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Homework 5

- I. Consider a thin airfoil of chord length c , a thickness ratio $\theta = 0$ and a camber ratio $m = 0.05$. The airfoil camber line is a parabola. We take the line joining the leading and trailing edges as the x-axis centered at the airfoil midchord. The equation for the camber line is

$$z_c = mc \left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{c/2} \right)^2 \right). \quad (1)$$

The airfoil is placed in a flow with upstream velocity V_∞ at an angle of attack α . Calculate the airfoil lift coefficient, c_ℓ , its moment with respect to the leading edge, $c_{m,\ell e}$, its center of pressure, x_{cp} , and its angle of attack of zero lift, $\alpha_{L=0}$. Compare the airfoil profile and its aerodynamic coefficients with those of a Joukowski airfoil of the same thickness and camber ratio. Plot both profiles and the variation of c_ℓ versus α .