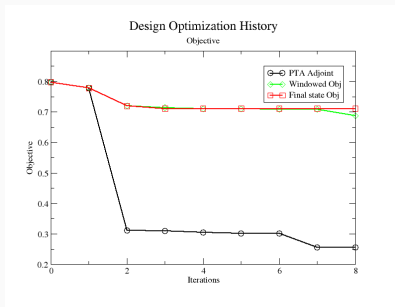
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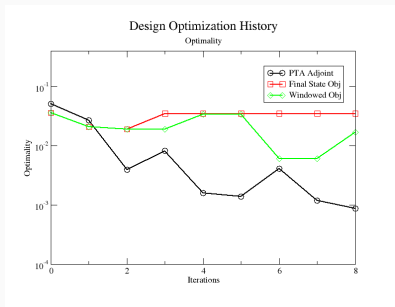
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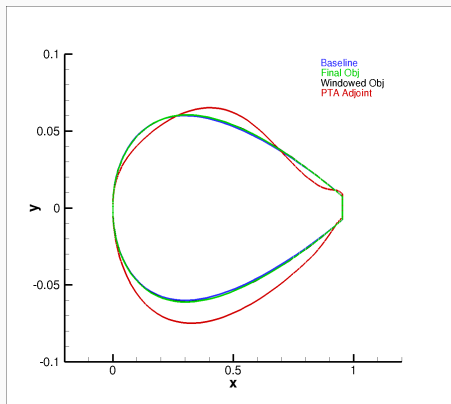
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Design cycle summary for NACA0012 truncated at 95% of the chord in transonic flow with high angle of attack: comparison to steady state adjoint results

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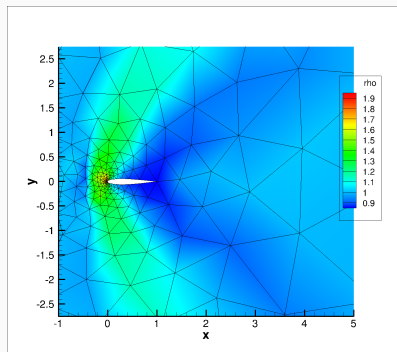
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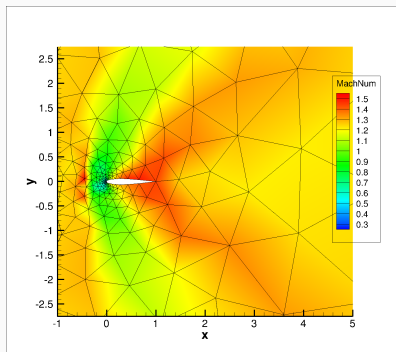
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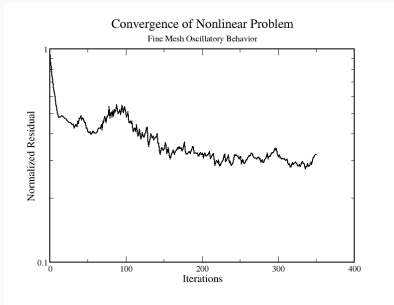


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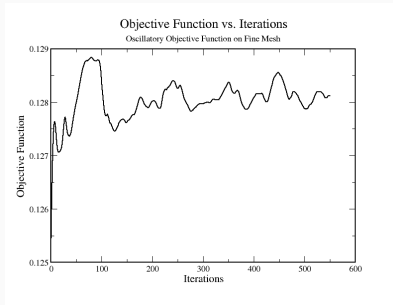
Coarse mesh for detached bow shock error estimation case

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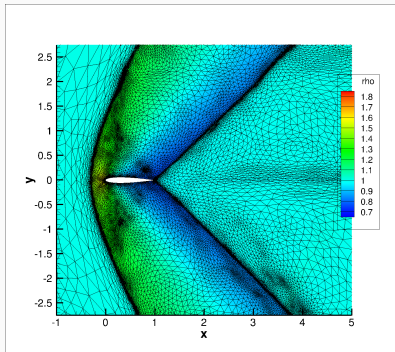
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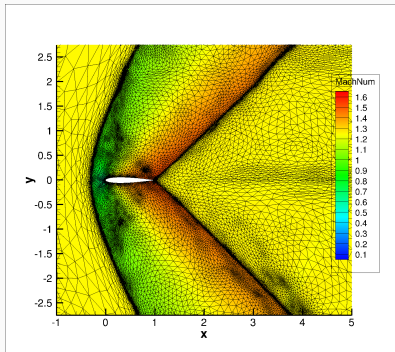
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Objective and convergence behavior on a fine mesh

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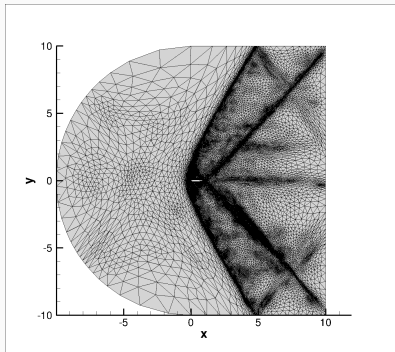
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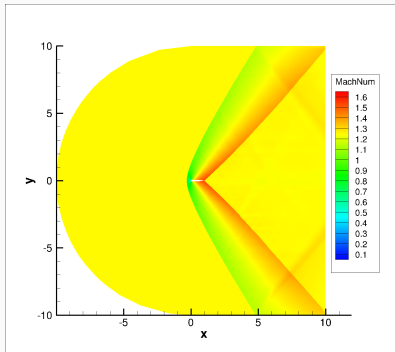
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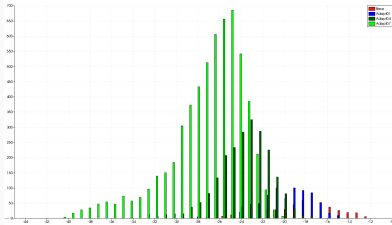
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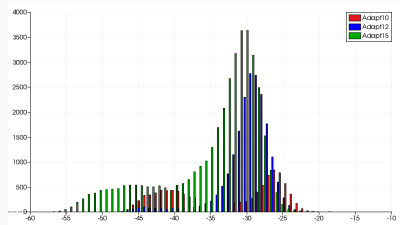
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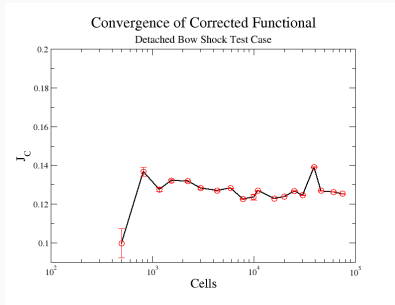
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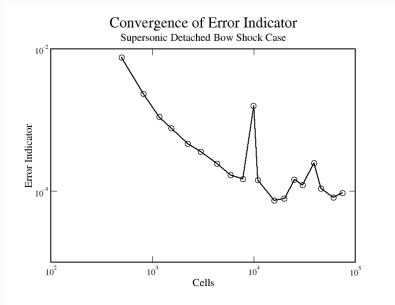
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Error histograms for detached bow shock case

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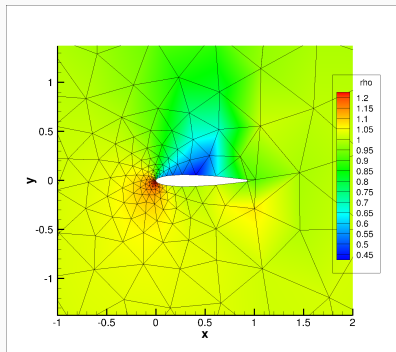
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Functional and error estimate convergence for supersonic detached bow shock

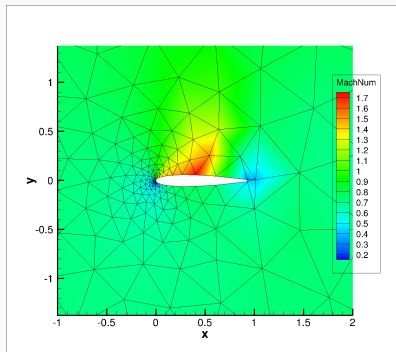
Transonic Blunt Trailing Edge Case

Transonic Blunt Trailing Edge Case: Initial Mesh

NACA0012 truncated at 93% of the chord in $M = 0.75$, $\alpha = 5^\circ$ flow:



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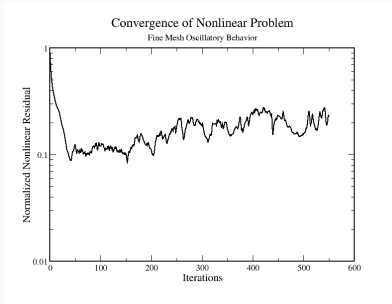


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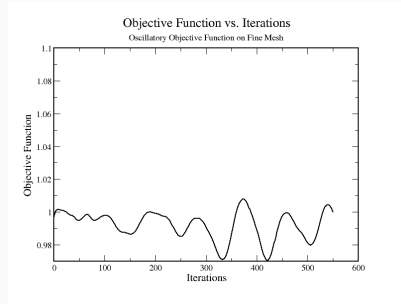
Coarse mesh for detached bow shock error estimation case

Quantity of interest is lift and drag

Transonic Blunt Trailing Edge: Fine Mesh Convergence and Objective



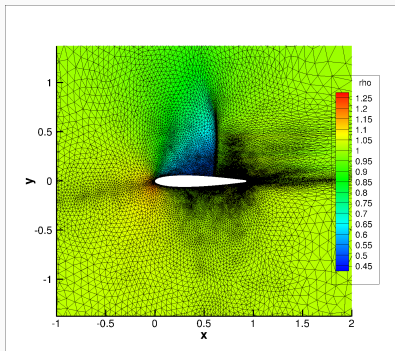
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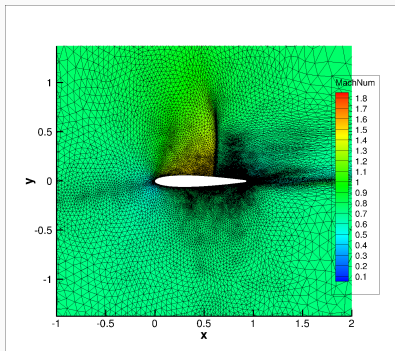
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Objective and convergence behavior on a fine mesh

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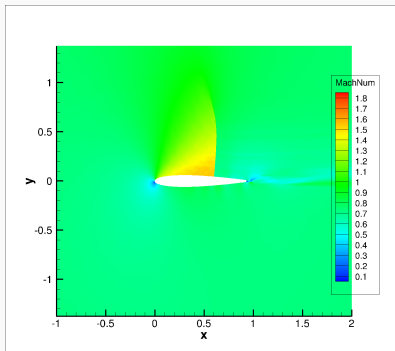
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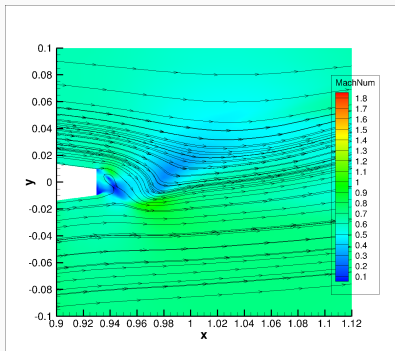
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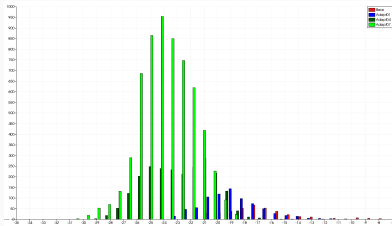
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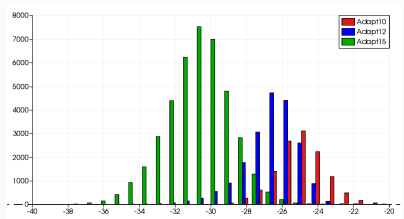
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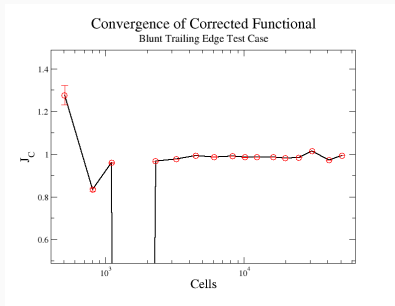
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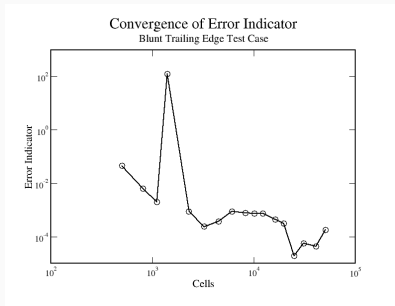
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