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# High-order non-reflecting boundary conditions for the linearized 2-D Euler equations: No mean flow case

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#### ABSTRACT

Higdon-type non-reflecting boundary conditions (NRBCs) are developed for the 2-D linearized Euler equations with Coriolis forces. This implementation is applied to a simplified form of the equations, with the NRBCs applied to all four sides of the domain. We demonstrate the validity of the NRBCs to high order. We close with a list of areas for further research.

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#### 1. Introduction

To perform mesoscale atmospheric modeling on a computer, one immediately runs into the problem of defining the computational domain. At some point, there has to be an edge to the computational domain, but the physical atmosphere lacks any edges. How, then, can we define a computational boundary where no physical boundary exists? The answer of course is to define a *non-reflecting* boundary condition (NRBC). How best to define such a boundary has been an active area of research for approximately 30 years. Ideally, an NRBC will be stable, accurate, fast, and easy to implement; realistically, one must generally choose two or three of those criteria, at best.

There are typically two approaches to NRBC development. The first is to prescribe the behavior at the boundaries in such a way as to reduce any spurious reflections. Early examples include the Sommerfeld-condition-based work of Orlanski [26] and the Padé approximations of Engquist and Majda [4,5]. This approach was expanded by Higdon [13–19] and subsequently automated by Givoli, Neta, and van Joolen [7–10,29–32]. The Orlanski scheme and the Engquist–Majda scheme are less accurate than their successors; however, the Higdon scheme and its offshoots suffer from very high computational overhead.

The second approach is to surround the domain with a more dispersive computational medium, so that incoming waves enter the absorbing layer and diffuse to zero before their reflections re-enter the original domain. Examples include the perfectly matched layer (PML) developed by Bérenger [1], applied to the linearized shallow water equations by Navon et. al. [24] and to the linearized Euler equations by Hu [20–22], and the sponge layer used by Giraldo and Restelli [6]. This approach requires additional storage and computation time for the expanded domain, and some reflections are still evident when the theoretically-exact absorbing layer is applied to a discrete computational domain.

Here we apply the Higdon scheme to the linearized Euler equations. We take advantage of the Givoli–Neta–van Joolen automation and make subsequent improvements to reduce the computational overhead. This method removes

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approximately 97% of the Sommerfeld-condition's reflection error with only a modest increase to the computational time.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 we outline the problem under consideration, the linearized Euler equations in 2-D with no advection, solved in an infinite domain with NRBCs on all four sides. Section 3 details the NRBCs and their application to the linearized Euler equations. In Section 4 we derive the Klein–Gordon equation from the linearized Euler equations with no mean flow. We discuss the finite difference discretization for the NRBCs and the interior scheme in Sections 5 and 6, and we provide a numerical example in Section 7. We then list some areas for further research (Section 8) and summarize our results (Section 9).

#### 2. Problem statement

Consider the linearized Euler equations in an open domain. For simplicity we assume that the domain has a flat bottom and that there is no advection, although this assumption may be removed in future studies. A Cartesian coordinate system (x, y) is introduced, as shown in Fig. 1.

The non-linear Euler equations are

$$\partial_{t}\rho + \partial_{x}(\rho u) + \partial_{y}(\rho v) = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\partial_{t}u + u\partial_{x}u + v\partial_{y}u + \frac{1}{\rho}\partial_{x}p = fv,$$

$$\partial_{t}v + u\partial_{x}v + v\partial_{y}v + \frac{1}{\rho}\partial_{y}p = -fu,$$

$$\partial_{t}p + u\partial_{x}p + v\partial_{y}p + \gamma p(\partial_{x}u + \partial_{y}v) = \mathbf{0},$$
(1)

where we use the following shorthand for partial derivatives

$$\partial_a = \frac{\partial}{\partial a}, \quad \partial_{ab} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a \partial b},$$

and *t* denotes the time, u(x, y, t) and v(x, y, t) the unknown velocities in the *x* and *y* directions,  $\rho(x, y, t)$  the density, p(x, y, t) the pressure, *f* the constant Coriolis acceleration due to the Earth's rotation, and  $\gamma = c_p/c_v$  the constant ratio of specific heats. Linearizing these equations about mean zero velocities, constant mean density  $\rho_0$  and constant mean pressure  $p_0$  (see, e.g., [20] or [23]), we get

$$\partial_t \rho + \rho_0 (\partial_x u + \partial_y v) = 0, \tag{2a}$$

$$\partial_t u + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \partial_x p = fv,$$

$$\partial_t v + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \partial_y p = -fu,$$
(2b)
(2c)

$$\partial_t p + \gamma p_0(\partial_x u + \partial_y v) = 0.$$
<sup>(2d)</sup>

At  $\vec{x} \to \infty$  the solution is known to be bounded and not to include any incoming waves. To complete the statement of the problem, initial values for *u*, *v*, *p* and  $\rho$  are given at time t = 0 in the entire domain.



**Fig. 1.** An open domain  $\Omega$  truncated by artificial boundaries  $\Gamma_N$ ,  $\Gamma_W$ ,  $\Gamma_S$ , and  $\Gamma_E$ .

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We now truncate the infinite domain by introducing an artificial boundary  $\Gamma$ , with  $\Gamma_N$  located at  $y = y_N$ ,  $\Gamma_W$  located at  $x = x_W$ ,  $\Gamma_S$  located at  $y = y_S$ , and  $\Gamma_E$  located at  $x = x_E$  (see dotted lines in Fig. 1). To obtain a well-posed problem in the finite domain  $\Omega$  we need, instead of the condition at infinity, a single boundary condition on each of the artificial boundaries  $\Gamma_{N,W,S,E}$ . This should be a non-reflecting boundary condition (NRBC). We shall apply a high-order NRBC for the variables, as described in the following section.

#### 3. Higdon-type NRBCs

On the artificial boundaries  $\Gamma$  we use one of the *Higdon NRBCs* [19]. These NRBCs were presented and analyzed in a sequence of papers [13,15–18] for non-dispersive acoustic and elastic waves, and were extended in [19] for dispersive waves. Their main advantages are as follows:

- 1. The Higdon NRBCs are very *general*, namely they apply to a variety of wave problems, in one, two, and three dimensions and in various configurations.
- 2. They form a *sequence* of NRBCs of increasing order. This enables one, in principle (leaving implementational issues aside for the moment), to obtain solutions with unlimited accuracy.
- The Higdon NRBCs can be used, without any difficulty, for *dispersive* wave problems and for problems in stratified media. Most other available NRBCs are either designed for non-dispersive media (as in acoustics and electromagnetics) or are of low order (as in meteorology and oceanography).

The scheme used here is different than the original Higdon scheme [19] in the following ways:

- 1. The discrete Higdon conditions were developed in the literature up to third order only, because of their algebraic complexity which increases rapidly with the order. Givoli and Neta [8] showed how to easily implement these conditions to an *arbitrarily high order*. The scheme is coded once and for all for any order; the order of the scheme is simply an input parameter.
- 2. The original Higdon conditions were applied to the Klein–Gordon linear wave equation and to the elastic equations. Here we show how to apply them to the *linearized Euler equations* (2b).
- 3. The Higdon NRBCs involve some parameters which must be chosen. Higdon [19] discusses some general guidelines for their manual *a priori* choice by the user. Neta et. al. [25] showed how a simple choice for these parameters can dramatically simplify the calculations and enable implementation of NRBCs of much higher order with less computational overhead.

The Higdon NRBC of order J is

$$H_{j}: \qquad \left[\prod_{j=1}^{J} (\partial_{t} + C_{j} \partial_{x})\right] \eta = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_{E}, \tag{3}$$

where  $\eta$  represents any one of the state variables  $\rho$ , u, v, p. Here, the  $C_j$  are parameters which have to be chosen and which signify phase speeds in the *x*-direction. The boundary condition (3) is exact for all waves that propagate with an *x*-direction phase speed equal to any of  $C_1 \dots C_J$ . This is easy to see from the reflection coefficient (see below). For the boundary  $\Gamma_W$  we replace  $\partial_x$  by  $-\partial_x$ . Likewise, on  $\Gamma_{N,S}$  we use  $\pm \partial_y$ . Givoli and Neta [8] and Dea et. al. [2] summarize several observations about these NRBCs, most of which we omit here for brevity. One point is worth repeating: For the Klein–Gordon equation, Higdon showed [19] that the *reflection coefficient* for an NRBC of order *J* can be given by

$$|R| = \prod_{j=1}^{J} \left| \frac{C_j - C_x}{C_j + C_x} \right|,\tag{4}$$

where  $C_x$  is the wave speed in the *x* direction. Note that this reflection coefficient is a product of *J* factors, each of which is less than one. Consequently, increasing the order *J* of the NRBC will result in reduced reflections, even if the  $C_j$  values are suboptimal. We will take advantage of this fact when we discuss the NRBC discretization in Section 5, where we show that a certain choice of  $C_j$  can reduce the computational complexity from  $O(3^J)$  to  $O(J^2)$ .

#### 4. Equivalence of linearized Euler equations and Klein–Gordon equation

Higdon showed in [19] that this NRBC formulation is compatible with the Klein–Gordon (dispersive wave) equation

$$\partial_t^2 \eta - C_0^2 \nabla^2 \eta + f^2 \eta = 0.$$
(5)

Hence, if we can show that (2b) is equivalent to (5), we can claim that this NRBC formulation will be stable here. Differentiate (2bd) with respect to t

$$\partial_{tt} p + \gamma p_0(\partial_{xt} u + \partial_{yt} v) = 0.$$

(6)

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Now differentiate (2bb) with respect to *x* and (2bc) with respect to *y* and add

$$\partial_{xt}u + \partial_{ty}v + \frac{1}{\rho_0}(\partial_{xx}p + \partial_{yy}p) = f(\partial_xv - \partial_yu).$$
<sup>(7)</sup>

Now substitute (7) into (6)

$$\partial_{tt}p - \frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0} (\partial_{xx}p + \partial_{yy}p) + f\gamma p_0 (\partial_x \nu - \partial_y u) = 0.$$
(8)

Differentiate (2bb) with respect to y and (2bc) with respect to x and subtract

$$\partial_{vt} \boldsymbol{\nu} - \partial_{xt} \boldsymbol{\nu} = f(\partial_{v} \boldsymbol{\nu} + \partial_{x} \boldsymbol{\mu}). \tag{9}$$

If we substitute this result into the time derivative of (8), removing the  $\nabla \times \vec{u}$  term, and apply (2bd), we get an equation for  $\partial_t p$ , which we can integrate over time to get

$$\partial_{tt}p - \frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0} \nabla^2 p + f^2(p - p_0) = 0, \tag{10}$$

which gives us the Klein–Gordon equation for the pressure perturbation  $p - p_0$  with wave speed  $\sqrt{\gamma p_0/\rho_0}$ .

#### 5. Discretization of NRBCs

The Higdon condition  $H_j$  is a product of J operators of the form  $\partial_t + C_j \partial_x$ . Consider the following finite difference approximations (see e.g. [27]):

$$\partial_t \simeq \frac{I - S_t^-}{\delta t}, \quad \partial_x \simeq \frac{I - S_x^-}{\delta x}.$$
 (11)

In (11),  $\delta t$  and  $\delta x$  are, respectively, the time-step size and grid spacing in the *x* direction, *I* is the identity operator, and  $S_t^-$  and  $S_x^-$  are backward shift operators defined by

$$S_t^- \eta_{pq}^n = \eta_{pq}^{n-1}, \qquad S_x^- \eta_{pq}^n = \eta_{p-1,q}^n.$$
(12)

Here and elsewhere,  $\eta_{pq}^n$  is the FD approximation of  $\eta(x, y, t)$  at grid point  $(x_p, y_q)$  and at time  $t_n$ . We use (11) in (3) to obtain

$$\prod_{j=1}^{J} \left( \frac{I - S_t^-}{\delta t} + C_j \frac{I - S_x^-}{\delta x} \right) \right] \eta_{Eq}^n = 0.$$
(13)

Here, the index *E* corresponds to a grid point on the boundary  $\Gamma_E$ . On the other open boundaries, the normal derivatives and shift operators should be adjusted accordingly.

Givoli and Neta [8] showed how to implement the Higdon NRBCs *to any order* using a simple algorithm. Their algorithm requires the summation of  $O(3^{J})$  terms. However, if we make the simplification

$$C_j \equiv C_0 \quad \forall j \in 1 \dots J, \tag{14}$$

then we can simplify the summation to

$$Z \equiv (aI + bS_t^- + cS_x^-)^J \eta_{Eq}^n = \sum_{\beta=0}^J \sum_{\gamma=0}^{J-\beta} \frac{J!}{\alpha!\beta!\gamma!} a^{\alpha} b^{\beta} c^{\gamma} S_t^{-\beta} S_x^{-\gamma} \eta_{Eq}^n = 0,$$
(15)

where

a = 1 - c, b = -1,  $c = -C_0 \frac{\delta t}{\delta x},$  $\alpha = J - \beta - \gamma.$ 

This summation consists of only  $O(J^2)$  terms, reducing the computational time considerably. As shown in the discussion of the reflection coefficient in Section 3, this choice of  $C_j$  will be less accurate than an optimized selection of  $C_j$ 's based on dispersive wave speeds; however, the results will still improve as we increase our order J. We accept the slight loss of accuracy in exchange for the significant increase in speed. Note also that the J = 1 case, with this choice of  $C_j$ , is the classic Sommerfeld radiation condition. We choose this particular NRBC wave speed as a middle ground between the phase speeds of the dispersive waves and the lowered normal velocities associated with non-zero incidence angles.

#### 6. Discretization in the interior

We consider explicit FD interior discretization schemes for the linearized Euler equations (2b) to be used in conjunction with the  $H_1$  condition. The interaction between the  $H_1$  condition and the interior scheme is a source of concern, since simple

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choices for an explicit interior scheme turn out to give rise to instabilities. The effort to contrive a compatible discretization scheme was described in [2] for the linearized Euler equations without Coriolis. There, we used a one-sided differencing scheme for the interior, such that the discretized system was equivalent to the standard second-order centered-difference scheme for the scalar wave equation in *p*, which Higdon proved in [19] was compatible with the NRBC formulation. However, subsequent work has shown that adding the Coriolis terms to this scheme results in a system which cannot be converted to

the Klein-Gordon equation. Hence, another approach is needed.

Let us reconsider a second-order centered-difference (leap-frog) scheme,

$$\eta'(a) \approx \frac{\eta(a+\delta a) - \eta(a-\delta a)}{2\delta a},\tag{16}$$

where  $\eta$  denotes any of our four state variables, and *a* denotes any of our spatial or temporal variables. Using the shift operator notation from the preceding section, we define our difference approximations as

$$\Delta_a = \frac{S_a^+ - S_a^-}{2\delta a},$$

$$a \in \{x, y, t\}.$$
(17)

From this definition, we propose the following discretization scheme for (2b):

$$\Delta_t \rho + \rho_0 (\Delta_x u + \Delta_y v) = 0, \tag{18a}$$

$$\Delta_t u + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \Delta_x p = f v, \tag{18b}$$

$$\Delta_t \nu + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \Delta_y p = -fu, \tag{18c}$$

$$\Delta_t p + \gamma p_0(\Delta_x u + \Delta_y v) = 0. \tag{18d}$$

Apply  $\Delta_x$  to (18bb),  $\Delta_y$  to (18bc),  $\Delta_t$  to (18bd), and make the appropriate substitution. This gives us

$$\Delta_t \Delta_t p = \frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0} (\Delta_x \Delta_x p + \Delta_y \Delta_y p) - f \gamma p_0 (\Delta_x v - \Delta_y u). \tag{19}$$

If f = 0, then this discretization is equivalent to a scalar wave discretization. Hence, in the absence of Coriolis forces, the discretization scheme (18b) is compatible with the discrete Higdon NRBCs (as modified below).

Continuing our derivation, we apply  $\Delta_y$  to (18bb) and  $\Delta_x$  to (18bc), then subtract and combine terms to get

$$\Delta_t (\Delta_y u - \Delta_x v) = f(\Delta_y v + \Delta_x u).$$
<sup>(20)</sup>

We then substitute (18bd) into this result to get

$$\Delta_t(\Delta_y u - \Delta_x v) = -\frac{f}{\gamma p_0} \Delta_p.$$
(21)

If we apply  $\Delta_t$  to (19) and incorporate (21), we get

$$\Delta_t \left[ \Delta_t \Delta_t p - \frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0} \left( \Delta_x \Delta_x p + \Delta_y \Delta_y p \right) + f^2 p \right] = 0.$$
<sup>(22)</sup>

Thus, the quantity inside the brackets is constant from one time step to the next. Since this equation applies to our initial state, then the quantity within the brackets must initially be zero and thus remain zero always; hence

$$\Delta_t \Delta_t p = \frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0} (\Delta_x \Delta_x p + \Delta_y \Delta_y p) - f^2 p.$$
<sup>(23)</sup>

If we expand our  $\Delta_{[x,y,t]}$  symbols into their corresponding shift operators and apply them to the state variable *p*, we see that (23) is actually

$$\frac{p_{i,j}^{n+2} - 2p_{i,j}^n + p_{i,j}^{n-2}}{\left(2\delta t\right)^2} = \frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0} \left(\frac{p_{i+2,j}^n - 2p_{i,j}^n + p_{i-2,j}^n}{\left(2\delta x\right)^2} + \frac{p_{i,j+2}^n - 2p_{i,j}^n + p_{i,j-2}^n}{\left(2\delta y\right)^2}\right) - f^2 p_{i,j}^n.$$

$$\tag{24}$$

This equation is the standard second-order centered-difference scheme for the Klein–Gordon equation *on a double-sized grid*. Hence, the appropriate discretization for the Higdon scheme is not (11) but

$$\partial_t \simeq \frac{I - S_t^{-2}}{2\delta t}, \quad \partial_x \simeq \frac{I - S_x^{-2}}{2\delta x}.$$
(25)

**Remark 1.** This scheme cannot resolve the shortest wavelengths resolvable by the interior scheme. Rather, it treats a particular wave as an overlap of two waves, each with twice the wavelength of the original wave, and it resolves the waves

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**Fig. 2.** A computational wave (red) interpreted as an overlap of two longer-wavelength waves (green and blue). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

on alternating time steps (see Fig. 2). Despite this apparent deficiency, we have observed no loss of stability even in a contrived example featuring such short wavelengths.

#### 7. Numerical example

Let us consider a simple numerical example. We look at a square domain 10 km on each side, subdividing it into a  $100 \times 100$  computational domain with the Higdon-like NRBCs on all four sides (see Fig. 1). We define the NRBC for all four state variables, because we use a centered-difference discretization. A one-sided discretization scheme would enable us to use a natural boundary condition on one side or another, but previous experiments have shown that such a scheme is unstable.

Using a mean atmoshperic density of  $1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and pressure of  $1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$  [12], a Coriolis value of  $f = 7.292116 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad/s}$  [28], and zero advection, our initial condition is a cosine bubble in the center of the domain

$$p_{x,y}^{0} = \begin{cases} p_{0} \left( 1 + \frac{\cos\left(2\tau\right)}{100} \right) & : d \leq r \\ p_{0} & : \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\rho_{x,y}^{0} = \begin{cases} \rho_{0} \left( \frac{p_{x,y}^{0}}{p_{0}} \right)^{\frac{c_{y}}{c_{p}}} & : d \leq r \\ \rho_{0} & : \text{ otherwise}, \end{cases}$$

$$(26)$$

where

$$d = \sqrt{(x - x_c)^2 + (y - y_c)^2}$$
  
 $r = 1 \text{ km},$ 

 $(\pi d)$ 

and  $x_c$  and  $y_c$  denote the center of the domain. The initial condition for  $\rho$  is chosen to maintain constant potential temperature with the pressure perturbation [3]. For comparison, our reference solution domain is 30 km wide and 30 km high, with the domain of interest in the center. We define the normalized error norm for each state variable  $\eta$  as

$$E_{\eta} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} (\eta_j(i,j) - \eta_0(i,j))^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} \eta_0(i,j)^2}},$$
(27)

where  $N_x$ ,  $N_y$  are the number of grid points in the *x* and *y* directions, respectively,  $\eta_J$  is a solution state variable using the *J*-order NRBC, and  $\eta_0$  is the reference solution. We divide by the norm of  $\eta_0$  so that the error norms of each state variable are approximately the same order of magnitude. Our time step is set to 90% of the maximum  $\delta t$  allowed by the CFL limit, where the CFL limit is

$$\left(C_0\frac{\delta t}{\delta x}\right)^2 + \left(C_0\frac{\delta t}{\delta y}\right)^2 \le 1,\tag{28}$$

where  $C_0 = \sqrt{\gamma p_0/\rho_0}$  is the acoustic wave speed. Using the discretization scheme (18b), we run the simulation up to t = 24, long enough for the primary wave to exit the computational domain with the wave trough just passing through the corners. Figs. 3–6 show the four state variables at the end of the run for J = 10. Fig. 7 compares the state variable u at the end of the J = 1 and J = 10 cases; note the dramatic reduction in spurious reflection in the J = 10 case. (We have observed here that if the order is increased beyond J = 10, numerical instabilities appear which destroy the solution. We observed the same instability for J > 10 in developing the numerical examples of [25] for the Klein–Gordon equation. The cause is unknown but is

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**Fig. 3.** The solution for the density  $\rho$  using J = 10. (TL) Computed solution using NRBCs. (Right) Reference solution. (CL) Reference solution domain corresponding to NRBC solution domain. (BL) Delta between computed and reference solutions, with error norm computed by (27).



**Fig. 4.** The solution for the *x*-direction velocity u using J = 10. (TL) Computed solution using NRBCs. (Right) Reference solution. (CL) Reference solution domain corresponding to NRBC solution domain. (BL) Delta between computed and reference solutions, with error norm computed by (27).

suspected to be due to round-off errors associated with small individual values in the summation of the high-order derivatives.) Table 1 and Fig. 8 shows the error norms (27) for each state variable as *J* goes from 1 to 10.

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**Fig. 5.** The solution for the *y*-direction velocity v using J = 10. (TL) Computed solution using NRBCs. (Right) Reference solution. (CL) Reference solution domain corresponding to NRBC solution domain. (BL) Delta between computed and reference solutions, with error norm computed by (27).

One note about the time step: we have found experimentally that if  $\delta t$  is set to exactly the CFL limit, then the error norm for J = 10 is only approximately 55% the J = 1 error norm. On the other hand, if we use exactly half the CFL limit for our  $\delta t$ , then the error norm reduction is on the order of 99.5%. We chose 90% of the maximum  $\delta t$  as a compromise between increased accuracy and increased time step size. The reason for the improved NRBC performance with smaller  $\delta t$  is unknown, but it may be similar to the "safety factor" recommended by Tannehill et al. for the non-linear Navier–Stokes equations (see p. 627 of [27]). Analysis of this particular aspect of the NRBC performance will be addressed in future research.

#### 8. Areas for further research

The preceding example demonstrates, in a limited setting, that high-order Higdon NRBCs are compatible with the linearized Euler equations. However, there are far more areas to explore in this implementation. The following list shows some of the areas available for future research, some of which are currently under investigation by the authors:

- 1. Thorough investigation of the long-time stability for large *J*.
- 2. Extending the scheme to the case of the linearized Euler equations with Coriolis and nonzero mean flow (advection).
- 3. Thorough investigation of the relationship between the time step size (the Courant number) and the NRBC performance for large *J*.
- 4. Extending the scheme to the full 3-D system, including the effects of gravity.
- 5. Implementing the scheme with auxiliary variables, using high-order finite differences and finite elements, using both the Givoli–Neta AV formulation [10] and the Hagstrom–Warburton variation [11].
- 6. Extending the scheme to permit incoming waves, for example, in a nested mesoscale model.
- 7. Experimenting with the use of the NRBC with the non-linear Euler equations (1) in the computational domain. (Need to find a stable interior scheme-NRBC combination.)

#### 9. Conclusion

In this paper, we have shown that Higdon-type NRBCs are compatible with the linearized Euler equations with Coriolis and zero mean flow. These NRBCs provide greater accuracy (reduced spurious reflection) than the basic Sommerfeld boundary condition. A prototypical implementation was developed, and a numerical example demonstrating the capabilities of the scheme was provided.

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**Fig. 6.** The solution for the pressure p using J = 10. (TL) Computed solution using NRBCs. (Right) Reference solution. (CL) Reference solution domain corresponding to NRBC solution domain. (BL) Delta between computed and reference solutions, with error norm computed by (27).



**Fig. 7.** A comparison of solutions for  $u \operatorname{using} J = 1$  and J = 10. (TL) Computed solution using J = 1. (TR) Computed solution using J = 10. (BL) Delta between reference solution and J = 10 solution, with error norm computed by (27). (BR) Delta between reference solution and J = 10 solution, with error norm computed by (27).

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Table 1				
Error norms (27) for	$I \in 1 \dots 10$ with	discretization	scheme	(18b).

J	$E_{ ho}$	$E_u$	$E_{v}$	$E_p$
1	1.5191	2.0917	2.0917	1.5205
2	0.42052	0.61777	0.61777	0.42092
3	0.18953	0.30055	0.30054	0.18971
4	0.11677	0.19766	0.19766	0.11689
5	0.081815	0.14588	0.14588	0.081893
6	0.061569	0.11564	0.11564	0.061628
7	0.048183	0.095798	0.095797	0.04823
8	0.03908	0.082285	0.082284	0.039118
9	0.033036	0.071617	0.071617	0.033067
10	0.029239	0.062476	0.062477	0.029267



**Fig. 8.** Logarithmic plot of state variable error norms (27) for  $J \in 1...10$  with discretization scheme (18b). (TL) Error norms for  $\rho$ . (TR) Error norms for u. (BL) Error norms for v. (BR) Error norms for p.

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