

# Supersonic Jet Inlet Using MacCormacks Method

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# Motivation

- Jet engines cannot function in supersonic flows
  - Need carefully designed inlets to reduce air speed
  - Done through oblique shocks

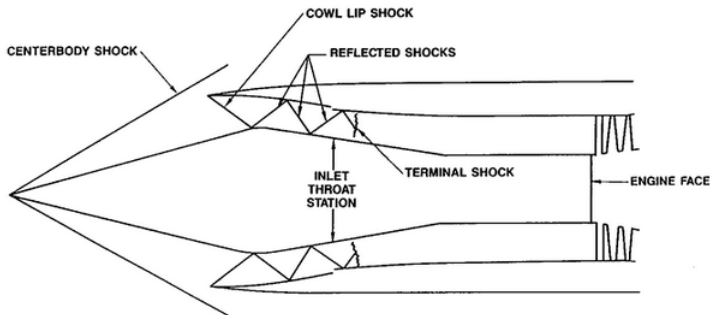


Figure: Example Inlet Design [1]

- A fast accurate numerical solver is desired

# Problem Statement

- Simplify geometry

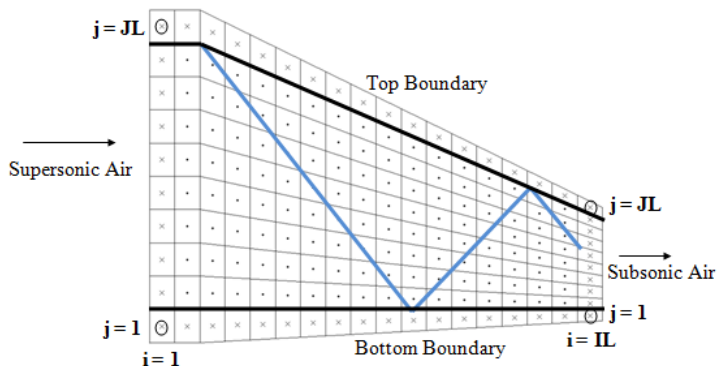
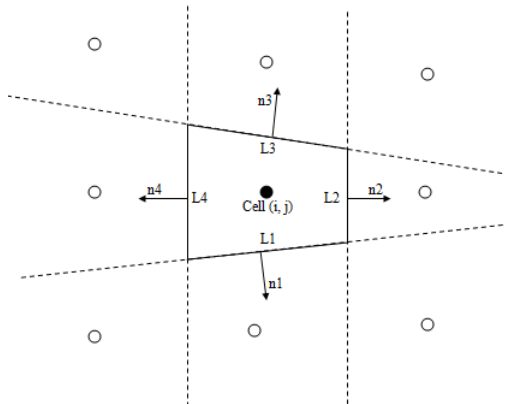


Figure: Simplified and Discretized Geometry

- Solve for the oblique shocks
- Design for specific flow parameters

# Cell Geometry

- Need geometric properties for each cell
  - Volume (Area in 2D)
  - Surface Areas (Edge Lengths in 2D)
  - Normals
- Schematic



- Normal Shock Relations

$$M_2^2 = \frac{(\gamma - 1)M_1^2 + 2}{2\gamma M_1^2 - (\gamma - 1)}$$

- $\theta, \beta, M$  relation

$$\tan(\theta) = 2 \cot(\beta) \frac{M_1^2 \sin^2 \beta - 1}{M_1^2 (\gamma + \cot(2\beta)) + 2}$$

- Newton-Rhapson

$$\beta_{n+1} = \beta_n - \frac{f(\beta_n)}{f'(\beta_n)}$$



- Two step scheme
  - Predictor

$$U_{ij}^{\overline{n+1}} = U_{ij}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{A_{ij}} \left( \frac{\partial \dot{E}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^*}{\partial \xi} |L_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j}| + \frac{\partial \dot{F}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^*}{\partial \eta} |L_{i,j\pm\frac{1}{2}}| \right)$$

- Corrector

$$U_{ij}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ U_{ij}^n + U_{ij}^{\overline{n+1}} - \frac{\Delta t}{A_{ij}} \left( \frac{\partial \dot{E}_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^{**}}{\partial \xi} |L_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j}| + \frac{\partial \dot{F}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^{**}}{\partial \eta} |L_{i,j\pm\frac{1}{2}}| \right) \right]$$



# Adding Dissipation

- Artificial Dissipation Terms (Subscript  $j$  is dropped for simplicity)

$$D_i = \epsilon(\vec{u}_i n_{4x} + \vec{v}_i n_{4y} + c_i) \frac{|P_i - 2P_{i-1} + P_{i-2}|}{P_i + 2P_{i-1} + P_{i-2}}$$

- Experimentally find optimal dissipation





# Convergence History

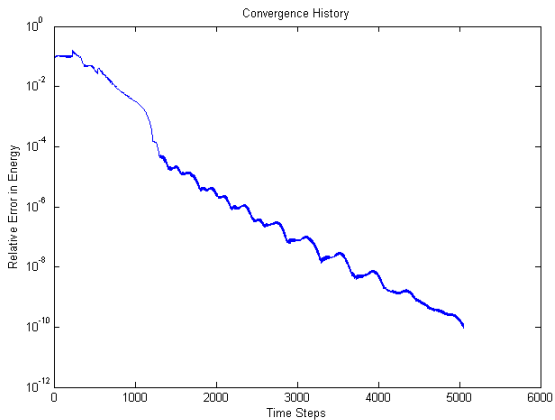


Figure: Convergence History for 4x Grid

# Optimal Dissipation

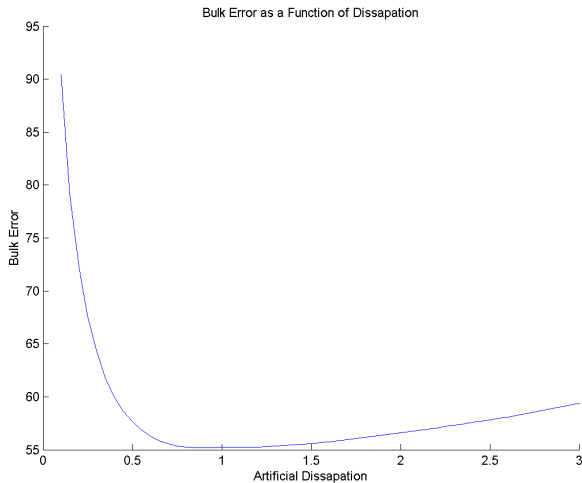
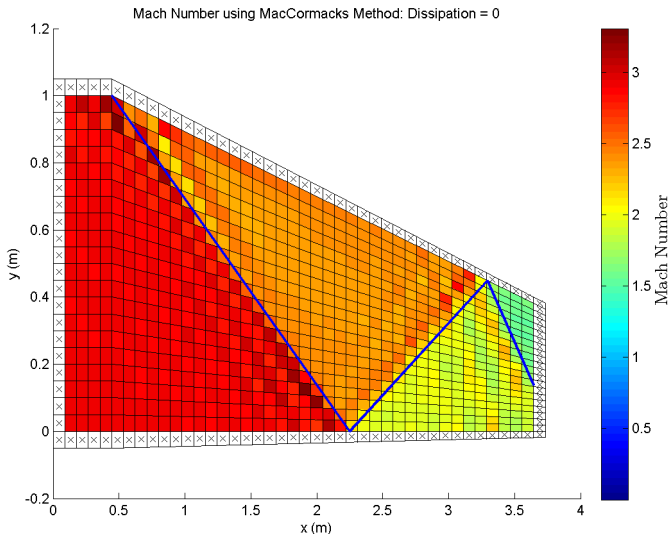


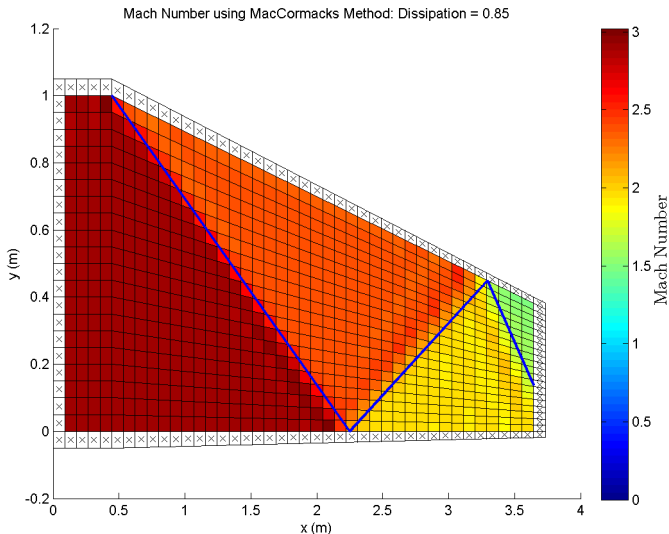
Figure: Optimal Dissipation Curve. Optimum at  $\epsilon = 0.85$



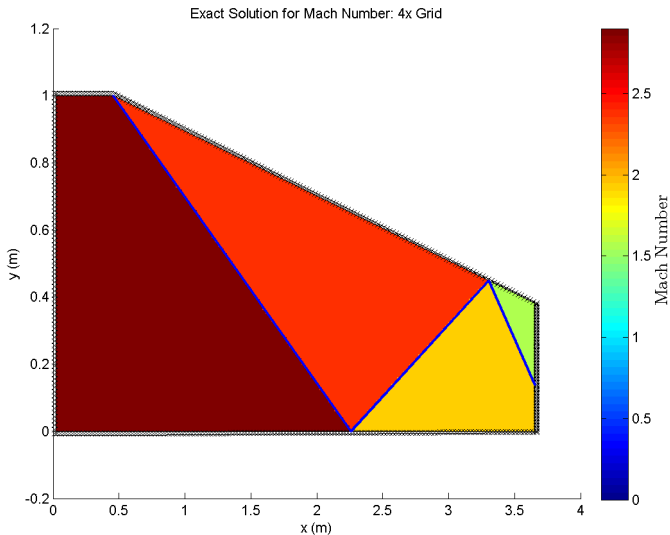
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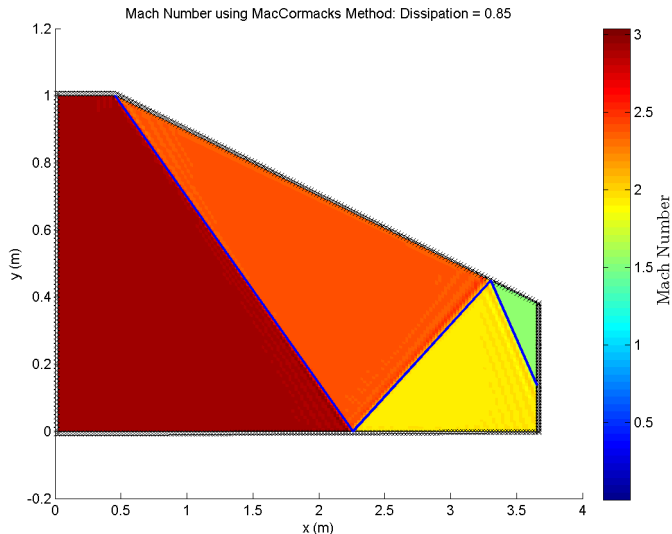
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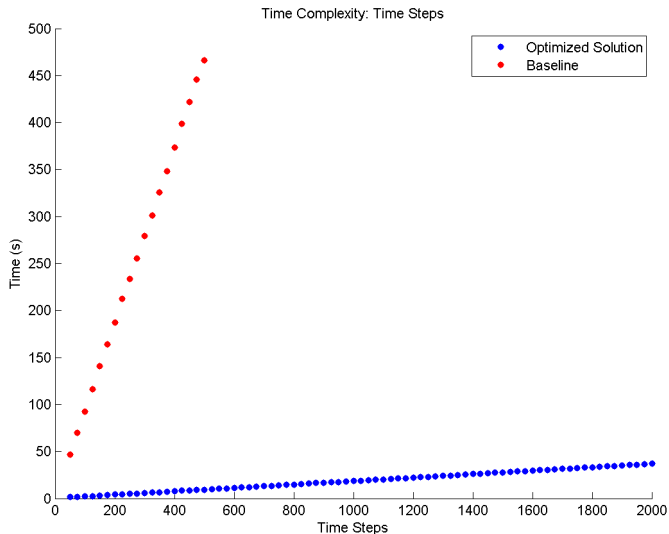


# Time Complexity

- Speed is **important**
- Sometimes a little accuracy is sacrificed for gains in speed
- Time complexities of algorithms are very important

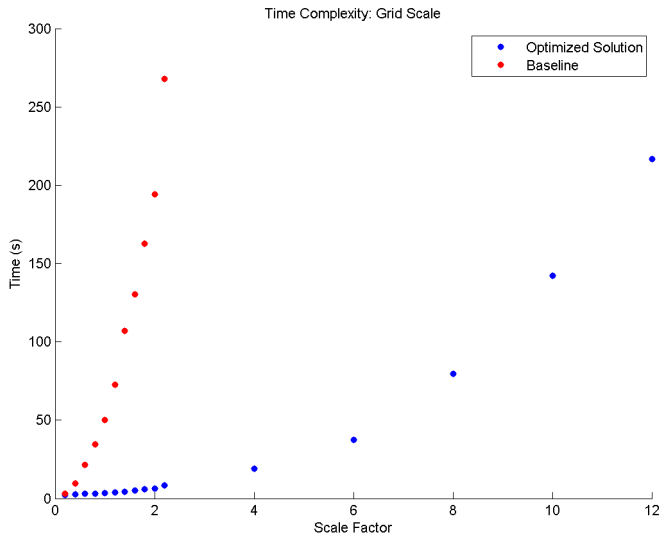


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# Summary

- MacCormack Method with Artificial Dissipation has great accuracy with regards to the exact solution on all grids. **As little as 1 percent average error per node.**
- My implementation is fast and is an improvement of about **2 orders of magnitude** in terms of runtime over the baseline
- Good numerical methods are needed to iterate and optimize designs
- Outlook
  - Apply to more general geometries
  - Make a good User Interface



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