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## Lecture 4

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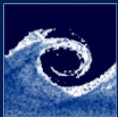
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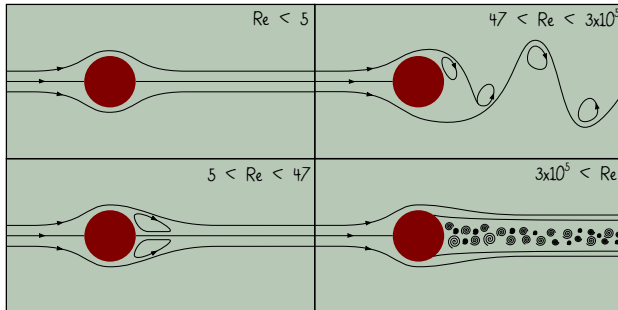
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# Stationary and transient flows

- Transient (unsteady) flows
  - Every real flow in molecular sense
- Stationary (steady-state) flow refers to the condition
  - where the fluid properties do not change over time
  - all the time derivatives of a flow field vanish





# Steps of the numerical analysis - Domain

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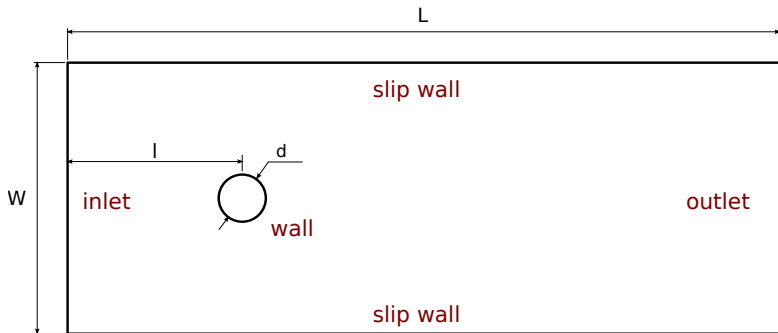
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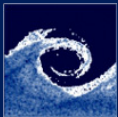
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# Steps of the numerical analysis - Mesh blocks

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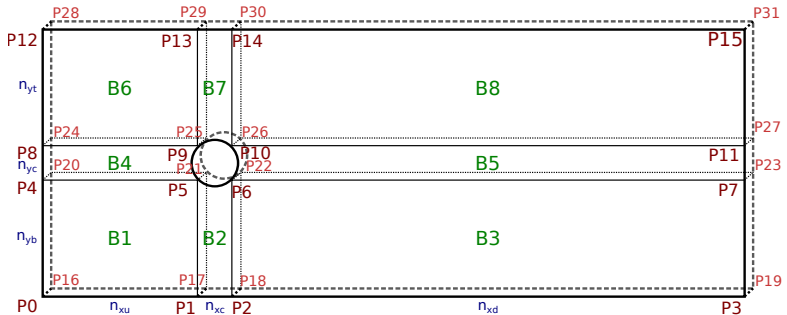
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# Steps of the numerical analysis - blockMeshDict

Listing coordinates of the block vertices:

Listing 1: vertices in blockMeshDict

```
1 convertToMeters 1.0;  
2  
3 vertices  
4 (  
5     (-10  -10  -1) // P0  
6     (-1   -10  -1) // P1  
7     ( 1   -10  -1) // P2  
8     ( 30  -10  -1) // P3  
9     ...  
10 );
```



# Steps of the numerical analysis - blockMeshDict

Listing the blocks, ordered list of vertex labels and mesh size:

## Listing 2: blocks in blockMeshDict

```
1 blocks
2 (
3     // vertex numbers, number of intervals, interval grading
4     hex ( 0  1  5  4 16 17 21 20) (48 48 1) simpleGrading ( 0.1075 0.1075 1)
5     hex ( 1  2  6  5 17 18 22 21) (30 48 1) simpleGrading ( 1         0.1075 1)
6     hex ( 2  3  7  6 18 19 23 22) (71 48 1) simpleGrading ( 28         0.1075 1)
7     ...
8 );
```

Listing edges (line, polyLine, arc, simpleSpline, polySpline):

## Listing 3: edges in blockMeshDict

```
1 edges
2 (
3     // edge type, labels of end vertices, coord. of interpolation point(s)
4     arc 5  6  ( 0 -1 -1)
5     arc 6 10  ( 1  0 -1)
6     ...
7 );
```



# Steps of the numerical analysis - blockMeshDict

Listing boundaries (type, vertices of the faces):

Listing 4: boundaries in blockMeshDict

```
1 boundary
2 (
3     inlet
4     {
5         type patch;
6         faces
7         (
8             ( 0 4 20 16)
9             ( 4 8 24 20)
10            ( 8 12 28 24)
11        );
12    }
13    ...
14 );
15
16
17 mergePatchPairs
18 (
19 );
```





# Steps of the numerical analysis - Mesh

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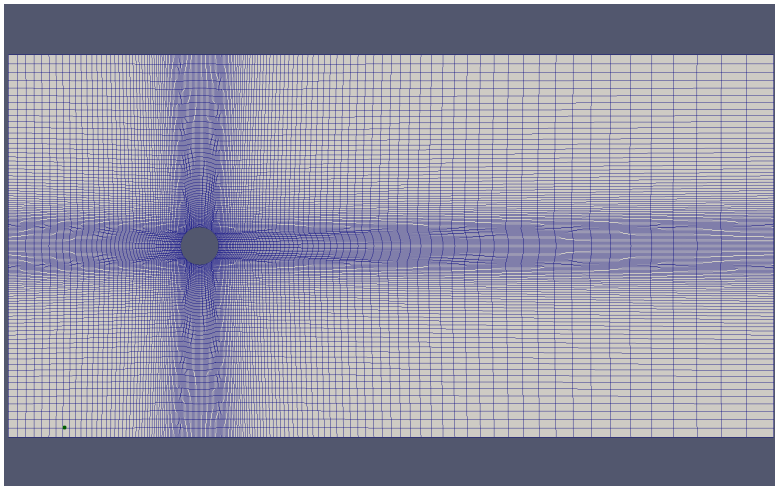
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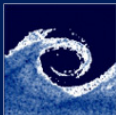
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# Steps of the numerical analysis - Boundaries

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- Inlet (Dirichlet BC for U, Neumann BC for p)
  - fixed value for U ( $U = U_{in} = 1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ )
  - zero gradient for p ( $\partial p / \partial n = 0$ )
- Outlet (Dirichlet BC for p, Neumann BC for U)
  - zero gradient for U ( $\partial U / \partial n = 0$ )
  - fixed value for p ( $p = p_{ref} = 0 \text{ Pa}$ )
- Walls
  - fixed value for U ( $U = 0$ )
  - zero gradient for p
- Front and back sides of a 2D domain
  - empty for both U and p
- Bottom and top sides
  - slip wall for both U and p



# Steps of the numerical analysis - BC and IC for U

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## Listing 5: boundaries in 0/U

```
1 dimensions      [0 1 -1 0 0 0 0];
2 internalField   uniform (1 0 0);
3 boundaryField
4 {
5     inlet
6     {
7         type fixedValue;
8         value uniform (1 0 0);
9     }
10    outlet
11    {
12        type          zeroGradient;
13    }
14    cylinderWall
15    {
16        type          fixedValue;
17        value         uniform (0 0 0);
18    }
19    topWall
20    {
21        type          slip;
22    }
23    ...
24 }
```



# Steps of the numerical analysis - BC and IC for p

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## Listing 6: boundaries in 0/p

```
1 dimensions      [0 2 -2 0 0 0 0];
2 internalField   uniform 0;
3 boundaryField
4 {
5     inlet
6     {
7         type          zeroGradient;
8     }
9     outlet
10    {
11        type fixedValue;
12        value uniform 0;
13    }
14    cylinderWall
15    {
16        type          zeroGradient;
17    }
18    topWall
19    {
20        type          zeroGradient;
21    }
22    ...
23 }
```



# Steps of the numerical analysis - Simulation

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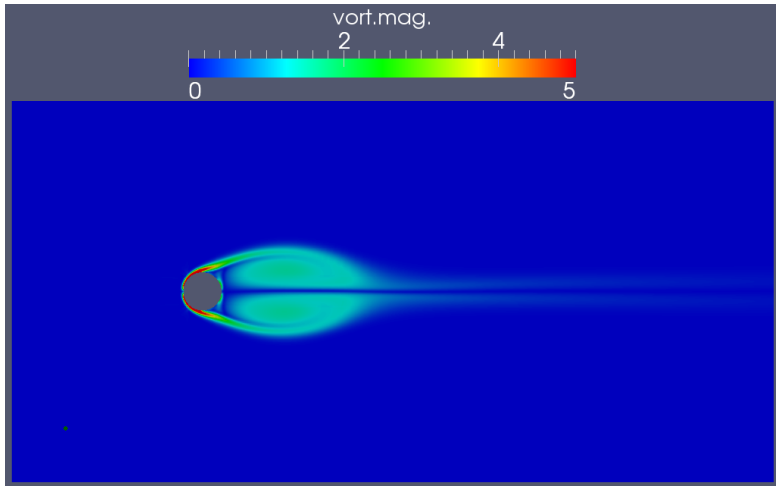
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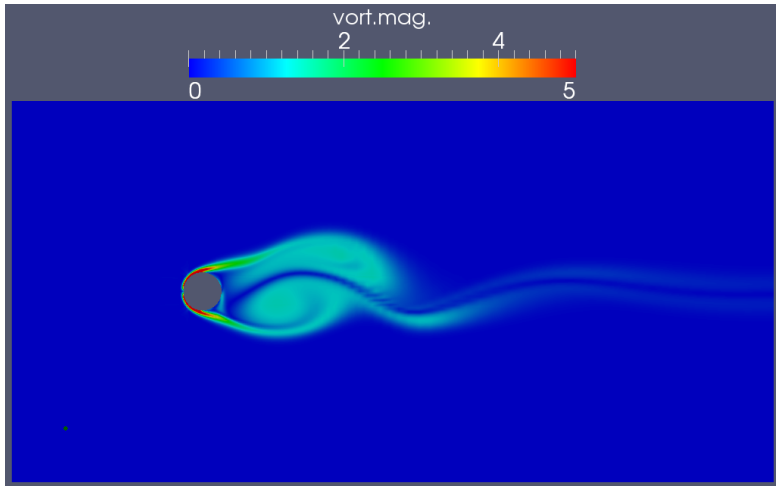
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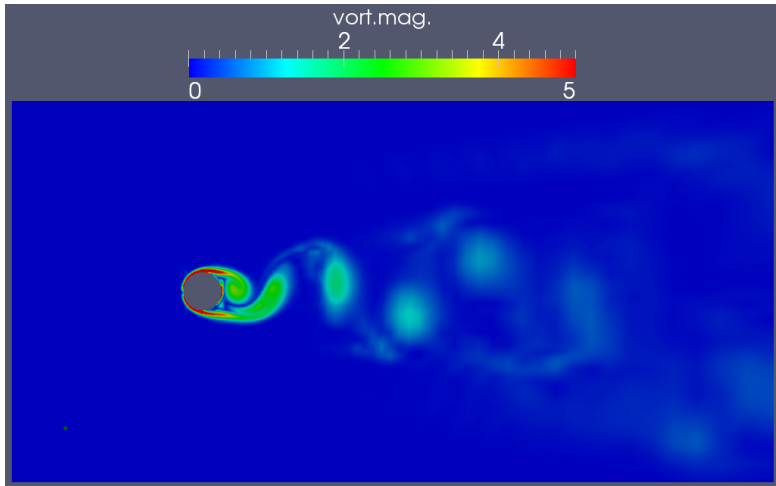
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# Steps of the numerical analysis - Refined mesh

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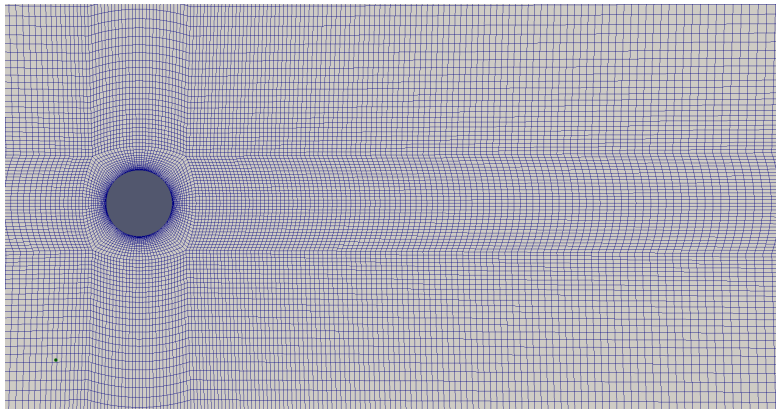
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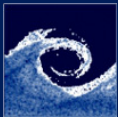
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# Steps of the numerical analysis - Fine simulation

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