An Inverse Method for Subcritical Flows

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The inverse problem in the tangent gas approximation is considered. An exact method for designing airfoils is presented. Constraints on the speed distribution are easily implemented. A simple numerical algorithm which is fast and accurate is presented. Comparison of designed airfoils using the tangent gas method with exact Euler results is found to be excellent for subcritical flows. © 1986 Academic Press, Inc.