

Typical XFOIL session keyboard inputs

Notes:

- * Commands are shown in uppercase, but are not case-sensitive
- * Comments are shown in parentheses
- * Blank lines below are only for easier reading -- they are not Enter's!
- * A command with its argument(s) omitted will result in an input prompt
- * A "?" command will always show the command menu at any Xfoil level

LOAD airfoil_file (skip this if airfoil_file argument is given to xfoilexec)

NACA 0010 (create NACA airfoil if airfoil_file is not used)

OPER (enter OPER menu)

? (show full OPER menu; command below are from this menu)

A 5 (specify alpha; can also type full command ALFA)

ASEQ 0 8 2 (specify alpha sequence 0 2 4 6 8)

CPU (make spiffy Cp vector plot of last point computed, 8 deg)

CPX (make usual Cp(x) plot again)

HARD (write current plot to PostScript file plot.ps; optional)

CPWR filename (write Cp(x) distribution to file)

P (turn on polar 1 accumulation toggle, can also type PACC)

<Enter> (decline writing to polar save file)

<Enter> (decline writing to polar dump file)

ASEQ 0 14 1 (specify alpha sequence 0 1 2 ... 14)

PLIS 1 (list polar 1 results on screen, optional)

P (turn off polar 1 accumulation toggle)

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U 1e6          (turn on viscous toggle, with Reynolds No.; can also
type UISC)
A 5           (specify alpha)
CL 0.4        (specify CL ; corresponding alpha is computed)

P            (turn on polar 2 accumulation toggle)
<Enter>      (decline writing to polar save file)
<Enter>      (decline writing to polar dump file)
INIT         (initialize boundary layers, since next alpha=0
             is very different from last-computed alpha=5 )
ASEQ 0 10 0.2 (specify alpha sequence 0.0 0.2 0.4 ... 10 )
PP           (plot stored polars 1 and 2; polar 1 is inviscid, 2
is viscous)
ASEQ 10.2 15 0.2 (specify alpha sequence 10.2 10.4 ... 15 ; this
extends polar 2)
PP           (plot stored polars again)
HARD         (write current plot to PostScript file plot.ps;
optional)
P            (turn off polar 2 accumulation)

PSUM         (summary listing of stored polars)

PWRT 1       (write polar 1 to a save file)
filename_1   (give polar save filename)
PWRT 2       (write polar 2 to a save file)
filename_2   (give polar save filename)

<Enter>      (go back to main Xfoil menu)
QUIT        (exit program)

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Note: If you ^C out of Xfoil rather than use QUIT, the Postscript file may not be terminated properly and may be unprintable.

Back at the Athena prompt:

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% ghostview plot.ps      (preview plot.ps file; optional)
% lpr -h -Pprinter plot.ps (print plot.ps file)

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