



Éléments Finis: applications (FreeFem++)

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- Export data result to post-treatment with medit, gnuplot, tecplot, ...
- Written and use the same C++ syntaxes

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  func f = \exp(x)*y+\operatorname{sqrt}(x)*\cos(\operatorname{pi}*x);
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- ofstream data("result.dat");
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 data « " x = " « x[i] « endl
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• Otherwise, the domain Ω has to be defined by a parametrization of its boundary with the following command border border_name(t=beg,end) {x=x(t); y = y(t); label = num_label}; then, the mesh of Ω is obtained with mesh mesh_name =buildmesh(b1(n1)+b2(n2)+...+bk(nk)); n_i means that the border b_i is divided into $n_i + 1$ points.

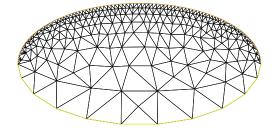
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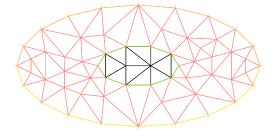
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 - + (boundary conditions); and add the command problem_name;
 - or replace simply problem with solve.

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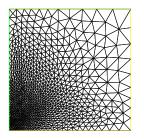


FIGURE: The mesh of Ω . The borders Γ_1 is by default $\{(x,y); y=0\}$, Γ_2 is by default $\{(x,y); x=1\}$, Γ_3 is by default $\{(x,y); y=1\}$, and Γ_4 is by default $\{(x,y); x=0\}$. The label for Γ_i is i.

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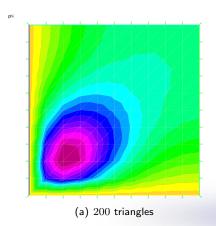
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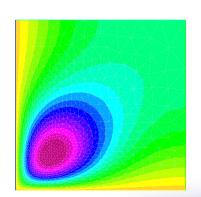
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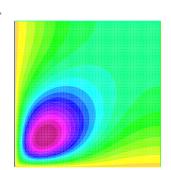


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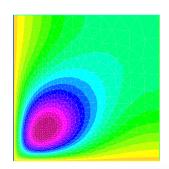
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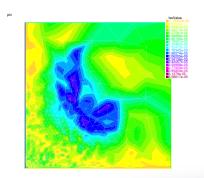


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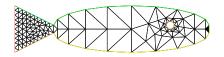
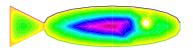


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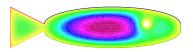
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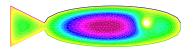
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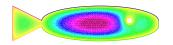
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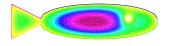




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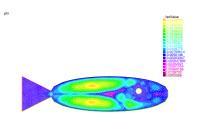


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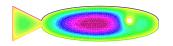


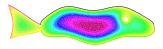


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one has to solve

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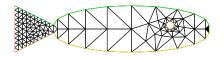
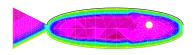


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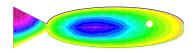


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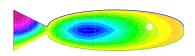
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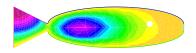


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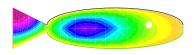


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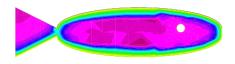
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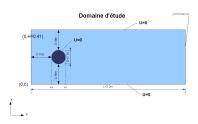
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Let us consider the incompressible Navier-Stokes equation

$$(NSI) \left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} \rho(\partial_t u + (u.\nabla)u) - \rho\nu\Delta u + \nabla p & = & 0 \\ \operatorname{div}(u) & = & 0 \\ u(x,0) & = & u_0(x) \\ + \operatorname{boundary conditions} \end{array} \right.$$

on the domain Ω



with the fluid velocity, $\rho=1.0$ the density, the viscosity $\nu=10^{-3}~m^2/s$ and p the pressure.

VF

Let V be the functional space for u and M the one for p. Let us note the discrete spaces as follows

$$V_h = \{ v_h \in V; v_{h|K} \in \mathbb{P}_k, \forall K \in \tau_h \}$$

and

$$M_h = \{q_h \in M; \, q_{h|K} \in \mathbb{P}_l, \, \forall K \in \tau_h\}$$

where τ_h stands for the mesh and K a given finite element. We fix k=2 and l=1.

Noting $v \in V_h$ and $p \in M_h$ the test functions, one can perform the following implicit scheme

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \displaystyle \rho \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{n+1}}{\delta t} v \, dx + \rho \nu \int_{\Omega} \nabla u^{n+1} : \nabla v \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(v) p^{n+1} \, dx & = \\ \displaystyle \rho \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^n \circ X^n(x)}{\delta t} v \, dx & \\ \displaystyle \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(u^{n+1}) q \, dx & = \end{array} \right.$$

where the characteristic method is used as in the previous example.

THE CODE IS

```
problem pbNSI2D2(u1,u2,p,v1,v2,q,solver=UMFPACK)
  = int2d(Th)( rho/dt*(u1*v1+u2*v2))
            + rho*nu*(dx(u1)*dx(v1)+dy(u1)*dy(v1)+
                       dx(u2)*dx(v2)+ dv(u2)*dv(v2)
            -p*dx(v1)-p*dy(v2)
            -q*dx(u1)-q*dy(u2) + perturb*p*q
  -int2d(Th) (rho/dt*convect([u1car,u2car],-dt,u1car)*v1+
             rho/dt*convect([u1car,u2car],-dt,u2car)*v2
  -int1d(Th,3)(g1*v1 +g2*v2) // Condition de Neumann
  +on(3, u2 = 0)
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