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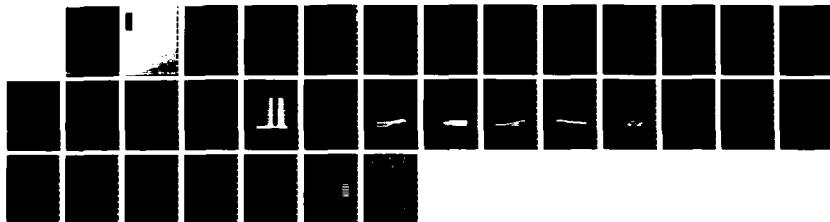
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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, a considerable research effort has been focused on the development of modern predictive capabilities for determining the aerodynamics of projectiles. The time-dependent Navier-Stokes computational technique has been used¹⁻² to compute the flow over projectiles at transonic speeds. For supersonic flows, space-marching parabolized³ Navier-Stokes computational technique can be effectively used. However, this technique fails for flows containing longitudinal flow separation. In such cases, which are frequently encountered in projectile aerodynamic simulations, the time-dependent Navier-Stokes technique needs to be used.⁴⁻⁵

The time-dependent Navier-Stokes equations can be solved in a generalized body-fitted coordinate system. Many actual projectile configurations contain sharp corners and steps. These sharp geometric variations make it extremely difficult to generate body-conforming grids while preserving the sharp corners. The grid lines are wrapped around the corners and, in many cases, such wrap around grids are skewed near these corners and steps. Using such grids introduces geometric errors and sometimes leads to loss in both the computational efficiency and accuracy. In this report we develop and apply a flow-field blanking procedure which allows computation of practical flows of interest with no geometric error since it models the corners and steps exactly.

To avoid geometric errors one can blank out the flowfield in specific regions in the computational domain. Examples where such blanking can be useful are shown in Figure 1. Continuous straight line grids can be used for these cases and the hatched regions are the ones where the flowfield is to be blanked out. This procedure, thus, preserves the sharp corners and steps. In addition to zeroing out the flowfield inside the hatched regions, additional changes must be made in the boundary conditions and the computational algorithm near these surfaces. These changes are described in a later section. This technique can be tested with the simple problem of flow over a rotating band. The rotating-band, which is a protuberance on the artillery shell, imparts spin to a shell during launch. However, it does contribute a small unwanted drag in free flight. A schematic of the rotating-band flowfield is shown in Figure 2. It shows the expected recirculation regions in front of and behind the band and the associated compressions and expansion waves. A numerical solution is obtained for this problem at $M_\infty = 3.0$ and $\alpha = 0$.

II. COMPUTATIONAL TECHNIQUE

1. GOVERNING EQUATIONS

The complete set of time-dependent generalized axisymmetric thin-layer Navier-Stokes equations is solved numerically to obtain a solution to this problem. The numerical technique used is an implicit finite-difference scheme. Although time-dependent calculations are made, the transient flow is not of primary interest at the present time. The steady flow is the desired result which is obtained in a time asymptotic fashion.

The azimuthal-invariant (or generalized axisymmetric) thin-layer Navier-Stokes equations for curvilinear coordinates ξ , η and ζ can be written as:¹

$$\frac{\partial \hat{q}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial \hat{E}}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \hat{G}}{\partial \zeta} + \hat{H} = Re^{-1} \frac{\partial \hat{S}}{\partial \zeta} \quad (1)$$

where

$\xi = \xi(x, y, z, t)$ is the longitudinal coordinate

$\eta = \eta(y, z, t)$ is the circumferential coordinate

$\zeta = \zeta(x, y, z, t)$ is the near normal coordinate

$\tau = t$ is the time

and

$$\hat{q} = J^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho w \\ e \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{E} = J^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \rho U \\ \rho u U + \xi_x \rho \\ \rho v U + \xi_y \rho \\ \rho w U + \xi_z \rho \\ (e + p)U - \xi_t \rho \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{G} = J^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \rho W \\ \rho u W + \zeta_x \rho \\ \rho v W + \zeta_y \rho \\ \rho w W + \zeta_z \rho \\ (e + p)W - \zeta_t \rho \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\hat{H} = J^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \eta \\ \eta \\ \rho V [R_\xi (U - \xi_t) + R_\zeta (W - \zeta_t)] \\ -\rho V R_\eta (V - \eta_t) - \rho / (R \phi_\eta) \\ \eta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mu(\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2)u_\zeta + (\mu/3)(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta)\zeta_x \\ \mu(\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2)v_\zeta + (\mu/3)(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta)\zeta_y \\ \mu(\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2)w_\zeta + (\mu/3)(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta)\zeta_z \\ \{(\zeta_x^2 + \zeta_y^2 + \zeta_z^2)[(\mu/2)(u^2 + v^2 + w^2)_\zeta + \kappa Pr^{-1}(\gamma-1)^{-1}(\partial^2)_\zeta] \\ + (\mu/3)(\zeta_x u + \zeta_y v + \zeta_z w)(\zeta_x u_\zeta + \zeta_y v_\zeta + \zeta_z w_\zeta)\} \end{bmatrix}$$

The velocities

$$\begin{aligned}U &= \xi_t + \xi_x u + \xi_y v + \xi_z w \\V &= \eta_t + \eta_x u + \eta_y v + \eta_z w \\W &= \zeta_t + \zeta_x u + \zeta_y v + \zeta_z w\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

represent the contravariant velocity components.

The Cartesian velocity components (u, v, w) are nondimensionalized with respect to a_∞ (free stream speed of sound). The density (ρ) is referenced to ρ_∞ and total energy (e) to $\rho_\infty a_\infty^2$. The local pressure is determined using the equation of state,

$$p = (\gamma - 1)[e - 0.5\rho(u^2 + v^2 + w^2)]\tag{3}$$

where γ is the ratio of specific heats.

While Equation (1) contains only two spatial derivatives, it retains all three momentum equations, thus allowing a degree of generality over the standard axisymmetric equations. In particular, the circumferential velocity is not assumed to be zero, thus allowing computations for spinning projectiles or swirl flow to be accomplished.

2. COMPUTATIONAL ALGORITHM

The azimuthal-invariant, thin-layer Navier-Stokes equations are solved using an implicit approximate factorization finite difference scheme in delta form.⁶ An implicit method was chosen because, for viscous flow problems, it permits a time step much greater than that allowed by explicit schemes. The Beam-Warming implicit algorithm has been used in various applications¹⁻⁹ for the equations in general curvilinear coordinates. The algorithm is first-order accurate in time and second- or fourth-order accurate in space. The equations are factored (spatially split), which reduces the solution process to one-dimensional problems at a given time level. Central difference operators are employed and the algorithm produces block tridiagonal systems for each space coordinate. The main computational work is contained in the solution of these block tridiagonal systems of equations. For the computation of turbulent flows, the two-layer algebraic Baldwin-Lomax turbulence model¹⁰ is used.

3. FINITE-DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

The implicit, approximately factored algorithm developed by Beam-Warming⁶ has the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
& [I + h\delta_{\xi}\hat{A}^n + D_{\xi}^{(2)}] [I + h\delta_{\zeta}\hat{C}^n - hRe^{-1}\delta_{\zeta}J^{-1}\hat{M}^nJ + D_{\zeta}^{(2)}]\Delta\hat{q}^n \\
& = -h[\delta_{\xi}\hat{E}^n + \delta_{\zeta}\hat{G}^n - Re^{-1}\delta_{\zeta}\hat{S}^n + \hat{H}^n + D^{(4)}]
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where the explicit fourth-order dissipation is:

$$D^{(4)} = -\epsilon_e \Delta t J^{-1} [(\nabla_{\xi}\Delta_{\xi})^2 + (\nabla_{\zeta}\Delta_{\zeta})^2] J \hat{q}^n$$

and the implicit second-order dissipation terms are:

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{\xi}^{(2)} &= -\epsilon_i \Delta t J^{-1} (\nabla_{\xi}\Delta_{\xi}) J \\
D_{\zeta}^{(2)} &= -\epsilon_i \Delta t J^{-1} (\nabla_{\zeta}\Delta_{\zeta}) J
\end{aligned}$$

The fourth-order explicit dissipation is used to control non-linear instabilities whereas the implicit dissipation is included to stabilize the explicitly treated fourth-difference terms. The parameter ϵ_e is $O(1)$ and the parameter ϵ_i is two to three times ϵ_e . The Jacobian matrices $\hat{A} = \frac{\partial \hat{E}}{\partial q}$, $\hat{C} = \frac{\partial \hat{G}}{\partial q}$ along with coefficient matrix $\hat{M}$ obtained from linearization of $\hat{S}$ are described in detail in Reference 8.

To suppress high frequency components that appear in regions containing severe pressure gradients, e.g., shocks or stagnation points, a switching dissipation model is used. This switching model is similar to the model used by Pulliam⁹ and uses a fourth-order dissipation in smooth regions and switches to a second-order dissipation in regions containing high pressure or density gradients. The dissipation term $D^{(4)}$ on the right hand side of Equation (4) can be written in this model as:

$$\frac{\Delta t}{J} ||A_{\infty}|| [\delta \epsilon_d \left| \frac{\Delta \nabla \rho}{\langle \rho \rangle} \right| \delta J q - \delta \epsilon_e \delta \Delta \nabla J q] \tag{5}$$

where the first term is the second-order dissipation and the second term contains the fourth-order dissipation. The coefficients ϵ_d and ϵ_e are the associated coefficients for the second-order and fourth-order dissipation, respectively. The coefficient ϵ_d is fifty to hundred times ϵ_e and Δ and ∇ are the one-sided forward and backward finite-difference operators. Note that the fourth-order dissipation is non-linear in that the coefficient is not a constant and is scaled by spectral radius $||A_{\infty}||$. The two terms in Equation (5) are of the form $\delta \alpha \delta \beta$ where:

$$(\delta \alpha \delta \beta)_j = \left(\frac{\alpha_{j+1} + \alpha_j}{2} \right) (\beta_{j+1} - \beta_j) + \left(\frac{\alpha_j + \alpha_{j-1}}{2} \right) (\beta_j - \beta_{j-1})$$

Fourth-order dissipation is used if $\epsilon_e > \epsilon_d \left| \frac{\nabla \Delta \rho}{\langle \rho \rangle} \right|$ and the dissipation is switched to second-order if $\epsilon_e < \epsilon_d \left| \frac{\nabla \Delta \rho}{\langle \rho \rangle} \right|$. The pressure gradient is used in the normal direction in this switching control whereas density, as shown in Equation (5), is used in the longitudinal direction. In addition, a space varying⁹ Δt procedure is used where the time step used is given as:

$$\Delta t = \frac{(\Delta t)_{ref}}{1 + \sqrt{J}} \quad (6)$$

where J is the Jacobian of the transformation and $(\Delta t)_{ref}$ is a reference time step.

4. FLOWFIELD BLANKING

The idea is to avoid geometric errors that may arise from wrap around grids. Instead, we use straight line grids as shown schematically in Figure 3. For the rotating band problem, the zone ABCD is part of the body and the flowfield in this zone must be blanked out in the computational domain. As shown in Figure 3, the sharp corners and steps ahead of and behind the band are preserved and no approximation is made. It is also necessary to apply boundary conditions on the zonal surfaces AB, BC and CD. The no-slip boundary conditions are used at these boundaries along with zero gradients for pressure and density. In addition, at neighboring points to these boundaries, we use second-order spatial difference and smoothing. The block tridiagonal matrix structure has been modified for continuous integration sweeps through such zones. For example, the block tridiagonal matrix in the ξ direction takes the following form (after setting $\epsilon_i = 0$ to simplify the illustration)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & I & & A_3 & & \Delta q_2 & & RHS_2 \\ & & & I & & A_4 & & \Delta q_3 & & RHS_3 \\ -A_2 & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ -A_{J1-2} & & & I & & A_{J1} & & & & \\ 0 & & & & I & & 0 & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & & & & I & & 0 & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ -A_{J2} & & & & & I & & A_{J2+2} & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ -A_{JMAX-2} & & & & I & & \Delta q_{JMAX-1} & & RHS_{JMAX-1} \end{array} = \quad (7)$$

Here A 's denote the quantity $\frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta \xi} \hat{A}$ and I is a 5×5 identity matrix. Note the appearance of the uncoupled block tridiagonals between $J = J1$ and $J2$ corresponding to lines AB and DC, respectively. The rows at $J1$ and $J2$ are particularly simple because boundary conditions are updated explicitly at the end of inversions. All the changes described in this section were easily implemented in a modular fashion into an existing code for projectile flow computations. One simply fills the block tridiagonal matrix ignoring the zone. Elements in the rows inside the zone are then overloaded as shown above. The flowfield blanking affects the block tridiagonal matrix in the ξ direction similarly. Although, we have only one zone for the rotating band case, changes have been made in the code to blank out multiple zones.

III. RESULTS

All the numerical computations were made at $M_\infty = 3.0$ and $\alpha = 0$. The projectile configuration with the rotating band which was used in this study is shown in Figure 4. This model is a cone-cylinder configuration with a 13.1° cone angle. The band height is .04 D and the width is .505 D. The same model was used in the experiments¹¹ which were conducted in the US Army Chemical Research Development and Engineering Center's Supersonic Wind Tunnel. Surface pressure measurements have been made ahead of and behind the band which are used to compare with the numerical results.

Since the freestream flow is supersonic, the space marching Parabolized Navier-Stokes code³ was used to compute the solution over the forebody of the projectile (See Figure 5). This generated a solution at a station 30 band heights ahead of the band which was then used as an upstream boundary condition for the computation of the flowfield containing the rotating band. For this part of the flowfield which includes the band, the unsteady or time-dependent Navier-Stokes computational technique described earlier was used. Such composite solution technique allowed a large number of grid points to be used in the vicinity of the band.

The computational grid used for the numerical calculations is shown in Figure 6. It consists of 139 points in the longitudinal direction and 60 points in the normal direction. The grid points are clustered near the surface of the cylindrical part with a minimum spacing of .00002 D. The resolution of grid points on the top of the band is not as fine. Grid points in the longitudinal direction are clustered near the upstream and downstream corners of the rotating band where appreciable changes in the flow variables are expected. In Figure 6, the grid lines inside the band are omitted to show the position of the band; however, in the actual grid used in the computations, there are continuous grid lines inside the band and those are the lines where the flowfield blanking procedure is used.

For comparison purposes, a numerical solution is first obtained for flow over the cylindrical part of the projectile without the rotating band at $M_\infty = 3.0$ and $\alpha = 0$. The computed surface pressure coefficient is plotted in Figure 7 as a function of longitudinal position. The computed result is in very good agreement with experimental data.¹¹

Numerical results obtained for the rotating band case are presented next. Figure 3a shows the velocity vector field in front of the band and as expected, it shows the recirculatory flow in that region. As shown in this figure, the flow seems to accelerate as the corner of the band is approached. Figure 3b shows the velocity vectors behind the band. The flow expands at the corner of the band. A recirculation region can be observed clearly. Figures 9a and 9b show the stream function contours ahead of and behind the band, respectively. The recirculatory flow regions can be clearly seen in these figures. The reverse flow region extends about four band heights ahead of the band and the reattachment point is less than a quarter of the height of the band from the corner. The size of the recirculation bubble behind the band is a little smaller than the one ahead of the band. The flow seems to separate slightly below the band corners and reattaches about 3.5 band heights downstream. Figure 10 shows the pressure contours for this case. One can also see a separation shock wave ahead of the band. The shock wave is located just ahead of the flow separation region. The strong flow expansions at both the band corners can be clearly seen. The expansions at the downstream corner is followed by a recompression shock. The surface pressure coefficient for the band case is shown in Figure 11 as a function of the axial position. The solid line is the computed result, the dashed line is the result obtained for the case without the band and the circles are the experimental data for the band. There is a considerable change in the pressure due to the presence of the band. The sharp rise in pressure ahead of the band is associated with the shock wave which actually precedes the separation point of the boundary layer flow. The flow then expands at the corner and pressure drops. No significant change in pressure occurs on the top of the band. At the backward step of the band, the flow expands again which results in the sharp decrease in the pressure. This is followed by a more gradual return to the ambient pressure downstream. The computed surface pressure is in good agreement with the experimental data measured ahead of and behind the band. The small discrepancy found in the comparison could be due to the turbulence model used.

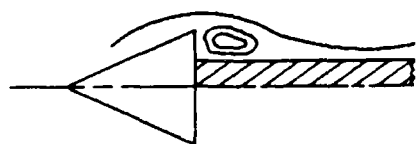
IV. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Navier-Stokes computational technique has been used in conjunction with a flowfield blanking procedure for numerical simulation where the sharp corners and steps exactly modeled, thereby, avoiding any possible source of geometric errors. This procedure has been applied to the flow over a rotating band at supersonic speed.

Computed results have been obtained for $M_\infty = 3.0$ and $\alpha = 0$ and compared with available experimental data. The results show the recirculation region both ahead of and behind the rotating-band as well as the associated compression and expansion waves. The computed surface pressures for both cases, with and without the band, are in fairly good agreement with experimental data. The present numerical procedure is simple to use and seems to predict the flowfield correctly. Further work is needed to extend this technique to predict three dimensional flow fields. In addition, a parametric study will be conducted in future to predict the effect of the rotating-band on the aerodynamic coefficients for artillery shell.



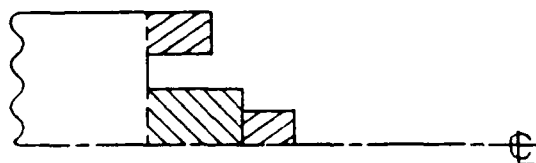
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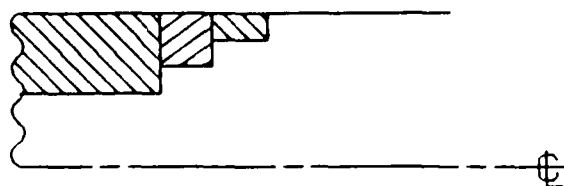
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Figure 1. Examples of flowfield blanking.

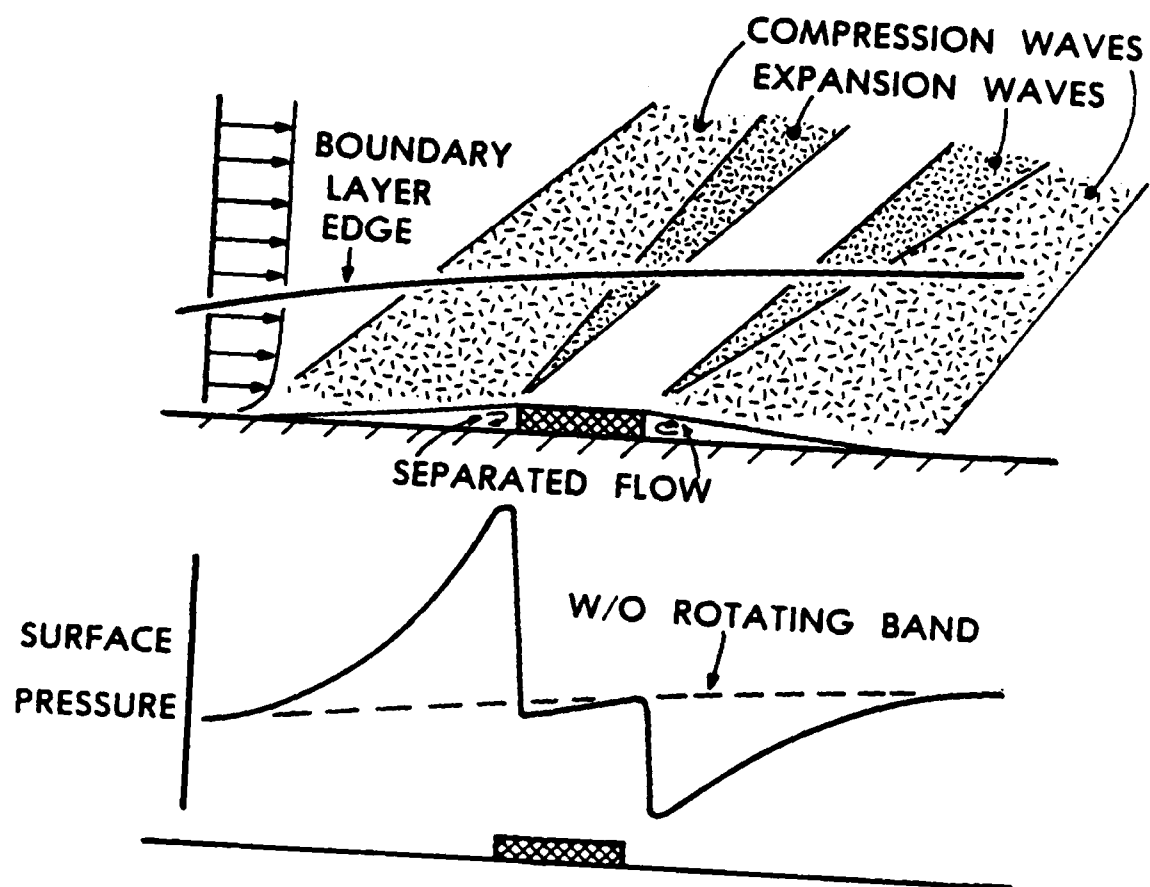


Figure 2. Schematics of rotating band flowfield.

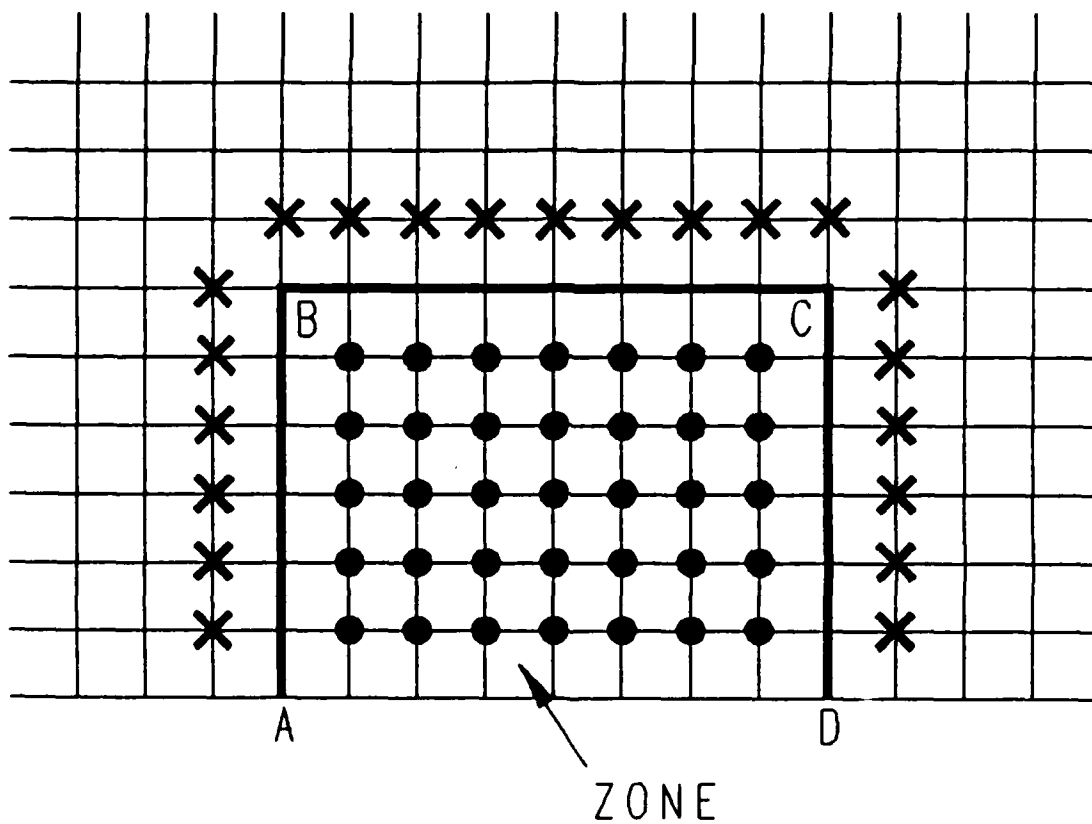
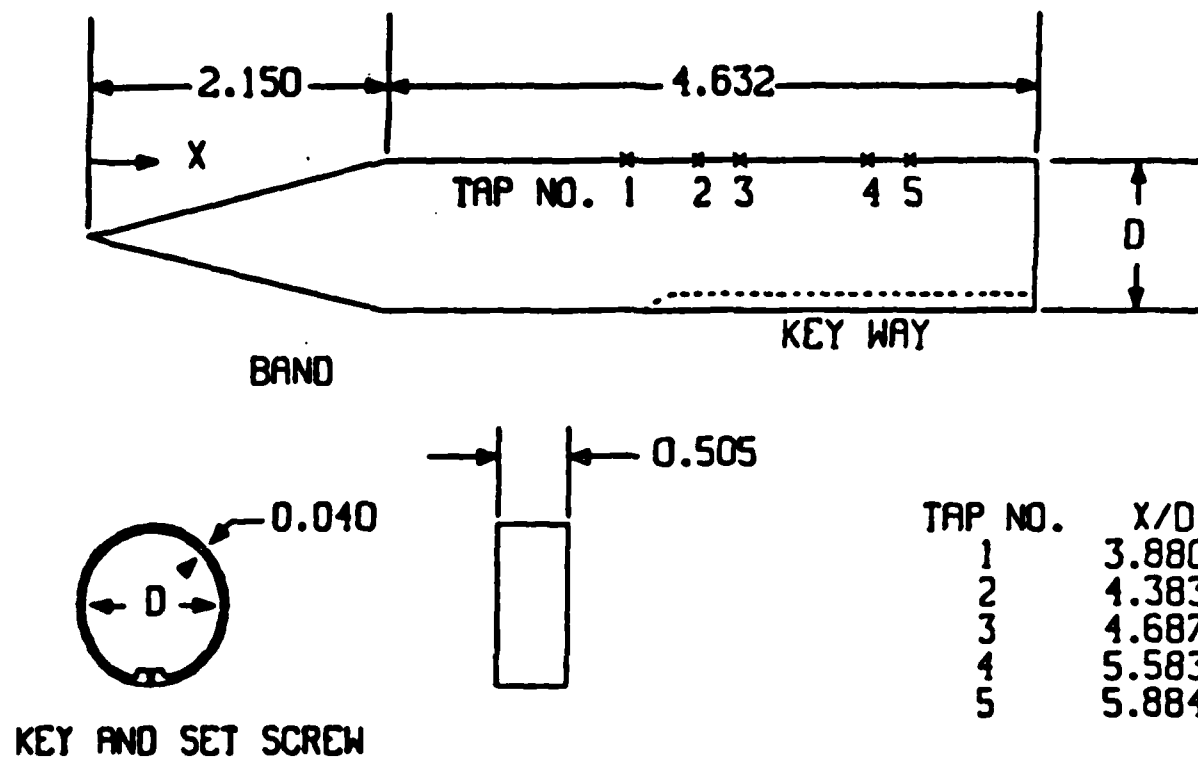


Figure 3. Schematic illustration of flowfield blanking.



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Figure 4. Model geometry.

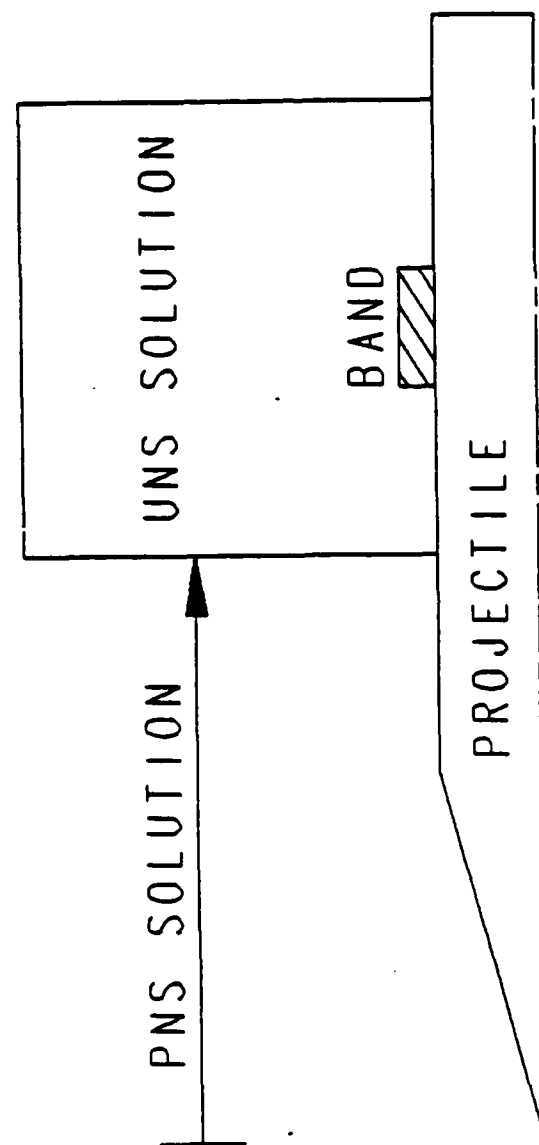


Figure 5. Composite solution technique.

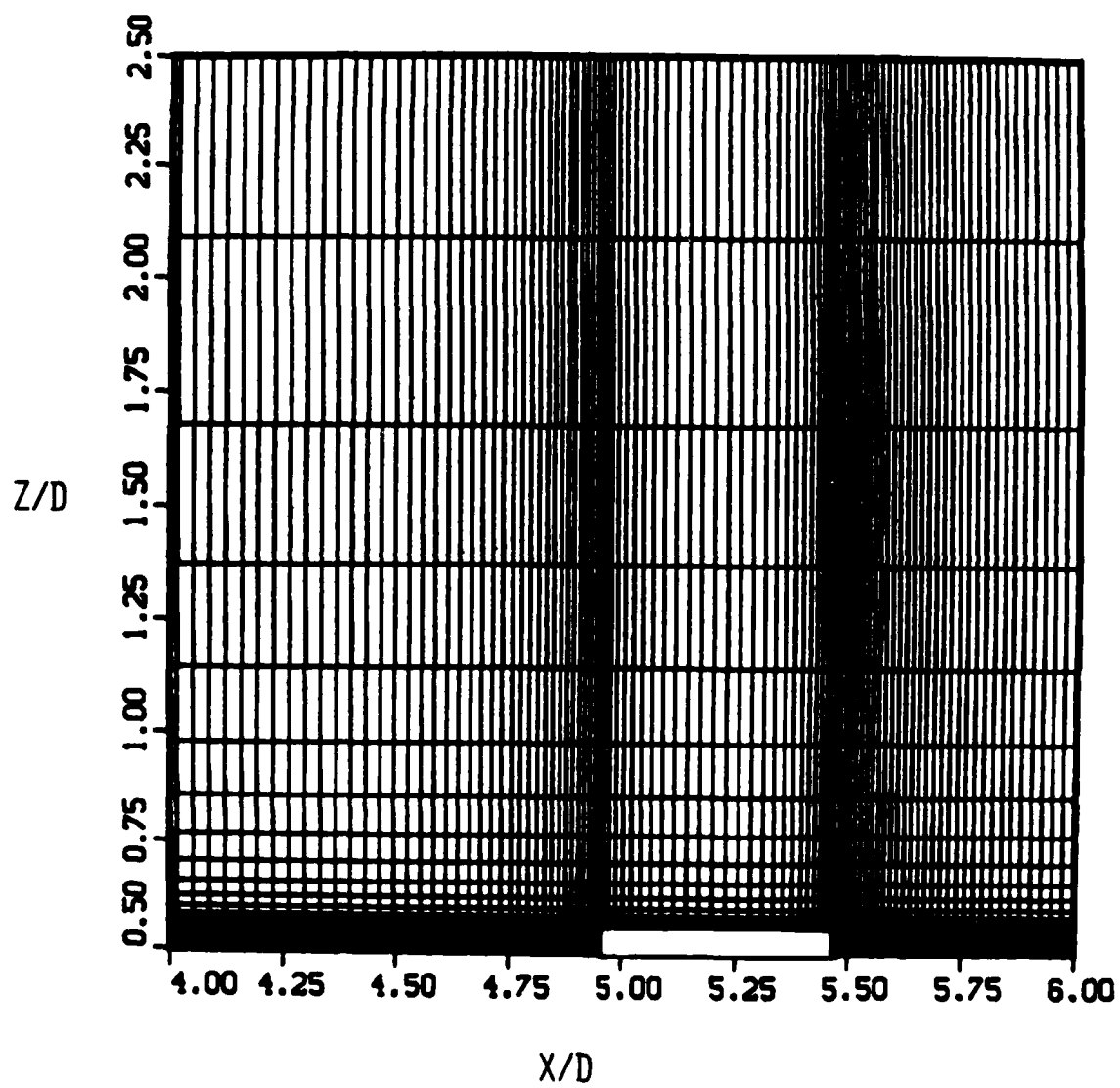


Figure 6. Computational grid expanded near the model.

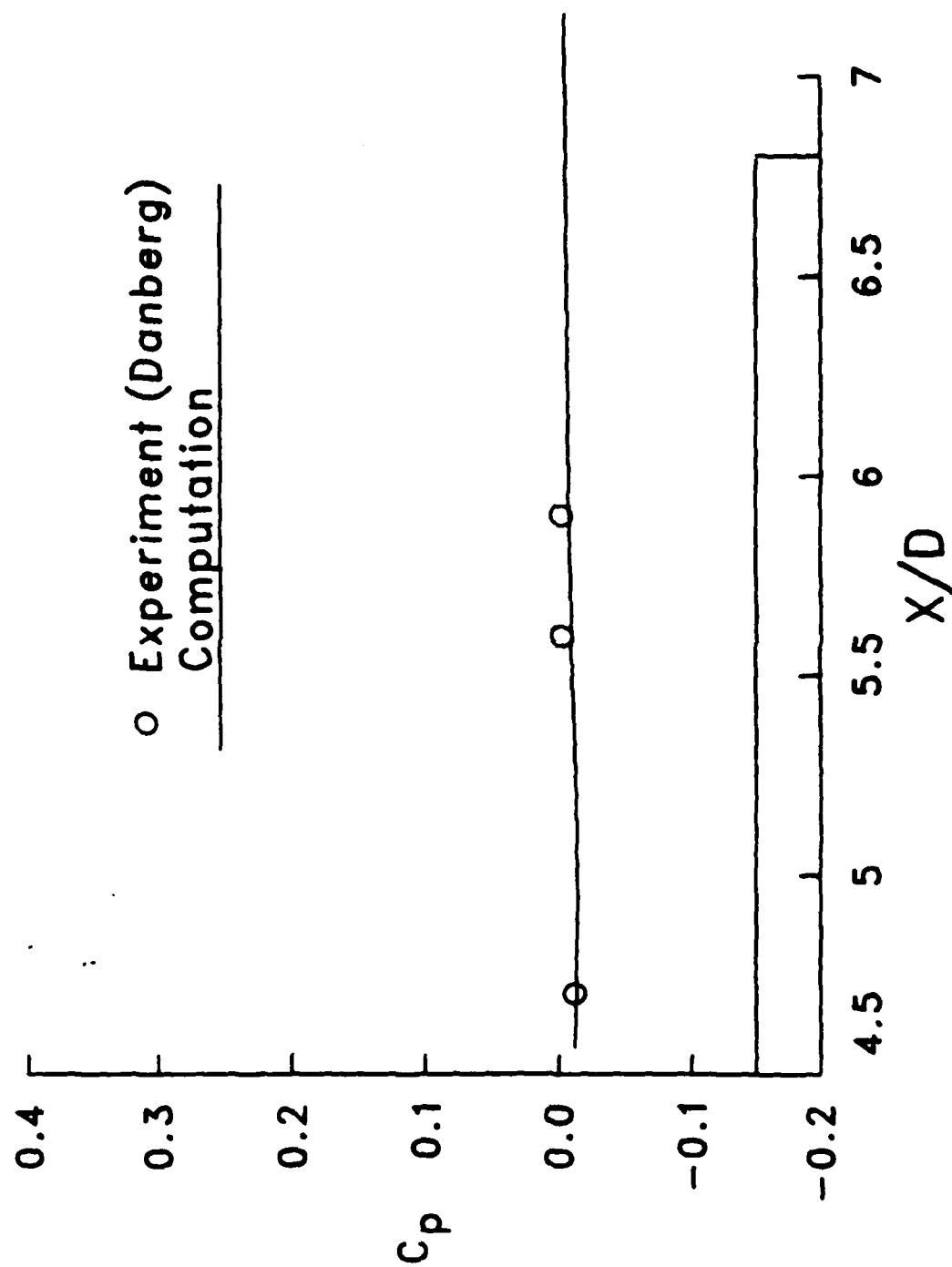


Figure 7. Longitudinal surface pressure distribution, $M_\infty = 3.0$, $\alpha = 0$ (without the band).

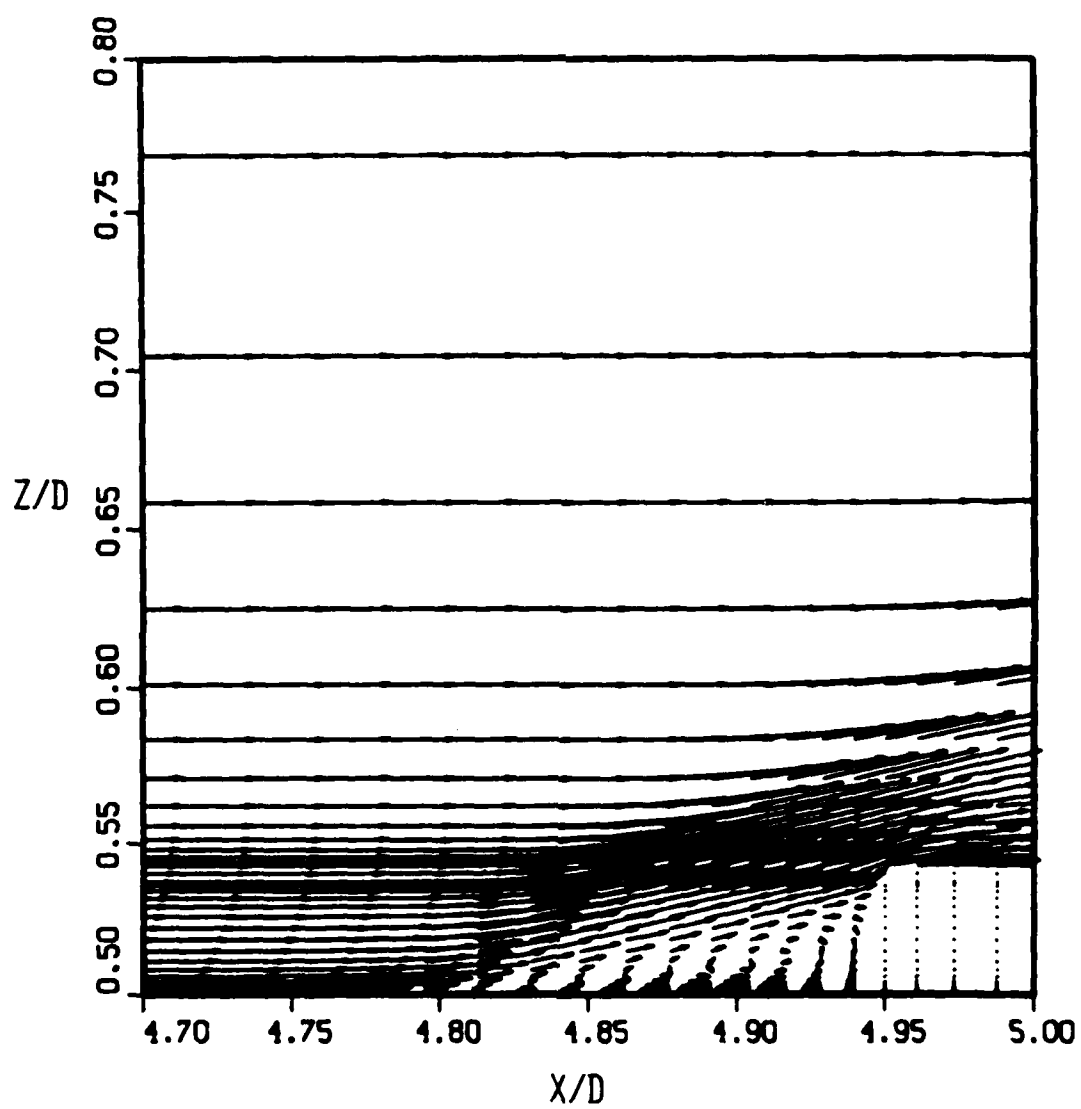


Figure 8a. Velocity vectors Ahead of the band, $M_\infty = 3.0$, $\alpha = 0$.

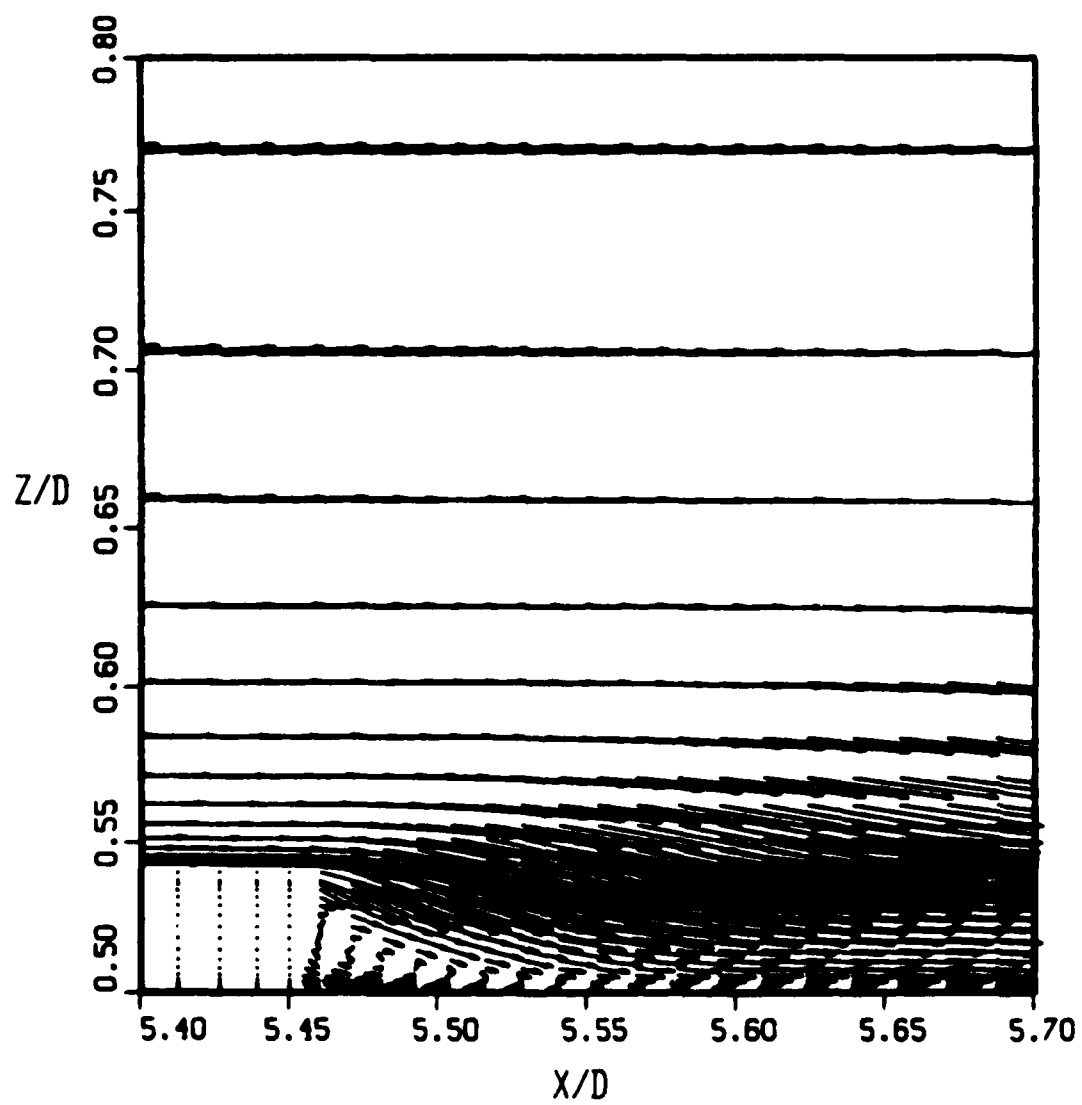


Figure 8b. Velocity vectors behind the band, $M_{\infty} = 3.0$, $\alpha = 0$.

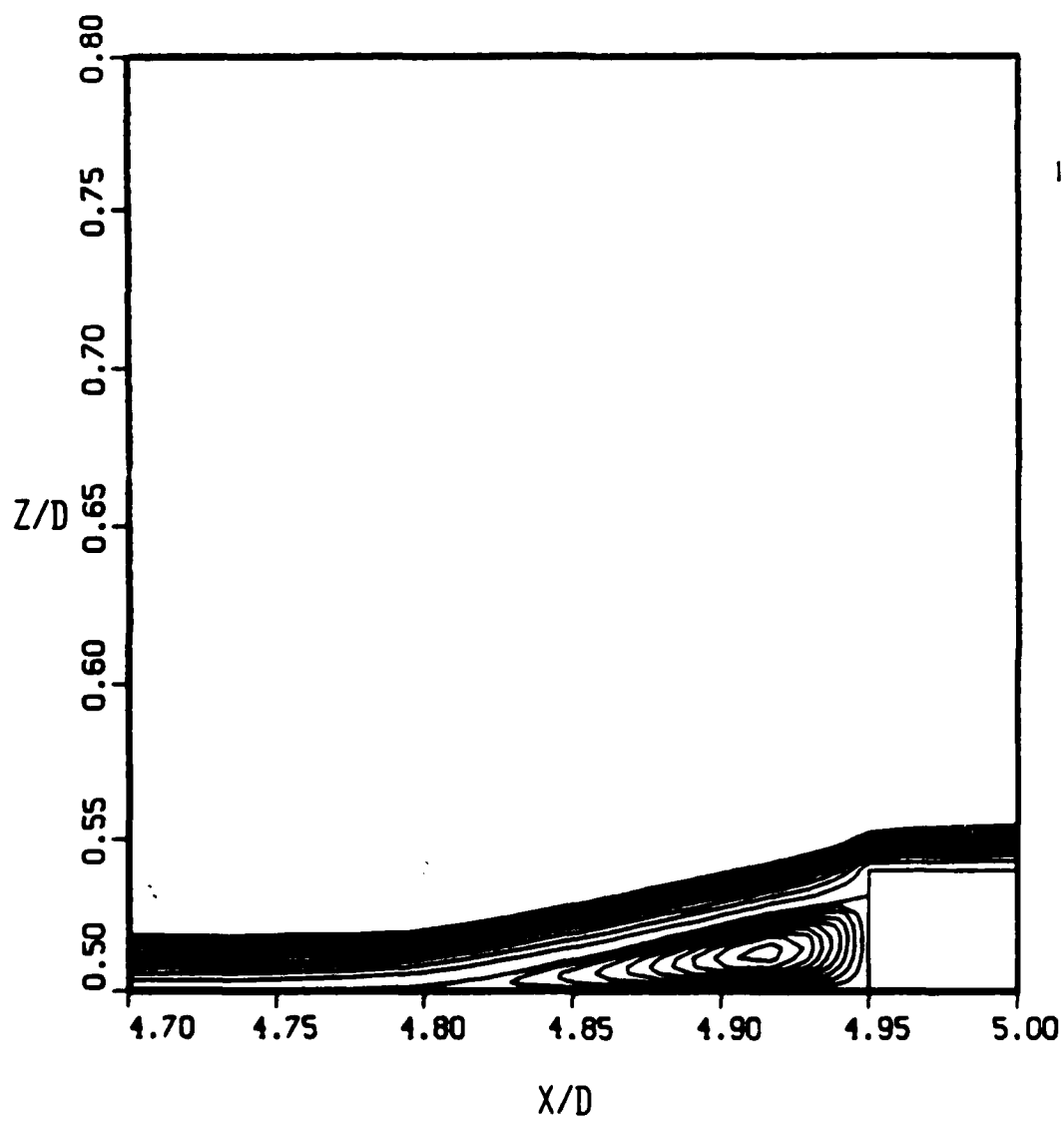


Figure 9a. Stream function contours ahead of the band, $M_\infty = 3.0$, $\alpha = 0$.

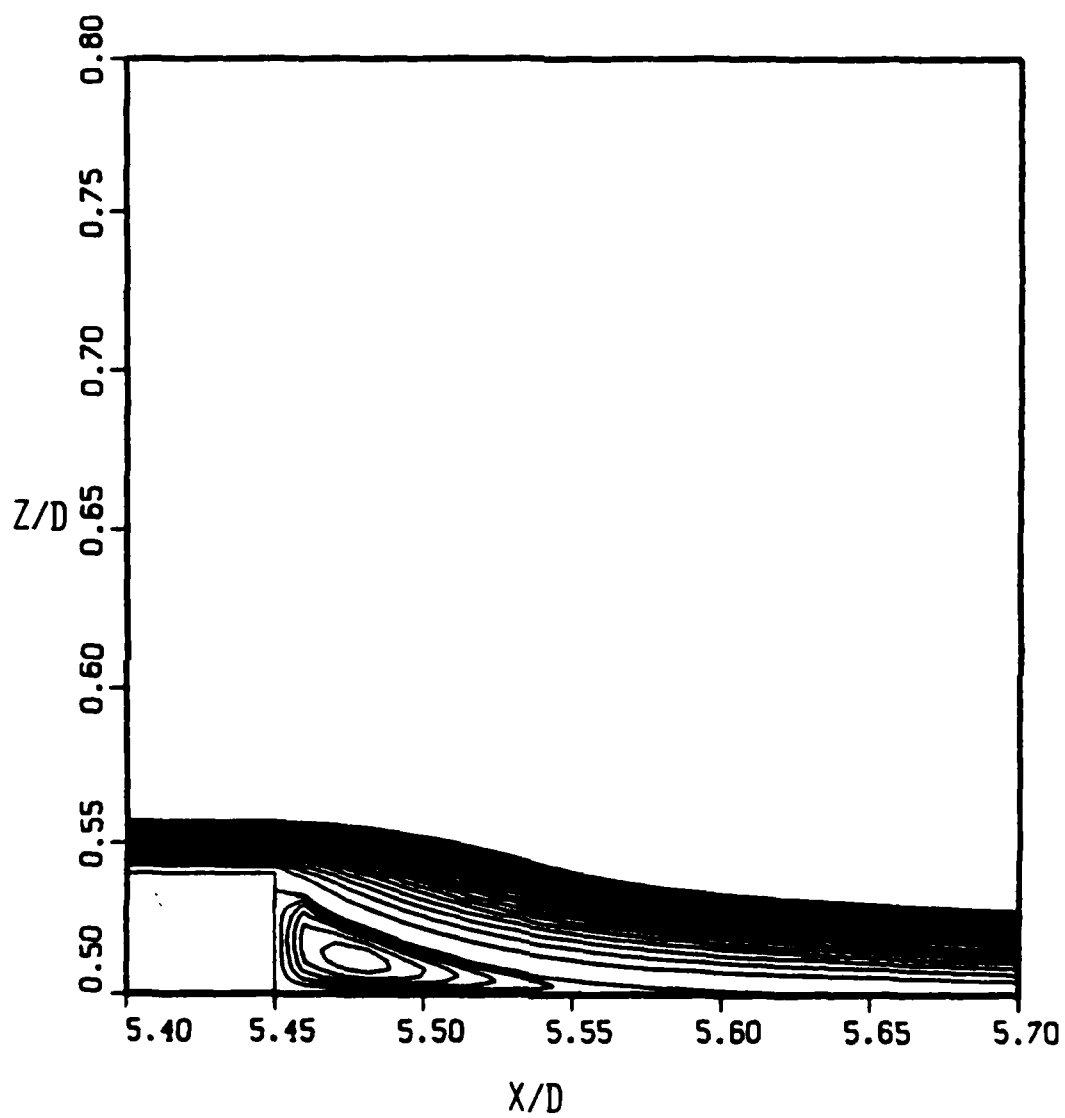


Figure 9b. Stream function contours behind the band, $M_{\infty} = 3.0$, $\alpha = 0$.

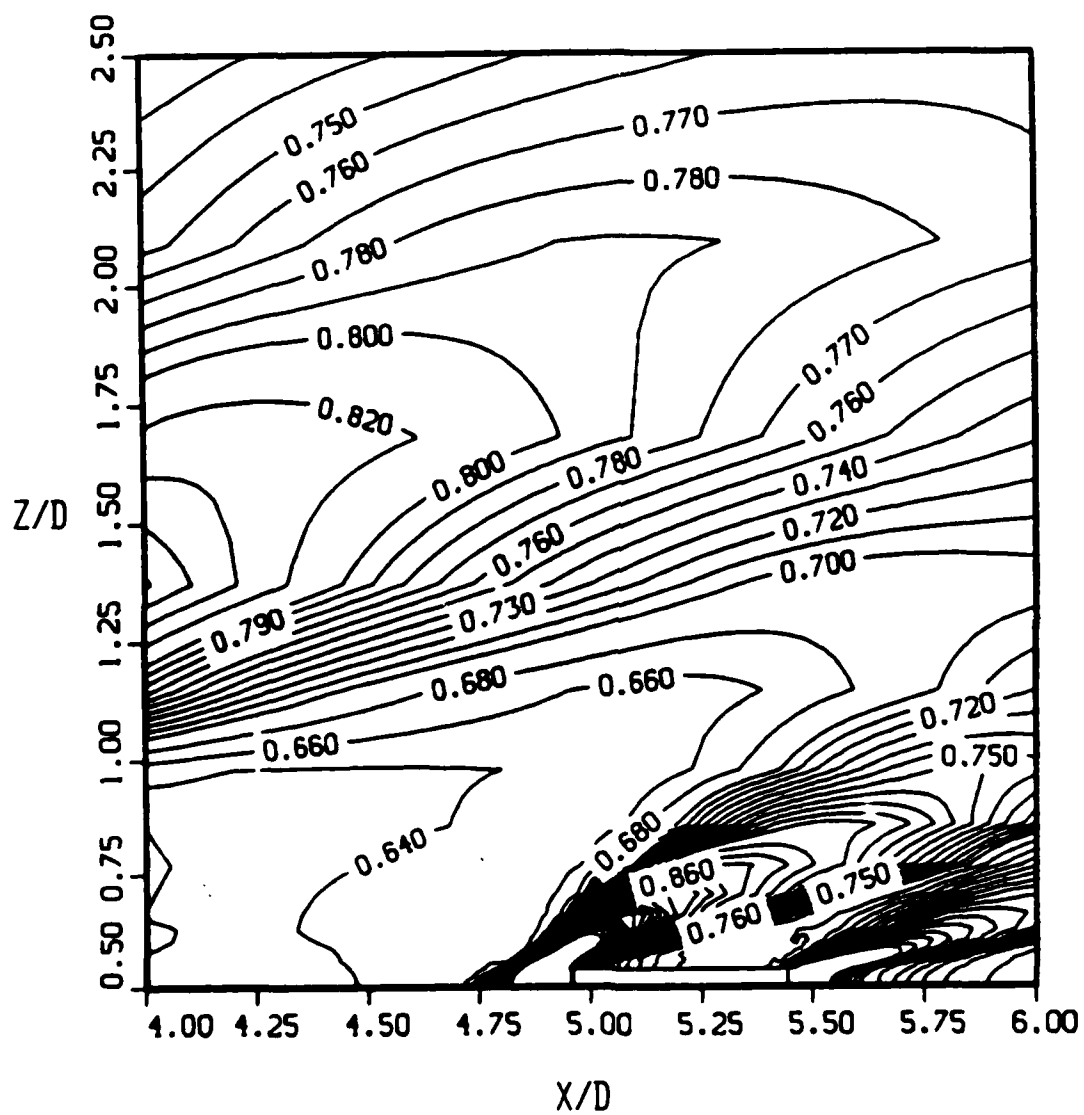


Figure 10. Pressure contours, $M_\infty = 3.0$, $\alpha = 0$.

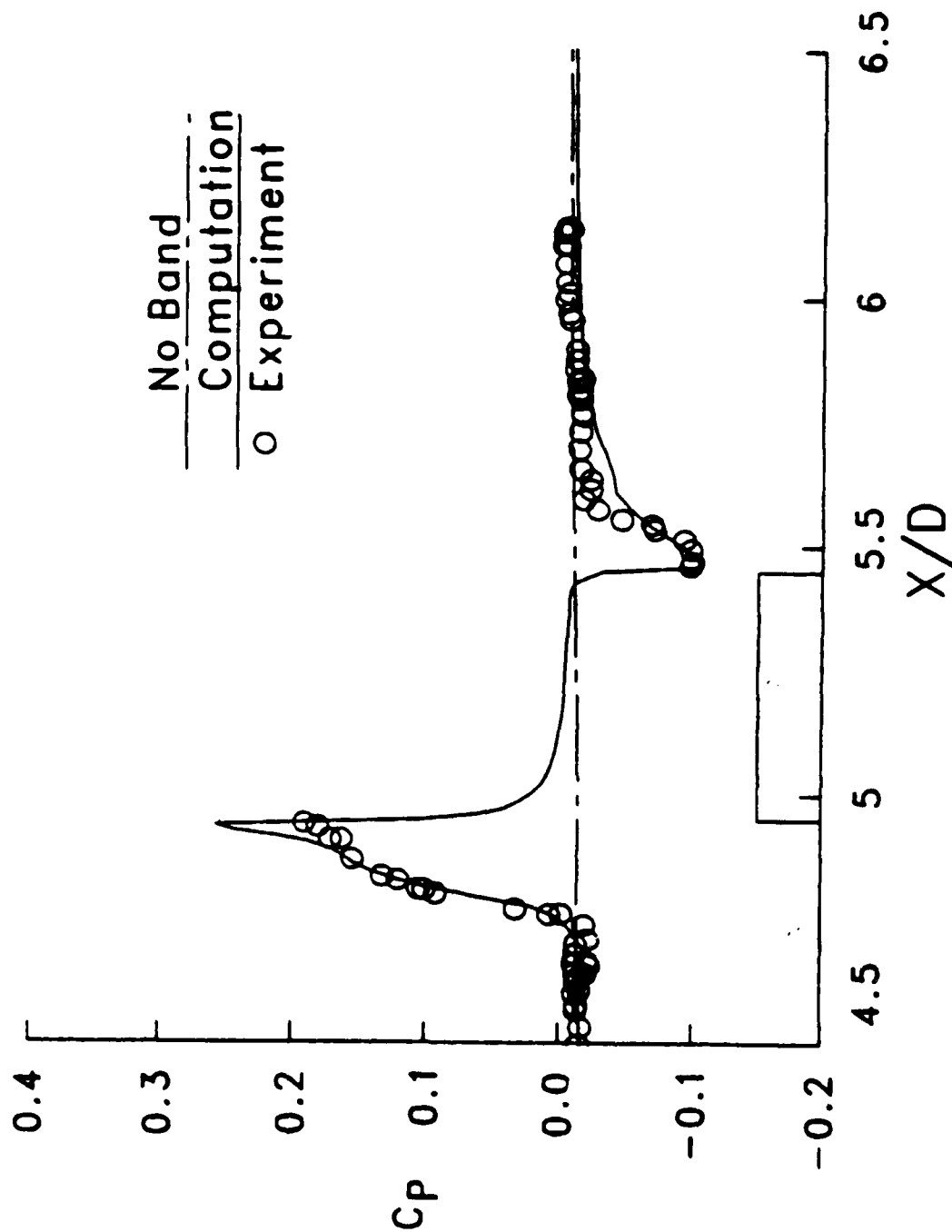


Figure 11. Longitudinal surface pressure distribution, $M_\infty = 3.0$, $\alpha = 0$ (with the band).

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

a	= speed of sound
c_p	= specific heat at constant pressure
C_p	= pressure coefficient, $2(\rho_\infty a_\infty^2 p - p_\infty)/\rho_\infty u_\infty^2$
D	= body diameter
e	= total energy per unit volume/ $\rho_\infty a_\infty^2$
$\hat{E}, \hat{F}, \hat{q}$	= flux vector of tranformed Navier-Stokes equations
$\hat{H}$	= η -invariant source vector
J	= Jacobian of transformation
M	= Mach number
p	= pressure/ $\rho_\infty a_\infty^2$
Pr	= Prandtl number, $\mu_\infty c_p / \kappa_\infty$
R	= body radius
Re	= Reynolds number, $\rho_\infty a_\infty D / \mu_\infty$
$\hat{S}$	= viscous flux vector
t	= physical time
u, v, w	= Cartesian velocity components/ a_∞
U, V, W	= contravariant velocity components/ a_∞
x, y, z	= physical Cartesian coordinates
α	= angle of attack
γ	= ratio of specific heats
κ	= coefficient of thermal conductivity/ κ_∞
μ	= coefficient of viscosity/ μ_∞
ξ, η, ζ	= transformed coordinates in axial, circumferential and radial directions
ρ	= density/ ρ_∞
Δ	= forward difference

LIST OF SYMBOLS (Continued)

∇	= backward difference
δ	= central difference
τ	= transformed time
ϵ_i	= implicit smoothing coefficient
ϵ_d	= second order dissipation coefficient
ϵ_e	= fourth order dissipation coefficient

Superscript

*	= critical value
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Subscript

j	= longitudinal direction
I	= identity matrix
∞	= free stream conditions for corresponding dimensional quantity
ξ	= streamwise direction
ζ	= normal direction

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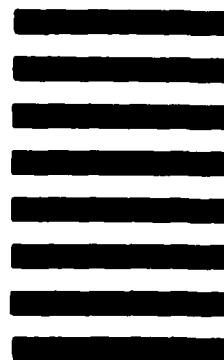


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