Program: RFEM 5, RWIND Simulation

Category: Fluid Mechanics

Verification Example: 0301 – Wind Loads on an Isolated Building

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Description

The verification example describes the steady-state flow around an isolated building (scaled model) according to **Figure 1**. The example is given by the Architectural Institute of Japan (AIJ) and it is described in detail in [1]. Chosen results (velocity magnitude) are compared with the measured values. The problem is described by the following table and the inflow velocity profile is introduced in **Figure 2**.

Fluid Properties	Kinematic Viscosity	ν	1.5×10 ⁻⁵	m²/s
	Density	ρ	1.250	kg/m ³
Geometry	Width	b	0.050	m



Figure 1: Problem sketch





Figure 2: Inflow velocity

RWIND Simulation Settings

- Modeled in RWIND Simulation 1.25
- Model of turbulence: k-ε

Results

Structure Files	Program	
0301.01	RWIND Simulation	

The velocity magnitudes experimentaly obtained are compared in selected points according [1] to the RWIND Simulation results (line probes are used). In this verification example, several vertical sections are chosen to be compared with the experiment, according to **Figure 3**. Corresponding graphs are presented in **Figure 4** to **Figure 13**. Furthermore, velocity vector field can be seen in **Figure 14**.





Figure 3: RWIND Simulation – Velocity field in vertical section y = 0 mm, line probes placement









Figure 5: Velocity magnitude comparison at x = -25 mm, vertical section



Figure 6: Velocity magnitude comparison at x = 0 mm, vertical section





Figure 7: Velocity magnitude comparison at x = 25 mm, vertical section



Figure 8: Velocity magnitude comparison at x = 50 mm, vertical section





Figure 9: Velocity magnitude comparison at x = 100 mm, vertical section



Figure 10: Velocity magnitude comparison at x= 200 mm, vertical section





Figure 11: Velocity magnitude comparison at x = 300 mm, vertical section



Figure 12: Velocity magnitude comparison at x = 400 mm, vertical section





Figure 13: Velocity magnitude comparison at x = 550 mm, vertical section



Figure 14: RWIND Simulation – Velocity vector field, line probes placement

References

[1] https://www.aij.or.jp/jpn/publish/cfdguide/index_e.htm, *Guidebook for practical applications* of cfd to pedestrian wind environment around buildings