

# On Optimal Control of a Free Surface Flow

Problem Statement, Optimization Approach, FreeFem++ Realization

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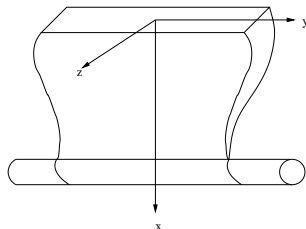
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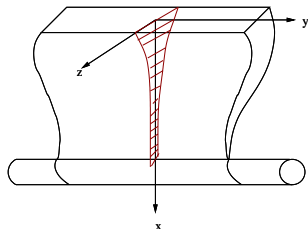
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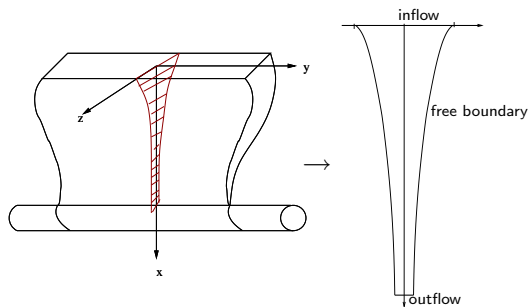
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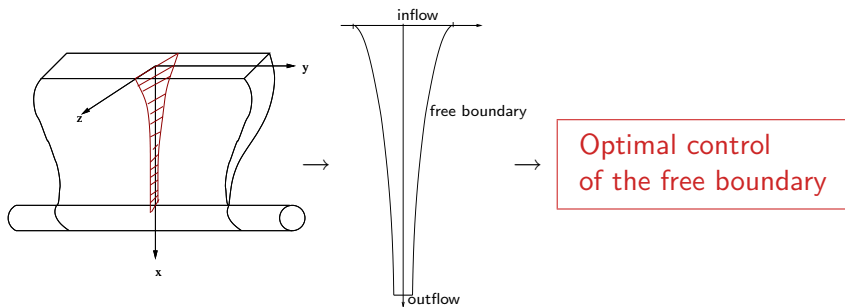
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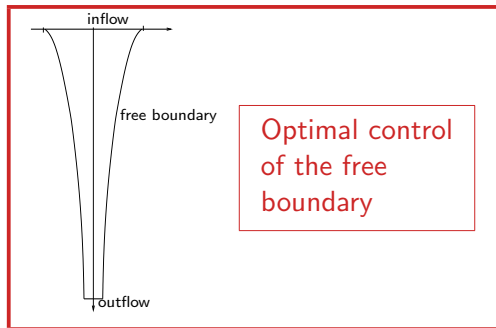
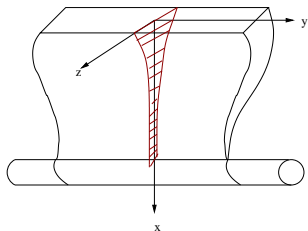
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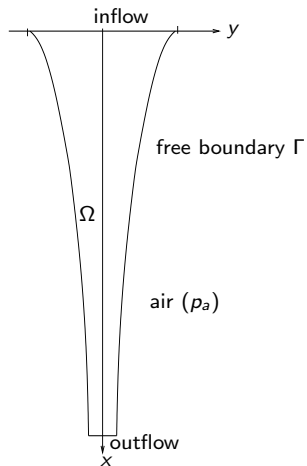
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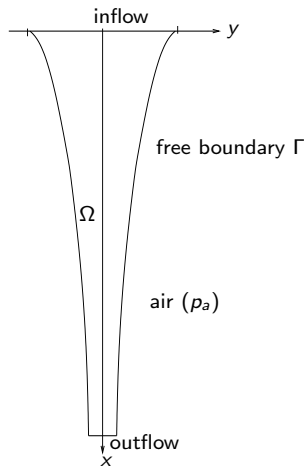


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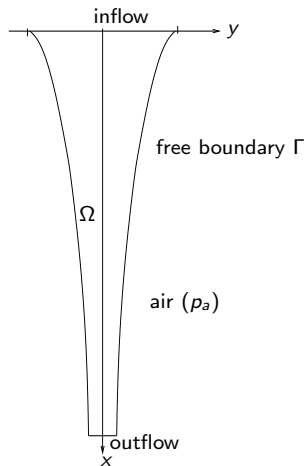
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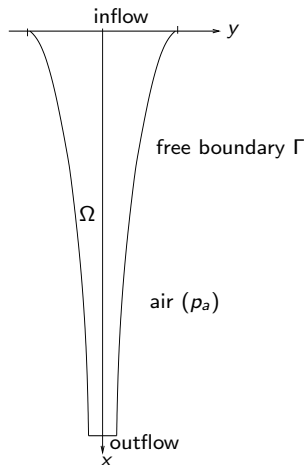
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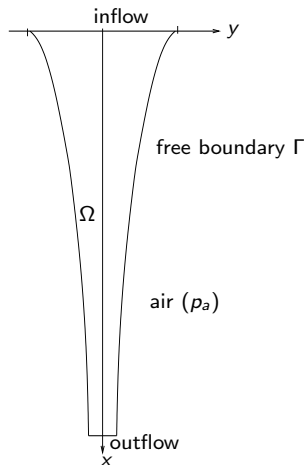
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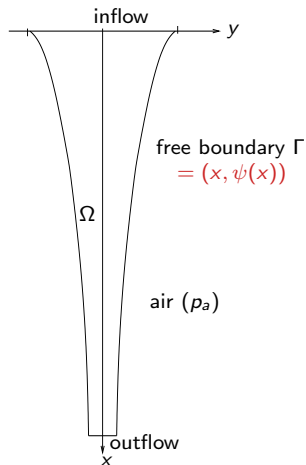
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**Result:** optimal  $p_a$

Initialization of  $p_a^{(0)}$ ;

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**repeat**

$i = i + 1$ ;

**BWD:** Solve the adjoint system;

**GRD:** Compute the gradient  $J'(p_a^{(i-1)}) =: -d^{(k)}$ ;

**SL:** Compute the step length  $\lambda^k$  using e.g. Armijo rule;

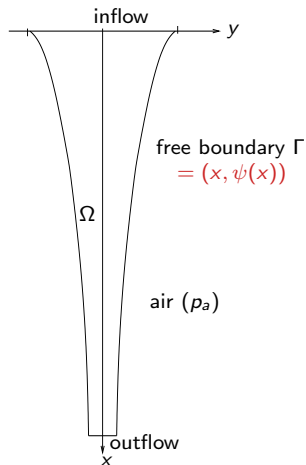
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- $\Gamma = \{(x, \pm\psi(x)) \mid x \in (0, 1)\}$
- tangential vector:  $(1 \quad \psi'(x))^T, \quad (1 \quad -\psi'(x))^T$
- outward unit normal vector:

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We use the quantities of the last iteration step to compute the new boundary, i.e.

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$\Rightarrow$  Simplified ODE can be solved by explicit integration.

# Algorithm to Solve FWD step $i$

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$k = 0$  (iteration counter);

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**FEM-Solve:** use  $\Omega^{(0)}$  to compute  $\mathbf{v}^{(0)}, p^{(0)}$ ;

**repeat**

$k = k + 1$ ;

**ODE Solve:** use  $\mathbf{v}^{(k-1)}$  on  $\psi^{(k-1)}$  to obtain  $\psi^{(k)}$ ;

    move  $m = \psi^{(k-1)} - \psi^{(k)}$ ;

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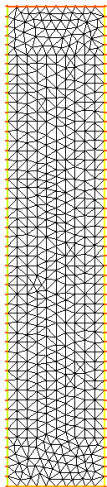
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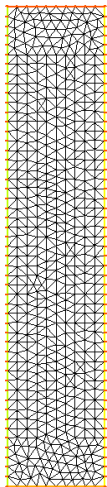
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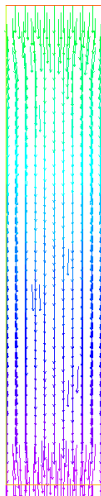


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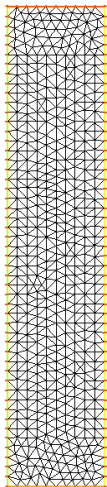


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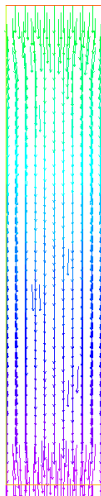


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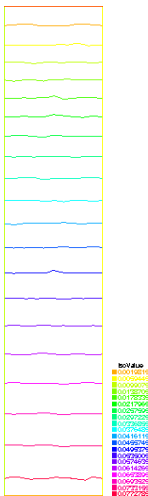
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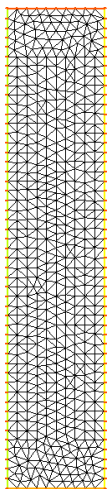


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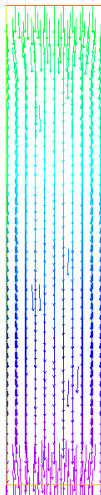
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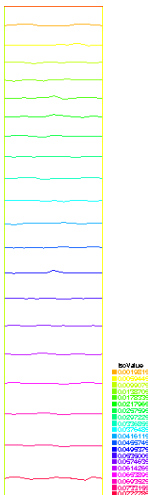
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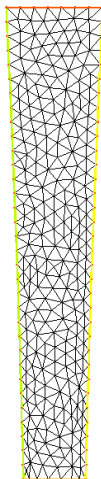
velocity  $\mathbf{v}$ :



deformation:



new domain:

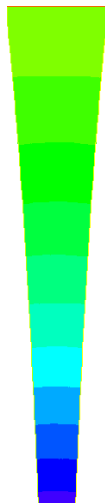


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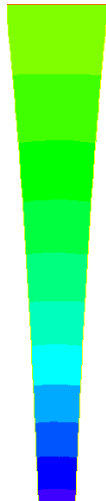
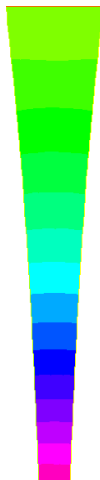


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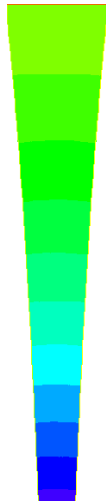
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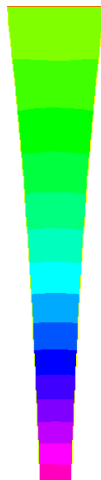
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$$p_a = 5\sin(5(1 - x)):$$



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  - update of control might bring some difficulties.
  - need method to convert discrete data from the boundary into a function of  $x$ .

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Reminder: Adjoint System and Gradient of Reduced Cost Function

## Adjoint system:

Stokes equations:

$$\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{T}}^T = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{T}} = -\hat{p}\mathbf{I} + (\nabla\hat{\mathbf{v}} + \nabla\hat{\mathbf{v}}^T))$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on inflow,}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on outflow,}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \hat{\psi} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

$$\alpha (\psi - \bar{\psi}) + (p_a)_x \hat{v}_1$$

$$+ (\hat{\mathbf{v}}_x \cdot (\mathbf{T} + p_a \mathbf{I}))_1 - \hat{\psi}_x \hat{v}_1 = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

$$\left( p_a \hat{v}_1 - \hat{\psi} v_1 \right) \Big|_{(x, \psi(x))} = 0 \quad \text{for } x = 1.$$

## Gradient of reduced cost function:

$$J'(p_a) = \beta p_a - \mathbf{n} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} \Big|_{(x, \psi(x))} \sqrt{1 + (\psi'(x))^2}, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$