

## Conclusions

Despite the quite simple design concept, the elastic wind-tunnel model is shown to be well suited for low-speed aeroelastic investigations. Furthermore, the segmented concept enables the possibility to replace individual wing sections. For example, new wing sections including control surfaces can easily be used for studies regarding control surface efficiency and aeroservoelastic response. Moreover, it is possible to design various internal wing beams with different stiffness properties for experimental comparison of aeroelastic performance on a model level. Also, new masses can be added to the individual wing sections to modify the dynamic behavior of the model.

When the experimental procedure, including both model manufacturing and wind-tunnel testing is considered, the study shows that the use of a relatively simple model concept can be very useful to provide experimental information at an early stage of a new project. The efficiency of the experimental testing is further increased as the experimental setup including load and deformation measurements as well as wind-tunnel operation can be handled by a single operator. Especially, the use of the optical positioning system in combination with passive reflecting markers for deformation measurements is shown to be very efficient.

Finally, the development of the BWB concept provides many new challenges. However, the results from this study indicate that standard numerical tools are capable of predicting the low-speed aeroelastic behavior of the BWB planform with reasonable accuracy.

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## Mixed Jameson/Total-Variation-Diminishing Scheme Applied to Simulating Rotor Airfoil Flowfield

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## Introduction

WITH the rapid development of computational technology, numerical simulation by solving classical governing equations of fluid dynamics is playing a more and more important role in air vehicle aerodynamics, specifically in rotorcraft aerodynamics (Ref. 1). To date, various computational methods have been investigated, and the finite volume central differential scheme created by Jameson et al.<sup>2</sup> has been demonstrated to be a robust method and has been widely used in computational rotor aerodynamics. More recently, many high-resolution schemes are emerging, for example, the total-variation-diminishing (TVD) scheme<sup>3,4</sup> is a representative one.

In this Note, a classical rotor airfoil (NACA0012) has been chosen as the example to demonstrate the flexibility of a mixed Jameson/TVD scheme in computational rotor aerodynamics. At first, Jameson's finite volume central differential scheme is implemented to solve the Euler equations describing the flowfield around the airfoil just mentioned. Then, a mixed Jameson/TVD scheme is constructed by correcting artificial viscous terms to capture the position of the shock wave more precisely. Also, for the first time this scheme is used to solve the Euler equations for the simulation of the flowfield around a rotor airfoil. Additionally, with regard to the Euler equations' deficiency in reflecting viscous effects, Jameson's scheme is applied to solve the turbulent Navier–Stokes (N–S) equations, which is a good start for further numerical calculation of helicopter rotor drag force and power.

## Governing Equations

For two-dimensional problems the compressible N–S equations can be represented in the following conservation form:

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} \quad (1)$$

where

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho e \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ \rho uv \\ \rho uh \end{bmatrix} \quad G = \begin{bmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho uv \\ \rho v^2 + p \\ \rho vh \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_{xx} \\ \tau_{yx} \\ \kappa T_x + \tau_{xx}u + \tau_{yx}v \end{bmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yy} \\ \kappa T_y + \tau_{xy}u + \tau_{yy}v \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{xx} &= 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \lambda \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right), & \tau_{xy} &= \tau_{yx} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \\ \tau_{yy} &= 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \lambda \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right), & \lambda &= -\frac{2}{3}\mu \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In Eq. (1),  $R$  and  $S$  are viscous terms. If nonviscous assumptions are applied, then  $R$  and  $S$ , both equal to zero, and the N-S equations regress into the Euler equation. Also,  $\mu$  represents the viscous coefficient, and  $\kappa$  is the heat conductive coefficient. In turbulent flow their relationship is given by

$$\mu = \mu_t + \mu_l, \quad \kappa = c_p(\mu_l/p_{rl} + \mu_t/p_{rt}) \quad (4)$$

where  $\mu_t$  and  $\mu_l$  represent turbulent and laminar viscous coefficients. The  $\mu_l$  can be obtained from the Sutherland formula,<sup>5</sup> whereas  $\mu_t$ , being subject to a different turbulence model, is calculated using the Baldwin-Lomax algebraic model,<sup>6</sup> in which  $p_{rl}$  is 0.72 and  $p_{rt}$  is 0.9.

In the expressions for  $W$ ,  $F$  and  $G$ ,  $e$  and  $h$  are unit energy and unit enthalpy, respectively. For the solution of those equations, other equations should be employed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} e &= p/(\gamma - 1)\rho + \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2) \\ h &= e + p/\rho, & p &= \rho RT \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

### Numerical Method

#### Numerical Approximation

If we define a unit vector ( $e_x, e_y$ ) in Cartesian coordinates and implement the finite volume method, then Eq. (1) can be revised into integral form:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_{\Omega} W \, dx \, dy + \int_{\partial\Omega} \bar{H} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = \int \bar{H}_v \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds \quad (6)$$

where  $\partial\Omega$  represents the boundary curve of a unit cell  $\Omega$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit normal vector of  $ds$ . The second-order tensor  $\bar{H}$  and  $\bar{H}_v$  can be defined as

$$\bar{H} = F e_x + G e_y \quad (7)$$

$$\bar{H}_v = R e_x + S e_y \quad (8)$$

If all physical parameters at the center of each unit cell are known, then Eq. (6) can be further approximated for each unit cell in the computational domain so that the following ordinary differential equation can be obtained:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(V_{i,j} W_{i,j}) + P_{i,j} - P_{vi,j} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$P_{i,j} = (\bar{H} \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} + (\bar{H} \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$- (\bar{H} \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i-\frac{1}{2},j} - (\bar{H} \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$P_{vi,j} = (\bar{H}_v \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} + (\bar{H}_v \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} - (\bar{H}_v \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}$$

$$- (\bar{H}_v \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $V_{i,j}$  represents the area of the unit cell,  $P_{i,j}$  the net flux, and  $P_{vi,j}$  the net viscous flux. When the Euler equation is solved,  $P_{vi,j}$  is zero. As for the N-S equation, if the Reynolds number of the flowfield is high enough then the thin layer assumption is applicable, that is,

$$P_{vi,j} = (\bar{H}_v \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} - (\bar{H}_v \cdot \mathbf{S})_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}$$

#### Artificial Viscous Term

As the central differential scheme is not dissipative, in order to restrain numerical oscillations and damp computational error and also ensure convergence an artificial viscous term is necessary. Equation (9) can be revised as

$$\frac{d}{dt}(V_{i,j} W_{i,j}) + P_{i,j} - P_{vi,j} - D_{i,j} = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$D_{i,j} = d_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} - d_{i-\frac{1}{2},j} + d_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} - d_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (11)$$

where  $D_{i,j}$  is the artificial viscous term, which is an important factor in different computational schemes. The well-known self-adaptive terms created by Jameson et al.<sup>2</sup> consist of a second-order and a fourth-order term of  $W$  plus a self-adaptive switch term. Where the gradient is large, the second-order term dominates the fourth-order term, and where the gradient is small the fourth-order term dominates. Through such mechanisms the shock wave can be automatically captured and numerical oscillations near the shock wave minimized.

Based on the TVD dissipation term presented in Yee et al.<sup>3</sup> and Wang and Widhopf,<sup>4</sup> we construct a new Jameson/TVD mixed artificial viscous term using a flux-correction method, that is,

$$d_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} = \sum_{l=1}^4 \beta_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^l R_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^l \quad (11a)$$

$$\beta_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l = Q^l \left( v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l + r_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l \right) \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l - (g_i^l + g_{i+1}^l) \quad (11b)$$

$$R_{i+\frac{1}{2}} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ \hat{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & \hat{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & \hat{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & 1 \\ \hat{H}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & (\hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2 + \hat{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2)/2 & \hat{H}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} & \hat{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11c)$$

where

$$v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l = \lambda_i a_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l, \quad a_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^1 = \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad a_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2 = \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$a_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^3 = \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad a_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^4 = \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \langle \rho^{\frac{1}{2}} u \rangle / \langle \rho^{\frac{1}{2}} \rangle, \quad \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \left\{ (\gamma - 1) \left( \hat{H}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2 \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\langle b \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(b_i + b_{i+1}), \quad H = \gamma p / (\gamma - 1) \rho + \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2)$$

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2/\varepsilon + \varepsilon), \quad \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^1 = \frac{1}{2}(C_1 - C_2)$$

$$\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2 = [\rho]_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - C_1, \quad \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^3 = \frac{1}{2}(C_1 + C_2)$$

$$\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^4 = [\rho v]_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \hat{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} [\rho]_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$C_1 = (\gamma - 1) \left\{ [\rho e]_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2 - \hat{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2 \right) [\rho]_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right.$$

$$\left. - \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} [\rho u]_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \hat{v}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} [\rho v]_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right\} / \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C_2 &= \{[\rho u]_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \hat{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}[\rho]_{i+\frac{1}{2}}\} / \hat{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, & g_i^1 &= \bar{g}_i^1 + \theta_i \bar{g}_i^1 \\
\bar{g}_i^l &= s_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l \max\left[0, \min\left(\left|\bar{g}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l\right|, \left|\bar{g}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^l s_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l\right|\right)\right] \\
\bar{g}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ Q^l(v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l) - (v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l)^2 \right] \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l, & s_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l &= \text{sgn}(\bar{g}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l) \\
\gamma_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l &= (\bar{g}_{i+1}^l - \bar{g}_i^l) / \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l & \text{when } \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l &\neq 0 \\
&= 0 & \text{when } \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l &= 0 \\
\bar{g}_i^l &= s \max\left[0, \min(s\sigma_{i-\frac{1}{2}}\alpha_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^l, \sigma_{i+\frac{1}{2}}|\alpha_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^l|)\right] \\
s &= \text{sgn}(\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l), & \sigma_{i+\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2}[1 - Q(v_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l)] \\
\theta_i &= 0.25\bar{\theta}_i + 0.75\bar{\theta}_i^{1.5} \\
\bar{\theta}_i &= |\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l - \alpha_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^l| / (|\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^l| + |\alpha_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^l|)
\end{aligned}$$

### Time-Stepping Advance

With subscripts omitted, Eq. (10) can be revised as

$$\frac{dW}{dt} + R(W) = 0 \quad (12)$$

where

$$R(W) = (1/V_{i,j})(P_{i,j} - P_{vi,j} - D_{i,j}) \quad (13)$$

Equation (12) can be solved using a multistep Runge–Kutta method, that is,

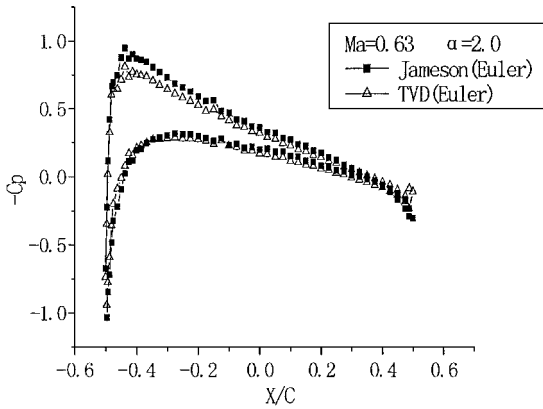


Fig. 1 Distribution of surface-pressure coefficient.

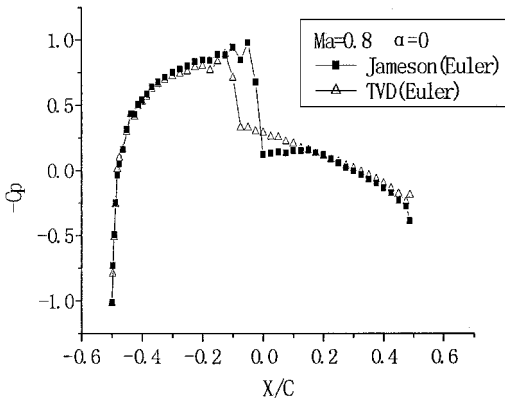


Fig. 2 Distribution of surface-pressure coefficient.

$$\begin{aligned}
W^{(0)} &= W^n, & W^{(1)} &= W^{(0)} - \alpha_1 \Delta t R(W^{(0)}) \\
W^{(2)} &= W^{(0)} - \alpha_2 \Delta t R(W^{(1)}), & W^{(3)} &= W^{(0)} - \alpha_3 \Delta t R(W^{(2)}) \\
W^{(4)} &= W^{(0)} - \alpha_4 \Delta t R(W^{(3)}), & W^{n+1} &= W^{(4)} \quad (14)
\end{aligned}$$

In practice, the physical viscous term and artificial viscous term are calculated only at the first iteration step so as to alleviate computation cost.

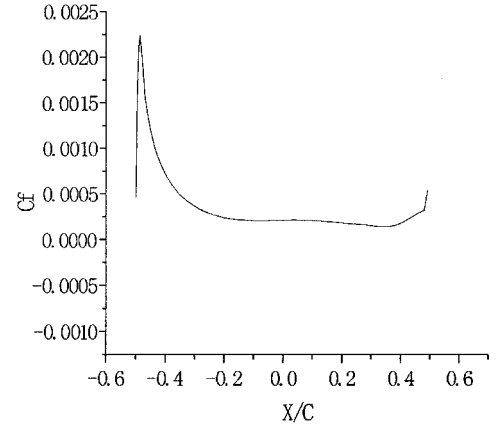


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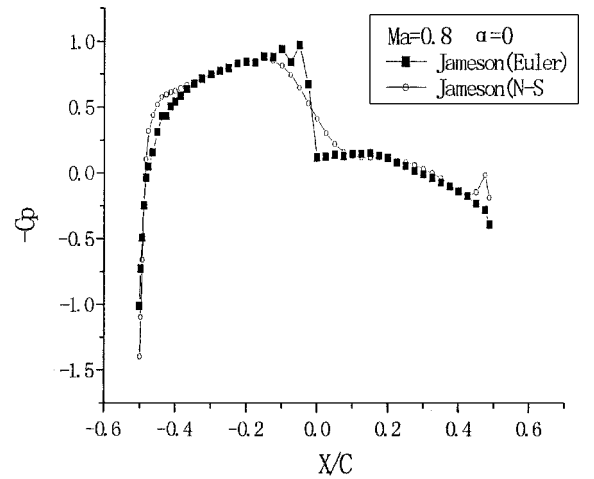


Fig. 4 Comparison of Euler and N-S results.

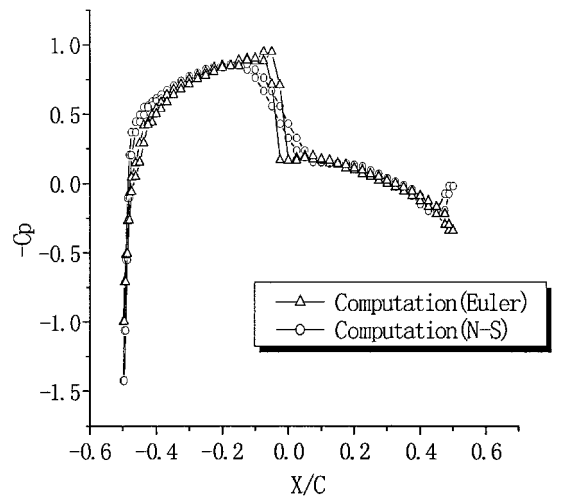
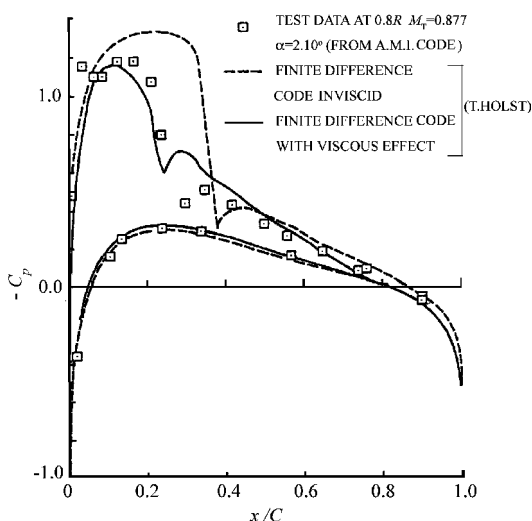


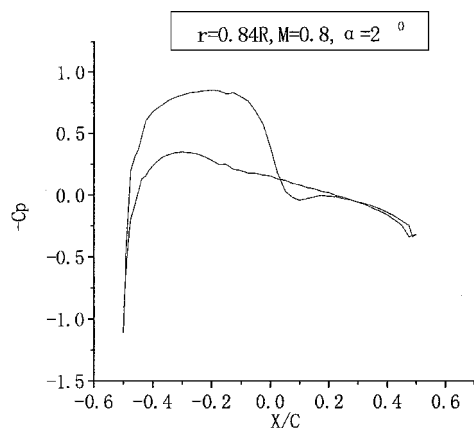
Fig. 5 Distribution of airfoil pressure coefficient for three-dimensional nonrotating wing ( $Ma=0.8$ ,  $\alpha=0$  deg).

### Example Analysis

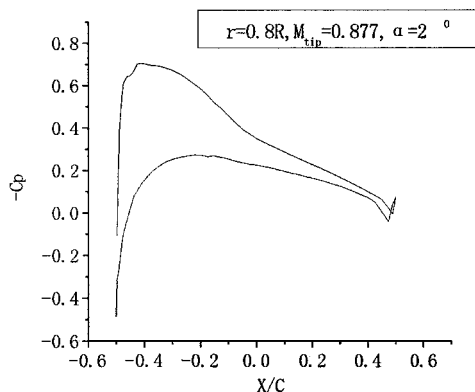
A O-type body-fitted grid around the sample airfoil (NACA0012) is generated using Thompson's method.<sup>7</sup> The Jameson and Jameson/TVD mixed schemes just described are implemented to solve the Euler equations. Also, the turbulent N-S equations are solved using the Jameson scheme. Grid resolution is Euler:  $99 \times 35$ , N-S:  $99 \times 70$ . As for the N-S calculation, the distance from the airfoil wall to the first layer grid is  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  times of the chord length. An O-H-type grid is generated for the three-dimensional calculation;



a) Result reported in Ref. 12



b) Calculation result



c) Calculation result

Fig. 6 Comparison of the calculation results and experiment data.

the grid resolution is for the  $99 \times 70 \times 41$  for the nonrotating wing and  $99 \times 35 \times 51$  for the rotating wing.

Figure 1 shows the distribution of the surface-pressure coefficient around the sample airfoil for nonzero angle of attack (AOA) and subsonic conditions using the Jameson and TVD/Jameson methods respectively.  $X$  represents chordwise position, and the origin of the coordinate system is placed on the midpoint of the airfoil chord. If a shock wave is not present, then the calculation results of these two methods are identical and in good agreement with the results of Ref. 8.

Figure 2 shows the distribution of the surface-pressure coefficient around the sample airfoil (zero AOA and transonic conditions, Jameson and TVD/Jameson methods, respectively). These results are in good agreement with the results of Ref. 9. We can see an apparent pressure leap caused by the shock wave. Also, although the position of the shock wave captured using the TVD method is closer to the leading edge the resolution of the TVD method is higher than the Jameson method. In practice, it takes fewer iteration steps for the TVD scheme to capture the shock wave. However, the iteration time for each step is much longer.

Figure 3 presents the distribution of the surface-friction coefficient around the sample airfoil obtained by solving the N-S equations (Jameson method). The shape of the curve is quite similar to that described in Refs. 10 and 11.

The comparison of the calculation results using Euler and N-S equations is presented in Fig. 4. Because of the viscous effect added in the N-S equations, its shock wave is wider than that acquired by the Euler method. However, the pressure distribution is basically the same. Accordingly, the Euler equations are suitable for lift force calculation. Nevertheless, the N-S equations are necessary for drag force and power calculations of the helicopter rotor.

The distribution of the pressure coefficient for a three-dimensional nonrotating wing ( $Ma = 0.8$ ,  $AOA = 0$  deg) is shown in Fig. 5. Figure 6 presents the comparison of the calculation results and experiment data<sup>12</sup> for Caradonna and Tung's rotor blade. Good agreement between them is indicated.

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